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Hilton and Fenstanton Royal British Legion

Please see below the message sent out to all the Royal British Legion community, from Jason Coward Royal British Legion National Chairman.

Dear All,

It is with deepest sorrow that the Royal British Legion marks the death of our Sovereign and Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has served as Patron of the Royal British Legion since 6 February 1952. We are immensely thankful for her faithful service, and we join the entire Armed Forces community in mourning her loss. Her unwavering commitment to the Armed Forces will be deeply missed and our sincere condolences are with the Royal Family at this time.

The Queen has always maintained a close relationship with the British Armed Forces. She was herself a veteran, having served in the Second World War as a driver and mechanic with the Auxiliary Territorial Service. Upon her ascension to the throne, she became Commander-in-Chief and Head of the British Armed Forces and those of the Commonwealth Realm. She was known for her devotion to the Armed Forces and her keen interest in their affairs, serving as an inspiration to them all.

The Queen attended her first performance of the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance as 19-year-old Princess Elizabeth in 1945. As Queen, she attended every performance but for three, when she was either in childbirth with Prince Charles, on Commonwealth tour, or experiencing ill health.

I had the honour of meeting Her Majesty on several occasions, during my time as a student at Royal Holloway College, during the centenary of Barnardo's when as Patron she visited our new head office, and more recently during my time with the Royal British Legion as a Trustee. Her commitment and support for the RBL and the armed forces family it supports was palpable and always provided a positive boost for all those of us lucky enough to meet her.

We now offer our whole hearted support of our new King, His Majesty King Charles III.

Julie and Margaret
830 580 & 831 186



COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER:

Bea & Charlotte, Ages 8 & 72

Bea & Charlotte have done an incredible job on colouring in last month's picture. We love seeing people of all ages get involved and enjoy the colouring. This picture is very colourful and we especially love the border. Well done and congratulations Bea & Charlotte.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our colouring competition. It really brightens our days to see your entries and it is so hard to pick a winner with so many amazing pictures. Please keep them coming in!



Name Bea And Charlotte Age 8 And 72...
Jordan 5 years

COLOURING COMPETITION

Colour in the picture below and send it to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or post to Jo Brasher at 58 Crest Drive, Fenstanton, PE28 9BR with your name and age.

Winner will be announced and featured in our next issue.



Name

Age

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Our Flower Festival was an amazing weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday the Church was packed with visitors from far and near. Tea and delicious home made cakes were sold and our tea room was full every day.

Raffle tickets sold well too.

Hilton Flower Club would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all our sponsors who gave generous donations for the flower arrangements.

Also to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes.

A BIG thank you to everyone who bought our delicious cakes and enjoyed tea in our tea room, and everyone who bought a raffle ticket. With your help we were able to donate:

**£1000 to East Anglia Children's Hospice, £450 to Hilton Church and
£300 for toys to Addenbrookes Children's Surgical Ward.**

Hilton Flower Club hope you enjoyed the show and thank you once again.

OCTOBER 3RD

Beales Roses, slide show, talk and PLANT SALE

Hilton Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

Entrance £5.00 (inc. tea biscuits)



Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, the ladies of Hilton Flower Club put on a stunning display in our Church. We know from speaking with organisers Beverley and June, this event took months of planning and a solid week beforehand setting out a multitude of displays. The heat-wave summer and drought made locating all the flowers and foliage difficult, with florists struggling to meet their needs, but they succeeded! We went to the Church early on the first morning, to take photos/video, then returned towards the end of the weekend and, still, people were coming from far and wide, and the call went out for "more cakes"! Well done to all the Flower Fairies who took part giving us such a wonderful weekend.

Picture showing just a small part of the displays, this one leading up towards the altar, note the wonderful flower skirt and decorated shoes on the model, the wonderful stands of red roses and gypsophelia would make a wonderful show at a Christmas wedding.

HILTON WI

Since our last meeting we have enjoyed our Summer Buffet, continued our regular clubs, visited Bury St Edmonds and Jordan's Mill and planned our September meeting, but we could not have imagined how different it would actually be.

