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## Letters & Notices

### **FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH APPEAL** **HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION September 2019**



Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously to help with the upkeep and restoration of the beautiful and historic Parish Church that we have in our village. In a building of this age, there are always heavy repair costs and, this year, the money raised is not only going to help with this but also with improving the facilities that the church can offer.

Contrary to what many may think, there is no financial help from the Church of England and it really is down to us, as villagers, to preserve our heritage for future generations whether through donations or joining in the various fund raising events through the year.

The September collection this year raised an fantastic £2,789.42. Of this, £1677.60 was GiftAided by taxpayers who filled in the details on the envelope. This means we will get a further £419.40 from the Inland Revenue when the claim goes in. A huge thank you again, to all who made this possible.

Julia Mitchell (on behalf of the Parish Church Fundraising Committee)

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. You helped raise a total of £537.20 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was a really excellent result from a most enjoyable event. We should also like to thank Hilton Village Shop for sponsoring us. Even the sun shone on us.

History of Hilton. Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available. The book is hard-backed, full of photos and costs £10. It would make a fascinating Christmas present. Contact Peter Blake, 01480 830137.

#### Hilton Village Harvest Supper

I should like to offer a big 'Thank you' to everyone who came to support our Harvest Supper and to make the evening so successful. The committee did a wonderful job selling tickets. I should also like to thank the helpers, those who provided the apples, the cooks, the table hostesses and everyone who helped tidy-up afterwards. The food was excellent. This was the 5th year in which we have had a raffle – thank you all who donated the prizes. Donations were sent to two registered charities: British Heart Foundation – Charity no. 225971 and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust – Charity no. 11335424. They both received £343.97.

Rosemary Blake



# Volunteer Centre Huntingdonshire

## Community Car Scheme

The Scheme works by matching passengers with volunteer drivers who use their own cars to take them to hospital appointments, shopping or even to visit friends and relations. Passengers pay the drivers 40p a mile based on the driver's mileage, to cover the driver's expenses, plus a £1 booking fee which the driver passes on to the office to cover administration costs.

The Scheme is primarily there for essential journeys to the doctors and hospitals and these will always be acted on first however, we will also look at social drives, to the shops, hairdressers etc.

The more drivers we have the more we can help your community. Could you become a volunteer driver and help your neighbours in this way? 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 week, 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. Support and guidance is always available from our friendly office. Please note that all applicants will be subject to a DBS check and satisfactory references will be required.

In addition, other volunteer opportunities are available via [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk) or call into any of the offices for a chat. We look forward to meeting you.

**For more information and an application form, please contact the Ramsey**

**Organiser: Natalie on 01480 301462 or 0758 2211392. Email**

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## THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

You are invited to join us at the Church Centre  
on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at any time between **8.00pm & 9.30pm**

Come and listen to us sing or join in the choruses if you wish

Free of charge, just bring your voice .... or just your ears!!

We are a mixed group of all ages, singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure.

A relaxed and informal group, we sing by ear and mostly unaccompanied.

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

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you?

You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.

**Available for bookings:** We specialise in entertaining clubs, societies, small groups and parties.

For details call Ray and Niki on 01480 370973 or email [raywhitby45@gmail.com](mailto:raywhitby45@gmail.com) or visit **Fen Shanty Folk** on **Facebook**.



**PROUDLY PRESENTS**  
**Quiz Night 2019**

Saturday 23rd November

7.30 – 11pm

Fenstanton & Hilton Primary school  
£5 per person (max 8 people per team)

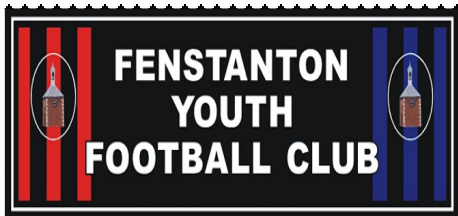
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**Players for our  
fantastic, friendly  
team!**



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

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

Please contact us via email –

[fenstantonfootball@outlook.com](mailto:fenstantonfootball@outlook.com)

or via our Facebook Page for more information

## Hilton Methodist Church November

### Church Services

3rd November at 10am. Local Arrangement, please see Church noticeboard

10th November at 10.45am at the Lychgate.

United Remembrance Service at Parish Church with Mr Don Moorman preaching

17th November at 10am Mr Frank Cannon

24th November at 10am Rev Nick Witham, Holy Communion Service

### ADVENT LUNCHES in HILTON

27th November Venues: Linda Stott, Abbotsmede, Chapel Close

4th December Carole and Malcolm Lynn, 1 Grove End

11th December. Julia Parkinson, The Grange, The Green

18th December. Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

Time: 12.30 to 2pm

Donations: £5 upwards for a simple lunch of bread /biscuits and cheese/  
chutneys Charity: MAGPAS Night Helicopter



### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, 2nd November**  
**10.00am - 12.00 noon.**  
**in the Church Hall**

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 5th November from 10.00am till 12 noon.

There will be Fair Trade groceries and gifts from Just Sharing in St Ives and all profits go to them.

Come along for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and delicious biscuits.

Refreshment money is sent to the East Anglian Children's Hospices.

