

SPECTRUM

March 2023

♥ Happy
Mother's
Day ♥

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Letters & Notices



Spectrum Facebook Page



Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Facebook page has had to be temporarily de-activated. We apologise for any inconveniences caused and we hope to have the page back up and running soon.



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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!



We want to see your stunning photos of our beautiful village, this could be of your pet basking in the sunshine (or more likely, splashing in the puddles), a lovely sunset/sunrise, the friendly cows in their field etc. Whatever wonderful photographs you take, send them to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com and we will select a few to be featured in Spectrum each month.

COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER:

Maddie, Age 7

Maddie has clearly coloured this in with lots of love, care and attention. It's very creative and neat. We absolutely love Maddie's colouring and think her choice of colours are perfect.

Well done and congratulations Maddie!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our colouring competition. It really brightens our days to see your entries and it is so hard to pick a winner with so many amazing pictures. Please keep them coming in!





COLOURING COMPETITION



Use this page to draw a picture to celebrate Mothers Day.

Don't forget to send it to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or post to Jo Brasher at 58 Crest Drive, Fenstanton, PE28 9BR with your name and age.

Winner will be announced and featured in our next issue.

Name

Age

Fenstanton Bowls Club.

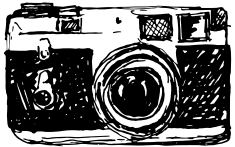
Spring is almost with us and it's time to start thinking about warmer days and getting outside!

Fenstanton Bowls Club has been working hard over the winter months to prepare for next season which will start towards the end of April. We are a friendly group of all ages (from 21 to 92!) and abilities and offer social bowling on Sunday and Thursday mornings where you can come along to just have a practice and give it a go.

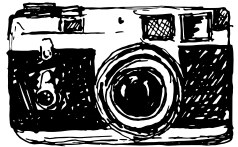
We also compete in the Cambridge and District Leagues with mixed Men's, Ladies and over 60's teams and the Huntingdon and District Men's and Ladies leagues.

We welcome new members and invite you to our Open day over the weekend of 20th / 21st May anytime between 10am and 4pm. All ages welcome. All you need on the day is flat shoes or trainers and we will provide the rest including refreshments and cake! We will circulate more details a little nearer the time.

Put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.



LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Thank you to those who sent photos in; please do keep them coming in.

Photos can be sent to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

February's meeting, our demonstrators were Beverley and Carol, each arrangement had twigs or wood with the flowers in the display's.
A great afternoon was had by all.

March 6th

Our demonstrator is Tim Meakin, we always look forward to seeing Tim, we know it will be a very entertaining afternoon

April 3rd

Lesley Beeton is coming to do a workshop with us, the workshop will cost £6.00 plus entry fee, please bring small Easter eggs and scissors. We must have your name and money at the March meeting.

June 20th

**we have an outing to Peter Beales Nursery, Norfolk
The cost is £46.00, which includes coach, guided tour of the gardens and a 2 course lunch.**

**If you would like to know more, please ring
JUNE 01480 830306 or BEVERLEY 01480 830571**

Hilton Village Hall

2pm - 4pm

Entrance £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

No membership, pay on arrival

HILTON ART CLUB

The subject of 'Painting Blue' was used imaginatively, with a great selection of artwork, including icebergs, a snow scene, landscape collage, fishes in the sea, flowers, view through a window, a sea turtle, an elephant, a blue tit and an owl.

Although it was a small band on the morning, as some people were unable to make it due to burst mains in St Ives, luckily, a few did manage to get through, after a long wait in traffic jams! However, it was a good morning and thanks to Janet for bringing the chocolate biscuits, fresh from the oven – delicious!

17th March 9.30am – 12.30pm

Time and Space

Please bring your own pictures/props.

New members are always welcome – come to a session.

See our Facebook page for further details.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - HILTON



Following our information in the February edition, may we remind readers that we will not be organising the 2 week Poppy Appeal which will begin on October 28th and end on Remembrance Weekend?

It may seem to be many weeks ahead but we sincerely hope that two or three people are thinking of becoming Poppy Appeal Organisers together so that we can give as much support as possible in the meantime.

The Royal British Legion can ill afford to lose the annual large donations close to £1.500 from Hilton to support service men and women, past and present and Organisers most definitely do not need to be members.

We both say that it is a most rewarding experience and privilege - how else would we do so together for a combined total of 60 years or more?

Our thanks as always to every participant - from the small children with their pocket money savings to adults who wait to make their donations to the collectors at the door and to the businesses.

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580



Hilton Rainbows were pleased to welcome 3 new girls this term to join our thriving unit. The current rainbows are all very enthusiastic at working for badges with many showing potential for getting their GOLD awards by the time they finish their two years with us. We have quite a number who have already achieved their Bronze and Silver Awards. Mothers Day and Easter sessions are planned for the rest of the term.

Brownies were joined recently by their dads and grandads to learn about tools and build bird boxes. They all had a brilliant time although we did tell the girls that mums and grandmas were just as capable! We plan to celebrate Pancake Day and have an Easter session at the end of term.

On 22 February (otherwise known in Guiding as Thinking Day) Hilton Rainbows and Brownies joined with other members of guiding and scouting by wearing their rainbow and brownie uniforms to school to celebrate being part of the global organisation of guides and scouts. We thank the headteachers of the local schools for facilitating this.

