

SPECTRUM

November 2020



Since Bonfire Night has been cancelled, let's have a virtual bonfire.

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Emergency:

Police	101
Swavesey Surgery	01954230202
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<i>Out of hours doctor</i>	<i>dial 111</i>
<i>To report: water leaks</i>	<i>08003167676</i>
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Fenstanton Parish Council	01480465300
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Fenstanton Parish Church	01480465211
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Hilton Parish Church	01480 830866 830413
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Fenstanton Bowls	01954230471
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Fenstanton Dance Aerobics:	07910 600077
Hilton Aerobics	01480832321
Hilton Art Club	01480831410
Hilton Flower Club	01480830571
Hilton Pilates	07733307475
Fenstanton Pilates	01480465117
Fenstanton Morris	01480466448
Scottish Country Dancing	01487822989
Slimming World	07772868472
St Ives Art Club	01480466155
Tai Chi for beginners	01480468701
Tennis	01954231752

Community:

Hilton Feast Week	01480832329
Fenstanton Village Sports	01480370973
Fenstanton Village Hall	01480461751
Hilton Town Trust	01480830866
Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	01480831658
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954230471
Hilton Village Hall	07752678415
St Ives RBL Women's Section	01480380882

Education:

Primary School	01480375055
Fenstanton Pre-School	01480496156
Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group	01480830658
Swavesey VC	01954230366
Hilton Day Nursery Hilton	01767688715
Hilton Baby & Toddler Group	07749682229

If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

Letters & Notices

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support Covid-19 events in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. As you may know, we opened our garden every Thursday and Friday in September for 3 X 1 hour visits each day, for small groups of 2 to 4 at a time. 47 visited the garden and we offered refreshments and the chance to buy some home-made jams and chutneys. Many people gave us raffle prizes and then bought tickets to buy them back. You helped raise a staggering total of £1002 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was a really excellent result from most enjoyable events. Even the sun shone on us on every day.

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.

After lots of deliberation we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Fenstanton Christmas Fayre.

As we are all very much aware, things are very different this year and the safety of our communities has to be the priority and we all need to take the necessary prevention measures to try and halt the spread of Covid. We're pleased to say that the Christmas tree will be in place as usual at the Clock Tower.

We're looking at holding a virtual event, which is likely to take place on 4th December. Further information will be available next month in the Spectrum and on the village hall Facebook page

www.Facebook.com/fenstantonvillagehall

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Visitors to Fen Drayton Lakes between spring and autumn will likely have seen at least one of the cattle herds grazing around some of the reserve lakes. This grazing is one of the most important tools at our disposal for managing our wetland habitats and mimics the actions of large, native herbivores that would once have been common.



Cattle on Ferry Mere - Simon Freedman

Cattle eat by wrapping their tongues around grasses and other vegetation and pulling it up in clumps. This creates an uneven, patchy sward consisting of tussocks and differing plant heights. They are also good at trampling the lake edges to create mud and small pools and pushing their way through denser scrub to create open areas. By grazing the wet grassland around the lakes with cattle we provide suitable nesting habitat for breeding waders such as lapwing and redshank, as well as maintaining the areas for wintering waders and wildfowl.

Interesting sightings

September is always a good month for bird watching with many migratory species on the move. Regular birders at Fen Drayton Lakes were rewarded for their efforts this year with several good sightings including whinchat, spotted flycatcher, wheatear, redstart, wryneck and osprey.

Away from the briefly seen migrants, wintering species are starting to build up with wigeon and teal once more on site. Bittern have also been seen more regularly on Elney and in flight between lakes.

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

Volunteering

Whatever your interests are, there is likely to be a volunteering role to suit. For information about volunteering opportunities at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch.

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

Hilton Methodist Church November

We are not yet meeting in church but do check our noticeboard for any changes to this.

We are still having our services via zoom at 9.45am on Sundays and the zoom link can be obtained from me on 830273. There are also services from St Ives Methodist church at 10.30am and these are found on their Facebook page . We have a regular Hilton coffee morning at 10am each Wednesday via zoom and again joining details via 830273. Everyone is welcome. The ecumenical joint services every month are now on the first Tuesday evening each month via zoom , details via me or Rachel Wood. Thanks

Hilton Parish Church - November



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

ONLINE SERVICES*

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

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Wednesdays (10.30am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – monthly

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

**Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or
Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details**

JOIN US ONLINE FRIDAY FEAST

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



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

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



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

Fenstanton Parish Church - November

NOVEMBER			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for NOVEMBER only and may not continue beyond that. It may be subject to change.			
	Church Open	Service in Church: all said services = no sung hymns prebooking required	<i>Via ZOOM Please ask Rev Rosie for details. 01480 467393</i>
Sun 1 st	9.30am on-wards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion for All Saints'/All Soul's Including list of names to be read out	
Mon 2 nd			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline) for All Souls' Day. Including list of names to be read out</i>
Wed 4 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thu 5 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 8 th	10am onwards for a *10.30 am service. Please note the time, this is so we can have a 2 minute silence at 11am	10.30am service for Remembrance Sunday (no Holy Communion) Please note that this service includes an Act of Remembrance in the church, this year and not at the War Memorial. See separate notice.	
Mon 9 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wed 11 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion, including an Act of Remembrance	
Thu 12 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 15 th	9.30am on-wards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion	
Mon 16 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wed 18 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	

