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A Thank You !

The Hilton Players would like to thank the Trustees of Hilton Town Trust for their generous sponsorship of the recent pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven A14 Workers '.

The production 's success was also due to a team of enthusiasts who voluntarily gave hours of their time , energy and ideas for which we are extremely grateful .

Hilton Village Hall will now benefit from the profits and we will tell our fuller story in the April edition.

Again, our thanks to you all.



COME AND SHARE OUR LENT LUNCHES!

For those of you prepared to take the plunge - or at least dip a spoon into a new era - we are once again attempting to hold our Lent Lunches

at

56 Church Leys, FENSTANTON, PE289QD
(opposite Parish Church car park and Hampton Close)

on

FRIDAYS March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
and April 1st (yes-really!) and 8th 2022.

Any time between 12 and 2.30 pm.

You are very welcome to join us for any or all the occasions.

The idea is to share a simple lunch of soup and bread, (usually a choice of 3 or 4 soups) to share the company of others, and to donate, roughly what you would have otherwise spent on a meal out, to charity.

This year we are dividing the proceeds between the chosen Parish Charity (Mission to Seafarers) and the start of a fund to support our grand-daughter Bethany, a Sea Scout in St Ives, who has been selected to represent the UK at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023, but needs to raise her own funds to get there!

For more information contact John or Penny on 01480 464672



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sunday – Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

11.15am Sunday – Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Services on the 2nd Sunday alternate between Parish church & Methodist church

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – 2nd 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

JOIN US FOR FRIDAY FEAST

- ✿ **BACK IN CHURCH!!**
- ✿ 5.30pm – 7pm
- ✿ Parish Church
- ✿ Hilton



BRING A BOTTLE!

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



- ✿ Fri 11th Mar, 13th May, 10th Jun
- ✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866



PARISH
COUNCIL

HILTON COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE



NOW OPEN IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Come on in and grab yourself a good read!

Church is open daily from 8am to 4pm

Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

THE JIGSAW EXCHANGE IS OPEN AGAIN!!

Do you like doing jigsaws? Do you know we run a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton? It's free and easy to get involved the puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. We have puzzles suitable for all ages and abilities. The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when completed. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations. For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413).





**It's church, but not
as you know it....**

Sunday 24th April

Sunday 22nd May

Sunday 26th June

and every 4th Sunday

11.15am

**HILTON
VILLAGE HALL**

**A welcome for all, good
coffee, delicious cakes,
crafts & activities, time to
talk, music and prayer**

**For more information, call
Rev'd David Busk on 436400
or Rachel Wood on 830866**

We'd love to see you there!

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

March 6th at 10am. Mr D Ward

March 13th at 11.15am. United Service with Holy Communion with Rev Nick Witham

March 20th Local Arrangement, please see noticeboard

March 27th at 10am Mr Don Moorman

We are sorry that due to uncertainties about Covid restrictions we feel unable to organise Lent lunches or the Roving Supper this year. We hope that next year we may be back to normal.

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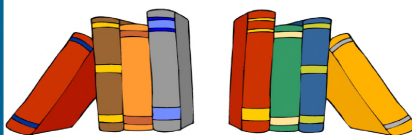


**FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH**
CHEQUER STREET

BOOK & JIGSAWS

ALSO MARMALADE

ON SALE



SATURDAY

19TH MARCH

9-30 AM- 12- NOON

GOOD NEWS

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters.

We are now meeting every Tuesday 9-30am -11-30am

At Fenstanton United Reformed Church Chequer Street.

Our latest project is Innocent Smoothie Hats these are sold in November and some of the profit goes to Age uk.

If you can Natter you're welcome to come along, if you can knit we would be please to see you there.



Fenstanton United Reformed Church
Chequer Street, Fenstanton

We are pleased to welcome you to our church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30. All are welcome.

2022 Services

February

27th February - Rev^d Chris Baker

March

6th March – Rev^d Robert Pope
13th March - Holy Communion - Rev^d Dr Catherine Ball
20th March - Rev^d Dr Catherine Ball
27th March - Led by Keith Cakebread

April

3rd April - Led by Alison Jiggins
10th April - Holy Communion - Rev^d Dr Catherine Ball
17th April - Holy Communion - Rev^d Dr Catherine Ball
24th April - Rev^d Roy Muttram

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

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

Tuesday 8th March - 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 5th April - 2.30-4pm

Geoff Hawkins
Fenstanton URC Secretary



Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton News and Services for March 2022

The Rector writes:

Hello, how are you doing?

We were privileged to welcome Josie as a guest speaker to a service in church recently, who told us about her recent trip to Malawi and her future plans. She is such an inspiring speaker and Malawi is close to her heart. What has encouraged you or inspired YOU recently? If you had to choose a face, which one would it be (see image left, our thanks to pixabay free images)?



