



Fenstanton residents should find tucked inside their Spectrum this month a Christmas Card with a Christmas greeting from the Parish and United Reformed Churches in the village. The Cubs and Beavers were invited to take part in a competition to design the card and our congratulations go to Alfie Smith (age 8.5) whose design was chosen as the winner. The judge particularly liked the characterful detail in the design. Alfie won an Amazon gift card – well done Alfie. Thank you also goes to all the other children who took the time to enter the competition- we had some super designs. The entries will go on display in Fenstanton Parish Church this Christmas.

Thank you too to the Spectrum delivery team ©

# Living in Hilton? Struggling with the increased cost of living?

No one should be faced with the choice between heating or eating.

Hilton Town Trust has a limited number of £200 grants available for individuals / households in our village. These are one-off grants & do not need to be repaid. Getting one is quick, easy & confidential.

You can email <u>HiltonTownTrust@gmail.com</u>, call the Town Trust Clerk on **830866** or drop a note through the door of **1 Sparrow Way**. Please include your name, address & how best to contact you.

This won't solve the cost of living crisis but it may be one step to help! Please get in touch.

Hilton Town Trust is a small charitable trust which exists to give support to the village & villagers of Hilton. Grants are usually paid by cheque.



# **COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER:**

# Rory & Phoebe, Ages 4 & 7

Rory & Phoebe have done a great job at colouring in this autumnal scene.
We love the earthy colours used. You can really see the different stages of the life cycle of leaves and those acorns look good enough for squirrels to eat!

Well done and congratulations Rory & Phoebe, great team work.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our colouring competition. It really brightens our days to see your entries and it is so hard to pick a winner with so many amazing pictures. Please keep them coming in!



# **COLOURING COMPETITION**

Colour in the picture below and send it to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or post to

Jo Brasher at 58 Crest Drive, Fenstanton, PE28 9BR with your name and age.

Winner will be announced and featured in our next issue.



Name ..... Age .....



- SOCIAL MEDIA Marketing
- MAGAZINE/NEWSPAPER ADVERTS
- BUSINESS CARDS
- WEDDING/PARTY Invitations

07707490321 SKYLIGHTDIGITALDESIGN@GMAIL.COM



# CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS



We want to see your stunning photos of our beautiful village, this could be of your pet basking in the sunshine (or more likely, splashing in the puddles), a lovely sunset/sunrise, the friendly cows in their field etc. Whatever wonderful photographs you take, send them to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or text them to Jo Brasher at 07707490321 and we will select a few to be featured in Spectrum each month.

# **Christmas Tree Festival**

Fenstanton United Reformed Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival

December 9th - 11th

If you would like to bring along a decorated

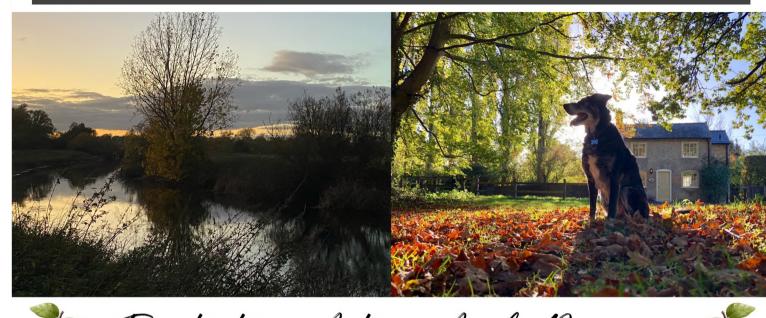
Christmas tree to show off, please contact

Jean on 01480 498221



# LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS







# Fenstanton & Autumn Apple Pressing





Thank you to those who sent photos in; please do keep them coming in. Photos can be sent to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or to Jo on 07707490321

# HILTON FLOWER CLUB

#### **NOVEMBER 7th**

Our demonstrator was Ann Purt.

Ann did 6 wonderful arrangements to get us in the mood for Christmas. It certainly did the trick, we had a most enjoyable afternoon.

#### **DECEMBER 5th**

We have our Christmas workshop and Christmas party, 50 ladies have booked in to do the workshop which is amazing, we are sure a lot of fun will be had by all.

FEBRUARY 6th
This will be our first meeting in the New Year.

Hilton Village Hall
Frist Monday of the month
2pm - 4pm
Entrance £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits)
No membership, pay on arrival.

