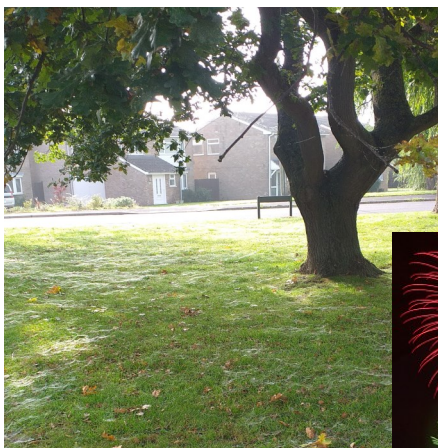


SPECTRUM

November 2021



Apologies for the delay but Covid Outbreak has caused problems



There will be nice crisp mornings in the winter and don't forget Hilton Fireworks (page 55)

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Out of hours doctor dial 111
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Letters & Notices

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support 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 up to 6 at a time. 52 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 an excellent total of £877 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was a wonderful result from most enjoyable events. Thanks again

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.

David Buisson would like to thank all the people that sponsored him on the 200 mile bike ride for UK Cancer Research during the Month of September

He completed 400 miles during that time, raising £1,306
We did it thank you to all.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHARLOTTE JENNER.

This is to invite any friends and neighbours to a Memorial Service for Charlotte Jenner. Sadly Charlie died just at the beginning of lockdown and we were only able to hold a small ceremony for the family outside in a cemetery. Charlie lived on Lancelot Way and was a mother and grandmother. She was a wonderful gardener and had been a nurse and also worked as an administrator at Homerton College, Cambridge University. Charlie was an Elder and Church Secretary for the Fenstanton United Reformed Church on Chequer Street. All are welcome to the URC on Sunday 14th November at 3pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Charlotte was Spectrum's proof reader and is sadly missed (Mickey)

Events & Activities

Autumn 2021

www.cambridgeppf.org for details



Halloween Spooktacular at Wandlebury Country Park

Sun 31 Oct, 4pm - 8pm. Family £24/Adult £7/Child £5

Wild Thyme & Embers spooky adventure for the whole family with ghostly tales, fiendish foods and creepy crafts.

Dracula at the Leper Chapel

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Nov, 7.30pm. Adults £14/under 18s £10

Jonathan Harker recounts his terrifying encounter with Dracula.

History and Archaeology Walk at Wandlebury Country Park

Wed 10 Nov, 10am - 12. Free (donations welcome)

Gentle guided walk with a Warden.

Forest of Imagination Exhibition

Sat 27 Nov 10.30-3pm. Free

Outdoor exhibition of artwork at Wandlebury Country Park.

Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury Country Park

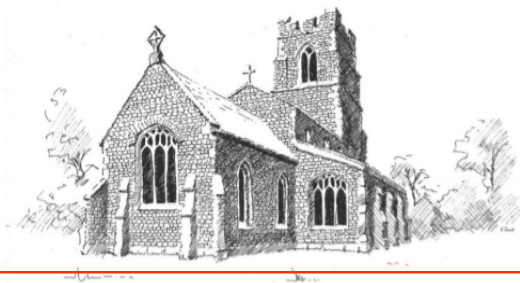
Sun 5 Dec, All day, 90 minute sessions. £18 per family

Create your own wreath with the whole family.

Winter Trees at Wandlebury Country Park

Wed 8 Dec, 10am - 12. Free (donations welcome)

Gentle guided walk to learn how to identify tree species in winter.



Hilton Parish Church - November

SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

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

11.15am Sunday – Family Communion (2nd Sunday)

11.15am Sunday – Parish Praise (4th Sunday)

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – 3rd Friday of the month (6pm)

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

All services are in the church unless indicated that it is on zoom.

November 7th at 10am. Rev Pam Siddall

November 14th at 10.45am United Remembrance service at the Parish Church. Meet at the Lych Gate first.

November 21st at 10am. Rev Nick Witham. Holy Communion service

November 28th at 10am. Local arrangement service on zoom. Link available from Tel 830686

Planning ahead, we will be holding 3 Advent Lunches on 1st, 8th and 15th December, details will be on village and church notice boards and in next month's Spectrum. They will be in aid of The Blind Society.

Advance notice also of Carol Singing round the village on 14th December, meet at 6pm at the parish church.

The Gift Service for Action for Children will be on 12th December at 10am

Our Candlelit Carol Service will be on 19th December at 5pm

Sent via BT Email App

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - November

We are pleased to welcome you to our church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30 (except 14th November – 10am). All are welcome.

November/December Services -

7th November - Led by Geraldine Swain

14th November - Remembrance Sunday 10am - Joint Service of Remembrance at St Peter and Saint Paul, Fenstanton, followed by wreath laying at the Fenstanton War Memorial 11am.