As your local Parish Church, do contact us if you would like to know more about getting married, having your banns read, or arranging a christening (baptism).

Here is some information for you – anyone who lives in the parish can ask to be married in the Parish Church, have an infant christened, or ask for a Christian minister to take a funeral service. As the vicar (Rector) I often get

asked interesting questions about all of those, although probably not at the same time!



Weddings – you will have to provide some specified documents in order to get married in the parish church eg passport, but you would have to provide evidence of who you are for any venue where you marry.

The statutory fees for a marriage in a Church of England church will be according to the fees list. For 2022 this is:- publication of banns £32; certificate of banns £16 (if required); marriage service in church £480.

Please note that if you marry in other venues you may have to pay other fees in addition to those mentioned. In the Church of England your marriage service includes the cost of providing a minister, although there may be other additional fees such as an organist, bells etc. This will be explained to you when you meet with the vicar to book a date. In certain circumstances a marriage licence is required but you can find out more by talking to me, Rev Rosie. I know that certain wedding venues are very canny at hiding the extra costs for a wedding and will tell people that it costs so much more to marry in church – but you can see that it doesn't; statutory fees should be the same wherever you marry.

Next month I will go into further detail about baptisms, and the following month, about funerals and the churchyard. Hopefully these snippets of information will help to dispel the myths.

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Most frequently asked question about a wedding – have I ever stopped a wedding because someone made an objection. Answer.....no, although I have paused the service because the groom nearly fainted, delayed the start because the bride couldn't get out of her wedding carriage (*think about your dress please ladies!*), or because the bride and bridesmaids transport took a wrong turning and couldn't find the church (not here but in another parish).

Just a reminder that our Sunday Club for children has restarted, which takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, term-time only. We all begin together in the church, service begins at 10am and then the children go to the Church Centre, to have their own time together re-joining us later. Do speak to Katie Hucklesby ikhuck@virginmedia.com if you would like more information.

You are welcome to join us for services in person, no booking required, or via the live-stream using Zoom. You will need the access codes for Zoom. Hope to see you soon. **God bless, from Rev Rosie**

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: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com ikhuck@virginmedia.com

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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.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund

fdcommunityfund@gmail.com The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with Fenstanton or Fen Drayton, whether a church member or not. Especially in these difficult times we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

Services Over the Page

Services for March 2022

March 2022

Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject to change.

	Parish Church Open	Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton Live stream details via https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk We have indicated when services are held at St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Mondays, weekly			<i>8pm Compline on Zoom (No Compline on bank holidays)</i>
Thursdays, weekly			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday 2nd	7.10pm for a 7.30pm service	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, with optional Imposition of Ashes	
Sunday 6 th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details (Sunday Club, for children, meets)	
Sunday 13 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Worship For All Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Sunday 20 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 4.40pm for a 5pm service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details (Sunday Club meets) 5pm Choral Evensong with choir	
Sunday 27 th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Family Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details Please note there is a service of Morning Praise at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	

Fenstanton Community Café



“face2face” Monthly Community Café



We enjoyed a lovely collection of cakes at our last face2face community café, truly delicious, not that I sampled them all, you understand. We have great feedback from our café members.

Have you thought of coming along to the FENSTANTON COMMUNITY CAFÉ?

We meet once a month on the first Tuesday afternoon, 2-3pm at the Church Centre.

If you would like to sit outside with your dogs (we have had several requests) then let us know and we will bring refreshments to you. Everything is £1 to keep it simple.

We hope to see you soon!!

The next “face2face” cafés will be on Tuesday afternoons 2022, 2-3pm, Church Centre.

1st March; 5 April; 3 May; 7 June; 5 July; 2 August; 6 September; 4 October; 1 November; 6 December.

Weekly Virtual Community Café

Can't come along to the face2face café? Then why not try our **virtual community café**?

Become a regular member of the virtual café and you will receive a free mug!!

The virtual café meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons, on Zoom, from 2-3.30pm. Do get in touch for the Zoom details. Our conversation is varied, hilarious, and surprising.

We chat about anything and everything. You are welcome to join in or to listen or both.

The last few weeks we have been greatly encouraged that our vision for another defib unit for the village is nearing a reality. We are almost there now. We have the financial support of the Parish Council, the money the café has raised through donations, a site chosen. We are working with the Parish Council to make sure the unit is ordered and sited with good access.....watch this space.

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Fenstanton Community Café



We have two rules we have agreed on.

- 1) We respect each others views – we might not agree with another person 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.

Fenstanton Community face2face Café: Church Centre, first Tuesday afternoon of each month, 2-3pm.