Firstly we were shocked when Jan passed away after a very short illness. Jan was a loved and treasured WI member who was part of our activities for many years and we offer her family our condolences.

Then of course the nation was stunned when Her Majesty the Queen also passed away. So much has already been spoken of her thoughtfulness, her constancy, even her smile, but most was said of her vow on her 21st birthday to serve us 'for the whole of my life, whether it be long or short'. What more could we add except that Her Majesty was of course a long time member of Sandringham WI and Patron of the Women's Institute, one of some 600 charities that she supported .

Unfortunately our September speaker had to cancel at the shortest of notices due to a family emergency so we adapted our September meeting to exchange memories over tea and biscuits and enjoy a quiz about the Queen. We also paid tribute to our wonderful monarch, and Jan, then held a minute's silence.

Our next meeting is on Monday October 10th at 7.30pm in Hilton Village Hall when we will be hearing about hedgehogs. Visitors will be welcome at a small charge.

Thinking of joining us?

Contact: hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

All are welcome.

HILTON ART CLUB

Our last village hall session was 'Up In The Air', which was very enjoyable. We had detailed drawings and paintings of birds, a cut out of a beautiful swan, hot air balloons, and a carousel among others. It was also lovely to have John Young back at the Club.

21st October 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Portraiture Workshop.
Tutor-led workshop with Rachel Haynes. Booking essential.

Friendship Club

17th August

Fortunately the weather had cooled down for our afternoon at Johnsons Farm. There was a cool breeze which made for a very pleasant walk around the animals and the tropical house. Individually, we took our own time to view animals and the farm shop, meeting up in the café for drinks and a treat. There were 15 of us and it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

31st August

We had a talk on quilting entitled " Small is Beautiful " and it certainly was. Quilting examples were pulled from a suitcase and displayed across three large tables, the largest first, a full sized quilt depicting different houses. It seemed that the case was bottomless revealing the most beautiful handiwork from various places in the world. The smallest was about two inches square. An amazing collection by Margaret (90 years old), who displays them aided by her daughter, for charitable purposes. Delightful afternoon.

14th September

Sue Stephenson delivered a brilliant talk on her and Brian's beloved "Puddle Paddock " which unfortunately, they had to leave because of health reasons. "Puddle Paddock " was an acre site with a Walnut tree and a barn, bought because of Sue's love of gardening and their mutual love of animals. This was developed over the twenty five years they lived there, into an interesting place for people to visit, even coaches!

They did have many animals as pets and they were all given great names like Gertie and George (Geese), Bo and Derek (sheep) and Milly, one of the pigs amongst many others. The Geese seemed to have such characters and unbelievably lived from between 15 and 19 years. We learned that pigs were very intelligent, knew the vets vehicle and got excited when visitors came and fed them apples. It was a delightful afternoon and we laughed a lot. Hopefully Sue will return with more amusing stories.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

12th October

A talk from Iain Spencer, a Street Pastor from Cambridge. We are still collecting socks, gloves and scarves for this good cause to help the homeless. More hats too would be good. Any contributions from none members will be welcome. Please contact me for collection or come along to the meeting.

26th October

Delighted to have Paul Vickers, our favourite magician to entertain us again. I'm sure he has few new tricks up his sleeve to mystify us. Looking forward to the afternoon.

Gosh, not too long to Christmas Tree festival. Get your thinking caps on for our Friendship Tree in November. Suggestion of drawing around our hands and writing our names on them in a banner??

We meet in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street PE28 9JQ
every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm.

New members and visitors very welcome.

Enquiries to Marie Newns bubblenewns@gmail.com

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FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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Fenstanton Bowls Club

Sadly we have now hung up our outdoor bowling gear as another summer has come to an end. No complaints though as we have nothing soggy to dry out! What incredible weather we have enjoyed this year, in fact we even had to cancel a game or 2 due to the high temperatures.....unheard of!

