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## Letters & Notices

### 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 2019, this was the Coroners Court Support Service and we are delighted to have raised £743.46 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



Dear sirs,

On Friday 22nd November I parked my car in Waitrose car park in ST Ives. I returned to my car and found my front offside had been punctured. I am 82 and not as able as I used to be and was standing looking at the car when a young man not known to me came up and volunteered to change my tyre, which he did.

I was unable to find out the man's name, Lives in Fenstanton and in conversation I found out his wife was a police officer in the area of North London which coincidentally, I worked as a police officer for 30 years before retiring and moving to Fen Drayton in 1986.

I would just like to say I met a lot of nasty people and quite a lot of nice people and this gentleman comes top of the list.

P A Terry (Papworth Everard)

### FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - OPEN GARDENS Weekend 27/28 June 2020

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to think about our gardens. We are having an OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 27 and 28 June 2020. If you feel you could open your garden, please contact Deborah 07914 115467 Or Julia on 01480 301252. Please leave your name and contact number so that I can contact you back to take further details.

We shall also be holding a book stall and plant stall as previous years if you wish to donate. Thank you.

Paul Stone, Chairman of the Allotments Committee wants to say the Glebe Allotments have been listed as an Asset of Community Value by Huntingdon District Council, affording some protection for them.

'All information and updates for Swavesey Surgery can now be found on the Swavesey Surgery Facebook page

## THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Our next gig is a double bill with the Bader International  
Study Centre Choir

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February in Fen Drayton Church**

**If you need tickets give us a call**

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.

We meet every Thursday evening 7.30-9.30pm - the first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes, the rest of the month in The Bertha Pitfield Room at the Church Centre.



If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you? You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.

**Available for bookings:** We are available to entertain clubs, societies, small groups and parties.

For more information please call **01480 370973** or email  
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There is a vacancy for a Trustee within the Fenstanton Town Trust and anyone living in Fenstanton is able to apply. It is a voluntary position and there are one or two meetings per year, which last no longer than an hour. Anyone interested or for anymore information Please contact the Clerk



# WANTED!!

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fantastic, friendly  
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If you are interested in playing football in an inclusive environment then Fenstanton Youth FC is for you.

We are looking for boys and girls currently in Year 3 & 5 to join our club.

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or via our Facebook Page for more information

## Hilton Methodist Church February

### Church Services

9th February at 11.15 am United Service at the Parish Church

16th February at 10am A local arrangement service

23rd February at 10am Rev Nick Witham Service with Holy Communion

### ROVING SUPPER

Save the date! This popular event is planned for Saturday April 4th. If you are interested in joining in please contact Heather Woods on 830686 or Peter Blake on 830317. Heather and Peter will be contacting those who have joined in previously.



### **HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday, 1st February  
10.00am - 12.00 noon.  
in the Church Hall**

There will be the usual FAIRTRADE coffee morning on Saturday 1st February from 10am until noon. All the lovely FAIRTRADE groceries and gifts will be on sale. Do come and join us for a tea or coffee and a chat. You will be most welcome.

The church has raised £300 from refreshments throughout the year and this money has been sent to EACH, the children's' hospice.

### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

We would like to thank all Hilton residents who have supported the following charities in the lead up to Christmas.

The Gift Service for ACTION for CHILDREN raised £222.00 as well as gifts of toys. This was given to Woodland Lodge , the Action for Children home in Huntingdon.

Carols round the village raised £250 for Save the Children

MAGPAS, The four Advent lunches raised £510 and the Carol Service raised £312.70 so a total of £822.70 was sent to MAGPAS.

Thank you to all who participated in all or any of these events

## Hilton Parish Church - February

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton		No Children's Church this month
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service with children's activities in church
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Next before Lent</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
Godmanchester	7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 1</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

### Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

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

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. 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)



### 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

# JOIN US FOR FRIDAY FEAST

- ✿ NEW DATES BELOW
- ✿ 5.30pm – 7pm
- ✿ Parish Church
- ✿ Hilton



BRING A BOTTLE!

- ✿ Free All Age event
- ✿ Get creative
- ✿ Food & Fun
- ✿ Informal gathering
- ✿ Churches of Hilton together
- ✿ For all faiths, and none



- ✿ Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> & Mar 20<sup>th</sup>
- ✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

## 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 Cribs to Christmas Crunch it was good to share The Christmas Story so widely.



Back at the start of December our Parish Christingle service raised £278.91 for The Children's Society. Special thanks to Phoebe for our amazing mini Christingle cakes enjoyed with tea afterwards, Owen for rigging up a camera for our overhead photo and Fen Band for playing for us.



