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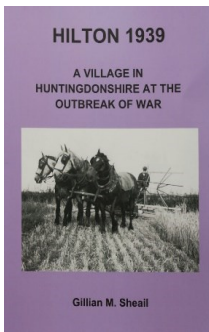
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Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** are still available 67 pages, with illustrations

Only £7 to cover printing costs.

This may be just what you are looking for as a small Christmas gift, or for yourself if you are a newcomer to the village.

Please contact me at 3, Mill Hill End, or phone 07484 650209, and if required I will deliver within the village

Gillian Sheail

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Dear Flower club ladies.

SEPTEMBER 6th is the big day we are opening up the flower club, so June and myself are looking forward to seeing you all again. ANN PURT will be our flower demonstrator, so it will be great to get back in the swing of things.

Future demonstrators.

OCTOBER 4th TIM MEAKS

NOVEMBER 1ST LESLEY BEETON.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm ---4pm
ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes tea /biscuits)

Be great to catch up again.
Take care.
Beverley

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By resolution of the Cambridgeshire County Council passed unanimously on the 18th day of May 2021, the title of Honorary Alderman was conferred on Ian Bates In recognition of his significant and exemplary contribution to Local Government in Cambridgeshire over many years' and signed by Chairman and Chief Executive." I was very pleased to receive this honour, and also honoured to have served Fenstanton and Hilton Parishes both as a District then County Cllr - amounting to nearly 30 years in total - LOTS of memories for me.

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

As the year is flying by and school holidays are fast approaching, it is usually the time when new shoes are bought ready for the new term. If you do buy shoes, please may I ask for the boxes size 4 upwards.

Yes it's the time I start thinking of this year's Love-in-a-box appeal. If you would let me have any boxes, I will then start to wrap them in Christmas paper ready to fill later.

If anyone would like to knit hats or scarves, I will be pleased to have them, we have an age range of 3 to 15 boys and girls. If you would like to deliver them to the address below and if you have any questions please ring.

Many Thanks,
Jenny Stimpson
13 Little Moor, Fenstanton.
Ring 01480 464939

Feeling a bit low? Join a creative arts course to improve your mental health!



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our mailing list

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Local charity Cambridge Community Arts run a wide range of part-time creative arts courses for adults in Cambridgeshire. Evidence shows that joining in improves mental wellbeing, reduces feelings of loneliness, and can even help you get back to work. In September there are year-long courses that lead to a Level 2 Qualification – these are in Photography, Visual Arts, Digital Art & Design, Music for Performance, Music Production and Drama. Come and meet us at our Open Day on Tuesday 13th July from 1-4pm at Arbury Community Centre. You will have the chance to meet us, course tutors and past learners to find out more.

Denise took part in a Visual Arts course and commented *"It improved my self-esteem, made me have something to look forward to in my week. Doing*

something I enjoy has made me feel happy, which is rare. Great experience".

A wide range of shorter courses lasting 8 weeks will also be available – both in person and on-line for those who find travelling a challenge. Full details and application form can be found on www.camcommarts.org.uk or ring 07763 280029.

Our courses are for adults 19+. Priority is given to those with health conditions, disabilities and/or caring responsibilities. Short courses are free for those on means tested benefits or low income.



A massive congratulations to our U16 and U13 teams for both finishing 2nd in their leagues!

U16



Back left to right inc coaches, Andy Buck, Mark Curuk, George Infandis, Elliot Burman, Ben Suckling, Zach Whieldon, Don Jackman, James Thoday, Lucas Winter-Castillo, Nathan Ratcliffe, Conor Foy, Matt Whieldon

Bottom Row, Harry Keegan, Aiden Curuk, Tom McCarthy, Tom Buck, Freddie Greeing, Josh Tilbury

U13



Back Left to right, Joshua Pakes, William Simpson, Ray Dixon, Seth Mason, Cody Whieldon, Dom O'Brien, Will Laborne

Front row left to right Papa Manful, Josh Sacramento, Jacob Allen, Kian Rice, George Coombe

Inset photo left to right Ralf Beaumont, Max Lucas, Ollie Burman



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

(but please check noticeboard as we hope to resume “normal” service schedule with alternating 11.15am services soon)

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy communion – Thursdays (9.45am) & Sundays (11.15am)

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

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

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

We are still not meeting in church but have our services each Sunday at 9.45am on Zoom. If you would like to join our worship you would be most welcome. The link for joining can be obtained from Sandy Monk on 830273 or Heather Woods on 830686.

