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Crib Service collection in Hilton Parish Church

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Crib Service on Christmas Eve last year. Your generous contributions to the collection meant that we were able to send cheques to the children's charities Action for Children, Angel Tree Trust and E.A.C.H (£80 each) as well as adding almost £60 to church funds.

Thank you all very much! Rachel Wood.

Diamond Wedding

Ron + Christine Collison 23 Harch 1957. at the URC.



Ron and Chris Collison of Fenstanton were married in the **URD** Fenstanton on 23rd March1957. Ron, from Thursford Norfolk, moved to Fenstanton in 1946. Christine was born in the Old Post Office. Fenstanton, She worked for thirty veasr at Fenstanton an Hilton Primary School, Christine and Ron have three children—Jane. Linda and Michael and three grand children Krista. Ben and Genevieve. They will celebrate their anniversary with their family.

Just a reminder that bus passes are renewed at the library in St Ives on Monday or phone for an appointment Deliverer required for Rookery Way in Fenstanton please.
Contact Kay if you can help.
Thanks

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address: www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

You can use our website to; register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more......
If you require medical advice when the surgery is closed please contact the out of hours service by dialling '111'

Patient Survey

The results showed that the surgery was meeting patient expectation and that our patients are very happy with the service provided. We found that it was difficult to find points that we could improve on or action, however, we would like to show that we have listened and considered the suggestions received and we have responded to these.

There are currently two public consultations running:

The future model for an integrated 'out of hours' base at Cambridge University Hospital:

This can be found as a paper copy in the surgery or you can complete it online at http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk (closing date 6th March)

Cambridgeshire pharmaceutical needs assessment 2017:

This is looking at whether there are enough providers of pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire, this is only available as a paper copy in the surgery (closing date 30th April)

FENSTANTON FOOTPATHS

Now that the new A14 construction works have started in earnest to the south of Fenstanton I went the other day to check if the permissive footpath which runs from the Conington Road to Hilton has been affected by the works. It's a bit of a shock to see the extent to which the hedgerows have been stripped for the new overbridge but I am glad to say the path itself is still in good order apart from a bit of disturbance where it takes off from the Conington Road. It was a rare sunny Saturday afternoon in early February when I went so the construction works had stopped for the weekend. As you can see from the photo the construction plant was neatly lined up for the weekend near the start of the footpath. The photo also shows that the fingerpost for the footpath has taken a bit of a hammering.

The path itself soon deviates away from the line of the new A14 and a low ridge hides it from view. The path runs south west towards Hilton through open farmland with scarcely a house in sight until you approach the village itself. True that the wind turbines at Toseland dominate the skyline ahead of you as you approach Hilton but somehow the eight giant turbines seem to have become part of the landscape and are sufficiently far away that they are not too intrusive.

If you want to make a circular walk of two to three hours using the permissive footpath there are two options for returning to Fenstanton but both involve guite a lot of walking on public roads. The most direct way is to walk back along the Hilton Road using the A14 pedestrian underpass which brings you back into the village near the Clock Tower. Alternatively, you can walk through (and admire) the attractive village of Hilton and make for the Potton Road and walk back towards Fenstanton this way. footpath beside the Potton Road for about half a mile from Hilton but this then stops and you have to walk on the road itself which is quite daunting as there is a lot of traffic these days. After another three quarters of a mile and the depressing sight of more stripped hedges to make way for the Potton Road overbridge, there is a footpath (FP No 7*) that follows West Brook and leads you past an old gravel working which is now a lake sporting numerous species of wildfowl. The path continues to West End Farm and eventually brings you back onto the Hilton Road about a quarter of a mile from the A14 underpass.

Happy walking!

Philip Blunt (P3 coordinator for Fenstanton)

[email: philip.blunt@mypostoffice.co.uk; phone: 461751]

If you are a footpath user and you see anything that needs attention relating to the maintenance of the public and permissive footpaths in the parish, please contact me in the first instance.

Hilton Parish Church - March

Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday		
Godmanchester	7.30pm Holy Communion with ashing		
Sunday 5 th	Lent 1		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church	
Wednesday 8 th		•	
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – see poster for details	
Sunday 12 th	Lent 2	•	
Hilton	11.15am	United Communion Service at Methodist Church. Sunday Club	
Wednesday 15 th			
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – see poster for details	
Saturday 18 th			
Hilton	7.30pm	Roving Supper	
Sunday 19 th	Lent 3		
Hilton	8.00am Holy Communion		
Wednesday 22 nd			
Hilton	12.30pm Lent Lunch – see poster for details		
Sunday 26 th	Mothering Sunday		
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am	
Monday 27 th			
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise	
Wednesday 29 th			
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – see poster for details	
Sunday 2 nd April	Lent 5		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Hilton	10.00am	am Children's Church	

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

TOTS' PRAISE (0- 4 year olds) - HILTON

We enjoyed searching for lost coins in the church last month and heard a story about the poor lady who lost a coin.

