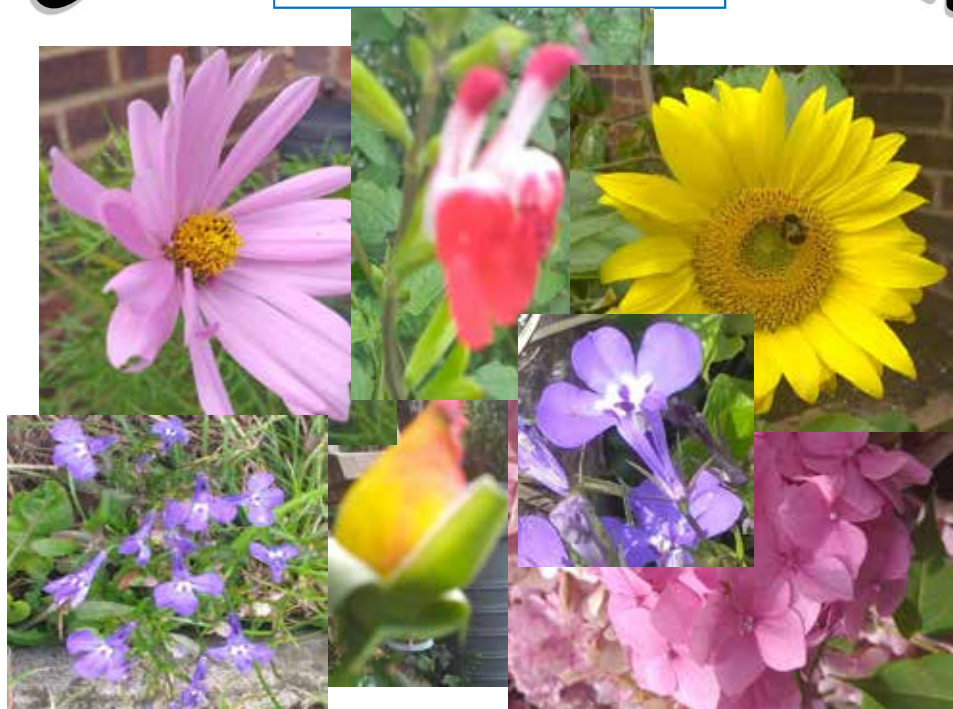


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Letters & Notices

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Would you be interested in forming a group of like-minded people for--- e.g. visits to the cinema, theatre, lunch or evening meals, or afternoon tea.

If so, please contact---Jenny on 01480 831581.

Macmillan Appeal. On Friday, 27th September 2019, Rosemary and Peter Blake will be taking part in the Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Please come and join us from 10.30 am to noon at 16 Scotts Close, Hilton. All the money will go to a local Macmillan Appeal. Entrance £2. Bring-and-buy stall. Raffle.

Your Help Needed:

May 2020 will see the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2.

Our Fallen Soldiers:

Three men from Fenstanton died in WW2 and I would like to make contact with any of their surviving relatives or friends.

The three men were;

Leslie Albert Galbally, born in Fenstanton his home address when he died was Ashford Kent. Other family names are Ruff, Hutchinson, Russell and Hussey.

Ronald William Knights, born in Wandsworth London, his home address when he died was Fenstanton High Street. Other family names are Tarmaster and Medus.

Harold (Frank) Lander, born in Fenstanton he is buried in Fenstanton cemetery. Other family names are Chapman, Sills and Tibbles.

If anyone has information on any of the above, please will you let the writer know?

Many thanks

John Deeks

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Saturday 14 September 2019 at 7.30pm
in St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton

Tickets £10 (under 16 £5), including interval refreshments,
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or

Phil Christie, Teal Cottage, Horse & Gate Street
Fen Drayton 01954 230536 / phil.christie@ntlworld.com

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

When you all read this school holidays will be nearly over. Hopefully we all have had time to relax and enjoy the sunny weather. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has brought me shoe boxes and Christmas wrapping paper, many boxes have been wrapped and are now in my hall waiting to be filled.

September 14th will be my launch date, I usually start at the Hobbies Exhibition in the United Reformed Church, here will be boxes and leaflets ready for people to take away to start filling.

We always put soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, ball, toys (but not war), pens, pencils, crayons, notebook, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, cuddly toy, hairbrushes, hat, scarf and some sweets. Also £4 towards transport. If you feel you would like to fill a box or donate a few items, please contact me and I will talk to you about it.

I support this charity as I know everything that is put into boxes is taken by volunteers and delivered to hospitals and orphanages in Moldova, these boxes will be the only gift that these children will receive.

I thank you all in advance as I know the items will arrive at my house, I would like to try to beat last year's total which was a record for Fenstanton of 196.

Many thanks once again,

Jenny Stimpson 01480 464939 13 Little Moor, Fenstanton.