At the last Jaffa Club of the term the children made cards for the elderly and housebound that were delivered by the slightly older children when they went carol singing. Thanks to Claire Barrett and Gill Henderson for all their help making them.

At our Worship For all Toy Service we collected dozens of gifts for Children's Social Care workers to distribute this Christmas to local children and young people. The sight of so many gift bags over-filling the car afterwards was incredible. 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 every one 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 sweets and boxes of chocolate shared with hot chocolate in the Church Centre afterwards.

On almost the last day of term we welcomed all the school children over to church from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School for their annual Carol Service and re-telling of The birth of Jesus. Well done to all the children from year 6 for learning words, songs, movements and to ring the hand bells at the end. It was lovely to see through the weeks of practise the children grew in confidence and give such a clear performance on the day.



20 children, along with their parents and helpers had a lovely time at Christmas Crunch (crafts + lunch) A busy and productive few hours, kick started with decorating the 17ft tall Church tree. We then shared the story of "A Christmas Journey" before the crafting began. The photos show just a few of the crafts enjoyed. We had a nativity photo booth, mine-craft style nativity figures, swirly Christmas trees and made scrummy pancake baubles to eat after our bangers and mash. Thank you to all the families who came along, and the super team who prepared and ran the morning!



Our church was pretty-full for our Crib Service on Christmas Eve when we heard the story of the birth of Jesus with a few special visitors joining us: an angel, a reindeer and even Father Christmas was heard on the roof! Well done and thank you to all our children who took part and our younger musicians in the band.



...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 2020. 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 - February

<b>February</b>		
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm	<b>Murder Mystery Evening</b> at the Church Centre (see separate poster for details)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>Worship for All</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b>
	6.00 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>Family Communion with Baptism</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>March</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b>

## Fenstanton Parish Church - February

Spectrum - Vicar letter for February 2020

Hello! How are you doing?

Something that has been on mind for a few months now is the possibility of opening a community café in the Church Centre, here in Fenstanton. I have been chatting to people about the idea. As I am the Vicar for Fen Drayton as well as Fenstanton I often go along to the monthly café held at Fen Drayton Village Hall, on a Saturday morning. It is usually well attended. But could we offer a similar thing here?

Of course, there are big questions to ask if a café were to go ahead. Such as, what day/time of the week? Who would come along? Who would help run the café?

I would like to offer the opportunity of some added extras if the church were to be involved in such a venture. For example – perhaps you want to find out more regarding having your child baptised (christened), or find out if you could get married in church. Maybe you have recently moved to the village, or find yourself lonely (eg bereavement, or other reason) and just want to meet some people for a cuppa and a chat.

There could be an option of asking for prayer, for you, or for someone else, or a situation. A prayer request could be made on a slip of paper and placed in a prayer box. You wouldn't have to give a name, if you didn't want to, you could just give initials, that would be fine.

The idea of a community café is in the early stages and I would be really interested to hear what YOU have to say about the idea. If you could send me an email, or write a note and pop it through my door at The Vicarage, I would love to hear from you!

What day of the week?

What time of day – morning or afternoon?

How often should the café meet – monthly, quarterly?

Could you offer help to run the café, on a regular or occasional basis?

Would you come along?

Would you tell your friends about the café?

I look forward to hearing from you.

God bless, Rev Rosie

### Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.

All enquiries regarding baptisms (christenings), weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and funerals should be made in the first instance to our new Vicar Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

For general church matters please contact the Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211.

For pastoral conversations please contact the Vicar or either of our Licensed Lay Ministers - Niki Whitby on 07841 599492 or Harvey Marshall on 01480 533301.

For more information about our Community Fund please email [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com)

Why not visit our website <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, or find us on Facebook - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches

# **DIG FOR VENGEANCE**

**A MURDER AT THE ALLOTMENT**



## **A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

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## **Fenstanton United Reformed Church - February**

### Preacher's Plan

Our services are at 9:30

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Rev Derek Newton  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>** Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>** Rev Dr Catherine Ball  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Rev Roy Muttrum

### Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events



**Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Feb 11th and 25th**  
New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.



**Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Feb 18th**



**Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Feb 4th**

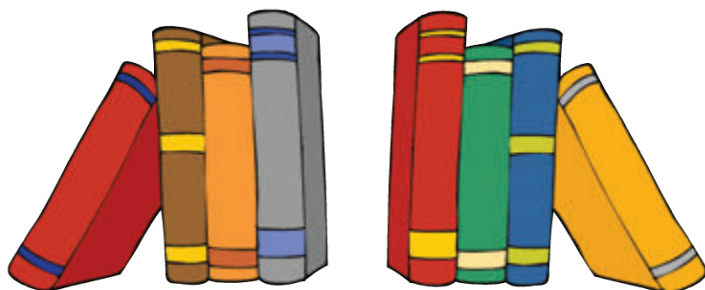
**For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221**

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 UNITED REFORMED  
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CHEQUER STREET  
SATURDAY 15TH  
FEBRUARY**

# **BOOK SALE**



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Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,  
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

**Papworth Everard**, at the **Parish Church**,  
Saturday Mass 18.00

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm  
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

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

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

## **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)

# Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

## Welcome to the new Parish Clerk

Andy Monk joined the Parish Council as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer in early January.

He comes with a background in administration and finance, and has experience of management in the public sector, not least setting up and running the office of a Member of the European Parliament. He has also served as a District Councillor.

He is married with 2 children.



Andy is keen to introduce himself to a wide range of Fenstanton residents and to get your views on how the Parish Council can support you, both now and in the future.

## Parish Office move to Fenstanton

Our departure from our old office in St Ives is now complete and we are currently working on the new office in the High Street. If you look in you can see the work in progress as we move towards bringing your Parish Council office into the village.

Andy, the new Clerk will be based here and you are invited to pop in to say hi and ask any questions about Parish Council services.

The Hub, your new Parish Council office will have specific opening hours for Fenstanton residents: addressing current and emerging issues within the parish; providing support for residents to access broader council services; providing updates on Parish Council projects and initiatives

The parish consultation opening hours will be advised. Please contact Andy (see below)

To contact Andy, your Parish Council Clerk  
Telephone: 01480 465 300  
Email: [clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk)



## VE Day 75 Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

What's happening in Fenstanton to commemorate VE Day 75? Take a look below and get a taste of what's planned. The full programme, timings and ticket sales will be live in February.

Be sure to put this in your diary.

### Friday 08 May

#### Commemorative Parade

Why not join us for a parade through the village along with



representatives of the armed forces and uniformed organisations, all ending at the war memorial in the churchyard.  
*Free event*

#### Street party

We will be staging a vintage street party around Honey Hill for adults and children alike. Please bring your own food to share.



There will be other period entertainment being staged around the party including a performance by the Bury and Ramsey Concert Band.  
*Free event*

#### Wartime experiences

Living history exhibition at the URC including wartime kitchen, wartime brides and make do and mend.  
*Free event*



#### Evacuees – a short play

A short play by Teresa Deller will be performed in the Church Centre during Friday afternoon.  
*Free event*

Further information, including a full programme and details of tickets can be found at: [www.fenstantonveday75.net](http://www.fenstantonveday75.net)



### **An evening of poetry, letters, music and memories**

This performance will be staged in the Parish Church and will feature wartime stories from around the village. We are delighted to welcome back to the village internationally acclaimed



singers Kate Symonds-Joy (mezzo-soprano) and Dan Joy (tenor) who will be joined by The Cambridge City Brass Band for an evening to remember.



All our artists for this evening have previously performed in the village as part of Fringe in the Fen. Refreshments will be available before and during the interval.

*Tickets £15.00. Over 75 year olds and under 16 year olds free.*

### **Saturday 09 May** *See page 36.*

#### **Period sports day**

Staged on the football field we are having a 1940's period sports day featuring all the old favourites such as tug of war, three legged and sack races.



The event will be supported by a series of themed stalls and, for the first time in the village, a novelty dog show.  
*Free event*

#### **Revival evening – a trip down memory lane!**

Staged at Bannolds, this evening will evoke memories of the 1940's. Whilst period dress is optional it is very much encouraged.



Why not relive those war time days and dance the night away, 40's style.

We are delighted to welcome back the Galaxy Big Band who performed at our last revival evening in the village as part of Fringe in the Fen.



There will food available all evening from The Carriages team.  
A full bar will be available



*Tickets £20, no concessions.*

*This event is not suitable for children.*



*All profits and donations from the long weekend will go to Help for Heroes*

## Sunday 10 May

### Commemoration Service



The United Reformed Church will be holding a special commemorative service as part of the VE programme.  
*Free event*

### Dig for Victory lunch

The Village Allotment Society will be hosting a 1940's themed dig for victory soup lunch for all on the allotments. Not only is this a chance to see the hard work that takes place on the allotments but also to taste it as well.