After making a picture and drawing round some coins, we took a chocolate one home with us.

Our next session is on Monday 27th March and we would love to see some new tots coming to have fun with us.

Come along to the Parish church at 1 30pm for an hour of music, story and activities. There's a drink, hula hoops and a hot drink for mums too!

Contact Linda on 830660 or Laura on 839110 for details...

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

Registered Charity No. 1154071

FOR THE YEAR 2017

ST. IVES

St Ives Library, 4 Station Road, St Ives PE27 5BW (Next door to Waitrose)

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10.00 A.M. TO 12 NOON

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - March

Contact: Sandy Monk (830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com And Heather Woods (830686), email: janwoods1992@btinternet.com

5th March at 10am. Mrs Wendy Beard

12th March at 11.15 am. United Service with Rev Rachel Larkinson and

Rev David Busk

19th March at 10am. Mrs Angie Barnes 26th March at 10am. Rev Rachel Larkinson

HILTON ROVING SUPPER

This very popular event which raises money for the two churches in Hilton will be taking place on Saturday 18th March. It will follow the usual format and tickets will be available nearer the time from Heather Woods (830686) and Peter Blake (830317)

LENT LUNCHES

8th March Janet Whatley

Atticus House, Church End

15th March. Pat and Roy Bellass

Noroc, Potton Road

22nd March Pam and David East

Southmead.Church End

29th March Linda Stott

Abbotsmede, Chapel Close

5th April. Heather Woods

7 Chequers Croft.

Time 12.30 until 2.00 pm. Donations £5.00 plus. Charity in Aid of Parkinsons



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, March 4th10.00am - 12.00noon.

All are welcome anytime for refreshments and to browse our selection of FAIRTRADE goods. Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH. Do come and join us.

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH March

Wednesday 1 st	Ash Wednesday		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion, with ashing	
Thursday 2 nd			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)	
Fenstanton	3.25pm	Jaffa Club	
Sunday 5 th	Lent 1		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club	
Thursday 9 th			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes),	
Friday 10 th			
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC), Church Centre	
Sunday 12 th	Lent 2		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All	
Thursday 16 th			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)	
Fenstanton	3.25pm	Jaffa Club	
Friday 17 th			
Fenstanton	3.00pm	Seniors' Holy Communion and tea, Church Centre	
Sunday 19 th	Lent 3		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club and Prayer for Healing	
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong	
Thursday 23 rd			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)	
Friday 24 th			
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC), Church Centre	
Sunday 26	Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Communion, with Sunday Club	

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

Contact information:

For *Fenstanton*: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie robin@hotmail.com (baptisms and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time though); The Vicarage, Fenstanton, just next to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park). Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; <a href="mailto:contact-contact

Other points of contact: for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries).

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

Fenstanton Parísh Church

Mothering Sunday Family Communion
Sunday 26th March 10 am
With distribution of flower posies and
Simnel cake, activities for children and
tea and coffee served afterwards
All Welcome

For more details please contact Katie on 01480 465211



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.
Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00 **Papworth Everard**, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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

Come along to our lovely new church building for some lively worship and to 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** and a **Men's' Prayer Meeting** early on Friday mornings.

There is: A Youth Group for 11 to 18 year olds on Friday nights in term-time, 7pm- 9pm; Babies and Toddlers group at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time; Craft Clubs meet at 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons and A Woman's Weekly Bible Study group meets on a Tuesday.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

Children's church at the Bridge Church 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 of 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 times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH March

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

March 5th Rev Derek Newton

March 12th Dr Rev Catherine Ball Holy Copmmunion

March 12th 6-00pm Patrick

March 19th Rev Chris Baker

March 26th Mr Keith Cakebread

OTHER EVENTS IN March

Knitters and Natters 14th and 28th 10-00am -12 noon 7th 11-30am serve lunch 12 noon

Coffee and chat 21st 10-00am 11-30am

Sewing Bee Every Thursday 10-00am – 1-00pm Evening Sewing Bee 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month 7-30pm

Meditation 2nd Tuesday in the month Books Sale 25th 9-30am -12noon

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)

Local Weatherwatch

When I finished my last article in the Autumn, we were still awaiting the first air frost of the season and this eventually occurred on 8th November. After two months of quiet, benign weather through September and October, November was more unsettled and rather cold. Throughout the Autumn fog was a rarity.