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Thu 19 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 22 nd	9.30am on-wards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion	
Mon 23 rd			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wed 25 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thu 26 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 29 th	9.30am on-wards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion For Advent	
Mon 30 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>

A very big thank you to the Spectrum team for the advert for the Fenstanton Virtual Open Gardens on the front page of the October issue. Yes, the virtual open garden is a fund-raising event, but it does also gives us some time out, to virtually wander in some beautiful gardens – have you had a look yet?

Thank you for the amazing donations of food for the St Ives foodbank – we had a brilliant response, both in goods and money. Bags full of food were dropped off at the Vicarage, the church porch, at the Harvest Services and collected from people's doorsteps by prior arrangement. Nearly 300 tins alone, not counting packets and other boxes. How generous and kind you all are. Thank you so much. Thank you too, to the people who managed to arrange and produce such lovely flower displays for harvest, despite having to work so very differently for that to happen.

As I put together the list of services for this month, I realised that we end with the first Sunday of Advent on 29th November. I must remember to get an Advent calendar. As you can imagine, I have been somewhat cautious in advertising services, in the light of ever changing guidance and I have had to make some very difficult decisions, fully supported by my churchwardens and Parochial Church Council.

As I mentioned last month, our service for **All Souls'** is not going ahead in our usual format this year due to the many restrictions. However, we warmly invite you to give us names of loved ones that you would like to be read out in our prayers in church on **Sunday 1st November** and on zoom **Monday 2nd November** (All Soul's Day). Please do join us in person, for the Sunday morning service or by zoom for the Monday evening Night Prayer. To add a name(s) to our list please email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com or phone 01480 467393 and leave a message, or write names down and post through my letterbox at The Vicarage, Church Street. You are welcome to add names for people who have died in previous years, it doesn't have to be just this year.

For **Remembrance Sunday 8th November** this year we will be having a service in the church at **10.30am** which will include an Act of Remembrance and the names read of those who fought so bravely in WW1 and WW2. There will not be a separate Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial due to the restrictions which include stewarding, rule of six, physical distancing etc. The covid19 secure risk assessment has shown that it would be too difficult for us to organise a gathering safely outside, and I am sure that not one of us wants to take the risk of inadvertently passing on the virus. However, we are working with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the URC church and together we are offering several opportunities to remember well, in a safe environment. Please see the separate notice for all the details.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8th November 2020

Churches Together in Fenstanton:

Please note that due to the current pandemic situation this year, we are unable to organise an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

You are warmly invited to join us at the following services or to 'remember at home'.

9.30am URC Church Service for Remembrance Sunday including the reading of the names of those on the War Memorial and a 2 minute silence at 10am.

All welcome but please contact the Church Secretary, Geoffrey Hawkins, 01480 462001 to pre-book your seats.

***10.30am Parish Church Service for Remembrance Sunday** including the reading of names, Last Post, 2 minute silence at 11am and Reveille.

**Listen out for the tolling of the church bell at 11am, if you are remembering at home.*

Wednesday 11th – 7pm a Service of Remembering and quiet Reflection at the Parish Church. This service will include Holy Communion.

All welcome - pre-booking of seats for either the Sunday 10.30am or Wed 7pm is preferred. <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk>

Or telephone Katie Hucklesby 01480 465211

Pre-booking of seats is advised. Please be aware that both URC and St Peter & St Paul's church have limited capacity.

All welcome - The invitation to join us at a service is extended to everyone in our community, including all groups and uniformed organisations who would usually join us. Due to limited seats, to allow for physical distance, we would ask that groups and organisations send up to 2 representatives. NB: there will not be the usual collection of flags at the beginning and end of the service.

Before Remembrance Sunday – you are invited to take part in other ways.

‘Remembering at home’ – A service sheet will be available for anyone who would like to join in at home. Please get in touch with Rev Rosie.

Poppies - Can you make, create, craft, paint some poppies for display around the War Memorial, in the parish church porch, for your windows at home?

If you would like to have your poppy/poppies included at the War Memorial and/or church porch then please either drop them off at The Vicarage, Church Street (opposite the car park) or telephone Rev Rosie to arrange collection 01480 467393 email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Ideas for poppies can be found on Pinterest, craft sites etc.



If you would like a knitting or crochet pattern, do try somewhere like www.deramores.com who have digital downloads for 50p.