Fenstanton Community Virtual Café: on Zoom, weekly on Wednesdays, 2-3.30pm. Please message Rev Rosie for meeting ID and passcode.

We have a Facebook page “Fenstanton Community Café”,
a WhatsApp group and Instagram page.

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



The Bridge Church

(Part of the Newfrontiers family of Evangelical Churches)

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk
[01480 498801](tel:01480498801)

The Sunday service is at 10.30am, in our lovely church building at No.2, Burrell Road, St Ives, PE27 6RR: Come 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 plus a men and a women's breakfast fellowship. There is a youth group for 11- to 18-year-olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 and 9 pm.

The Babies and Toddlers group meets at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time. A Craft Club meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A women's weekly Bible study group meets on Tuesday morning at 10am. We also have the Bridge Drop-In on a Friday morning from 10.30, specifically designed for people on their own. We would love to welcome you to any of these events. For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office.

Now the Children's Church at the Bridge! It's 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 "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10:30 am on a Sunday morning?

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 Church,
Saturday Mass 18.00

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

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

Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

The John Deeks Article.

Recently it was suggested to me, that after ten years of writing for Spectrum, I should let people see what I look like!
So, here I am.

John Deeks



I have also been asked if I have any of my written work for sale. The answer is yes, but they are rather expensive to have printed so I only have them printed to order, with no profit for me. These are my books together with the cost of printing. If anyone wishes to have one or more, please email me and I will have them printed..

Fenstanton, a collection of essays from Spectrum	In Mono only £13.48	
The fallen soldiers of Fenstanton	Mono £6.76	Colour £18.20
Fenstanton in WW2	Mono £6.76	Colour £18.20

Later this year there will be a further book, 'Then & Now, Fenstanton's Ghosts, Traditions and Sayings'.

This is a further extract from this new book

The Ghosts of Hall Green Lane:

As told by Mrs J Allen to Gertrude Peet in April 1922 and edited by John Deeks in 2022

"Oh yes, I have seen them, so I can vouch for the truth of what I say. I will tell you about it so that you will know yourself".

"When I was first married I lived in the end thatched cottage (place now unknown), where Mrs Hopkins now lives. In there are good rooms, they joined close to another house that stood between the house we lived in and where Mrs Bedford now lives and there was another house behind the one, now pulled down, used as a lodging house.

I was ironing, after they had all gone to bed, walked into the back yard to the pump for water to make their drinks for the next day. I took some men in to lodge at that time, we used in those days to have lots of men come to the village in summer, some of them Irishmen, they came to work in the onion fields.

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I had four lodgings with me that summer, in the house there is a big bedroom at the top. Well, I went out into the back yard to fetch the water and right in front of the pump just where I wanted to go, was something standing there. Something, I did not know what you would call it, ghost or phantom. Some would say it was like a man, so I just said "I want to come to the pump for some water, if you please. Well it never offered to move. I was a bit shaken and hardly knew what to do; I knew all the others had gone to bed. Naturally my head turned towards the door into the house. I was but a second giving the glance at the house, but in that instant it disappeared.

Well I will tell you of the next time I saw it. The next evening I said to my old man, "No, you are not going to bed tonight 'till I go" and I was going to make the drinks after supper. The door stood open, my husband was in the front room for something, I looked out of the door and there stood the same ghost or whatever you like to call it. I called my husband and said, "There's that there again" and in that instant it disappeared.

Well, the next time, it was my boy who saw it. He came home from school and said "mother, "I want to go" "Well go" I said and he went running into the yard, the 'place' was in the barn. I then heard him call out "mother there's someone sitting on the seat", I went to look but there was nobody to be seen anywhere.

Well, the next time he saw it was when he went to the barn, we had rabbit hutches down one side. He came running into the house and said "mother, there is someone sitting on the hutches". Well I went to see but there was not the sign of anyone or anything".

So, readers, decide for yourself!

john.deeks@ntlworld.com



Fenstanton Bowls Club

So, March has crept up on us with its promises of warm, spring weather and increased daylight hours to look forward to. Oh, my goodness, I hear you cry, how will I fill all this extra time on my hands? Well, worry not....help is here! Fenstanton Bowls Club is just the place to be. We are your local, friendly club who warmly welcomes new members. Why not come and give it a try....you've got nothing to lose and lots to gain.

We'll begin bowling in April so you still have plenty of time to get into shape....you'll notice that we don't mention what shape you need to achieve....the choice is yours but be assured we probably have most shapes covered by our existing members so you'll definitely fit right in.

Look out in April's edition of our fabulous village magazine, Spectrum, for more information about our open day and what steps you can take to join us.

