

SPECTRUM

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contributors. Let us look
forward to a Happy New
Year.



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Letters & Notices

Love-in-a-box 2021

Another great achievement from the village again this year, 141 filled boxes were taken to Fen Drayton to join with theirs and a total of 198 were collected and now been taken to the warehouse in Eastbourne where they will be sorted into age and gender.

A big thank you to everyone who filled boxes or brought me bags of items ready to put into boxes also

knitted hat and gloves, bags, dressed dollies and toys kept arriving thank you.

A lot of people popped money through the letter box, sometimes just in an envelope with no name many thanks to you as well.

The boxes will soon start the long journey to Moldova where children in orphanages, hospitals will wait with anticipation to see what they will receive. These are the only present they will get this Christmas.

Without your help I would not be able to achieve such numbers so once again THANK YOU.

These were given to me for the boxes,

I don't know the lady who knitted them, but they were just perfect size for the children.

Just to say thank you to the lady would be great.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas,

Jenny Stimpson



Thank you and Happy Christmas to all advertisers for their continued support and to all the people who deliver for us.

We need a volunteer to deliver Huntingdon Road and one side of High Street please.

Just a reminder that as the days are getting shorter could walkers, joggers and cyclists remember to wear bright or reflective colours when going along our roads.

We'll be back next year. Have a good one. Spectrum Team

Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day)

Fenstanton Morris Dancers will be dancing at the Clock Tower, Fenstanton 12-1pm.

Also see page 29 for Plough Monday information request.

Letters & Notices

HILTON'S POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Margaret and I would like to offer our very sincere Thanks to everyone who donated, collected or displayed a Poppy Box in Hilton during this year's Poppy Appeal.

*You raised an amazing **£1,463.48**. This money is now banked and will go towards supporting veteran and present Military personnel and their dependants.*

THANK YOU on their behalf.

Julie and Margaret

Hilton Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers.

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Monetary donations may be sent to Mickey Pallett, 31 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton, PE28 9LY (cheques made payable to Spectrum Magazine).



Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

It has been great being back together face to face with rainbows and brownies, 10 Rainbows have moved up to Brownies and we have 12 new Rainbows. At Rainbows we have done a bear challenge with all bear and teddy related activities and we have had a visit from paramedics as part of the First Aid badge, we also made Remembrance Poppy wreaths. Brownies have enjoyed their half term challenge of seeing how much food they could buy for just £3 and then donating it to the Godmanchester Food bank and also made Remembrance 'poppy window pictures'. We have a dance teacher coming for a Strictly Come Dancing Themed meeting for Children in Need and a visit by The Animal Experience planned for both Rainbows and Brownies.

Hilton leader: Karen Baker for both Rainbows and Brownies.

Fenstanton Brownies and Guides

It is lovely to be able to hold face to face meetings. We are a very small group at the moment but hope to have more join now we are back meeting.

Brownies have had time to chat and play games; worked on their First Aid badge; recycled things to make Halloween outfits; made poppies for Remembrance.

Guides played some games; chatted about ideas how to be kind; discussed what makes you feel unsafe and things we can do to make ourselves safe; looked at different things to do with a piece of paper; chatted about party ideas; made party invitations and made pinwheel poppies.

We attended the Remembrance Service with girls doing readings and laying wreaths.

We are having a party to celebrate Girlguiding Anglia Region's 50th Birthday.

The Royal Navy are coming to visit both Brownies and Guides in January and will be running a special evening for us.

Fenstanton Leaders: Judith Follon, Guides and Amy White, Brownies

We would like to say a special thank you to all our mums, in both Hilton and Fenstanton, who have been brilliant helpers this term. If anyone is interested in helping regularly or becoming a leader, we would be delighted to hear from you. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm for working with children.

If you would like to know more about us or wish to register your daughter or become a volunteer please visit Girlguiding's website: www.girlguiding.org.uk

If you want to ask anything about local Rainbow; Brownie or Guide units in Fenstanton or Hilton please contact us via new e-mail: GirlguidingGalleyHill@gmail.com



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sunday – Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

11.15am Sunday – Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – 3rd Friday of the month (6pm)

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

JOIN US ONLINE FRIDAY FEAST

- 🌟 **ONLINE SERVICE**
- 🌟 3rd Friday of month
- 🌟 6pm
- 🌟 Via Zoom*



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

- 🌟 Free All Age event
- 🌟 Get creative
- 🌟 Food & Fun
- 🌟 Craft goodies provided*
- 🌟 Churches of Hilton together
- 🌟 For all faiths, and none



*To request a craft pack and/or Zoom access details, please contact Rachel on 830866



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THIS SERVICE IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE
BY THE PEOPLE OF HILTON,
FOR THE PEOPLE OF HILTON
(AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES)

YOU CAN EXCHANGE OR JUST BORROW BOOKS AT
ANY TIME AND KEEP THEM FOR AS LONG AS YOU
WISH. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM
8AM TO 4PM, OR AT OTHER TIMES BY CALLING
RACHEL WOOD ON 01480 830866

*Please use the sanitiser provided near the door
and respect current Social Distancing guidelines*

DISCLAIMER

THIS FACILITY IS OPEN TO ALL AND WILL INEVITABLY INCLUDE BOOKS WHICH ARE NOT
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN SO PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN DONATING OR EXCHANGING.
THE PARISH COUNCIL & CHURCH ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF ANY
BOOKS, NOR THE POLICING OF THIS EXCHANGE.

Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church



THE JIGSAW EXCHANGE IS OPEN AGAIN!!

Do you like doing jigsaws? Do you know we run a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton? It's free and easy to get involved the puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. We have puzzles suitable for all ages and abilities The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when completed. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations
For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

All services are in the church unless indicated that they will be on Zoom.
Zoom link available from Tel: 830273.

DECEMBER SERVICES:

December 5th at 10am - Mr John Green.

December 12th at 11.15am - GIFT SERVICE with Mr Don Moorman and
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Monetary donations will be sent to Action For Children and gifts of toys
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Parish Church
for 6pm start.