If you have a daughter who would like to join either rainbows or brownies, please contact Karen Baker on 07970 404569 for further information or register on <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter>.

Fenstanton Friendship Club

1st February

We had a most enjoyable afternoon with Paul Vickers who amazed us with his magical skills and banter. We were all included in his tricks and left wondering, "just how did he do that?" He did give away a couple of secrets and we hope to learn more in the future.

15th February

Martin Guy talked about the numerous Raptors in this area and we learned more about the deer population, particularly the Japanese Water Deer, who have long fangs but no horns.

Unfortunately, the sun was shining so brightly through the numerous windows in the church building, it was not possible to see the many slides of other animals caught on camera. Hopefully later in the year we will have a re-run and be able to see the badgers, foxes, owls etc. Martin is a very enthusiastic wildlife Guy!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1st March

Sue Stephenson, of Puddle Paddock, will be talking to us about life in the 60's. She is a delightful speaker and we look forward to having an enjoyable afternoon.

15th March

Today we will visit AgReserves farmland in Wood Walton to tour some of the land and have a talk about the humanitarian aid that takes place. Also there has been archaeological digs on the land and Viking artifacts found. We will have refreshments in one of the farm houses, before or after the tour.

29th March

Another trip to the Marina for a carvery lunch, always a nice social occasion.

The end of April we have a boat trip on "The Ladybird" - watch this space.

We meet in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street Fenstanton PE28 9JQ every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm.

Please come along, check us out, you will be very welcome. Although we hold our meetings in the church building the club is not affiliated to the church.

Any questions please get in touch with me. Marie News Bubblenews@gmail.com

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HILTON WI

We began our February meeting with presentations and discussions on the four Resolutions suggested by National Federation of WI for 2023 followed by the required vote as to our preference.

The four subjects were:

1. Save Our Water, requesting the government and appropriate bodies to be economical with every drop whilst encouraging the public to do likewise.
2. Women to Women, expressing concerns for the working conditions of women tea pickers in India.
3. Online Gambling addiction and the effects on women and in particular their families.
4. Concerns for Cleaner Rivers for people and Wildlife.

After some debate and a secret vote, Hilton WI ladies opted for the Save Our Water issue.

Our speaker for the evening was Heidi Field from Huntingdon District Council, advising us on many aspects of Waste and Recycling which was extremely helpful, interesting and informative. Heidi was able to tell us what happens when our rubbish leaves us with HDC's 23 vehicles collecting waste from 77,000 domestic properties of which 60% is recycled, mostly at the Waterbeach Recycling Centre where another team removes items from the contents of wrong bins. Not a pleasant task, surely!

We now have a small team of members looking into possible outings by cars such as Cambridge Mosque, Lavenham or Bletchley Park, including just one possible trip by coach in July; all our clubs remain fully active and we will shortly be having a Saturday workshop to sample the delights of Belly dancing !

Our March meeting will be our AGM when a new committee team and President will be elected. Hilton doesn't stay still, we are a lively, friendly membership!



Members of the Hilton WI at their February Craft Club

As always, we welcome new members, for more info please contact:
hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com



FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

We are an FA Chartered Standard club providing safe and inclusive football in a fun environment for players in the youth teams, 6-18 years and men's team.

**We are looking for Players for
U8 team**

School year 2 or 3

And

**2 Volunteer Parent Coaches,
Full training will be provided**

**If you are interested or
know someone who might be
please contact the club**

A fun competition for all ages

WHAT TO DO:

Obtain a Charlotte seed potato and chit it by standing it in an egg box in a cool bright area. The “eyes” of the potato will begin to grow.

Potatoes can be obtained from Hilton Community Garden on Saturdays in March between 10 and noon. When the shoots are short and stubby, plant the potato in a 10 litre pot (approx. 28cms wide at top and 23cms high) using any compost or garden soil. Note: larger pots will be disqualified!

Only half fill the container with compost and top up as the potato shoots grow.

Place pot outside but protect it from frosts. Remember to water it if the weather is dry.

Bring your potato plant, growing in its pot, to the **Hilton Produce Show on Saturday 29th July..** The judges will empty each pot and weigh the yield.

The winner will be the person whose potatoes weigh the heaviest.

Enjoy taking part!



FENSTANTON face2face COMMUNITY CAFÉ

First Tuesday in each month – Church Centre, 2-4pm

Next café meeting on 7 March as part of *‘Fenstanton Warm Space’



While the Community Café is part of
*‘Fenstanton Warm Space’
all refreshments are available free of charge

All welcome 2-4pm

2023 dates for our monthly face2face café, on the first Tuesday:

4th April, 2nd May (Coronation Afternoon Tea Special),

6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov,

Christmas Café on 5th December.



The weekly Virtual Community Café, 2-3.30pm,
continues to meet on Zoom, all welcome.
Join us for lively conversation or sit and listen!

For more details, about either Café, please contact:

Rev Rosie Tel: 01480 467393

Or email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

***Fenstanton Warm Space** is much more than offering a warm space. Why not come along and meet up with friends, make some new ones, enjoy free refreshments! And so much more.

It's a work space, an exercise space (Monday mornings), a knitting space, a chatty space, a quiet space, a jigsaw space, a tea & toast space, a toddler group space (Wednesday mornings)..... **Mondays to Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm**

Everyone welcome!