Following a hugely successful recruitment initiative, we have some fabulous new bowlers who are already giving the more experienced players a run for their money! The league teams all had an enjoyable season and we even managed to reach a Cambs and County final played at Barton Bowls Club. Although we were runners-up at the end of the game, it was great fun and we patted ourselves firmly on our backs for such a great achievement. We'll try to go one better next year! Here we are at the end of the game.....still smiling!

We are extremely proud to have 2 ladies from Fenstanton Bowls Club who were part of the winning county team when they played in the National Finals at Skegness a few weeks ago. Well played Pat Brace and Janice White.....brilliant!

On behalf of every single member of Fenstanton Bowls Club, past and present, we would like to send a heartfelt and grateful vote of thanks to our long suffering chairman and general jack-of-all-trades....and master of them all.....Roger White. His support and dedication to the club for many, many years has been exceptional. Roger has decided to stand down from his role of Chairman but we sincerely hope that we will be able to draw on his huge knowledge to keep us on the straight and narrow. Thanks Roger, you'll be sorely missed.



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**For further details contact
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Or visit our Facebook page
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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

We want to see your stunning photos of our beautiful village, this could be of your pet basking in the sunshine (or more likely, splashing in the puddles), a lovely sunset/sunrise, the friendly cows in their field etc. Whatever wonderful photographs you take, send them to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or text them to Jo Brasher at 07707490321 with your name (and name of pet/location if applicable) and we will select a few to be featured in Spectrum each month.

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A: A Foot



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Fenstanton Community Café



HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY to our Fenstanton Community Face2Face Café

The Face2Face Café first met in Fenstanton Church Centre on Tuesday 5th October 2021, after a delay due to the covid pandemic. The Café has met in person each month since then (except for Jan 2022)

and has been supported financially by Fenstanton Parish Council and the kind donations from others, for which we are extremely grateful.

You are warmly invited to join us in our birthday celebrations on **Tuesday 4th October** when we hope to be celebrating with birthday cake.

Tea/coffee and cake for £1, although you are always welcome to donate more.

**The next “face2face” café dates are 1st November, 6th December
2-3pm, Fenstanton Church Centre**

Weekly Virtual Community Café



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

Our virtual café attendees come along each week or when they can, depending on their availability. The virtual café meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons, on Zoom, from 2-3.30pm. Do get in

touch for the Zoom details. You are welcome to join in with the conversation or to listen or both.

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

For more information about Fenstanton Community Café, please contact:



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The part Fenstanton played in the Spanish Armada.

Researched and written by Miss Gertrude Peet in 1922 at Cambridge University Library and edited by John Deeks 2022

We have just realised what it means to see those of our village leave us to go to fight to save our country (*here she refers to WW1*). At this period there were only sailing vessels and the use of gunpowder had first been used for military purposes just a few hundred years before. Fighting men had flintlocks to fire the guns with, tinder boxes were in use to obtain a light; matches were yet to be invented. The weapons used were pikes, sword, qualivee (a type of gun) musket, halberd and possibly Arquebus.

There were no railroads, no telephones and no telegrams. Yet I will tell you how, in a few hours, news was carried from end to end of England. How Fenstanton forwarded the news in her turn onwards and eastward. First there was the worrying news, then the call to arms and then the news of victory.

In the 31st year of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Phillip II of Spain, the surviving husband of Queen Mary (*Mary was Elizabeth's sister and had been queen of England before Elizabeth*) prepared to invade England, hoping to conquer it and become king and again, establish the Roman Catholic faith in the country. For four years Phillip had been secretly and quietly preparing a fleet of ships for this invasion, (just as our German neighbours were doing for years for this last Great War, WW1). This Spanish fleet consisted of 130 ships, 30,655 officers and men, 2,080 galley slaves, 90 hangmen and executioners.

