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Tree seed Sowers!

Free tree seeds and pots

Following a donation, I am ordering tree seeds and have 500 4"/100mm biodegradable pots available for any resident in Fenstanton

They are seeds of small trees ideal for most gardens.

The plan is to encourage tree planting in the village and offer the trees to Fenstanton residents.

If you are interested, please contact me by email Raypuddefoot@gmail.com

I am working with Roy McGee and the Parish council on a tree planting plan for the Hampton Close football field to be planted autumn 2022

> Let's do something green for our villages. See page 33

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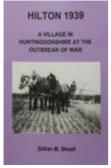
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Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** are still available 67 pages, with illustrations

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*

Letters & Notices

Since the first lockdown I have been walking around the village and the bird reserve for exercise. I am very sad to report that there is an increasing incidence of dog fouling, both in the village and on the local footpaths. I tend to step aside when I see walkers approaching to allow for distancing and have narrowly missed stepping in dog mess several time.

It's not just the risk of treading this mess into our homes that is of concern, but animal poo can carry unpleasant diseases, such as toxoplasmosis which can infect humans.

The majority of dog walkers do clear up after their dogs. May I plead with those who haven't caught up with this practise to do so urgently. It might be your child who gets toxoplasmosis!

Margaret Blount

THE CHARITY STALL OUTSIDE 28 BELL LANE

The stall closed on 11th September, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 18 months.

The final total was £6600-30p, this has gone to 35 different charities.

THANK YOU Jean

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has delivered boxes, money and items for the boxes. I very often have a surprise when I go to my front door and find a box or bag full of things, I have no idea who has delivered them but thank you.

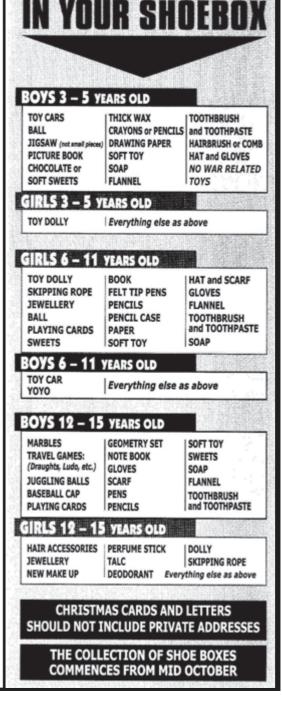
We are now getting closer to the packing of the boxes, so if anyone has any items they would like to donate, please can you let me have them. Also, lots of people like to fill their own boxes, please may I have them by 27th October as our boxes will be collected at the end of October. These are then taken to the big warehouse to be sorted in Eastbourne, then towards the end of November the boxes will start the long journey to Moldova.

If anyone would like to fill their own box, I have plenty wrapped ready.

One item we are usually short of is make up, nail varnish, deodorant for the older children. If you would like to donate anything, please ring or deliver to the address below.

Many thanks once again,

Jenny Stimpson 13 Little Moor, Fenstanton Phone 01480 464939





Hilton Parish Church - October

SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sunday – Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
11.15am Sunday – Family Communion (2rd 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

HILTON METHODIST SERVICES (all in church unless stated otherwise)

October 3rd at 10am. Dr Roland Randall

October 10th at 10am. Rev Dawn Colley Holy Communion service

October 17th at 11.15am. United Harvest Festival service with Rev Nick Witham and Rev David Busk

There will be a collection for Wateraid and we will be pleased to accept food donations for Godmanchester Foodbank

October 24th at 10am. This is a local arrangement service on Zoom. Joining details from Tel. 830273

October 31st at 10am. Rev Baker-Maher

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - October

We are pleased to welcome you to our church

Services are at 09.30, Sunday mornings. All are welcome.

3 rd October - Reverend Roy Muttram

10 th October - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

17 th October - Harvest Festival led by Reverend Derek Newton

24 th October - Reverend Roy Muttram

31 st October - Reverend Peter Ball

7 th November - Led by Geraldine Swain

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

Meditation – 12 th October, 2-4pm

Slimming World is back on a Tuesday from 5pm, and Pilates is on a Wednesday morning

Geoff Hawkins

Fenstanton URC Secretary





If you are sorting out your shed or workshop and have any tools surplus to your requirements please donate them to WORK AID

We are having a collection on Saturday 16th OCTOBER

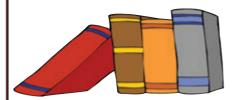
Please bring them along between 10.00am - 1.00pm Fenstanton United Reformed Church.