Hilton Feast Week

Upcoming Events

The dates are now set for Feast Week 2023, along with the next few fundraising events.

Please put the dates in your diary now, we'd love you to join us.

Saturday 25th March – Quiz

Saturday 8th April – Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 6th May – Coronation Evening on the Green



**Feast Week
2023
23rd - 29th July
the Wild West**

Keep your eyes peeled for more fundraiser information and dates for our summer fundraising events nearer the time.

You can also support us by joining the 200 Club, which plays a very important role in keeping Feast Week running. For £5 a month or £60 a year you can support Feast Week while having the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes. The draw usually takes place on the third Wednesday of the month. To join visit www.feastweek.co.uk or email us on committee@feastweek.co.uk.





Fenstanton Village Fayre and Sports Day



Saturday 1st July 2023

Produce & Craft Show Categories – Festival Theme.

Adults

Sweet Baking
Savoury Baking
Homemade Jam / Chutney
Flower Arrangement
Craft
Homemade alcoholic beverage
Homemade non-alcoholic beverage
Photography (taken in Fenstanton)
Best wonky fruit or vegetable

Children (split into KS1 and KS2)

Homemade baking (sweet or savoury)
Craft including modelling, Lego
Art (Drawing / painting)
Photography (taken in Fenstanton)
Garden/flowers displayed in a welly boot or on a plate.

Extra points for themed entries. Trophies and rosettes to be awarded to the winning entries.

Later in the year we will also be launching our 'Design a Logo' competition and revamping our race program.

Look out on Facebook and Spectrum for more details.

Stall holders – we are on the lookout for stall holders. £20 per stall (bring your own equipment) or £10 for local residents.

We are always looking for new committee members whether that is supporting us on the day or joining our amazing planning committee.

For more details on any of the above please contact

fenstantonvillagesports@outlook.com

To keep up to date follow our Facebook page:



Lapwings are wading birds that can be found in grasslands, farmland and wetlands. They are well known for their distinctive calls, giving them the alternative name 'peewit', their complex courtship displays and their striking plumage, in particular their head crests. Sadly, lapwing populations in the UK have declined significantly over the past few decades, predominantly due to changes in agricultural practices and the loss of suitable nesting habitats, meaning that they are now a red-listed species in the UK and are deemed a conservation priority. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we have seen a steady decrease in breeding numbers so are working to provide suitable habitats and to implement effective habitat management measures with the aim of helping the species recover.

Lapwings are ground-nesting birds that lay their eggs in shallow scrapes, often in grassy fields. The chicks are born precocial, meaning they leave the nest after hatching and feed themselves with the help of their parents who care for them until they fledge. Nesting lapwings require suitable grass sward and vegetation conditions in order to build their nests and rear their young. The ideal habitat is an area of short, grazed grass with some scattered tussocky vegetation and bare patches with nearby shallow water margins. This type of habitat provides cover for the birds, feeding areas for adults and chicks, and reduces the risk of predation.

The grasslands of Ferry Mere along the northern edge of the lake are the best area for nesting lapwings at the reserve and we carry out management work in order to maintain it as a suitable habitat. The area is grazed by cattle in the summer and autumn to ensure suitable grass conditions the following spring when lapwings are looking to nest with a majority low, even height. This enables the birds to see around them and watch out for predators, thus making them feel more secure and more likely to nest.

Having nearby tall trees and shrubs can deter lapwing from nesting as they provide cover for ground predators, such as foxes, and perching points for avian predators, such as crows, that can take eggs and chicks. In previous years we have worked to fell trees from around the ditches on Ferry Mere and this past winter we have spent time with our volunteer work group removing a dense area of tall trees from the lake edge very near to our shallow pools where lapwings are often seen and have nested in the past. Not only will this improve the area for the birds, but it also has the added benefit of opening up views of the lake from the footpath and view shelter along the north of Ferry Lake.



Lapwing - Andy Hay (flickrimages.com)

As we head into spring the large wintering lapwing flocks will start to disperse, but we hope that some will stay and choose to nest out on Ferry Mere or elsewhere at the reserve. We will be carefully monitoring lapwing numbers as part of our annual breeding bird surveying to see the effects of our management work and determine if there is more we can do. In fact, we are already working on plans for another project to try to ensure the continued presence of shallow pools that remain wet throughout the breeding season. Watch this space for more details in the future.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Be an early bird and join us on a morning walk around Fen Drayton Lakes to experience the magic of the spring dawn chorus. Listen to the spectacular sounds of the birds bursting into song as the sun rises over the lakes on 29th April.

To see further details and book for one of our upcoming events, please visit:

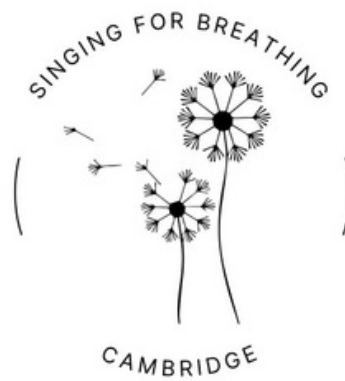
<https://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes>

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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



Do you have breathing difficulties?
Did you know singing can help?

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity. The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.00pm and we're looking for new members!