We have a joint ecumenical service with the Parish Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm although in July it is on the third Tuesday. All are welcome and the link can be obtained as above or from Rachel Wood .

CHRISTIAN AID

Hilton Christians working together for Christian Aid. Because of the Covid restrictions a door to door collection was not permitted. This year an envelope drop was done with a return to address. Thank you to everyone who took the time to return their envelopes by the said date. £1417.91 was raised for this worthwhile charity. Sincere thanks to all who sent donations.

Christina and Heather

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - July/August

We are pleased to welcome you to our church Services are at 09.30, Sunday mornings. All are welcome.

July/August Services

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|-------------------------|--|
| 4 th July | - Reverend Roy Muttram |
| 11 th July | - Holy Communion - Reverend Roy Muttram |
| 18 th July | - Reverend Catherine Ball |
| 25 th July | - Reverend Chris Baker |
| 1 st August | - Led by Keith Cakebread |
| 8 th August | - Holy Communion - Reverend Catherine Ball |
| 15 th August | - Reverend Catherine Ball |
| 22 nd August | - Led by Keith Cakebread |
| 29 th August | - Reverend Catherine Ball |



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

We ask only that you to wear a mask in accordance with government guidelines, and not to mingle inside of the church

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Hobbies, Crafts and Collections

On Saturday 18th September

10-00 am --- 4-00 pm

**VINTAGE/CLASSIC CARS/TRACTORS
ON SHOW OUTSIDE**

**IN THE CHURCH WILL BE
KNITTING, SEWING,
HANDMADE CRAFTS
HANDMADE JEWELLERY,
HOMEMADE JAMS,
ANTIQUE DOLLS AND PRAM
ANTIQUE BOTTLES**

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Christian Aid – A Massive ‘Thank you’ £2,725-00 What a result!



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our appeal for Christian Aid week to help people in the world like Florence and Rose in Kenya who spend 6 hours each day walking to collect a basic essential for life-water.

How did we do it? Well, the stall in Bell Lane run by Jean Ding raised £450-00 fantastic. Thank you to Jean for her hard work and to all who donated items and bought from the stall- a super total.

Other money was donated in envelopes and handed to me or popped through my letter box and finally lots was donated on our Just Giving page justgiving.com/fenstantoncaw2021. The page included sponsorship donations for Caroline’s 300,000 step challenge. A big thank you and congratulations to Caroline for completing the challenge in May.

A massive thank you to everyone who gave directly online in this way.

Gift Aid when claimed will bring in a further £350 for Christian Aid.

Together we have made a massive difference. Together we can stop this climate crisis and to each and everyone of you who generously gave “THANK YOU”. Katie Hucklesby

JOIN US ONLINE FRIDAY FEAST

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



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

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



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

Jigsaw Exchange – Still running in Hilton!

Coronavirus restrictions mean that we cannot currently store the jigsaws in the church, but they are still available to borrow and/or exchange from Rachel & Phil's house in Hilton. So how does it work now? Just call on 830866 and make a request – we can't let you just browse the jigsaws but, if you tell us what you want (size & subject matter), we will select a few from which you can then chose not perfect but better than not having a jigsaw to keep you entertained through the winter months! Any jigsaws that you don't take (or which are returned to the exchange) will go into quarantine before being offered to someone else. Strict social distancing in place at all times.



For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866)

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for July/August 2021

Hello, how are you doing?

Slowly, slowly. Yes, we are still slowly stepping out of lockdown 3 and by the time Spectrum is published for July and August things might look a little different, who knows? We continue to check the restrictions and follow the guidance as set out by the government and Church of England. Please be aware that the restrictions for us as a place of worship may be different to those for you at home or work. However, we endeavour to plan special services as best we can, so do please get in touch for wedding and baptism enquiries, although we might be required to limit numbers or what we can do. For funerals services in church, please talk to your funeral director, in the first instance, if you would like a service in church for a loved one, or a minister to take the service at the crematorium. Thank you.

So, I include the list of services for the next two months with the caveat that we might need to change things at short notice. We continue to live-stream our Sunday services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, when we can but you will need to book in to receive the access codes for Zoom. We welcome all ages to all services, pew packs, with various activities, are available every week for younger smaller people.

Please note that the pre-booking of places for in person in church services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, may continue, we simply can't say at the time of publication. Do get in touch for up-to-date information, or look on the website www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk, the facebook page "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches", a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com, or email us email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

As you know our parish also serves the community of Fen Drayton. We are pleased to say that during May we opened St Mary's for Sunday worship for the first time since lockdown March 2020. You will see from the table below we offer two services a month at St Mary's.