21st November - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

28th November - Led by Christine Macleod

5th December - Led by the Church Elders

12th December - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

19th December - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

24th December - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball



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

Meditation –

Tuesday 9th November 2-4pm

Tuesday 14th December 2-4pm

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET

NOVEMBER FAYRE

SATURDAY

20TH NOVEMBER

10.00am -1.00pm

BOOKS, PUZZLES

BRIC-A-BRAC

RAFFLE,

GIFTS

CRAFTS

AND LOTS MORE

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - November

DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

2ND & 16TH 10.00AM -11.30AM COFFEE TEA AND CHAT

9TH & 23RD 10.00AM -11.30AM KNITTERS AND
NATTERS.

On the 9th November we celebrate our 14th Birthday at Knitters and
Natters.



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**COFFEE TEA AND CHAT
IS BACK.
AT FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH ON
5TH OCTOBER
10-00 AM -11-30 AM
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters

All being well, we will meet on
Tuesday 14th September,
10-00-11-30am.
At Fenstanton United Reformed
Church.

Bring your knitting and come and
join this friendly group, we knit
mainly for charity.
New members welcome.

Dates for the diary September
Tuesday 14th 10-00- 11-30am
Knitters and Natters
Tuesday 21th 10-00am- 11-30am
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th 10-00-11-30am
Knitters and Natters
For more details ring Jean
01480 498221

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



HILTON COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE



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BY THE PEOPLE OF HILTON,
FOR THE PEOPLE OF HILTON
(AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES)

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ANY TIME AND KEEP THEM FOR AS LONG AS YOU
WISH. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM
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THE PARISH COUNCIL & CHURCH ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF ANY
BOOKS, NOR THE POLICING OF THIS EXCHANGE.

Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church



THE JIGSAW EXCHANGE IS OPEN AGAIN!!

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

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for November 2021

Hello, how are you doing?

At the time of writing the service plan was looking ok but we can't say with any certainty that there won't be changes. For example, due to the current rising number of coronavirus cases, we are thinking that it might be wiser to have the whole of the Remembrance Sunday service outside, probably using the area near where the Church Centre is. If that is the case, then the service will start later than the time we said in Spectrum last month. Please do look out for more details as we will endeavour to let you know of any changes as best we can. But we are planning to have an **Act of Remembrance** at the **Fenstanton War Memorial** in the **Parish Council Cemetery**, beginning around **10.45am/10.50am**, ready to time a silence at 11am. There will be laying of wreaths. (The cemetery is adjacent to St Peter & St Paul's churchyard, separated by a path.)

A few thank-yous if I may. Thank you to those who kindly donated so generously at our Harvest services. All the contributions, both food and financial have been safely delivered to St Ives foodbank. Thank you to those who rang a quarter peal of bells for a very special 90th birthday (Happy birthday A). The bells ringing on that particular Saturday caused some confusion as some people thought it might be Sunday!!

And thank you to everyone who helps to keep things organised in a covid responsible way so we can continue to have services in our two churches, at Fen Drayton and Fenstanton. I am excited to say we have several weddings booked for 2022 and 2023. We are trying to catch up with postponed baptisms and in our monthly Worship For All services we pray for those who were baptised in that month, in previous years. Sadly, we have said farewell to those who have died, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. In our prayers we remember those who mourn.

So, as the church's year draws to a close, and we look to the new church year beginning on the first Sunday of Advent on 28th November, we hope and pray that everyone will stay well and keep safe during these challenging times. Please be assured of a warm welcome at either of our churches in the benefice but we respectfully ask that you do not attend any services if you are showing signs/symptoms of covid19 or any other virus or infection that could be transmitted to others. If you are in any doubt, think twice and think of others. At the moment, we are asking everyone to be covid responsible, to wear a face covering and to sanitise hands.

We continue to live-stream our Sunday services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, when we can, but you will need to ask for the access codes for Zoom. We welcome all ages to all services and you no longer need to book places for any church services.

Do get in touch for up-to-date information, or look on the website www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk, the facebook page "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches", a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com, or email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for November 2021

November 2021			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject to change.			
	Parish Church Open	Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton We have indicated when services are held at St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Monday 1 st			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 4 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 7 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 8 th			<i>Prayer Group 7.30pm 8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 11 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 14 th Remembrance Sunday	Times and place to be confirmed 8.55am for a 9.15am service	An Act of Remembrance will take place at 10.45am at the War Memorial Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 15 th			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 18 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 21 st	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details With guest speaker from Mission to Seafarers	

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Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for November 2021

Monday 22 nd			<i>8pm Compline</i>
Thursday 21 st			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 28 th First Sunday of Advent	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion With blessing of the cribs Live stream may be available Please note there is a service of Morning Praise for Advent at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 29 th November			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 2 nd December			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: ro-sie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

Please note that all enquiries for weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and baptisms should be made in the first instance to our Rector Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

Why not visit our Facebook page - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdscommunityfund@gmail.com The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with either village, whether a church member or not. Especially in our current situation with the pandemic, we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

Fenstanton Community Café



“face2face” Monthly Community Café launch

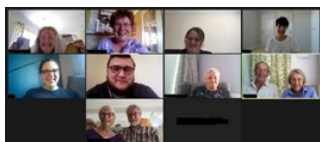
After so much planning it was wonderful to be able to open some real doors to welcome real people to our very first face2face Fenstanton Community Café.