Kay Barrett, founder of the group, says:

"You don't need any singing experience to take part - it's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. Being online singers can join from the comfort of home, even when they are feeling unwell. We sing with microphones turned off, which can actually be very liberating! You simply sing along with the leader, learning uplifting songs often in call and response style. We also use multi-track recordings so we can enjoy singing rounds and harmonies."

Do I have to pay?

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential - we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come along every week?

We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come along when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join?

The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

How do I join?

Simply email singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call Mary on 07972645473 for more information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com
or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge

Mary Denn

St Ives Voluntary Car Scheme

Life in a rural community can be very isolating if you don't have access to a car, particularly if you are elderly or can't use public transport.

St Ives Community Car Scheme seeks to address this problem by matching passengers with volunteer drivers who use their own cars to take them to their hospital appointments, shopping or even to visit friends and relations.

Passengers pay the driver 45p a mile for the drivers' mileage, plus a £1 booking fee which is payable to the office to cover administration costs. Paul and I have been voluntary drivers for a few years now and have met many lovely and interesting people, all of whom are very grateful for the existence of the car scheme. There is very good guidance and support from the volunteer office based in the Town Hall, St Ives, and nobody minds if you have to say 'no' to a drive.

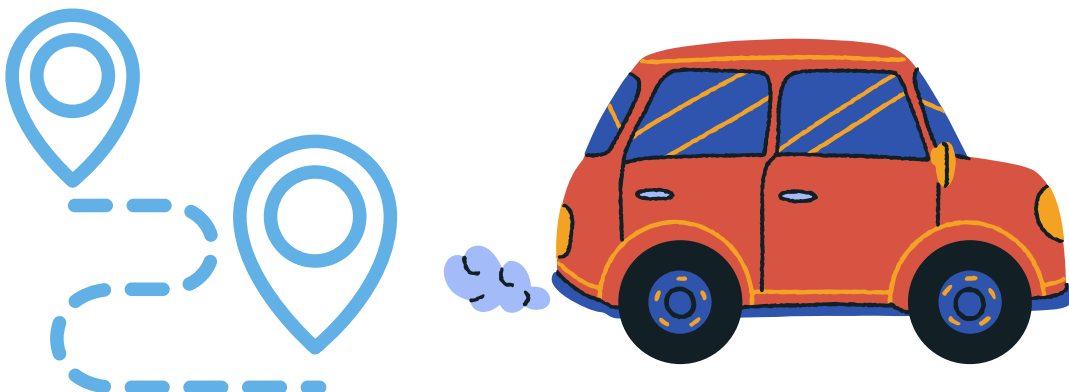
Could you become a volunteer driver and help your neighbours in this way? There is currently a great need for more drivers, especially in Fenstanton and Hilton. We understand that as a volunteer you may be concerned about how much time you can commit. Even if you can only offer one drive per fortnight, this would be a help, and there is no obligation to accept a drive. No experience is necessary, just common sense and a sympathetic attitude.

All applicants will be subject to a DBS check and satisfactory references will be required.

For more information about our Car Scheme service please call the office on: 01480 301462 which is open Monday to Thursday 12.30 – 3pm or leave a voice message. If you would like to discuss becoming a volunteer driver please contact Debbie on: 07990 477552 or Email: stives@huntsvc.org.uk

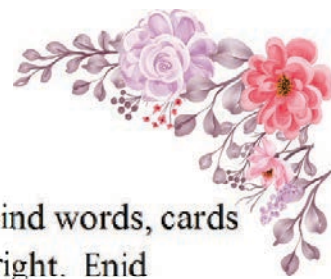
Paul and I would be happy to discuss the scheme further if you are interested. Call us on 07817786298 or e-mail: janstone4@btinternet.com

Jan Stone





Thank you



Elaine, Chris, Jamie and Becky Ward would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and donations following the loss of their beloved Mum and Granny, Enid Wright. Enid moved to Fenstanton in 2004 to be near her family and made many friends in the village through the United Reform Church coffee mornings, W.I., and Parish Church events. At the grand age of 89 she took the decision to have Wi-Fi installed so she could join online church services, and she became a regular member of the virtual Fenstanton Community Café. She loved meeting her friends from the Café in person when she could, becoming well known for her famous chocolate cake! A long-time fan of puzzles and quizzes, she also enjoyed completing her daily Wordle. Many thanks to those Community Café friends who kept her company, and made her their 'Wordle Queen'!

Enid's funeral was held on the 23rd February, and we would like to thank all those who were able to attend the service. We would also like to thank her very kind neighbours, in particular Joan and Ken, for their many years of friendship; and Katie Hucklesby for her weekly telephone calls which Enid always looked forward to receiving. Enid saw her 92nd birthday at the beginning of January, and led a long and happy life. She will be dearly missed by her daughters Sheila and Elaine, her four grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her many friends.



Tiny Forest



On an early November morning, the school, and our field in particular, was energised by the prospect of planting our Tiny Forest. Having been contacted by Earthwatch several months earlier, it was time for our 'Planting Day' and for our children to be involved in creating a space that we hope will benefit their own children and grandchildren in years to come.