Workaid - Tools for Life - The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The Workaid website has a list of the required tools

FENSTANTON
UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH

CHEQUER STREET

BOOK SALE SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER





9-30AM- 12- NOON

ALSO JIGSAWS ON SALE





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



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 October 2021

Hello, how are you doing?

We are still publishing service details with the caveat that things might need to change at short notice.

We are trying to plan ahead but cautiously. We continue to check the restrictions and follow the guidance as set out by the government and Church of England.

Towards the end of October, we are planning to organise a "Time to Remember" service for Saturday 30th October at 11am in the Parish Church. This will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones, friends and others who have died in the last year or previous years. If you would like to have a name (or names) read out during the service, then please let us know. All are welcome to attend, but please bear in mind any restrictions that may be applicable at the time. We will have our memory tree again. This is an opportunity to place a heart on the tree with the name(s) of those you are remembering. We hope to have the church open in the following weeks for those who can't attend the service and wish to place a heart on the tree.

Advance notice for Remembrance Sunday, 14th November –there will be a service for Remembrance Sunday in St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton, beginning at 10:15am and will include an Act of Remembrance at the Fenstanton War Memorial at 11am. All welcome.

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

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October	October 2021					
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject						
to chang	e. 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	For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie			
Sunday 3 rd	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	Drayton 10am Parish Service, Holy Communion With baptism Live stream may be available				
Monda y 4 th			8pm Night Prayer (Compline)			
Thursd ay 7 th			8.30am Morning Prayer			
Sunday 10 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Worship For All service at Fenstanton (no communion) Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details				
	8.55am for a 9.15am service	Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton				
Monda y 11 th			Prayer Group 7.30pm 8pm Compline			
Thursd ay 14 th			8.30am Morning Prayer			
Sunday 17 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				
Monda y 18 th			8pm Night Prayer (Compline)			

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Thursday 21 st			8.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion With baptism Live stream may be available	
	8.55am for a 9.15am service	Please note there is a service of Morning Praise at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 25 th			8pm Night Prayer (Compline)
Thursday 28 th			8.30am Morning Prayer
Saturday 30 th	10.40am for an 11am service	11am Time to Remember	
Sunday 31 st	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available	

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

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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.

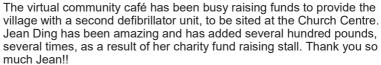
Why not visit our Facebook page - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdfscommuni-tyfund@gmail.com or you can contact Rev Rosie Tallowin (our Rector) on 01480 467393

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: weekly virtual Café, all welcome "face2face" Monthly Community Café: launch date Tuesday 5th October

We have lots of news this month!!



But just as we were researching defib units and planning our next steps, one of our founder virtual café members died suddenly, RIP Mark Richardson. Our Café family was devastated by that news to say the

least, as Mark had been such an encourager and champion for our fund-raising cause. The café raised a cup/mug/glass in his memory and a virtual sausage roll. (Mark was one of no-cakey people, see last month's article).

But Mark's lovely family decided that any donations given in memory of Mark should go towards the defib unit. How kind and thank you so much. We are still raising funds and in the process of deciding which defib unit to get. Do get in touch if you would like to make a donation.

UPDATE: From October the Virtual Community Café will continue to meet weekly except for the first Wednesday of each month, when it will become the Virtual Night Café and meet from 8-9pm, in the evening.

And now for news about our "face2face" Community Café.
So.....drum roll please......after so much waiting our very first
"face2face" Community Cafe date is Tuesday 5th October, from
2pm to 3pm. The face2face Community Café will meet on the first
Tuesday afternoon of each month and we will be looking out for
more volunteers to help, either on an occasional or regular basis.
Future dates: 2 November and 7 December.

Weather permitting, we hope to have a table and seating outside for dog walkers who may want to pause/paws....(groan, I know) for a moment and have a cuppa and a chat.

The main hall can be accessed by a ramp, located on the church side of the building and there is a fully equipped disabled toilet located in the entrance lobby of the Church Centre. We will be a covid responsible face2face Community Café and we ask that people wear a face covering when moving around the Church Centre. Everyone should sanitise hands please.

Pop-up face2face Community Café: We are very aware that the day and time of the face2face Community Café will not suit everyone, and our long-term plan is that we hope to have a pop-up community café every so often, on a different day and time.

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

The Sunday service is at 10.30am in our lovely church building at No,2, Burrel Road, St Ives, PE27 6RR: Come for some lively worship; hear about God's love

for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet together in small groups during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith.