Here are some of us just before the café opened, wearing our donated aprons, face masks in hand, ready to welcome our first arrivals. And two minutes later people started to arrive.....during the hour we were open we had over 30 people but the Church Centre is large enough that we were able to add more tables, to give people space, rather than try to put more people round existing tables. We are endeavouring to be a covid responsible café venue.

Thank you to everyone who made this café possible, from the people who suggested having a café, to the donators of items, to the Parish Council who gave us a grant, to the people who made cakes, to those of you who came. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you again soon. Our next face2face community café is on Tuesday 2nd November from 2-3pm, at the Church Centre. Please wear a face covering when moving while you are at the Café and sanitise hands on arrival. Any drink with cake (or biscuit) is £1.



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

Wednesday afternoons, on Zoom, from 2-3.30pm except for the Wednesday of the month.

On the first Wednesday of the month we have our

Night Café, on Zoom, 8-9pm

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

Fenstanton Community Virtual Café: on Zoom, Wednesday's weekly except for the first Wednesday of the month, 2-3.30pm. All welcome. Please message Rev Rosie for meeting ID and passcode.

Fenstanton Community Night Café: on Zoom, first Wednesday evening of the month, 8-9pm. Same Zoom ID and passcode as for virtual café.

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

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

The Bridge Church

(Part of the Newfrontiers family of Evangelical Churches)
Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities
www.thebridgechurch.co.uk
[01480 498801](tel:01480498801)

The Sunday service is at 10.30am in our lovely church building at No,2, Burrell Road, St Ives, PE27 6RR: Come for some lively worship; hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet together in small groups during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith.



We hold a monthly church prayer meeting plus a men and a women's breakfast fellowship. There is a youth group for 11- to 18-year-olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 and 9 pm.

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

Now the Children's Church at the Bridge! It's a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10:30 on a Sunday morning?

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

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish Church,
Saturday Mass 18.00

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

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

Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)



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Local Group**

NEWS RELEASE

Lockdown Wildlife

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to our on line illustrated talk on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom.

Our speaker will be Jim Stevenson who has recently retired as the Senior Wildlife Ranger for Paxton Pits. Often known as Ranger Jim on Radio Cambridgeshire, he had spells with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust under Peter Scott, and over 20 years with the RSPB. A very entertaining speaker, Jim will describe his favourite places that he visited during Lockdown. These include Brampton Wood, Stirtloe Sewage Works, Paxton Pits and a few places further afield such as Frampton Marsh, Minsmere and some Trust sites in the Yorkshire Dales.

This event is free. Please book by emailing Pat on jp.doody@ntlworld.com in advance. He will send you a zoom link before the meeting is due to start.

Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

For more information please contact Alistair on 07775 365507 or alistairgrant@hotmail.com.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.
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FENSTANTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 3rd December

6.30pm - 8.00-pm at the Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm



We're delighted to say that Fenstanton Village Hall Trust will once again host the Christmas light switch on this year.

After a break due to the pandemic, we're looking forward to welcoming you at the Clock Tower on Friday, 3rd December for Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

Santa will turn on the Christmas tree lights at 7pm and there will be an opportunity for children to pass him their letters.

There will also be a raffle. More details will follow shortly but for now.... Please save the date!

Fenstanton and Bertha Pitfield:1905 - 1986

By John Deeks



During the recent lockdown I took to walking on the old Cambridge Road up to the Fen Drayton turn, to do this I had to pass the estate called Pitfield Close. Even in lockdown there were always people walking with or without a dog, jogging or cycling. I got to thinking how many of these people actually saw the name Pitfield and did it mean anything to them?

It is now thirty-five years since Bertha Pitfield died and in that time the village has expanded in a very big way. There are many people new to the village who have never even heard of Bertha Pitfield.

Bertha lived in the village for forty-seven years, from 1939 to 1986 and was very much part of village life throughout that time. At the end of her life she became a benefactor to the village. So, let me tell you her story.

