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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.

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Letters & Notices

The Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust

This trust was founded 1n1728 by the will of Joseph Ellis. The object of the trust is to assist students who are the residents of Fenstanton and Fen Drayton with the purchase of books needed for their further/higher education. If you would appreciate help then apply to this trust. The fund is not a large one, but every little helps!

Any student interested should apply in writing to the Clerk of the trustees by 31 October 2019
All correspondence is in strict confidence.

Clerk to the trustees:
Mrs Christine Collison,
Holly Lodge,
The Fen,
Fenstanton.

Huntingdon PE28 9JT Email : <u>c.e.collison@googlemail.com</u>

HILTON, FENSTANTON, SINGLETONS.

Would you be interested in forming a group of like-minded people for

e.g. visits to the cinema, theatre, lunch or evening meals, or afternoon tea?

If so, please contact Jenny on 01480 831581 (Hilton.)

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

My hall is full of wrapped shoe boxes ,now just waiting to be filled. As I have said before the boxes are sent to Moldova, to the orphanages and hospitals where children wait with anticipation of what will be in their box this year. This will be the only present they will receive.

As usual the boxes will be filled with soap, flannel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, sharpener, rubber, toys, ball, bubbles, sweets, hat, gloves and a cuddly toy also £4 towards transport.

Some people like to fill their own boxes for me and some just get a few things from the list. If you would like to do a box then please phone me or there will be some at the United Reformed Church.

The closing date this year is 30th October, as beginning of November they will be collected and taken to the warehouse in Eastbourne where they will be sorted into age groups ready for the long journey.

If you have any donations or filled boxes please would you ring me or bring them to my house. address below.

I would like to thank everyone as I know they will arrive, sometimes we are not in but we have parcels left on the door step so if we are not there THANK YOU. With out you all I would not be able to fill so many boxes, last year Fenstanton filled 196, I would like to try to achieve this again.

Many thanks to you all, Jenny Stimpson 13 Little Moor, Fenstanton. Phone 01480 464939

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

You are invited to join us at the Church Centre on **Thursday 14**th **November** at any time between **8.00pm & 9.30pm** Come and listen to us sing or join in the choruses if you wish Free of charge, just bring your voice or just your ears!!

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

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

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

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you? You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.

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

For details call Ray and Niki on 01480 370973 or email raywhitby45@gmail.com or visit **Fen Shanty Folk** on **Facebook**.





PROUDLY PRESENTS

Quiz Night 2019

Saturday 5th October 7.30 – 11pm

Fenstanton & Hilton Primary school £5 per person (max 8 people per team)
To book your tickets please email fenstantonfootball@outlook.co.uk

Or ask any committee member of team coach

PLUS WIN A WHEELBARROW FULL OF BOOZE £2 per ticket

(Wheelbarrow not included)
Licensed cash bar / Cheese boards / Crisps (payable on the evening)

Dear Villager,

We write to you on behalf of Fenstanton Football Club, Men's and Youth Teams Committee, Coaches and Players to ask for your help.

We have over the past months experienced ongoing misuse and abuse of our clubs' facilities in the form of dog fouling, broken bottles, and graffiti, of which some has been racist.

We are intending to secure the site, however while we look into the best way to do this we would like to ask you to report anything you see which you feel may be out of the ordinary occurring on the site either to the police or to

Nicola Ramsbottom, Club Secretary 07903557371 or

Steve Mann, Club Chairman 07968081874

The club is privately owned by a trust and we are looking into securing funding to grow the club and improve its facilities. In the interim we will be putting up private property signage, and CCTV has already been installed with notices on the club house.

We would very much appreciate your help in this matter.

Kind regards Fenstanton Football Club Committee

Hilton Methodist Church October

Church Services

We were very pleased to welcome our new Minister, Revd. Nick Witham and his wife Elaine, to our United Service in September and hope they will soon settle into their new surroundings and enjoy their time in the area.

CHURCH SERVICES:

6th October at 10 am Local Arrangement.

13th October at 11 15am. Harvest Festival – Revd. Pam Siddall – followed by Bring and Share Lunch.

20th October at 10 am. Revd. Clifford Owen.

27th October at 10 am. Revd. Nick Witham. Holy Communion service.