December started with a frosty spell but with daytime temperatures about 5C (41F) Winter did not officially start until the last few days of the year. Overall, December was a very calm and mild month, our weather being dominated by winds from a southerly direction on 24 days, as a result of a large "blocking" area of high pressure over Central Europe. Unusually, the mildness was accompanied by dry conditions and so it was another dry month. There was no snow in our region in December, so dreaming of a white Christmas was once again the best one could do. In fact Christmas Day turned out to be one of the mildest days of the month.

The weather in 2016 was generally unexceptional in our part of the UK with few notable events. Several months were drier than average, the total rainfall for the year being 513.7mm (20.2") as recorded by Gillian Sheail, Hilton's official rainfall recorder.

January 2017 was a chilly month with ground or air frost occurring on 20 days. The lowest temperature was -5.2C (22.6F) on the 22nd. Daytime temperatures generally reached between 4.5C (40F) and 8.5C (47.3F), the mildest days just exceeding 10C (50F) on two days. With very light winds most of the time (25 days), it was another benign month. There was one bitingly cold day on the 26th, when a south-easterly wind off the near continent, brought continuous freezing conditions for 36 hours. An exception to the calm conditions was on the 13th when a strong north- westerly wind raised the prospect of flooding along the East coast, which fortunately failed to materialize. Once again, apart from a shower of sleety snow which generally did not settle and quickly melted, January was another snowless month.

So will it snow this Winter, or will it turn out to be the fourth consecutive Winter without any? Some people may ask why this has been the case. One of the reasons is the lack of Easterly winds which mostly occur when high pressure builds over Northern Europe. Winter high pressure over Scandinavia has been absent during the last four years, as a result of which Norway, Sweden and Finland have experienced temperatures much higher than average, and our weather has mostly been generated from the Atlantic.

As I conclude this article at the end of the first week in February, there are signs that a "blocking" high pressure system is now establishing itself over Scandinavia, which should bring the possibility of some snow, how much remains to be seen.

In finishing, although Christmas has gone for another year, I read an interesting article on where the notion of a white Christmas came from, given that experience shows they occur very infrequently in low lying areas such as ours. One theory is that it started in Victorian times through the stories of Charles Dickens. Dickens was born in 1812 and the ensuing decade was the coldest since the 1680's, when it snowed on Christmas day on six of the first nine years of his childhood. The resultant sentimentality informed his writings in adulthood continuing in turn to our modern perception of Christmas. So, we can blame Victoriana for the perpetual disappointment!

Patrick Landucci



Fenstanton Burial Records

The Fenstanton parish church register of burials dates back to 1604. At that time and for a few centuries after, Fenstanton was a small village with a population of a few hundred. Everyone knew everyone so the vicar would not see any point in writing detailed information about each death as he and his parishioners knew all there was to know about the dead person. Also, a lot depended on the education level of the vicar and also his attitude to work. Over the centuries there were many lazy vicars who did only what they had to.

The age of the departed person was not entered until 1813. There are no burials registered in the years 1606 and 1616. There has to have been deaths but there is no indication as to why these years have not been recorded. Also, some of the records are badly damaged but we are very fortunate in that we have all that we do have. In other parishes registers were destroyed in the civil war, eaten by rats or damaged by water.

What the burial register does show us are the vagaries of life; death was never far away for our ancestors in the village. Also the register is fond of using the words 'Bastardy' and 'Base Born', which shows us that the village youth where very active! From the mid-19th century there are many entries of burials of people from the Union Workhouse on the London Road, St Ives. Why this should be when the workhouse is in the St Ives parish is not known. Here are some examples of the more interesting burial entries and even today we can recognise some of the names.

