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### Hale Road Allotments in Swavesey

Our 60-plot site lies about 300 metres east of the windmill in Hale Road which leads down to the Fen Drayton Nature Reserve. We have plot holders from Knapwell to Earith, with several from Willingham, Over and Fen Drayton but none from Fenstanton and we would be pleased to improve the balance. Our site has nearly everything such as a large, hard car park, rabbit/deer fencing all the way round the perimeter, 8 large water tanks so nobody walks more than 30 metres to water, an £11,000 waterless toilet (with solar-powered lighting inside) and plenty of AmeyCespa compost (soil improver) plus cattle manure and horse manure regularly hauled in for plot holders to use. We are now considering some nice-to-have improvements, hopefully starting with installing a barn owl nest box later in 2019.

All 60 plots were taken at the start of 2019, but typically 5 or 6 will be available in autumn, same as on any allotment site, so we would welcome some Fenstanton residents to join our waiting list for this autumn. There are plenty of experienced growers on site who are pleased to guide those unsure about their crop production knowledge and skills.

Our plots have dimensions of 22m X 5.7m (24yds X 6¼yds) which is half the size recommended by The National Allotment Society. All plot holders are relieved that we reduced the size and agree this is big enough to grow plenty of fresh food while not being so big that digging in autumn and weed control throughout the season become difficult tasks. Having an allotment plot means very fresh vegetables and fruit harvested when needed and tasting better than produce from the supermarket. It also allows us to keep active in the fresh air and physically fit without having to wear Lycra. If you are interested in joining us, contact Selwyn on 01954 202974 or 07731 585450 for more details or, better still, to arrange a site walkover.

### Fenstanton Morris – Boxing Day collection

We were delighted to be able to present a cheque of £200 to the Memory Lane Singing Café in St Ives, following our collection on Boxing Day at [The White Swan](#) Conington and the Fenstanton Clock Tower.

Memory Lane Singing Café is a music-based therapy for sufferers of Alzheimer's and Dementia and their carers. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month, 10 a.m. until midday, at the Crossways Centre.

We received a very warm welcome and the group are very pleased to be able to put the money towards updating their songbooks.

(Photos courtesy Jackie Thomas)



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PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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## A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon: unearthing a rich past and building a bright future

One of the largest archaeological projects ever to take place in UK

Scheme has been uncovering archaeological remains of an entire landscape across 350 hectares of the Cambridgeshire countryside

Six thousand years of occupation uncovered ranging from Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages to Roman, Anglo-Saxon and medieval

Finds include an Anglo-Saxon tribal boundary and a Roman trade distribution centre

Artefacts of note include: Roman Medusa jet pendant, Anglo Saxon bone flute and Iron Age timber ladder

The biggest road project currently in construction in the UK is giving people living in Cambridgeshire a new glimpse into their area's rich past.

Some 250 archaeologists, led by archaeology experts MOLA Headland Infrastructure, have uncovered historic and prehistoric site by digging more than 40 separate excavation areas along Highways England's £1.5bn scheme to upgrade the A14 between Cambridge to Huntingdon.

The finds mean experts now have a much better understanding about how the landscape was used over 6,000 years and about the origins of the villages and towns along the A14 in Cambridgeshire today.

Google 'cambridge a14 archaeology ' and 'mola headland a14' for more detailed information.

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - February

### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

3rd February 10am. Mr John Green

10th February 11.15. United service at Parish Church. Rev David Busk/ Mr Colin Webber

17th February at 10am. Ms Sue Kinder

24th February at 10am. Mrs Leonore Charlton

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday, Feb 2nd**  
**10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

The next coffee morning will be in the church hall. Do join us for tea or coffee and biscuits, (only £1.50) and a chat. All the usual lovely FAIRTRADE goods will be there to browse through. All profits from sale of goods go to FAIRTRADE St Ives. All money from refreshments goes to EACH (hospice)

### THANK YOU

These charities received the following amounts during December

Coffee mornings every month.	EACH	£320
Carols round village for Save the Children.		£300
Advent Lunches in aid of MIND.		£493
Carol Service in aid of Jimmy's Night Shelter.		£281
The exhibition of over 100 Nativity Sets from Around the world.		£540.86

This amount was split 3 ways:

Buffalo bikes received	£180.30
Little Princess Trust received.	£180.30
Methodist Church.	£180.26

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to any or all of these events. Without the support of the village it would not be possible to achieve so much.

### ROVING SUPPER

The annual Roving Supper in aid of both churches in Hilton will be held on Saturday 13th April. Anyone wishing to partake in this popular event please contact Heather Woods on 830686 or Peter Blake on 830137.



## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - February

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service with children's activities in church
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Next before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

### Contact information:

Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms, funerals and matters of pastoral concern), Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries) or Jenny Broom 01480 830413.

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- ✿ Hilton



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- ✿ Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> & Mar 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - February

### Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

#### CHILDREN'S JIGSAWS NOW AVAILABLE TOO!!

Come and join the jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton – we would love to get more local puzzlers involved and you don't have to actually live in Hilton to join. The puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. 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 you're finished. 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)

### Christmas cribs come to Hilton

At the end of November, there seemed to be general agreement from visitors both local and from further afield that displaying cribs from across the world was the perfect way to start advent and a highlight of Christmas 2018.

If you were amongst the 280 people who called in to Hilton Methodist Church that last weekend in November, we'd like to thank you for coming and sharing with us your views of the cribs and telling us your favourite. Overall, it was the crib from rolled up paper from Vietnam which most often caught the attention of our guests. The cheeky little moustaches and slick presentation focussed our eyes on baby Jesus whilst also making us smile. The cribs in tin were very popular and the American Indians with the baby in a papoose as well as the llamas in the Peruvian cribs were much commented upon.

Everybody liked the poem "There's a baby in my dinner and it's just not fair!" and people are still talking about it weeks later. Most younger visitors were taken with the French idea of finding a bean (a "fève") in your slice of Epiphany cake (called a "galette") which makes you king or queen for the day. The thought of having authority over the rest of the family for a day seemed to appeal to children. I can't think why!