DATE FOR YPU DIARY:

Sunday 3rd November at 6 30pm. – in the Methodist Church. A talk by Richard Wallis about the charity MISSION POSSIBLE, which he founded and its' work in Eastern Europe and Africa. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING



Saturday, 5th October 10.00am - 12.00 noon. in the Church Hall

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

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

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

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

Look forward to seeing you in the Church Hall.

ORGANIST NEEDED

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

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

Hilton Parish Church - October

Sunday 6 th	Trinity 16		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church	
Sunday 13 th	Trinity 17		
Hilton	11.15am	United Harvest Service (collection for Water Aid) & Sunday Club at Methodist Chapel, followed by Bring & Share lunch	
Friday 18 th			
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.	
Sunday 20 th	Trinity 18		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 27 th	Last after Trinity		
Hilton	10.00am	Joint service with Godmanchester – NOTE CHANGE TO NORMAL SER- VICE TIME TODAY!!	
Sunday 3 rd Nov	4 th before Advent		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church	



Contact information:

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





🍀 5.30pm – 7pm

🍀 Parish Church

Hilton





Free <u>All Age</u> event



Get creative



Food & Fun



Informal gathering



Churches of Hilton together



For all faiths, and none



Sep 20th, Oct 18th & Nov 15th



To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

Fenstanton Parish Church - October

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Thursday 3 rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)	
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club	
		Teenage Christians (TC) at the	
Friday 4 th	7.30 pm	Church Centre	
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Sunday 6 th	Trinity 16		
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club	
Thursday 10 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)	
Sunday 13 th	Trinity 17		
	10.30 am	Worship for All with Baptism	
Thursday 17 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)	
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club	
		Teenage Christians (TC) at the	
Friday 18 th	7.30 pm	Church Centre	
Sunday 20 th	Trinity 18		
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Baptism and Sunday Club	
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	
Thursday 24 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)	
Sunday 27 th	Last after Trinity		
	10.30 am	Family Communion	
Thursday 31 st	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)	
November			
Saturday 2 nd	11.00 am	All Souls' Day service	
Sunday 3 rd	All Saints Day		
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club	

Fenstanton Parish Church - October

Hello from your new Vicar!

Thank you for the lovely welcome we have received from so many people since our arrival in the parish back in July. Much of our welcome and meeting people has involved food, to the point where somebody said to me – you must think we are always eating. But gatherings around food and offering hospitality to family, friends, neighbours and welcoming strangers is part of what our community should be about. There is a lot in the news, at the moment, regarding increasing numbers of people who are suffering from isolation or lack of well-being. As autumn gets under way and then gives way to winter and dark nights, do think about your own well-being and that of others.

This time of year often causes us to reflect on life itself, with the changing seasons, November is just around the corner, Christmas cards are in the shops. We might think of family and friends who are working or studying away from home and wondering how they are getting on. If you would like anyone, or a situation, to be included in our prayers, or perhaps a prayer for yourself, then do let me know.

Sadly, we might also be thinking of loved ones, friends or neighbours, who are no longer with us. I'd like to invite you to a special service we will be holding on Saturday 2nd November at 11am at St Peter and St Paul, Fenstanton. (Please see separate advert).

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

God bless, Rev Rosie

Contact information:

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

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

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

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

For more information about our Community Fund please email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

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

All are invited to our



All Souls' Service

A short service to remember those who have died

Saturday 2nd November 2019 11.00 am Fenstanton Parish Church

Followed by refreshments

If you would like your loved ones name(s) read out during the service then please let us know or add the names to the list in Fenstanton Parish Church.

Contact: Rev Rosie Tallowin 01480 467393

Email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Or Mrs Niki Whitby 01480 370973 email: niki.whitby@sky.com

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - October

Preacher's Plan

October 6th 9-30am Rev Derek Newton

October 13th 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

Holy Communion

October 20th 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

October 27th 9-30am Mr Keith Cakebread

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events



Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Oct 8th and 22nd New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.