If you're eager and can't wait until April then that's just brilliant....just phone Barry on 07541 968125 or Patricia on 07801 946729 who will be delighted to hear from you.

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On January 12th a group of us went to the pantomime " Cinderella " at Burgess Hall. We had a very enjoyable evening, the production was excellent and we all joined in the banter.

16th February

We had our Christmas tea at last, having been cancelled in December, and yes we did wear Christmas hats, sang Rudolph, ate mincepies and played games. It was fun and we enjoyed ourselves.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

At last we can look forward to getting back to some form of normality and have got many bookings for this year. Hopefully covid will not impact on this.

2 March

We look forward to hear Tom Kennedy sing. He is Irish and sings a lot of traditional music. Great entertainment.

16th March

Daniela Smith, who moved to the UK from Czechoslovakia, will talk about her life there and her experience in Britain.

30th March

" The Merrymakers" will entertain us with music and much more. Very good group.

New members will be welcomed anytime. We meet fortnightly on Wednesdays, in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street at 2.00 pm.

Please contact me for more information.

Marie Newns 01480 350677



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Local Group**

The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the sight and scent of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk on Sunday 1st May at 10.30 am.

The Voluntary Wardens at Brampton Wood will lead us through this woodland, where a rich variety of flora can be seen. Their aim will be to highlight the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells, which encapsulate the essence of a traditional English Spring. We also expect to see other woodland flora such as wood anemone, primrose and dogs mercury. In addition we should see butterflies such as brimstone, speckled wood and orange tip and we will listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet in the Visitors Barn at Brampton Wood, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am. GR TL 184698. What3Words plates.plodding.photocopy. Park in the Trust car park.

There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please ring George on 01480 450809.

Portholme Meadow

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to participate in a walk at Portholme Meadow on Sunday 24th April at 10.30 am.

Portholme is an ancient meadow lying in a large flood plain bordered on two sides by the River Ouse. The meadow had traditionally been used for sheep and cattle grazing and today is a haven for breeding birds such as corn bunting and skylark and also supports a rich variety of flora. In particular, at this time of year, we hope to see the Snakeshead Fritillary.

This walk will be led by Dr. Pat Doody, who has a wealth of knowledge about the history of this meadow and it's associated natural history.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please note that it is likely to be wet underfoot.

We will meet at 10.30 am at Godmanchester Bridge (TL2446570594). What3Words will.payback.butternut. For those parking at Mill Common, Huntingdon, or Brampton Mill, meet at Godmanchester Lock (TL2410070413)

There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please ring Pat on 01480 392706.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

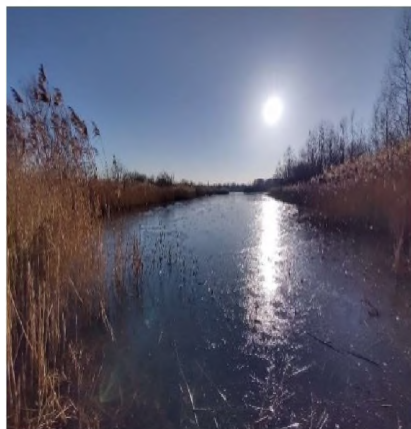
Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we wholeheartedly believe that one of life's simple pleasures is to go for a walk in the countryside. Nothing else can quite beat the experience of being surrounded by tranquil scenes of water, trees, and fields taking in the sights and sounds around you. With the arrival of spring, birds are singing all around, ducks and other waterbirds are out on the lakes and migrant species are arriving back from their wintering grounds to set up a territory and, hopefully, breed.

With footpaths looping around the majority of our eleven lakes, there is always something to look at. However, we are aware that it can sometimes be difficult to get good views of some of these water bodies. As a nature reserve, our primary purpose is to provide spaces for wildlife which means that many areas are left to develop and provide nesting habitat, shelter, and protection to the inhabitants.

During the spring and summer nesting season, we minimise time spent off-track and don't go into or near the habitats unless we really need to. Birds and other wildlife are easily disturbed and can be put off from using areas where people regularly go, even to the extent of abandoning nests and eggs. This means that viewpoints in the reed or hedgerows can re-grow throughout the season, closing the views.

During the autumn and winter months we work our way around the reserve, re-cutting viewpoints through to each lake. In some areas this serves a dual purpose of not only opening views for visitors, but also improving the habitat for wildlife.

The hedgerows around our entry road, various trails and on field boundaries are some of the best habitats on site for a whole variety of breeding bird species. The bulk of the hedges are hawthorn, and they tend to be of a uniform age and size. Whilst making a good hedge, this uniformity can lead to it becoming tall and 'leggy' with lots of dense vegetation up high, but little lower down. This isn't ideal for either the health of the hedge or the nesting birds that use



View out to Elney Lake - Henry Cook

it. We therefore implement a regime of rotational viewpoint cutting whereby different areas of certain hedges are coppiced each year to encourage denser regrowth at a lower level. As a result of this, the hedgerows contain a patchwork of heights, densities, and growth stages to the benefit of all.