Our guests were fascinated to find out who owned all the 116 cribs which were on display. Starting in 2010, Majorie and John Carrier have been collecting cribs now for 8 years. We are most grateful that they were willing to loan us their collection of cribs. We also thank their daughter Heather Chambers who was able to help us lay out the displays.

A special thank you, too, to all who donated money to the charities to which we sent our donations: the "Little Princess Trust" and World Bicycle Relief, each received about £186.

If you enjoyed the display and would like to see more next Christmas do keep the afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 free. More news to follow later in the year of a further display of Christmas cribs at Huntingdon Methodist Church.

## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - February

Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Church

What a busy Advent and Christmas for our children and young people!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our events and services throughout Advent and Christmas. From Travelling Cribbs to Christmas Crunch it was good to share The Christmas Story so widely.



Back at the start of December our new Parish Christingle service raised over £330 for The Children's Society and it was lovely to have the school choir from Fen Drayton sing at the service and special thanks to Sonia for our amazing mini Christingle cakes enjoyed with tea afterwards.

At the last Jaffa Club of the term the children made cards for the elderly and housebound as well as these ones to take home depicting the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. Thanks to Claire Barrett and Gill Henderson for all their help.



At our Worship For all Toy Service we collected a fabulous 120 gifts for Children's Social Care workers to distribute this Christmas to local children and young people. The sight of so many queueing to donate was truly humbling. We are so lucky to live in a lovely village with such a generous community. More gifts had been donated before and after the service too. THANK YOU for each and everyone of them.

Our TCer's (Teenage Christians) headed out Carol singing on a chilly Friday evening to call on older parishioners and sing to them. Our pre-arranged stops were very well received and the children say 'thankyou' for all the chocolate shared.

The last day of term was a fine dry morning to welcome all the school children over to church from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School for their annual Carol Service and telling of 'The Donkey's Christmas'. Well done to all the children for learning words, songs, actions and to ring hand bells to tell the story in rhyme. The children also made all the props needed with help from church volunteers on Friday afternoons beforehand. Well done to the school choir too and a special 'Thank you' to Gill Henderson for all her hard work to make it happen.



50 adults and children had a busy time at Christmas Crunch (crafts + lunch). A busy and productive few hours, kick started with decorating the Church tree 🎄, followed by children and adults sharing the story of "Room for a little one". The photos show just a few of the crafts enjoyed. Our older children produced a short stop motion animation of the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all the families who came along, and the super team who prepared and ran the morning!



Our church was full for our Crib Service on Christmas Eve when we heard the story of the birth of Jesus from the viewpoint of a grumpy innkeeper whose night was constantly being disturbed. Well done and thank you to all our children who took part, our musicians as well as Finlay for singing a solo.



....That's not the end of The Jesus story....there is much more to hear. Our activities and services will continue to hear and explore them throughout 2019. Please feel free and invited to any of our groups, (eg Sunday Club, Jaffa, TC) or services. For further information please email [ikhuck@virginmedia.com](mailto:ikhuck@virginmedia.com) or look at Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Church Facebook page or phone Katie 465211

Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Committee

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February**

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**FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH**

Many, many people came to our Christmas Services in December, young and old, residents and visitors and it was lovely to see everyone sharing this special time of year. As is our custom, all the collections taken at these four services will be given to the Charity we have been supporting during the year. For 2018, this was Mercy Ships and we are delighted to have raised £870.45 through the generosity of all those who came to the Carol, Crib, Midnight and Christmas Day Services.

A huge thank you to all of you,  
Julia Mitchell

## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - February

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b> with Canon Jonathan Young
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20 pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	<b>Social fundraising event and dinner</b> at the Church Centre (see separate poster for details)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>Worship for All</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b> with Revd Clifford Owen
	6.00 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b> with Geoff Dodgson
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b> with Canon Brian Atling
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>March</b>		
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b> with Canon Jonathan Young followed by Pancake Party in the Church Centre at 12 noon

### Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: The Rural Dean (Rev Canon Brian Atling) is our vicar while the parish is in interregnum. He may be contacted for any pastoral matters on 01480 493975.

Please direct all other enquires to someone in the leadership team who will be happy to try and help.

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 533301 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations as is Niki Whitby on 07841 599492.

Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 for baptism enquiries and general church matters.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com)

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here or for their banns to be read at [chrislisa211@gmail.com](mailto:chrislisa211@gmail.com), 01480 496138.

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



# JESUS SAID

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Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://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 Bridge Church

### Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

**Sunday Services** start at 10.30am at 2, Burrell Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store) St. Ives, PE27 3LE.



Come along to our lovely church building 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**, bi-monthly **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** and also a bi-monthly **Woman's Breakfast Fellowship**. We also hold a bi-monthly **Men's' Curry Night** at a local restaurant.

There is a **Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 to 9 pm. The **Babies and Toddlers Group** meet at 9.30am on Thursdays in term-time. A **Craft Club** meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A **Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets each Tuesday at 10am. We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

**The Separate Children's church** at the Bridge is 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 style, relevant to the culture in which today's children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15 am on a Sunday morning.

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. [www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)



**Fenstanton Knitters and Natters**

**Christmas Tree Festival**

We will be knitting squares for the Knitted Christmas Tree for 2019.

We put a 9ft knitted Christmas tree in the Christmas Tree Festival in 2015, as it takes 800 knitted squares we need to start early. Afterwards these squares are made into blankets for various charities.

If you would like to knit squares for this please contact me for details.