This year we will be collecting for MISSION POSSIBLE - a charity based in
Huntingdon, which educates and supports children and families in Africa and
Eastern Europe.

Anyone is very welcome to join us to sing or collect donations as we go
round the village.

Please make sure you have some cash to hand when we knock on your door!
All
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JANUARY SERVICES:

January 2nd

January 9th UNITED COVENANT SERVICE at 11.15 with Revd Nick Witham and Revd.

David Busk. Holy Communion.

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All services are in the church unless indicated that they will be on Zoom.
Zoom link available from Tel: 830273.
January 16th TBA

January 23rd TBA

January 30th TBA

The other service arrangements in January are yet to be announced. Please see the church notice board for details or visit the St. Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Church Circuit website.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Linda Stott



MERRY Christmas & A Happy New Year

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER PALACE CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO OUR

2021
Christmas
Festivities & Celebrations

Carols Service:
SUN. DEC. 19TH @10:30AM

Christmas Service:
SUN. DEC. 26TH @10:30AM

Cross Over Night Vigil Service:
FRID. DEC. 31ST @10PM

Isaiah 8:18 AMP
"Listen carefully, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders [that will occur] in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion."

It is Your Season of Signs and Wonders

JOIN US

All at our
Palace Sanctuary at 86 Harding Way
St Ives Cambridgeshire PE27 3WR

Contact Us:
Tel. 44 1480878450 | Cel. 44 7585779041

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - December/January

We are pleased to welcome you to our church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30. All are welcome.

December 2021 Services –

5th December - Led by the Church Elders
12th December - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball
19th December - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball
24th December - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

January/February 2022 Services -

2nd January - Revd Roy Muttram
9th January - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
16th January - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
23rd January - Led by Keith Cakebread
30th January - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

6th February - Led by Alison Jiggins
13th February - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
20th February - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
27th February - Revd Chris Baker

We provide a socially distanced environment, hand sanitising, and Track and Trace.

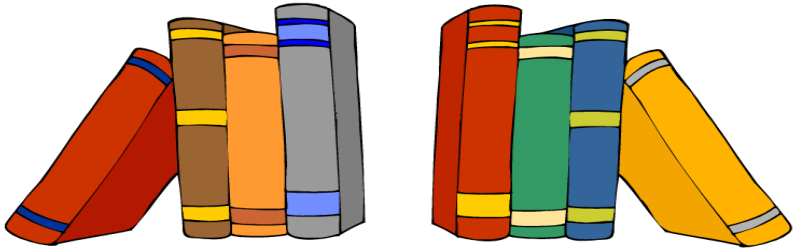
Meditation –

Tuesday 14th December 2021 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 11th January 2022 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 8th February 2022 2.30-4pm

Geoff Hawkins
Fenstanton URC Secretary



**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET
BOOK SALE**



SATURDAY

18th December, 22nd January

9-30AM- 12- NOON

ALSO JIGSAWS ON SALE

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - December/Janaury

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

7th 21st Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon
28th Coffee Morning 10-00am 11-30am

January

4th 18th Kniitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon
11th 25th Coffee Morning 10-00am -11-30am

You will be made welcome at any of these events, bring a friend.

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton

News and Services for December 2021 & January 2022

Hello, how are you doing?

"It's beginning to look like Christmas" a Christmas song written by Meredith Wilson in 1951. A hit for Perry Como, The Fontane Sisters with Mitchell Ayres & his orchestra. But I remember best, the version sung by Bing Crosby, released in October 1951, titled "It's beginning to look **a lot** like Christmas...." And I remember it not because I was around in 1951, because I hadn't been born then, but because I rather liked Bing Crosby. I especially liked the Bob Hope and Bing Crosby films; do you remember the road films? "The Road to ..." ones were a favourite with co-star Dorothy Lamar. The humour, over-acting and comedic plots were good fun, viewed with a childhood innocence. A child knows what is funny and what isn't. It probably won't surprise you to know that I was, and still am, a great fan of Morecambe Wise and The Two Ronnies. Is it just nostalgia, or the simple comedy? I don't know.

Christmas and getting ready for Christmas, as a child growing up in the 1950's, brings its own nostalgic thoughts and memories. The smell of Christmas cake cooking, the fresh pine aroma filling the house with the scent of a real tree and mum moaning about clearing up all the dropping needles. The year we bought my nearly bald dad a comb and removed most of the teeth. My brother and I were in hysterics but my dad not so, when he opened it on Christmas morning.

What are your memories of getting ready for Christmas? What do you miss? What do you still do as a family tradition? The time for the church to get ready for Christmas is called Advent and this year Advent begins on Sunday 28th November. We are holding an Advent Carol Service (with choir) on that Sunday, at 5pm in the Parish Church here in Fenstanton. You are very welcome to join us.

Do have a look at the list of services in Spectrum and look out for the Christmas card, for more details. This year we are planning services where some will require pre-booking of seats so we can manage things well with anticipated larger numbers, bearing in mind the pandemic. The Christingle and Crib services may well be such services where pre-booking seats will help us. You can always take your chance in coming along, and if there is space on the day that's great, but it will really help us if you book beforehand. Go to <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk> Or you can phone Katie on 01480 465211

And looking ahead to the New Year, since this is a combined issue to cover December and January.

We don't know what 2022 will bring but there is still plenty of space in the weddings booking diary and the new list of statutory fees for a wedding held in 2022 will be £480, plus additional fees for wedding banns (£32), with vergers/organist/bells to be agreed. Do get in touch if you are looking to get married in the church, we would love to hear from you.

May we wish you all a blessed Christmas and a new year full of hope.

Please be assured of a warm welcome at either of our churches in the benefice but we respectfully ask that you do not attend any services if you are showing signs/symptoms of covid19 or any other virus or infection that could be transmitted to others. If you are in any doubt, think twice and think of others.

At the moment, we are asking everyone to be covid responsible, to wear a face covering and to sanitise hands. We continue to live-stream our Sunday services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, when we can, but you will need to ask for the access codes for Zoom. We welcome all ages to all services.