We hold a monthly church prayer meeting plus 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)



Fenstanton Bowls Club

Well, here we are at the end of the outdoor bowling season. It's been amazing to be back bowling and to catch up with all our friends. We ended the season with President's Day celebrations which included some great bowling, brilliant

music and a spot of line dancing..... all good fun.

We enjoyed a very successful competitive year with our teams all finishing well in their respective leagues. Josie Charter and Gill Burgess did the club proud by winning the Cambridge and District Pairs Championship....a great achievement. So, with our bowls all safely tucked up like hedgehogs in hibernation, we are already planning exciting times for next year so watch this space.

For more details, check out our website www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk or call Barry on 07541 968125 or Patricia on 07801 946729



Fenstanton Literary Institute - Invitation to Local Charities to Apply for Funds
Are you a Fenstanton charity looking for funding to help towards your project?
If so, you may be eligible to apply to for funds from the Fenstanton Literary Institute Trust which is being wound up following the sale of the Institute. Under Charity Commission rules the Trust can distribute remaining funds to other charities with similar purposes.
In brief to be eligible Applicants must:

Be a registered charity based in the Parish of Fenstanton

Demonstrate that they have similar purposes to the Trust (whose purpose is to "promote education for adults & children including recreational social and physical training").

Be able to provide details of a specific project to be funded.

How to apply: Send an email to <u>FenstantonLitInst@gmail.com</u> and we will send you an application form with more detail about what is required. Applications will only be accepted via this method.

Deadline: Please send your applications by 31 October 2021.

The Trustees of Fenstanton Literary Institute



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Everyone knows that birds fly south for the winter, heading down to Africa and the warmer Mediterranean climates of Southern Europe to wait out the cold winter months before returning to nest in the spring. What is often overlooked is the fact that many species from Northern Europe, including Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia, also head south for the winter, but for them the islands of the UK are their destination with our warmer climate and milder winter.

Perhaps the most obvious winter arrivals are out on the lakes with several new species of duck appearing to join the residents. Wigeon, the first of these, form large wintering flocks and are as likely to be seen grazing the grasslands around the lakes as on the water itself. These medium sized ducks are often heard before they are seen as they make loud whistling calls to each other. Males are mostly grey with a pink breast, brown head and yellow forehead whilst females are brown. Both sexes have a white patch on their wings that is clearly seen when they are in flight.

Teal are our smallest species of duck and another winter arrival. Males are mostly grey with a yellow-and-black tail and a chestnut head with a bright green eye patch that gives the colour its name. Females are mottled brown. Both sexes show a bright green wing patch in flight.

Goldeneye are a species of diving duck that can be seen out on the deeper bodies of water. Males are unmistakable with mostly white bodies and glossy green, triangular shaped heads whilst the females are smaller with brown heads and a greyer body. Both sexes, of course, have bright yellow eyes.

Away from the water, berry-laden hawthorn bushes attract wintering thrushes in the form of redwing and fieldfare. Fieldfare are large and colourful with a slate grey head and rump, black tail, brown back and a pale breast with black spots. Redwing are our smallest thrush and have brown upperparts with a pale eye strip, pale streaked breast and red underwing patches.

It is not only new species arriving. Numbers of our year round resident species also increase as birds from the



Fieldfare perched on hawthorn - Gill Street

continent, particularly Scandinavia, come and join their British counterparts in our milder climate. Numbers of blackbird, wood pigeon, starling, herons and many waterbirds drastically increase across the reserve.

One seasonal highlight is the arrival of several thousand starlings coming in at dusk, usually from November, to roost in the reedbeds of Elney and Holywell lakes. These birds are famed for the large flocks they form, known as murmurations. Watching from the ground, flocks move like a single organism through the sky, stretching out into a long line before folding back into a ball, rising up and diving back down, wheeling around and eventually dropping down to roost in a truly mesmerising display.

On a crisp autumn morning why not put on a coat and come for a walk to see what's around? You never know what you might see.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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

Fenstanton for people new to the village: By John Deeks

Welcome to the village of Fenstanton. This is not a quiet dormitory or retirement village. The inquisitive person will find evidence of longstanding links with farming at every turn. The well-ordered fields that surround the village are dotted with farms. The village has always been an important complex on the road from Cambridge to Godmanchester. Even with the development of new estates and the increase in population it has lost none of its charm and character, it is simply a great place to live.

