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Moat House • Sherwood House • The Prince of Wales

Sunday 7 July

2 - 6pm

Combined entry £7 Children free
Light refreshments



More information at ngs.org.uk

May 2024

- 01 Morris, Dancing up the Sun, 5.30am
Clock Tower
- 04-05 Bowls Club Open Days
- 05 10K Race and Fun Run
- 11 CCC Flood mobile in Village Hall car
park
- 14 Litter picking event
- 18 Books, jigsaws and plant sale, URC
- 18-19 National Gardens Scheme Open
Gardens
- 18-19 A Church Full of Art, Parish Church
- 18 Coffee with a Cop, Church Centre
- 26 Three Tuns Beer Festival, Village Hall

June 2024

- 06-09 Weekend of Summer Fun
- 06 Lighting the beacon, Village Green
- 07 Games on the Village Green
- 08 Afternoon Tea/Plant sale, Village Hall
- 08 Summer Party, Pavillion
- 09 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, Village
Green
- 10 Annual Village Meeting, Village Hall
- 11 Football's early local history - talk by
Nigel Fenner, Three Tuns
- 20-22 Booze in Pews, Parish Church

July 2024

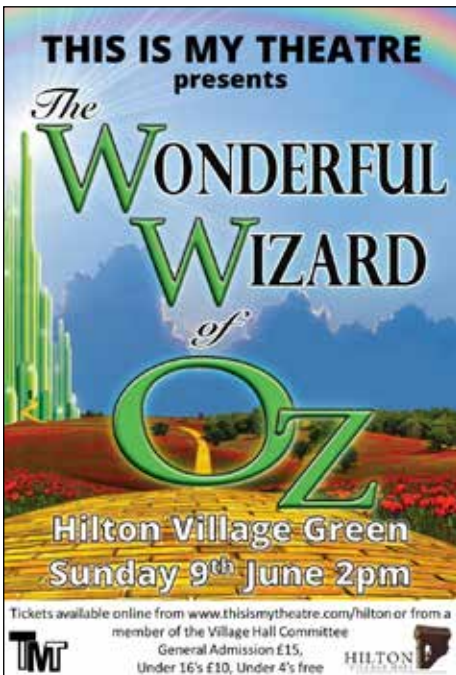
- 06 The BIG Village Fun Day, School Field
- 07 National Garden Scheme Open
Gardens
- 20 Summer Ball
- 21 -27 Feast Week
- 27 Produce Show

Sept 2024

- 08 Pimms & Pate Garden Lunch

Dec 2024

- 07 Seasonal Sing-Along





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May

IS A
SPECIAL MONTH

The month of May is officially Spring and is named after the god of growth and fertility. You can certainly see our gardens growing encouraged by the occasional days of warmth. The official flower of May is Lily of the Valley, so look out for these white gems in gardens around our villages.

Insects also get featured as 20 May is World Bee Day so be (no pun intended) kind to these hard working chaps who are so important for our gardens.

As May is officially National Smile month we hope there is plenty to keep you smiling in this bumper issue of The Journal. Don't miss Archer's story on page 11 that is sure to make you smile!

From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy this edition

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Hilton Parish Church Heritage Boxes

A massive Thank You to the many people throughout Hilton who have donated small change (and notes) via the Parish Church Heritage boxes. The recent collection raised £385 which will be gratefully put towards the upkeep of the church building. Also, to Peter Blake for coordinating this scheme for many years, along with his team of collectors – many, many thanks.

Maybe you are new to the village or haven't come across this before? You don't have to be religious to appreciate that the church building is a part of the fabric of our lovely village. Maintaining it is costly and the heritage box scheme is an easy way to enable you to donate your small change knowing it is going towards the upkeep of this aspect of village. If you would like more details, please ring 01480 830866.

Hilton Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in aid of EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices)



are held in the Hilton Methodist



Schoolroom on the first Saturday of each month.



4 May 10:00am to 12 noon
1 June 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!

WINNER

Fen Drayton Football Club 300 Club draw

2023-24 season

TICKET WINNERS FOR MARCH

We invite the following lucky ticket winners to email Martin Leach, club treasurer on: martin.leach56@btinternet.com, with bank account details so a direct online payment can be made.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you all once again for your fantastic support for Fen Drayton Football Club.

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Help from Barnardo's

Having lived in Hilton 40 odd years, I am aware we have quite a large elderly population and the constraints in our village can impose on us all. I work as a volunteer a few mornings a week at Barnardo's charity shop St Ives.

I am very aware just now difficult it is to drop off donations. We have a very limited bus service from Hilton to St Ives and the road outside the shop is on double yellow lines. It therefore nigh on impossible to bring heavy items or Bric a Brac donations to the store.

I do think as a result of these constraints we don't always receive the donations from those who would like to support the

Barnardo's charity. I would therefore be willing to offer a pick up or drop off service for Hilton residents. I have full approval from store manager and her contact details for verification.

If anyone is interested in donating items for this worthy cause please contact me at sandradawnphillips@gmail.com or leave a message on 01480830646.

With many thanks and best wishes,
Sandra.



Royal British Legion Hilton



In 2018 the world was commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1 and throughout the year members of the St Ives and district attended a service at every village that had suffered losses by displaying the names on their memorials. It was part of a national scheme named Every Man Remembered and with our many new friends our promise was made to revisit each church although the pandemic halted our hopes until this year.

The renewed gathering for Hilton will take place on Sunday May 12 with a combined service at the Methodist Chapel at 11.15 when the eleven named men from Hilton on our Lych Gate Memorial will be remembered once more. With only 273 people registered in the earlier census of 1901 these eleven men would have been a huge proportional loss and all of them known so we hope to see many Hilton supporters at the Chapel on May 12.