Don't forget to look at the Royal British Legion website to make a donation and find out other information. www.britishlegion.org.uk They have a poster of the iconic poppy which you can download to put in your window. Their poppy shop can be found at www.poppysshop.org.uk

Churches Together in Fenstanton:

URC Church Secretary Geoff Hawkins – 01480 462001

CofE Parish Church – Rev Rosie Tallowin – 01480 467393

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - November

The following Sunday morning services are planned:

18th October - Led by Roy Muttram
25th October - Led by Keith Cakebread
1st November - Led by Derek Newton
8th November - Remembrance Sunday - Led by Geraldine Swain
15th November - No formal service
22nd November - No formal service
29th November - Led by Keith Cakebread
6th December - Led by Derek Newton
13th December - Led Rev. Catherine Ball
20th December - No formal service
25th December - Led By Rev. Catherine Ball
27th December - No formal service

All the above services are at 09.30 am.

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

The charity stall at 28 Bell Lane.

Calling all Jigsaw Puzzlers

As the weather declines during Autumn and Winter, I will now be
selling Jigsaws in the porch at 28 Bell
Lane.

Please knock the door to buy/donate.

THANK YOU

Jean



Fenstanton Friendship Club

Well here we are another month on and still not able to meet. I have been looking at our schedule for this year and feeling sad that we have missed out on so many good speakers and entertainers. Hopefully, next year we can fill the calendar and once more enjoy each other's company.

Usually at this time of year we collect donations for the Womens Refuge and was hoping to carry on this tradition. Unfortunately, because of the quarantine rules for donations and the problem of storage of goods, the Refuge are not able to take any donations this year. They are appreciative of our and the WI's support and regret they cannot accept goods. Perhaps when things improve, we can have a collection then.

So very sad that Margaret Arnold passed away recently. We will miss her so much and the little Bingo we play will never be the same again without Margaret calling. Remember when the balls scattered across the



floor? 😊 😊

I have not heard when or where her funeral will be as yet.

Thought some photographs of past events may make us smile. Take care everyone, keep smiling, we can get through this.

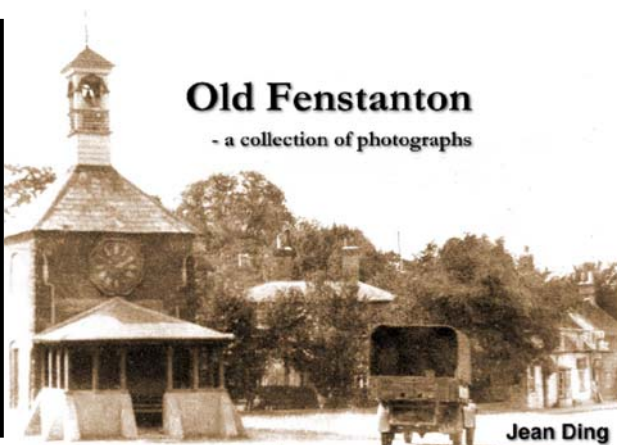


Marie
Newns
01480
350677



Old Fenstanton

**It is on sale
At the Post
Office
Ron's Farm
Shop
28 Bell Lane
£5**



Jean Ding

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

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

These can be found on UTube at The Bridge Church St Ives/Live

It is also available on Zoom, details on joining can be found on the church website

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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



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

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

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

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and
2.30pm**

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

We still use the Authorised, King James Bi-
ble, believe in Particular Redemption

Fenstanton Community Café and beyond.....

Our real café remains on hold but our virtual café continues to meet weekly, on Wednesday afternoons. Due to popular demand we are extending the café hours so it will be open from 2m up to 3.30pm each week. Please feel free to come and go, you don't have to stay for the whole time. You do need the meeting ID and password to join us and you don't have to use the video facility, please use just audio if you prefer. And you do not have to live in Fenstanton! Our virtual café continues to welcome people no matter where you live. We also have a Café WhatsApp group. It's easy to add you to the group – just let Rev Rosie have your number and you can be added – it's that easy.



If you are feeling isolated because you don't know anyone, or at home because you are unable to go out, for example, then do please join us at the café or the WhatsApp group. Please don't feel alone, we are a friendly bunch! For more information please contact Rev Rosie: 01480 467393 email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Fenstanton WI

The proverb – “Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow” puts forward the idea that great enterprises have modest beginnings.

What is now a national federation originates from a small beginning in Ontario in 1897 when the inaugural WI meeting was held. The idea quickly spread across Canada to the UK and the first WI meeting took place in Wales in 1915.

Fenstanton WI has been running for over one hundred years, meeting monthly with a speaker or demonstration.

Unfortunately since March 2020 our physical meetings have been suspended due to Covid-19 and we have used email to provide our Members with a ‘virtual substitute’ to visit recommended websites related to the topic of the month. Hopefully meetings will resume some time in 2021 and in the meantime we wish our Members all the best.



The WI Oak Tree was planted at the Cemetery entrance as a sapling in 2000 and 20 years later is really well established!

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

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Fenstanton and the USA: Part 2:

During the voyage of the Mayflower, there was a turbulent storm during which John Howland fell overboard. He managed to grab a topsail halyard that was trailing in the water and was safely hauled back on-board. John's survival was a stroke of luck for his millions of descendants, (some living today) including; Presidents George Bush and George W. Bush, Barbara Bush, Anthony Perkins, Chevy Chase and Humphrey Bogart. It is suggested by historians that currently there are over ten million living descendants of the fifty-one Mayflower Pilgrims who survived and had children.