## HILTON ART CLUB

In November, artist Rachel Haynes led a portraiture workshop. Firstly, she showed us how to begin with the basic shape and the rules regarding proportions and position of the features and the golden rule of not drawing in the sides of the nose! Next she gave the differing instructions when drawing a partial side view, a face looking up and looking down and how to shade and adjust the basic shape. We spent the rest of the morning drawing or painting from a reference picture and Rachel gave us individual assistance where we needed it, which was invaluable. A very interesting and useful workshop.

Thank you, Rachel. Thanks also to Jan, for the biscuits.

16th December - 1pm
Christmas Lunch (booking only)
The Windmill, Somersham

20th January 2023 - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Painting Blue - Please bring your own props/pictures.

New members are always welcome - come to a session.

See our Facebook page for further details.

# Fenstanton Friendship Club

#### 26th October

Did not do well in October for speakers, poor Paul Vickers our magician unfortunately tested positive for Covid and could not come. However we will see him in the New Year. We had a very interesting talk from John Deeks who is always willing to step in and help out. Learned a lot about old Fenstanton and are looking forward to having more information when available. We finished the afternoon with some silly games of bingo and had fun.

#### 9th November

"The Merrymakers" entertained us with their singing and poetry. A very enjoyable afternoon.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### 7th December

Our Christmas tea party, plenty to eat, silly games and Christmas carols.

Maybe a visit from Santa Clause too!

#### **11th January 2023**

We have tickets for the pantomime "Aladdin" at Burgess Hall. The pantomimes are always well presented, colourful, musical and a lot of fun and we always have a good time.

#### 18th January

Phil Pope, (Mayor of St Ives), will be coming to sing for us. Something to look forward to.

#### 1st February

Paul Vickers is rebooked to bemuse us with his magical powers. Be nice to see him again and enjoy his tricks.

#### 15th February

Martin Guy, somewhat of a wildlife 'guy', will be speaking with us, with slides of animals captured on hidden cameras. This will be really interesting.

We meet in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street PE28 9JQ every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm.

New members and visitors very welcome. Enquiries to Marie Newns bubblenewns@gmail.com

01480 350119



## HILTON WI

2022 has been a year of the joys of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, the sadness of her passing and the continuing health difficulties, so with the return of the Upwood Ukuleles to our November meeting it was wonderful to leave our troubles and woes behind and enjoy their lively entertainment – it was perfect timing for morale and a very jolly evening!

At the time of writing we still have our Christmas party to come so lets be optimistic for 2023, surely we deserve some reasons to smile?

Also by next year there will have been a lovely day trip to the Sandringham Christmas Fair, a Christmas lunch at the George and Dragon in Ellsworth and all the usual gatherings at our continuing clubs and plenty of mince pies and CAKE (home made, of course, we're the WI), Canasta, Craft Club, Book Club Art Club - oh the list is endless!

They are all 'reasons to be cheerful' together with a fantastic programme of events through the year some confirmed, others in the pipeline. We are being quite inventive about our journeys by travelling more often by filling our cars rather than using the understandably high costs of coach hire.

So we wish everyone well for a calmer time next year and don't forget, we welcome new members, just contact hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

## PHOTOS FROM HILTON WI



Our WI decorated the foyer table in HPFWI

Office for October and chose to Commemorate
the Reign of Queen Elizabeth 2nd

■ Members "did the actions" for a rendition of "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines" from the fabulous Upwood Ukeleles



## HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN: GROWING TOGETHER



One of our ambitions for the garden has been to make a haven for wildlife. Birds are regular visitors to our 'FLY INN' feeding station with its wide choice of nuts and seeds. We have log piles to encourage insects and aim to select plants that encourage pollinators. Visitors will now be able to see two recent additions emerging: native hedging and hedgerow plants.

The native hedging is a mixture of holly, dog-rose, hawthorn, hornbeam and blackthorn. We hope these hedges will give good protection to all creatures and offer berries and insects for birds. Sadly we have lost many of our hedgerows due to urbanisation and industrial scale farming. Wild flowers arrived as plug plants in the heat of the summer and had to be kept well watered in a shady corner of a garden before it was safe to plant them out.

Now cowslips, mallows, ox-eye daisies, meadow vetch and scabious are spread over the west facing bed which has an overhang of trees. Here we hope they will thrive and contribute to the campaign to protect native species. The difficulty is making sure that the soil is not too rich for these plants which have lived on wasteland, on verges and the edges of fields.

We shall be watching the growth of all our plants and seeds with particular interest and anticipation as the garden, along with several other Hilton gardens, will be open to the public under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 2nd July, all are welcome.