Look forward to seeing you in the Church Hall.

### ORGANIST NEEDED

Hilton Methodist Church is looking for a pianist, organist or keyboard player to join the organists' rota for 1 Sunday per month on average.

The instrument is a Viscount electronic organ. If you are interested, please ring Malcolm Lynn on 831629 or Ian Woods on 830686



## Hilton Methodist Church Carol Singing Around the Village

This year carol singing will be on Tuesday 10th December starting from the Parish Church at 6pm. We always need lots of singers as well as people willing to be the collectors. The carol singing is in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN charity

### Hilton Parish Church - November

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Godmanchester	6.30pm	All Souls - a short service to remember those who have died
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	
Hilton	10.45am	United Remembrance Service, starting at the Lych gate.
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Hilton	1pm – 4pm	Christmas Fayre in church
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family service with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am.
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – see separate notice for venue
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

#### Contact information:

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



# JOIN US FOR FRIDAY FEAST

**NEW DATES BELOW**  
 5.30pm – 7pm  
 Parish Church  
 Hilton



BRING A BOTTLE!

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



November 15th

## Christmas Fayre

Hilton Parish Church  
 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
 1pm – 4pm

Get your Christmas shopping done early! There will be stalls selling Christmas Gifts and Stocking Fillers as well as Teas & Coffees, a Raffle and activities for the children. Father Christmas will also be putting in an appearance during the course of the afternoon so come along and meet him. All the stalls are now fully booked but if you want to put your name down for next year, please contact Rachel Wood on 830866. Please also get in touch if you would be willing to help out on

**Christmas Fayre**  
**Hilton Parish Church**  
**Saturday 23rd November**  
**1pm - 4pm**

COME AND SEE  
 FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO!  
 ALSO  
 CHRISTMAS GIFTS, FESTIVE FOOD & STOCKING FILLERS  
 TOMBOLA & OTHER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
 TEA, COFFEE & MINCE PIES  
 RAFFLE



Entry : Adults £1.00, Children FREE

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the day, even if just for an hour – thanks!

## Fenstanton Parish Church - November

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	11.00 am	<b>All Souls' Day service</b> (for details see separate poster)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Service of Remembrance</b> (for details see separate poster)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club</b>
	6.00 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion in the Church Centre</b> followed by lunch (for details see separate poster)
	3.20 pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ The King</b>	
	10.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	<b>Mulled Wine Evening</b> (for details phone 465211)

<b>December</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion with Sunday Club and blessing of cribs</b>
	5.00 pm	<b>Christingle Service</b> followed by tea



followed by  
**Act of  
Remembrance**  
at the War Memorial  
in the Cemetery  
**All most  
welcome**

Hello, it's me again, your local Vicar.

Lots to tell you about what's happening in the next few weeks. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11am at St Peter and St Paul, Fenstanton, you are welcome to come along to our parish service for All Souls' Day. Do pop along to the church beforehand and add names to our list at the back of the church. Do add names even if you are unable to attend. You are welcome to phone me or email me, if that's easier for you. This year we will be having heart shapes to write the names of those we are remembering, during the service, and whose names will be read out. There will be an opportunity for you to place those hearts on our memory tree. In addition, there will be star shapes available for you to take home, to bring back during Advent or at Christmas which will go on the memory tree or perhaps a Christmas Tree.

Our annual service of Remembrance takes place at St P & St P Fenstanton, at 10am, with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. This year the service is being organised by the URC.

And a date to put in your diary for December – 1<sup>st</sup> December (more December news next month). At our 9.30am service on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec we have our Blessing of the Cribs. You bring your crib and it will be blessed during the service and then you take it home with you. In the afternoon, at 5pm, we have our Christingle Service which also remembers the work of the Children's Society. If you don't know what a Christingle is, then come along and find out. All are very welcome to both services, morning and afternoon, and will be very family friendly.

This year 1<sup>st</sup> December, the First Sunday of Advent, falls on a Sunday and begins the church's new year. What a great way to start Advent, by having your crib blessed? Advent is a time when we think about getting ready for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. It is a time of waiting. Advent calendars are a way of counting down to Christmas. Perhaps this year, you might like to think differently about the way you countdown to Christmas. What about starting with an empty box and putting something into it each day, then give the box to a charity?

That's all for now. God bless, Rev Rosie

***All are invited to our  
All Souls' Service***  
*A short service to remember those who have died*



**Forever in                      our hearts**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019  
11.00 am**

**Fenstanton Parish Church**

**Followed by refreshments**

Our All Souls' Service gives you an opportunity to acknowledge your feelings of grief, no matter whether the person you are remembering was young or old, or they passed away recently or a long time ago. It is a time you can set aside to remember, to reflect and maybe to say a prayer in the silence of your heart. If you would like a name to be added to our list, which will be read out during the service then please do let us know, even if you are not able to attend.