Jean 01480 498221



Fenstanton Knitters and Natters have been asked to knit these Innocent Smoothie Hats for Age UK. If you would like to knit these you will find patterns on their website or ring Jean on 01480498221

## **FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - February**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-30am Rev Derek Newton  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 6-00 pm Evening service Rev Dr Catherine Ball  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball  
February 24<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Mr Keith Cakebread

### **Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events**

**Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Feb 12th and 26th**

**New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.**

**Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Feb 19th**

**Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Feb 5th**

**A Meditation group meets once a month at 2-30pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> March New members welcome.**

**For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221**



## **FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET WILL BE HOLDING A BOOK SALE SATURDAYS**



**February 16th**

**9-30AM- 12-NOON**

**If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a  
jigsaw table, please donate them to us.  
They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.  
Thank you.**

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.  
Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058  
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

**FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
still "Passionate about learning"

**Tree News from Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School**

The school is so lucky to have such an amazing outdoor space. We are always seeking new opportunities to improve it for the children now and in the future. In February 2018 we developed our orchard by planting apple, plum and gage trees supplied by 'Orchards for Schools'. Our aim was to assist conservation and create our own heritage fruit orchard by planting local varieties of fruit trees. Orchards for Schools is a Heritage Lottery Funded project delivered by the East of England Apples and Orchards Project, a registered charity.



All the new saplings established themselves and produced a fabulous show of blossom in spring and fruit in the summer.

Following the success of this initiative in October 2018 the school applied to The Woodland Trust for a schools' tree pack. We are delighted that our application was successful and are now waiting to hear when the delivery of the 105 medium wildlife saplings will be, but we are expecting it to be in March to coincide with the tree planting season.

Teaching outdoors helps encourage curiosity and stimulates all the senses in a way that indoor learning simply cannot do. Therefore, it is hoped that our new trees will enhance our science curriculum. Just one oak tree supports a thousand other species so imagine how much difference we'll make planting all these new trees! It will also establish a food source for woodland wildlife and create a living legacy for future generations. If you have green fingers and can offer your time, we would value the school community collaborating with us on this project.

Please contact the school office via phone 01480 375055 or email [office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk) stating that you would be interested in taking part in 'The Tree Planting Project'.

### **Fenstanton and its not so honest villagers:**

I thought that you may enjoy reading about the antics of Fenstanton villagers from the past. Some of the sentences handed out would appear extreme by today's

John Tilly, labourer, late of Fenstanton, for spoiling the amenities of Church Lane, Fenstanton by keeping 20 hogs, 20 swine and 20 pigs in two hog sties on the common way and by setting up a slaughter house to the discomfort of neighbouring householders. 1813

William Herbert, Esq., a maltster of Huntingdon was fined £200 (mitigated to £50) for wetting or sprinkling malt with water on the floor in his Malthouse at Fenstanton, previous to its being 12 days on the floor contrary to the Act. 1805

George Schreaton of Fenstanton, labourer, for theft of one wooden box, two gowns, two shifts, three pairs of stockings, three petticoats, four caps, six handkerchiefs, two aprons, and two pieces of linen cloth belonging to Jane Barker. 1806

Examinations of Jane Barker, Samuel Young (ostler at the George Inn at Fenstanton) and Thomas Matthews regarding theft of a box of clothing from Jane Barker at the Swan Inn, Fenstanton by George Screeton. 1806

John Randall Jun., Labourer, of Fenstanton for stealing wheat and his father Samuel for receiving it, received a similar sentence. The Randalls were also convicted of stealing a quantity of beans and peas in the straw, value 6d. 1784

William Ashbolt of Fenstanton, labourer, for swearing 10 or more profane oaths. 1796

one store hog, said he bought them for £6/10/-. 1824

Samuel Cranford of Glasgow, Cotton Spinner, convicted under the 1824 Act (Rogues and Vagabonds) on the oaths of Sarah right and Sarah Stocker of Swavesey spinsters, for playing and betting in the public highway (Fenstanton) at a game or pretended game of chance with three thimbles and a ball. Hard labour for three calendar months. 1825

William Brown, Cambridge, Cooper, trespassing for game on the land of the Revd. Lancelot Brown, Fenstanton, fined £1.14.6. plus 16/6 costs. 1833

John Tibbett (labourer), 81; Stealing at Fenstanton from Ruth the wife of Samuel Jones, 7 sovereigns, 10 half sovereigns, 20 shillings and 20 sixpences. 3 months imprisonment. 1837

Charles Sewell 20, labourer; Stealing an iron shovel from William Theed, Esq., Fenstanton. 1 year's hard labour. 1849

Thomas Mason 24, labourer; Killing a lamb, intending to steal part thereof, belonging to Samuel Whitehead, farmer, of Knapwell, Cambs at Fenstanton. 18 months' hard labour 1849

William Buddle, 37, carpenter; Stealing 4 books, property of Joseph Withern, Fenstanton, proprietor of the Chequers public house. 3 weeks' hard labour 1854

## Fenstanton History By John Deeks

William Long, keeper of the Turnpike Gate at Fenstanton for taking from James Nicholls, driver of the stage coach running from Cambridge to Huntingdon (owner George Giddings, St. Clement, Cambridge) more than he was entitled to demand (4 convictions for November 19, 20, 21, 23. A 40/- fine for each offence). 1818

Sarah Ashbolt, Fenstanton spinster, stealing one pair sheets (10d) from the workhouse. Pleaded guilty 1820

James Rolls and William Stephens, Fenstanton, labourers, stealing 2 ducks (worth 2/-) from Thomas Brown, Clerk. Pleaded guilty. 1821.

That Joseph Mole and John Blackwell, Fenstanton, labourers, had assaulted William Allen a Fenstanton Constable 1822

Ann Moles (aged 11) Fenstanton accused William Rolls, son of Charles Rolls, of assault and attempted rape. 1823

Complaint by Charlotte Tebbutt of Fenstanton against her husband Thomas Tebbutt, stating that they have been married upwards of two years and in this time she has been treated cruelly and was knocked down by her husband with great violence. She now fears for her safety. 1823

Mary Randal (aged 13) accusing William Tilly of Fenstanton, labourer, of indecency. 1823

David Lawson, Fenstanton, charged with the theft from Thomas and John Woolfinden of two feeding hogs and

Moses Norman, 23, Waterman (Instruction unable to read nor write); Stealing, at Fenstanton, 5 st. 8 lbs. weight of rope from Potto Brown, Miller, Houghton. 4 months' hard labour 1854

Bastardy: Lydia Lenton of Fenstanton, John White of Hilton is the father of her illegitimate child 1823

Bastardy order securing the appearance of Goodes Woodward at the next Quarter Sessions charged with fathering the illegitimate child of Anne Worley, single woman of Fenstanton. 1814

Bond of John Kennedy of Conington, Cambs, gardener, and Robert Day of Conington, husbandman, indemnifying the parish of Fenstanton from all cost concerning the birth and maintenance of the bastard child of Sarah Moule of Fenstanton, of which John Kennedy is the father. 1787

Bastardy affiliation certificate: John Munns Jnr of Fenstanton, alleged father of the child of Mary Kirby of Fenstanton. 1818

Bastardy: George James, butcher of Fenstanton, alleged father of the child of Elizabeth Baxter, St. Ives. 1819

Bastardy: William Giddings, alleged father of the child of Elizabeth Bull, widow of Fenstanton. 1819

Bastardy affiliation certificate: William Ball, alleged father of the child of Jane Stokes of Fenstanton.