*Free event*



### Songs of Praise

The United Reformed Church is staging a themed songs of praise led by the local RAF Padre.  
*Free event*

# Fenstanton in WW2 Part 4:

## Fenstanton and the Prisoners of War:

A Supplement to the Fenstanton WW2 POWs essay in the Spectrum November 2019:

My recent essay on the Polish Prisoners of War (POWs) held in the Hemingford camp and those of them who worked and then stayed on in the village to make a new life, appears to have raised a number of questions.

I would like to make clear that my essay applied to the Fenstanton POWs only and was not intended, nor did it make, any comment on the part that the vast majority of Poles played in WW2. However it has to be recognised that many Poles fought with the Germans on both the Eastern and Western fronts. Below is an extract from Wikipedia

*Polish nationals in German forces:*

*Before the outbreak of the war, Poland was a multi-nation state with ethnic Poles comprising about 68% of the population. Around 500,000 people who were citizens of Poland before 1939 were drafted into the German armed forces during the war. These were mostly members of the German minority in Poland who were considered by the Nazi authorities to be ethnically German. In 1939 during the Invasion of Poland they created paramilitary organisation and actively supported German forces in occupied Poland.*

*The German armed forces also included ethnic Poles (assimilated to various degree into German society) who were citizens of the Third Reich before the outbreak of war in September 1939 as part of the Polish minority in Germany, mostly concentrated in Silesia, Pomerania and East Prussia. These people were subject to conscription like other German citizens at the time.*

My essays for the Spectrum are always about the history of Fenstanton and its people. I only refer to national or international events to illustrate the effect on the village and its people.



Have a brilliant evening and help raise funds for the RAFA  
Wings Appeal and the RBL Poppy Appeal



**ROYAL  
AIR FORCE**



The Royal Air Force Wyton Area Voluntary Band

# IN CONCERT

**Saturday 21st March 2020**

7.30pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

Burgess Hall, Westwood Road  
St Ives PE27 6WU

Licenced Bar, tea, coffee & soft drinks are available

*All proceeds to RAFA Wings Appeal and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*

Tickets cost £10 from

Mrs Julie Briggs Tel: 01480 830580, Mob: 07734 696120

Also available from Chloe's Jewellery, 9 Crown Street, St Ives, Cambs



*by kind permission of the Station Commander Royal Air Force Wyton*

## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

### A Nightingale Sang in Fen Drayton Lakes

Nightingale is one of those species that most people have heard of, but few have seen. These renowned songsters are closely related to the robin, but are a little larger and the very definition of a 'little brown bird'. Despite their plain looks, nightingales are deserving of their reputation as wonderful singers with studies identifying up to 600 different sounds in their repertoire.

Sadly, nightingale are not doing well in the UK. They are summer visitors, arriving to southern and eastern counties in the spring from their wintering grounds in West Africa to spend the breeding season here. Data from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) suggests that the UK breeding population has declined by 90% since the 1960s, and they have recently been placed on the Birds of Conservation Concern Red List, meaning they are at the highest level of conservation concern and at risk of disappearing as a UK species.

We are lucky to be in a part of the UK where nightingales are clinging on. In the 2018 breeding season, we located two territorial singing males on the reserve. Unfortunately, we didn't find any in 2019, but that doesn't necessarily mean that there were none.

Now that we are in the winter habitat management season, we are carrying out important work at the reserve, as guided by our reserve management plan, to create new areas specifically designed for breeding nightingale following guidance published by

the BTO and advice from other sites. It will take a while for us to see the fruits of our labour, but we are hopeful that nightingales will continue to sing at Fen Drayton Lakes for many years to come.



Nightingale - John Bridges (rspb-images.com)

### Get involved.... Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of every month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

### Volunteering

It's always nice to be met with a friendly face when arriving at the reserve and be offered information and family-friendly activities, such as pond dipping and minibeast hunting. If you'd like to find out about our visitor engagement work and other volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)  
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit [rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

## **FENSTANTON VE SPORTS DAY**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### **TUG OF WAR COMPETITION**

#### **ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE AND SOME FUN!**

We want to add to the friendly rivalry of our Sports Day with a traditional Tug of War and are looking for team entries for men, women and mixed adults' competitions.

Team members should reside in the Fenstanton area and consist of up to 8 pullers.

For the purposes of this competition, entrants aged 16 or over will be classed as adults.