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

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email:

rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

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

For more information about our ***Community Fund**, or to make an application for financial help, please see separate article

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for July/August 2021

JULY/AUGUST 2021			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject to change.			
	Parish Church Open	<p>Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton</p> <p>We have indicated when services are held at St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton</p>	<p><i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i></p>
Thursday 1 st			8.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 4 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	<p>10am Parish Service, Holy Communion</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details</p>	
Monday 5 th			8pm Night Prayer (Compline)
Thursday 8 th			8.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11 th	<p>9.30am onwards for a 10am service</p> <p>8.55am for a 9.15am service</p>	<p>10am Worship For All service at Fenstanton (no communion)</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details</p> <p>Please note there is also a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton</p>	
Monday 12 th			8pm Night Prayer (Compline)
Thursday 15 th			8.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	<p>10am Parish Service, Holy Communion</p> <p>Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details</p>	

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Monday 19 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 22 nd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 25 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Service of Holy Communion at Fenstanton Live stream may be available Please note there is also a service of Morning Praise at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 26 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 29 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
AUGUST			
Please note that during August Monday evening Compline and Thursday Morning Prayer may be available. There will not be a service of Compline on Bank Holiday Monday (30th Aug)			
Sunday 1 st August	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available	
Sunday 8 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Worship For All at Fenstanton (no communion) Live stream may be available Please note there is also a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Sunday 15 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available	

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Sunday 22nd	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Service of Holy Communion, Fenstanton Live stream may be available	
	8.55am for a 9.15am service	Please note there is also a service of Morning Praise at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Sunday 29 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available	

Fenstanton Community Café: weekly virtual Café, all welcome Happy birthday virtual café and yes, we had real cake!



Our grateful thanks to Fenstanton Parish Council who had given us a grant, because with some of that money we were able to provide cake to 16 virtual café regulars, safely with minimal risk, except for the temptation to eat cake while out



delivering!! But all the cake, and the sausage rolls for the no-cakey people, arrived without incident, or so I am told. The photo shows some of us on screen, and you will see we are a mixed bunch of all ages. Thanks to Caroline, Matt, Penny and John who made all the arrangements to purchase and deliver the goodies. You missed the excitement of people leaving their screen to go and get their cake, as a lot were delivered while the café was in progress.

We know that a lot of people viewed our facebook page (998 people reached, apparently) but curiously our actual numbers at the café are under 20. But if you viewed our page we are glad that you did.

The Fenstanton Community virtual Café is open to anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday afternoon, it doesn't matter where you live or where you are joining us from. The virtual café meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Zoom. Please message Rosie for the meeting ID and passcode.

We have a facebook page "Fenstanton Community Café" and a WhatsApp group. We do have two rules we have agreed upon:

1. We respect each other's views - we might not agree with another person's viewpoint, but we respect them as a person who has their own view.
2. We don't share photos or phone numbers unless we have permission from that person.

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

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

The church is currently closed but live virtual Sunday service are held each week

These can be found on UTube at The Bridge Church St Ives/Live It is also available on Zoom, details on joining can be found on the church website

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

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 Bi-
ble, believe in Particular Redemption

Update on the Fenstanton to Malawi Container



Many of you will remember that, during last summer's lockdown, a 40ft container was lovingly packed (without an inch left to spare) with useful items, donated by kind people in our local community and shipped to Malawi. These items included

over 35,000 items of clothing for the 3,109 orphan children under Aquaid Lifeline's umbrella of care, laptops, bicycles, commercial polytunnels, tools galore, medical equipment, a braille machine, school desks and chair, sewing and knitting machines....the list goes on. The good news is that our container has finally arrived after considerable delay, and, no, it wasn't our ship that became wedged in the Suez Canal!

The level of excitement was huge as the items started to be distributed amongst the eager recipients. The children were so proud to show off their 'new' clothes and the sweets, although not vital cargo, certainly put a smile on their beautiful faces. We are so proud of the contents we shipped, lives will be improved and changed for the better, what a privilege to be able to help people who live in one of the poorest nations in the world. On their behalf, I thank you all.

It would be amazing to repeat the experience and I know that, together, we can.



I'm looking for watertight, secure storage space local to the Fenstanton area. I'm beginning to be offered amazing items again which I would love to start collecting for the next container....I just need



somewhere to keep it all safe. If you would like to help with funding for purchasing and shipping the

follow-on container, have some storage, or would like more information on the work of Aquaid Lifeline Fund and our projects in Malawi, please call Josie Charter on 07827 296275 or email coordinator@lifelinefund.org.uk or visit our website www.lifelinefund.org.uk



Try a new Sport!
All ages welcome

Searching for a new activity to try?