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Hilton Methodist Church September

Church Services

1st September at 10am. Ms Sue Kinder

8th September at 11.15am United Service at Parish church with Rev David Busk and Rev Nick Witham

15th September at 10am Local Arrangement

22nd September at 10am. Rev Alan Taylor

29th September at 10am. Mrs B Spencer

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday, 7th September
10.00am - 12.00 noon.
in the Church Hall**

The next coffee morning will be on 7th September from 10am in the church hall. All the usual FAIRTRADE goodies will be on sale. Do join us for refreshments and a chat. Profit from sale of goods goes to Fairtrade. All money from refreshments goes to EACH.

ORGANIST NEEDED

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

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

Hilton Parish Church - September

Sunday 1st	Trinity 11	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		No Children's Church this month
Sunday 8th	Trinity 12	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in parish church
Sunday 15th	Trinity 13	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Friday 20th		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
Sunday 22nd	Trinity 14	
Hilton	11.15am	Family service with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am.
Sunday 29th	Trinity 15	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Sunday 6th Oct	Trinity 16	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

Contact information:

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



Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church CHILDREN'S JIGSAWS NOW AVAILABLE TOO!!

Come and join the jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton – we would love to get more local puzzlers involved and you don't have to actually live in Hilton to join. The puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. 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 you're finished. 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)

JOIN US FOR FRIDAY FEAST

✿ NEW DATES BELOW

✿ 5.30pm – 7pm

✿ Parish Church

✿ Hilton



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✿ Free All Age event

✿ Get creative

✿ Food & Fun

✿ Informal gathering

✿ Churches of Hilton together

✿ For all faiths, and none



✿ Sep 20th, Oct 18th & Nov 15th

✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

Fenstanton Parish Church presents:

Pimms and
Pâté lunch

Sunday 8th September

at

1.00pm

Adult Ticket £12.50

Child Ticket £5 (aged 6 - 16)

Raffle

In aid of "Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Fund"

Please ring 01480 465211 to know more or

email ikhuck@virginmedia.com

Everyone very welcome!

Fenstanton Parish Church - September

Sunday 1st	Trinity 11	
1st to 21st	9.30 am	Holy Communion House-to-house envelope collection for the Church Restoration Fund
Thursday 5th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 6th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 8th	Trinity 12	
	10.30 am 1.00 pm	Worship for All Pimms and Pate lunch (for details phone 465211)
Thursday 12th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 15th	Trinity 13	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Thursday 19th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 20th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 22nd	Trinity 14	
	10.30 am	Family Communion – Harvest Festival
	1.00 pm	Harvest Lunch in the Church Centre (see separate poster -page 19—for details)
Thursday 26th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 29th	Trinity 15	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Fen Drayton Parish Church (no service at Fenstanton Parish Church)
October		
Thursday 3rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 4th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 6th	Trinity 16	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Fenstanton Parish Church - September

Hello from your new Vicar!

Thank you for the lovely welcome we have received from so many people since our arrival in the parish back in July. Vic and I have moved from Essex, not a million miles away I know, but no matter you move 100 yards or metres, or 100 miles, you still manage to fill up a removal van. Then the unpacking begins and you wonder why you brought this or that with you! Maybe you are the sort of person who is very organised or minimalist, or perhaps, you have lots of "stuff" and all of it is precious to you. No matter whether we have lots of stuff, or very little, God loves each and every one of us, for who we are. The bible has plenty to say on how we should live our lives and what matters most..... but for now, for today, it is enough that we should know that God loves each and every one of us. Psalm 139 reminds us that God knows us, and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

May God bless you today and every day.

Rev Rosie

Contact information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fenstanton Parish Church

Come and join us for our

Harvest Festival

Family Communion

Sunday 22nd September
at 10.30am

Harvest Gifts will be donated to St Ives Foodbank

(a shopping list with most needed items available in church or on our Facebook page)

Followed at 1pm by

Harvest Lunch in Fenstanton Church Centre

(with fresh produce auction –proceeds to
Coroners Support Services)



Lunch Tickets:- Adults - £9.00
 Under 16's - £4.00
 Under 3's - FREE

Telephone:- Katie 01480 465211



Fenstanton Reformed Church - September

Preacher's Plan

September 1 st	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
September 8 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion Followed by Church Meeting
September 15 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
September 22 nd	9-30am	Rev Roy Muttram
September 29 th		Rev Dr Catherine Ball Harvest Festival
September 29 th	3-00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters.

We would like to thank everyone that knitted green squares for our Christmas tree, we now have the amount we need, If you still want to knit squares please knit bright coloured squares, because after Christmas we sew the square up to made blankets for local care homes and overseas.

For more detail please ring
Jean 01480 498221



Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events

Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Sept 10th and 24th
New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.



Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Sept 3rd



Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Sept 17th

A Meditation group meets at 2-30pm 9th July and August 19th and will be taken by John Williams New members welcome. For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221



Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Hobbies, Crafts and Collections

On Saturday 14th September

10-00 am --- 4-00 pm

**VINTAGE/CLASSIC CARS/TRACTORS
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IN THE CHURCH WILL BE

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Hobbies Craft and Collection Day

If you have a Vintage/Classic Car Tractor or Motor Bike please bring it along to
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10-00am -4-00pm

WORK AID

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 of these on

Saturday 28th September

Please bring them along 10-00 ----- 1-00pm

To Fenstanton United Reformed Church.