Coffee Morning 10-00 - 11-30am Oct 1st and 29th





Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Oct 15th

For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221

ALSO NOTE

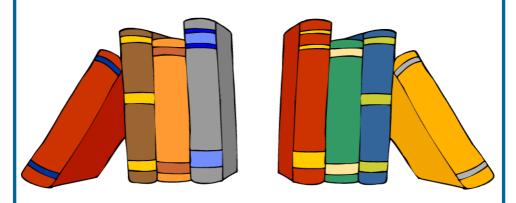
November 16th November Fayre December 7th & 8th Christmas tree festival

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - October

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET BOOK SALE



SATURDAY OCTOBER 12th 9-30AM—NOON

ALSO JIGSAWS ON SALE

On the front page

On Saturday 14th September we held our Hobbies Craft and Collection Day, the sun shone, and everyone was happy, lots of people came along and enjoyed the event.

Next year will be our 20th Hobbies Craft and Collections, maybe you have one you would like to share with us, please let me know, see you there.

Jean

Arabella and Megan in the photo raising money for their trip with the Guides next year.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives Church of the Sacred Heart,

19 Needingworth Pd

19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S. 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.

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

All are welcome

The Bridge Church Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

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

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



We also meet together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting**, bimonthly **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

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Grants for community groups

Your Parish Council invites applications for the annual grant awards to community groups under the categories of:

- Sports
- Community wellbeing

Last year awards were made to: The Village Sports Day Committee; Fenstanton Youth Football Club; Fenstanton Friendship Club and Fenstanton Rainbow Guiding Group.

Application forms and further information are available from the Parish Clerk

Supporting Fenstaton community groups

If you are a Fenstanton-based community group or team and could benefit from additional financial support

> Applications for annual parish council grants are now open.

Road closures and speed reduction measures

High Street and Low Road

Following the recent traffic chaos resulting from ill conceived and uncoordinated diversion routes and traffic management, your Parish Council can confirm that, at its behest, Cambridgeshire County Council is undertaking a full investigation and review of its processes to ensure Fenstanton will not be subjected to a similar horror scenario in future.

Speedwatch

The team is growing, with additional sites approved by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, so expect to see us around and about the parish on a regular basis.

An update of the equipment is imminent, which will further expand our reach to include persistent speeding along arterial roads

The future of the allotments

Following several meetings with the Diocese of Ely and its land agents, your Parish Council has been made aware that a planning application is currently being developed for submission to Huntingdon District Council, for a housing development on the Glebe Allotment Land leased by the Diocese to Glebe Allotment holders.

The Parish Council has previously objected to this development proposal and advised both the Diocese and Huntingdon District Council that it would not support a planning application on this land.

The Glebe Allotment Steering Group has been consulted over the proposed development on existing allotment land and a proposed alternative site which has been offered by the Diocese. The alternative site is viewed as unacceptable to both the Parish Council and the Steering Group.

The Parish Council has arranged a meeting with HDC Managing Director and Head of HDC Planning to make representations in respect of this and other matters of concern.

Your views would be very welcomed.

Current project updates

Multi use games area (MUGA)

Currently at final discussion stage with the A14 Community Legacy Fund

Village pond

Awaiting go ahead from the Environment Agency to clear invasive weed.

Chequer Street and Pitfield children's playgrounds

Additional upgrades imminent.

Path to the outdoor gym

Delivered, waiting for correct weather conditions for it to be laid.

The Fen Cycleway

Awaiting results of surface testing. Further consultation with residents

Timebank volunteer scheme

Launching October



A long weekend to remember 8th to 10th May 2020 - save the dates

Friday, 8th May

- Parade: clock tower to the war memorial
- Fenstanton street party, with children's entertainment



 Military Wives Choir and military band

Saturday, 9th May

- 1940's sports day and fayre
- Novelty dog show
- Duchess Choir



 Revival evening with the Galaxy Big Band.
 Dress for the era is optional but very much recommended

Sunday, 10th May

 'Dig for Victory' lunch and open allotments



- Memorial service
- Songs of Praise

Meet your Parish Councillors - Roy McGee

Roy began a career in the leisure industry in Great Yarmouth, which is where he originates, and subsequently went on to live and work in Leeds and then Bristol.

He moved to Fenstanton in 2000 together with his wife Heather and worked, until his retirement in 2007, in outside catering.

Since his retirement Roy has spent his time on his hobbies, these include: indoor lawn bowls and gardening; his keen interest in gardening has led to his involvement in Fenstanton Open Gardens.