Fenstanton Bowls Club

is on the lookout for new members!

Why not come and make some new friends?

- * Social bowling every Thursday morning at 10am
- * Opportunities to play in the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Leagues

Please check out our website at www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk and call Barry on 07541 968125 or Patricia on 07801 946729



Fenstanton Bowls Club

OPEN DAY

Sunday 11th July

Anytime between 10am - 4pm

Never played before? Come and give it a try

Everyone welcome

All you need are flat shoes/trainers....

we'll provide the rest, including refreshments!

We hope to see you there

**FREE
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FAMILY!**

The site in the Post-Medieval and Modern Times:

The post medieval and modern period saw the expansion of the village to house a growing population. The High Street had to its northern-side (even numbers) a range of buildings stretching as far as Bell Lane. The buildings on the southern side (odd numbers) ran almost continuously along the road, broken only by irregular routes providing access to the land behind and a larger track-way which was opposite the Bell Lane intersection with the High Street. This track-way led south, providing access to two separate building ranges sited on the western-side of the track, before terminating at a field called 'Morgan's Croft furlong'. This covered the five acres that became the dairy site.



This map of 1777 shows the fields called Morgan's Croft on the top right. To the left of the croft you will see the tenements, long gardens and agricultural strips.

The only structure on this trackway that still exists is the 19th century building at 17 High Street, now being converted into three houses. The track-way continued to provide access into the large fields. Much of the rest of the site remained as garden and orchards to the rear of the 18th century tenement buildings which ran between numbers 17 and 19 High Street.

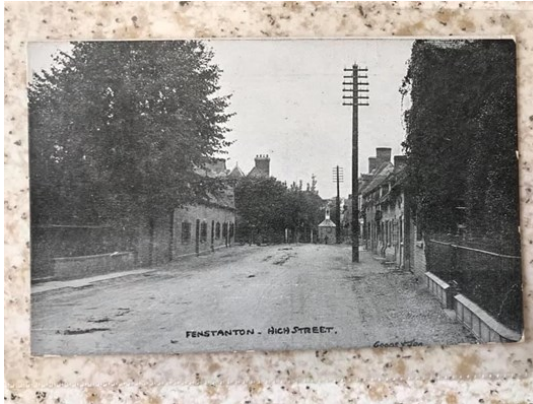
These tenement buildings were demolished in mid-20th century to make way for an enlarged entry and exit to the dairy site from the high street. The long gardens and agricultural land that were associated with the tenements and numbers 17 and 19 High Street, were then incorporated into the dairy site as a lorry parking and turning area.

The Victorian buildings at 17 High Street, which once housed the Dairy Crest offices, were converted into three separate houses in 2021.



FENSTANTON and the DAIRY SITE, now THE CROWN ESTATE: Part 2:

A new village bypass was constructed in 1983. This road allowed the dairy to move its entrance from the High Street to a slip-way off the A604 (later the A14 and then the A1307) bypass. The original entry point in the high street was then used to build a canteen and social facility for the dairy workers.



On the left of this picture are the row of cottages that sat between numbers 17 and 19 High Street. One of the cottages had been converted into a beer house called the King's Head. These were demolished and the new Dairy Crest offices and canteen were built on the site. In 2021 as part of the Crown Estate development, these were replaced by a new row of cottages but no pub.

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FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Well, here we are halfway through the year and still not able to meet. It's been a long haul for everyone and unfortunately some of our members will not be with us when we return. Let's look forward to when we can resume our meetings and plan, (depending on governmental restrictions), to get together in September. Hopefully, we can get back to normal with speakers, lunches out and entertainment in some form. Spread the word, that we are a great group who are looking for new members to join us, they will be very welcome. Meanwhile watch out for strawberry tea.

Take care.

Marie Newns 01480350677

Local Weather Watch

Of all the seasons, Springtime is the most capricious often containing reminders of Winter as it loses its grip and later as daily day light hours increase to the same length as days in July the potential for warm sunny days. The unpredictability can be readily illustrated by comparing Spring 2021 with Spring during the COVID lockdown of 2020.

Having said that, March this year was largely uneventful, with mean temperatures slightly higher than normal, less frost than usual and broadly an average amount of rainfall. The last two days of the month brought a sudden heatwave on light southerly winds within which Sahara dust was embedded. Daytime maxima reached 22C (72F). A complete reversal of wind direction took place on 1st April to a cold north-easterly and a maximum of just 10C (50F), heralding a completely different weather pattern for the rest of the Spring.