Being abandoned shortly after her birth on the 18th March 1905, she had a difficult start to life. She was taken in at the foundling hospital in London and never knew who her parents were. The babies were baptised and given a new name. It was thought that a completely new start would give them the best chance of a good life. It was also important for the mothers to be assured of confidentiality so that they could rebuild their lives. Once received, children were sent to be wet-nursed with foster families in the countryside, where they stayed until they were between five and six years old. At the age of sixteen, girls were generally apprenticed for domestic service;

In the 1911 census we find that Bertha was 6-years old and had been fostered out to Eliza Thorn, a 67 year old widow who lived in Dean Park Cottages, Hadlow in Kent and took in lodgers. Bertha was most probably used as a skivvy.

Eleven years later in 1922, when Bertha was 17, the electoral register shows us that Bertha was employed as a servant by Harry Porter Jervis (a bank clerk) and his wife Annie Louisa, who lived in Cheadle Hulme, Manchester. After the death of Annie Louisa Jervis in May 1930, Bertha became housekeeper to Mr Harry Jervis who was by now a bank manager.

In 1939 when Harry Jervis was 64-years old and with WW2 on the horizon, he made the decision to buy a retirement home that was safely in the countryside. Harry Jervis's brother Charles Hill Jervis was 66-years old and a retired coal merchant. His sister Magdalene was 71-years old and a retired school mistress. Both decided to join him and to live out their retirement and the war together. The housekeeper Bertha was treated as an adopted niece, the family leaving her the house and estate in their wills

It would be rather difficult to understand how the two brothers who lived in Manchester could have known about a house for sale in Fenstanton. This is where Magdalene comes into the story. Firstly, in 1911, Magdalene was the head teacher at the St Pancras Foundling Hospital for Children in Grey's Inn Lane, St Pancras in London. It would be reasonable to assume that she was instrumental in sending Bertha to be fostered by Eliza Thorne or at the very least, she would have known about it. So Bertha was someone known to her from a young age and I suspect it was her recommendation that brought Bertha to work for Magdalene's brother Harry.

Secondly, why Fenstanton? At one time Magdalene worked as a school mistress in Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, so it is more than possible that she continued to have contact within the area and when Vernon House came up for sale she would have seen that it would be ideal for the three siblings and their housekeeper Bertha Pitfield. And so, the four of them arrived in Fenstanton sometime in 1939 and settled into their new home. The household increased when three evacuees were allocated to the house; even more work for Bertha.

We have no way of knowing how long the evacuees stayed at Vernon House but Bertha quickly threw herself into village life. She served in the VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) & WVS (Woman's Voluntary Service). In addition she kept geese and pigs and gave each one a name! She also worked in the munitions factory in the village hall. She was the village national savings collector and ran the 'potato club' buying seed pots in bulk and selling them cheaply to local gardeners.

For the WW2 victory celebrations in 1945, Bertha had a pig killed and provided two hams for the party. During the war when she had a pig killed she would share out sausages and pies in the village on the basis that people had given scraps to feed the pigs.



A keen bowler she agreed to have the village bowling green and club house built at the bottom of her garden. This was on the understanding that she would be allowed access to the green whenever she wanted. In 1965 the first village bypass (A604/A14/A1307) was built and this cut Bertha's garden in half. No longer was she able to walk to the end of her garden to have a game of bowls. At the end of her life the bowls club and land was donated to the village.

Bertha Pitfield, front row, second from left

Later in her life when Vernon House became too big for her to manage, she built a bungalow in her side garden now called 'The Slipway'. Bertha Pitfield died 11th October 1986 in 'The Slipway'. She was cremated and her ashes interred in the parish churchyard 16th October 1986. Her will was probated 8th January 1987 and after three personal bequests, she left money to the Fenstanton bowls club, with the remainder of her estate being shared out between the parish council (for the upkeep of the village clock tower). The United Reformed Church, the Literary Institute and the parochial church council for the upkeep of the church centre. Outside of the village she left money to The Huntingdon & Peterborough Chess Association, the Huntingdon Woman's Bowling Federation Benevolent Fund and the Cambridge County Woman's Bowling Benevolent Fund.

Three silver Birch trees were planted in the cemetery in tribute to her, a plaque was put up in the United Reformed Church chapel and another in the church centre. A room in the refurbished church centre has been named after her and now a small housing estate bears her name.

John.deeks@ntlworld.com



Your care home experiences wanted!

Do you, a loved one, family member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12-18 months.

From communications and visiting restrictions to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you. What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future.

If you're not online, get in touch and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope.
Call 0330 355 1285.

Share your views at:

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/care-home-survey>

Kari Payne

Communications Officer

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Fenstanton Village Sports - 2nd July 2022

Thank you to everyone who responded to the plea for new Sports Committee members. We have had a fantastic response, which means we should be able to go ahead next year. If you are interested in helping out or running a stall, do still get in touch. - jan.way26@gmail.com

If you have a trophy from 2019 please return it to Ron's Farm Shop

There will be further information in the New Year

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Here we are a month into our reunion.