We have no idea what name the village had prior to the Saxon period, it is more than likely that it was not named. In a period when people were born, lived and died in the same place, chances are that a village did not need a name. We shall never know for sure but I am reasonably certain that the Romans would have had a name for the Celtic village with its Imperial Mansio (the Travel Lodge of its day) that they passed on the Roman Road from the fort at Cambridge to the Fort at Slepe (St Ives). But if they did, there is no mention of this in the surviving records.

It was the Saxons who first put a name to our village. As trade and travel became more common it was necessary to know where you were going and where you had come from. Village names were usually either the name of the founder or a topographical name and ours was the latter. The name Fenstanton literally means 'the stoney place (or farm) in the fen' which is an apt description of the village location beside the old Great Fen. The first recorded appearance of the village name was in a charter dated 1012.

Fenstanton has a long and fascinating history. It was and still is, the only village that is on the old Roman road from Cambridge to Godmanchester. Many famous people have passed through the village, including Boadicea, Queen of the Celtic tribe the Iceni, Hereward the Wake, spent much of his youth in the village. Queen Joan of Scotland lived here, probably on the site of the present Grove House and Queen Elizabeth I dined in the village at the Bishop of Ely's palace (now the school playing field). Even Samuel Pepys refreshed himself in the village on his way from Peterborough to Cambridge. During Cromwell's time, in 1644, many of his men were stationed in the village so it is more than likely that he too passed through.

Fenstanton is the ancestral home of Dick Turpin the infamous highway robber and John Howland one of the original passengers on the Mayflower in 1620. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown bought the manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton in 1768. Although he never lived here, he and his wife are buried in the church.

Fenstanton is a lively village and is well provided with the necessities of life. There is now just one pub the Duchess. Also a general store, bakers, farm shop, fish & chip shop, post office, butchers, hairdressers, beauty salon, dress shop and others. In fact in terms of facilities the village is comparable to a small town. Uncommonly, the village is able to boast its own marina.

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Villagers' spiritual needs are met by 3-churches. The parish church of St Peter and St Paul dates from the 13th century. The Particular Baptist and the United Reformed Church, each have their own chapels. All of these churches have their own social clubs and events throughout the year. Methodists are served by the Methodist church in Hilton.

Education is provided by an infant and junior school shared with neighbouring Hilton. The Ladybird Day Nursery is for the pre-school children. The senior schools are in Huntingdon and Swavesey and pupils are bussed in daily. Many clubs thrive including the over 60s (called the Friendship Club), allotments, cubs, scouts, brownies and guides, plus many others. Bowls and football clubs are very active and open to all villagers. There is an annual village sport day where the whole village comes together to have fun and win prizes. The village magazine is called 'Spectrum' and is delivered free of charge to each home in the village 10-months of the year.

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

The Fenstanton Town Trust

This trust dates back to the time of Queen Elizabet 1 to help the villagers of Fenstanton. If you reside in the village and could benefit by receiving financial help from the trust, please apply in writing. All applications will be considered and treated in confidence.

Clerk to the trustees:

Mrs A Sinclair-Russell. Oakwood, West Park Street, Chatteris, Cambs. PE16 6AL

Tel: 01354 536355

Email: andannred@hotmail.com.

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:
c.e.collison@googlemail.com

LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

Were you, as I was, surprised by the Met. Office's statement that the summer just gone was one of the warmest the UK has experienced? Certainly, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Northern England and North Wales had a predominately warm and settled summer but in our region less amounts of sunshine, some unsettled spells and a greater frequency of Northerly winds combined to produce a much more average summer than we have become used to during the last 10 years or so. Perhaps one's perception is also influenced by the fact the cold Spring did not release its grip until the last day in May, unlike most years when Spring has at least a few Summery days and also that families, particularly those with school children tend to view summer based on the weather which occurs in August when holidays are taken, and at weekends.

Looking at the actual figures however, there was a spell of 16 days of warm sunny weather from the beginning of June with only a small amount of rain on a couple of days. The second half of June was dominated by northerly winds which produced cool, often cloudy and unsettled conditions. The first half of July brought unsettled weather with temperatures near normal, while the second half was generally warm or very warm, being especially so between the 16th and 22nd when daily maxima were between 25C (77F) and 30C (86F). Unsettled conditions returned on the 27th and on the 30th the first named storm of 2021, Evert, crossed the UK. On the 28th a thunderstorm, with torrential rain and hail resulted in localised flooding as nearly an inch fell in a short time. August was a disappointing month, often rather cool and cloudy but with below average rainfall.