Thank you

Electrical items if working

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHEQUER STREET



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 29th September
9-30am

3-00pm
HARVEST PRAISE

All welcome



**FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH
ARE HOLDING A
COFFEE MORNING
ON FRIDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER
10-00AM -12 NOON
RAFFLE, BRING AND BUY
CAKES AND LOTS MORE**

The Fenstanton Town Trust

This trust dates back to the time of Queen Elizabeth 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.

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West Park Street,

Chatteris,

Cambs.

PE16 6AL

Tel : 01354 536355

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The Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust

This trust was founded in 1728 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 :

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The Fen,

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All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

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

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

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

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

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

Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre



**Amanda Sutherland
Trends of a Decade**

UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 5th September from 7.30pm

**Amanda Sutherland talks about Trends
of a Decade**

Thursday 3rd October from 7.30pm
General Meeting

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The evacuation of Britain's cities at the start of World War Two was the biggest and most concentrated mass movement of people in Britain's history. In the first four days of September 1939, nearly 3 million people were transported from towns and cities in danger from enemy bombers, to places of safety in the countryside. Most were schoolchildren, who had been labeled like pieces of luggage, separated from their parents and accompanied instead by a small army of guardians and 100,000 teachers. For most it was like going on an adventure; a phrase that is still uppermost in the minds of evacuees more than 80 years on. Parents gave instructions to their children: 'Don't complain,' 'Grin and bear it,' 'Look after your sister,' 'Write home as soon as you can.' Broadly speaking the four-day official exodus worked surprisingly well.

The real problems came in the reception areas where the Government had left arrangements for the children's arrival and care to local authorities, with little more than an injunction to do their best. Billeting officers none the less made heroic efforts to place the new arrivals in the appropriate homes, though the process for doing so was likened to a Roman slave auction or a cattle market.

Twelve months earlier, the Government had surveyed available housing, but what they had not taken into account was the extent to which middle-class and well-to-do families would be making their own private arrangements. Consequently, those households who had previously offered to take in evacuees were now full. As a result of the mismatches, selection was made according to rudimentary principles. Billeting officers simply lined the children up against a wall or on a stage in the village hall, and invited potential hosts to take their pick. Thus the phrase 'I'll take that one' became etched on the memory of our evacuees.

Evacuation took place in three phases, September 1939 when war was declared, September 1940 when the bombings commenced and September 1944 when the V1 flying bombs and later the V2 rockets started to arrive. It would appear that the first arrivals in Fenstanton were in early September 1939. By all accounts the village was crowded with evacuees, consisting mostly of pregnant woman, mothers with babies and school children. They came by rail from their home towns to St Ives station and from there they were bussed out to the villages, including Fenstanton. They were met at the clock tower by the evacuation committee who commenced walking the children around the village.

They were literally handed out to each home owner; no one was allowed to refuse to take a child. When people objected they were told that they would be referred to the local magistrate and that they would be given a heavy fine. Each house was checked and the owners told to make use of any bedroom space even if it meant three people sharing one small room.

The small village school, (that's the old school building now the church centre), had to accommodate at least three hundred and fifty extra children. The village children were taught in the mornings and the evacuee children in the afternoon. The evacuees had brought their own teachers with them.

All the larger houses were forced to take multiple children including; the Lindens, (at that time a children's home) the old vicarage and Petersfield House. The Manor House and the Manse, both on Chapel Green Chequer Street, were being used by the Land Army. The Tudor Hotel and Swan cottage were being used by the army. The pregnant women and mothers with babies were accommodated in the Manor on the Huntingdon Road. A native to the village can remember as a child seeing the mothers from the manor congregating around the clock tower, chatting and feeding their babies and children. In those days there was a lean-to shelter attached to the clock tower. Some of the mothers worked on the local farms alongside the girls from the Women's Land Army.

Continued Over

Fenstanton in WW2 Part 3: The Evacuees

By spring 1940 the phoney war ensured that many of the children had gone home as there was no bombings. When the Blitz started in September 1940 the children started to arrive back although there were never as many as in 1939. Finally the third wave of evacuations started in September 1941 when the V1 flying bombs began dropping on London and its suburbs. The rate of evacuations increased in November that year when the V2 rockets started to rain down. By March 1945 all bombing had finished and it was considered safe for the children to return home.

One evacuee still alive today said she came to Fenstanton at Easter 1942 when she was three years old. She was evacuated from South London where her father was engaged in munitions work. They came to St Ives railway station and were then taken to the Fenstanton Vicarage, Church Road (now Fen Manor), where they were fed. She came with her pregnant mother and brother who was three years older. They were finally allocated a large room in the Manor on the Huntingdon Road. She started school life at the Fenstanton School in December 1942. Her new sister was born in the manor and the family returned to London just before Christmas 1942.