April was a cold month with a predominance of northerly winds sourced direct from the Arctic as high pressure sat to the west of the UK blocking any low-pressure systems from the Atlantic. The air was often sparkling crystal clear and bone dry leading to frosty nights. For the first time since records began frost occurred somewhere in the UK on every night in the month. In my relatively sheltered garden I recorded frost on 21 nights. Total precipitation for April amounted to 2.5mm (0.10 inch) including light snow showers on the 5th and 11th. The highest temperature in the month was 18C (64.4F). On 20 days the maximum temperature was 13C (55.4F) or below. Compare that with April 2020 when 20 days reached 20C (68F) or above!

The cold theme continued through May with winds from a northerly quarter fed around low pressure over Scandinavia and high pressure still blocking Atlantic systems. Unlike April, May was a wet month with frequent rain, on 17 days, accompanied by very chilly conditions. No fewer than 18 days failed to reach 15C (59F) and only 3 reached 21C (70C), two of which were on the 30th and 31st. Compare that with May 2020 when 15 days reached 21C (70C) or above, with all but 7 days exceeding 16C (61F). May 2020 was also the sunniest on record, as well as being a very dry month with only 4.5mm of rain. There were nearly 75mm (3 inches) this year.

As May drew to a close, high pressure from the Azores took over bringing another dramatic change with warm south westerly winds flooding across most of the UK. As I write this article on 12th June, warm conditions continue with every one of the last 14 days having exceeded 22C(71.5F). Also, drought conditions are now looming, such are the vagaries of the British climate.

Local Weather Watch

In concluding this article, I was interested to read in "Weather" magazine about the phenomena of coastal mirages around UK waters where there were several sightings in February this year of ships elevated above the water surface as if they were flying. They occurred during the exceptionally mild spell which I mentioned in my last article and are caused by the refraction of light, in a layer of warmer air immediately above colder air near the water surface thus forming a temperature inversion. They were seen in Cornwall, Lyme Bay, South Shields and Banff, Aberdeenshire. Called superior mirages they are sometimes referred to as Fata Morgana and may be the cause of sightings of ghost ships in mariner's tales, such as the legendary "Flying Dutchman".

Patrick Landucci

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

The home of Fenstanton's new village hall

We're delighted to show you pictures of what will be the location of Fenstanton's new village hall.

For the past 12 years since the original site in Chequer Street was sold, we've been looking for a suitable site and putting our efforts into fundraising to fund a build.

Around five years ago we started talks with Morris Homes and Huntingdonshire District Council to acquire a space on the old Dairy Crest site.

In March this year we finally exchanged contracts on the acquisition of the new village hall site and completion of the transfer of the land is due to take place in September once Morris Homes fully vacate the site.

We're now working towards submitting our full design to Huntingdonshire District Council for their approval and hope to provide the village of Fenstanton with a brand new village hall in late 2022.

Last year our former Chair, Jane Blunt, successfully applied to the Cambridgeshire Communities Capital Fund for a grant of £500,000 to assist with the construction of the new building.

The grant was given on the condition that Fenstanton Parish Council would also provide some support which they have with a capital grant of £95,000. We then approached Huntingdon District Council who confirmed they could also support us with a grant of £75,000.

With our own funds, we now have around £890,000 for the build which we expect to exceed £1million so you'll see us continuing our fundraising efforts as soon as we can.

We'll keep you updated through Spectrum on the planning outcome and our future fundraising events, or you can follow us on Facebook [@fenstantonvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/fenstantonvillagehall) If you need to get in touch you can do so via email fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com

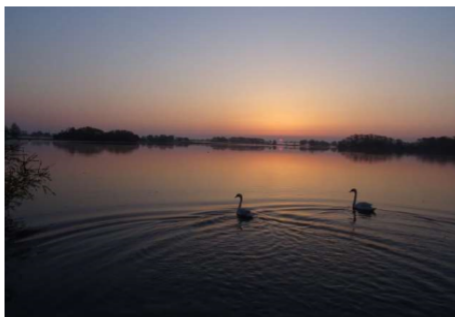
The UK is in a nature crisis with over 40% of all species suffering declines since the 1970s. In fact, many of these species are now threatened with extinction and for some it is already too late. With over 70% of land in the UK being used for agriculture, nature reserves, such as Fen Drayton Lakes, are of vital importance to halt and reverse these declines by offering safe havens for species of all kinds.