The brilliant talk given by John Deeks on 29th September was very interesting and focused on Fenstanton during WW11 with many aspects covered, including evacuees. Some of our members have memories of these times.

October 13th, Ellen Kemp educated us on the history of the Roman Catholic Church in Needingworth Road St Ives. It was fascinating to hear of five men whose lives were connected with the building including the architect, Pugin. Very good talk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10th

A talk on gardening by David Gedy, who has written a book about the Monkey Puzzle tree. David is from the Needingworth Gardening Club and has a wealth of knowledge on the subject. Gardening enthusiasts come along and learn more.

NOVEMBER 24th

We plan a trip to Hartford Mill for lunch.



Please come along and check us out, I'm sure you will enjoy the company.

Marie Newns 01480 350677

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancies



**"Your Parish
Council Needs
YOU"**

We still have two vacancies, if you would like to know more about becoming a Councillor , please contact the Clerk for further information.

Defibrillators for the Village

Your Parish Council has committed to the purchase of another defibrillator for the Village and to top up the fundraising organised by the Church to purchase a third defibrillator, which will be sited at the Church Centre.

Your Parish Council is looking for a home for the new defibrillator, if anyone has any ideas where in the Village our new defibrillator can be sited , somewhere that has a power source, please contact the Clerk.

Play Park - Maintenance and Repairs

Your Parish Council is still waiting for repair works to be carried out on the Play Parks. The material supply chain issues are still causing delays. We hope it won't be too much longer.

In the meantime, Parish Councillor Peter Hayes will be carrying out weekly inspections on our Play Parks.
If you are using the play areas, please take extra care .

To contact your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

High Street and Chequers Street



Work has now been carried out to cut back the verges on the High Street and Chequers Street. The Hedge surrounding the field has also

been cut back by the owner. We hope you agree that the area now looks so much smarter and tidier and will be easier to maintain.

Fenstanton Community Award



Nominations have been received.

Your winner has been Chosen.

Look out for your winner of the Community Hero Award in next months Spectrum.

Flooding - visit from MP Jonathan Djanogly

Members of your Parish Council met recently with our local MP Jonathan Djanogly and two members of Cambridge County Council's Flood Authority to discuss the issues that contributed to the severe flooding experienced in December 2020.

MP Jonathan Djanogly has vowed to speak with both Highways England and the Environment Agency to remind them of their duties and ask that they take action to help prevent flooding again this year.

New Bench - Moore Lake



A new bench has now been installed on the footpath overlooking Moore Lake.

A wonderful view of the Lake now that the RSPB has kindly cut back the hedge.



Your Parish Council continues to gather data from various locations around the Village in order to be able to present a case for the Village to become a 20mph zone. 20s Plenty for us wheelie bins stickers have been ordered. If you would like a sticker for your bin, please contact the Clerk.



Multi-use games area (MUGA)

The Multi use games area is now complete and ready for action.

You can book via the QR code below or by contacting the Clerk.

Your Parish Council has received enquiries about Floodlights for the MUGA. This may be a consideration at a later date once your Parish Council can gauge it's popularity.

Booking the



Free to Fenstanton residents, for organised games or casual play

For bookings and to check availability, scan the QR code



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Quiz Night. A BIG THANK YOU! To everyone who packed into our Quiz night. It was lovely to see everyone out & about. Congratulations to the “No Petrol Heads” who were worthy winners on the night.

Hilton Fireworks & Bonfire. The Parish Council are putting on the fireworks display again this year. The Feast Week team will be there supporting with hot dogs, mulled wine & glow in the dark toys. Just what you need to keep you going on a chilly night! Come along and join in the fun.



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.

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 last year and want to see it back this 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???

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

Small Lotteries Registration No. SSL1776



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Hilton Feast Week



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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

OCTOBER'S meeting was a great success, Tim Meakin was our demonstrator, he did 8 wonderful

arrangements, so 8 lucky ladies took one home. Tim also gave us some good ideas on doing our arrangements at home. We had a most enjoyable afternoon.

NOVEMBER 1st LESLEY BEETON will be our demonstrator so we looking forward to seeing her again.

DECEMBER 6th is our Christmas party with drink and cake, but we are doing something different. Instead of the ladies bringing your arrangements to the party we are having a workshop so you can do a Christmas arrangement to take home.

WORKSHOP will cost £5.00 all you need to bring are your scissors.

If you would like to join the workshop, can we please have your name and money at November's meeting.

HILTON VILAGE HALL 2pm -- 4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes drink /biscuits)

No Membership, just pay on the door.

Beverley

HILTON ART CLUB

An absorbing morning, creating for the September session: Seasons in the City. As usual, an eclectic and interesting range of pictures, with buildings, street scenes and even a street sculpture as one subject! We also had on show the new books for everyone to peruse – it's amazing how many books we have now.