On 11th November 1620, as the ship lay at anchor in Cape Cod Bay, John Howland was the thirteenth man to sign the 'MAYFLOWER COMPACT' agreement. It agreed to pass 'just and equal laws for the good of the colony'. Some US scholars even see this as a kind of American Magna Carta and a template for the Declaration of Independence, although the compact started with a declaration of loyalty to King James! This laid the foundation for the new town that the able-bodied men on board the Mayflower planned to create when the group landed in what was to become Plymouth, Massachusetts.

After arriving at their destination, in the space of several months, almost half the passengers perished in the cold, harsh, unfamiliar New England winter. The Carver family, with whom John Howland lived, survived the terrible sickness of the first winter, during which many Pilgrims died.

However the following spring, on an unusually hot day in April, Governor Carver, came out of his cornfield feeling ill. He passed into a coma and "never spoke more." His wife, Kathrine, died soon after her husband. Since the Carvers had no children, John Howland is thought to have inherited their estate.

On or about the 25 March 1623, John Howland married his fellow Mayflower passenger, Elizabeth Tilley. Elizabeth, also from Huntingdonshire was the youngest child of a silk-weaver named John Tilley and his wife Joan. She was the only child of her parents recorded as going with them to America. At the time of her marriage she was not quite sixteen years of age. Together John and Elizabeth had ten children.

John Howland had several brothers two of whom later went to New England and whose descendants include both Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill.

John Deeks 2020



Here at the surgery we have been busy rising to the challenges of a global pandemic. However, we are still here to help you.

How you contact us will be different at the moment. This is to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible and help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Your GP practice is open and if you need to see your GP, please ring us on 01954 231550 or visit our website.

You can also call NHS 111. Please do not come to the surgery unless you have an appointment.

Appointments are being delivered face-to-face, online and over the telephone. If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face-to-face appointment, please remember to wear a face covering. Measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery.

For the latest NHS information and advice on coronavirus or to book a test visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welcome....

We have a new pharmacist - Jigar Raval he has been in post 6 months now.

We welcome Susan Bryan our new reception manager.

Dr S Thompson joined us in Aug and will be with us for a year on her GP registrar placement

And the last few months I have been getting used to my new role as Practice Manager

Flu Vaccinations...

We are well under way of delivering vaccinations to our over 65 year old patients, our at risk, pregnant mums and 2-3year old children.

If you have't been vaccinated yet and in one of the above groups please check our website or Facebook page for clinic updates

Clarity on 50-64 year old age group

Please note that people in the 50-64 year old age group will not be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first.

If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which are eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be vaccinated earlier.

If you don't fall into any of the above groups and wish to be vaccinated out pharmacy can offer a private vaccination for a small fee please contact pharmacy.

For further updates from the surgery please like our Facebook page Over Surgery & Pharmacy

Stay safe

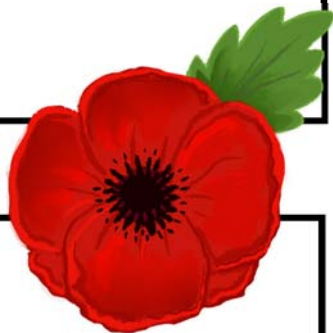
Laura Byton
Practice Manager
Over Surgery

**If you require urgent medical attention, or advice, when the surgery is closed please call:
the Out of Hours service on 111.**

Poppy Appeal in Fenstanton

I have now been advised by the Poppy Appeal that I am able to place poppy trays and tins in local shops and businesses. This will be on a reduced level due to being unable to order new stock this year and having to use what I currently have available. I will, however, do my utmost to ensure that I can cover as many outlets as possible and hope that, as usual, all shops etc will be happy to take a tray of poppies. I am very pleased to say, however, that I am able to provide the school with a Schools Pack as these always prove to be very popular with the children. I have had only one order for a wreath this year and I am, therefore, assuming that those that normally have one will not be needing them this year. If, by the time of reading this, you require a wreath please contact the Poppy Appeal direct.

Many thanks
Gill Dartford
Poppy Appeal Organiser, Fenstanton



Poppy Appeal in Hilton

Within the last Poppy Appeal our fantastic door- to – door collectors raised £812.47 from your donations but due sadly to the current crisis, our instructions do not allow them to do so in 2020. The income nationally for this year will clearly be much reduced but the Legion still have over 6 million past and present service men and women and their families in our care so every donation will be even more hugely appreciated than ever.