As you walk around the lakes on your next visit, keep a look out in the hedgerows for thrushes, robins, blue tits, bullfinches, blackcaps, and many other species.

Wednesday Wander

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

To see details and book, please visit:

events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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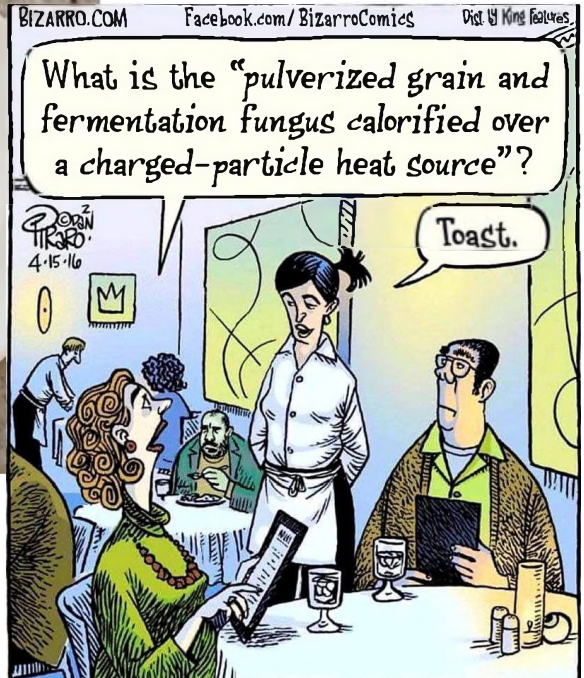
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Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Do **YOU** want to make a difference in your
Community?

Become a Parish Councillor

Fenstanton Parish Council consists of 13 Councillors, 11 representing Fenstanton South and 2 representing Fenstanton North. To qualify to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards. .

b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.

d. You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Key Dates

Notice of Election will be published on Monday, 28 March 2022. Notices will be displayed on our website and on noticeboards in the Village.

The deadline for submission of nomination forms to the Council Offices is 4pm on Tuesday, 5 April 2022. Nomination forms will be available from your Clerk.

Polling day is 7am – 10pm on Thursday, 5 May 2022.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council News - New Councillor



Your Parish Council welcomes Martin Hewitt as your new Parish Councillor.

Martin moved to Fenstanton in 1997. He is married to wife Cherry

and they have four Children, two of which work locally, another at University and a fourth that attends Fenstanton and Hilton primary school.

Martin has worked in the construction industry for thirty years, the last sixteen as an estimator.

Martin has seen many changes. Some of these changes he feels have benefitted the Village and others he feels have not. This has led to his decision to join your Parish Council, as he wants to help the community and hopes he can make a difference.

Organised Sports Activities and MUGA

Your Parish Council in conjunction with the Healthy Lifestyles Team at Huntingdonshire District Council, would like to hear from any groups or individuals in the Village that would be interested in organised sports activities. These would be organised sessions, to teach or demonstrate how to use outdoor equipment and could include 5-a-side Football, Netball and Basketball and walking sports equivalents. These could also include organised

activities for young people during the School Holidays. If this is something that may be of interest, please contact your Clerk.

To book the MUGA please use QR code below or contact your Clerk.



Litter Picking—Sunday 13th March



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Sunday March 13th.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Queens Green Canopy

If you are a group or an individual that is interested in organising an event or have an idea for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 2nd—5th June please contact your Parish Council.

Your Parish Council can put you in touch with others that are wanting to organise an event.

Your Parish Council is hoping to get involved with the Queen's Green Canopy and planting Trees for the Jubilee.

Job Advertisement

Responsible Finance Officer – Experienced Book keeper/Accountant

Working hours – approximately 5-7 hours per week.

Your Parish Council is looking to appoint a Responsible Financial Officer reporting to the Chairman of the Finance and Constitution Committee and working with the Clerk to ensure the effective administration of the Parish Council finances.

Working from home or from the Parish Council office in Fenstanton.

Some evening work will be required, this will be to attend the Finance and Constitution committee meetings, which are held ad hoc approximately 3-4 times per year and where possible the monthly Parish Council meetings, which are held once a month.

The ideal candidate will be computer literate with good communication skills, as well as being able to plan and manage the workload in order of priority using their own initiative to meet deadlines. They will need to be proactive and motivated and able to demonstrate an ability to work constructively and accurately with a wide variety of stakeholders.