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - HILTON

May we firstly thank each of our collectors and business owners in Hilton for their time in aid of the 2022 Poppy Appeal and for all your donations. You can learn from many and varied sources how much your collection is valued by the Royal British Legion both locally and nationally in support of past and present service men and women and their families.

The traditional Remembrance Sunday Service at our Lychgate Memorial and afterwards at the Parish Church was conducted by the Reverend Roland Randall of Monach Farm.

The wreath and naming of the Fallen in WW1 was placed by Councillor Peter Balicki representing the Parish Council, and on behalf of the residents of Hilton. Similarly, the WW11 wreath was placed by William Pickett, a new and welcome resident with his family from the United States of America who was also thinking of his own nation at this time.

This year, Ian Woods recited the Exhortation and it has been Hilton's turn for us to have the presence of our Standard Bearer, Mike Paver.

This has, of course, proved to be a rare year of the contrasting celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and her steadfast service, then for deep reflection both at the passing of Her Majesty and of the nation's continuing Covid struggles.

So Julie and Margaret wish you all in Hilton a calmer, more contented 2023 together with our grateful thanks for your most generous and continuing support on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

Margaret: 831186 and Julie: 830580







Hilton Rainbows and Brownies continue to flourish with new girls joining. We are approaching full capacity so please put your daughters on the waiting list if they would like to join. We take rainbows from 4 1/2 years if we have space and provided they have completed a full term at school.

We are busy with a variety of exciting programme activities, crafts and games and love to earn badges. We also enjoy visits within the unit and going out and about. We hope to finish the term with a fun Christmas themed session to earn a Polar Bear Challenge badge!

Please google Join Us Girlguiding and follow the links to add your daughters name to either 2nd Hilton Rainbows or 1st Hilton Brownies. If you would be interested in joining as a volunteer, you can also do this from the same link.

If you have any queries please contact either hiltonrainbowsandbrownies@gmail.com or girlguidinggalleyhill@gmail.com

Karen Baker (Rainbow and Brownie leader) and Amy White (Brownie leader)

#### **The Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust**

This trust was founded in 1728 by the will of Joseph Ellis. The object of the trust is to assist students who are the residents of Fenstanton or Fen Drayton with the purchase of books needed for their further/ higher education. If you would appreciate help then apply to this trust. The fund is not a large one, but every little helps.

Any student interested should apply in writing to the Clerk of the trustees by 31 December 2022. All correspondence is in strict confidence.

Clerk to the Trustees : Mrs T Dellar

terridellar@btinternet.com



#### **FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

We are an FA Chartered Standard club providing safe and inclusive football in a fun environment for players in the youth teams, 6-18 years and men's team.

We are looking for Players for
U8 team
School year 2 or 3
And

2 Volunteer Parent Coaches,
Full training will be provided
If you are interested or
know someone who might be
please contact the club

Email fenstantonfootball@outlook.com for all of the above



# FENSTANTON face2face COMMUNITY CAFÉ Christmas Café 2-4pm Tuesday 6 December 2022





Our Christmas face2face Community Café is on Tuesday 6 December, 2-4pm at Fenstanton Church Centre. Do wear your Christmas jumper/hat etc.

There will be a Christmas Quiz sheet and festive food.

We would love to see you there!

For more details, contact: Rev Rosie Tel: 01480 467393

Or email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Please note there will not be a Community Café on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January but the Church Centre should be open as a 'Warm Space'

2023 dates for our monthly face2face café, on the first Tuesday:

7<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April,

2<sup>nd</sup> May (Coronation Afternoon Tea Special),
6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5 Dec.

The weekly Virtual Community Café, 2-3.30pm, will continue to meet on Zoom, except for Wednesday 28th Dec & 4th January.

Several years ago, I visited the free church in Sawston where a collection of nativity scenes were on display. These had been collected by Libby Purves and she lent them to various organisations to display during advent. I contacted her to ask if I could borrow her collection and was told there was a 4 year waiting list! When I told this story to my mum, she decided to start her own collection and has now amassed over 120 sets from around the world. She has loaned her collection to various churches and in December 2022, these will be on display in the free church in St.Ives. There will be activities for children, fuzzy felt and games and it is all free! Do pop in to see how the Christmas story is portrayed around the world. Heather Chambers

# Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

## A Sad Farewell - Colin White

Your Parish Council would like to pay tribute to Colin White. Colin sadly passed away recently following a short illness.

Colin served as a Parish Councillor for many, many years and worked tirelessly to help improve our Village. Colin served as Chairman for much of his time on your Parish Council and he was instrumental in seeing so many projects through to fruition. These include, lighting for the Church Pathway and establishing the

preschool mobile unit.