1641 Sep 16 TACKE John a stranger found drowned

1655 Feb 14 HARRIS William, who said on his death bed that he was the Lord of Hosts, Horrid Blasphemy

1681 Sep 15 THOMPSON Eliza a traveller's child

1703 Feb 11 RIGNELL [not given] two daughters of Robert

1705 Sep 14 WILKINSON John a stranger killed by a waggon

1740 Aug 31 KILBOURN John & KING Richard both drowned in a well

1743 Apr 27 JACKSON Mary, bastard child of a stranger

1745 Sep 5 FRYER Wm a stranger by a fall from his horse CRAIN Thos: a base begotten child of Thomas & Alice

1747 Mai 4 CRAIN Thos. a base begotten clind of Thom 1747 Dec 5 TRICE James bastard of ye widow

1799 May 1 FULLER Elizabeth wife of Wm killed by a mill-sail in Stanton field

1792 Dec 9 **BROWN Mrs** wife of Lancelot Lord of the Manor

1786 Sep 14 FANN Christopher cordwainer

1785 Dec 18 **EVERITT William** peruke maker (a wig maker)

1779 Jul 27 ROGERS John bastard son of Hannah

1760 Feb18 MAYS James a soldier

1786 Sep 3 BROWN Bridget widow of Lancelot Lord of the Manor

1802 Mar 7 **BROWN Lancelot** lord of this manor

1819 May 14 BROWN John admiral & Lord of this Manor

1811 Jun 13 SIMSON William carpenter killed by fall of chimney

1812 Jun 25 HALL Mary illegitimate daughter Matthew WHITEHEAD & Elizabeth HALL

1817 Jul 13 WADLEY Elizabeth infant daughter of a travelling man Smallpox about

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1818 Mar 21	KIDMAN Elizabeth burnt to death by falling into the fire 1
1821 May 9	JOHNSON Elizabeth illegitimate daughter of Ann of St Ives infant
1820 Dec 25	[name not given] a young man found drowned
1821 Oct 14	MACKMANDER John a stranger at Mr KIDMANs lodging house
1822 Oct 3	GOFF Mary a stranger in the workhouse 32
1814 Dec 6	HALL Elizabeth burnt to death by her clothes catching fire 8
1832 July 4	The first burial in this year's Cholera outbreak. 39 people were buried over
	the remainder of the year, the majority of them young people.
1836 Oct 17	SMITH Matthew 79. At night on 17th Oct SMITH Matthew age 79 at
	St Ives Union Workhouse. Ceremony not performed according to Act of
	Parliament, he having hung himself. The coroner's inquest having declared
	him to have been in his right mind
1835 Jan 23	[not given] John a beggar or traveller in an ill state after sleeping
	several nights in the Clock House was taken to the Workhouse where after
	some days he died
1841 Feb17	BRAY Ann daughter of a traveller, travelling through Fenstanton
	aged 2
1842 May 26	[not given] A stranger (name unknown) died at OAKETT's Lodging
	House, Fenstanton about 50
1844 Jan 25	WHITE John died at Mrs TIBBET's Lodging House, Fenstanton 4
1869 Jan 9	REID John 79 husband & wife one intervening day between their
	deaths
Jan 10	REID Ada 79
1935 Mar 22	8
	under porch,83

WADLEY Maria infant daughter of a travelling man Smallpox about 3

I wonder if he was found when the porch was rebuilt in 2015!

John Deeks 2017

1817 Jul 6

John.deeks|@ntlworld.com

Burial information taken from the Fenstanton parish church register as transcribed by the Huntingdonshire Family History Society ©

Help needed with Fenstanton Social history:

When researching Fenstanton local, family and social history I occasionally come across places that are hard to identify today. I need help with identifying the following two properties.

- 1. 'Pond Villa', described as "Bounded on the north east by property of Mr Wm Munns, on the north and west by the manor house and on the south east by Cheque street. It was described as a large property with many outbuildings and a separate cottage. The tenant was Mr C Jacob and the cottage tenant was Mr S Hole
- 2. 'Petersfield', this was the home of the Cowling family and is/was in the High Street.

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FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL 9th Feb 2017

Report of the Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting – 9th February 2017. Police report.

During the month of December, the latest information available from the Police, the following crimes were reported.

Anti-social behaviour: 3.

Burglary: 1.

Criminal damage: 3.

Other theft: 3. Violence: 3.

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Resignation of a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman advised the meeting that Cllr. Grantham had, regretfully, resigned as a Member of the Parish Council.

Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council.

Following the resignation of former Cllr. Place a casual vacancy now exists on the Parish Council. Eligible Parishioners are invited to apply to the Parish Council to fill the vacant seat as a co-opted Member. Nominations are to be received by the Clerk no later than 7th March 2017. All nominations will be considered by the Parish Council and the appointment made at the meeting to be held on 9th March 2017. For further information or to apply and a Candidates Qualification form contact the Clerk as follows:

2B New Road, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE27 5BG, telephone (01480) 465300 or e-mail: fenstantonparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7:30 at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

The minutes of previous meetings are available on the Village website or via the Clerk

FENSTANTON WI

February

Dr. Peter Clarkson, an emeritus associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute, came to talk to us about his year working as a geologist with the British Antarctic survey during the late 1960s.

Antarctica is a continent surrounded by ocean and 99.6% is covered by ice. There is no indigenous population and no land mammals but there is an abundance of marine animals and birds, such as seals and penguins. There have been many British surveying and scientific expeditions to the Antarctic continent especially the famous expeditions led by Scott and Shackleton. Dr. Clarkson spent his time at Halley Bay Research Station, which is the largest of the British stations where scientific experiments and meteorological observations are carried out. During the 1960s the main method of communication was by Telex and Morse. The scientists always worked in pairs, in temperatures of between -20 and -30°C, often having to camp out whilst doing research. Getting around was a challenge, but they were assisted by teams of Huskies who were well adapted to the extreme conditions, could cross the difficult terrain and provided companionship for the men they accompanied. The dogs have now been replaced by skidoos, but the same design of tent and sledges still being used today.