Experience of working in the public sector, and at Parish Council level is an advantage but not essential. Experience in bookkeeping is essential and experience of 'Scribe' financial software would be an advantage, but training can be given.

The salary for the R.F.O. will be in accordance with the NJC scales: between point 12 (£11.53 per hour) and point 24 (£14.90) but will depend on experience and qualifications. Holiday entitlement 22 days (pro rata). The Council supports attendance at training courses.

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2022. Interviews will be held at a convenient date thereafter and the successful candidate will be expected to commence duties as soon as is possible.

A full job description is available on the Fenstanton Parish Council website or from the Clerk. If interested please contact the Clerk,

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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

At February's meeting, Beverley and June were the Flower demonstrators. We had a wonderful afternoon, 4 large arrangements and 2 small arrangements were raffled off, 6 lucky ladies took an arrangement home. It was lovely to see you all back with us again after the Christmas break.

MARCH 7th TIM MEAKIN will be our demonstrator. We look forward to seeing him. We know it will be an entertaining afternoon.

Not to be missed.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm -- 4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

No Membership just pay on the door.

Look forward to seeing you all,
Beverley

HILTON ART CLUB

The subject in January was 'Down on the Farm'. What a super morning! So great to see everyone again at our first session of the year. And what a lot of wonderful artwork! There were several pictures of farmyard animals as well as farm buildings. Such creativity and great company; always a joy to be part of. Many thanks to Jill and Kaye for the delicious cakes (there was not much left at the end of the session); to Andrea for all the tea & coffee stuff; and to everyone who attended for setting up and clearing away.

18th March 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Whatever Floats Your Boat: from luxury yachts to rust-buckets, scenic beauty to industrial. Please bring your own pictures-props.



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council dated Thursday 20th January

Outline planning application for 16 houses on Church End, west of Wychwood (20/00164/OUT)

Hilton Parish Council resolved that they will not spend £3,500-£4,500 on advice from a barrister. The cost of a full judicial review is a further £30,000-£35,000 and there was not sufficient support for this action to crowdfund this amount of money.

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7th February

Village Sign

The refurbishment of the village sign has been completed and the sign is back in its rightful place.

Photographs of the restoration process have been published on the website and Facebook. The Chairman thanked Cllr Kieron Dunk for his hard work restoring the sign.

The Ware

The agreed works to improve the bank of the Ware have started and Highways England has advised that these works will take up to three weeks. The Parish Council discussed the works required to cut back the excessive growth on the far bank of the Ware, which may incur some additional expenditure. This will be discussed at a future meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Riparian owners of the Ware (those properties to which the Ware forms a boundary) to advise them of the work that the Parish Council intends to do to the Ware and remind them that it is their responsibility to maintain this bank in the future.

2021/22 LHI bid for a 24hr HGV ban on the B1040

There were 122 responses to the consultation regarding this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), 121 in favour and 1 objection. The Chairman thanked those parishioners who responded to this consultation. Correspondence has since been received from Community RoadWatch, who objected to this TRO, to state that they would withdraw their objection. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to Community RoadWatch to state that the Council does not support their views but thanks them for retracting their objection. The decision meeting is due to be held on Monday 14th February at Cambridgeshire County Council.

2022/23 LHI bid for a 30mph limit across the Green

Hilton Parish Council has received and approved the feasibility study for this proposed speed limit reduction. The Council has also approved the expenditure of £757 for their contribution to this project. The Council appointed Cllr Peter Balicki and Cllr Sarah Suckling to speak on its behalf at the LHI panel meeting on Monday 28th February. Cllr Peter Balicki, Cllr Graham Barradell and Cllr Rob Collard were appointed to write a 500-word document in support of this bid.

Parking on Church Lane

Parishioners have presented the Parish Council with information regarding the congested parking situation in Church Lane. The councillors sympathised with the problem faced by these parishioners. The residents' suggested solution is to provide an easement over the green area in Church Lane to allow residents to convert their front gardens to driveways. This land is owned by Huntingdonshire District Council. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to District Councillor David Mead and ask him to help our parishioners with this issue.

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Internal Auditor

Hilton Parish Council appointed the CAPALC internal auditor service to carry out their internal audit with an authorised expenditure of up to £200, including expenses and mileage. Any additional expenditure must be agreed by the Council.

Website Domain

Hilton Parish Council resolved to renew their website domain at a cost of £11.73+VAT

Jubilee Events

Hilton Parish Council granted permission to both the Hilton Village Hall Management Committee and the Hilton Feast Week Committee for the use of the Green and the Pavilion for their Jubilee events.