Our English Royal Navy that had to meet these ships consisted of 34 ships, but privateers were willingly supplied by towns and individuals. London sent 30 ships, double the number required. The nobility and gentry supplied 43 more (*ships*). So England got together 191 vessels in order to prevent the Spanish landing. They were much smaller vessels than those of the Spanish navy. The channel fleet was under the command of Lord Howard of Effingham.

Anxiously watching the direction of the great Toseland beacon, which probably would be the first beacon to forward the signal from the west or south, to these parts. The signal meant 'the Spanish are coming', soldiers and men, go and meet them. Preparations were carefully made, from every shire, from every town, from every village, from every hamlet in the land, the most stalwart, the picked men went out and marched as ordered, to meet the enemy, known to be better equipped than them and composed of the best experienced troops in the world.

The first twittering of a storm came on April 6th 1588 and from Fenstanton ten men went, a similar number from Hilton, their names with the arms they carried have been recorded. I want you to picture the Fenstanton men going along the road to join the main army, joining with the seven men from Hilton, and on the way other villages adding their few men, all hasting to the main camp at St Neots eight miles away. Mother's hearts were the same then as now, the wives and children would be there to see them start.

After all the soldiers from different villages had assembled at St Neots and their names and arms had been listed they marched to London via Cambridge. Many (*mothers, wives, children*) would travel the great Roman road that runs from Fenstanton to Cambridge. The

ten miles would soon be travelled in the hope to see their loved ones more before the battle, who could tell what might happen later?

On the 17th June, matters increased. Fenstanton together with other villages had the order, "all captains are to be ready to start at an hours warning". On the 22nd June, again a special order to Fenstanton and all villages "the beacons to be watched by men of good discretion and substance". This order meant it would not do to give the care of the beacon into the charge of any Roman Catholics, who could not be trusted to be loyal to this country.

On the 19th July the Spanish fleet entered the English Channel and on the 20th it appeared in sight of the English, who let it roll up the channel so that our navy was behind it. Keeping at a distance the little English ships pored their shots into the great Spanish ships, the Spanish replied with their heavy guns, but from the height of their decks their shots passed clean over the English ships. On their way up the channel the Spanish lost several ships.

On the 27th July they anchored off Calais, during the night of the 27th the English sent eight fire ships in amongst the anchored Spanish fleet. This so alarmed the Spanish admiral that he ordered the anchor cables to be cut, a panic seized the Spanish, some ships caught fire and others drifted against each other. Lord Effingham, was not the man to lose his opportunity, he fell on the disabled fleet and destroyed 12 ships. The great armada was now in full flight, it could not get through the English fleet and run home down the channel, the way it had come, so the Spanish decided not to attempt to conquer the English fleet by giving battle, but to sail home the best way it could by going round Scotland.

High winds and a storm arose, seventeen Spanish ships were wrecked on the west coast of Ireland and many were never heard of again. So that fifty-two battered hulks were all that returned to three Spanish ports, of that magnificent armada which was boastfully called "the invincible armada" that took four years to build, but was defeated in a week.

The magnificent dress that Queen Elizabeth wore when she rode on horseback to review her troops at Tilbury which included the men from Fenstanton and Hilton can still be seen preserved in the Tower of London.

So we hope that the men of Fenstanton and Hilton returned home feeling like most Englishmen did, 'thankful for the victory'. On the 24th a public thanksgiving service was ordered by Queen Elizabeth and no doubt all in Fenstanton (*and Hilton*) attended the service in the parish church. Queen Elizabeth publically attended the Thanksgiving service that day at St Pauls.

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Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—RIP

Your Parish Council was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On behalf of Fenstanton Parish Council we offer our heart felt condolences to all members of The Royal Family.

God Save The King

Fenstanton Parish Council—New Councillor



Anne Mustill

Anne has lived in Fenstanton with her husband for nearly 50 years and has always been keen to help others live life to the full within the local community. Whilst their children were attending school and preschool in Fenstanton Anne spent about two years as Parish Clerk. As the children grew up she taught English at what was then Huntingdon Regional

College to people from all over the world coming to live in this area. Anne learned the importance of local councils and has experience of other organisations offering advice and practical help in this area. Over the last few years Anne has felt that there seems much less a sense of community in Fenstanton than there was when her children were young. If it is possible, she would love to play a part in improving this.