19th November, 9.30 am to 12.30 – Winter Magic and Christmas

Creations: paintings, cards and decorations. Please bring your own pictures/ props.

The Committee were delighted to be able to open the doors again in September to our hirers and the local community. Although we have been locked down for nearly 18 months, we have used the time to decorate the hall and also install a sound and video system to hopefully improve the general facilities and environment of the Village Hall. Our next big focus will be Wi-Fi connectivity – not an easy challenge but the Committee feel an important one.

We have a couple of highlights to keep you updated and requests from us too:

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2nd – 5th June 2022** – we are hoping to encourage the village to come together to celebrate this momentous milestone with input and support from many of our local groups. We have lots of ideas but will start to meet as a sub-group more formally in the New Year, so if anyone is interested in joining us, do let me know (Liz – 01480 830202). Current thoughts include a Dog Show, Flower Festival and hopefully celebratory Church service, window/garden themed displays, flags, lights, music, fireworks, lots of events for the children and of course a Village picnic on the Green on **Sunday 5th June** to link in with the Queen's Big Lunch and another fantastic production by **Illyria**, the open-air theatre company who have visited us twice before with **The Twits** and **Dr Doolittle** and this time it's **Peter Pan** – something not to be missed for those of you who may remember 'CAKE' from the Dr Doolittle production. More information coming soon but certainly a date to put in the diary.

Christmas Tree – you may recall that last year the Village Hall Committee placed a large Christmas tree outside the Hall with festive lighting. This had been kindly donated by one of our residents who had wanted to take a tree down in their garden and thought we could make use of it – which we absolutely did. So I thought I would take the opportunity to ask if anyone in the village had a fir tree they were thinking of removing at this time of year and if so, could we make use of it as our Christmas tree – any offers?

Finally and in many respects the most important –

We are looking for a **CARETAKER**

The applicant needs to be able to perform general maintenance and other duties as required. Flexible hours to suit. Salary on application. If you think you would enjoy this important role and would like to join our hard working, fun-loving team to maintain our village's beautiful Grade 2 listed building used for community events, please contact Lesley Fordham on 01480 831195 or Liz Bush 01480 830202.

HILTON WI

Members of Hilton WI are in good heart !

We have just had our Annual General Meeting at which our President, Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports on the year's achievements and activities. It became obvious that in spite of the continuing hazards and our improving lifestyles, our morale is excellent due in no small part to our constantly inspiring President, Sue Clark whilst she always gives greater credit to her ' hard working and imaginative committee'.

In spite of the still understandable anxieties regarding public events by some, it was wonderful that 30 ladies were able to be with us so we hope life will be even easier in November.

There were two raffle prizes, one being a book donated and written by our September speaker, Morgen Philips and won by Pauline Reynolds .The second one was a really stunning Harvest Hamper consisting mainly of vegetables and fruit. It was won by Doreen Bates and the contents will see her and her husband enjoy more than a few dinners !

Following the business aspect of the meeting we feasted on nibbles and a glass or two of wine while attempting to solve jumbled film titles, followed by a short and simple game of Lotto to the tune of much high pitched conversation. Did we detect something of a reluctance to go home?

Our various clubs continue and the two newer ones, Canasta and the Walking group are proving very popular.

We are now looking forward to our November meeting when Zoe McClean will be singing for us - then in December there's the Christmas party ! 2022 offers us a wide variety of speakers and events , particularly the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

May we remind everyone of the monthly "Tea on the Green" afternoons organised by the Village Hall committee to raise funds and which the which the WI is supporting ?

It is 'open house' to tasty home made cakes, teas coffees and good company every third Thursday from 2 - 3.30in Hilton Village Hall when the Mobile Library also comes at 2pm. (Use it or lose it !)

Finally - new members are always very welcome - just email

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN HILTON

We would like to “Thank”, in advance, our collectors who will be bringing Poppy trays to everyone’s home in Hilton, between Saturday 30th October and 13th November. We also greatly appreciate the Hilton businesses who will have trays of poppies available for you to make a donation towards this year’s Poppy Appeal, during the same period. Our normal House to House collection could not take place last year because of the lockdown. Due to your generosity Hilton raised an amazing £956.00 between October 2020 and September 2021. This money has been used to support serving and retired military personnel and their dependants.

Alan Scott, St Ives RBL Branch Community Support Representative, and his wife Glynis were invited to the RBL Centenary Service in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 12th October. The service was attended by Her Majesty the Queen and the Princess Royal. Queen Elizabeth is the Patron of the Royal British Legion and Princess Anne is President of the RBL Women’s Section. You can see full order of service and photographs at: www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-news/abbey-marks-the-centenary-of-the-royal-british-legion.