Research carried out in Antarctica is vital to the understanding of our planet and its future.

Meetings Programme:

March 2nd – A Day in the Life of a Prison Officer – Nikki Lisle

April 6th – Medical Detection Dogs – Jenny Cornish

May 4th – Resolutions

Thinking of joining the WI? Why not come along on the first Thursday of the month (except January). We meet in the Church Centre at 7.30pm and you will be made very welcome.

For more information contact our secretary Deborah Mark – marklquinn@gmail.com



Fenstanton Sewing Bee

NEW EVENING GROUP!

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at

Fenstanton United Reformed Church 7.30-9.30pm

You don't need to be an expert, all abilities welcome. Bring your sewing machine along and/or any project you are working on. Share ideas, expertise and sewing patterns. Have a chat and make new friends. £2.50 per session. Drinks provided.

For further information email Sarah:

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust



Fenstanton Garage Sale



Sunday, 24th May 2017, from 9am to 1pm

Please register your garage at fension-villagehall@gmail.com or call 01480 461751.

Registration fee £5. Garage location maps for £1 from 9am onwards.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 13th March 2017, at 7.30pm in the Saunders Room at the Church Centre. This meeting is open to all Fenstanton residents and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can co

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

March 1st: - We will have a brief AGM to review 2016 and discuss upcoming events in 2017. Following this, Beverly will once more delight us with her flower Arrangements. After the demonstration, the flowers will be raffled off.

March 15th: - John Clark will introduce us to the world of Piracy which still goes on in this day and age. He is from the Seafarers Trust and has lots of experience with this interesting subject.

March 29th: - To finish off March we will be going out to lunch, hopefully to sample our newly opened eatery in the village.

2016 was an interesting year with varied talks, entertainment and activities. We would love to have new members, who would bring new ideas and perhaps new help for the organization. If you would like to join a very friendly group and enrich your Wednesday afternoons, please come along at 2.00 pm on the dates announced. We have seven men in our group and more would be very welcome!!! There is no charge to come and check us out. We meet in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street.

Our yearly fee of £10 is due on the 1st of March. Meeting fee £2.50 including a raffle ticket, raffle tickets 50p each.

Any questions please call me

Marie Newns 01480 350677

CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDENS



Tulips – flashes of inspiration

As we move into spring and the days, thankfully, start to get longer, we can look forward to the wonderful colours of spring bulbs in flower. The Botanic Garden has a wonderful collection of species tulips – mostly native to eastern Europe and Asia – and these beautiful and surprisingly delicate flowers can be seen in the Mountains glasshouse in March and April. However, it's

one of the commercial cultivars that inspired an exciting research programme that uses the Garden's collections all year round.

'Queen of the Night' is a commercial tulip cultivar that you'll find in many garden centres. The flowers have been bred for a deep purple-black colour. But, surprisingly, that colour revealed something that tulips had all along but that was difficult for the human eye to see – an iridescent sheen on top of the main colour. If you look at 'Queen of the Night' carefully you'll see flashes of blue, green, gold and red, particularly in bright sunlight. These colours are produced by a structure on top of the petals – a series of nanoscale folds of the petal surface that act as a diffraction grating. The data grooves on a cd act in the same way and produce flashes of colour too.

If you look closely at our species tulips you'll see the same flashing colours, but they're harder to pick out without that intense black base. Research at the Garden is focused on understanding how flowers produce these regular folds on their petal surfaces, and on exploring how they affect the behavior of pollinating insects. It's just one of many research projects that our living collection supports.



To hear about plant science and research that's linked to the Garden, why not drop-in to our free Science on Sundays talks which run on the third Sunday of each month between March and August. Details can be found on the Botanic Garden website.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am - 4pm in January, 10am - 5pm February & March, 7 days a week. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 12.00noon.

We are now back in the newly renovated Church Centre and would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.



The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter. Contact Sarah on <u>Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk</u> for any further information.

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Who are the Fen Shanty Folk?

We are a new group singing a mixture of shanties, folk and popular songs purely for the pleasure of being able to do it.

We meet every Thursday night in the newly refurbished Church Centre for two hours from 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in why not come along? If you can play a folk related instrument and would like to join in we would love to see you. You can find out details from Ray on 01480 370973 or email ray@srobb.co.uk

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE and THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks (new 18 mile walk added for 2017)

Sunday 14th May 2017 from The Over Day Centre 1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18).