Unlike the summers of 2019 and 2020 which both contained hot spells amounting to a total of 7 and 6 days respectively over 30C (86F). This year there was only one day which just reached 30C (86F). However during the three summer months this year a total of 60 days reached 21C (70F) or more, compared with only 46 days in 2019 and 52 days in 2020. There were however, several warm days in the Springs of these two years. Night time minimuma were generally in the range 13C to 15C this summer which is above average.

In summary, an uneventful summer, but not so in other parts of the world where climate changes are producing some disturbing events - extreme heat, wide scale wildfires, massive rainfall events and more powerful and destructive storms. Starting with dangerously life threatening heat, in June a massive heat dome formed over Canada and Western USA causing temperatures to beat previous records by up to 5C (9F). In Lytton, Canada the temperature reached 49.6C (121.3F) with resultant wildfires then destroying the town.

Extreme heat also occurred in Europe with 48.8C (119.8F) recorded in Floridia, near Syracuse in Sicily. The heat affected most of the Mediterranean countries with extensive wildfires ensuing. The heaviest monsoon rains for decades occurred in parts of India, while nearer home continuous torrential rain caused catastrophic flooding with loss of life in parts of Germany and Belgium and along the Rhine. In Henan Province, China, the equivalent of a years annual rainfall fell in July 3 in just days affecting the homes and livelihoods of an estimated 13 million people.

So while summer this year may not have been to everyones liking in our region of the UK, for the time being at least perhaps one should appreciate our more temperate conditions.

Patrick Landucci

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our meeting on the 15th September was well attended with 6 non members also coming, 4 for the first time. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces and listen to the hub of conversations whilst enjoying refreshments. This was all very encouraging for the future of the club, with some ideas put forward for upcoming meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 13th

History of the Roman Catholic Church building in St Ives given by Ellen Kemp. This building is of architectural interest, designed by Pugin and originally in Cambridge. Come and find out it's many little known facts.

OCTOBER 27th

We will be entertained by the musical duo, Brian and Paul, known as "Panache".

Very well worth coming along to enjoy their charm, wit and lovely music.

NOVEMBER 10th

A talk on gardening by David Gedye, 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.

We are a very friendly group and will make all who wish to attend the meetings very welcome. Any questions, please call me.

Marie Newns 01480 350677



Fenstanton Brownies and Guides are looking forward to welcoming girl back when face to face meetings start in October.

Hilton Rainbows and Brownies are welcoming lots of new Rainbows and Brownies as they start holding face to face meetings.

We hope we will continue to have help and support from parents.

Fenstanton Rainbows are unable to re-open yet as we are still looking for a leader; we must have a leader in training before they can start meeting. We have plenty of girls waiting to come along to Rainbows but we are wanting adults to run things so they can start meeting.

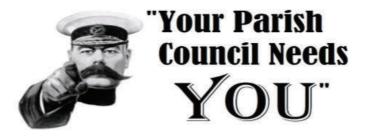
If you would like to know more about volunteering with Girlguiding the website has lots of information check out the section Get involved / Become a volunteer. Please visit main Girlguiding website: www.girlguiding.org.uk and

If you want to ask anything about local Rainbow; Brownie or Guide units in Fenstanton or Hilton please contact us via our new e-mail for this area: GirlguidingGalleyHill@gmail.com

Fenstanton Leaders: Judith Follon, Guides and Amy White, Brownies Hilton leaders: Karen Baker and Julie Muscutt for both Rainbows and Brownies

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancies



We currently have two vacancies. If you would like further information about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

Clock Tower and Pond area

Our thanks go to Donna Butcher for making the new planters around the Clock Tower look bright and beautiful!

The lights at the Clock Tower have now been installed.

The lecterns, memorial bench and whipping post will be installed soon.



Play Park - Maintenance and Repairs

An inspection of all play areas has recently been carried out.

Your Parish Council is working to get all repairs carried out as quickly as possible. Unfortunately due to a materials supply chain issue this is

taking longer than we hoped. Please bear with us.

In the meantime, 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

Community Hero - call for nominations



Your Parish Council invites nominations for its Community Hero award.

If you would like to nominate a parishioner who you feel has made a major contribution to the Fenstanton Community, please contact your Parish Clerk before 30th September 2021.

Community Grants and awards

Last year your Parish Council made financial contributions to:

- " Fenstanton Community Café
- " Fenstanton Football Club
- " Fenstanton Friendship Club
- " Glebe Allotments
- " The United Reformed Church

If you are a member of a Fenstanton -based club or Community Group, we are keen to receive applications for this year's funding.

The closing date for applications is **30th September 2021**, with the awards considered by your Parish Council at the Council Meeting in early November, with grants paid shortly after.