A native villager I spoke to recalls the evacuees as being rude and had the attitude that they were allowed to take anything that they wanted. He felt that the evacuees were not welcome in the village. Other local people have the opposite memory as the following villager's childhood memory will illustrate.

"When I was at Fenstanton School I can remember two girls who were evacuees about my age during WW2. One lived in Bell Lane and the other lived at The Lindens with her sister. We can remember the following at school with us. Joan Ellis, Ellen Walker who lived in Chequer Street, Marion Tate who lived with Mrs Collier in Church Street, Ben and Sylvia Palmer, Bell Lane and Betty Burns from the manor. I don't know if any of them are still live in the village or are alive still, they would be well into their eighties now.

We had two evacuees living with us at the Farm; they were Sheila and Teddy (Edward) Wallman. They were about 8 and 6 years old. Having come from London they found life on the farm very difficult especially the little boy.

They weren't used to milk straight from the cow (they refused to drink it initially), eggs collected from the straw in the barns and fresh fruit and vegetables were a real novelty! It was tough for my mum and dad too as they already had three children. They did settle eventually and we enjoyed their company.

I remember our mum and dad were provided with two camp beds and some blankets for the children to sleep on. Oh and they had nits in their hair. I have no recollection of them ever talking about the bombing in London.

Just down the road at what is now Fieldsview Cattery and Dogs Holiday Centre, two evacuees stayed there with their mum. They were very well spoken. They went to a private school somewhere, not the Fenstanton School, but they were allowed to play with us on the farm. Some of their clothes were passed on to us for which my mum was very pleased about.

My recollection is of very frightened children. They missed their families and country life was very strange to them. As time went by some of their 'cockney' humour came to light and they found their feet. I would say they were liked and we learnt an awful lot from them as they did us. I hope we made them welcome.

Another local source said that the evacuee boys joined the local lads in their games and adventure. But there were problems and fights did break out. One story was of a boy who had upset the local lads and he was dumped in the brook and left hanging from a tree, boys!

Local Weather Watch

After posing the question in my last article “when will the drought end?” which covered our weather up to early May, the rest of May produced a rainfall total close to average and an annual total of 15.85 inches (401 mm) from 1 June 2018 to 31 May 2019, representing a 30% deficit and which is around the amount of rain areas fringing the Sahara Desert can expect. However, after a largely dry first week in June, the heavens then opened producing a monthly total of about 100 mm (4 inches), most of it falling over a period of 9 days. July was largely dry until the 25th with any rain falling in small amounts which soon evaporated in the strong July sun, once again making it a trying time for farmers and gardeners. For the rest of the month and the first part of August, rainfall totals were quite variable due to the thundery nature of the rain resulting in wide differences over quite small areas. Our region has however, been spared the almost biblical amounts of rain which have fallen across the north Midlands northwards up to central Scotland with dramatic consequences, e.g. the evacuation of Whaley Bridge in Derbyshire.

Overall Spring 2019 brought temperatures slightly higher than normal, balanced by a slightly cooler than usual May. Unlike much of Europe which had its warmest June on record with the highest daily temperature records smashed in several countries, there were 12 cool days in our region and only 6 warm days, including one hot day (29th) when the heat from southern Europe was pulled in on a south-easterly wind. Here, the 10th to the 14th were particularly cool, when the temperature failed to exceed 12 C (54F) on two days when heavy rain and strong north-east winds prevailed. Unusually for June, given the long hours of daylight, there were 6 completely sunless days. Compare this with February this year when the sun shone on every day of the month despite the appreciably shorter daylight hours at that time of the year.

Looking now at July, temperatures were well up to, or above average with a heatwave occurring during the second half of the month, when, for the second time in four weeks very hot air from the near Continent blew across the UK and especially so over south-east England and East Anglia, which resulted in Cambridge recording a new all time highest temperature for any month of 38.7C (101F) in the Botanical Gardens on the 25th. This beat the previous record of 38.5C (100.6) recorded in Faversham, Kent in 2003. During this time many records were broken across central and southern Europe with several countries recording 40C (104F) and above. Paris recorded 42.6C (108.5F) on 25 July. Just three days later the maximum temperature was just 16C (61.2F) with rain and no sun which sadly coincided with the start of Feast Week in Hilton.

If you are wondering whether the hot weather could return during August, it is worth noting that of the 10 warmest days recorded in the UK, 7 have occurred in August.

Elsewhere in the world, severe heat waves have occurred over the Eastern States of the USA and in Japan, and 32C (90F) was recorded over parts of Alaska. Meanwhile snow has fallen in parts of Australia even up to the Gold Coast (Queensland) a quite unusual occurrence, not only for humans but also for the kangaroos, and near Sydney roads became impassable because of the snow. Another freak weather event took place in Mexico, where the town Guadalajara was buried in up to 2 metres depth of hail. In China, over a million people were forced to evacuate as Typhoon Lekima caused extensive flooding and landslides in areas around Shanghai. These extreme weather events are almost becoming the “norm” but fortunately the UK generally escapes them most of the time.