Keen to participate? Then gather your team and complete an entry form. All entries are subject to a £10 per team entry fee and must be submitted no later than Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

Entry forms can be obtained from Ron's Farm Shop or for further information and an entry form please contact Ian Charles at [iangcharles@aol.com](mailto:iangcharles@aol.com).

All proceeds will go towards tug of war prizes with any residual going to the event charities.

### **Fenstanton Friendship Club**

Our Christmas meeting was a great success. We started with carol singing helped by a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and we even had two little elves to give out the presents. The church was suitably decorated with Christmas trees from the festival, which was very nice. The food was enjoyed by all and the quiz caused a lot of jovial rivalry. A good time was had by one and all.

February 12th

"Who would a pilgrim be"? A talk by Alan Peasgood on his experiences on the Pilgrims way to Santiago De Compostella.

February 26th

"A day in the life of a prison officer" by Nikki

March 11th

AGM and quiz.

March 25th

"Are we sorted yet". A talk by Sue Stephens.

We meet every other Wednesday in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. Our club is growing, new members are very welcome. Come along and bring new ideas and discover what we have in store in 2020.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 1480 350677

## Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Very many thanks to everyone who turned out on one of the rainiest, windiest and coldest days last year to enjoy some mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas biscuits and to see the lights switched on the Christmas tree at the Clock Tower by Father Christmas. Yes, it was Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, and until 6pm the conditions were dire and then, miracle of miracles, the rain and wind stopped and we were all able to get on and enjoy the Christmas Fayre. We want to thank the choir, led by Mrs Walden, from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School for their splendid singing – you can see Father Christmas congratulating them in the attached photos. Then we thank Steve Booth and his colleagues for providing the huge tree decorated with a magnificent display of lights topped by an enormous star. When Father Christmas switched on the lights all you could hear were the ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’ and the cameras clicking. And what about the children’s letters posted to him? Did they get what they wanted on Christmas Day? We hope you’ve all had your replies by now. We thank the stall holders who made everything look festive: the Scouts for providing hot and cold drinks, BiziLizi for bringing their fabric crafts, Margaret Blount for bringing wooden crafts, the Dartfords for their outdoor rustic lighting and Slimming World with their ‘sprout count’.

We thank our volunteers who sold Christmas Draw tickets, helped with mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cookies and set up and took down all the stalls. Especial thanks go to Mike Francis, our compère, and Father Christmas for fitting us into his busy diary. The Christmas Draw was a great attraction – huge thanks to all our wonderful donors of prizes. All told, despite the weather, we made a profit on the event of £2,728, down by £58.04 on last year when the weather was a bit kinder. As you know, all monies raised by our fund-raising goes into the building fund for a new village hall so thank you for your contributions made at the Christmas Fayre.

Our next event will be the **Fenstanton Village Hall Trust’s AGM which will be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm in the upper room at the Church Centre.** Why not come along and hear about where we are at and how we have tried desperately to move things on with Morris Homes to achieve ownership of the land assigned to us? We need **your** support to demonstrate the strength of feeling in the village for the need to speed up the transfer of the land. Then we can apply for full planning permission and start applying for grants. Please come and support us.



## Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Christmas Fayre



# Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month**

**At the Fenstanton Church Centre**



## UP COMING MEETINGS

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm**

**Frank Boddy "Chefs Secrets" - cooking demo**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm**

**The History of Elgoods Brewery**

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

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

## **Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School PTA**



### **Christmas Fayre – Thank You!**

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community who came and supported our Christmas fayre. The event was a big success and raised a brilliant **£2,282** for our wonderful school. We really are grateful for your support.

#### **Thank you also to all our raffle prize donors**

- Mo's Motors
- Xtreme 360 Trampolining
- Shepreth Wildlife Park
- The Raptor Foundation
- Planet Ice
- Fun Times After School Club
- Fenstanton Pharmacy
- Morris Homes
- Dion Gallichan Photography
- Barry's Plaiice
- Wellington Wise
- The Museum of Technology
- Fairy Dog Mother
- Marie Barley Photography
- Box of Hugs, London
- Dobbies Garden Centre
- Dumbletons Photography
- Paula Armstrong Studio
- Fenstanton Post Office
- Harris Associates Wealth Management
- Holly Nails by Design

**We look forward to seeing you at more PTA events in 2020**

**Happy New Year!**

## *Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School*

### OUR JOURNEY SO FAR ....

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School over the last few years has definitely been on an ongoing journey. Along the way we can celebrate some fantastic achievements, not only from an academic perspective, but also extra-curricular by increasing the number of events children can participate in and improving our parental engagement. Furthermore, we are delighted to have Fenstanton Pre-School join our school.