For further information and an application form, please contact your Parish Clerk, or scan the QR code below.



Wanted— Tree Seed Sowers! Free tree seeds &pots

Following a donation, Ray Puddefoot is ordering tree seeds and has 500 4"/100mm biodegradable pots available. They are seeds of small trees ideal for most gardens. The plan is to encourage tree planting in the village and offer the trees to Fenstanton residents.

If you are interested please email Raypuddefoot@gmail.com

Ray is working with Cllr Roy Mcgee and your Parish Council on a tree planting plan for the Hampton Close football field to be planted Autumn 2022

Speed reduction—London Road



Your Parish Council and Hemingford Grey Parish Council have approved and agreed to move forward with the submission of a joint Local Highways Initiative application to Cambridge County Council for the reduction of the speed limit and a speed indication device on London Road, St Ives.

Well done to all those involved, we will keep you updated.

Keep our Parks and Open Spaces tidy



Our parks are there for everyone to enjoy. Please be kind to our parks by not littering and taking your rubbish home with you. #LoveParks #KeepBritainTidy

Litter and rubbish left in parks can be harmful to wildlife. If the bins are full, please take your rubbish home. #LoveParks #KeepBritainTidy

Traffic and Speed Issues



After initial approval for a Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph signage on the High Street several months ago, Cambridge County Council have just informed your Parish Council that in order to go ahead with the reduction of speed on the High Street, every side road adjoining the High Street would need to have new 20mph/30mph signage installed at each junction.

Not only would this mean extra cost but your Parish Council feel this is sending the wrong message to the Village.

Therefore, other options to tackle the speed and safety issues around the whole Village have been discussed. It was agreed that your Parish Council should support the whole of the village becoming a 20mph zone. Further evidence and data will be need to be gathered and your Parish Council will begin work on this shortly.

Your Parish Council has also signed up to the 20's Plenty Campaign, for further information visit their website www.20splenty.org



Multi-use games area (MUGA)

Work has now begun on the installation of the MUGA. This should take two weeks to complete. The surface will then need to harden for three weeks before the markings

can be applied.

Thank you to residents for their cooperation whilst these works are carried out.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

September was our first meeting since the lock down in March 2000.

It was wonderful to see our ladies back again, we had a great afternoon with our demonstrator Ann Purt.

she did 5 arrangements, all very colourful for harvest time. We hope to see Ann again next year.

OCTÓBER 4TH Tim Meakings will be our demonstrator, we look forward to seeing Tim again, an afternoon

not to be missed.

We will be having bottled water and biscuits again instead of teas, so we all still keep our distance. It worked very well last time, we are trying to keep everyone safe.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm-----4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (include refreshments)

No Membership required, just pay on the door.

Look forward to seeing you all again,

Beverley

HILTON ART CLUB

The August session, Beautiful Beaches and Salty Scenes, was very enjoyable and inspired us to tackle a range of subjects, including fishes and seabirds, boats, moody beach scene with rocks, surfer in the sea and a cave-like rock, to name but a few. Thanks to Janet for the cake, Surinder for putting up the tables and as ever, Andrea, who is in charge of the refreshments.

After sorting through the library, which has swelled over the years, this has been added to by 'new' donated art books to be lent out to our members, wanting to try new techniques, or perhaps to brush up (pun not intended!) on an unfamiliar medium.

After many years, Diana Walsh has stepped down as Treasurer and we thank her for looking after our finances so well.

15th October 9.30 – 12.30 The Powerful Magic of Portraiture: Traditional or Contemporary. Please bring your own pictures/props.

Gina

HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Pathway to Glory: Brains, Brawn and Beavers We'd never have got the right solution without 'The Brainz', nor would we have achieved it without the brawn and the Beavers would not have been able to come if there were no **path** to walk on...

The main artery of the garden has been laid out: it is a broad, attractive path of self-binding gravel in a mellow golden hue, not quite a 'yellow brick road' but a close second. It is wide enough and smooth enough for wheelchairs and buggies. We are delighted with its appearance and its construction.



Imagine that rarity: a day with clear skies, sunshine and heat. Willing helpers arrive. Soon a wheelbarrow rank lines up driven by budding charioteers while brawny adults shovel first sand, then a mixture of sand and gravel....such was the scene on the last Saturday in August.



Progress was phenomenal and everyone was cheerful: there were no wheelbarrow collisions, no tears from the grown-ups and fuelled by a half -time break for coffee and cake, we finished the job in two hours. Huge thanks to all who participated and to the 'Brainz' behind the operation for levelling the ground, researching the materials and directing operations.