John Deeks 2019

## THE FEN SHANTY FOLK



We are a mixed group of all ages singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure. A relaxed and informal group we sing by ear and mostly unaccompanied but we are on the lookout for any musicians who would like to join us.

We meet every Thursday night 7.30pm-9.30pm. The first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes the rest of the month in Fenstanton Church Centre.

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along? We would love to see you.

**Available for bookings**

For details call Ray on 01480 370973 or email [raywhitby@gmail.com](mailto:raywhitby@gmail.com)

## FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

Fenstanton Pre-School has been through many positive changes in recent years. The Committee have worked hard alongside the staff to make improvements to get to the great point we are at today, and as a group have been actively looking at ways to secure the future of the Pre-School so that the children of the village can continue to benefit from this fantastic setting.

Last term we received a formal offer from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School to take over the management and running of the Pre-School and dissolve the charity as it is now. In December Committee Members and Parents attended an Extraordinary General Meeting and voted unanimously to accept this offer.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Pre-School and we look forward to working with the school to plan and implement the transition, and to a bright future ahead.

## Mobile Library

**DON'T FORGET** that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm. It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

**TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF**







## KAY BALL talks make-up

Join a lively and friendly group  
of ladies on 7th February for  
our first talk of 2019  
at 7.30

## Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month**

At the Fenstanton Church Centre

### UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm  
'Make-up' with Kay Ball

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm  
'Will Making and Estate Planning' - Eric Britt

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30pm  
'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' - Pam Harper

For further information, please contact: Mrs Deborah  
Markl (Secretary) Email: [marklquinn@gmail.com](mailto:marklquinn@gmail.com)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

## FENSTANTON SURGERY

### Fenstanton Branch site news

Our Fenstanton Branch is now open all day from Monday to Friday and we would like to ensure that everyone is aware of the services we offer there.

The surgery schedule is currently:

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Dr Renate Marsh Nurse Practitioner Josie Johnson	Nurse Practitioner Josie Johnson Practice Nurse Lynne Cole
Tuesday	Dr Boudjema Boukersi Practice Nurse Lynne Cole	Dr Boudjema Boukersi Practice Nurse Lynne Cole
Wednesday	Dr Boudjema Boukersi HCA Emma Holmes	Dr Boudjema Boukersi HCA Emma Holmes
Thursday	Dr Germaine Tong Practice Nurse Lynne Cole	Dr Germaine Tong Midwife
Friday	Dr Andrew Greatrex HCA Emma Holmes	Dr Andrew Greatrex HCA Emma Holmes

All the doctors offer a full range of general medical services. In addition to these, Dr Boukersi also runs a regular (usually monthly but can be more frequent depending on demand) minor surgery clinic on a Wednesday morning.

Our Nurse Practitioner Josie consults and prescribes medications for a wide variety of conditions alongside the GPs. She also carries out diabetic and hypertension annual reviews.

Practice Nurse Lynne is experienced in minor illness consultations as well as baby vaccinations, travel advice and vaccinations, learning disability and mental health reviews as well as many other practice nurse duties.

Our healthcare assistant Emma is available for blood tests, NHS health checks, removal of stitches, smoking cessation advice, wound dressings and many other duties.

We are thrilled with the skill mix of the team now at Fenstanton and we hope you will take advantage of the services now available.

Jenny Parker



## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

It seems a long time since Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, when we held the Christmas Fayre and the lights on the Christmas tree were switched on by Father Christmas. The tree and lighting group led by David Mead did a splendid job with the lights on the tree and it has been lovely to hear so many positive comments. We were delighted that Mrs Walden and the choir from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School came to sing their Christmas songs for us and congratulate them all on singing so well. Our thanks go to Father Christmas for coming to join us from a distant land and for responding to the notes the children wrote to him. We thank the many volunteers who turned out on a cold, crisp evening to sell Christmas Draw tickets, to help with mulled wine and mince pies and to set up and take down all the stalls. We also thank Mike Francis, our compère, the Scouts for their hot drinks and BiziLizi, Karianne Crafts and Margaret Blount for supporting the Christmas Fayre with their lovely crafts. The Christmas Draw was a great attraction – huge thanks to all our wonderful donors of prizes – but sadly we did not sell as many tickets as last year. This year's profit was £2,786, down by £348 on last year.

All our fundraising goes towards one day being able to pay for the construction of a new village hall. **FVHT's AGM is on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.** Why not come along and hear about where we are at and how we are trying to move things on with Morris Homes? We need community support to demonstrate the strength of opinion in the village about the delay in the transfer of the land. Then we can apply for full planning permission and start applying for grants. Please come and support us.

## FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We started our Christmas meeting with carols and Christmas music with a choir group from "The Church of our refreshments, pulled crackers and received a gift, IJesus Christ of Latter-days Saints" which set the scene for our celebrations. We enjoyed eaving, I hope, feeling uplifted and looking forward to the New Year with the club.

Upcoming Events

Our first meeting of the year is lunch at the "Duchess " on 30th January. I will report on this next month.

13th February

We have Les Herridge with his guitar to entertain us.

27th February

USA "Singing for Pleasure" group.

13th March

AGM and quizz.

27th March

"Panache"

10th April

Flowers arranging with Bev Tack.

We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street.