He was also instrumental in the reviewing and approving of the Dairy Crest (Morris Homes) and Orchard development plans. Colin was the person we all turned to for guidance, as he had a wealth of knowledge.

Colin will be missed by us all.
Our thoughts are with Colin's family at this sad and difficult time.

## **Play Area - Repairs**

Work to replace some of the surfacing to the play areas will commence on the 17th November, weather permitting.

Please be aware that the play areas will be closed whilst work is carried out. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Your Parish Council is waiting to hear when the trampoline and scramble net will be replaced at the metal park, but hope it will be imminently.

## **Councillor Surgeries**

For a trial period starting on
Saturday 7th January 2023, our
Parish Councillors will be holding
Saturday morning surgeries from
10am—12pm every other Saturday
at the office on the High Street.
This is to give Parishioners that work
during the week an opportunity to
come and speak to your Parish
Council about any issues you wish to
raise.

Please pop in and say hello, we look forward to welcoming you!

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

## **Fenstanton Community Award Winner 2022**

This years winner of our village community award goes to **Neville Nightingale** for his voluntary work in keeping our village litter free. Neville made his home in Fenstanton eleven years ago and for the last five of those years he has collected litter from our streets.

Neville does the same round twice every week, one day in one direction and the next in the opposite direction. Walking more than 3 kilometres each day, he covers Conington Road, Hilton Road, the underpass and the High Street, picking up litter and reporting any fly tips he comes across. Neville will receive his award at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday December 15th. Thank you Neville, a well deserved recipient.



**Neville Nightingale** 

Community Award nominee, Marie Newns, was highly commended for her hard work and dedication in running the Fenstanton Friendship club. The club meets every other Wednesday at the URC where they enjoy guest speakers, lunches, days out and other activities.

## **Tree Planting in Fenstanton**

# CAMBRIDGE ROAD – BETWEEN A1307 AND HIGH STREET REQUEST FOR HELP

The trees are ordered and will be collected in the next few weeks. Cambridgeshire County Council Highways have agreed to pre-dig planting holes, so tree planting should be easy.

#### FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

PLANT A TREE — DONATE PLANTING COMPOST — SUPPLY A TREE STAKE AND TIE MULCH A TREE — ADOPT A TREE (weekly watering and weeding)

#### PLANTING DATE TO BE ARRANGED

raypuddefoot@gmail.com Telephone 07501 684935 roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk Telephone 07949 453767

### Allotments saved from closure

Your parish council have signed a 99vear lease to secure Fenstanton allotments for future generations.

the parish council with a plan to build on the allotment gardens and offered allotment holders a wholly unsuitable alternative. Your parish council took the decision to oppose this development and successfully applied to designate the Cambridge Road allotment gardens an Asset of Community Value.

Then, helped by Huntingdonshire District Council's 2036 local plan, through negotiation with the landowners they were able, not only save our allotments, but to increase

the number of plots! The landowners, who will be selling the land next to the allotments for development, have also agreed to prepare the new plots ready Four years ago, landowners presented for use and have agreed to place a condition on the sale, for the developer to supply the allotments with water and fencing.



Thanks go to the allotment holders and the allotment steering committee for their help in securing this important asset.

## **Community Warden Service**

The service assists older people to continue to live independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support, either by a personal visit or telephone call, to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing

Funding The service is funded by various agreements, including with Your Parish Council.

#### Free Trial

You will be entitled to a two week free trial, however after the trial period, we charge a small fee for our service which is payable to the warden. A warden will provide you with daily contact giving you peace of mind and support for independent living, this can be ongoing or short term support depending upon what you need. For further information

email: wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

## **Breaking News**

Free Facility for the residents of Fenstanton



Fenstanton Church Centre
will be open every:
Monday Tuesday Wednesday
9am to 4pm

**Commencing Monday 5th December** 

Your Parish Council, working with the Church Centre and Huntingdonshire District Council, will be providing a free facility for every resident of Fenstanton. A place where residents can come along, relax, have a chat, get advice, stay warm or work from home.

The Church Centre will be open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 4pm. There will be free Wi-Fi, free tea and coffee and free biscuits. Please come along, have a coffee, read a book, help with a jigsaw, play a game, stay for 10 minutes, or stay all day.