The primary purpose of a nature reserve is to provide habitat for wildlife. By a combination of non-intervention and by carrying out targeted management work in different habitats around the reserve, from open water and reedbed to scrub and woodland, we work to ensure that there is space for plants and creatures of all sizes to breed, feed and over-winter. To date, almost 1700 different species of organism have been recorded at Fen Drayton Lakes and there will be many more (particularly invertebrates) that have not been formally identified and recorded.

Of course, nature reserves are not just wonderful for wildlife; nature reserves and the countryside in general are special spaces for us all to get closer to nature, to relax and to forget, for a short time, the troubles affecting us all.

Unfortunately, where there are people there is disturbance to wildlife and so it behoves all visitors to minimise their impact and respect the countryside code when visiting the reserve. Disturbing nesting birds and other breeding wildlife can have significant consequences with nests or young being abandoned.

We know that the water is very inviting, but swimming and boating are not allowed on the lakes as these both cause significant disturbance. Fires and barbecues are also prohibited because of the damage they can cause. Wonderful, open meadows, which often look empty, host numerous nesting birds and other life like deer fawns



Sunrise over Ferry Lagoon - Simon Freedman

hidden away amongst the vegetation. Allowing dogs into these areas can seriously harm the wildlife using them, and in some cases, constitutes a criminal offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Like elsewhere, we have seen a significant increase in these types of antisocial behaviour over the past year, with the increase in littering that comes with them. We would be really grateful if everybody could help by ensuring that those around you are aware of the harm these activities can cause to our wonderful nature reserve, and, to please discourage such behaviour where you can exert influence in your section of our community.

We thank you for your cooperation and hope you continue to enjoy your visits to Fen Drayton Lakes.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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



Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Opportunity to review the Parish Council accounts for Financial Year 2020/21

The unaudited accounts are available for public inspection from 14.06.21 to 23.07.21 inclusive.

These are available on the Parish Council Website:
www.fenstantonpc.org/finance/
or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

The accounts will be audited by the Small Councils Auditor, PKF Littlejohn over the forthcoming period, with the full report and sign off of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) by 30.09.21.

Parish council meetings and office re-opening

In line with current legislation, all future Parish Council meetings will be face to face, following strict social distancing guidelines.

Whilst all Councillors will attend in person, we are trialling 'hybrid' meetings, whereby the public and press are invited to attend by Zoom.

To attend, please contact the Parish Clerk for a Zoom link.

The Parish Council office is scheduled to re-open after July 19th.

Social distancing and hygiene restrictions may remain in place, depending on government guidelines.

Bus shelters

Work has started on the repair and refurbishment of the bus shelters.

Weather permitting, this should be completed by the end of June.

Cemetery Tap

Our thanks go to parishioners Katie Evans and Ross Stewart for their quick actions in respectively reporting and fixing the problem when the tap in the Church Graveyard began leaking heavily.

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

New Parliamentary constituency?



We could become part of a new seat; St Neots. Have your say .

Scan the QR code for further information.



Proposed road schemes impacting Fenstanton

A variety of options are being considered for changes to the road network around St Ives. Some of these have a direct impact on Fenstanton.

Scan the QR code below for further information



Have your say on the proposals, but equally, let's put forward additional suggestions for Fenstanton.

Flood planning

Work on the development of a Flood Resilience Plan and local resources, together with a program of repair, cleaning and maintenance of drains, ditches and culverts is progressing well.

This will be published on the Parish Council website and available in hard copy from the Clerk later in the Summer

Cleaning up Fenstanton



Fenstanton volunteers were out in force on Sunday, 6th June, collecting over 20 bags of rubbish, as part of the Million Mile Mission campaign by Keep Britain Tidy.

Our thanks to all who supported us, both on the day and over recent months with litter picking around the village.

Galaxy Big Band @Bannolds



Saturday, 4th September 2021

Tickets purchased for the postponed event will be valid, but for those who don't have tickets, these are available on-line by scanning the QR code, from the Parish Clerk, or from the Carriages team at Bannolds



New benches, picnic tables and planters

You may have noticed new benches in and around the village.

Over the coming months new benches, picnic tables and planters will be added.



These will include:

- ◆ Memorial bench by the village pond;
- ◆ New benches in the Parish Churchyard;
- ◆ New bench looking back over the lake towards Fenstanton from the Guided Busway path.