Roy is disabled and a wheelchair user and, as such, is particularly interested in accessibility around the parish.

He is currently taking the lead on Speedwatch and the Community Clear up on Saturday, 21st September.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour

Recent incidents have again highlighted the issue of vandalism and anti-social behavior within the village.

Damage to cars

- Wing mirrors have been ripped off
- Car windows broken
- Car paintwork scratched

Outdoor gym

Over the last few weeks the outdoor gym has been targeted:

- Dog food has been smeared on the seats
- Grafitti has been sprayed onto the frame and seating

If anyone has further information on these, or other acts of vandalism, we encourage you to contact: Crimestoppers' on 0800 555 111 or by using its online contact form; the online web-chat tool on the new Cambridgeshire Constabulary web-site; or the '101' non-emergency telephone.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk, Annette Eggett:

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Fenstanton and the Conington King's Enclosure:

Back in April 2018 I wrote about the archaeological dig on the paddock that is known locally as 'The Park'. This dig took place prior to the development of the Park into a small housing estate. Over two separate essays I explained that the archaeologists had found a Roman Mansio; an imperial hotel, the Travel Lodge of the Roman age.

This unusually large Roman Mansio come-farmstead is thought to have been a state-controlled distribution centre linked to the Roman military

It has to be remembered that the Roman occupation lasted some four hundred years and this Mansio site would have been in use for most of that period. The area that it covers is very large and included what archaeologists think is a temple. The area of the supposed temple has been left undisturbed for future archaeologists to investigate. It is under the wooded area immediately adjacent to the A14 and slip road junction, known as the triangle.

What I did not tell you is that in total isolation they found a Saxon 'Grub Hut', (Gruber Hause) which should not have been there! This type of Saxon building was a normal wooden hut except that it had a basement. This could have been just a shallow hole used for storing food or a deeper one in which a slave or slaves would sleep alongside stored foodstuff. The one that was found appeared to have had a deep hole. No one was able to explain why this type of Saxon hut should be there on its own. From the finds found in and around it was apparent that the hut must have been in use for some considerable time. But why was it there? Then the A14 archaeologists made an amazing discovery at Conington which explained everything.

The small village of Conington is less than a mile from the old Fenstanton village centre and about half a mile from the Roman Mansio complex. Close to the centre of the modern village of Conington was discovered a Middle Saxon (7th-8th century) fortified settlement sitting on a ridge surrounded by a defensive ditch. Its height would have afforded a substantial vantage point over the flat Cambridgeshire landscape.

Archaeological evidence suggests that the enclosure had an imposing gated entrance and tall wooden posts. This looks to have been a very important place for the Saxons, who had much to defend here as it sat on a Middle Anglian tribal boundary between the larger Mercian and East Anglian kingdoms.

It is thought that Conington may have had royal connections. The word 'Conington' means 'King's enclosure' or 'estate' (cyninges-tun in Old English). Please do not confuse a Saxon Royal Palace with a building such as Buckingham Palace. The Saxons built in wood and the complex would have consisted of a large hall surrounded by smaller buildings for food storage, cooking, washing etc. All everyday life would have taken place within that great hall.

The settlement overlooks the Fenstanton Roman Mansio, which had been built alongside the Roman Road. It is thought that the Saxon settlement could have been a look-out post or checkpoint to control traffic along the old Roman road to the North (which now forms part of the modern A14). We know from finds like spindle whorls, loom-weights, finely made bone combs and a huge amount of distinctive pottery that this was an established and industrious settlement of

farmers, weavers and skilled craftspeople.

There was one gruesome secret for the settlement to give up. In its gateway was found the burial of a young woman. If her location was unusual, so was her posture: she lay face down in the enclosure ditch at the entrance to the site, on top of a backfilled gatepost. 'This was a burial without decorum. 'Deviant' burials like these are sometimes associated with punishment; there was no concern for the dead person's dignity. This may explain why we have found no sign of dress accessories or any other evidence that the woman was clothed when she entered the ground. Radiocarbon dating indicates that she died c.AD 680-879, and most likely c.750-

800.