HOWEVER, due to the very goodwill of the owners of the businesses listed below and in return for your donations you will be able to acquire poppies, wooden crosses, and VE Day 75 and 2020 pins, together with appropriate sanitising arrangements for your safety: -

Simon – Prince of Wales
Sunil - Hilton Shop and P/ O
Roland – Monach Farm
Lindsey – Barkley Grange
Also: - Margaret Shardlow – 4 Mill Hill End
Julie Briggs – 5 Flackdale Road

DATES

Saturday 31st October to Saturday November 7th (NB not the usual fortnight)

Thank you for your patience everyone. Margaret and Julie



Remembrance Sunday Poppy project for all ages



Could you make a poppy to help us remember this year? Like lots of things this year our commemoration of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November will be different. Instead of thinking another 'what we can't do thought', we would like to invite anyone to make a poppy that will be put on display on the Parish Church gates or Church Centre railings this year.

Little people are invited to collect a small paper plate and cable tie (from a box outside 12 Hampton Close) and decorate it into a poppy. The one in the photo has been painted and covered in PVA glue to try and make it watertight. You could use anything you choose to decorate but remember to do both sides as both are on view and that it will be displayed outside in all weather. The poppies will be tied to the church porch gates and the Church Centre railings. Older children might like to save a milk container, cut it down and decorate with poppies. We will then add a battery tea light and display them in the church porch.

Anyone can join in and have a go. Please post your poppy back through 12 Hampton Close/ The Vicarage/38 Walnut Tree Crescent and we will ensure they are displayed.

You are welcome to add your name in pencil and after a week to collect your poppy from the display. If you require further info call Katie on 465211.

The deadline is Fri 6th November
Thank you.

**Anyone can join in
and have a go.**



Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome to our newest Councillor

Amit's family have been a fixture in the Fenstanton since 1988, running the local village shop.

Originally, Amit had planned to study a PhD at Cambridge, and was writing up his application whilst helping out part time in the Shop. Gradually he fell in love with the village, and put his plans on hold to take over the business.

Keen on supporting the local community, he would like to see a bringing together of generations and more communal areas where this could happen.



Community warden scheme

Your Parish Council has been successful in securing grant funding from the Innovate and Cultivate Fund towards the introduction of a Community Warden.

In conjunction with Age UK, Fen Drayton and Lolworth Parishes, the Warden will help older people

in Fenstanton to continue to live in their own homes with support, providing regular contact, reassurance and general help to remain independent, by advancing physical, mental and emotional health, wellbeing and safety.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Update on The Fen

Work is progressing well:
Cutback of hedges and bushes completed
Order for Bridleway confirmed.
Will convert 19.10.20
Surface grading work has started
– likely to last 3 to 4 weeks
(weather permitting)



Signage (prohibiting vehicle access) has been completed at the village end. Official 'bridleway' signage will go in once the legal process is completed in about two weeks. Weather permitting, work will be completed this year

Repairs and upgrades

Bus shelters

A detailed survey on the condition of the existing bus shelters has been undertaken. Work on the refurbishment will commence shortly. The feasibility of an additional shelter by the Clock Tower is being considered.

Hamptons Playing Field and car park

Your council is undertaking a consultation on how best to upgrade the whole area to provide a leisure resource for the whole village, as well as increase security and reduce vandalism.

Chequer Street Car Park lighting

New LED lighting will be installed to replace the old, obsolete lights.

Bins and rubbish

An upgraded emptying program is being rolled out to support the deployment of new bins around the village.

Underpass

The graffiti will be cleaned off and the surfaces treated with new anti-graffiti paint. Further measures to improve usability, security and appearance are being considered.

Traffic in the village

Survey - get involved and early results

We invite you to submit your ideas and thoughts on the measures needed in Fenstanton to manage existing and future traffic issues.

Please complete the attached survey or send your views to the Parish Clerk.



<https://bit.ly/3iTB6i5>

Early feedback has provided a wide variety of ideas and options, which your Parish Council will look to evaluate and take forward, in conjunction with CCC, ...but we still need more!

A number of early interventions have already been taken:

Chequer Street parking

An application under the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) has been submitted to CCC to put parking bays where there is currently parking on the verge and pavement.

Traffic and speed in the High Street

Following analysis of data collected from the recent deployment of the Speedwatch equipment, your Parish Council has submitted a formal request to CCC for an initial investigation to evaluate the feasibility and total cost of a speed reduction to 20mph along the High Street.



White lines and markings

CCC will commence work shortly to repaint all road lines and markings along the High Street.

We need your help

Please continue to let us know about any traffic related incidents, including inconsiderate or dangerous parking, HGVs parking in or taking short-cuts through the village, abandoned vehicles or speeding 'hotspots'.

Huntingdon - road openings

Work at the Godmanchester/Huntingdon end of the A1307 (old A14) is progressing well with the opening of a link road to the ring road scheduled for 31st October.

Work to remove the viaduct and work around the train station, together with the opening of a link road to bye-pass Godmanchester are all on or ahead of schedule.



Village Pond and Clock Tower



A detailed survey of the work needed to repair and upgrade the pond, clock tower and surrounding area is underway.

Work will commence on the clearing/upgrade of the pond, new fencing and the installation of replacement bollards around the clock tower in mid-November.