There is good reason to be thankful for the date and speed of construction. A phenomenal downpour such as we had on the 13th September would have turned our earthy paths into quagmires

Beavers Visit

22 Beavers visited the garden on the 15th September. It was a pleasure to welcome such enthusiastic and interested visitors. We toured the garden looking at interesting sites and plants. The compost heap was a talking point and replies to the question of how long a compost heap takes to break down were wideranging...from one minute to seven years! The sunflowers and herbs were also examined and we learnt how to press a leaf between finger and thumb to get a stronger scent from the plant. Broad beans and onion sets were planted in two of the raised beds to overwinter and be ready for picking in the summer of 2022.

We hope to see more young visitors for our Family Open Day on Saturday 23rd October for pumpkin carving, log piling and treasure hunting.

HILTON WI

We have just had our September meeting, taking great care for the welfare of us all in terms of spacing and adhering to the required conditions of the village hall.

Sue Clark welcomed everyone after so long away, welcomed two guests who may join us and caught us up with all the news, We had tea and cakes (no wine this time!) and a raffle ,won by Sue Hay.

We then continued with an interesting talk by Morgen Bailey who earlier this had earlier come to us via zoom. Morgen came to her writing life rather by chance and is now reading and editing new authors on behalf of publishers as well as writing her own books.

In order to acknowledge WI day on September 16th ,promoting the WI in communities ,we organised a Sunflower Trail. 24 Paper sunflowers were placed around the village , 12 with jumbled words beginning with W and 12 with I so that people could walk round finding the various sunflowers and noting the letters to decipher at home. Just a little fun for a September weekend!

Those of us who have been knitting the little vests and hats for the 'Fish and Chip' babies in the Gambia have just learnt that a lorry is on the way loaded with items -some of them ours - a journey of some 6-8 weeks.

They are provided through the Gambia Education Trust based in Bristol for the Lucy Memorial fund. A representative of the trust will be flying there in November when he will be taking more items to where they are 'the poorest of the poor'.

Most of our monthly clubs are up and running again ,together with a new and promising Canasta club and a walking group .

So, a busy month, as ever, and our next meeting is our AGM and Social evening .

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN HILTON

Following Julie Briggs' regrettable resignation as the Fenstanton and Hilton Standard Bearer, we have a willing volunteer of whom more in the next edition and we offer him our grateful thanks for stepping in.

This is an excellent opportunity to thank all our wonderful collectors in Hilton for their support, there is not enough room to name you all. We have contacted each of you to see of you were content to return to the 'old' regime of knocking on doors during the Poppy Appeal in the present circumstances and we are both grateful and humbled that no one felt it would be difficult.

Jenny Sheriff, Head of the Legion Fundraising and the Poppy Appeal has sent us this message .

"Our collectors have been at the heart of the Poppy Appeal in local communities for over 100 years and as we mark the Royal British Legion centenary and Covid - 19 restrictions ease, we thank you for giving so much of your time and making a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces community who have given so much for their country"

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580

Huntingdonshire Local Group

NEWS RELEASE

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to two events in October.

The first is an online illustrated talk on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom. Our speaker will be Cliff Carson, former Environmental Officer for the Middle Level Commissioners. Cliff will give us a fascinating insight into his work to enhance the biodiversity of the Fenland Waterways. This talk promises images and footage of otters, kingfishers, water voles, plus other riparian species.

Our second event is a walk to look at the Autumn Colours in Brampton Wood on Sunday 31st October at 10.30am. Please meet in the car park. GR TL 184698.

Both events are free. Please book for both events by emailing Pat on ip.doody@ntlworld.com in advance. He will send you a zoom link before the first 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 alistairrgrant@hotmail.com.

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

Registered Charity No: 1000412

Fen Drayton Tots

Fen Dravton 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 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.

Find Us on Facebook



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th September 20/00164/OUT Outline planning application for 18 houses on Church End, west of Wychwood

This application went before the HDC Development Management Committee (DMC) on Monday 23rd August. Cllrs Balicki and Barradell spoke on behalf of the Council and this application was refused by the DMC.

Community Book Exchange

This is now open in the Church and has been advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards.