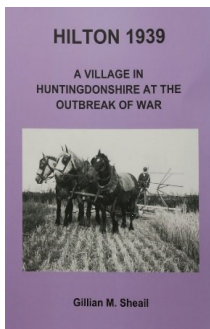
It is with great sadness that we wish to mark the passing of Ken Wright who supported the RBL in St Ives since 2017 and was Branch Secretary from January 2018 until he stood down early 2020. Ken and his wife Kim moved to St Ives from Brentwood, Essex, to be nearer to their daughter Sharon Walker and their son Clive. Sharon lives in Hilton. I am sure that we all would like to send our sincere condolences to Sharon, Clive and their families. Ken attended Hilton’s small ceremony at the lychgate to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion on 15th May 2021. His photograph and that of 10 year old Scout, Ben Payne were printed on the front page of June’s Spectrum. Details of the ceremony were given on page 45.

On a much happier note I am sure you will be pleased to hear that there will be a service and wreath laying at the lychgate on Remembrance Sunday 14th November at 11am, followed by a service in the church led by Rev David Busk. All participants are encouraged to wear a face covering.

During Remembrance tide, 30th October until 14th November St Ives Town Centre will again be decorated with the knitted poppy displays after two years in hibernation.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above or wish to find out more about the work of the Royal British Legion, please contact:

Margaret Shardlow 831 186 and or Julie Briggs 830 580



Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** are still available 67 pages, with illustrations

Only £7 to cover printing costs.

This may be just what you are looking for as a small Christmas gift, or for yourself if you are a newcomer to the village.

Please contact me at 3, Mill Hill End, or phone 07484 650209, and if required I will deliver within the village

Gillian Sheail



Though more of a nursery rhyme than a legend, **Mary's little lamb did actually exist**. "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is based on the activities of Mary Sawyer, a young girl in Sterling, Massachusetts, during the 1800s. Unlike the rhyme, the real Mary rescued her lamb after its mother rejected it. After that, the lamb really did follow her around, and even tagged along to school.

Help us keep people safe this Bonfire Night!



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
Working together to improve community safety



Does your village have a firework display planned for this year's Bonfire Night? If so, we want to advertise it in our map of local displays.

We want to encourage families to attend organised fireworks displays to ensure our communities stay safe while enjoying the fireworks celebrations. We hope to include as many displays as possible to offer people the closest options to their home. Please let us know about any planned firework displays taking place in and around your area for us to include in our map of organised displays.

The map will feature on our website and across our social media channels.

Please do not reply directly to this email. If you wish to send through display details, please send the full address and information in an email to pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

See page 55 for details of Hilton Fireworks

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.

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Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4th October

Green Open Spaces

Cllr Ian Stott, in his capacity as Tree Warden, has completed the tree survey with one tree surgeon and is organising to do so with two other contractors. He reported that the trees that were down in Tithe Lane were cleared by a volunteer group. Concerns have been raised by a parishioner with regards to the silt levels in the ponds in Graveley Way, but this is expected to wash away once the water levels rise. The Green Open Spaces working group has drafted a new maintenance tender document which was agreed by the Council with some minor amendments. This will now be advertised on both the PC website and the Government's contracts finder website and companies invited to quote.

A14 Legacy Project

The Council has agreed the design of the works to improve the banks of the Ware in Graveley Way. Steel posts will be driven into the bed of the Ware approximately 1.5m from the road and concrete gravel boards installed. These gravel boards will be capped with timber and then infilled with soil and seeded upon completion. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department at the County Council to obtain permission for these works.

Works to the Ware

The Council has received complaints from parishioners with regards to the state of the far bank of the Ware in Graveley Way. Technically, this bank is the responsibility of the Riparian owners whose properties back onto the Ware. As a one-off, the Council has authorised an expenditure of up to £270 to appoint a contractor to improve the condition of this bank.

Diffusion Tubes

As the Council now has three years' worth of data regarding the levels of nitrogen dioxide on Potton Road, they have decided to discontinue the diffusion tubes at this time.

Zoom Account

Unfortunately, due to the current legislation, the Council and its committees are unable to meet remotely so the Council has resolved to cancel its Zoom account.

Draft Budget and Precept Request

The Council considered the proposed budget and precept request of £31,550 (increase of £950 or 3.1%) and resolved to defer this until further information is received regarding the cost of the new maintenance contract.

Informal Discussion with Councillors

Two Councillors will be present in the village hall for 30 minutes prior to each full Council meeting, on a rota system. This is to give parishioners the chance to speak informally to a Councillor about any matter. This will initially be for a trial period of 6 months. Parishioners are still welcome to speak on an agenda item during the public participation session of a Council meeting.

Bus Shelter Roof

The supporting beam of the bus shelter roof is deteriorating, and the Council resolved that the Maintenance Person will establish what materials are required and carry out work to secure the roof.