Our academic progress is certainly on a journey, accumulating in the good performance of the school in last year's SAT's, which although were a great improvement on previous year's, we will still continue to aim for better results. English has become one of our key focal points with emphasis on increased promotion of children's reading and writing throughout the school. Highlights have included creative book corners in each classroom, superb indoor and outdoor libraries and examples of children's inspired writing, evident throughout the school. Our continuing effort to update the technology in our school is also a priority for us with clevertouch boards recently introduced.

To ensure children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, we are extremely proud of the extra-curricular events children can participate in including amazing music assemblies and regular summer shows. Parental engagement is also now far greater in the school. Parents are increasingly coming in for assemblies, open evenings and parent's evenings. Family learning cafes have been a huge success where parents come in and experience learning with their children.

Finally, now having Fenstanton Pre-School as part of our school means we believe this will positively impact our children's continuing journey towards reaching their full potential. Children have a much smoother transition from Pre-School to school, as they become more familiar with our school's processes, staff and surroundings, enabling them to settle more quickly and happily.

In conclusion, we are extremely proud of the achievements our school has made over the last few years and with everything we have put in place, we are confident that our school will continue to strive.

### OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES ....

Governing Body

# **Hilton Parish Council**

## **Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

### **Precept**

The Parish Council resolved to increase their precept to £30,600 (from £28,600), an increase of £2,000 or 7%. This increase was due to the cost of employing a handyman to maintain the village assets and the increase in the cost of the street lighting energy due to the devolved responsibility from Cambridgeshire County Council.

### **Diffusion Tube Analysis**

The Parish Council resolved to continue with the diffusion tube analysis to monitor the nitrogen oxide levels. This information will be used by the Hilton Traffic Group to evidence the effect of the volume of vehicles going through the village.

### **Signage at the Ford for cyclists**

Hilton Parish Council has been working with Cambridgeshire County Council to agree upon signage to direct cyclists away from the ford due to the current slippery surface. The Parish Council have expressed their support for improved safety at the Ford and resolved to permit a sign to direct cyclists down The Grove.

### **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation**

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to respond to this consultation and request that traffic movements related to this plan are routed away from the village.

### **Bonfire Night**

Due to a rather wet evening, the gate takings were a little down on previous years but the night was a success and Councillors thanked the volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. At the request of a parishioner the bonfire was relocated prior to lighting to protect hibernating animals but the only animal found was a toad!

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New Hilton Village Play Park now open following official launch

# Hilton Parish Council

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## **Playground**

The installation of playground, fencing and landscaping is now complete, and the playground has passed its safety inspection. The Parish Council resolved to hold the playground opening event on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Hilton children are celebrating following the opening of a new village Play Park.

The Hilton Play Park is officially up and running following a launch party at the facility in Grove End on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The ribbon was cut by Pat & Alan Cockwill who were involved in the previous playground in 1982.

New play equipment including swings, slides and climbing structures are included at the new facility which was funded by a £52,901 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

Graham Barradell, Chair of Hilton Parish Council is delighted that the project is now in use.

He says: "This vital facility is going to make a real difference to those who use it, as well as the wider Hilton community. We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, FCC Community Foundation's senior grant manager, says: "It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to children and families across Hilton. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities, and this is a great example of what can be achieved." For further press information please contact [clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com) (Nicola Webster, Clerk to Hilton Parish Council).

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 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.*

## Hilton Produce Show

Hilton Produce Show: House Leeks; Hens and Chickens; Semper (always) Vivums (living)

It is difficult finding plants for the north wall of a house. In winter, violas are a cheering sight and in summer begonias and impatiens do well; their bright, almost gaudy colours, decently restrained by the shade. I opted this winter for house leeks in the two stone mini-troughs by the front door. They prefer a sunny position, but as they are virtually indestructible, (see their Latin name) I thought I would give them a try and hoped they would live up to their names.

There is a vast range of plants and colourings in this genus, and artistic effects can be had by arranging the plants amongst pieces of brick, pebble or stone. A top dressing of horticultural grit suppresses weeds and gives the good drainage that these plants need. They are absolutely trouble free and very hardy. The plant is shaped like a rosette. The original rosette, the hen, generously begets plantlets known as chickens which can be severed from the parent plant to start a new colony. These low-lying plants can be found in fresh greens or deep reds or interesting combinations. Some grow with white hairs covering the surface forming webs that give them a further Latin name, "arachnoid" or spider.