Now we can go back to the Saxon 'Grubhut' among the ruins of the Roman Mansio complex. Why was it placed amongst the Roman buildings? As described in previous essays, when the Romans left Britton the Fenstanton villa farm complex to the north of the village and the imperial Mansio buildings to the south were no longer used and fell into disrepair. But, the buildings were still there when the incoming Saxon people invaded our village, driving out and/or killing off the original Celtic inhabitants. Some of the local Celts manged to escape the invasion and eke out a living deep in the great fen and these were known to the Saxons as Welsh, meaning foreigners. The Saxons were pagan people who lived in wooden huts; they would have been astonished to see buildings made of bricks and tiles.

In this period the gods and spirits were thought to be all around. The Saxon people were afraid of ghosts and considered the old Roman buildings to be full of apparitions of their former owners. Therefore they would not live in or near to these buildings. But they did find a use for them. These weatherproof buildings made perfect shelters for their animals and for storing perishable goods. I think that we can safely say that the Grubhut was used by a family of nightwatchmen, possibly housing local Celtic slaves.

John Deeks September 2019



giving nature a home Fen Drayton Lakes

Recognising our Volunteers

Whilst out working around the reserve, it's not unusual for me to be asked by visitors about how we manage the site and how many staff are responsible for it. These visitors are often surprised when I tell them that there are only two staff working on site to look after the almost 400-hectare reserve with its 16km of pathways. I then tell them about our amazing group of volunteers on whom we are reliant to carry out much of what we

Whether it is walking around the trails picking up rubbish, checking infrastructure for damage, running events, welcoming visitors in the car park, doing breeding bird and other biodiversity surveys or carrying out our essential habitat management work, there is almost no aspect of the job that volunteers are not involved in.

Our volunteers come from a diverse range of backgrounds and cover a broad age range, from teenagers to septuagenarians. Some are avid birders and nature lovers, others just enjoy being outdoors for a few hours. All are passionate about the site, keen to be involved and invaluable in the management of the reserve

If you would like more information about the volunteering opportunities here at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch.

> Simon Freedman Assistant Warden

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



Practical work party volunteer group doing some hedgerow management - Simon Freedman

Get involved....

Stargazing

Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes. Saturday 12 Oct, 8.30-9.30pm. Booking required.

Wednesday Wander

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

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Phone: 01954 233260

Fenstanton Friendship Club

28th August.

We had a great day on the river aboard "Ladybird". The weather was amazing, the company fantastic and the fish and chips lunch was perfectly cooked by "Local Fish and Chips", St Ives.

11th September

Dorothy Wood spoke to us about her journey through University which she embarked on after she had received her bus pass. It was always her dream to be a student and actually go to university. She chose horticulture as her subject and achieved a degree. An inspirational talk which proved that we are never too old to follow our dreams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th October

A talk on the importance of will making. TBC

23th October

An opportunity to find out what "Age Concern" can offer in the way of help to the community.

6th November

Lunch at the Hartford Mill, (Marina).

20th November

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

4th December

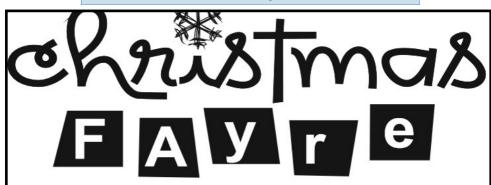
Christmas tea.

We meet every other Wednesday from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street.

2019 is our 70th anniversary year and we would like to make it special by having more new members and fresh ideas.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust



Friday 6th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower
Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm

The Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Christmas Draw at 7.15pm

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Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre



UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 3rd October from 7.30pm

AGM and social evening to include craft making session and quiz.

Thursday 7th November from 7.30pm Linda Garrick teaches us Chair Yoga

Thursday 5th December from 7.30pm Christmas Celebrations

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



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 2nd September 2019

NMU

The NMU Open Meeting on 18th July was well attended and a lot of useful feedback was received from the parishioners attending. Transport Initiatives are using this feedback to revise their report and the Council are awaiting the final report which is due this month. The Council will then meet to discuss the next steps dependent on the recommendations contained within the final report.

Speedwatch

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

Handyman

Our Handyman has resigned after many years of hard work for the village and the Council would like to thank him for his considerable contribution to our community. The Council will be recruiting a new handyman.

Hilton Traffic Group

The LHI (Local Highway Improvement) Funding bid has been submitted and the Council are awaiting the response.