The entire program will also see the repainting, cleaning and repair of the internal and external aspects of the Grade 2 listed building, to include new lighting and signage; the installation of new benches and tables, as well as the restoration of the historic Whipping Post.

Local Walks

A 4.5-mile Circular Walk:

Leave Hilton on the B1040, from Cross Farm Close, along the cinder path past The Paddocks. Cross over to the new path and walk over the A14. Stay on this side of the B1040 and follow the new footpath sign to the left. It runs back parallel to the B1040 and when you reach the new A14 turn right *picture 1* –(there are two footpath signs) to follow the fence along a grassy bank. There are pools and bulrushes on the right, and the A14 is on your left.



There is a large gap in the fence and a concrete bridge. Turn right and go through the gap. If you look back you will see the large “Public footpath” sign which the farmer has placed for walkers who are taking the route in the opposite direction. *Picture 2.*



Walk away from the A14, passing a way-marker with arrows in both directions, until you come to another sign placed by the farmer and at this point turn left.

Picture 3.

If you spot another sign on your right, near the trees, it says “Private property” so don’t walk towards it! Carry on along the path and you will reach the footpath which links Hilton to Hemmingford Gray. Turn left and go past Topfield farm along Mere Way. Proceed over the A14 again, *picture 4*, past another sign indicating the Bridle path to The Offords. Further on, the track is signposted showing a left turn at the bend, (don’t go into Lattenbury Farm), walk through a copse and then



turn left. At a small bridge, turn right to return to Graveley Way. On reaching the road you can turn left to walk back to the crossroads in Hilton, or take the footpath slightly to the left and on the opposite side of the road to reach Chapel Close, and then the B1040, nearly opposite to the shop and The Prince of Wales pub.



Heather Chambers

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

Hello and Good News!

Further to our item with information in the September Spectrum we have recently been advised by our Poppy Appeal area advisor of some revised ways in which we can offer opportunities for donations.

We can now place trays only of poppies, VE Day and 2020 pins in our local businesses as before but sadly still no house to house collections. We also have a supply of wooden crosses.

Poppy Appeal fortnight begins on October 24th and ends on November 7th with Remembrance Sunday the following day.

Obviously everything could be subject to government announcements but at this stage this is thankfully a means in which donations can be made. So until next time, look after yourselves.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

Cancelled RAF Wyton Band Concert - 21st March

I would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for this concert. I had to cancel the concert due to the lockdown. I hope that everyone who wanted a refund was able to hand their tickets in to receive it. I am very grateful for the generosity of all the people who decided to make donations to the Poppy and Wings Appeals. A total of £520.00 has been raised which has been divided equally between the two charities.

Thank you all for your support of the Poppy and Wings Appeals.

Stay Safe and Well.

Best wishes
Julie Briggs
830580

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 5th October 2020

Trim Trail Survey

Hilton Parish Council would like to thank those parishioners who completed their recent survey regarding a trim trail. A copy of the survey results are available on the website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) and a summary is below:

Would you support a trim trail in the village?

Yes – 48% No – 52%

How often would you use it?

Daily – 8% Weekly – 19% Monthly – 7% Not at all – 68%

Would you support the cost of the trail coming from the PC precept if alternative funding cannot be found?

Yes – 34% No – 66%

Would you support the equipment to be placed in the Wilderness?

Yes – 38% No – 62%

Considering these results, the Parish Council have resolved to take this proposal no further.

Website

The new accessibility compliant website is now live and can be viewed at www.hiltonparishcouncil.com.

Emergency Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)

At the meeting of the Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Transport Committee, the members discussed the request to include a 24-hour HGV ban on the B1040 through Hilton in their latest batch of ETROs. The decision of the Committee was:

It was unanimously resolved:

- a) To ask Officers to take away the B1040 Lorry ban proposal and consult with the Department of Transport for further consideration of whether it, and any further schemes, are appropriate for inclusion in the current tranche 2 list, with any final decision on the B1040 proposal, to be in consultation with the Vice Chairman, with the involvement of Councillor Harford.

The Parish Council has since received the response from the Department of Transport to state that officers spoke to the relevant team in the DfT, and confirmed that this proposal would not be compliant with the EATF (Emergency Active Travel Fund) guidance, and would not therefore be eligible for funding from the EATF.

Further information was received from Cambridgeshire County Council:

The root of the problem with this proposal in the context of the EATF is in relation to the statutory guidance for local authorities at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities>, which sets out the expectations of government and the types of measures that they expect to see coming forward with the funding that they have provided.

Continued over

The “Reallocating road space: measures” section of the guidance starts “Local authorities in areas with high levels of public transport use should take measures to reallocate road space to people walking and cycling, both to encourage active travel and to enable social distancing during restart... Local authorities where public transport use is low should be considering all possible measures.” It then goes on to list the types of measures that can be implemented from the EATF. Limited restrictions to vehicular access such as HGV bans are not included on this list. The expectation is that measures to improve conditions for cyclists on road will reallocate road space with physical segregation, or very significantly reduce vehicular traffic by use of measures such as modal filters that prohibit through movements by all motor vehicles.