2019 will be our 70 year Anniversary and we would like to make it special by having more new members and fresh ideas.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL – UPDATE - Jan 2019

#### NEW COUNCILLORS

Your Parish Council was delighted to welcome Roy McGee and Christine Morris on board at its December 2018 meeting.

##### **Cllr Roy McGee**

Roy began a career in the leisure industry in Great Yarmouth, which is where he originates, and subsequently went on to live and work in Leeds and then Bristol.

He moved to Fenstanton in 2000 together with his wife Heather and worked, until his retirement in 2007, in outside catering.

Since his retirement Roy has spent his time on his hobbies, these include: indoor lawn bowls and gardening; his keen interest in gardening has led him to some involvement in Fenstanton Open Gardens.

Roy is disabled and a wheelchair user and, as such, is particularly interested in accessibility.

##### **Cllr Christine Morris**

Christine moved from her home town of Twickenham to Cambridgeshire in 1989 and settled in Fenstanton in April 2002. Christine has two grown up daughters and four grandchildren. A keen sports woman, she can often be found at the side of local football pitches cheering on her teenage granddaughters.

Upon returning to paid employment after having her children she took up the position of Health and Safety Manager at a large automotive manufacturing company in Huntingdon. She spent eleven happy years ensuring the safety of a very large workforce working on automated.

Following redundancy, the position of Buildings, Quality and Health & Safety Manager was offered to her at Nokia UK in Godmanchester. She was instrumental in setting up and managing the Nokia ISO9001 quality accreditation along with auditing Nokia sites throughout Europe and Scandinavia.

Christine is currently working at Cambridge University Press as the Rights and Permissions Controller for worldwide book rights.

#### **FUNDING YOUR PARISH COUNCIL – 2019/20**

Your Parish Council is paid for as part of your overall Council Tax payment. This is collected by Huntingdon District Council and then distributed to the Parish Council to cover much of the direct upkeep of the Parish, including public places and buildings, grass cutting, litter collection, upkeep of paths and footways, upkeep of the Church Cemetery, as well as financial support for local community groups and various activities around the village.

In the current Financial Year 2018/19 an average property\* in the village contributed just over £1.00 per week toward the work of your Parish Council. This equates to £53.43 per year and compares very favourably with all Parish and Town Councils in the immediate vicinity. It represents the lowest average contribution for a Parish with over 1,000 households across Huntingdonshire.

Over the years your Parish Council has come under increasing pressure to provide additional services previously covered by the District and County Councils, as both have faced significant financial pressure.

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

In order to maintain the excellent level of service provided and achieve a balanced budget in the coming financial year 2019/20, the Parish Council has unanimously voted to increase the Parish Council contribution per household by just 10 pence per week. This equates to an **annual increase of £5.34** for an average property\* in the village.

Full budget available on the website or from the Clerk.

\* Based on a Band D property

### INCREASING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) IN THE PARISH

We have received a worrying amount of emails about ASB in the parish. We have taken these reports and concerns very seriously and we have been in contact with to our local police force and written to the Chief Constable; this letter has been signed by the Chairman (Cllr Kent), Cambridgeshire County Councillor Ian Bates and Huntingdon District Councillor David Mead. We hope you will be reassured by this update from our new Police Sergeant Alice Draper; please make sure you make independent reports of any incidents and if you suffer from repeated incidents you do need to keep a full log for reporting please.

*From Alice Draper –*

*“As requested, we have conducted high visibility patrols in the following areas of FENSTANTON on 11/01/2019.*

*Arriving in FENSTANTON at approximately 20.30hrs, we have made our way to the CHURCH and SCHOOL where we have conducted foot patrol through the church yard, past the entrance to the school and then around the roads immediately by the church.*

*We then continued to patrol FENSTANTON in our vehicle and covered the following roads:*

<i>Hall Green Lane Chequer Street Swan Lane High Street Bell Lane</i>	<i>Talls Lane Church Lane Church Street Church Leys Hampton Close</i>	<i>Headlands Rookery Way Hilton Road</i>
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*We have also parked up at various locations on High Street and monitored passing traffic.*

*We have repeated the above several times over the course of the evening and completed our final patrol at around 00.30 hours.”*

Please also note that the police would to build up an intelligence picture of who the youths are, and if any names emerge please ensure they are noted and passed on, and if any specific intelligence or unreported offences are mentioned please guide attendees towards our online reporting facilities:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report>

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

We can also report that we have been offered a site meeting and audit of problem locations. Please take note of this additional advice below from Paul Rogers at Cambs Police:

- Residents are to please continue to report concerns. I would advocate online reporting as a quick and simple method to report non urgent information or community intelligence;
- Be specific when calling, calls thus far don't really indicate why people believe it is drug dealing. If there are young people under 16 and dealers who are adult be clear with the call taker so they prioritise the call;
- We will use callers' information to inform patrol work and target offenders so please include vehicle indexes;
- You should not expect an immediate increase in patrol cars or necessarily an immediate response if they call unless there is an emergency. Our approach will be to try and design out/ solve the issue rather than risk moving the crowd to the next street. This sometimes rubs the wrong way, but it's far more effective and realistic.

In addition we have had reports of food baited with poison being left around the village which has been eaten by some dogs who have consequently been ill. Please be very careful and aware of this whilst out with your dogs.

### **CRICKET PAVILION**

You will be aware by now that sadly the cricket pavilion has burnt down. The clerk received call from the police on the morning this happened.

### **CHEQUER STREET PLAY AREA UPGRADE**

There is one more item to be installed.

### **ADULT OUTDOOR GYM BY THE HEADLANDS FOOTBALL PITCH**

This is now complete and again we hope you are enjoying the facilities – although the weather is not necessarily at its best.

### **VILLAGE POND AND CLOCK TOWER AREA RESTORATION**

Plans progress for this and the final contract will be submitted soon to the Mick George Community Fund.

### **CYCLEWAY ALONG THE FEN**

This is now in its feasibility stage following confirmation of funding and all comments and concerns from the residents of The Fen have been taken on board following a meeting between residents and Cllrs Kent (Chairman) and Henderson. Updates will be issued in March.