Fireworks

Bonfire Night will be held on Saturday 9th November and the fireworks have now been ordered.

Funding approved for new children's play park in Hilton

Families in Hilton are set to get a new children's playpark thanks to a £52,901 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

The money, awarded by FCC Communities Foundation Community Action Fund, will be used to buy play equipment, replace the surface and fencing and improve the surrounding area of the Jubilee Play Park in Grove End.

Laura Chorlton of Hilton Parish Council believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in the area.

She says: "This project will provide a real boost to the people of Hilton. It's fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our playground taking shape over the next 6 months."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Continued—

Richard Smith, Grant Manager for FCC Communities Foundation says: "We're delighted to be supporting the play improvements at Hilton Park and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for children and young families. We are always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon."

Hilton Parish Council hopes the Playground will be ready to use by 1st December 2019.

Hilton Parish Council also acknowledge and thank the Hilton Town Trust and the Parishioners who kindly gave donations towards the project in both volunteering time and money.

Work begins on new children's play park in Hilton

Building work is under way to create a new playpark for children and their families in Hilton.

The Hilton Village Playpark project is a step closer now that the existing equipment and damaged surfacing has been removed at the site in Grove End.

The project, which is being funded by a £52,901 grant from FCC Communities Foundation, will provide brand new play equipment and facilities once it is open later this year.

Sara Partridge, Hilton Parish Councillor is excited that the project is starting to take shape.

She says: "It's great to see our vision for this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We are extremely grateful for the funding FCC Communities Foundation has given us and we're looking forward to opening to the public."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, Grant Manager for FCC Communities Foundation says: "It is always good to see a project we have funded start to take shape. The community at Hilton has put a huge amount of effort into making this project a reality and I'm looking forward to seeing the completed area being well used."

Work has now begun on the playground and parishioners are advised that there may be some disruption in the Grove and to take extra care when walking past the playground. The Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th October 2019 in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Hilton Arts & Crafts Show results 2019

Photography - Best in Class Paul Richardson Memorial Trophy Dave Norman "Colours of Anglesey Abbey" Chris Rathbone Georgia Whitbread

Children - Best in Show 9-12 Abigail Capes "Anderson Shelter" Chloe Minter 8 & under Eltyam Capes "The Clawyers Chloe Minter Rose Warboys

Any Craft Adult - Best in Show Kelly Shone "All Things Space" Emma Northwood (2)

A great success again in terms of quality & quantity of entries, encompassing a wide age-range.

A huge thank you to Kelly Shone for her gesture in donating for auction her Best in Show winner, with the proceeds (£70) to go to Hilton Feast Week.

HACS - Hilton Arts & Crafts are actively seeking more volunteers, year round & for single events to plan & organise our contribution to Hilton Feast Week 2020



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

Hilton Produce Show

"Weeds in wheels shoot long and lovely and lush" wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem Spring. You can tell he was not a gardener!

Strange to think of a plant with an ASBO, but the amendment to the 2014 Anti-social behaviour Crime and Policy Act includes invasive non native plants of which the Japanese Knotweed, is perhaps the most notorious miscreant. It is a thug with a rhizomatous root system that compares with a tangle of deep-sea anchors. It grows tall and the stems have a bamboo like appearance. It was collected by a medical doctor called Franz Siebold who worked for the Dutch East India Company giving him the opportunity to travel in South-East Asia and live in Japan for several years. A dedicated plantsman, he collected many plants, sometimes performing cataracts in exchange for seeds. I know of this man because of one of his finest discoveries: Clematis Fortuna sieboldii. It has a white flower with a beautiful purple centre. But unlike the K. weed it is slow to thrive.

Weeds in the garden do seem to go in waves. Suddenly we discover a nuisance plant in one part of the garden and then...everywhere. Composts we are told are no the place for perennial weeds, but seed-spreading is hard to stop. Bindweed, too, has roots as deep as the hills are high. Geoffrey Smith, a high profile gardener was once asked for the worst bit of garden advice he had received. Seeking a cure for bindweed in his allotment he was told to use a rotavator, which, of course, simply chopped the bindweed and spread it all over his plot!