The emergency procedures document sets out amendments to the procedures for Traffic Regulation Orders in the context of implementation of schemes under the EATF. It does not add to or amend the statutory guidance. The third bullet you note is applicable to proposals covered by the statutory guidance that would need a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict traffic, such as a modal filter or bus gate. It does not broaden the guidance to cover any traffic restriction that would require an order.

In terms of the underlying reason that this type of intervention is not included in the guidance, the EATF is expecting local authorities to “make significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians.” An HGV ban does not do this, and leaves the majority of traffic on the B1040, meaning the benefit to cyclists is marginal at best. It does not reallocate road space, segregate cycle movements or significantly reduce vehicular traffic. Other potential benefits of an HGV ban on the B1040 locally are not covered by the aims of the EATF funding.

The above does not remove the local imperative to look for ways to improve traffic conditions in Hilton, but it does confirm that DfT do not consider that the EATF would be an appropriate funding source for measures needed to implement an HGV ban. I hope that this clarifies the position in relation to the EATF.

Thank you to those parishioners who wrote to the County Council in support of this action.

2021/22 Local Highways Improvement Bid

The bid to request a 24-hour traffic regulation order to prohibit heavy commercial vehicles on the B1040 through Hilton has been submitted.

A14 Legacy Fund

Parishioners may remember that the Parish Council were successful in their bid for works to improve the ponds at both Reeve Ditch and the Ware in Graveley Way. Design work is continuing on these projects and the Parish Council hope to receive a detailed programme of works this month.

Hilton Parish Council

Streetlights

The Clerk continues to receive reports of streetlights in the village that are not working correctly. In most cases, the lighting maintenance contractor can repair these lights quickly. Unfortunately, they were unable to repair PC4 at the corner of Westbrook and New England and the Parish Council have resolved to replace this lantern with a new LED lantern. If you notice any streetlights in the village that are not working correctly, please report them to the Clerk (clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com) together with the number on the streetlight which will start with the letters "PC".

Planning for Future White Paper

The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened consultations on a white paper regarding the planning system. Hilton Parish Council have resolved to send a detailed response to this consultation.

Bonfire Service

As they will not be holding the traditional annual bonfire and fireworks night, Hilton Parish Council have resolved to offer a bonfire service to those parishioners that rely on the bonfire to dispose of their garden waste. Further information will be available on the Parish Council website, Facebook page and the noticeboards.

Christmas Lights

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to spend up to £200 to place Christmas lights on the cricket pavilion. The Council would like to encourage parishioners to make a special effort with their Christmas lights this year in the absence of the traditional community events.

Parish Plan

A working group has been formed to review the action points from the 2005 Parish Plan.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd November 2020 via Zoom. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

Dear Everyone,

Que Sera Sera,

Whatever will be

The future's not ours to see etc. but to quote our Queen we'll meet again.

I hope that it will not be too long in 2021, I miss our chats, laughter and good food at the George and Dragon.

I am here if you need a chat. Meanwhile keep safe and well.

Jenny.

Phone 01480 831581



Great news! Dates for Feast Week 2021 are confirmed!!

Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July 2021

For anyone new to Hilton and wondering what Feast Week is, read on.

It starts with the arrival of a marquee erected on the Green near the maze. A whole host of activities and events are put on throughout the week in the marquee, the village hall, at the Church and on the Green which are free to local residents. These include a produce show and parade, bouncy castles, Songs of Praise, an Art Show, crafts, a variety of children's entertainment, messy Church, Sports Day, village tea, live music and a chance to show case your talent on stage! There is also a BBQ, street food, licensed bar and kids bar. Organised by the committee, supported by volunteers and funded through a host of events put on throughout the year, Feast Week is aimed at the whole family to enjoy together.



Given that as yet we are unable to organise any fundraisers, this year more than ever, **the 200 Club** needs your support. This is our only source of income for the time being and for those of you who missed Feast Week this year and want to see it back next year, please, please, please sign up. £5 for a month or £60 for the year for each number you purchase, monthly draws and guaranteed winners of cash prizes. The more numbers in the draw, the greater the prize fund. So what are you waiting for???

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP SO FAR

For further details, rules of play and to buy tickets please see feastweek.co.uk/200-club

Small Lotteries Registration No. SSL1776

As always if you would like to get involved and join our band of volunteers, please email us at committee@feastweek.co.uk so we can add you to the group.