Welcome!
Call in for a Cuppa
Stay for a Chat
Work from home
Stay all Day

Free Wi-Fi
Free Tea
Free Coffee
Free Biscuits
Free Entry

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From your Parish Council



# Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November Metal Detectorists

The Council has received reports that metal detectorists have been digging across the Green, including the cricket outfield and square and around the pavilion. The turf has been badly replaced and now presents a trip hazard, so parishioners are urged to take care when walking. They are claiming that they have the permission of the Council, however this is not the case. As their actions constitute criminal damage, this has been reported to the Police and the Clerk has a crime number. If anyone has any further evidence of the perpetrators, particularly video, please pass this information to the Clerk – <a href="clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com">clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com</a> or 830605.

#### **Graveley Way Drainage**

After the October heavy rains, a parishioner submitted photographs showing the standing water on Graveley Way which took two hours to drain, after the rain had stopped. The Clerk has emailed the National Highways engineer to ask what they can do to resolve this.

#### Queen's Green Canopy

The Jubilee Copse has been submitted and approved as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project and uploaded to their map. The Council resolved to formally thank the parishioner who has watered the Jubilee Copse and kept it alive over the summer.

#### **Woodland Trust**

The Council has resolved to apply to the Woodland Trust for a free tree pack to interplant with the Jubilee Copse to support the development of these trees.



#### Annual and Emergency Tree Work

The Council has resolved to spend £2,460 for the annual tree work arising from the annual tree report and also the emergency work to the damaged oaks in the Wilderness. The tree report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

#### **Daffodils**

A request has been made by a parishioner for daffodils to be planted around the outside of the Church wall. The Council has agreed to purchase the bulbs, subject to the agreement of the Church.

#### **Dredging**

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to sign the Watercourse Maintenance Grant from Cambridgeshire County Council to fund the dredging of five ponds in the village. They have also resolved to spend up to £1,000 for a contractor to spread the dredged silt over the Green, primarily on the Wilderness.

#### **Dignity at Work**

The Council has approved a Dignity at Work policy to comply with their Civility and Respect Pledge.



#### Local Highways Improvement (LHI) fund bid 2022/23 – 30mph limit on the Green

The Police have responded to the informal consultation regarding this project and their Traffic Management Officer (TMO) is not supportive of it. The TMO has said that the speed data supports retention of the 40mph limit. The TMO does not think that the wide-open space and a simple change of the speed limit signs will result in a reasonable level of compliance without some form of traffic calming to change how the road "looks and feels." The Parish Council has resolved to proceed with advertising this proposal for formal consultation with the current scope, which will then be decided through the delegated decision process by Cambridgeshire County Council Officers, should a formal objection be lodged.

#### Local Highways Improvement (LHI) fund bid 2023/24

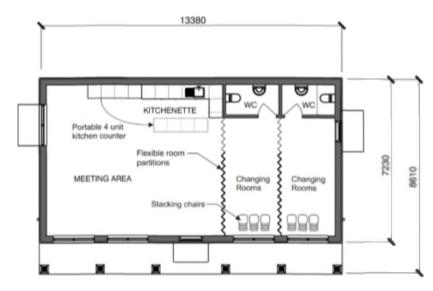
Cambridgeshire County Council has changed their LHI process and there are now two streams of funding, simple and complex. They have also increased the cost of the raised table feature from £11,500 to £35,000. The Parish Council working group are going to meet this month and present a recommendation to the December PC meeting. The new deadline for applications is now January. Parishioners can find out more details on the CCC website - <a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding">https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding</a>

#### **Health Inequalities Project**

The initial payment of £2,500 has been received from Huntingdonshire District Council. The Parish Council has resolved to approve a survey to be sent to all properties in Hilton to begin to identify the need to be addressed through this project. It will also be published on the website and linked to Facebook.

#### **Pavilion**

Hilton Parish Council has agreed the specifications for works to the Pavilion in two stages and has authorised the Clerk to obtain quotes through the contracts process. The Council has also authorised the Clerk to prepare the grant application pack for the FCC Communities Fund for the March grant deadline from the Landfill Communities



**GROUND FLOOR PLAN - PROPOSED** 

Fund, providing the quotes are received.

#### **High Street Verge**

The Council approved the request from a parishioner to extend the kerbstone along the verge/path outside Dunadry and refurbish the gravel path at their cost, subject to the necessary permissions from the County and District Councils and restricting the gravel to the pea gravel used across the Green.