(Further information, amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)



Cambridge Past, Present and Future

Spring is in the air with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

It's early spring again – lovely and warm in the sun but still chilly in the shade! If you feel you still have one foot stuck in winter, then head outdoors with CambridgePPF this March for an activity to get that spring back into your step. Set out on a scavenger hunt and join in with mammal and amphibian fun at Wandlebury Park's Local Wildlife Day, part of the Cambridge Science Festival. Grab your chance to get back in touch with nature and unleash your creative side on a unique willow sculpture weaving event. And don't forget the regular Healthy Walking and Nordic Walking events throughout the month – the perfect way to enjoy the stunning countryside as it begins to bloom for the new season.

Healthy Walking Every Thursday: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Willow Sculpture Weaving Saturday 4 March: 10am to 4pm

Nordic Walking Wednesday 8, 22 March: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start

Local Wildlife Day Sunday 26 March: 11am to 3.30pm

Venues vary so please check the web site.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830

extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Mobile Library



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

TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET

WILL BE HOLDING A

BOOK SALE



SATURDAY March 25th

9-30AM- 12-NOON

If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.

They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.

Thank you.

FENSTANTON FORES GOLF SOCIETY



Fenstaton Fores are looking for new members of all standards male/female to join our friendly golf society.

If you are interested in playing golf and making new friends, it would be good to hear from you.

For further information please email enquiries@fenstantonfores.co.uk

HILTON FEAST WEEK EASTER EGG **HUNT**

and Decorate an Egg* Competition



Saturday 15th April 2017 11am to 1pm Hilton Village Hall

Entry £1.50 (inc. small egg and refreshments)

Buy your tickets now to avoid. disappointment from Elsa Milner 07773 501526



Hard boiled eggs only please

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group presents Family BINGO Saturday 22nd April at the Church Centre, Fenstanton



Ticket price: Adult £10, Children £7.50, Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) £30 Children under 3 are free.

Bangers & Mash with Pudding + 6 games of Bingo with (non-cash) prizes.

Door open at 6:30, eyes down at 6:45. Bring your own drinks of choice.

To book tickets call Rebecca Cumbers on 01480 496335 or 07949 187443 This event is to raise funds for equipment for the 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



The last month has seen some great results for both teams on the pitch!

The First Team got their 1st win of 2017 against local rivals St lves Rangers beating them 2-0 at Hall Green Lane. Youngster **Harry Taylor** opened up the scoring with Fenstanton old boy **David Werthmann** sealing the victory with a headed goal in the dying minutes of the game (go to **www.fenstantonfootballclub.com/dave-werthmann-goal**

to see a video of David's goal!). The following week a bare bones squad faced Alconbury FC and only managed a 2-2 draw with winger **Craig Flavell** and defender **Darren Bryant** notching a goal each in that game. A week later they drove all the way to Manea to make it 3 consecutive games unbeaten for the first time this season and they came home with all 3 points after a 4-3 victory! **Ben Hall** found his form after losing it sometime last season, scoring a hat-trick and Fenstanton legend **Adam Berrill** got the 4th. They currently sit in 8th place in Cambs League Division 1B and look like they could avoid the drop!

The Reserve Team have had a couple of wins also since their Hunts Cup Semi Final victory back in January. Beating Coldham United Reserves 2-1 at home and thrashing Chatteris Town B 8-0 away! Andy Broadbank, Conor Jones, Henry Overall, Tommy Wilson, Christian De Angelo all amongst the goal scorers in those 2 matches. And super Scott Wilkinson who scored a hat-trick against Chatteris

On news of the Reserve Team's appearance in the Hunts Lower Junior Cup Final against Peterborough based Cardea FC, we now know that it will be played at Jubilee Park, home of Huntingdon Town FC on Wednesday 8th March 2017, 7.45pm kick off.

If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season, here are **March's home fixtures** –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF	COMPETI- TION
04/03/17	First Team	Eaton Socon Reserves	3pm	League Match
08/03/17	Reserve Team	Cardea FC @ Jubilee Park, Huntingdon	7.45pm	Cup Final
11/03/17	First Team	Houghton & Wyton	3pm	League Match
18/03/17	First Team	Manea United	3pm	League Match
25/03/17	Reserve Team	Outwell Swifts Reserves	3pm	League Match

Also if anyone would like to join Fenstanton Football club, please get in touch with us via the website. Or come to one of our training sessions at the St Ivo Outdoor Recreation Centre, California Road, St Ives on Wednesday evenings 8pm – 9pm.

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Joyriding on the Green

As the Police remain unwilling to take action against individuals joyriding on the green, specifically the individuals who 1) had to abandon their car in the middle of the green when it became stuck and 2) had to abandon their car after they crashed in one of the ditches the Parish Council are looking at ways to try and stop this. We want to preserve the open nature if the green but as the Police seem only to be willing to take action should someone be injured or worse we need to try and rule out the opportunity. We are considering ways of reducing access to the favoured areas but want to make this as un-intrusive as possible. We would ask that if you witness anyone joyriding on the green that you record their details and pass them on to our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez.