Patrick Landucci

Fenstanton Bowls Club



The 82nd season at Fenstanton Bowls Club is now drawing to a close. We still have Presidents Day, Club Finals Day and the Club Dinner to look forward to. Mixed results were achieved as usual in our 7 League teams. We play at all levels at Fenstanton, from the Ladies' and Cambridge and District teams in Division One to other teams in lower divisions.

We have 2 winners already in our club competitions - Pat Scott won the Mike Tuppen Cup and the Clive Barrow trophy was won by Gary Flack.

We have been lucky enough this season to pick up one or 2 new players but, of course, we are always looking for new members. Further information about Fenstanton Bowls Club is available on the website, including contact numbers.

The green itself is much improved this year after substantial investment at the end of last season and a lot of hard work by club members throughout the year. We have received many compliments about the improvements made to the green from visiting clubs. Further investment is planned for the autumn.

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK



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

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

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

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you?

You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.

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

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



A sweater I bought was picking up static electricity, so I returned it to the store.

They gave me another one free of charge.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

We have started to plan ahead for the eleventh Christmas Fayre together with the switch-on of the Christmas lights on the Christmas tree by Father Christmas and the drawing of the tickets in the Christmas Draw. The Parish Council has kindly given permission for us to hold the event as usual around the Clock Tower on **Friday, December 6th**. We have applied for closure of the road in front of Barry's Plaice and the Post Office to increase the space available for stalls. There will be access to the houses beyond the Post Office by the road on the pond side of the Clock Tower and we will be putting up 'No Parking' signs to keep the road clear.

If you are interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fayre (there is no pitch fee but a prize for the Christmas Draw would be very welcome) please email fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or call Jane on 01480 461751. All funds raised at the event by FVHT go towards the construction of a new village hall. We are still negotiating with the developer for the eventual transfer of the land allocated to us on the old Dairy Crest site.

Fenstanton Friendship Club

3rd July

Strawberry tea was enjoyed by all with strawberries hand picked on a farm in Pidley.

17th July

Lunch out at the Hartford Mill, carvery which was very good.

31st July

A change to the speaker. Borneo talking the future. Alan Lamb a storyteller, amused us with talks of the Fens and Marshes.

14th August

A delightful afternoon at Scotsdale Garden Centre, in spite of the rain. The cream tea was delicious.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th September

"Bus pass to student card", a talk on life's experiences after retirement.

25th September

"Merry maker's", an afternoon of music hall.

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

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

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST
**BANGERS AND MASH
RACE NIGHT**



SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Start 7pm at Church Centre, School Lane, Fenstanton
Tickets £10 per head to
include a Sausage and Mash Supper
Bring your own drinks

Tickets available from
Ron's Farm Shop or online at
<https://fvhtracenight.eventbrite.co.uk>



Fenstanton Village Sports 2019

The weather for this year's Sports Day was disappointing to start with, but we still had a good day with people braving the weather to bring their entries to the produce show, have a go at some of the games and run races, followed by a drink and a burger.



One of the winning cakes



The afternoon's races started in the rain but we still had 262 entrants, which is similar to 2018 when we were competing with the football. The Victor Ludorum Trophy, awarded for the overall most successful competitor, was won jointly by Kian Rice and Zara Sparks.

Thank you to everyone who came along to run a stall. We had enthusiasm from all age groups, including some keen young competitors for:



Mini Croquet



Hook a Duck



....and the Coconut Shy



Followed by a well deserved an ice lolly in the sunshine.



We do need new committee members in order to keep the Sports Day going. It would be a shame for it to come to an end after more than 40 years.

It is not a big commitment during the year just 4 or 5 meetings plus the sports day weekend itself.

If anyone has the time to support this village institution, please contact Janet Way – jan.way26@gmail.com

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Keeping up appearances - Village Clean-up

In conjunction with Huntingdon District Council and the Fenstanton Scouts, your Parish Council is co-ordinating a volunteer day around the village.

We invite residents to support us in a community clear up.

Come along to the Clock Tower for 10.00am with a pair of gloves.

We'll supply the rest.



Speed awareness in Fenstanton



You may have seen the new Fenstanton Speedwatch group around the village. The team has been active at peak times.

Our remit is to remind motorists to be aware of their speed...that they are driving in a busy village, with large numbers of pedestrians, children and pets. Initial results are very positive.

However, we need additional volunteers. So if you can spare some time (as little as an hour a month would be fine), we will provide the training and equipment.