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Hilton WI

Our committee was advised that we could hold our AGM this month by means of a zoom meeting which was successfully 'attended' by 21 members, including one lady currently in Yorkshire and another in Malta, surely an unrepeatable event? Sue our president, treasurer Ann Norman and Secretary Pauline each read their annual reports with many words of very well deserved thanks to the committee and everyone for working so closely since the crisis developed in March. Sue particularly had regrets and apologies that there were members who were unable to be included by means of zoom but were most definitely not forgotten. We are a friendly, welcoming and caring community of 59 members with around 40 attending meetings in normal times to hear a wide range of speakers and their stories and we have a mixture of smaller group meetings such as a book club and craft club among others and we look forward to returning to normal before very long . As usual we had a raffle for which the prize was a large, beautiful bouquet in a glass vase which was won by Jenny Day. Then came an unrehearsed and mostly unseen 'comedy turn' when our president held the bouquet over her laptop to show it to everyone, only to tip a quantity of water onto it, her lap and the carpet. Our vice chairman leapt to pick up the vase and broke a chunk out of it! No real harm was done but there was pandemonium for a few moments! When the formalities were over, we had a short time chatting about how we are keeping boredom away, our 'keep fit' regimes (or not) and just exchanging ideas and thoughts. It was a morale boosting time and we were able to thank our president for her thoughtfulness, energy, and enthusiasm in an aspect of her role that she could not ever have expected.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

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

Contact Abi Halstead - abigailhalstead@hotmail.com / 07749 682229 for further information.

Find Us on Facebook



Fancy the chance of winning some cash while supporting Feast Week at the same time?
Of course you do, so sign up now to **the 200 Club** to be in with a chance.

While the likelihood of being able to hold our usual fundraisers is looking remote, this year more than ever, **the 200 Club** needs your support. This is our only source of income for the time being and for those of you who missed Feast Week this year and want to see it back next year, please, please sign up. £5 for a month or £60 for the year for each number you purchase, monthly draws and guaranteed winners of cash prizes. The more numbers in the draw, the greater the prize fund. So what are you waiting for???

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Alternatively perhaps you'd like to make a one off donation. If you're working from home and can spare what you may have normally spent on your commute, please do consider donating to Feast Week. Every single penny goes towards funding Feast Week and the more we raise the bigger we can go.

Please speak to any committee member or email committee@feastweek.co.uk

Put the dates in your diary now

Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July 2021

As always if you would like to get involved and join our band of volunteers, please email us at committee@feastweek.co.uk so we can add you to the group.

Chair: Nicola Webster **Treasurer:** Sarah Conn **Secretary:** Lisa Boddy

Committee members: Joe Holmes, Deb Capes, Stuart Moseley, Katherine Grant, Sara Partridge, Mark Stanton



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Hilton Produce Show

Autumn Bliss

Year-round interest? Do our gardens tick that box? What can we enjoy in the Autumn garden? It is, of course, a rather hit and miss affair with the variable conditions we experience. Nonetheless there are a few sure-fire winners. Even on this gloomy day in October there are roses and dahlias in profusion. A rose called Bonica is amazingly floriferous and has been so throughout the summer with only the briefest of rests in August. Dahlias with their deep colours and velvety petals delight us until the frosts come. We now leave them to over winter in the ground tucked in with a generous helping of mulch. Salvia Amistaad is still showing its deep purple flowers in the herbaceous bed and Michaelmas Daisies, specifically Aster Frikarti Munch, are adding further splashes of colour.

However, the plant of the moment in our garden is the Nerine. These bulbs don't begin to bloom until Autumn and carry on into December if the situation is to their liking. There is a pot of white ones in clear view from the kitchen window. Slender and elegant, their white heads nod like swans, while droplets cling to the arching leaves and gleam when the sun shines through. Like all white flowers, they glow in the dark which is another bonus of these intrepid blooms.



What is in a name?

Pink Nerine Bowdenii are the most widely known and commonly planted of these bulbs. They are also known as Guernsey Lilies. A shipment of the bulbs was lost in a storm near The Channel Islands in the seventeenth century and floated ashore to Guernsey where they stayed. There are some fetching pictures on the internet of the pink flower-heads waving above a rocky coastline against a brilliant blue sea and sky. Nerine is the Greek word for a sea nymph...hence their ability to swim to shore (!) but it better describes the white ones rather than the pink, I think.

When checking out the name of the bulbs I was taken to a website for girls' names. I read with wide-eyed surprise that names shape personality. So anyone called Nerine can be expected to be very emotional but blessed with common sense and insight!

Amaryllis

These bulbs are part of the same family as Nerines and will soon appear in supermarkets and garden centres packaged with compost, container, and bulb in a range of colours. They are one of the most satisfying bulbs to grow: the Lewis Hamiltons of the bulb world, growth is so fast it can be measured every day by willing children. The only snag is that the flower-heads can be very large and sometimes need help keeping their heads up. Small boys will not do for this job...far too fidgety...you might need some support canes.

Produce Show

The vegetable plot looks like bare earth, but below the surface there are broad beans, winter onions and garlic to be ready, I hope, for 25th July 2021, the proposed date for the next **PRODUCE SHOW**

Quarantine Day 7
My cat just asked if I
want the radio left on
when he goes out !!!!

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'

I apologise for not keeping this section up to date but, as I am sure you understand, events cannot be made certain until the CORONA virus situation is given the all clear.

Keep up to date with the Churches and Clubs notices.

Please keep well and let us get back to normal ASAP.

Spectrum Team