Your Parish Council welcomes Anne, who is our thirteenth Parish Councillor which means the Parish Council is now complete.

Pond—update



Restoration work to the Pond wall has been carried out and is looking very smart. Our thanks go to Derek, 1 Hilton Road who has done a fantastic job!

Further work on the Pond will continue over the coming months. Hopefully with the rain we have been having over recent days, the Pond will soon start to fill again.

Community Winter Gritting Scheme

This is a scheme that is organised by Cambridge County Council where local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather.

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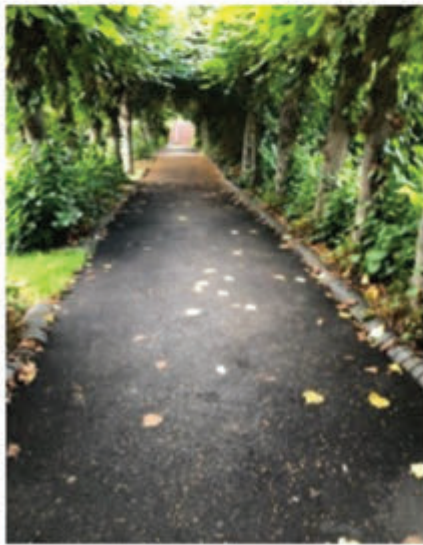
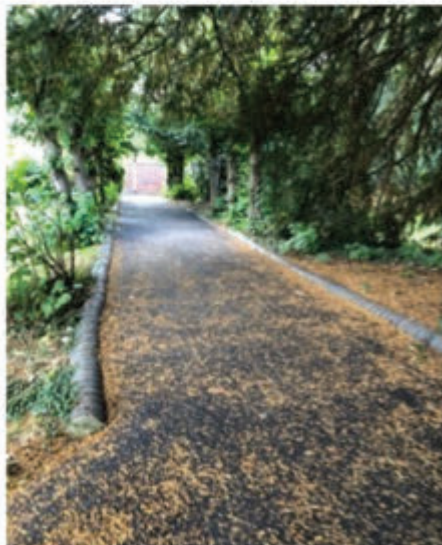
The Scheme will be considered by your Parish Council.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about what is involved, please contact your Parish Clerk.

Footpath—repairs Churchyard

Work to carry out repairs to the footpaths through the Churchyard and Cemetery was completed at the end of August. The repairs were jointly funded by your Parish Council and the Church.

We hope you agree that they are looking great!



CCC Transport Strategies—update

Earlier in the year your Parish Council took part in CCC stakeholder engagement survey for their three transport strategies. CCC have now compiled and reviewed all the comments received.

The county council will be going out to public consultation on the transport strategies for Fenland and Huntingdonshire along with Cambridgeshire's Active travel strategy, this will begin Monday 12th September and run for eight weeks until Monday 7th November.

The consultation survey and draft strategies are available on the ConsultCambs website:- <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/>

The draft strategies, the survey and the opportunity to speak to staff from the transport planning team will be available at the following events:

- Ramsey Market: Saturday 1 October, from 10am until 1pm
- Tesco superstore Huntingdon: Saturday 1 October, from 2pm until 5pm
- St Neots Market: Thursday 6 October, from 10am until 1pm
- Waitrose St Ives: Thursday 6 October, from 2pm until 5pm
- March Market: Wednesday 12 October, from 9am until midday
- Tesco superstore Chatteris: Wednesday 12 October, from 2pm until 5pm
- Whittlesey Market: Friday 14 October, from 9am until midday
- Wisbech Market: Friday 14 October, from 12.30pm until 3pm
- Grafton Centre, Cambridge: Wednesday 19 October, from 10am until 3pm
- Ely Market: Thursday 27 October, from 10am until 3pm