Contact: Cllr Roy McGee:
heathroy52@gmail.com

75th anniversary of VE Day

Plans are coming together for a week-end to remember. The Fenstanton community is currently putting a program together which includes:

Friday, 8th May

- *Parade from the clock tower to the war memorial*
- *Street party, with entertainment*
- *Military Wives choir and military band*

Saturday, 9th May

- *1940's sports day and fayre*

- *Duchess Choir*
- *1940's swing band and supper*

Sunday, 10th May

- *Memorial service*
- *Songs of Praise*

Any further suggestions you may have would be welcomed. The next meeting is on Thursday, 5th Sept at 7.15pm at the URC.



Parish Council project updates

Multi use games area (MUGA)

Go ahead received from CCC to use school land. Currently exploring funding options.

Village Pond

Awaiting go ahead from Environmental Agency to clear invasive weed.

Chequer Street and Pitfield Children's Playgrounds

Additional upgrades imminent.

Path to Outdoor Gym

Given green light, waiting to correct weather conditions for it to be laid.

The Fen Cycleway

Awaiting results of CCC surface testing. Further consultation with residents.

Timebank Volunteer scheme

St Ives Town Council has approved expansion to incorporate Fenstanton.

Let's Bag and Bin it

Your Parish Council is aware of a growing issue in Fenstanton - uncleared dog poo - and is launching the '**Bag and Bin it**' campaign to combat this.

Many people are unaware of the dangers and impact.

Uncleared dog faeces can impact for up to **THREE YEARS**, potentially effecting the **LIVER** and the **EYES**, and in severe cases leading to **blindness**.

Swimming and water sports

Rain washing over dog poo flows into the drainage system, contaminating local waterways. Faecal coliform bacteria, a measure of water health and quality, is mostly from dogs.

Farmers are impacted, financially and health-wise;

- a crop contaminated with dog faeces cannot be used and is rejected from sale;
- farm machinery can cross-contaminate other crops;
- farmers face a significant health risk.



CHILDREN ARE MOST AT RISK

Your Parish Council has installed new bins around busy dog walking areas of the village: by the outdoor gym and on Michael Behagg Way. If you have any suggestions for additional sites, please let us know.

As a dog owner and walker, it is your responsibility to keep your dog away from areas where children play, including football pitches and playgrounds, and off farmers' fields.

*Always '**Bag and Bin**' your dog's poo hygienically.*

Help us create a clean and safe Fenstanton.

Meet your Parish Councillors - Susannah Collison

Susannah has lived in Fenstanton since 2007 with her husband, their two children and dog.

She worked as a History teacher at schools in Bedfordshire before having children and now works as a Teaching Assistant at the primary school.

Susannah is currently studying part-time to complete her Masters Degree in History, which has a focus on local history and she is also a Cub Leader in the 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Pack.

She is keen to work with the Parish Council as the village continues to



grow and is particularly interested in supporting opportunities for young people in the parish.

Become a Fenstanton Parish Councillor

Over recent times under 'localisation' initiatives parish councils have been encouraged to take a far more active and involved role in the local community.

Your Parish Council has embraced this opportunity: taking increased responsibility for the upkeep and appearance of the parish; as well as undertaking significant capital improvement projects and initiatives; working more closely with and supporting the broader community.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

If you have lived or worked in the parish for at least 12 months and are interested in helping shape the future of your Fenstanton, and can spare a minimum of an evening each month, then this may be a role for you.

Full training and support will be provided.

For further information and/or a confidential informal conversation, contact the Clerk.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk, Annette Eggett:

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Website : http://www.fenstanton-village.co.uk/parish_council.php

HILTON HARVEST SUPPER – SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019



A REMINDER TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS - if you have not already done so

Price £10 each

Please call Rosemary Blake on 830137

Or

Wendy Webb on 830740

As usual the proceeds from the Harvest Supper go to charity, this year to the British Heart Foundation and to Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, the only UK charity dedicated to women affected by cervical cancer or abnormalities.

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

Hilton Village Hall

There will be a Table-Top Sale on 26th October in the Village Hall, tables cost £5.00, refreshments will also be available.

Keep a check on village notice-boards, in October Spectrum and VH Face-book page for timings etc.