The recommended treatment for knotweed and bindweed is glysophate which is present in Round-Up widely used because it is said to be biodegradable. However, this may be forced off the shelf, following an American court case. The US jury found a glysophate based weed-killer to be "a substantial factor" in the cancer (non Hodgkins lymphoma) suffered by a groundsman who has been awarded significant compensation. An earlier weed treatment, sodium chloride, which was recommended for paths and drives was also withdrawn a few years ago.

The delightfully named Gardeners' Question Time panellist, Bob Flowerdew, suggests a novel treatment for persistent weeds in cracks in paving and patios: boiling water. Left-overs in the kettle are indeed a remarkably effective weed-killer with no chemical residue. The danger is not so much to the environment then, rather to the administrator. Careful negotiation of steps, an "all clear" to avoid scalding of other garden users and, it has to be said a strong constitution, because death is almost instant:fleshy dandelions shrivel, leaving an odour of boiled vegetables.

One of the troubles is we don't always recognise the problem until it is in full spate. This is because some of us do not always know whether the new inmate is friend or foe. I have fallen foul a few times. Two weeds which now torment me are:

- 1 Dogs Mercury? which LOVES dark sites under other plants, especially roses, but looks innocent with a small flower spike. When pulled out it has a white root stock. Sometimes it comes out easily and satisfyingly with a single tug and a slither of white. Other times it snaps or you miss the target and hit a thorn instead.
- 2. Oxalis is a little creeper with here's the problem... a pretty growth habit of red clover like leaves and small yellow flowers emerging from a long pointed bud. The dark leaves make it difficult to spot and it has put itself about the whole garden because it was tolerated for too long as an ornament (!) to the patio.

Finally what of the plants which become weeds because they are prolific? I expect we all have examples of over performing plants. In our garden grape hyacinths were a problem for a long time,

the wrong sort of bluebell was a headache and now how I regret the purchase of a Milk Thistle from a stall in St. Ives . Yes it has attractive foliage and reaches an impressive height with large flower heads...BUT is has prickles that are savage and infants that grow where you least expect them. The Milk thistle cull is an ongoing campaign.

Long and lovely and lush? Give me short and shrivelled any day!

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HILTON HARVEST SUPPER - SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019



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So do order your tickets now for this worthwhile and enjoyable village event, and don't forget to bring your own drinks as there will be no bar this year.

Hilton Village Hall

Reminder: Hilton Village Hall are holding a TABLE TOP SALE on Saturday 26th October, 10.00 - 13.00 hrs. tables are

already selling at £5. Refreshments also available. If you would like to book a space, please contact Lesley Fordham 831195.

Just a reminder about our 'COFFEE STOP' Cafe in the Hall Thursday 10th October 2 - 4 and open for all ages and, as always, this co-incides with visit from the Mobile Library 14.05 - 14.20. Hilton Village Hall Management C'tee.

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The Legion website provides details of the wide-ranging eligibility for support and help for, "Care and independent living, physical and mental wellbeing, and financial and employment advice".

To check for your eligibility for this available support/advice, either:

Visit The Pop In Centre held on the 3rd Monday of every month in the Ivy Leaf Club, 23 The Broadway, St Ives, between 11am and 1pm. Where there are trained volunteers to advise you.

Tel - 0808 802 8080 The team there will forward a caller to a local unpaid and trained welfare officer or community visitor.

If you have access to the internet, search - info@britishlegion.org.uk

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Margaret 831 186 and Julie 830 580 Hilton's Poppy Appeal Organisers



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HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

SEPTEMBER'S meeting was a great success, our demonstrator was Lesley Beeton, Lesley did 6 wonderful

arrangements which 6 lucky ladies won in the raffle, Lesley always makes the afternoon entertaining.

OCTOBER 7th is our work shop so don't forget to bring your scissors.

NOVEMBER demonstrator will be Ann Purt getting us in the mood for

Christmas, come along and get some ideas for your Christmas arrangements.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm----4pm

Entrance £5.00 (includes tea/ biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

Look forward to seeing you all.

Beverley

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 - <u>abigailhalstead@hotmail.com</u> / 07749 682229 for further information.

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Hilton Art Club

The weather was lovely on 30th August: sunny and warm, although admittedly a bit cool in the shade, and it was great to have so many people turn out for the en plein air session in Hilton. Great company both during the morning and also at lunch afterwards.