Do get in touch for up-to-date information, or look on the website

www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk, the facebook page "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches", a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com, or email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211
Please note that all enquiries for weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and baptisms should be made in the first instance to our Rector Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

Why not visit our Facebook page - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdfscommunityfund@gmail.com

The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with either village, whether a church member or not. Especially in our current situation with the pandemic, we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

December 2021 and January 2022			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject to change.			
	Parish Church Open	<p>Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton</p> <p>Live stream details via https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk</p> <p>We have indicated when services are held at St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton</p>	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Thursday 2 nd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 5 th Advent 2	<p>9.30am onwards for a 10am service</p> <p>Please pre-book to get more information</p>	<p>10am Parish Service, Holy Communion</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details (Sunday Club, for children, meets)</p> <p>10am Baptism at St Mary's, Fen Drayton</p> <p>5pm CHRISTINGLE!! Parish Church, Fenstanton</p>	
Monday 6 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 9 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 12 th Advent 3	<p>9.30am onwards for a 10am service</p> <p>8.55am for a 9:15am service</p>	<p>10am Worship For All "Giving a Gift" Service</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details</p> <p>Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton</p>	

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Monday 13 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 16 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 19 th Advent 4	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 4.30pm for a 5pm service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details 5pm CAROL SERVICE (with choir) Parish Church, Fenstanton	
Monday 20 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 23 rd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Friday 24 th Christmas Eve	3.30am onwards for a 4pm service 11pm for a 11.30pm service	4pm CRIB SERVICE!! 6.30pm Carol Service St Mary's, Fen Drayton 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas, Parish Church, Fenstanton Live stream may be available	
Saturday 25 th Christmas Day	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9:15am service	10am Family Communion, Parish Church, Fenstanton Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details Please note there is a Christmas Communion service at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Sunday 26 th St Stephen's Day	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Family Communion, Parish Church, Fenstanton Live stream may be available	

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Thursday 6 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 9 th	<p>9.30am onwards for a 10am service</p> <p>8.55am for a 9:15am service</p>	<p>10am Worship For All Service</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details</p> <p>Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton</p>	
Monday 10 th			<i>7.30pm Prayer Group followed by 8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 13 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 16 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	<p>10am Parish Service, Holy Communion</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details (Sunday Club, for children, meets)</p>	
Monday 17 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 20 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 23 rd	No service at the Parish Church	9.30am at the United Reformed Church, a joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	

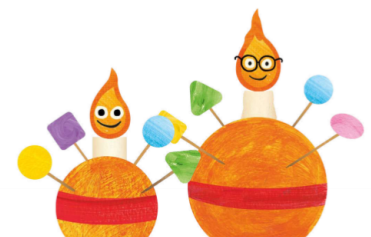
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Monday 24 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 27 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 30 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Candlemas Parish Service, with Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details	
Monday 31 st			<i>8pm Compline</i>

Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Churches

Come and join us for our

CHRISTINGLE & TEA



on Sunday 5th December 5pm
at Fenstanton Parish Church

To help with planning please book your space at:

fenchurchbooking.org.uk

We will hold a collection for the charity and each child will make a Christingle orange before enjoying a small tea together afterwards.

An event suitable for all ages, 0-99!

Everyone very welcome

Supporting the work of

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

www.childrenssociety.org.uk



(All Subject to change due to Covid -19 situation and restrictions)

Fenstanton Community Café



“face2face” Monthly Community Café

Wow!! The café doors opened again last month and we were relieved to see people, some returning again and some new faces. It was lovely to welcome people and our thanks, once again, to all those who enable the café to meet “face2face”. The cakes are a joy to behold, and we find ourselves wondering which cake will be chosen from the enticing array. And will there be any left for us.....it is interesting to see which cakes go first, it has been different choices for our first two cafés. I wonder what will go first for our December café?

For the November café we asked everyone to wear a mask until seated and we will ask this again for December, while the local case numbers for covid remain high. But for December we WILL also be asking you to wear your Christmas jumper, if you have one, or a Christmassy hat/socks or whatever. The café will meet on Tuesday 7th December, 2pm to 3pm in the Church Centre and will have a Christmassy theme. Our seating at tables allows for plenty of space between tables. Any drink with cake (or biscuit) is £1.

The next “face2face” will be Tuesday January 4th 2022, 2-3pm, Church Centre. Dates for the whole of 2022 have been booked, for the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. We hope to see you soon!!

Weekly Virtual Community Café



Can't come along to the face2face café? Then why not try our **virtual community café**?

Wednesday afternoons, on Zoom, from 2-3.30pm except for the first Wednesday of the month. There will not be a virtual café that week. Do get in touch for the Zoom details, we would love to see you, although saying that,

you can join us without visual providing we know beforehand.

Fenstanton Community face2face Café: Church Centre, first Tuesday afternoon of each month, 2-3pm.

Fenstanton Community Virtual Café: on Zoom, Wednesday's weekly except for the first Wednesday of the month, 2-3.30pm. All welcome. Please message Rev Rosie for meeting ID and passcode.

We have a facebook page “Fenstanton Community Café”, a WhatsApp group and Instagram page.

For more information about Fenstanton Community Café, please contact:
Rev Rosie. 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

The Bridge Church

(Part of the Newfrontiers family of Evangelical Churches)
Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities
www.thebridgechurch.co.uk
[01480 498801](tel:01480498801)

The Sunday service is at 10.30am in our lovely church building at No,2, Burrell Road, St Ives, PE27 6RR: Come for some lively worship; hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet together in small groups during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith.



We hold a monthly church prayer meeting plus a men and a women's breakfast fellowship. There is a youth group for 11- to 18-year-olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 and 9 pm.

The Babies and Toddlers group meets at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time. A Craft Club meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A women's weekly Bible study group meets on Tuesday morning at 10am. We also have the Bridge Drop-In on a Friday morning from 10.30, specifically designed for people on their own. We would love to welcome you to any of these events. For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office.

Now the Children's Church at the Bridge! It's a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10:30 on a Sunday morning?