We share our gardens with other creatures and many a gardener has expressed sorrow and anger at the destructive capabilities of the two and four legged friends visiting our plots. Returning from a week away, I cast an eye over the doorstep and attendant pots and saw the crime scene: a house leek lying on the drive, pulled up by its roots. Culprit? Most probably a hungry blackbird, clearing the ground trying to get to some grubs. It was a simple matter to replant the house-leek, but I anchored it more firmly with a heavy piece of stone.

D'Arcy & Everest nursery specialises in alpine plants and other low growing hardy plants. It is on the B1040 at the bottom of Pidley Sheep Lane. Not only do they have a wonderful selection of plants, they offer a 'make your own' arrangement deal with instruction from the owner and plenty of inspiring arrangements they made earlier. This year the nursery won a coveted Gold Medal at The Chelsea Flower Show. It is only open a few days in the year, but their website is accurate and informative, telling us they will be open on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April.

At the Produce Show this year we hope to have some entries of house-leeks and other succulents.

Here's an example of an arrangement with cups and saucers .....



## HILTON SPEEDWATCH TEAM

The Hilton Speedwatch team are a friendly group of volunteers working together to help to bring 'speed awareness' to the motorists who use our roads.

We have observed a reduction in the number of speeding vehicles in the six months we have been operational.

We are making a difference.

If you can spare some time, as little as an hour a month, to join us, you will be made most welcome.

Please contact Nicola Webster  
e mail: [clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com)

Thank you

Patricia Cockwill



## Hilton Art Club

In December, 21 of us met at The Duchess Restaurant in Fenstanton for our annual Christmas lunch. It was a very enjoyable meal/get-together, for which thanks goes to Joanne for the organisation this year.

**14<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm      Acrylic Mediums, Inks & Watercolour Workshop.** Tutor-led workshop with **Caroline Furlong**.

With thanks in anticipation  
Gina

## 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.

Find Us on Facebook

### **HILTON FLOWER CLUB,**

Happy new year to all our ladies.

FEBRUARY 3rd VALERIE ZARNO is giving a talk on Aromatherapy oils and Herbs,

BEVRLEY will follow with a flower and herb demonstration, you should all have a lovely relaxing afternoon.

MARCH 2nd TIM MEEKIN is our flower demonstrator we look forward to seeing him again, we know it will be an enjoyable afternoon.

APRIL 6th is our WORKSHOP, so we need your names and money FEB/

MAR. cost is £5.00 just bring scissors.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm----4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes tea /biscuits)

RAFFLE £1.00

Look forward to seeing you all again

Beverley

### **COMBERTON RAMBLERS**

If you are making a new resolution for 2020 why not join a walking club that will put you together with like-minded people.

The benefit from walking is a good way to get fit. It strengthens the heart and improves circulation by raising the heart rate to a safe level. Walking also gives people the opportunity to spend time in the fresh air and enjoy exploring the countryside.

Comberton Ramblers walk alternative Sundays between 5-7 miles.

New walkers are very welcome to join us with 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual membership fee is £8.50 per person.

Our full walks programme can be viewed + photo's on.

<https://www.combertonramblers.org.uk>

For further information please contact Stella the Secretary.

Email. [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com)

Tel 01954 210049

## Hilton WI

Our December meeting was entertaining again  
- it was the season after all!

After the usual business procedures, the 51 ladies present enjoyed party food and Secret Santa presents then settled down to party games. We had the old favourite 'Pass the Parcel' and a lively game involving taking several blindfolded 'victims' over an imaginary obstacle course! Finally, the handbag game meant small groups of ladies together seeking a total of A to Z items in their handbags - even to x and z it was embarrassingly achievable! After singing a few Christmas Carols we went home happily thanking our committee for preparing us so well for the Festivities ahead.

Our January meeting began with the reminder that 2020 marks the Centenary of the original formation of Hilton Women's Institute although there had been one or two breaks since then. It is a significant birthday, nevertheless.

This year we have a nicely mixed programme of talks and visits , beginning at this meeting with Nicola Madden, an experienced nutritionist talking on 'Healthy Living - Diabetes and Weight Management ' .Nicola took us through our nutrition and dietary needs, how we digest our food and consequently how to avoid weight gain and the two types of diabetes It was an absorbing and thought provoking evening so we returned home even more intent on avoiding the excesses of a month ago ! Perhaps an extra Resolution was on the way!

For ladies thinking of joining Hilton Women's Institute we meet every second Monday at 7.30 in Hilton Village where you will be made very welcome to our friendly group.

## HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

Christmas lunch and New Year lunch were very lively, everyone enjoyed their meals.

We had our usual good food and excellent service at the George and Dragon.

Our next meal will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock.

Please contact me (Jenny) on 01480 831581.

## GOLDEN GAMERS.

We will be meeting again on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m.

Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.



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a home

# An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

## An Upgraded Welcome Area

Regular readers may remember that we had planned and scheduled a series of improvement works around our car park and welcome area. We are now happy to report that the contractors have been in and carried out these works, made possible by a grant from the A14 Community Fund, a fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

We have received support from the



Cambridgeshire  
Community  
Foundation

A new surface has been laid to renew the worn out stretch of road adjacent to the welcome area and into the car park, which has been levelled out and had a second disabled parking space added. A clearly demarcated pedestrian route has also been added from the welcome area, across the road and down to the water's edge at the small picnic area opposite the welcome shelter looking out over Ferry Lagoon.

Why not come down one day this winter to make use of the improvements and then go for a walk around one of the lakes? At the time of writing the vanguard of wintering species has started arriving, so it is only a matter of time before they arrive en masse. It won't be long before large flocks of wintering thrushes, such as redwing and fieldfare, from northern Europe will be visiting the hawthorn scrub along the access road and around the lakes. Wigeon, a grazing species of duck with a tell-tale whistling call, will be around the lakes and large numbers of waders, particularly lapwing, will be moving around the muddy lake edges and surrounding fields. There will always be something to see.



*New surface and pedestrian crossing - Simon Freedman*

## Get involved....

### Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of every month.

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### Volunteering

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

### Hilton Feast Week

We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and the New Year has got off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Christmas party, with special thanks to Eclipse Sound and Lighting for providing the disco and to Karen Minter for leading the children's dancing and games.

Thanks also to everyone who bought Grand Draw tickets, details of winners can be found on the website.

Don't forget, if you want to be in with a chance to win cash prizes on a monthly basis, sign up to **200 Club**. Apply online at [www.feastweek.co.uk](http://www.feastweek.co.uk) or speak to a committee member

<p><b><u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020</u></b></p> <p>Murder Mystery Evening at Hilton Village Hall 7.30pm</p>  <p>Come along to the village hall for an evening of fun and intrigue. Can you solve the murder most foul in a proper Who Dunnit???</p> <p>Tickets on sale now at <a href="http://www.feastweek.co.uk">www.feastweek.co.uk</a> £12.50 including supper. Licensed bar</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020</u></b></p> <p>Comedy night in Hilton Village Hall, doors 7pm, acts 8pm.</p>  <p>Come along to our first ever Comedy night, an evening of laughter, sure to chase away those winter blues.</p> <p>Tickets on sale now at <a href="http://www.feastweek.co.uk">www.feastweek.co.uk</a> £10 per person. Licensed bar. <b>PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b></p>
<p><b><u>FEAST WEEK 2020 – 19<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>We are delighted to announce the theme for this year is:</u></b></p>  <p>Time to start planning your float design and costumes for the parade</p>	

As always if you would like to get involved and join our band of volunteers, please email us at [committee@feastweek.co.uk](mailto:committee@feastweek.co.uk) so we can ensure you are added to the group.

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## What's on in February

1st	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P12
3rd	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 am	P47
12th& 26th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P33
6th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30pm	P37
7th	Hilton and Fenstanton Singletons	Meal out	12:00pm	P49
8th	Murder Mystery Evening	Fenstanton Church Centre	7:00 pm	P19
8th	Murder Mystery Evening	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P53
14th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P45
15th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P21
21st	Friday Feast	Parish Church Hilton	5:30 pm	P15
29th	Shanty Folk Concert	Fen Drayton Church		P10

### 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'

**8 March Pancake Party Fenstanton Parish Church**

**9 Mar FVHT AGM P34**

**14 Mar Comedy Night Hilton Village Hall P53**

**21 Mar RAF Concert P29**

**25 Mar RSPB Peter Holder talk St Ives Free Church**

**29th March Lent Lunch Fenstanton Parish Church**

**4 April Hilton Roving Supper P12**

**10 April Good Friday Workshop Fenstanton Parish Church**

**9/10 May VE Celebrations. P25-27**

**27th and 28th June Fenstanton Open Gardens P7**

### Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p45)

Shanty Folk (p10)

Golden Gamers (P49)

### Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters, Coffee & chat,

Tuesday Lunch (P20)

**For Church services  
etc. see pages 12  
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