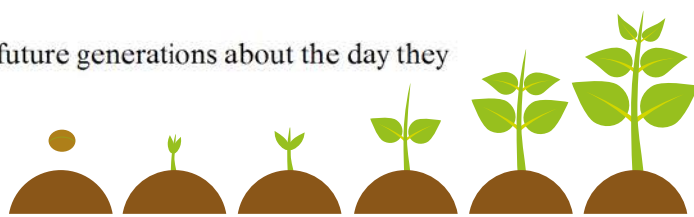
Cambridgeshire County Council have been working with Earthwatch at different sites across the county and we were contacted because of the outside space we are blessed with. After choosing an 'L-shape' layout for our Tiny Forest, which in total is about the area of a tennis court, members of the Earthwatch Team were on site in October to prepare the ground and mark the area. On the big day itself, children arrived at school with wellies in hand and plenty of energy, and the Earthwatch Team provided the expertise, guidance, 600 or so seedling and saplings to plant, and all the tools and resources we needed for planting.

The children loved it! It was a thrill to see them collaborating outside of the classroom, to see different skills in use, and to see children who sometimes lack confidence in the classroom really grow into leaders in the outside space. The morning was spent planting and, in the afternoon, our younger children donned their boots and completed the mulching of the area.

Although the space currently appears to be a fenced-off area of mud, we are very excited about watching it develop into a forest over the coming years. Eventually, we hope that it will join with our existing forest area and children will be able to use the benches and learning space as part of outdoor lessons, whether for science, maths, geography, or for the blessed opportunity to be outside in the fresh air with a good book to read.

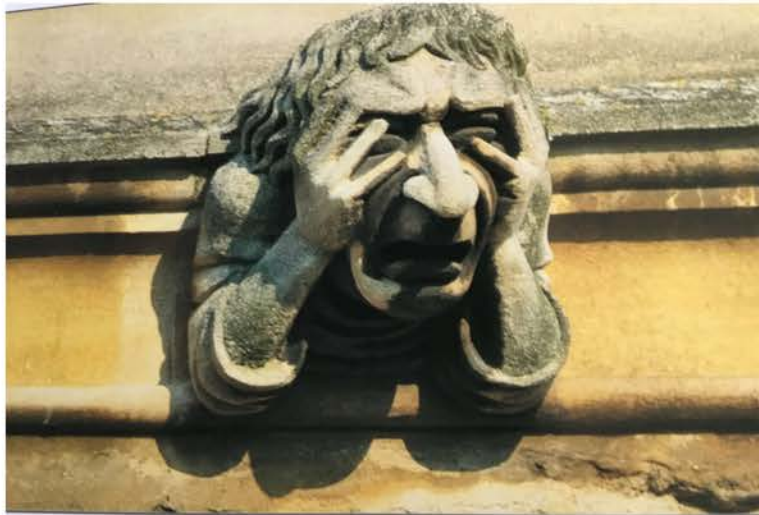
Maybe some of our current 'planters' will be able to tell future generations about the day they planted a forest.

Richard Martin, Headteacher.





RELIEVE YOUR GARDEN WORRIES!



JOIN HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR...

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME :

a panel of local experts will answer your garden questions and
give you their top tips. Refreshments provided.

7.30-8.30 pm on APRIL 21st

HILTON METHODIST CHAPEL, POTTON RD.

ALL WELCOME!

Fenstanton and a Crucifixion:

By John Deeks



Crucifixion nail in heel bone

For those of you who were living in the village in 2018 and read my two essays on the archaeology discoveries found on the site of the Park Development, hopefully you will remember something of the results of that dig.

The archaeologists from Albion Archaeology published a full report on their finds and this is available on line. What they did not know at that time was that they had in fact discovered a very rare item. This only came to light some time later when one of the skeletons was being examined in detail.

The archaeologists discovered a large and previously unknown Roman roadside (our High Street) settlement in 2017 while carrying out their excavation. Finding Roman burials on such a site is common and this was no exception. What WAS unusual is that it included five small cemeteries and discovered in one grave were the remains of a man with a nail through his heel. After extensive examination it was determined that he had been crucified. The skeleton was that of a man aged around twenty five to thirty five years of age.

Only one previous example of a crucifixion has been found, in Israel, but the Fenstanton example is the best preserved. A human bone specialist from Cambridge University said: "The lucky combination of good preservation and the nail being left in the bone has allowed me to examine this almost unique example when so many thousands have been lost. "This shows that the inhabitants of even this small settlement at the edge of empire could not avoid Rome's most barbaric punishment."

The extraordinary fact about this skeleton is not only that the man was crucified, but that his body was reclaimed after death and given a formal burial alongside other people, leaving us with this extremely rare evidence of what had happened to him. An iron nail penetrated his right heel bone horizontally, consistent with crucifixion. His feet would have been nailed to the sides of an upright timber. In life he had suffered from poor health and injury, and his ankles may have been shackled. The victim most probably was a slave. In common with all Roman Mansio, (an official stopping place on a Roman road, the Travel Lodge of the age) the Fenstanton Mansio would have been staffed by slaves, who carried out all the physical and tedious tasks required for the smooth running of the operation.

Crucifixion was relatively commonplace in Roman times, but the victims were often tied to the cross rather than nailed, and if nails were used then it was routine to remove them afterwards. Constantine, acclaimed emperor in York (306–337), is thought to have banned crucifixion, so the man likely died between 130 and 337.

Romans reserved crucifixion for condemned slaves, rebels and lower classes. Crucifixion nails are thought to be so rare because crucified people would not often have received a proper burial also crucifixion was often done with rope. When nails were used they would have been recycled for their metal value and may also have been collected for perceived magical properties.