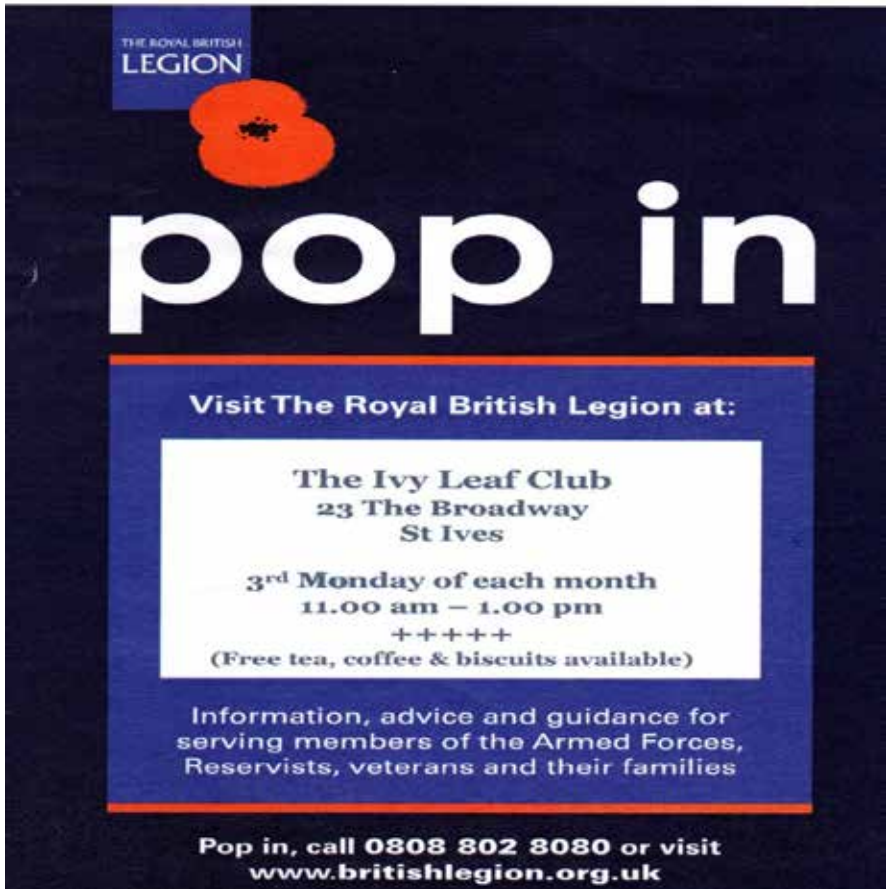
Be aware that tables are already being sold to people who have heard about it on our famous 'Village Grapevine'!

Hilton Village Hall Management C'tee.


Hilton British Legion

It is coming around to Poppy Appeal time again, so please if anyone would like to join us visiting homes in the village with our poppies to collect donations, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Margaret 831 186 or Julie 830 580. This year the Appeal starts on Saturday 26th October through to Saturday 9th November. Remembrance Sunday is November 10th and Remembrance Day itself is Monday 11 November. Please support the Royal British Legion and their work supporting retired and serving military personnel and their families.

The St Ives Branch of the RBL has recently started a monthly Pop In service in the Ivy Leaf Club, The Broadway, St Ives, for veterans, serving members of the Armed forces and their families. Details are shown on the flier below. You can also just pop in for a cuppa and a chat, we look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please contact Margaret - 831 186, Julie – 830 580 or the Royal British Legion Helpline:- 0808 802 8080.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



pop in

Visit The Royal British Legion at:

The Ivy Leaf Club
23 The Broadway
St Ives

3rd Monday of each month
11.00 am – 1.00 pm
+++++
(Free tea, coffee & biscuits available)

Information, advice and guidance for
serving members of the Armed Forces,
Reservists, veterans and their families

Pop in, call 0808 802 8080 or visit
www.britishlegion.org.uk

HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

The Club exhibited artwork in the annual Feast Week Art Show and as usual, rose to the challenge. Many thanks to the members who put in brilliant paintings and a special mention to everyone who helped set up on the Wednesday afternoon – greatly appreciated. We were especially impressed by the village Art Show this year with the subject of 'All Things Starry and 'Space – the Final Frontier', which seemed to fire up the imagination, especially of the children!

20TH September, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Coastal Creations: coastlines, caves, cliffs and coves. Please bring your own pictures.

New members always welcome - first ordinary session free. Contact: Gina on 830696 for details



Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

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

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

Find Us on Facebook

Hilton Art Club

SEPTEMBER 2nd, Lesley Beeton is our demonstrator, she will be doing 4/5 flower arrangements, which will be raffled off, so you could be a lucky lady to take one home. We look forward to seeing Lesley as we know it will be a very entertaining afternoon, not one to miss.

OCTOBER 7th is our workshop, so we will need your names and money at the September meeting. Price for workshop is £5.00, plus entry fee. Come and join in the fun.

We are having a Christmas raffle to raise money for our flower festival in 2020. Tickets will be for sale from the September meeting and until our December Christmas Party, when the raffle will be drawn.

Prizes Luxury hampers, Tickets £1.00 or a book for £5.00.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm--4pm

Entrance £5.00 (includes tea and biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

See you soon Beverley

Hilton WI

Our July meeting was entertaining and informative when Bob Scott came to

demonstrate and talk to us about the art of glass blowing.

He made some really cute little hedgehogs, mice and owls. The only things he used were a butane gas cylinder, thin rods of glass, tools to make the shapes and special non glare glasses.

He chatted while he worked saying he is now retired so this is his hobby but he used to work making heatproof glass for domestic and commercial use.

It is quite an ancient tradition ,Galileo's thermometer and Edison's light bulbs are still relevant and have been brought up to date with modern technology.

The summer outing to the East coast was a success the weather was not perfect but apparently the fish and chips were up to the mark.

The Summer Supper was a great success lots of lovely food and gorgeous puddings !

Of course the QUIZ made an appearance in the guise of numbers and letters to be pored over and discussed endlessly !