Dog Mess

There are increasing reports that dog mess is being left on the Green and also reports that bagged dog waste is being put into homeowners' private wheelie bins. Hilton Parish Council would like to remind all dog owners and walkers to pick up after their dogs and to utilise the proper bins provided at the entrance to the Wilderness, opposite the Village Hall and opposite the Cricket Pavilion.

Litter

There are also disappointing reports of litter being left on the Green, particularly near the football goal posts. Please act responsibly and take your rubbish home with you or utilise the above-mentioned litter bins.

20s Plenty for Cambridgeshire



20's Plenty for Us

...making your place a better place to be

Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it supports 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire's aim for wide-area, default signed 20mph limits with public engagement for this Parish and across Cambridgeshire's urban and village settlements. Further information can be found on their website - www.20splenty.org. Councillors would also like to ask residents to do their bit and travel through the village at 20mph. The Council has resolved to purchase wheelie bin stickers for parishioners to display. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a wheelie bin sticker – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1st November 2021 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Fen Drayton Tots

Fen Drayton Tots

Friendly parent led group for carers and children upto school age.

Large range of toys with indoor and outdoor space for play with a range of activities.

First Monday of every month Parafunalia attends for a story and music session. Session is £4, Mondays 10am -12 at Fen Drayton Village Hall excluding school holidays.

Fresh tea/coffee/squash and snacks.

Contact Fendraytontots@gmail.com for further info or find us on Facebook. Booking advisable

Hilton Community Garden: To harm and to heal...two interesting plants

Plants have many uses and among them we have found the vital ingredients for cosmetics and medicines. The earliest gardens concentrated only on herbs and medicinal plants as there were no other remedies for illnesses. Such gardens were known as Gardens of Physic and Chelsea, where the annual Flower Show is held, is a good example. Botanical gardens developed from herbal gardens. The first of these was in Oxford on the four acre site it occupies to this day. Botanists were regarded as we regard dispensing chemists..there to give advice and offer pills.

There are some interesting cases of native plants which can be harmful as well helpful.

Foxgloves Digitalis



Foxgloves are native plants or wild flowers. Cultivated forms come in other colours, but the decorative spikes of the native Foxglove are purple. They grow happily in dry shade and we have planted some under the trees where we hope to combine them with other native species particularly ones which encourage insects and birds.

Digitalis its Latin name is a plant with an interesting dual nature. Parts of it are poisonous, but if processed properly it offers a very successful treatment for heart problems. Medicine from this plant helps increase the efficiency of the heart rate. William Withering as long ago as 1785 described how drug preparations of 'digoxin' help to regulate the pulse.

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Deadly Nightshade *Atropa Belladonna*



Though a native plant, this is not one to find room for in a Community Garden. Everything about the appearance of this plant with its dark purple flowers looks sinister, except for the wonderfully shiny, juicy, black berries. Be warned appearances are deceptive: these are highly toxic; be reassured...none have been seen in Hilton. A few years ago in a village nearer to Cambridge a family out for a Sunday walk picked some of these beautiful berries and made them into a pie. The whole family was ill and had to be treated in Addenbrookes hospital suffering from symptoms which have been described as:

“hot as a hare, blind as a bat, red as a beet and mad as a hen”. The colourful language helping the physician to spot the diagnosis!

Whilst the plant's common name **Deadly Nightshade** points out its danger to the public, its Latin name indicates how it is used for medical and cosmetic purposes. **Belladonna** is the Italian word for a beautiful lady. The plant acquired the name because eye drops made from it were used to dilate the pupils, making eyes appear darker and larger. Renaissance portraits certainly featured women whose beauty had been enhanced by this cosmetic. Atropine is used to treat the symptoms of low heart rate.

Sophisticated modern techniques now ensure that the treatments mentioned above are factory made.

The botanist/apothecary/pharmacist no longer has to go out to collect the plants him/herself. However in *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare provides a good example of an early herbalist. Friar Lawrence, Romeo's mentor, enters carrying a basket of herbs that he has just gathered. He says “For naught so vile that on earth doth live/ Doth to the earth some special good doth give” the point that all plants have some good uses, even though it might not be apparent. Establishing the Friar's knowledge of botany is important in the plot as he later makes the potion that puts Juliet into such a deep sleep her family believe she is dead. The recipe is not given!
Claire Sarkies

HILTON Fireworks & Bonfire



Saturday 6th November

£3 per adult, £2 per child

Under school age free

Gate opens at 6pm

Fireworks start at 7pm

**Food and drink available
courtesy of Hilton Feast Week**



Please, no sparklers. Light up toys will be available to purchase.

Parking is restricted so please consider walking.

In the interests of safety please do not drive up Wraggs Row.

Combustible bonfire donations will be accepted from Hilton residents on Saturday 6th November from 9am to 1pm.

Sponsored by the Hutton Estate