**Contact: Rev Rosie Tallowin 01480 467393**

**Email: [rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com](mailto:rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com)**

**Or Mrs Niki Whitby 01480 370973 email: [niki.whitby@sky.com](mailto:niki.whitby@sky.com)**

**Contact information:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches

Come and join us in  
Fenstanton Church Centre



# Older People's Service

with Communion or blessing

followed by



# Lunch



## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

## At 11:30 am.

Please contact Katie (01480 465211)

or email [ikhuck@virginmedia.com](mailto:ikhuck@virginmedia.com)

if you can join us.

## All Welcome

## **Fenstanton United Reformed Church - November**

### **Preacher's Plan**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev Derek Newton Holy Communion

November 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service 10-00am we join the Parish Church for the service there Rev Dr Catherine Ball to preach. 6-00pm Mrs Geraldine Swain

November 17<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

November 24<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Peter Ball

### **Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events**



**Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Nov 5th and 19th**  
**New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please**

**come along.**



**Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Nov 26th**



**Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Nov 12th**

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

### **ALSO NOTE**

**December 7th & 8th Christmas tree festival**

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.  
Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058  
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

**FENSTANTON UNITED  
REFORMED CHURCH  
CHEQUER STREET**

**NOVEMBER FAYRE**



**HANDICRAFTS,  
CAKES, BOOKS, JIGSAWS.  
AND OTHER STALLS**

**SATURDAY  
November 16th**

**2:00 pm**



**JOIN  
US**

**OCT  
18th, 19th,  
20th**



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Tel 01480 462192,

[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://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 Bridge Church Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.**

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

Come along to our lovely church building for some lively worship; hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives.



We also meet together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting**, bi-monthly **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** and also a bi-monthly **Woman's Breakfast Fellowship**. We also hold a bi-monthly **Men's' Curry Night** at a local restaurant.

There is a **Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 to 9 pm. The **Babies and Toddlers Group** meet at 9.30am on Thursdays in term-time. A **Craft Club** meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A **Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets each Tuesday at 10am. We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

**The Separate Children's church** at the Bridge is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary style, relevant to the culture in which today's children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15 am on a Sunday morning.

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. [www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)

# Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

## Village Clean Up: a big thank you

On a red hot day (yes, remember those!) on 21st September, over 20 villagers turned out to take part in the inaugural Fenstanton clear up.

In addition to almost 50 bags of rubbish being collected, the team cleaned graffiti from a number of sites around the village.

Thank you all, you made a huge difference. And thanks to Cllr McGee for organising the event.



## Speedwatch. Going from strength to strength



The Fenstanton Speedwatch team has been active around the village over recent weeks.

- We've taken part in the Cambridgeshire Speedwatch day of action...a very successful co-ordinated approach.

- We are in the process of upgrading our equipment, to include lamp-post mounted, bi-directional speed indicators - to allow us to deploy in the difficult to access, speeding hot-spots;
- We've been involved in helping Hilton train their own Speedwatch;
- And we're looking to add a HGV watch shortly, to reduce the number of heavy vehicles cutting through Fenstanton.

**But we need more volunteers. If you can spend some time, as little as an hour a month would be fine, contact: Cllr Roy McGee. [heathroy52@gmail.com](mailto:heathroy52@gmail.com)**

## Timebanking is coming to Fenstanton. Join us.

Your Parish Council is partnering with the well established St Ives Time Bank: with over 150+ members spread throughout the area; having earned and spent well over 6,000 hours.



Credits have been given for activities including helping at coffee mornings, dog walking, housework, companionship, design work, administrative duties, hairdressing, sewing, giving lifts, gardening, IT support, marketing and CV advice, decorating, card making, foreign language and maths tuition, and many more.

We have a fantastic skills base and people from all walks of life and of all ages.

And so many of our members have become firm friends.

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## **Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Fenstanton Full-time**

**£19,945- £27,905** depending upon related qualifications and experience

Fenstanton is a mid-sized parish, with a growing population of some 3,600. The parish council is made up of twelve councillors.

Ideally you will be a qualified parish/town clerk or prepared to study for the CiLCA qualification (full training and support can be provided), able to demonstrate good knowledge of local government procedures, finance and law, with the ability to work independently and effectively. There will be a requirement to attend council and committee meetings which are usually held in the evening, 3-4 times/month.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual; with integrity, diplomacy when dealing with people, and strong organisational, time management and IT skills.

You will be responsible for all aspects of finance and administration of the Council, providing advice and implementing decisions. You will prepare meeting agendas and attend council and committee meetings to take minutes and provide advice to the councillors.

**Further information, including a full job description is available**

**Please send your application, including a current CV to: [clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**Closing date for applications: 18th November 2019**

## Meet your Parish Councillors - Nigel Ferrier

Nigel is currently Vice-Chairman of your Parish Council.

He moved to Fenstanton just over 12 years ago. His company develops and delivers branding and marketing campaigns for a series of blue chip companies and some of you may know him from Fringe in the Fen which he established and delivers with a local committee.

Nigel has extensive experience of many kinds of committee work and decided he would like to contribute to the work of the Parish Council after seeing that it has taken a change in direction with evidence of real and appropriate change.



Nigel recognises the challenges the Parish will face with the enlargement of the village after the new housing developments are complete.

## Lets bag it, bin it and not step in it



Dog walkers failing to clear up after their charges continues to be a significant issue around the parish.