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish Church,
Saturday Mass 18.00

The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

FENSTANTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 3rd December

6.30pm - 8.00-pm at the Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm



**Meet
Father
Christmas**

**Mulled Wine
and Soft Drinks**
**Mince Pies and
Christmas Biscuits**

**Christmas Draw
at 7.15pm**

**Tickets will be
available for purchase
on the evening**

Only cash will be accepted on the evening



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

NEWS RELEASE **Overlooked Winter Wildlife**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to a fascinating talk on the more unusual aspects of wildlife that we may sometimes overlook. This illustrated talk will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm and given by Brian Eversham, who is the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Brian has held this position since 2009 and prior to this was Conservation Director of the Trust during which time he was involved with the launch of the Living Landscapes projects at The Great Fen and Nene Valley.

Brian's interests and knowledge are extensive, including birds, botany, lichens, insects and molluscs. Tonight, Brian will introduce us to the small but fascinating world of insects, fungi and lichens that are best in winter. Brian will explore the complex interactions between species and show us how a typical nature reserve might support between 3,000 and 5,000 species.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to attend. Please book by emailing Pat (jp.doody@ntlworld.com). He will then send you a link to join before the meeting is due to start.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412



Fenstanton Molly dancing from 1980s

Old Hunts Molly and the Plough Monday procession around Fenstanton started in the early 1980s and carried on for many years. I have recently given the dance notation for archiving to the East Anglian Traditional Music Trust, and I am hoping to accompany this with an article about the event itself. Most of us were too busy dancing and playing

to take many pictures so I would be very interested to receive copies of any photos or memories that you may have about the event. Were you a dancer or did you just come along to watch?

Contact me on email: penny.melodeon@gmail.com in the first instance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fenstanton and a Victorian Christmas:

This essay first appeared in the Spectrum Christmas 2019

We have to be careful when talking about the Victorian period as this covered the 63 years that Queen Victoria reigned. The final years of her reign bore no resemblance to the early years. England and her people had changed from an agrarian society to one that had embraced the new industrial age. It would be true to say that people's idea of Christmas and their financial means to pay for it would have changed dramatically over those 63 years.



From the 17th century, the Puritan church disapproved of this pagan winter festival and so it fell out of favour. Christmas became of only minor interest. The big winter holiday was Twelfth Night, the Feast of Epiphany, on 6th January. It wasn't until the early 19th century that Christmas began to regain its popularity with the general public. It's hard to imagine now, but at the beginning of the 19th century Christmas was hardly celebrated. Many businesses did not even consider it a holiday. However by the end of the century it had become the biggest annual celebration and took on the form that we recognise today.



Whilst preparing this essay I researched to see what information there was available on a Victorian Christmas. Almost all the available material is middle class and based on Dickens's ideas of Christmas. What I wanted to write about was a working family's Christmas especially an agricultural worker's Christmas. Most of the things that we believe make up a 'traditional' English Christmas were actually invented or imported into England from other countries in the Victorian era. That includes Christmas

trees, Christmas cards, Christmas crackers, paper decorations and, of course, Father Christmas or Santa Claus with his white beard and red costume.

While Charles Dickens did not invent the Victorian Christmas, his book *A Christmas Carol* is credited with helping to popularise and spread the traditions of the festival. Its themes of family, charity, goodwill, peace and happiness encapsulate the spirit of the late Victorian Christmas and are very much a part of the Christmas we celebrate today. The problem is that, during Dickens's lifetime, most of these traditions were barely traditions at all. The 'traditional' British Christmas we know today is not found in the mists of history, but is entirely a product of industrialisation.

In a story written in 1837, Dickens ticked off the essentials; the day was about family, about mistletoe and holly, church-going and charity, also food, turkey, plum pudding and mince pies. Yet so many things we take for granted were not yet part of the holiday. He did not mention trees, carols, cards, stockings, crackers. There was no Father Christmas, nor were there presents, apart from those given to the servants, and tokens to the children.

We know that seasonal carols were sung as early as the 13th century, but carols had faded away with the Puritan rejection of Christmas. When they were revived, they were generally about feasting, not religion. Two of the few religious carols that postdate the Puritans were 'While Shepherds watched their Flocks' (1698) and 'Hark the Herald' (1782).

The mistletoe, holly and ivy were considered magical plants because of their winter berries. Mistletoe, with its pagan origin, was not allowed inside churches. The English custom of kissing under the mistletoe had the restriction that there could only be as many kisses as berries. Every time a couple kissed beneath the mistletoe, a berry was to be removed from the sprig. Holly was used as a decoration but also to decorate the Christmas pudding. The red "male" berry was meant to protect the household from witchcraft and could only be brought into the home by a male. The "female" ivy, with its leaves that remained green throughout the winter, was a symbol of immortality.

So it is now Christmas day in late Victorian Fenstanton. What do we see in the homes of the average farm servant or as they are more commonly known, the agricultural labourer? For those who had a faith, Christmas Day was celebrated with a special Mass in the parish church and heralded by the peal of Church bells. The traditional Christmas Church service consisted of carol-singing and scripture readings. Then home to whatever Christmas meal they could afford.

Even in the humblest farm labourer's household, Christmas dinner was a very special occasion, perhaps with a fowl of some sort, apple sauce and mashed potatoes followed by Christmas pudding. As few agricultural workers cottages had an oven, it was common for a poor family to carry their Christmas dinners to the baker's shops to be cooked. Dickens mentions this custom in one of his books. I know that my maternal grandparents did this in London on Sundays and on Christmas day, at the start of the 20th century.

For the very, very poor, local charities would provide a simple meal, there would be plum porridge, a beef broth thickened with bread and flavoured with dried fruit, wine and spices. A farm servant with a large family could barely feed themselves throughout the year and there would not have been an opportunity to save money for a Christmas feast. Unfortunately all our village Victorian ancestors died out many years ago and their children have also passed on. I have spoken with some of the grandchildren and asked for their grandparent's stories but there are very few memories to share.