Street Lighting Maintenance Contractor

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to renew their street lighting maintenance contract with K&M Lighting Services Ltd for a further three years.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman will convene the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28th March in Hilton Village Hall. Further information will be available on the noticeboards and website nearer the time. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a meeting of the Council but is a meeting of the electors of the Parish. The Chairman will report on the activities of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer will provide a financial report. Other village groups are welcome to present a report on their activities. If you are involved in a village group and would like to present a report to the meeting, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

Parish Council Elections

Elections are due for both District and Parish Councillors and will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022. If you would like further information about becoming a Parish Councillor, or about the election process, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Are you interested in improving the lives of the people of Hilton? Do you care about our community and our village? Then read on...

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to their electorate and best placed to serve local communities. They are local authorities created by statute and can only act where there is an express power or duty. Parish Councillors are elected to this role every four years, after which the Parish Council has the power to co-opt any person or persons, meeting the statutory requirements, to fill the vacancies

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination – AND –

Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen – AND –

Meet at least ONE of the following FOUR qualifications:

- A local government elector (on the electoral roll) for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination
- You are an owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish for 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
- Your main or only place of work during these 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish
- You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

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But the Parish Council is just a talking shop, they don't actually do anything...

Have you been to a meeting, or are you basing your judgement on the Vicar of Dibley...? Parish Councils have varied responsibilities, including (but not limited to...):

- representing the local community interests, for example, by commenting on planning applications
- supporting local organisations and activities, for example with grants
- providing amenities, such as streetlights, bus shelters and public seats
- control of litter, recreational grounds and playing fields and children's play areas
- looking after green spaces, common land and footpaths

Hilton Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month, except January and August. The various committees meet on an ad hoc basis. They normally meet in either the Village Hall or Methodist Church.

But I'm too busy...

Full Council meetings only occur 10 times a year and last a maximum of 3 hours. There are other committees to join if you want and papers to read but the average time commitment is only 2 hours a week.

But I haven't lived here for long, and I don't know the area well...

As a newcomer, your viewpoint will be more objective, and your opinions will be welcomed. What better way to get to know your community?

But I'm concentrating on my career...

Being a Parish Councillor is a great thing to have on your CV – it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive.

So now that there are no more excuses, here is why you should think about becoming a Parish Councillor.

As a Councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of the decisions that you have helped to make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. The role of Councillor includes (but is not limited to):

- Community engagement with parishioners and action groups
- Suggesting new initiatives
- Setting the budget
- Ensuring the views of the community are put to the relevant councils or organisations

All new Councillors receive an induction from the Clerk and there is a budget to send all Councillors on training delivered by our County Association (CAPALC).

If you would like further information (or know someone who would be interested) please contact Nicola Webster, Clerk to Hilton Parish Council on 830605 or clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th March 2022 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.



Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

Rainbows – had a visit from a vet and made enrichment toys for some of the animals at Wood Green Animal Shelter

Brownies – are learning to keep healthy and enjoyed visits from the Royal Navy and a Fire Service call handler.

Hilton leader: Karen Baker for both Rainbows and Brownies.

Fenstanton Rainbows; Brownies and Guides.

Rainbows – we have girls waiting to join and want to try and want get something running for them. Can you spare some time to help with Rainbows?

Brownies – decorated pop cakes; learnt a bit about Chinese new year and tried some Chinese food. They enjoyed a fun evening lead by the Royal Navy and have asked for them to visit again. They heard about Thinking Day being 22 February each year; a time to think of their Guiding sisters throughout the world.

Guides haven't met this term as some of the girls have left.

Fenstanton Leaders: Amy White, Brownies and Judith Follon, Guides

Now the weather is getting better and restrictions have eased we are looking into some fun activities for the girls with visits away from the meeting place and the possibility of sleepovers with other units.

We would love to have more girls join us so please get in touch if your daughter would like to come and visit one of our meetings.

As well as girls we need leaders and helpers so if you fancy an evening of fun and friendship please do get in touch or look at the Girlguiding website to find out what Rainbows; Brownies and Guides get up to.

If you would like to know more about us or wish to register your daughter or become a volunteer please visit Girlguiding's website: www.girlguiding.org.uk

If you want to ask anything about local Rainbow; Brownie or Guide units in Fenstanton or Hilton please contact us via new e-mail: GirlguidingGalleyHill@gmail.com

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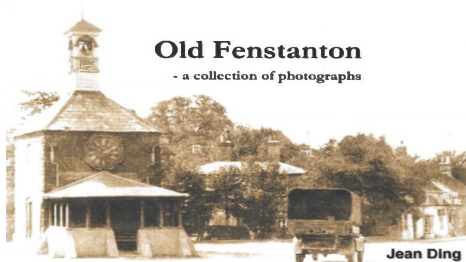
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We have exciting Feast Week news - the time has come for us to announce the theme for Feast Week 2022 and we are going to “Go Wild”. So, dust down your leopard print, it's going to be roar-some!