### **IMPROVED KERBS FOR VILLAGE GREEN AREAS**

A start date is awaited for this work to begin but it is hoped disruption will be kept to a minimum.

### **VILLAGE MEETING FACILITATED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

Plans progress for this meeting and we are looking at a date towards the end of March. Parish groups and outside service providers will be invited to attend and we will include a full update on the work that your Parish Council is undertaking along with updates on matters impacting on Fenstanton from other organisations. We hope to see many of you there. The date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

# FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## BUS SURVEY

We have had 1,234 responses from across the region, of which over 20% were from Fenstanton. We're at the final stages of analyzing the results and preparing a paper to take to CAPCA (Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority with strong recommendations on the current and future needs of Fenstanton around the continuation and improvement of the service including: availability and frequency (especially at peak times), ticketing and pricing, reliability, increasing demand in line with population growth and demographic have. A big thank you to all who took the time to reply on line and also send the forms into the office.

## MEETING DATES FOR YOUR PARISH COUNCIL - 2019

All start at 7.30 pm and take place at the school.

February	Wednesday	6	GENERAL PURPOSES
	Thursday	21	FULL COUNCIL
	Wednesday	27	PLANNING
March	Wednesday	6	BURIAL BOARD
	Thursday	14	FULL COUNCIL
	Thursday	28	FINANCE & CONSTITUTION
April	Thursday	11	FULL
May	Thursday	9	FINANCE & CONSTITUTION
	Thursday	16	124 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (presentation of annual reports)
	Thursday	23	ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (election of officers)
June	Wednesday	5	GENERAL PURPOSES
	Thursday	13	FULL
	Wednesday	26	PLANNING
July	Thursday	11	FULL
	Thursday	25	FINANCE & CONSTITUTION
September	Wednesday	4	GENERAL PURPOSES
	Thursday	12	FULL
	Wednesday	25	BURIAL BOARD
October	Thursday	10	FULL
	Thursday	24	FINANCE & CONSTITUTION (grant applications)
	Wednesday	30	PLANNING
November	Thursday	14	FULL

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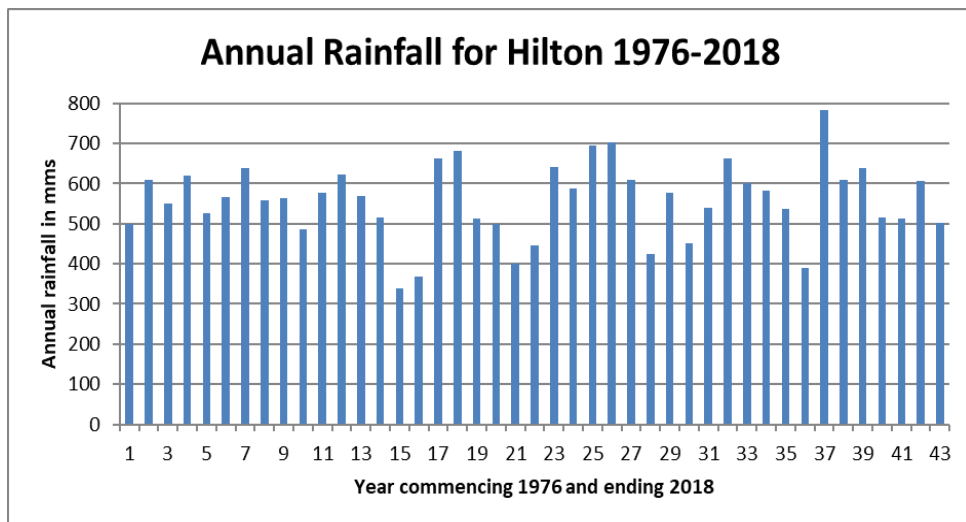
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<http://parishcouncil.fenstanton.org/> – you can see all your Councillors here.

## **The rainfall record for Hilton 2018 – a very dry summer**

At the end of each calendar year I look forward to comparing rainfall figures for the year that has just passed with the records for the previous years. I record the rainfall at 09.00 hours GMT daily, and I now have 43 years of records. The rain gauge in my garden is a standard 5-inch rain gauge supplied by the Meteorological Office, and every month the daily figures are sent to the Meteorological Office and the Environment Agency to be incorporated in their official rainfall data.



As the graph shows, this year has been the driest since 2011 with 500.7mms of rain. The average annual rainfall for Hilton for the time span of 43 years is 557.3mms, so 2018 was a drier than average year. There have been great variations between the monthly totals during 2018. March and April were the two wettest months with 72.1 mms and 64.4 mms respectively, June and July were the driest, June with 3.9 mms and July with 14.7mms. They were exceptionally dry, the driest June and July in the 43 years of recording in Hilton.

The Meteorological Office reported that Southern England had an exceptional prolonged spell of dry weather with little or no rain through June extending into late July. Rainfall in June was less than 5% of the June average, and in some places less than 2%. Overall Southern England recorded its driest June since 1925.

Hilton was among the driest places in England this summer, so it is no wonder that the lawns in our gardens are still in a rather sorry state.

Gillian Sheail

## HILTON BRITISH LEGION

### Scotty's Little Soldiers

At the retiring collection at the end of the Indoor Street Party in Hilton on November 11th, guests very kindly donated £210.00 in aid of the Scotty's Little Soldiers charity which supports bereaved British Forces children.

In her reply of thanks, the founder, Nikki Scott has written " this assistance ranges from holiday breaks to development support which includes educational grants.

We also provide access to professional bereavement support for our beneficiaries and their families. We pledge to support these brave young individuals throughout their childhood until their 19th birthdays. So your efforts mean we can continue to keep this promise ".

This little known charity was an appropriate one to support on the day of our Armistice Centenary party bearing in mind how many children lost fathers in World War One so we were pleased to commemorate it in this way.

Thank you very much from the organising team to all who contributed.