One story gives us a flavour of a working man's Christmas meal at that time. *"Our Dad, was born in 1908, he was the eighth of ten children born in a small farm in Fenstanton. He always said they had rabbit for Christmas dinner with vegetables and bread pudding. The bread pudding had holly on the top! They put their socks out Christmas night and enjoyed the nuts and apples and a sweet wrapped in paper in them in the morning, he remembered the girls having ribbon in their stockings. From what he said, Christmas Day lasted for three days with people visiting and being visited, I get the impression families were out in the street more. There were lots of games and sing songs with a fair amount of drinking for the menfolk. He seemed to enjoy Christmas although it was very different to what we enjoy today".*

From other comments that I have received it would appear the above story was not at all unusual. One person said to me that all the time they were growing up and all the stories they were told, their parent's Christmas was never mentioned. It would indicate that Christmas did not rate very high with working people. My own mother (born 1915) said that their family never had any Christmas presents or special meals; they were just too poor to pay for them.

After Christmas dinner, most families would settle down around their fire hearth, enjoying together some fruit and chestnuts roasted on the fire. In more prosperous families, Christmas dinner usually ended with gift-giving and pulling of Christmas Crackers (an invention in 1847 by the Londoner Tom Smith). The day would be rounded off with music, carol-singing and parlour games such as Forfeits and Blind Man's Bluff.

December 2021

The ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

The Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the Lychgate Memorial followed by Morning Service in our Parish Church were conducted by Reverend David Busk. Both were a heart warming and welcome return to a sort of normality although still with same safety precautions.

In his capacity as Vice Chairman of Hilton Parish Council and on behalf of the people of the village, Graham Barradell placed a Wreath and read the names of the Fallen at the WW1 plaque.

Pam Bowker of the St Ives Royal British Legion Women's Section similarly placed the Legion wreath at the WW11 plaque.

Grief is intense but how can we imagine the sorrow of the parents of the Yates brothers killed within months of each other in WW1, then the parents of the two Martin brothers killed in WW11 ?

Sharon Walker recited the Exhortation in memory of her late father, Ken Wright who had served in the Royal Navy.

During the Morning Service the subject of Remembrance continued with the reading of the poem 'The Last Inspection' by Sergeant Joshua Hetterbran and a beautiful tapestry which Ken Attwood had designed and created before the pandemic was at last on display.

The counting of the monies generously donated by Hilton residents and businesses is on going and will be publicised as soon as possible in the New Year. Thank you as ever to our fantastic collectors, all of whom were so keen and willing to return to that longed for 'normality'.

Visitors and new members are always welcome . We meet at Hilton Village Hall every 2nd Monday at 7.30 pm.

HILTON WI

Well, where do we begin , we have had a really busy month !
We were all pleased to have 30 ladies present at the November meeting including a new lady to the village and we now have a willing volunteer to create our members' birthday cards .

As well as the continuing regular clubs, Canasta is roaring along with 23 'novices and experts' at one recent session.

Jan Taylor had attended the Hunts and Peterborough Federation AGM by Zoom and reported that one group is looking into Climate Change and another is encouraging WI members to collect loose change in aid of the Women of the World Charity. They would also like to encourage more members to attend Federation events.

Sadly, Zoe McLean was unable to entertain us so Martin and Sarah, the owners of the St Ives refill shop Ikikai stepped in to tell us of the ideas behind its creation inspired partly by Martin's redundancy and their disillusionment in plastic use and waste. A trip to Japan then provided the inspiration they needed .

After only 9 months the business is growing, offering to refill customers' own containers with flour, nuts and other sustainable products.

Believe it as you may, their best seller is FUDGE !

Dawn Hetherington, a recently appointed Federation Advisor was yet another welcome guest. After only 5 years as a WI member she was co-opted to a committee and then benefitted from a training course so she is now an excellent point of contact for us whenever we need help with tricky questions .

We also arranged an Open meeting offering a valuable talk by GP Practitioner, Claire Blewett . Claire's talk was to emphasise the importance of the NHS Women's screening programmes and other health conditions such as ovarian and cervical cancers .

And finallywe headed off to Thursford in a coach full of excited members, partners and friends, to experience the return of the famous

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

A birding annual review

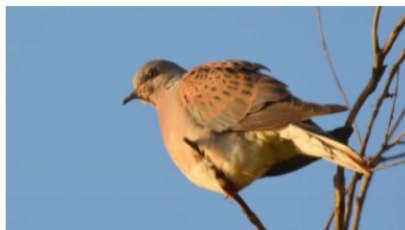
The closing of the year presents a good time to summarise the wildlife goings-on that have taken place over the past 12 months. Overall, it has been an exciting year; however varied water levels posed a challenge for some species to overcome.

Early winter flooding meant the reserve effectively became one giant lake. The ducks were having a great time with large numbers of wigeon, tufted duck, pintail, shoveler and goldeneye counted. Wading birds that like shallow water struggled to find higher ground, but the few areas that were suitable resulted in large counts of black-tailed godwits and lapwing, amongst others.

Fluctuating water levels are not good for species which nest close to the water, as proved to be the case when spring flooding in April resulted in many of the nesting islands for gulls, waders and terns being washed out. It was really fraught to watch the birds trying to build up their nests with twigs so that their eggs remained out of the water. Most couldn't do it in time, but a few managed to build up their nests over a foot higher. Once the water receded somewhat, these birds were sat proud on towering nests.

Our reedbeds are managed with the hope of scarce breeding birds using them. This year, a pair of bittern were observed to be likely breeding on site. Although we often hear a territorial male in the spring, this is the first time we recorded nesting evidence. Bearded tits are also likely to have nested on site for the first time after sightings of a family group with youngsters were reported. These are both good signs that the work we carry out in the reedbed is working and that it is in the right condition with habitat and food availability for our target birds.

Nightingales hadn't been heard on the reserve for a few years, but following habitat work that we have carried out over the past two winters, we were overjoyed to hear two males singing their wonderful lyrical song from deep within an area of scrub in the spring. A female was later seen with one of the males, suggesting breeding may have taken place.



Turtle Dove at the orchard – Henry Cook

Our other headline species is the turtle dove and surveys revealed up to five singing birds around the reserve. They went quiet after a while, but we confirmed breeding for at least one pair with a family group seen in August.