#### **Greater Cambridge Partnership Making Connections 2022 consultation**

The Council will respond to this consultation. Parishioners can also respond and the survey, plus information about the proposals, including maps, frequently asked questions, dates of public meetings and ways you can share your thoughts can be found here: http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022

#### Thermal Imaging Camera

The Parish Council received a suggestion that it could organise a thermal imaging camera to assist parishioners in identifying areas of their home where there is heat loss. If there is sufficient interest, the Parish Council will organise a co-operative project for parishioners to hire a camera, at the parishioners' shared cost. If you would like to be involved in this project please contact the Clerk — clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

#### Hilton Summer Ball

The Council agreed to the request from the Hilton Summer Ball Committee for permission to hold an event on Friday, 21 July 2023 in the marquee on the Green.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website <a href="https://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com">www.hiltonparishcouncil.com</a>. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

#### **Updates from your District Councillor, Clare Tevlin:**



#### Have your say:

• The Greater Cambridge Partnership are currently running their 'Making Connections 2022 Consultation', regarding the 'Sustainable Travel Zone' until 23<sup>rd</sup> December. I strongly recommend residents engage with the consultation and have your say. You can respond to the consultation here: <a href="https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhg.com/making-connections-2022">https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhg.com/making-connections-2022</a>

#### **District and Community updates:**

- The District Council has agreed to adopt a Climate Strategy that acknowledges the personal and financial impact of climate change on Huntingdonshire's most disadvantaged residents. As local bus routes come under threat, council leaders will also advocate for more robust, affordable public transport that connects employees with work, links students to education and reduces carbon emissions.
- Huntingdonshire District Council has agreed to set up a 'Warm Spaces
  Network' across the district in light of the cost-of-living crisis. It is fantastic to
  see our ward getting involved with this in support of warm spaces this winter.
  You can find out more here:
  <a href="https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/warm-spaces/">https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/warm-spaces/</a>
- The District Council has relaunched its Pre-Application Planning Advice Service
  allowing you to access planning advice before submitting planning applications.
  You can find it here:
  <a href="https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/pre-application-advice/">https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/pre-application-advice/</a>

### Do you have a query? You can get in contact with me.

You can request a 'Zoom' surgery with myself as your District Councillor. To book a slot please email <a href="mailto:clare.tevlin@huntinadonshire.gov.uk">clare.tevlin@huntinadonshire.gov.uk</a>

Or for any resident concerns, do please get in touch by email, or phone 07565350014, or my @CllrClareTevlin Facebook Page.

#### Fenstanton and a Victorian Working Man's Christmas:

John Deeks

This essay first appeared in the Spectrum at Christmas 2017. As there are now so many new faces in the village I thought that it would be a good idea to re-publish it. It is much shorter than the original essay as I am now restricted to one page in the Spectrum magazine.

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.

From the 17th century, the Puritan church and its national politicians 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. However by the end of the 19th 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 Dicken's ideas of Christmas. What I wanted to write about was a working man'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 (published in 1843)* 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.

So, it is now Christmas day in late Victorian Fenstanton. What do we see in the homes of the average village working man? For those who had a faith, Christmas Day was celebrated with a special service in the village churches 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 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 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 in the bread oven. 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.

One local story gives us a flavour of a Fenstanton 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! From what he said, Christmas Day lasted for three days with people visiting and being visited. 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".

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 the 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.

john deeks@ntlworld.com

# Fenstanton Morris

will be dancing

# on Boxing Day

Monday, 26th December

at The Clock tower Fenstanton ~ 12pm





and

The Three Horseshoes,

Houghton, PE28 2BE



#### Contact:

fenstantonbag@gmail.com for further details or via our facebook page.



# Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton News and Services for December 2022 and January 2023



#### We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.

Se	ervices at St Mary's, Fe	en Drayton and St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton
	Service time and	Services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton
	location	are live streamed where possible, details via
		https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk
Thursdays,	8.30am	8.30am Morning Prayer
weekly	on Zoom	For Morning Prayer Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie
1 <sup>st</sup> December	DAILY ADVENT CALE	NDAR LAUNCH see facebook or ask for a daily email
Sunday 4th	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday
		Club for children (last one this term)
	5pm Fenstanton	Christingle Service. All welcome!
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Fen Drayton	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton
	10am Fenstanton	10am Worship For All, Giving a Gift Service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion
	5pm Fenstanton	5pm Traditional Readings & Carols Service, with choir
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11am - 2pm	Children's activities – story, crafts, activities and lunch
	Fenstanton Church	together. Please contact Katie ikhuck@virginmedia.com
	Centre	
Christmas Eve	4pm Fenstanton	4pm Crib & Carol service, all welcome!
24 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Three Tuns	6pm Carol singing outside the pub, if raining, indoors.
	Fen Drayton	
	11.30pm Fenstanton	11.30pm Midnight Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Fen Drayton	9.15am Christmas Communion at St Mary's, Fen Drayton
Christmas Day!	10.15am Fenstanton	*10.15am Christmas Communion, please note the time!
		Live stream may be available via Zoom
January 2023	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Fen Drayton	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Fen Drayton
	10am Fenstanton	Worship For All, Fenstanton
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service with Holy Communion, Sunday Club restarts
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am Fen Drayton	Morning Praise, St Mary's, Fen Drayton
	10am Fenstanton	Family Communion with baptism
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service for Candlemas, Fenstanton