[www.scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk](http://www.scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk)

*Apologies for last months mistakes and sorry for any confusion caused  
Mickey Pallett (ED)*

### Poppy Appeal in Hilton

Firstly, we would just like to say a huge thank you to all the residents of Hilton and the businesses: Hilton Shop, The Prince of Wales, Monach Farm Riding School, Barkley Grange, Bentley Show Rooms, the A14 Ermine Street Site on the A1198 and McCartney House. All your support was amazing, we raised £1,670.00 to help present and ex-service personnel and their families in times of need.

During Remembrance Tide, the two weeks leading to Remembrance Sunday, two little boys went into Hilton Shop, I think that they must have just been given their pocket money. They walked around the shop choosing sweets, then approached the counter to pay for their "goodies". They saw the tray of poppies beside the till and asked, "How much are the bracelets?" The person behind the counter told them that they only needed to give a donation, what they could afford. The two little boys then put back all their "goodies" back on the shelves, except for a small lolly pop each and put their pocket money into the Poppy Canister. Naturally the person behind the counter was only to pleased, to let them choose a bracelet.

We do hope that the parents of these two little boys know what happened and hope that they feel very proud of their sons.

We have also heard of a little boy who, leading up to Remembrance Tide puts some of his pocket money to one side so that he has something to put into the Poppy Cannister when one of our dedicated collectors, calls.

Margaret and Julie  
831 186 and 830 580

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Report from Hilton Parish Council meeting dated 3 Dec2018 Clerk**

It is with regret that we have to advise that Mrs Jo Perez has resigned from her position as clerk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to thank Jo for all her hard work and dedication in this role and wish her all the very best for her new job.

The Parish Council needs to recruit a new clerk. Details of the role and how to apply can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) There are also posters on the village notice boards. Alternatively please contact Peter Balicki, Chair at [balicki101@gmail.com](mailto:balicki101@gmail.com)

### **Playpark**

The Parish Council's working group held an open meeting to discuss ideas and proposals for renovating the existing playpark and would like to thank all those who attended. Costs vary from approximately £15,000 for basic work up to £56,000 for a full renovation. Applications for grants to assist with funding have been submitted and further discussion will be held once the outcome of those applications is known.

### **Green Open Spaces**

Quotes for work in connection with the annual tree survey are being obtained. Some of the more accessible tree work has and will be undertaken by the Parish Council in an effort to reduce costs. Ditch clearance work will be undertaken in January. It is planned to rope the section of the Green in front of the pavilion in a bid to protect it.

### **Speeding Vehicles and Night-time HCVs**

The Parish Council agreed to donate £50 to the local Roadwatch scheme to assist with the administration costs in sending letters to offending motorists. This will be reviewed in 6 months.

### **Cycle Path**

As reported in the previous Spectrum entry the Parish Council was successful with its application to the A14 Community Fund. This grant was £9,500 and will be used by CCC to undertake a feasibility study of a cycle route from Hilton to Fenstanton or St Ives .

### **Feast Week**

The Parish Council agreed to the request from the Feast Week Committee to erect the marquee on the Green between 22 July and 9 August 2019 subject to public liability insurance being in place and that risk assessments are undertaken for each event. The Parish Council wishes the new Feast Week committee all the best for the coming year.

*The next two Parish Council meetings will be on 4<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website [www.HiltonparishCouncil.com](http://www.HiltonparishCouncil.com) . Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.*



December is our party time and 46 members had a really good time. A short business talk and then onto a free raffle and then of course the obligatory quiz! This time many clues in alphabetical order some easy but others required some thought.

Secret Santa gifts were exchanged and then it was on with the food and drinks.

We were encouraged to join in the carol singing by the duo singing popular ones and a very entertaining version of While shepherds watched their flocks by night to the tune of On Ilkley moor bah tat!!!

A very amusing and fun time was had by all of us and we looked forward to another interesting and informative New Year in our WI.

A flying start to the new year on January 14th with David Taylor telling us about women's roles in aviation.

He began with explaining how AVRO the main aircraft manufacturer got its name. Edwin Alliot Verdon Roe decided to use the letters AVR and added the O. He made many models and then went on to design and build proper aircraft. The most notable ones being the Lancaster, the Vulcan and the Shackleton. At first only men were allowed to be pilots but when the wars came the women were given more freedom and many of them did amazing things not only in England but in many other countries as well.

The first Lady in England to fly and have a pilot's licence was Hilda Hewlett who set up a flying school in Luton which is now an important and busy international airport.

Amy Johnson CBE was the first female pilot to fly alone from Britain to Australia.

She also flew with her husband Jim Mollison on many long distance flights.

Amelia Earhart was an American aviator and author. She flew solo across the Atlantic and received the American DFC. She also flew nonstop across the USA.

By the time WW2 started women were much more liberated and as most of the eligible men were fighting the women were expanding their horizons in many different and also inspiring ways.

Some became plotters for the RAF, some were answering the phones, others made ammunition, some working in factories making bombs after a day's work making shoes.

Austin the car manufacturers made parts for Lancaster and Stirling bombers and 40% of their workers were women.

The Air Transport Auxiliary was a civilian organisation set up to repair and ferry aircraft between factories and airfields and this made more pilots available. They employed anyone who could fly including girls. They came from all over the world and delivered almost any type or size of plane just given a small ringed notebook called Ferry Pilot Notes to study before they took off!

There were many more ladies who "did their bit" but this is just a short write up and Mr Taylor has much more to tell if we had time.

He mentioned Barbara Hartman who flew Concorde, Valentina Tereshkova the Russian cosmonaut the first woman in space and Helen Sherman the first British astronaut in space to visit the Mir station.

He also mentioned some famous men but as he said 'this is all about our brave and deserving ladies'.

Craft club on February 7th has many interesting things going on so give it a try.

Our next meeting will be on February 11th in the Village Hall at 7.30 when we shall hear more about Boccia training and may get to have a try ourselves.

### Golden gamers

Please contact Jenny on 01480 831581 if you wish to join



Hilton W.I. calendar panel. It took 18 months to make by 9 ladies of the WI craft group.

We meet on the first Thursday afternoon of the month at Hilton Village hall

Our panel took many of hours of work. Lots of planning and discussions. Numerous cups of tea Lots of fun, Many reels of cotton Thousands of stitches -----

Each panel was made by a different member of the WI to represent the 12 months of the year

Then the mammoth task of sewing each panel together.