4th October 10 am – 4 pm Acrylic Speed Painting – Full Day's Workshop. Tutor-led workshop with Lois Cordelia.

18th October 9.30 am – 12.30 pm After The Rain: capturing mood, atmosphere and light. Please bring along your own pictures/props.



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Hilton WI

On September 9th Sue Stephenson had us all absolutely rocking with laughter when she gave us her version of life in the so called Swinging Sixties.

In 1960 aged 11 she went to the Secondary Modern school and told us about the first Domestic science lesson where she was shown how to wash a comb and hairbrush!

She enjoyed school and when a former pupil came to talk about her job as a nurse she thought that was a good thing to do herself.

She described her life as a cadet nurse as hard work but having great times with her cadet friends as they tried to be really modern wearing all the latest (mostly homemade) fashions and having to sneak back into their rooms after 10o'clock through a left open window!

Many of us remembered the torture of going to bed in hair rollers and next day spraying hair with Pompadour hairspray. Then of course came mascara, eye liner and eye shadow and the bright red or pink lipstick. To complete this transformation from being ordinary to super attractive along came Panstick foundation and American tan tights.

Girls were beginning to have more freedom in many ways and with the advent of Rock and Roll to go to see their concerts was an adventure in itself. Even parents changed in their ways ladies could actually go out in trousers! She settled down after meeting her husband in Lincoln and life became less exciting but she said she lived life to the full before getting married and she now gives talks to similar groups of ladies with lots of feedback form them. A really great evening's entertainment. On October 14th it will be our AGM followed by social time when we can relax with fellow members and look forward to our meeting on November 11th when we shall be enjoying listening to Upwood Ukuleles.

Be at the Village Hall at 7:30 pm drinks and nibbles after the serious stuff has been sorted.

Kath Charter

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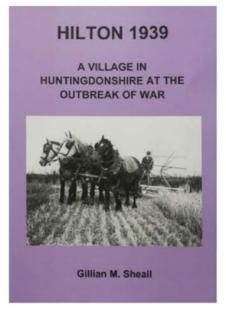
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Hilton Feast Week

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM, it was wonderful to receive such positive feedback and to hear how much Feast Week 2019 was enjoyed.

And so, we move on to planning for Feast Week 2020 and organising our all important fundraisers, the first of which will be a Quiz Night with fish and chip supper on Saturday 12th October at Hilton Village Hall. Ticket sales will close for pre-ordering at midnight on 1st October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12th October 2019

Quiz Night with Fish and Chip supper

Tickets £12.50 (Gluten free option for £15) available from <u>www.feastweek.co.uk</u> ticket sales close at midnight on 1st October



Saturday 9th November 2019

Refreshments, mulled wine and novelties stall at Hilton Village Fireworks

Saturday 14th December

Children's Christmas party at Hilton Village Hall

FEAST WEEK 2020

More details will be announced, so please do follow us on social media and keep an eye out for posters on public notice boards in Hilton. Tickets for all event shall be available to purchase from our website www.feastweek.co.uk or from any committee member.

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 ensure you are added to the group.

Here's to another exciting and fun-filled year!







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What's on in October

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4th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47
5th	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P12
5th	Hilton Harvest Supper			P43
5th	Fenstanton Youth Football Club Quiz Night	Primary School	7:30 pm	P11
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47
11th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P49
12th	Hilton Feast week Quiz Night	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P53
9/23	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P34
12th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P21
18th	Friday Feast	Parish Church Hilton	5:30 pm	P15
26th	October Hilton Table Top Sale	Hilton Village Hall	10am to 1pm	P43

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'

2nd November Fenstanton Parish Church Remembrance Service P19

9th November Hilton Fireworks P53

13th November Shanty Folk P10

23rd November Hitlon Parish Fare Christmas Fare P13

30th November Mulled Wine evening in aid of Church Restoration Fund

6th December Fenstanton Village Hall Committee Christmas Fare P24

14th December Children's Christmas Party P53

14th December Swavesey Choir Carols P18

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p47) Shanty Folk (p10) Golden Gamers (P49)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters, Coffee & chat, Tuesday Lunch (20)

For Church services etc. see pages 12 to 23



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