Youth & Community Co-ordinator

Steph Webb, Youth & Community Co-ordinator, made a presentation to the Council with regards to her role and her department which is for 0–19-year-olds. She detailed the two grants currently available, a £500 covid-enabler grant and the £1000 Community Reach Fund for a longer-term project such as a Youth Club or Youth Council. Hilton Parish Council would like to invite parishioners to come forward if they would like to set up a youth club in the village and the Parish Council will refer them to Steph. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk — clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Local Highways Initiative Bid 2022/23

Hilton Parish Council's bid for the LHI scheme is to reduce the speed limit across the Green from 40mph to 30mph and to request improvements to be made to the surface of the Ford. The Parish Council's contribution to this bid will be £2.000.

Burial Space in the Churchyard

The Council discussed the limited burial space remaining in the Churchyard and formed a working group of Cllrs Balicki, Barradell, Stott and Suckling to discuss this issue and liaise with the Parochial Church Council.

Plaque to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Hilton Parish Council has previously agreed to dedicate the copse of trees to be planted north of Wragg's Row to commemorate the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee. The Council has resolved to install a plaque at the copse which will be designed by the Green Open Spaces working group.

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Bench near to Wilderness bridge

Hilton Parish Council has been offered a generous donation from the Hilton Rural Wildlife and Conservation Group to re-install the missing bridge that used to be on the football pitch side of the bridge into the Wilderness. The Council has agreed to gratefully accept this donation and the Green Open Spaces working group will select the design of the bench and discuss the options for a plaque.

Path from Church Lane to the Church

The Council discussed the state of this path and asked the Green Open Spaces working group to look at options for resurfacing it.

NATS Consultation regarding the arrival routes into London Luton Airport update

Hilton Parish Council has received correspondence inviting them to speak at the UK Civil Aviation Authority public evidence session for the Airspace Change Proposal regarding the Swanwick Airspace Improvement Programme affecting arrivals into London Luton Airport. Cllr Peter Balicki will register to speak at the CAA consultation meeting to state that the village has already been blighted by the A14 Southern Bypass and no consideration has been made for the noise implications for the village. The Council has also been corresponding with Jonathan Djanogly MP regarding this matter and resolved to advise him of the actions of the Parish Council.

Community Gritting Scheme

The annual community gritting scheme is open for volunteers. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to join this scheme. If you have previously volunteered for this scheme and would like to continue to do so, please contact the Clerk to complete the necessary forms.

Defibrillator on the Pavilion

Hilton Parish Council received a suggestion to install an additional defibrillator on the side of the Pavilion, which would cost about £1500. A parishioner advised that there were grants available for this, but most have been suspended due to COVID. The Council discussed it together with the information from a parishioner that the current defibrillator has only been taken out of its case 3 times and each of these was for an incident west of Potton Road. The Council resolved not to install a defibrillator on the Pavilion.

Community Garden Group

The Council has approved a request from the Community Garden Group to allow them to drive across the Wilderness 12 times a year to access the Garden. The Council has asked the Group to report back every 6 months to advise how many times they have used this and ask them to please stick to the path.

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Grants and Donations

Hilton Parish Council has agreed the following grants and donations:

Hilton Community Garden Group - £95 to cover the cost of their insurance Royal British Legion - £60 donation

Hilton WI - £70 to engrave and install two plaques on the new bench next to the Maze.

Spectrum - £200 donation

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 on collection day. 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.

External Audit Report

The audit of accounts for the year ended March 2021 has been completed and the accounts have been published. No matters were raised by the auditors who stated, "On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met". The AGAR is available for inspection by any local government elector of Hilton Parish either on the website or copies will be provided on request on payment of £2.50 per copy. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy - clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605.



20s Plenty for Cambridgeshire

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 4th October 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 welcomeat council meetings on agenda items. to speak

Events & Activities

Autumn 2021

www.cambridgeppf.org for details



Hinxton Water Mill Open day

Sun 3 Oct, 2.30—5pm. Members free/£3/£1 Tours of the watermill and "Where's Ratty" for children.

Peach, Pear, Pineapple - Garden History Walk

Wed 6 Oct, 10am -12 noon. Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided tour at Wandlebury Country Park.

Screening of Stirbitch at the Leper Chapel

Fri 15 Oct, 7.30pm. £5/£3 on the door A 68 minute film-poem exploring land, cultural memory and the carnivalesque through the vanished site of Stourbridge Fair.

Ghost Stories II at the Leper Chapel

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Oct, 8pm. £15. Chilling and thrilling storytelling performed by In-situ.

Children's Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury Country Park

25-29 Oct, 8.30am –4pm. £38 per day. Fun and enriching outdoor activities during half-term.

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.



Tickets on sale at feastweek.co.uk or call 07974 435266 (ticket numbers are limited)