In addition to being an eyesore and a disgusting habit, it represents a significant health risk to everyone, **ESPECIALLY CHILDREN** and impacts financially on farmers and landowners.

As a dog walker, it is your responsibility to keep dogs away from areas where children play and farmers fields, and its **your responsibility to clear up behind your dog.**

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

# Fenstanton in WW2 Part 4:

## Fenstanton and the Prisoners of War:



Although a steady trickle of German prisoners found their way into POW camps in Britain from 1939 to mid-1943, it was not until the Allied victories in North Africa and later, after the invasion of Normandy, that the camps in Britain started to fill up with German, Polish, Italian and Ukrainian prisoners of war. In 1946, the year after the end of World War 2, more than 400,000 prisoners of war were still being held in Britain. Of these there were over 120,000 German POWs who had been shipped to the UK from the USA at the request of the UK's new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee. Attlee had decided that the POWs would help with the re-building of the UK after the devastation of the Blitz. In this he was opposed by many members of parliament and the church, but he resisted all calls to free the prisoners.

The prisoners were set to work rebuilding houses (hence the term 'Gerry Built', the name for a poorly built house,), but the vast majority of prisoners were set to working on the land. The last prisoners were not released until November 1948. The camps where the POWs were imprisoned have largely (but not all) disappeared. At one time hundreds of them were spread across the UK.

Life in a British POW camp was not easy but compared to other nations British treatment of POWs was on the whole fair. A strange aspect of life in a British prison camp was the fact that prisoners received the same amount of daily rations as British servicemen, which was more than the civilian population received. So in effect the POWs were better fed than the civilian population of Britain! They were also paid a 1/- (10p) a day and the farmer had to make a payment to the war office, sum unknown.

During WW2 it was by no means uncommon for German and Italian servicemen to be seen in and around Fenstanton. Although not guests of the village by choice, they would seem to have a way of life which was in general far from unpleasant. Our nearest POW camp was in Hemingford Abbots and from there the prisoners were transported each day to work in and around Fenstanton.

**The End of WW2:** From 1946 onwards some prisoners were on their way back home, mostly the sick and disabled men. The last repatriations took place in November 1948 but many prisoners did not want to return to Germany as their hometown was now in the Soviet Union sector. Fearing another spell of imprisonment in Soviet hands, they decided to stay in Britain where they became known as "DPs" or Displaced Persons. Some of the prisoners from Hemingford married local girls and stayed in Britain where many of their decedents still live today.



The opportunity to mix with local people was given to the POWs after November 1946 when the fraternising law was relaxed. Christmas that year could be spent with a local family and regular visits would be made to present local children with toys that had been carved from wood during their spare time. By all accounts there was little animosity towards the prisoners who by this time had become a familiar sight in Fenstanton. There are still some in the village who remember the prisoners who worked in the village and surrounding farms. So when did the camp at Hemingford close down? These are two extracts from the local newspapers.

### **17 Mar 1947**

"In the still of this morning's sunshine there was graphic evidence all over the county of the devastation caused by last night's gales which produced tornado-like gusts screaming over the countryside at a velocity of 99 mph. A tree fell across a Prisoner of War hut and Hemingford Abbots and seriously injured the occupants". Shortly after, one of the POWs died of his injuries.

### **23 Feb 1948**

"Typhoid has been reported at Hemingford Grey Prisoner of War camp".

It was immediately after this outbreak that the camp was closed. One remaining camp hut can still be seen on the London Road St Ives, by the old farm house on the right heading towards the A14.

Here are some memories from local residents. *"One thing you might be interested in is the fact that we had two German POW's working on our farm, as I suspect did other local farms. They were transported from where they were housed in huts in Hemingford. My mum would give them a cup of tea! We enjoyed the time they spent with us. When they left they presented my dad with a walking stick carved from wood from the hedgerow. Some POW's stayed on and married local girls".*

*"POW's worked on farms and the blacksmith's forge (now Mo's Motors). The forge was later sold to a Polish POW"*

*"We have no recollection of the POW's we had coming into the house although our mum used to make them cups of tea and give them hot water to make their own drink. However we were always allowed to chat with them, in fact I would say encouraged to. This must have been before (November) 1946!*

*"Our dad also let the POW's keep any hens eggs they found (our hens had the freedom of the farm and would lay their eggs where they thought fit!). They were often eaten raw or cooked in an old saucepan. So yes, we did fraternise with the POW's when it was illegal".*

John Deeks September 2019

### **THE GLEBE ALLOTMENTS UPDATE.**

There's been much activity at The Glebe in the last months with eight new plotholders having been introduced and, following a Facebook posting, we now have nine names on the Waiting List.

Our concerns about the future of the allotments, threatened by a possible application for building consent, have seen the Steering Group writing to The Bishop of Ely, Jonathan Djanogly MP and Hunts District Council.

We are greatly encouraged by the robust support of The Parish Council and David Mead, our District Councillor. We hope that the Parish Council's submission to the District Council for the allotments to be registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' will be successful.