HGV's through the village

Feedback received informs us that vehicles operated by the Mick George Group are keeping to their voluntary 20 mph speed restriction when passing through the village. The Parish Council have written to Mr George thanking him that his drivers are keeping to this level. Once again the Parish Council would like to suggest that all Parishioners also keep to a 20mph voluntary limit in the village.

A14 Construction Traffic

You will have seen the various signs going up on local roads supporting Highways England's claims that no A14 construction traffic should pass through the village. We do receive reports from Parishioners that this does happen. We do report known instances to Highways England who promise to take action. It does help to have registration details, timings and direction of travel to pass on.

Neighbourhood Watch

We discussed crime and crime prevention at the last meeting. Ken Harris, our village Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator advised us that there are some vacancies within the village for area coordinators. If you would like more information on how to become involved, please contact Ken on 01480 831658 or Mrs Jo Perez, our Clerk.

We also discussed what steps Parishioners could take to try and keep their houses, cars and valuables safe. The usual safe steps of keeping doors and windows locked, keeping valuables out of sight and being vigilant were discussed. There are a number of places you can gain more information from:www.cambsnhw.org.uk this is the Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Web site and here you can find a useful and informative booklet giving ideas on how to keep you and your property safe.www.ourwatch.org.uk this is the National Neighbourhood Watch Website. www.cambs-police.co.uk/ecops provides information on crime prevention.

Smart Water

This is used for recording identifying marks on personal property. Please let Ken or Jo know if you would like more information.

Parish Plan

The working group have recently delivered a note to all households on the matter. Their brief is to review the 28 outstanding points of the 2005 Parish Plan, consider which of those remain relevant or unattended to and consider what steps could be taken to address them. They would welcome any comment to make on the outstanding points, which can be found on the Parish Council website via our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez @ hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

Next Meeting

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 6 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance. Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC

website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

HILTON WI

On February 13th David Cozens came to talk to us about Lancelot 'Capability 'Brown and his family. He was born in Cumbria in 1769.He moved to Boston and then to Stowe where his love of gardening developed into his lifelong passion. He married Bridget Wayet in 1744 and they had four children. They moved to Hammersmith as the wealthy market gardeners wanted someone to design gardens for their family homes.

He was introduced to Henry Holland who introduced him to many other wealthy aristocrats and soon he became much sought after as a landscape gardener. He had the job of head gardener at Hampton Court and as able to buy the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton for £13,000. He is buried at Fenstanton and has a memorial in the church and a later one has been erected outside. His wife is also buried there.

His daughter Bridget married Henry Holland and their son Lance became an MP for Huntingdon. A later descendant Richard Holland started the tradition of the regatta at Hemingford.

His son John had no interest in gardening and joined the Navy under the command of the Earl of Sandwich who was Lord of the Admiralty. His youngest daughter married Mr Rust from Brampton .Even though from quite humble beginnings Capability left his family we'll provide for and left Hilton with a lovely Green planted with elms and other trees and Fenstanton with the prestige of him choosing their churchyard as his final resting place.

Craft club on March 2nd is very popular so if you are new to our WI do give it a try and see what you can do.

Our March meeting will be a talk by Geoff Lambert called My dog's nose knows. Hopefully he will bring his clever dog with him! So, come along to the Village Hall at 7:30 and find out how 'he knows'.

Kath Charter

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Februarys meeting was a great success, Beverley and June did 6 Flower arrangements, which 6 lucky winners took home, everybody had a great afternoon.

March 6th is our workshop so don't forget to bring your scissors.

April 3rd Lesley Beeton will be our Flower demonstrator, we always look forward to seeing Lesley, we always have an entertaining afternoon with her, not to be missed.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm --4pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea / biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

Look forward to seeing you.

Beverley

HILTON ART CLUB

On 3rd February, we were fortunate to welcome Ian McManus, a member of the Institute of East Anglian Artists, for a full day's watercolour workshop especially for our members and it was very well attended. Ian brought the subject for us and demonstrated the drawing first before helping members individually. He showed us how to paint the subject by stages, finally critiquing each painting at the end of the day. An enjoyable and instructive day!

17th March 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Self-Portrait Please bring your own pictures / mirror!

New members are always welcome. Please contact Gina on 83069, or Diana on 831410.



Ian McManus with a finished painting.

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 but off some energy!

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

Contact Nicola Webster on nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk for further information. Find Us on Facebook

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE are looking for a CARETAKER/HANDYMAN

The applicant needs to be able to perform general maintenance and other duties as required.

Flexible hours to suit. Salary on application. Needs to be of a sunny disposition and have a sense of humour!

If you think you would fit the bill and would like to join our hard working, fun-loving team to maintain our village's beautiful Grade 2 listed building used for community events, please contact Mrs Lesley Fordham on 01480 831195 or 07752 678415.