Hilton Feast Week

GO WILD

24th – 30th July 2022



Quiz Night is back.

Come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 26th March for a night of Quiz fun. Will it be your team that takes the honours this time?? Starts at 7.30, tickets are £5 per person & teams are up to a maximum of 8 people. Licensed bar & snacks. Get your tickets from feastweek.co.uk

Also remember the **Family Easter Egg Hunt** will be taking place around the village on Saturday 16th April.

Any questions or comments please contact us on committee@feastweek.co.uk



Hilton Village Hall Committee

Invites you to celebrate the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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Sunday 5th June 2022 from 12 noon

- ❖ Picnic on Hilton Village Green - Bring your own picnic, seating/rug from 12.00 noon
- ❖ Gates for the theatre production of Peter Pan by J.M.Barrie (performed by the open air theatre group Illyria) to open at 2.00 pm
- ❖ Performance to commence at 3.00 pm (1 hour 40 minutes including a 20 minute interval)
- ❖ Refreshments on sale
- ❖ Don't forget warm clothes/umbrellas – it is British summertime after all.
- ❖ The production will take place unless we have a hurricane (weather variety!) when the performance will be rescheduled.
- ❖ Tickets are non-refundable
- ❖ Details of how to book your tickets below:-
 - tickets@hilton-village.com - dedicated email address for enquiries and ticket sales (cash or BACS payment)
 - www.illyria.co.uk – direct through Illyria's website (by credit card – but you will be charged a 5% administration fee)
 - www.hilton-village.com – updates and further details available on our village website along with a link to our direct email address for ticket enquiries and sales.

Adult: £14, Child (4-14 years) £8, 0-4 years Free, Concession (65+) £12

"Peter Pan" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

You can contact any member of the Hilton Village Hall Committee or telephone 01480 830202 if you have any questions or a general enquiry about the event – don't leave it too late to order your tickets.

We look forward to welcoming you all on the 5th June to a fun-filled and memorable afternoon.

Further events are currently being finalised for the whole weekend and more information will follow over the coming months in Spectrum, on the Hilton Village Website and Facebook.

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HILTON WI

Hilton W I ladies are continuing to benefit from and enjoy the relaxing of restrictions within our various clubs. Canasta is a big attraction, Book Club too, and our Drawing and Craft Clubs are always enjoyed, together with the chats that we had missed so much over recent months. We are even daring to think about trips and outings in the summer months !

So for our February meeting we welcomed 2 new members and visitors together with some partners because we had designated it as an open meeting for the occasion.

This was one of those eagerly awaited special events to welcome the return of Adrian Arnold ,a resident from years ago, to show us photographs of his experiences on the Round the World Yacht Race 30 years ago .

The journey lasted about 8 months following eighteen months of intense training at weekends. The crew was constantly wet and exhausted when enduring massive waves, yet able to enjoy sights of whales dolphins , albatrosses, even a migrating swallow hitched a ride for a while. There were, of course, the 'glamorous' stops for repairs and provisions in Rio de Janeiro , Hobart at Christmas then Cape Town, also sleep and recovery from the arduous work keeping afloat and avoiding icebergs and yet still racing.

Adrian treated us to such an evening of captivating experiences that the drop of the proverbial pin could not have been heard !

Finally and appropriately as a long time friend of Adrian , Di Watson made a short and heartfelt vote of thanks for such a fantastic evening.

Looking forward to our March meeting our speaker will be Taz Jennings on the favourite English topic - tea, entitled Tea Very Craftea , hopefully with samples .

Then there is the Jubilee !

New members are always welcome . We meet at Hilton Village Hall on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm

Hilton Feast Week

GO WILD

24th – 30th July 2022



Programme Cover Picture Competition

We were so impressed with the entries when we asked for help designing the front cover for the last Feast Week programme, we are looking for your assistance again.

We are launching an exciting competition for children to design the front cover picture on the Hilton Feast Week 2022 programme.

We need amazing animal themed works of art; whether it be tigers, frogs, llamas, we want to see all kinds of creatures big and small.

The winner will see their picture on the front of the programme which is delivered to every house in the village and for all to see on the website.

Download your entry form from our website feastweek.co.uk or drop us an email to committee@feastweek.co.uk and we will deliver one to you.

Then draw or paint your picture and get it back to us by **Friday 22 April 2022**. Not only will the winner have their artwork on the front of the programme but they will also win a prize.

So get your thinking caps on and unleash your imagination; the more creative you are the better. All we ask is that you keep your design 2D, in keeping with the theme, and within the black box on the entry form.