There will also be information located in libraries across the county, so residents who are unable to access the internet or cannot attend an event can view hard copies of the draft strategies and complete the survey

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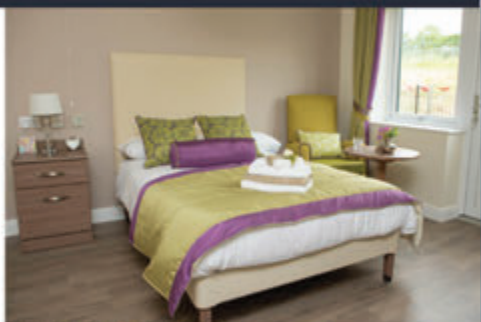
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Local Weather Watch

What a year 2022 is turning out to be. Whenever extreme weather events occur these days, perhaps one's first reaction is to think they are a consequence of climate change. For those of us with longer memories, summer this year has evoked thoughts of 1976, etched in the mind for its prolonged drought and heat. To think back then there were theories that we could be facing a mini ice-age! However to put this years weather and that of 1976 in context, one needs to go back 100 years to 1921 when England was gripped by an extraordinary drought, making it the driest year on record since 1788. Then, like now, the weather pattern was one of high pressure systems from the Azores remaining stuck for long periods deflecting any rain bearing systems to the north of the UK. Then, as now, the south-east of England suffered most from the extreme conditions, where several locations recorded an annual total of barely 10 inches (250mm) less than half of the normal total. Margate recorded just 9.29 inches (236mm) the lowest ever annual rainfall recorded in the UK. So far this year up to 10 August, I have recorded just over 8 inches of rain.

Returning to 1921, June was very warm, with no rain and July was very hot, very sunny and very dry. As *The Times* lamented "Day after day of these African conditions is proving a severe strain on the English constitution". Oddly August was rather unsettled that year, only the second time in the twentieth century that happened after a fine June and July. In 1976 the drought and heat continued to the end of August. When rain finally fell, people just stood in the rain to enjoy the experience! One of the wettest autumns recorded followed. This year we have already had a number of heat waves with new national high temperature records set for each country in the UK on July 19. 40.3C (104F) now stands as the new UK record at Coningsby in Lincolnshire.

So when did the drought end in 1921? August? Most definitely not. September was another warm, dry month and in October there was an exceptional heatwave with 25C (77F) exceeded eight times in the first ten days, with two days reaching 28.9C (84F). A truly remarkable year. No mention of climate change then.

Patrick Landucci



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 5th September LHI Bid



The Council has resolved that it will submit a Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Fund bid for the 2023/24 round for improved signage regarding the 7.5t weight limit on the A1198 approaching from Papworth Everard and for a raised Zebra crossing on Potton Road. The results of the recent survey are available on the website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com).

Parishioners are invited to submit their comments regarding this bid and can do so using the form on the website or directly to the Clerk (clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com or 830605). The deadline for comments is Monday 17th October.



NATS

As you may be aware, NATS (National Air Traffic Services) and London Luton Airport have enacted the Swanwick Airspace Improvement Programme, which separates the Stansted and Luton arrival flows and extends the flight path for the approach into Luton into airspace above the Cambridge area. This has led to an increase in air traffic over Hilton, with the resulting increase in noise.

The implementation of the Programme is now at its final stage, with the Civil Aviation Authority conducting a 12-month Post-Implementation Review examining how the airspace change has performed, and whether the anticipated impacts and benefits have been delivered.

Anyone with a noise complaint can use Luton airport's TraVis (<https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>) system to make a report online, whether about noise in general or a specific noise incident. To report other environmental disturbances, phone 01582 395382 or email noise.enquiries@ltn.aero.

Fish

Hilton Parish Council has been advised by the Environment Agency that the pond known as Reeve Ditch on the High Street is not suitable for a fish population and that the pond is not restocked with the fish removed during the recent drought. The Clerk will contact the persons who are currently holding the fish to establish whether they can retain them.