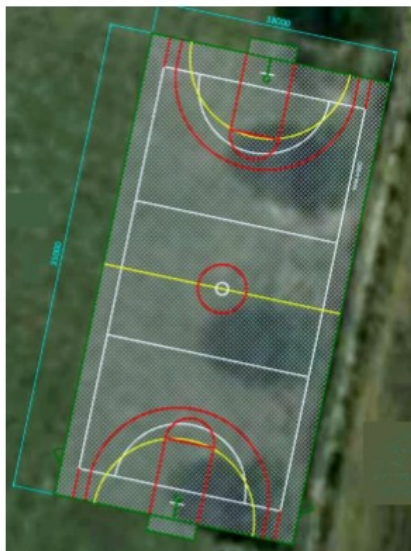
Multi-use games area (MUGA)

The MUGA is scheduled for construction over the School Summer Holidays.

Work on the site will start in July for two weeks. The surface will then need to harden for three weeks before the markings can be applied.

There will be some disruption to the Hamptons field parking area and access to the outdoor gym during construction, but this will be kept to a minimum.

Fenstanton can look forward to a new combined football, basketball, netball facility.



HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden news is very good news!

Fences are now intact to keep out rabbits.

Raised beds are in place and loaded with copious supplies of manure.

The shed has been erected.

The circular seating area has been landscaped.

Water has been connected.

We have had donations of fruit trees, tools and watering cans...THANK YOU!

The trugs have been delivered and are ready to be planted with herbs.

Beans, onion and rhubarb are already settling into their luxurious quarters.

By the time you read this article we shall have moved on even further in our project to create a lovely haven for people and plants in the heart of the village. Our decision to launch the garden on the 26th June has been a great spur to activity. As well as developing the plot, we have been working on fun activities for families. We hope to 'show off' the garden and involve everyone, highlighting the opportunities it offers for being good neighbours, learning about growing vegetables and fruit, and discovering the many other delights of gardens and horticulture.

Digging

A fun activity? Volunteers must be congratulated on some heroic digging, particularly in the hot weather. The clay soil has baked solid in the heat and there are many roots and stones still to remove before we have that fine tilth in which plants thrive. Whilst digging there a scene from Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer crept into my head. Tom had to paint a fence...in the heat. He hit on the idea of enthusing loudly on the many enjoyments of the job, so successful were his cries of delight, that he soon had a queue of 'helpers'. Alas, no passers-by were deceived by my exclamations of job satisfaction, but the arrival of committee members to admire the progress, gave a delightful opportunity to rest on the spade and chat.

Reinforcements

In films of the past, The United States Cavalry used to come to the rescue over the brow of the hill in the nick of time. Our dramatic intervention was the loan of a rotavator and the generous offer to operate it. You can see our hero, Rob Dalston, bending over the machine in a photo below. He transformed the plot in a few hours turning our despair to relief and excitement. The Ibuprofen can go back on the shelf.

Grant Applications

We continue to be successful in applying for funding. Community garden projects are favoured for all the obvious benefits they offer for health, education and good community relations. We can complete all the work in the first stage and begin to look for ways of extending and enriching the garden.



May 23rd

Claire Sarkies



June 14th

HILTON WI

We are enjoying the better weather and whatever activities we can safely enjoy in small and permitted larger numbers.

We continue with our Monday picnics in sunshine after a few very chilly ones, what stalwarts we were ! The Drawing club has met several times in gardens and the Book Club and Craft Clubs etc are resuming within the limitations until the Village Hall reopens .

Some members have been volunteering by bravely digging in the Community Garden while others are sampling a few weeks of Tai chi on the Green .

The newsletter is continuing monthly now with number 36 the most recent one, focussing mainly with a very interesting item on the history of the Village Hall and an historic feud involving a fight in the Churchyard !.

At our recent monthly zoom meeting Chris Jones of Papworth Brewery (but now based in Somersham) gave us a fascinating account of its beginnings and present activities . He began the venture with a friend , Richard , principally because he wanted to divert from his then scientific career so his wife encouraged him to start a brewery! (one member commented that there's always a good woman behind a successful venture !)

He and Richard are the full time staff with the inevitable multiple tasks, sometimes with extra help and have been able to ride the Pandemic storm by selling on line, to retail and commercial businesses, and to other outlets than just pubs.

The brewery currently produce ten different beer varieties with a quality that is the result of their own purified water so it is a live, completely natural product. This resulted in a Gold Medal award in the strong beers category by East of England Camra in 2018.

For our July meeting Cheyenne Smith will be telling us of the work of Wood Green Animal Shelter.

We do have a varied life, don't we ?

I am sure Hilton WI ladies will not mind me writing on their behalf to express our "thanks" to President, Sue along with her superb Committee for keeping us all going during these last, nearly 18 months. March last year Sue began sending out a daily email giving us encouragement and friendship and, over the coming months - who knew then how long it would stretch - she continued in what turned out to be a mammoth task.