More details about our churches or our services and news can be found on facebook "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches" or our website <a href="www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk">www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk</a>
Or a church near you <a href="www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a>

#### Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: <a href="mailto:rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com">rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com</a> Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

Thank you to everyone who has sent in photos for our daily Advent Calendar which launches on 1<sup>st</sup> December!!

#### Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish - Advent and Christmas 2022

It is so nice to be able to write again about special events coming up as we journey through Advent to Christmas. Lots for children, young people and families but EVERYONE is welcome to join us. All events at Fenstanton Parish Church unless it states differently.

Do sign the sheet (in Fenstanton Church or email Katie <a href="ikhuck@virginmedia.com">ikhuck@virginmedia.com</a> to have our little knitted "Mary and Joseph" figures to stay overnight this Advent. Keep a sheep from the box and bring it to Crib Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. A fun way to share with our youngest children why we celebrate Christmas.



Keep your eyes open on walks through Fenstanton churchyard as we go through Advent (from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec) and find out who arrives at the stable? Who will be first? Any animals to see? Can you guess who will appear next?





Christingle and tea is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Please come along with family, friends, grandparents etc to this afternoon event and tea in aid of The Children's Society. All children and young people will make a Christingle. We will hear briefly about the charities work and enjoy a simple tea afterwards. Lots of information about the important work of The Children's Society at www.christingle.org.uk

Come and join us for our annual 'Giving a Gift' Service on Sunday 11th December at 10am. Please do consider buying and donating a gift for an older child eg wallet, card games, beanie hat, portable charger, pen sets, teenage books, torches, model kits, board games, make up bags. We have been asked to leave our donated toys unwrapped. Pop it in a gift bag or carrier bag instead. Thank you.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> our service is followed by our Christmas Lunch from 1pm in Fenstanton Church Centre. A traditional roast turkey dinner (vegetarian option available) with a glass of wine for adults, fruit juice for children. Come and join us, whether as a family or on your own for a delicious meal and company. Call Katie 01480 465211 to book

your place. Tickets: £11 adult £5 child. All profit to the charity 'The Mission to Seafarers'

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At our Crib and Carol service at 4pm on Christmas Eve we will hear The Christmas Story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, sing well known carols and place the figures in the Crib. Children are welcome to dress up in nativity costumes.





On Christmas morning, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus together at our 10.15am informal Family Communion Service. All excited children (and grown-ups) welcome on this very special morning.

Everyone is most welcome at all or any of our special events and services



Feast Week 2023. Will be taking place from Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – get the dates into your diary now, you won't want to miss the fun!

#### Other Diary dates. More things to watch out for

- Feast Week Grand Christmas Draw, tickets available now

- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Race Night – ready to place your bets at the Village Hall

- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar Quiz Time – will you beat our reigning champions?

- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April Family Easter Egg hunt around the village



Fancy the chance of winning some cash while supporting Feast Week at the same time?

Of course you do, so sign up now to the 200 Club to be in with a chance.

This year more than ever, the 200 Club needs your support. £5 for a month or £60 for the year for each number you purchase, monthly draws and guaranteed winners of cash prizes. The more numbers in the draw, the greater the prize fund. So what are you waiting for????





# FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1-00PM -4-00PM SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC 10:00am- 4:00PM SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC 12:00am 4:00PM

DONATIONS AT THE DOOR FOR

ARTHUR RANK HOSPICE / CHURCH

#### **Hilton Churches Together**

#### **Carol Singing Around The Village**



#### Tuesday, December 13th

If you would like to join us as a singer or as a collector, please come to the

#### Parish Church

at 6:00 p.m.

Collection (cash only, no cards) to support Mission Possible's Christmas Appeal for their work in Ukraine.



Refreshments for all singers and collectors at the end!

The singers won't be able to get everywhere – so if you would like to donate to Mission Possible, please put your donation in an envelope and drop it off at 7 Chequers Croft.