Health Inequalities

The Council has resolved to accept the Hunts Forum Health Inequalities funding and has appointed a working group for this project. This involves an initial grant of £2,500 to conduct community engagement to establish where there is a need in the village and propose a funding bid for up to £8,000 to address this need.

Batteries

Hilton Parish Council approved a request from Hilton Action on Traffic (HAT) to purchase replacement batteries for the vehicle monitoring devices and vehicle activated signs at a cost of £213.52 +VAT. HAT has agreed to send copies of the weekly data received to the Clerk.

Conferences

The Clerk and Chairman attended the recent Huntingdonshire District Council Conference for Parish Councils. The PC has authorised the Clerk to attend the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) 'Share the Vision, Shape the Future' Conference at a cost of £75. The Clerk and Emergency Officer will also attend the Cambridgeshire Flood Groups Conference Day, which is a free event.

RBL Donation

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to donate £60 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Village Hall Management Committee

Hilton Parish Council would like to thank the members of the Village Hall Management Committee who are stepping down after many years' service.

SLCC

The Council has resolved to renew its membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £171.

National Association of Local Councils' Civility and Respect Pledge

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to sign this pledge and that it agrees that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.

Bonfire Night

The Council has decided that the Fireworks and Bonfire Night will take place on Saturday 5th November and has approved the spend on Fireworks up to the budgeted amount of £1,800.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2022 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.



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GARDEN NOTES: Seedy Beauty

There are two left: one nodding above the other plants, the other leaning earthwards. They have lasted since May and are the seed-heads of two Alliums : giganteum and christophii.

Alliums, as your nose will tell you, are members of the onion family. Planted as bulbs in the autumn they flower every year with bold purple domes each made up of +/-50 tiny star-shaped flowers. Don't we love trouble-free plants...? Ones which have different phases and aren't just one trick ponies are especially welcome. So Alliums reward with the colour purple when little else in the garden is flowering, followed by the bonus of the equally dramatic seed heads.

Christophii is amazing because the flower head is huge, and sometimes looks like a spinning plate on its short stem. As the seed head and stem dry out, it can lean like the Pisa tower but brought inside for the winter it looks wonderful in a vase, with Sputnik like

spikes and airy gaps between. Sprayed with silver for a Christmas decoration it looks even more like a space craft.

Poppies also produce delightful seeds. The dying leaves can look dispiriting, but Monty, of Gardeners' World, runs a gloved hand up the stem to take away the leaves, leaving just the seed head to nod and bob amongst other tall, flowering plants. They look brilliant sprayed gold and go well with the space craft. Allowing some seeds to stay around in the flower bed into autumn ensures a poppy display the following year.

Another plant which lives and dies gracefully is Honesty (Lunaria). The best one to have is the variegated type. The heart-shaped leaves are prettily edged with white and contrast well with the red-purple flowers. After the early display of colour, the seed heads form in elliptical, lollipop shapes of a papery thinness. You can see the seed capsules contained in these lollipops which turn a slightly tea-stained dingy brown as the seasons advance. To use them indoors in a flower arrangement you have to peel off the front and back covers of each of the papery ovals. Helpfully the plant provides a fine tip to hang onto as you gently draw off the covers. The actual seeds (six from my demo model) fall out to be cast on the ground to provide unexpected pleasure next year because I'll have forgotten where they landed.

A little delicacy is required to remove the outer layers, but I love finding the translucent silky lining: it will light up a winter room. Lunaria from moonlight, but Honesty because of its transparency....it's all in the name!

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October 16 th	10:00am Mr J. Green
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October 30 th	10:00am Mr D. Moorman

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- 16th - Revd Chris Baker
- 23rd - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
- 30th - Led by Alison Jiggins

November

- 6th - Led by Geraldine Swain
- 13th - Remembrance Sunday - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Joint Service at St Peters & St Pauls, Fenstanton
- 20th - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
- 27th - Led by Alison Jiggins

December

- 4th - Revd Christine Davies
- 11th - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
- 18th - Songs of Praise - 3pm
- 25th - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

- Tuesday 11th October - 2.30 - 4pm
- Tuesday 8th November - 2.30 - 4pm
- Tuesday 13th December - 2.30 - 4pm

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Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton
News and Services for October 2022

The Rector writes:

Hello, how are you doing?