Farm fresh Brexit!

Now, after Brexit's stern rebuff to demonstrate we'd had enough, it's time to show appreciation for those who dig to serve our nation, for those who rarely get a mention, but who deserve our full attention, who sow and plant, then travel far with tractor, truck, in van or car to gather fruit and veg to sell (where this is going you can tell!) Our gratitude to Chris and Ron, whose service just goes on and on! So rare their chance for relaxation, for refurb or recuperation, for our demands mean there's no rest - we want their produce! It's the best!

Eggs, plants or cordial, bagged bird seed - their shop supplies our every need!

At Christmas, trees all standing tall give sparkling green to every hall, with holly and with mistletoe, fresh plucked from trees and harsh hedgerow.

Their spuds and carrots, brussel sprouts are all superb - there is no doubt!

Onions, cabbage, avocados, lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, apples, pears and easy peelers, exotic soft fruit, bright scene stealers, celeriac and celery, cauli, squash and broccoli!

Don't forget the flowers and cards, with more surprises in the yard! So raise a glass to Ron and Chris, who offer us such fruitful bliss and even when they're on the edge, they pour their hearts into their veg!



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

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NEWS RELEASE What Nature Does For Britain

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Tony Juniper who will present an illustrated talk entitled What Nature Does For Britain. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Tonight, Tony will tells us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce the food we eat. Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend.

Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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Royal British Legion in Hilton

We would firstly like to pay our warm tribute to the late Ralph Slayter.

Ralph collected on behalf of the Royal British Legion during the annual Poppy Appeals for over twenty years, attending virtually every Remembrance day service and we were naturally sad but understanding when he decided two years ago that his failing health meant that he could not continue.

Ralph was as generous with his time on behalf of the Legion as he was with so much of village life with his usual good humour and always with the strong support of his late wife Visse. They will both be much missed but certainly not forgotten.

A Poppy posy in honour of Ralph has been placed on the Royal British Legion shelf in the church.

This year we will have three Everyman Remembered commemorations for the men of Hilton who were killed in 1917. James Roslyn, Ernest James Cook and Harry Jennings will all be remembered on Sunday May 21st during morning service at 11.15 in the Parish Church.

Julie Briggs (830580) and Margaret Shardlow (831186)

WHAT'S on in March

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9th	Mobile Library	Hilton Village Hall	2.05pm	10
9th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30pm	25
13th	Fenstanton Village Hall AGM	Church Centre	7:30 pm	27
18th	Book Sale	United Reformed Church Fenstanton	09.30am	33
18th	Hilton Roving Supper			15
26th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9.30am	44
27th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Parish Church	1.30pm	13

Dates of future events:

Sunday 14th May 5 Pub Challenge and Meridian Meander, (P30)

Saturday 15th Apr Hilton Easter egg hunt (p35)

Saturday 22 Apr Scouts Bingo (p37)

Sunday 24 th May Fenstanton Village Hall Garage Sale (p27)

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'

Hilton Feast Week

The Feast Week committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz in January. It was a great success with our Chairman excelling as question master and the cold weather was kept at bay by the warming



casseroles.

This has got 2017 fundraising off to a great start and the next event is one for all the family to enjoy with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15th. Book your tickets now (£1.50) from Elsa Milner (07773 501526) to avoid disappointment. This year we're including a "decorate an egg" competition so get designing now!

We've got two further events lined up before Feast Week itself, starting with a Murder Mystery Night on 20th May and then a further fundraiser on 17th June. Keep an eye out on Spectrum, our website (www. hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk) and Facebook (Hilton Feast Week) for future updates.

2017 is a special year, as it's Feast Weeks 40th Anniversary and with that in mind we're going back to the beginning with the theme of Feast Week 2017 being "The 70's".

Start getting your thinking caps on for Float designs and dig out the flares and learn how to walk in the platforms again to get ready for some Saturday Night Fever style dancing! Book the dates in your diary with Feast Week starting on 23rd July 2017.

This year there has seen big changes with the committee, and we've been slowly settling in to our new routine so many apologies for the lack of recent updates. Great thanks go to Sharon Walker, Gill Gill and Sarah Blackwell who have put in many hours in recent years to make Feast Week an excellent event for the whole community and the new committee plan to carry on with their success. On that note, Feast Week is all about the community, so if there is anything you want to say or have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us at hiltonvillage.feastweek@gmail.com.

Chairman: Craig Sutherland, Co Chair: Lynne Radbone, Treasurer: Joe Holmes, Co-Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin, Secretary: Judy Ward, Other Committee Members: Jenny Hartwell, Elsa Milner, Rob Milner, Alison Traub, Jim Traub, Charlie Warboys and Hannah Warboys