Allotmenters are hard at it gathering Autumn harvests and preparing the good ground for the coming winter. We are looking forward to the prospect of peaceful haven as the new A 14 takes heavy traffic away to the south.  
Paul Stone.



The Coroners' Courts  
Support Service

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***Reasonable expenses paid and full training given***

Would you be able to give emotional and practical support to families and witnesses attending Inquests?

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For further information or an application pack, please email

**[info@ccsupport.org.uk](mailto:info@ccsupport.org.uk)** or call **07496 613634**

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## **‘SHAKESPEAREAN’ PERFORMED IN THE CHAPEL, HILTON**

Shakespeare at the George came to Hilton, for one night only, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October when they performed ‘Shakespearean’ in the Chapel. ‘Shakespearean’ is a one act play based on the popular plots used within Shakespeare's plays and was formed from lines from all 37 plays. Written by one of the cast Lynne Livingstone, who also directed the play and is pictured playing the ruthless Queen, it features scheming royalty, an evil woman, an ambitious soldier, a disinherited princess and her cousin, twins, murder, cross dressing, escape, true love, banishment and a happy ending! All very familiar to those who follow Shakespeare. The music was written and performed by our own Roy Bellas. The Chapel provided an ideal setting for the play to be performed ‘in the round’, much as Shakespeare had originally intended. The evening raised nearly £200 for The Stroke Association.

See front page

**Paula Armstrong Ceramics** recently opened a new studio at 5 Rookery Place in Fenstanton. After five years in Willingham Paula moved the studio into the new space after a summer of converting the shop space into a fully equipped hand building ceramics studio suitable for classes and workshops as well as being a space Paula can make her unique ceramic sculpture pieces in.

“I run six regular weekly classes, mornings and evenings, as well as monthly Saturday workshops. All the classes are suitable for all abilities from those looking to try clay for the first time to the more experienced,” Paula said. “I can also do bespoke workshops for community or corporate groups and families at the studio or their venue. Just get in touch to chat through ideas.”

The studio has a range of Paula's work on display and with Christmas coming up there will be a special festive window display. Gifts such as necklaces, ceramic boxes, figures and sculpture are available as well as gift vouchers which can be used towards the cost of buying a piece of artwork or classes and workshops at the studio. For an extra special gift, Paula can make work by commission ensuring a piece is exactly what is wanted.

Paula explained “I also regularly invite talented makers from other mediums to run workshops at the studio. Sarah Hunt runs fused glass workshops and I'm introducing new workshops in needle felting and block printing in December, just in time to make Christmas gifts or a great way to spend some relaxing ‘me time’ before the hectic festive rush begins.”

Paula also runs Crafty Parties who offer all kinds of craft activities for celebrations from birthday parties to hen dos and weddings. Crafty Parties also offers face painting, glitter and henna tattoos.

For more information get in touch with Paula by phone on 01480 700280 or email [paula@parmstrongceramics.co.uk](mailto:paula@parmstrongceramics.co.uk) or check out the website at [www.parmstrongceramics.co.uk](http://www.parmstrongceramics.co.uk)



## Fenstanton Friendship Club

### **25th September**

"The Merry-makers" came to entertain us with their beautiful voices. We were very impressed with the quality and professionalism with which they presented their music. Hopefully the group will be back next year during VE week to entertain with music of 70 years ago.

### **9th October**

We learned a great deal about the importance of making a will and having a power of attorney set in place. Also to review wills that have been in place for a long time and perhaps circumstances have changed. Amazing amount of details that need to be considered to protect our wishes both before and after death. Well worth looking into for peace of mind.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **6th November**

Lunch out at the Hartford Mill.

#### **20th November**

"A man who is paid to talk to himself"!!!!

#### **4th December**

Christmas tea. Carols, good food and company to help us into the Christmas Season. We meet every other Wednesday in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street.

Our club is growing but new members are very welcome. Come and bring new ideas and discover what we have in store for the New Year.

Enquiries to Marie Newns

01480 350677.

## Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Our fundraising event the Bangers and Mash Race Night on 28th September was a great evening with everyone getting into the spirit of things. Our thanks go to Tom Me-hew who provided the horse-racing films and organised the tote and to all the race sponsors: Ash's Shop, Fairy DogMother, Ron's Farm Shop, Paula Armstrong Ceramics, Home Instead Senior Care Cambridge, The Farmers at Yaxley and David Mead. We all enjoyed Simon Hunt's tasty bangers and mash. The profit made was £1,000 which is a great boost to the coffers when we face solicitor's bills for negotiating with Morris Homes to achieve the handover of the land assigned to us by HDC on the old Dairy Crest site. Our next fundraising event is the Fenstanton Christmas Fayre (see poster elsewhere) on 6th December at the Clock Tower when Santa Claus switches on the lights on the Christmas tree. Please remind your children to bring their notes to put in the posting box for Santa Claus. Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School choir will be singing their carols and Christmas songs - they did wonderfully well last year. We will be selling mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas goodies, the Scouts will sell hot and cold drinks and there will be many other Christmassy stalls. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it on the night and don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Draw **beforehand** from Ron's Farm Shop or the Post Office or from one of the Trustees who will be calling round the houses with tickets for sale. It does get so frantic if you leave it to the last minute. Finally, please be aware that the road in front of Barry's Plaice will be closed from 4pm to 9pm and access to residences beyond will be via the road to the west of the Clock Tower which must be kept clear of parked cars.

# FENSTANTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## Friday 6th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm



**Meet  
Father  
Christmas**

Christmas Market, Carols  
and Scouts' Stall and Games with  
Refreshments including  
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and  
Christmas Biscuits.

### Christmas Draw at 7.15pm

1st Prize £250 cash

2nd Prize £200 John Lewis vouchers

3rd Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper

And many other locally-sourced prizes

Raffle tickets available from  
Ron's Farm Shop and  
the Post Office

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

# Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

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

At the Fenstanton Church Centre



## UP COMING MEETINGS

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm**

Chair Yoga with Linda Garrick leading us

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm**

Christmas Celebrations

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN





Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School would like to invite parents of prospective new starters for September 2020 to our

# Open Morning

On

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 09.30am – 10.30am**

*(Please arrive promptly so we can have a full session)*

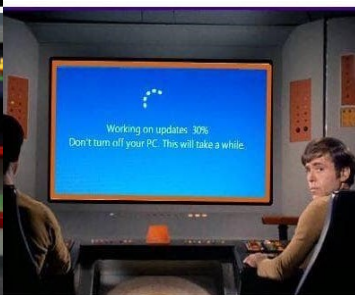
- ✓ Welcome Talk by Claire Worth, Head Teacher
- ✓ Tour of the school, including our extensive outdoor space and Forest School
- ✓ Selection of stalls from our after-school club provision, pre-school and Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- ✓ All children welcome

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***If you would like to join us, please book directly via the school office on  
01480 375055***

We look forward to welcoming you.

[www.fenstanton-hilton.eschools.co.uk](http://www.fenstanton-hilton.eschools.co.uk)





# **Hilton Parish Council**

## **Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **NMU**

The final report has been received by the Council and the working group are reviewing the information to advise the Council regarding the next steps.

### **Speedwatch**

The Speedwatch group are still looking for more volunteers who will need to undertake training at Police HQ (Huntingdon). Speedwatch provides the Police with valuable data regarding speeding vehicles which enables them to assess the scale of this major issue within our village. For more information please visit our website, [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) or contact the Clerk.

### **Playground**

The installation of the playground equipment is almost complete. The turf has been laid and the rubber matting laid over it. The turf will need some time to establish and knit around the matting. The fencing is due to be fitted in late October and the Council has approved the expenditure for a new wooden gate. Please note that the playground is not open at this time and has not been certified as safe so the Council would like to request that all parishioners stay outside of the safety barriers.

### **Policy Group**

The Council's Policy Group have reviewed the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations in accordance with the model documents from NALC (National Association of Local Councils). The Council have approved and adopted these documents and they are available on the Council's website.

### **HGV Watch**

Several members of the local HGV Watch attended the recent Council meeting to request that the Parish Council meet with them to discuss the possibility and process of extending the HGV ban on Potton Road to 24 hours. Representatives of the Parish Council's Traffic Group will meet with HGV Watch to look at the available options.

### **External Audit Report**

The external audit report has been received from PKF Littlejohn and is available to view on the Council's website or by contacting the Clerk.

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## Hilton Parish Council

### **Car Scheme**

The Clerk has investigated the details of a car scheme and has been advised that Hilton is covered by the St Ives Volunteer Centre and Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport. If any Parishioners would like to volunteer for these services, please contact them directly or contact the Clerk.

### **Reeves Ditch**

The Council has approved the application of Siltex to Reeves Ditch. Siltex is a chalk-based material which will reduce the amount of organic matter in Reeves Ditch and improve the water quality.

### **A14 Borrow Pit 3**

The Council have received the draft plan for converting the borrow pit near the B1040 bridge over the new A14 to a nature reserve. The Council responded to the consultation to state that they were generally in favour of the plans but would like clarification regarding the ownership of the site and its long-term future.

### **Tree Report**

The Council have received the tree report detailing the necessary works to the trees in the village. The Council are obtaining the relevant quotes for this work.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com). Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.*

## **Hilton Produce Show**

Autumn fruit: Why aren't we making use of nature's bounty?

Blackberry picking is so much part of my autumn calendar that I have been surprised to see so many unpicked this year. On a country walk recently with a visitor from afar, a friend was surprised when her guest stopped to ask who owned all this fruit gesturing to the luscious black berries. When told they were common property he was astonished, saying that in his homeland the bushes would have been stripped bare. Later he eyed her beautiful marmalade cat and asked "what is the significance of this small animal?"

The inference we can draw from this anecdote is that harsher terrain affects food choice and availability, thus pets may be a bizarre luxury and any free food is snapped up. Humans have been consuming blackberries for thousands of years. As we know, acid in peat act as a preservator.

*Continued over*

## Hilton Produce Show

When a prehistoric body from 2,500 B.C. was found in a bog in Denmark, one of many tests carried out was to examine the stomach contents. Haraldsvaar Woman had been eating blackberries before she died, though it should be added they were not the cause of death!