Following the breeding season, the reserve sees an annual build-up of mute swans which come here to moult their wing feathers. During this time, they are flightless and need large waterbodies to feel safe on. The counts achieved by our volunteers were huge with 233 counted in June.

Going into the winter months a murmuration began. Black silhouettes appeared en-masse in the sky before the setting sun. They wheel around and create wonderful shapes. These are made by starlings which fly into the reedbed to roost. We are lucky that most years they visit, but their presence is never guaranteed. A fitting finale to the year.



Starling murmuration at Fen Drayton Lakes – Gill Parish

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On 24th October we had a delightfully uplifting afternoon of music and wit from Brian and Paul known as "Panache". They certainly made us tap our toes and sing along, leaving us with a smile on our faces.



10th November we discovered the mysteries of the the Monkey Puzzle tree. A very good talk by David Gedye and very informative about the history of the tree and other plants from South America. David's book was popular with some members buying a copy and was beautifully written and presented. Proceeds going to conservation of trees.

24th November we anticipate a delicious carvery at Hartford Mill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th December. We look forward to hearing from Josie Charter about her work and her recent visit to Malawi.

22nd December. Christmas tea party
A celebration to end 2021 and look forward to 2022 with anticipation..



12th January. We are going to the pantomime at Burgess Hall, oh no you're not, oh yes we are, to see Cinderella. We can all be children again and not be judged!!!!

19th January TBA

Hopefully I will be able to re- book all the wonderful speaker's that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid.
Please come along and check us out, I'm sure that you will enjoy the company.



Marie Newns 01480 350677

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Parish Council News - New Councillor



Your Parish Council would like to welcome Paula Short as your newly co-opted Parish Councillor. You may recognise Paula, as she is the Manager at Fenstanton Pharmacy. Paula has lived in the Village for six years and is married with two grown up Sons and five Grandchildren. As a Parish Councillor Paula is keen to support your Parish Council in all its ventures.

There is still one vacancy remaining, if you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please



Your Parish Council continues to collect data from various locations around the Village.

'20s Plenty for us' wheelie bin stickers are now available, please contact your Clerk.

Your Parish Council invites you to complete its Traffic Survey, either scan the QR provided or go to the Website for further details.



To contact your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Fenstanton Community Hero Award—Winner!



Your Parish Council is delighted to award this year's Community Hero Award to Jean Ding. Jean has been an inspiration. Throughout the pandemic she has collected and sold a wide variety of books, plants, jigsaws, toys, as well as more unusual items, including a set of spark plugs!, from a stall outside her

house. As well as providing a focal point for the community, she has raised the amazing amount of £6,600 for some 34 charities. Well done Jean!

Award presented to Jean by Vice Chairman of your Parish Council Roy McGee.

Community Grants

Your Parish Council has made a financial contribution to the following groups:-

Fenstanton Community Café
Fenstanton Football Club
Fenstanton Friendship Club

Dog Fouling

Dog Owners

Would you harm this Child?



Your Parish Council have been receiving an increase in reports of dog fouling around the Village.

Dog faeces can cause Ocular Toxocariasis in humans that can lead to stomach upsets, throat infections, asthma, and **BLINDNESS**, particularly in children.

PICK IT UP! BAG IT!
BIN IT RESPONSIBLY!

Thank you.

Keep Dogs on Lead

Your Parish Council have also had increasing reports of dogs off lead in areas around the Village where Children play. Please keep your dogs on lead around Children's Play Areas .

The Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Queens Green Canopy

Your Parish Council would be interested to hear from residents who have ideas and would be willing to work together to plan how the Village can commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Your Parish Council is already making plans to get involved with the Queen's Green Canopy and plant Trees for the Jubilee.

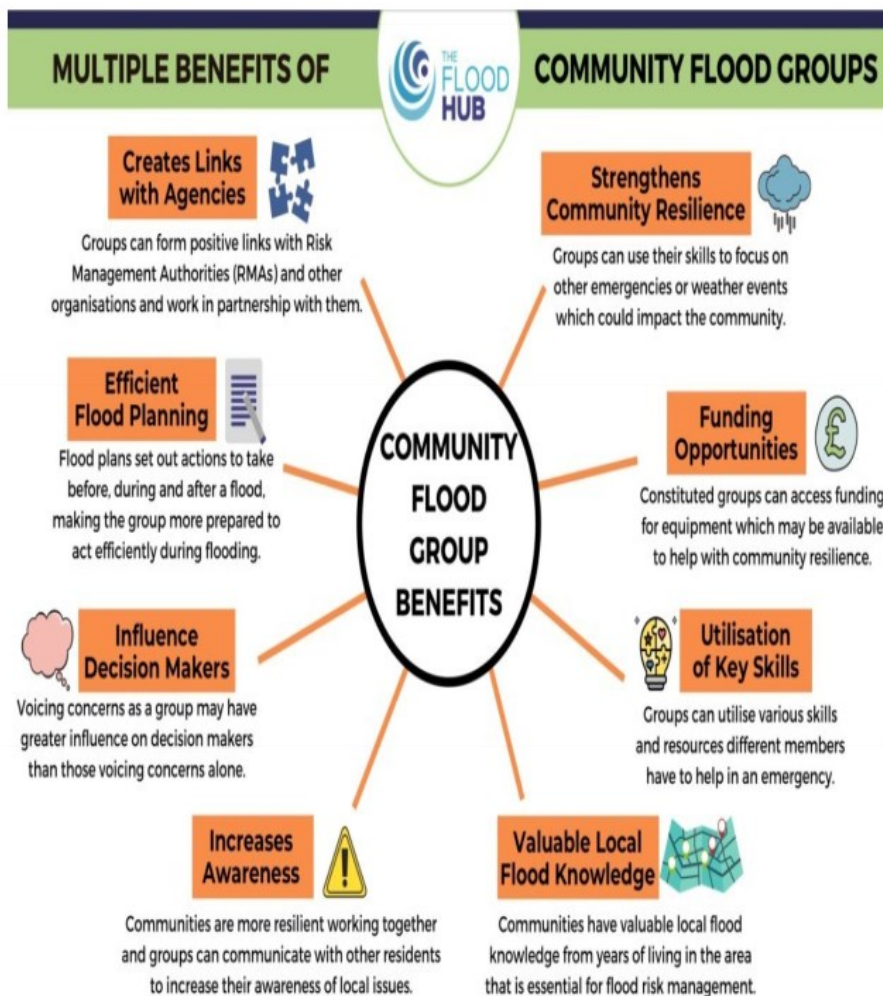
If you have any other suggestions please contact your Clerk.