On September 9th Sue Stephenson will remind us of The Swinging Sixties so be at the Village Hall at 7 30 pm and see how times and our lives have changed.

Kath Charter



This September, the group welcomes Charlie Kitchin (a warden and a site manager for over 30 years at the RSPB) to talk about birdlife and management of the Nene Washes.

His interesting talk is about:

History of Fens drainage and creation of the washes

Key wildlife and how the RSPB manage the habitat

Archaeology of the Fens

Fascinating to anyone with an interest in the local area's natural history, wildlife or geography.

We'll also have an intermission, items for sale, and more.
Everyone's welcome!

It's on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm in St Ives Free Church.

Entry for non-members is £4.



Hilton Feast Week 2019

Wow, what an amazing week! We certainly had a huge amount of fun and enjoyed every moment and we hope that everyone who came along had just as much fun. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of those people who volunteered their time and effort in so many ways not only during Feast Week but throughout the year. And of course a massive thank you must go to every single person who came along to an event and turned out to support Feast Week. Thanks also to all those businesses who supported us and do so year after year, including Spectrum.

We are already busy planning our fundraising activities for the year to come, details of which will follow in Spectrum, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as on village noticeboards and our website www.feastweek.co.uk

Please do come along to our AGM on Tuesday September 10th at 8pm in the village hall to celebrate Feast Week and raise a glass with us from our licensed bar.

We are looking forward to another exciting year and thank you all for your continued support.



www.feastweek.co.uk



Hilton Feast Week



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Hilton Produce Show

The Cosmic Produce Show: Stars and Star Wars (friendly of course)

If the watchers from other planets were sending their search beams into the marquee at lunch-time on Sunday, 28th July, they would have seen the judges and their assistants smiling at the ordered lines of produce on the white surfaces: home-baked bread, cakes, jams, heaps of rhubarb, tomatoes, and other produce from our village gardens. It was a display we recognise with pleasure and pride...but perhaps puzzling for extra-terrestrials.

However, they might have recognised some of the wonderful exhibits reflecting our desire to explore other (their) planets. On the children's tables, in the flower arrangements and the men's baking challenge, there were rockets, buggies, modules, spacemen, planets, moon-walks made in flowers, cake, icing, plastic, vegetables and other materials. Feast Week's brilliant Space theme certainly got the creative juices flowing. Skill, ingenuity, wit and competitiveness were amply demonstrated. Photographs on the village website will prove that this was an excellent show and proof of the goodwill and talent the village has to offer.

The committee went through a mid-week crisis, since there appeared to be fewer entries than in previous years. But, of course, our fears were allayed by a record number of quality exhibits, for which we would like to THANK all our supporters and competitors and CONGRATULATE all our trophy winners, shown below.

Alice Collen Cup	Genevieve Webster
Thomas Collen Cup	Rose Warboys
Jacob Collen Cup	Megan Gribbin & Chloe Minter
Tallest Bean	Megan Gribbin
Best Flower-Pot Man	Megan Gribbin
Egg Cup	Rose Warboys
Hilton Town Trust Fruit Cup	Pat Porter
Hilton Town Trust Vegetable Cup	Pat Porter
Drink Cup	Rosemary Blake
Compost Bucket	Heather Chambers
Hilton Town Trust Flower Arrangement	Sandy Monk
Hilary Holmes Rose Bowl	Beverley Tack
Hilton Town Trust Flower Cup	Claire Sarkies
Dorothy King Memorial Cup	Heather Chambers
Laidler Rose Trophy	Heather Chambers
Ali Dunk prize for the most surprising exhibit	Chris Graveling
WI Baking & Preserves Salver	Sue Clark
Frog Prince Award	David East
Kathleen Hasler Rose Bowl	Rosemary Blake

What's on in September

2nd	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P27
7th	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Fenstanton URC	10:00 am	P22
7th	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P12
8th	Pims and Pate Lunch	Fenstanton Parish Church	10:00 am	P16
9th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P51
10th	Hilton Feast week AGM	Hilton Village Hall	8:00 pm	P51
11/25	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P34
14th	Skylark Concert	St Mary's Fen Drayton	7:30pm	P10
14th	Hobbies, Crafts and Collection day	Fenstanton URC	10:00am	P21
20th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47
20th	Friday Feast	Parish Church Hilton	5:30 pm	P15
22nd	Harvest Festival Lunch	Fenstanton Parish Church	10:30am	P19
28th	Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Bangers and Mash race night	Fenstanton Church Centre	7:00pm	P35
28th	Workaid Collection	Fenstanton URC	10:00am	P21

Dates of future events:

If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it in 'Dates of Future Events'

5th October Hilton Harvest Supper P41

26 October Hilton Table Top Sale P43

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

6th December Fenstanton Village Hall Committee Christmas Fare P24

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p49)
Shanty Folk (p35)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters,
Coffee & chat,
Tuesday Lunch (23)

**For Church services
etc. see pages 14
to 25**