Blackberrying is or was evocative of ripeness and nostalgia: an end of summer activity, when the days are still long, the sun still bright but change is coming, school holidays are drawing to a close and the carefree days are about to end. Many associate the picking with childhood. Seamus Heaney grew up on a farm in Ireland. His poem on blackberrying is autobiographical, telling of the compulsive picking of the fruit, filling "can after can" with his brothers whose boots became "bleached" in the wet grass. As a child he was struck by the jewelled beauty of the fruit and wanted to keep them. The grey mould which grew after only a short period was a huge disappointment and the poem suggests that here was a lesson on impermanence.

The fruit is better picked on a sunny day. After heavy rain the fruit loses some of its sweetness. It is also best harvested before the 11<sup>th</sup> October. There is a tale that when Lucifer was cast out of heaven he landed on a blackberry bush and in revenge spoilt its taste following the anniversary of his fall. The truth is we are likely by that date to have had greater rainfall, certainly less daylight and even a frost. All of which dilute or destroy the lovely flavour.

Although keen on making jam, I never make bramble jelly. Instead I cook the fruit gently with sugar, then sieve it. Pots of black puree go into the freezer to make blackberry fool for family or friends throughout the following year. It has an intense flavour and when combined with custard or cream or both, makes a delicious dessert. Also, so that crumbles and tarts can have a taste of summer, I freeze some berries on trays so that the berries stay whole and separate.

Of course detractors might point to the damage to skin and clothing caused when harvesting, since thorns are so well designed they cling and pierce. I think the scratches are worth it. Character emerges on a fruit picking excursion. There are the wimps who wince at every scratch, the super careful who shield their hands and clothing, the over ambitious who always want the beautiful fruit that is just out of reach, and the dissemblers who pretend their bag is full.....there was also our three year old boy who simply took the fruit skilfully from everyone else's buckets as they scanned and reached. Fortunately this has not turned into a lasting character trait!

If you have very young children nettles and brambles can be a hazard of course, but there is a solution: plant a thornless bush or two in your garden to grow along a fence or wall or wire. The variety Loch Ness has one of the Royal Horticultural Society's Awards of Garden Merit. Harvesting would then be swift, easy and painless.

# A Pantomime of Errors By the Hiltonian Players

2020 A modern day Cinderella  
At Hilton Village Hall

Friday January 17th at 7pm  
Saturday January 18th at 2 pm

Saturday January 18th at 7 p.m

## Tickets available from November

From Helen Attwood 010480830690

Margaret Shadlow 01480 831186

Pam Bowker 01480534084 Pauline Reynolds 01480830216

Doreen Bates 01480830250 Jan Whatley 01480 830407

Our Hilton pantomime of errors rehearsals have started in October and are going very well

We have a brilliant cast, so a huge thank you to all the volunteers It's going to be absolutely fabulous



Proceeds in aid of Hilton Village Hall funds

## Hilton British Legion

We will be at the midway point of this year's Poppy Appeal when you receive this issue and as ever Hilton's collectors will be aiming to call at every home. We do our best not to miss anyone but please don't forget that there are boxes of poppies, 2019 pins and other poppy items on display, in our village businesses.

After two years of fantastic support by the staff working at the A14 Godmanchester site on the A1198, during which time they raised nearly £300 for the Appeal. The site is now closed and staff have moved on, so we have offered them our huge thanks on behalf of the Legion for their generosity.

Remembrance Sunday is on November 10<sup>th</sup> when the village gathers at Hilton's Lych Gate Memorial in time for the short ceremony and the two minutes silence at 11 am followed by the united service in the Parish Church. Then the Armistice Memorial Service will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the St Ives Memorial, at 11 am.

If you know of an ex service or serving man or woman who needs support the contact number is 0808 802 8080 from where a local Welfare Officer will be contacted. Be assured that confidentiality is paramount, and you do not have to be a member of the Legion to receive this support.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)  
Hilton's Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers



### Hilton Fireworks and Bonfire Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The annual bonfire and firework display will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Wilderness, next to the Green. The event will open at 6pm, entry will be £3 per adult and £1 per child. The event will benefit from the donation from the Hutton family. There will be food and non-alcoholic drink available courtesy of Hilton Feast Week. Fireworks will start at 7pm (Limited parking available at the village hall car park)

### Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

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

Contact Abi Halstead - [abigailhalstead@hotmail.com](mailto:abigailhalstead@hotmail.com) / 07749 682229 for further information.

Find Us on Facebook

### HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

.OCTOBER was our workshop; we had a great afternoon with lots of laughter. 34 ladies did a wonderful arrangement to take home, everyone had the same flowers but no two arrangement were the same, well done to you all.

NOVEMBER 4th ANN PURT is our demonstrator she will be doing CHRISTMAS arrangements, We always look forward to seeing Ann, so come along and get some Christmas ideas.