Fenstanton Community Flood Group

In anticipation of the increased incidence of future flooding events, your Parish Council is looking to establish a Fenstanton Community Flood Group.

We are keen to hear from any residents who would be interested in and willing to become part of this team

If you are able to get involved, or would like further information, please contact your Clerk.



HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Dear Flower club ladies, it was lovely to open up our club again in September and try to get back in the swing of things again. We had a really good time with all the demonstrators that we had for September, October and November meetings, they cheered us all up with their inspiring arrangements.

We will see you at our workshop on DECEMBER 6th, those of you who are not taking part in the workshop

please come along because it will be our end of year party, and we will be having cake and drink.

FEBRUARY 7th will be our first meeting of the new year.

Beverley and June will be your demonstrators, so look forward to seeing you all.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Beverley & June

HILTON ART CLUB

The October session: Portraiture, was very enjoyable and there were some excellent portraits – very impressive! It was wonderful to see the original pictures too, from old black and white photos to more up-to-date ones of grandchildren, from fictional characters to magazine covers. Imaginative, emotional and creative.

Fabulous! Many thanks to Kate and Janet for the mouth-wateringly delicious cakes and to Andrea for bringing the milk. Thank you also to everyone for tidying up and to Andrea for locking up at the end. Pictures are on our Facebook page.

10th Dec	1pm	XMAS LUNCH (<i>booking essential</i>) at the George & Dragon, Elsworth
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21st Jan	9.30am – 12.30pm	DOWN ON THE FARM: buildings, animals, produce & machinery
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Please bring your own pictures/props

Many thanks
Gina

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Or contact: Mrs P Hucklesby: 01954 230471

Prices include heating. Commercial use welcomed, please contact for further details.

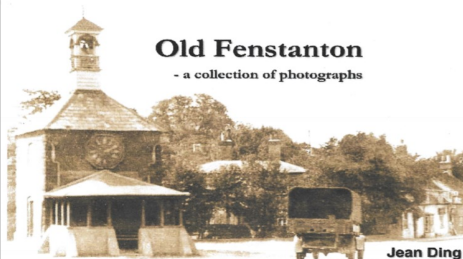
PRICES PER HOUR	Main hall	Bertha Pitfield Room	Main hall & Bertha Pitfield Room	NEW Meeting Room (upstairs)
Regular	£12.50	£8.00	£15.00	£8.00
Casual	£15.00	£10.00	£17.50	£10.00

Old Fenstanton Book

ON SALE RON'S FARM SHOP

POST OFFICE , 28 BELL LANE

£5



Also Jack Dady's Beyond Yesterday

Book £10

Fen Drayton Tots

Fen Drayton Tots

Friendly parent led group for carers and children upto school age.

Large range of toys with indoor and outdoor space for play with a range of activities.

First Monday of every month Parafunalia attends for a story and music session.

Session is £4, Mondays 10am -12 at Fen Drayton Village Hall excluding school holidays.

Fresh tea/coffee/squash and snacks.

Contact Fendraytontots@gmail.com for further info or find us on Facebook. Booking advisable

400 Trees Planted for Jubilee

Over 400 trees have been planted at Coton Countryside Reserve to help the planet and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Twenty volunteers had fun planting the trees on Saturday 13 November, which took them two hours.

The new woodland is being created by local independent charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future and was led by James Allsop, Senior Warden "The area where we have planted the trees was once farmland. When the trees grow up, they will create a new area of woodland that will provide wildlife habitat, reduce air pollution and store carbon. The trees will also form part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. We are really grateful to the volunteers who did a fantastic job."



Cambridge Past, Present & Future will be planting a further 4,000 trees this winter as part of its effort to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss. Volunteers are needed to help plant the trees and tree planting events are being organised throughout the winter at Coton Countryside Reserve and Wandlebury Country Park. Tools, instructions and trees are provided. The next tree planting is on Sat 11 Dec near Coton village, details can be found on the events page at www.cambridgeppf.org



For further information about the tree planting event on 11 Dec
<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/Event/plant-a-tree-for-free>

For further information about Cambridge Past, Present & Future
<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/>

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's independent charity that cares for and protects green spaces and heritage.

Please support our work by becoming a [member](#), making a [donation](#) or [volunteering](#) your time.

[Sign up](#) for the latest news and events and follow us on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

Hello from Dogs Trust!

Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of a few services that we provide free of charge:

*The first, our Canine Care Card scheme, is a **free** service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care they need until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion – Dogs Trust can give*

them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy dog

Secondly I wanted to make you aware that we provide free talks to local community groups. I cover the whole of the East Anglia region, to talk about the varied work of Dogs Trust, where we come from and where we hope to be in the future. There are no speaker fees or travelling expenses so please let me know if you believe that your local club would be interested.



FREE

Talks

for Community & Social Groups

We can offer an online version or socially distanced talks - please get in touch to discuss options.

**Contact Paige at
Dogs Trust Snetterton
E: paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk
T: 01953 497912**

Registered charity numbers: 227523 & SC037843

If anyone has any further queries, or would be interested in booking in a talk, please contact me by emailing emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912.



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 1st November 20/00164/OUT – Planning Permission for 16 houses on Church End, land west of Wychwood

This planning application was discussed again at the Huntingdonshire District Council Development Management Committee meeting on Monday 18th October and outline planning permission was granted. The Clerk will organise a meeting with County Councillor Doug Dew and Councillor Peter Balicki to discuss this application and advise on any actions that the Parish Council could take.