Contact to Members then expanded with a small team of 3 getting together a weekly Newsletter, at the time little realising this would prove to be so popular that an entire BOOK was recently published!

During this time, there was an enormous range of articles submitted by Members, including life stories, travel adventures, memories from childhood/early working life etc., One of our ladies gave us a fascinating account of her WWII memories "from the other side". As the months went on special issues included articles from our husbands, partners, family members including children/grandchildren. There were photos, painting, and one of our Members became our 'poet', there were jokes and quotes to keep us amused.

The Newsletter is still ongoing, we are now approaching Issue 37 and, perhaps, a 2nd edition of another book - who knows.

We gradually mastered the world of 'Zoom' and this included tea-time chats, quizzes, even guest speakers were booked, one on the archaeology of local finds during construction of new A14, a seasonal demonstration for a Christmas wreath, we have had a virtual tour of a street in Cambridge, and the local Papworth Brewer came along to tell us all about his beers, no matter what the weather threw at us, we also had socially distanced lunch-time picnics on the Green.

Naturally, Members have also been fully involved in volunteering wherever and whenever needed in the Village and beyond.

We are now looking forward to meeting up in person - hopefully September - then getting back to normal with 'fingers very much crossed'.

THANK YOU, again, to our Sue and the Committee!

Doreen Bates



Hilton Parish Council

Due to the change in regulations regarding remote meetings, Hilton Parish Council have been unable to meet in June. We would like to wish all Hilton parishioners a fabulous summer and look forward to meeting again when the government regulations permit.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

We owe a huge thank you to all who made donations in return for the Royal British Legion Centenary Pins in Sunil's Hilton shop which Commemorate 100 years since its formation on May 15th, 1921, and as always to Sunil for his support in Hilton shop. Although our pin numbers were limited, the total raised there was an excellent £42.20. We also thank Simon and Emma in the Prince of Wales who still have a few such pins and some Legion items such as lanyards and key rings in return for donations.

The Royal British Legion is always grateful for contributions of coins - and paper money! - and even more so during this very difficult time. Sunil, Simon and Roland and Dreda Randall at Monach Farm, also Margaret and Julie, all have permanent collecting tins, throughout the year, not just during annual Poppy Appeals.

Usually, Armed Forces Day takes place on June 26th with events in St Ives. However, as you will understand, the day has had to very severely curtailed this year with only a very short ceremony to raise the flag at the Town Hall.

Let us hope that 2022 can return to 'normal' in all our lives.

As ever, thank you for all your wonderful support.

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580

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 / 07749 682229 for further information.

Find Us on Facebook



Open Studios is back this July! Enjoy visiting local artists in their studios at this free event held throughout Cambridgeshire. This year there is no printed yellow guide but you can see all the participating artists online or download the handy app or e-guide. Visit www.camopenstudios.co.uk for more information.

Doors open 11am – 6pm Saturdays and Sundays on the following weekends:

Weekend 1- 3/4th July Weekend 2 - 10/11th July

Weekend 3 - 17/18th July Weekend 4 - 24/25th July

To be Covid safe please wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer provided.

This year in Hilton, Nina Sage, printmaker, is open weekends 3 and 4 at 3, Pecks Close, PE28 9QN, studio 146 in the e- guide. She is showing new work portraying the natural world and, new for this year, hand block-printed bags and tea towels. As usual, there will also be a large selection of cards and tags for sale in her well-ventilated studio.

Nearby, in Elsworth, visit:

Sherry Rea, printmaker/painter, Carpenters, Broad End, CB23 4JD, Weekends 1 and 3, Studio 149.

Chrissie Gutsell, mixed media, 26, Brook Street, CB23 4HX, Weekends 1 and 3, Studio 147.

Adrian Parfitt, furniture designer/maker, 29, Brook Street, CB23 4HX, Weekend 3, Studio 148.

Sarah Hutchinson, painter/ printmaker, 7, The Drift, CB23 4JN, Weekends 1 and 3, Studio 150.

Want to see more? In Hemingford Grey, on weekends 3 and 4, visit:

Clare Trowell, printmaker, 41, High Street, Hemingford Grey, PE28 9BJ, Studio 142.

Christine Wilson, painter/printmaker, Studio 143a, Carole Pollock, glassmaker, Studio 143b and Fran Williams, watercolours/printmaker, Studio 143c – all three are at The Lodge, Hemingford Grey House, Church St.

We look forward to welcoming you back! Thank you for your support.