DECEMBER 2nd is our Christmas party, it will be our Christmas draw as well, so if you haven't got a ticket you can get one at our NOVEMBER meeting,

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm ---- 4pm

Entrance £5.00 ( includes tea / biscuits )

Raffle £1.00

Look forward to seeing you all

Beverley

### Hilton Art Club

The all-day workshop was hugely successful and members certainly seemed to enjoy the all-day workshop with Lois Cordelia, all the way from Ipswich. She was very good, particularly with all her help during the day. And what amazing paintings we all produced! Absolutely fantastic. First, she gave us a demonstration, plus lots of advice about materials (of which she had a large amount with her) and technique. Lois painted a woodland scene using acrylics, (see picture) with gorgeous colours, including copper and gold to indicate leaves! Then we had fun for the rest of the day, putting her instructions to use.

Thanks also go to Alison, Jill and Helen for the delicious cakes - definitely added to the enjoyment of the day! Also, a very warm welcome go to Angela, Jane, Jenny and John who have all chosen to become members.

**15<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 am to 12.30 Charcoal Techniques. Tutor-led workshop with Rachel Haynes. Booking essential.**



## Hilton WI

October 14th was our both AGM and social evening. The business part was chaired by

President Donna Holdaway which included the secretary's and the treasurer's reports which were received very well by our members as they remembered the outings, speakers, craft classes and visits to the cinema etc enjoyed throughout the year.

The committee has changed slightly and we have a new President Sue Clarke who was elected unanimously to take us forward in our really vibrant and forward looking WI.

Donna was presented with a beautiful white orchid as was Sue McMichael who retired from the committee and Kath Charter who has decided after many years to let someone else write the reports.

We had cheese and wine and biscuits and shortbread while the votes were counted and of course the inevitable but frustrating Quiz, musical this time and quite challenging!

Remember Craft club on November 7th in the Village Hall everyone welcome to try a new craft and make some personal gifts for Christmas presents.

Next meeting on November 11th we shall welcome Upwood Ukeleles who will entertain us with their distinctive and lively music so be there at the Village Hall at 7.30 and be serenaded.

Kath Charter

## HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

We had a very successful lunch at the George & Dragon, Elsworth on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Good food and drink with excellent service and much talk and laughter.

Consequently we are meeting again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12:00 for a special Bonfire meal and again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00 for a special Christmas lunch.

Please note a £5.00 deposit is required for the Christmas lunch.

Please confirm with me if you wish to attend either or both the November or December lunches.

More ladies and gentlemen are welcome to join us.

Please contact:-

Jenny on 01480 831581 for more information

## GOLDEN GAMERS.

We will be meeting again on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> and then on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.





giving  
nature  
a home

# An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

## An Upgraded Welcome Area

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

We have received support from the



Cambridgeshire  
Community  
Foundation

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

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



*New surface and pedestrian crossing - Simon Freedman*

## Get involved....

### Wednesday Wander

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

There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others.

Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

### Volunteering

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

**Email:** [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

**Phone:** 01954 233260

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

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What a great start to the Feast Week fundraising year with a fabulous turn out to our first quiz night.

We hope you all enjoyed the fish and chip supper, thanks to **Rumbles**. Congratulations to the winning team and thanks to everyone who joined in the fun. Special thanks to **Dean Minter** of **Eclipse Sound and Lighting** for the PA.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Refreshments, mulled wine and novelties stall at Hilton Village Fireworks

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Family Christmas party at Hilton Village Hall from 5-7pm



Bring your children along for some festive fun. £4:00 per child which includes party games and food. Suitable for children up to 10 years old.

Tickets available now from [www.feastweek.co.uk/shop](http://www.feastweek.co.uk/shop)

Licensed bar for the grown-ups!

**BOOK NOW AND THAT'S ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT IN THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS**

**All children must bring along an adult who can join in the fun free of charge**

#### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Murder Mystery Evening

Come along to the village hall for an evening of fun and intrigue. Can you solve the murder most foul in a proper Who Dunit??? Tickets on sale soon.

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



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## What's on in November

2nd	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P12
4th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 am	P47
6th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P34
6th	Hilton and Fenstanton Singletons	Bonfire Meal	12:00pm	P49
7th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30pm	P37
7th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P49
8th	Primary School Open Day	Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School	9:30— 10:30 am	P38
12th	Hilton Feast Bonfire Night	By Hilton Village Green	7:30 pm	P45
15th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47
16th	Christmas Fayre	Fenstanton URC	2:00pm	P21
18th	Friday Feast	Parish Church Hilton	5:30 pm	P15
23rd	Fenstanton Youth Football Club Quiz Night	Primary School	7:30 pm	P11
23rd	Christmas Fayre	Hilton Parish Church	1:00- 4:00pm	P15

### Dates of future events:

If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it in 'Dates of Future Events'

**6th December Fenstanton Village Hall Committee Christmas Fare P35**

**7th/8th December Christmas Tree Festival**

**9th December Advent Churches together**

**10th December Carol singing in Hilton P13**

**14th December Carol Concert with Bury and Ramsey Band**

**14th December Children's Christmas Party P53**

**8th Feb Murder Mystery Evening P53**

**17/18 Hilton Pantomime P43**

### Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters, Coffee & chat,  
Tuesday Lunch (P20)

### Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p45)  
Shanty Folk (p10)  
Golden Gamers (P49)

**For Church services  
etc. see pages 12  
to 23**