The exact location of the crucified man's grave has not being disclosed out of respect for the privacy of the current homeowner!

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Vacancy — Assistant to Parish Clerk

Assistant to the Clerk – part time 20 hrs per week

Salary – (SCP LC1 13-17 - £12.97 - £13.95 per hour) depending upon related qualifications and experience

Fenstanton Parish Council are looking for an assistant to our Parish Clerk.

Reporting to the Parish Clerk, you will be required to carry out a wide range of tasks and duties related to the effective and efficient management of the Parish Council and related responsibilities within the Parish.

We are looking for someone who is experienced and competent with social media platforms, computer literate, with experience in word processing, spreadsheets and email. With a minimum of GCSE level or equivalent, including English Language and Maths. Previous experience of maintaining financial records using a computer based accounting package preferred (training can be given).

You will be required, where possible, to work occasional evenings (approx 1 to 2 times per month between 6.30pm -9.00pm).

For a full job description, please see our website – www.fenstantonpc.org or contact the Clerk.

To apply for this position, please send a covering letter explaining why you would be a good fit and current CV to:- Jo Perez at clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk. ***Closing date for applications: 10th March 2023***

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Surgeries have been running since the beginning of the year, these give Parishioners an opportunity to discuss in person, any issues that may concern them. Your Parish Council will be continuing with the Saturday surgeries 10am—12pm at the Hub on the High Street, see dates below. Pop in and say hello!

Saturday 18 th February	Cllr Geoff Pryke	Cllr Paula Heaford
Saturday 4 th March	Cllr Paul Kent	Cllr Simon King
Saturday 18 th March	Cllr Nigel Ferrier	Cllr Roy McGee

Village Litter Picking—12th March



Cyclists and Horse Riders—Polite reminder

With Spring fast approaching your Parish Council would like to remind all users of rights of way to be considerate of others. Cyclists and Horse Riders are reminded to kindly refrain from riding on the village's footpaths, riding on footpaths is prohibited. Unfortunately, riding on footpaths also causes damage to the grass paths, spoiling them for parishioners on foot. Wherever possible, please use the Cycleways and Bridleways provided around the village. Thank you!

Verges

Your Parish Council has recently undertaken to have the verge along Huntingdon Road cut back to allow easier access for all users. Your Parish Council will continue this work along the verge on High Street from Swan Road .



Huntingdon Road—Before



Huntingdon Road—After

Watercourse Management Grant

Your Parish Council will shortly be submitting an application to Cambridge County Council for funding, if successful this will enable your Parish Council to carry out work to clear some of the ditches around the village which have been neglected over a number of years. The areas identified as the most in need are, Swan Road, Chequer Street, Hall Green Lane, Huntingdon Road, Moore Brook spur, The Fen (north and south), Lake Brook and 3 areas along Cambridge Road.

If successful your Parish Council hopes that this work will help alleviate problems with potential flooding.

Coronation King Charles III

Your Parish Council has formed a working group to put their heads together to generate some ideas as to how the Village can celebrate together the Coronation of King Charles III. The working group consists of Councillors Nigel Ferrier, Anne Mustill and Callum Pitt and Parishioner Jean Ding has been invited to work along with them.

Your Parish Council will keep you updated with the plans.

Warm Space

The Warm Space has been running since the beginning of December 2022 and over time has evolved to become a real community hub. Numbers have increased with the introduction of a stand/chair exercise session on a Monday, this is organised by a Nurse Practitioner whom specialises in exercise and a Parent & Toddler group running on a Wednesday.

If your Parish Council is able to secure further funding it hopes to be able to continue beyond March as a community hub.

Conington Road— Flooding and Sewage issues

In December 2022 two Parish Councillors, along with District Councillor Clare Tevlin met with the Head of Planning at HDC to discuss a number of issues, including problems with flooding on Conington Road and the Morris Homes estate.

Some of the properties on Conington Road experience water logged gardens all year round, leaving parts of their gardens unable to be used. This problem seems to have occurred since the construction of the Morris Homes development. The Head of Planning has advised County Councillor D Dew that she would be happy to visit the site to see first hand the issues that have been highlighted to her. Surface water flooding has also been a problem and Morris Homes met with the flood lead authority at CCC and have agreed that a drainage system could be installed, as there are manholes in close proximity.

Whilst there has not been a recent incident of sewage overflowing, it still remains a concern and our County Councillor has agreed to speak with Anglia Water to discuss the possibility of re-routing the sewage.

Your Parish Council will keep you updated with any progress.

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th February

Moles

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to appoint a mole catcher to remove the moles from around the church.