#### **Hilton Churches' Advent Lunches**

Hilton's Advent Lunches have restarted this year, in aid of the Huntingdon Society for the Blind.

Do come and join us for a light lunch between 12:30 and 2:00pm.

Wednesday, December 7th, The Grange, The Green

Wednesday, December 14th, 7, Chequers Croft

Suggested donation - £5 00

#### **Hilton Coffee Mornings**



Monthly coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Schoolroom have now restarted on the first Saturday of each month.



December 3rd 10:00am to 12 noon

January 7th 10:00am to 12 noon

Proceeds in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).



# REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 11.15am United Communion Service

Services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday alternate between Parish church & Methodist church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

4th Sunday - 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church

Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

## WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES (via Zoom)

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm) Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) for Zoom access details



#### Hilton Methodist Church



You are warmly invited to join us for our ecumenical

#### **Carol Service**

at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, 18th December

Carols, <u>readings</u> and prayers.
Following the service mince pies and hot drinks will be served in the hall.

#### Everyone welcome.

Offerings in aid of Godmanchester Food Bank

#### Hilton Methodist Church





#### Services in December and January

December 4th 10:00am Mr. C. Webber

December 11th. 11:15am United Service led by Dr. B. Spencer

The offering will be for Action for Children.
Gifts of games and clothing will be for

teenagers at Woodland Lodge

December 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Rev Heather Walker

December 18th 6:30pm Carol Service

The offering will be for Godmanchester

Food Bank

December 24<sup>29</sup> 11:30pm Christmas Eve Communion Service led by

Rev Sue Baker-Maher

January 1st 10:30am Zoom Service led by Mrs. P. Zähner

January 8<sup>th</sup> 11:15am United Covenant Service

led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher

January 15th 10:00am Dr. R. Randall
January 22th 10:00am Rev Pam Siddall
January 29th 10:00am Rev. C. Owen

#### All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served in the schoolroom after the services



### Sacred Heart RC Church, 19 Needingworth Road, St. Ives

Mass times: Saturday 5pm &

Sunday 9am and 11am

Parish Priest: Fr. Thomas Walton

Contact: 01480 462192 or office@sacredheart-

stives.org.uk

Website:

www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk'

### 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 United Reformed Church**

Chequer Street, Fenstanton

We are pleased to welcome you to our friendly church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30. All are welcome.

#### 2022 Services

#### December

4th - Revd Christine Davies

11th - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

18th - Revd Christine Davies

18th - 3pm - Songs of Praise

25th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

#### 2023 Services

#### January

1st - Revd Christine Davies

8th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

15th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

22<sup>nd</sup> - Led by Alison Jiggins

29th - Led by Geraldine Swain

Meditation - Led by the Free Church St. Ives

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30 - 4pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - 2.30 - 4pm

Geoff Hawkins Fenstanton URC Secretary

#### Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

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

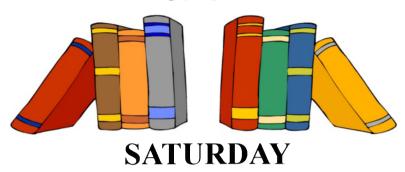
For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEOUER STREET

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**ON SALE** 



17th December21st January

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**SONGS OF PRAISE** 

FOR CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY

18<sup>TH</sup>DECEMBER

3-00PM

COLLECTION GOING TO F.A.C.H.

EAST ANGLIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



What have a church full of people, a knitted nativity set and a flock of sheep got in common?

Answer ... they'll all be back at the Crib Service in Hilton again this year! During Advent, our knitted Mary & Joseph travel around the village, staying with a different family every night. Their journey is intended to reflect that time, over 2000 years ago, when the real Mary & Joseph travelled all the way to Bethlehem only to find that there was no room in the inn. Fortunately for our woolly pair, they are welcomed into people's homes and do not have to spend the night in a stable. Mary & Joseph travel with a donkey and a flock of knitted sheep and, each time they move on, one of the sheep stayed behind – to be reunited with the rest of the flock during the Crib Service.

Having taken a break during the pandemic, Mary & Joseph and their flock of sheep are once again looking for places to stay. Could you offer them a home for the night? What better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ than to welcome his parents into your own home or workplace! If you would like to take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration then please contact Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. The journey is open to everyone – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas!











Food & Fun



Churches of Hilton together

For all faiths, and none

13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb & 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

To find out more, call Rachel on 830866



6pm -- 8 pm... Tickets-- Adults £8, Children £4, Family £20 From Helen 830690 Margaret 831186 Pam 534084 Minced pies, Mulled wine, Carols and lots of fun





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