It is with great sadness that I begin with opening words that I hadn't thought would be penned quite yet. Rip Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – God save the King. Probably by the time you receive this copy of Spectrum, the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will have waned a little. I was convinced she would be around for a few more years yet, although it was evident she was becoming more frail as time went by. We will all probably need time to process our thoughts, and to get used to the word King instead of Queen, and King Charles instead of Prince Charles. And will I be the only one who hears the words, Prince of Wales and still be thinking that is Charles and not William? It will take time for us to adjust.

We remember, too, a family in mourning. Grief takes time. As we are reminded, it is the price we pay for love. It was Elizabeth I who said:

Grief never ends, but it changes.

It is a passage, not a place to stay.

Grief is not a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith:
it is the price of love.

On **Saturday 29th October, at 11am**, we have a service at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton. We call it "**Time to Remember**", and it is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend, to join with others for a time of remembering the loss of a loved one. Maybe from this year, maybe from a long time ago. You are welcome to place names of those you want to remember on our memory tree – card shapes will be available for you to write on. There will be refreshments after the service and a chance to chat, if you wish to do so. All welcome, so do invite your family and friends.

Do you like singing in a church choir or would like to know more? We have a small choir that sings at Evensong, once a month and at some special services too (eg Advent Carol Service, 5pm Sunday 27th November). If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

God bless, from Rev Rosie

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Thursdays, weekly	8.30am		<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 2 nd Oct	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details	
Sunday 9 th	9:15am service at St Mary's	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Worship For All Service, at St Peter & St Paul Live stream may be available via Zoom	
Sunday 16 th	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday Club Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details	
	6pm BCP service at Fenstanton	Choral Evensong, Fenstanton with choir	
Sunday 23 rd	9.15am service at St Mary's	9.15am Morning Praise at St Mary's, Fen Drayton	
	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Family Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom	
Saturday 29 th	11am service at Fenstanton	11am Time to Remember service for those who have lost a loved one	
Sunday 30 th	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Parish Service for All Saints Day, with Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom	

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

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5th Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

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Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

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**Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400)
for Zoom access details**

New Minister at Hilton Methodist Chapel



Hello Hilton!

It's a strange time to be a stranger so I write with grateful thanks to everyone at Hilton's Methodist Chapel and the Parish Church for the very warm welcome I have received. It is indeed strange and confusing times for all of us in the wake of the death of our Queen and as we welcome the new King, all in the context of a new Prime Minister and Cabinet. Much has changed in such a short time!

I write in the hiatus between the death of her Majesty and her State funeral, sharing with sadness the passing of an era whilst noting in the extensive coverage from the BBC, green shoots of hope appearing in reactions here at home and abroad as King Charles pledges to uphold the Queen's values and approach.

But I can't help also remembering Sir Bernard Jenkin's recent comment on the issues our country faces – describing them in Biblical terms as the five horses of the apocalypse. And we know that many may well feel deeply disenfranchised even at this time of national unity; the brunt of the difficulties ahead will not be shared equally, and cracks in the world as we know it, seem, at this time, to be ever widening. As we enter a new era, may we observe the new commandment that Jesus offered his people in his time and for all time – to love our neighbour as ourselves. Our wellbeing is intrinsically wrapped up in the well-being of all. My hope is that we will all follow Queen Elizabeth's example of vowing to faithfully attend to the tasks we are given and find new and effective ways to care for each other and our world, acknowledging that doing so is only possible in, and with, God's strength.

Over the coming months I look forward to getting to know Hilton and becoming in a small way part of the life of the community here.

Blessings

Sue

Rev Sue Baker-Maher

Services at Hilton Methodist Chapel in October

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Dates for 2022

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December 8th



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