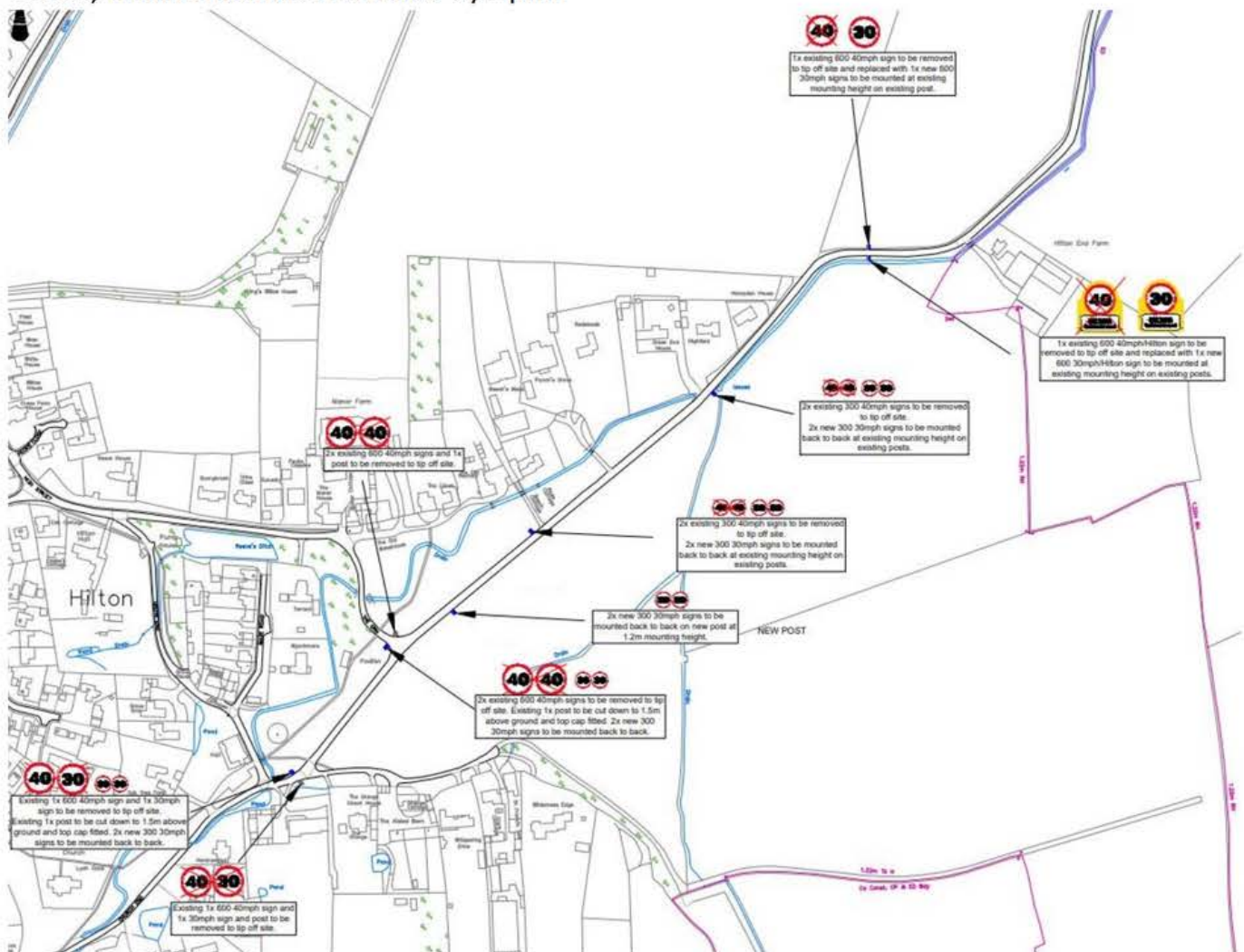
Dredging

Following feedback from parishioners, the Parish Council has agreed to seek the advice of the Environment Agency regarding the disposal of the dredged materials.

30mph Limit on the Green

The application to amend the speed limit on the Green to 30mph has been successful.

Cambridgeshire County Council has provided a plan of the changes to the signage across the Green, which should be installed by April.



Pavilion

Quotes have been received for the renovations of the pavilion and the Council has asked their pavilion working group to review the quotes and make a recommendation to Council of a preferred supplier.

Health Project

Hilton Parish Council has been offered £7,500 for their Health Project, which will include cricket and cookery courses plus equipment such as giant Jenga and outdoor chess.

Bus Shelter

The survey for the asset register advised the Council that the roof beams of the bus shelter are deteriorating. The Council has asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for repair of the bus shelter and also for removal and a glass replacement.

Easter Cross

The Council has granted permission for the erection of the Easter Cross on the Green from Thursday 6th April to Tuesday 11th April.

Consultations

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to respond to both the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Draft Bus Strategy consultation and the consultation regarding the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Coronation

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to support village groups to commemorate the upcoming coronation, including the Hilton Feast Week band evening and the Hilton Community Garden floral crown. The advice from Buckingham Palace is that there will not be beacons lit in celebration, as this would be too similar to the recent Jubilee celebrations. The Council would like to know how you would like to commemorate the coronation – if you would like to comment, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.

Community Garden Grant

The Council has approved a grant of £100 for the Community Garden to purchase bird food.