The panel is now located in Hilton village hall as a beautiful backdrop to the stage.

### HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas, wishing you all a Healthy New Year. Our next meeting.

FEBRUARY 4th June and Beverley will be entertaining you with a demonstration of flower arrangements, we will be doing 2 or 3 arrangements each which will be raffled off, so you could be a lucky winner.

We look forward to seeing you.

MARCH 4th Simon from Beales Roses, Norfolk, will be giving a talk and slide show on Gardens around the country, he will also be bringing plants to sell.

Hilton Village Hall

Entrance £5.00 (includes tea / biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

Everybody welcome. Beverley Tack

### HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages.

We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 10.00am -11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact Abi Halstead - [abigailhalstead@hotmail.com](mailto:abigailhalstead@hotmail.com) / 07749 682229 for further information.

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### HILTON ART CLUB

The annual Christmas lunch at The Windmill pub in Somersham was attended by 16 members and the staff looked after us very well – delicious food and good service. We all enjoyed catching up and chatting over the course of the afternoon. Thanks to Joanne for organising the presents for everyone and the little cakes! Joanne received a voucher for Optimum Beauty from the Club, which she is looking forward to using. A lovely afternoon.

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2019      9.30 am – 12.30 pm      Birds of a Feather: Quink Ink and Watercolour Workshop, led by Sue Eddy.**

## Hilton Feast Week 2019



Happy New Year and what a year it's going to be.... one giant step for mankind to infinity and beyond!!

We are proud to announce the theme for 2019 will be **SPACE**!!! So get those thinking caps on and start planning your float for the parade on Sunday 28th July.

### FEAST WEEK 2019

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 TO SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2019**

We've had a busy start to the year planning and running our Quiz night which was a sell-out event, thank you to everyone who took part. Well done to Peacocks and Robins our brains of Hilton. Special thanks also to Peter Sampson our rather dapper quiz master and compere and Sharon Walker for running the raffle. Thanks also to **Fenstanton Family butchers, Rons Farm Shop**, Emma at **The Prince of Wales in Hilton** and Dean Minter of **Eclipse Disco** for the PA system.

Thanks also to all the children who came along to our Christmas party, Karen Minter and **Eclipse Disco** did an amazing job keeping all the children entertained and it certainly seemed that they had a fantastic time. AND it only took 30 minutes to clear up afterwards thanks again to so many helpers!

Fundraising so far is going great guns with a boost from the Christmas Grand Draw - well done to our winners John Platt, Ian Woods and Charlie Warboys, there'll be another opportunity in the summer. Thanks to our army of volunteers who walked the village knocking on doors selling tickets and promoting the 200 Club. Don't forget to sign up... it's not too late and you never know you could be among our winners! Email: [200club@feastweek.co.uk](mailto:200club@feastweek.co.uk) or visit [www.feastweek.co.uk](http://www.feastweek.co.uk)

Next event for your diary is our over 18's **Disco Night on Saturday 9th March**. Come and strut your stuff, throw down some shapes, bust some moves (or prop up the bar!) to all your favourite tracks from over the decades. There'll be some crowd pleasers for everyone. Tickets on sale now at [www.feastweek.co.uk](http://www.feastweek.co.uk) or from any committee member.



### **SUPPORT FEAST WEEK**



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## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

### January 5<sup>th</sup>: Winter Blooms

The top recommendation for a stunning combination of colour, scent, blooms and berries is the Winter Walk at Anglesey Abbey. There is a surprise round every bend of the meandering path, which is flanked on either side by thick bushes of dogwoods, viburnums, witchhazels, hollies, cotoneasters, euonymous, garrya elliptica and more...under planted with hellebores, iris, and early flowering bulbs. The path passes through a glade of silver birches, their bark washed annually to make it gleam in the winter sun. Walking under the leafless, arching branches is like walking under the fan vaulted ceiling of a cathedral.. Bergenis are planted underneath, their magenta flowers offering warmth against the stark white of the trees.

My own winter wonder is iris unguicularis which belies its awkward and ugly name, by being a thing of beauty. It always takes me by surprise, appearing suddenly in the coldest months. It is flowering now and I can see its blooms from the kitchen window. The flowers are the most beautiful shade of lavender-blue and emerge from the base of the plant amongst its untidy, grassy, greyish leaves like "little low heavens."

Although the vegetable plot is mostly bare brown earth , there are spots of bright green from a highly productive patch of parsley which still yields leaves aplenty for sauces and garnish. Parsley seed is hard to germinate, but one supermarket pot planted outside casts enough seed to take you through the winter. The only snag is the tendency for the seed to move and I have found parsley in various other locations where it is less appropriate.

There are six months to go before the next Produce Show. Forced indoors, it is a great time to make marmalade and even jam, if you have a stock of fruit in the freezer. It will not be long before we buy seed potatoes to "chit out" and it is a great time for browsing seed merchants on line or on paper, dreaming of spring planting, summer blooms and a bumper vegetable crop.

With best wishes for sowing and growing in 2019 from the committee of Hilton Produce Show!

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## WHAT'S on in February

2nd	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P10
4th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 pm	P46
4th	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P39
7th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P44
7th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P27
13th 27th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P31
15th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P44
16th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P 22
21st	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P35

### Dates of future events:

If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it in 'Dates of Future Events'

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Hilton Feast Week Over 18's Disco Night at Hilton Village Hall**

**11th March Fenstanton Village Hall Trust AGM (P31)**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Hilton Feast week Family Easter Egg hunt from Hilton village hall**

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Hilton Feast Week Bingo night at Hilton Village Hall**

**12th May Five Pub Challenge**

**9th July Fenstanton Village sports Day**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2109 – Hilton Feast Week Bavarian Night in the marquee on Hilton village green**

**28th July to 3rd Aug – Hilton Feast Week**

### Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p50)

Shanty Folk (p30)

Golden Gamers (p50)

### Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters,

Coffee & chat,

Tuesday Lunch (21)

**For Church services  
etc. see pages 10  
to 22**