Green Open Spaces

Cllr Ian Stott advised the Council that the first draft of the Tree Register is now complete and that the Maintenance Contract has been advertised.

Dredging of Ponds

The Council has asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for dredging both the ponds in Graveley Way and the Park Farm Pond and also Reeve Ditch. There is a Community Flood Group grant scheme to which the Council has asked the Clerk to apply for funding.

Path between Church Lane and the Church

The Council discussed various options for resurfacing this path. The Clerk will obtain quotes for gravel, resin-bound gravel and self-binding gravel.

Bench near the Wilderness bridge

Hilton Wildlife and Conservation Group has generously offered the Parish Council a donation to replace this bench, which has been missing for several years. Hilton Parish Council have approved the design of a teak bench and authorised the Clerk to purchase it.



Volunteer Work in the Village

Upcoming volunteer work will include planting the trees in the Jubilee Copse, planting two memorial trees, the easier tree work from the inspection and an ivy cut. The Parish Council agreed the location of the two memorial trees.

Annual Tree Work

Following the annual tree inspection, the Council discussed the tree report and authorised the annual tree work, at a cost of £2800.

Water run-off pipe for Manor Farm

Hilton Parish Council has authorised the replacement of this water pipe, which will involve excavating a shallow trench across the Green. This will be done at the cost of the property owner and the turf will be lifted and then replaced to minimise the damage to the Green.

Stop the Arc Group

The Council discussed the correspondence from the Stop the Arc Group with regards to the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Arc project. They resolved to invite both the Stop the Arc Group and the organisers of the Ox-Cam Arc project to an open meeting to discuss the issue.

Jubilee Event including Beacon lighting

The Parish Council resolved that it would like to run an event on Thursday 2nd June to coincide with the National Beacon Lighting. It appointed a working group of Cllr S. Walker, Cllr K. Dunk, Cllr S. Suckling and Cllr R. Collard to look into and plan this event.

Feast Week

Hilton Parish Council granted permission to the Hilton Feast Week Committee to hold Feast Week from Sunday 24th July to Saturday 30th July 2022.

Summer Ball

Hilton Parish Council granted permission to the Hilton Summer Ball Committee to hold the Summer Ball on Friday 22nd July 2022.

Events on Parish Council Land

Hilton Parish Council reminded all community groups that they must seek the Parish Council's permission in writing to hold an event on the Green, which is owned by the Parish Council. Consideration should be given to the schedule of Parish Council meetings and sufficiently notice given to allow the Parish Council to discuss the request and decide upon permission.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th December 2021 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Post-Meeting Note

The Fireworks & Bonfire Night was a very well-attended successful event. The income was £2319.68, and thanks must go to the volunteers that ran the event, the Fireworks Committee for their excellent display and the Feast Week Committee for the refreshments and toys.



Hilton Parish Council is looking forwards to the Christmas lights on the Pavilion and would like to wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas



Tulips from Amsterdam...?

Famously Holland grows, exhibits and exports many tulips but the countries of origin are much further east. Wild tulips are found in eastern Turkey, the Crimea and Central Asia. They like well-drained soil and sun which is why gardeners in the UK plant them with plenty of grit in the compost. Planted in pots in the darkening days of November we look forward to the eye-catching flowers opening in the spring. Come to Hilton's Community Garden and see them from April to May.

On the plate below there are two tulips, not in natural colours but in the characteristic blue and red of **Iznic** pottery from Turkey examples of which you can find in the **Fitzwilliam Museum** in Cambridge. What is striking about the tulips on the plate is the shape of the petals as they two come to a point. These 'dagger shape' tulips, some even more eccentric and elongated, are illustrated in books on tulips from the two centuries of Ottoman rule 15C-17C The Sultans of this era

prized tulip bulbs, employed collectors to find rare plants and devoted whole gardens to them. Artists from the town of Iznic in Anatolia also incorporated them into designs on the beautiful tiles from the can be seen in many Islamic palaces and places of worship.



The Fitzwilliam also has a notable collection of seventeenth century flower paintings from the Netherlands. The vases of flowers are painted with great attention to detail. Artists often chose a dark background to make the lustrous colours of the flowers stand out in contrast. In the painting below by Jan Bruegel the tulips are much more recognisable than their Turkish relatives having rounded petals and vertical stripes familiar to contemporary growers. The flowers gathered together in the vase would not all flower at the same time. The point is to display their beauty and rarity. For Dutch merchants in the 17C became so wealthy from trade they could indulge themselves in acquiring exotic possessions including plants. However, the butterfly searching for nectar and the wilted flowers beneath the vase are reminders of the transience of life, beauty, power and glory.

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With hindsight we could also see these references to short flowering seasons and seasons of success as applicable to the commercial world, especially to the mad Tulipomania which gripped Holland in the early 17thC. It was almost the equivalent of the present day 'bit coin' fever. Prices fluctuated and fortunes were made and lost in dramatic fashion. When the average income was 150 florins a single bulb of the sought-after tulip called 'Semper Augustus' sold for 1,000 florins. The most prized specimen tulips had 'breaks' in the petals which appeared as mottled, striped or veined in different colours. How these marks were made was not understood at the time, but they gave the flower its significance, each line looking as if painted on by a fine brush. However, the bulbs did not come 'true' in successive generations. In gardens of the period fruit trees pruned in ornamental fashion were planted with flowers. It is now known that a virus introduced to tulips by a fruit-fly interrupted the full development of 'laid-on' colour (anthocyanin) leaving the underlying colour of white or yellow to show through. Vast sums of money were spent in the hope of achieving flowers with these exotic marks only to find they had reverted to a single colour. Thus, Tulipomania ended catastrophically for some buyers. Further sums of money were spent on lawsuits to recoup the losses!

Today we can choose from a wide variety of plants whether lily flowered, parrot flowered, dwarf or tall. The ones which flower reliably every year are the Darwin Hybrids. Others are not so keen to re-appear. But short or long-lived they are a feast for the eye in art and in life.

Claire Sarkies

Jan Bruegel Vase of Flowers



Its Pantomime time in Hilton



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