20mph Limit

The Parish Council has resolved to apply for a 20mph limit across the village, subject to the support of the parishioners. The Council has commissioned a leaflet with a survey that has also been published on the Facebook page and website.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 2023 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.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

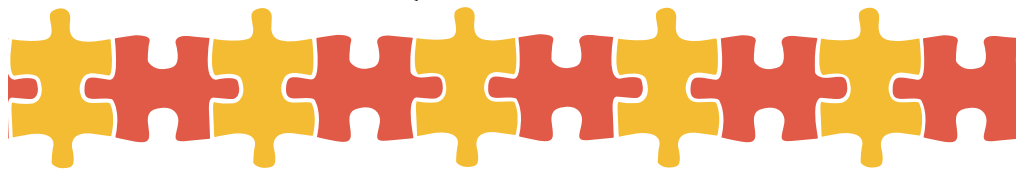
Chequer Street

Books and Jigsaws

ON SALE

9.30am - 12 Noon

Saturday 18th March



Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

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)



Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Services for March 2023

We look forward to welcoming you



Services at St Mary's, Fen Drayton and St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton - MARCH		
	Service time and location	Services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton are live streamed where possible, details via https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk
Thursdays, weekly	8.30am on Zoom	8.30am Morning Prayer For Morning Prayer Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie
Sunday 5th	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children
Sunday 12 th	9.15am Fen Drayton 10am Fenstanton	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton 10am Worship For All
Sunday 19 th Mothering Sunday	*9.15am Fen Drayton 10am Fenstanton	9.15am Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's, Fen Drayton 10am Mothering Sunday Service with Holy Communion and Sunday Club for children
Sunday 26 th	9.15am Fen Drayton **10.30am Fenstanton	9.15am Baptism Service at St Mary's, Fen Drayton 10.30am Family Communion with guest speaker from East Anglian Air Ambulance, our chosen charity for the year.

**Please note extra service this month **please note change of time*

More details about our churches or our services and news can be found on facebook "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches" or our website www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk

Or a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

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.



REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - 11.15am United Communion Service

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

3rd Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

4th Sunday - 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church

Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall

5th Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2nd Friday – 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES (via Zoom)

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400)
for Zoom access details

Hilton Churches' Lent Lunches

Hilton's Lent Lunches have restarted this year,
proceeds in aid of Dementia UK.

Do come and join us for a light lunch
between 12:30 and 2:00pm.



Wednesday, March 1st. - Wistow, The Green

- by kind invitation of Claire and Nick Sarkies

Wednesday, March 8th. – Tanglewood, The Green

- by kind invitation of Jenny Broom.

Wednesday, March 15th. – 27, Scotts Crescent

- by kind invitation of Sandy and Richard Monk.

Wednesday, March 22nd. – Atticus, Church End

- by kind invitation of Janet and Bruce Whatley.

Wednesday, March 29th. – 1, Grove End

- by kind invitation of Carole and Malcolm Lynn.

Suggested donation - £5:00

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in March

March 5 th	10:00am Mr. C. Webber
March 12 th	11:15am United Service at the Methodist Church led by Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
March 19 th	10:00am Mrs. L. Charlton
March 26 th	10:00am Local Arrangement

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served in the schoolroom after the services

Hilton Coffee Mornings



Monthly coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Schoolroom have now restarted on the first Saturday of each month.



March 4th.

10:00am to 12 noon

Proceeds in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Hilton Churches Together

Roving Supper

Saturday, March 18th

The Churches in Hilton will be reinstating the Roving Supper this year, after a gap of three years due to COVID. The event has been a main fundraiser for the Churches in the past and every penny is divided equally between the two churches.



The Roving Supper comprises a three-course meal, with each course being at different houses in the village, followed by coffee and a raffle.

Tickets are £11-00 if you are hosting one of the courses or £25-00 if you participate without hosting.

It will be a truly enjoyable evening and you will meet different people for each course.

Hosts are required for all three courses. If you would like to participate or you would like more information about the event, please contact:-

Heather Woods on 830686 or Phil Wood on 830866.

LENT LUNCHEES IN FENSTANTON!

Supporting



56 Church Leys, PE28 9 QD
12 noon till 2:30 pm

Home of John & Penny Leigh-Brown
opposite the Parish Church Car Park and Hampton Close.

Every Thursday in March
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Come along with family and friends to share a simple lunch of delicious soup and bread,
then contribute the normal cost of the meal to our charity this year.

ABCD (Action around Bethlehem for Children with Disability)

<https://www.abcdbethlehem.org/about-abcd/our-story>

For further info. contact 01480 464672.

The Bridge Church

(Part of the Relational Mission family of evangelical churches)

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

[01480 498801](tel:01480498801)

Our Sunday service is at 10.30am in our lovely church building at No.2, Burrel 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 men and women's fellowship groups. 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 mornings at 10am. There is a Friday morning 'drop-in' from 10 am to 12 noon. 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 to the Children's Church at the Bridge! It's a fun, exciting and a safe place where children can learn about God in meetings 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 on a Sunday morning.

We are a very welcoming church and look forward to meeting you.



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



Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Chequer Street, Fenstanton

We are pleased to welcome you to our friendly church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30. All are welcome.

2023 Services

March

- 5th - Revd Christine Davies
- 12th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball – Holy Communion
- 19th - Led by Joseph Amokh
- 26th - Revd Keith Cakebread

April

- 2nd - Revd Christine Davies
- 7th - Good Friday – 2pm Service
- 9th - Revd Catherine Ball – Holy Communion
- 16th - Led by Alison Jiggins
- 23rd - Revd Keith Cakebread
- 30th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

Tuesday 14th March - 2.30 - 4pm

Tuesday 11th April - 2.30 - 4pm

Geoff Hawkins
Fenstanton URC Secretary

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Hilton Parish Church (2nd Number)	01480 830413
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Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	01480 831658
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954 230471
Hilton Village Hall	07752678415
St Ives RBL Women's Section	01480 380882

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