For our historians, two further commemorations take place very shortly: 80 years since the Battle of Monte Cassino on May 18 and Anzac Day on April 26, the latter to be acknowledged at the Military Section of the Cambridge City Ceremony at 10.00 am. Other notable dates follow, particularly of course that of 80 years since D Day in June.

Hilton Community Garden

Don't miss the Community Garden's Plant Sale on Saturday 8 June 3-5 pm at the Village Hall as part of the Weekend of Summer Fun (see page 15).

Cambridgeshire Deaf Association

Cambridgeshire Deaf Association was happy to welcome Anthony Browne MP to our monthly Bar Hill Hearing Aid Maintenance session in April. He was shown how we clean the moulds, renew the worn tubes and domes, distribute batteries and advise on general care and signposting on.

If you wear NHS hearing aids, pop along on the first Wednesday morning of every month 10am – 12 noon to the Community Church in Bar Hill for tea and biscuits, a chat and a full MOT on your hearing aids.

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YOUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU!

-THE FEN DRAYTON VILLAGE AND FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS A NEW PAVILION.

Come and join us to support the Lions and Parish Council with its fundraising efforts.

Bank Holiday weekend - avoid the traffic and stroll down to the Fen Drayton Village Hall and grounds for what promises to be a fun filled day!

*“Massive event
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Sunday 26th
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5th May 2024

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Update on Guide Dog puppy Archer

By Jo Treeby

Archer has been with us for 10 months, and has really made progress. There is still a long way to go, but he is ready to take the next really big step in his journey to becoming a guide dog.

On Monday 8 April, Liz, who it to be his new trainer met him for the first time. We went for a walk together – this could have been embarrassing as he likes to go into, rather than walk past, the pub! He’s made lots of friends there, and being a sociable sort of dog like to go in to say hello to everyone. And just have a quick check in case there happens to be any crumbs he can pick up. (There rarely are any, but it is always worth checking, isn’t it?)

Thursday the 18th will be a day of very mixed feelings for us all. Archer leaves home and goes to big school! His humans will drive him to Leamington to Guide Dogs HQ and training school. We will all have a good look round his new training environment, have a cuppa and a chat with Liz, then Archer will stay while we will return to an empty house. We’ve known from day one this will happen, but it is still a very bittersweet day. Proud of “our boy” that he’s progressed enough to go to big school, but we will miss him enormously. The new friends we’ve made who are also puppy raisers all tell us there is no doubt, it is 100 per cent guaranteed that tears will be shed.

He will take his favourite toys with him, so he has something familiar to smell when he goes to his new home. He will have a new “mum” who will look after him evenings and weekends and who will drop him off at school and pick him up every

evening. We will be kept informed how he is doing. If he makes the grade, we will get a picture of him in his official new Guide Dogs jacket and harness. It will be his new owner’s choice if we get to know where he eventually lives. If he doesn’t make the grade as a guide dog, he may become a buddy dog to live with, and assist someone with different needs. If that doesn’t work out either, there is a waiting list of people waiting to adopt dogs who don’t make it.

So, has it been worth the work and the heartache? Absolutely yes, without a doubt. We’ve met some lovely people, and fabulous dogs, and had adoration from Archer, the friendliest, happiest dog you could wish for. He can be naughty, greedy, stubborn, hard work, exasperating, digs up plants and sheds so much hair my clothes turn white. But he is forgiving, clever, loving and adorable. The house will feel empty without him – maybe we will go to the pub and raise a glass to him.

But you know what? I’m never going to miss the early days’ “accidents” and just think - no more poo bags! What about getting another one? There is much negotiating going on at home . . . watch this space!



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Hilton Feast Week 2024 reaches back to The Middle Ages.

Sneak Preview:- Things to make for the 27 July Produce Show.

Contenders for the Alice, Thomas and Jacob Collen Cups can enter a jester's stick made from a wooden spoon, a knot garden in a seed tray, the initial of their first name, a potato gargoyle or one modelled in clay.... and more...

A Jester was employed by a wealthy household as their personal comedian. This picture shows the kind of stick commonly carried as a prop and mark of the trade. In Medieval illustrations, the jester's stick was a miniature version of the jester himself, wearing the same colours and the characteristic two-legged hat with bells.



Before the days of lawn mowers, gardens were designed around small beds for herbs and flowers and gravel paths. The patterns were intricate like knotted ropes hence their name, Knot Gardens.

Medieval scribes started chapters in the bible with an elaborately decorated initial letter. They used rich colours and gold leaf stand out to make works of art that are admired and treasured to this day.



The Green Man is a common image in folk-lore. The face surrounded by leaves can be found carved in stone on churches or college buildings, mounted on garden walls or set in paths. With his leafy appearance, he represents the new growth of spring.

Gargoyles are medieval drain pipes or water spouts. Besides their practical purpose, they were designed to ward off evil spirits.



Craftsmen fashioned frightening beasts to peer down from the roof tops of churches and guild halls, like the one in the picture on the left.

Some other gargoyles, like those on the tower at Hilton Parish Church (pictured right) had a much simpler and more functional design.

Hilton Village Hall

We are very excited to be bringing you a weekend of summer fun in June (see page 15), culminating in an outdoor family theatre production on Hilton Green on Sunday 9 June to raise funds for the Village Hall. Get your tickets now either via www.thisismytheatre.com or call 07974 435266.





History of Early local football

Talk at Three Tuns Pub, Fen Drayton - 7pm Tuesday 11 June 2024

Cambridge lays claim not just to having the earliest football club in the world, but also to creating the modern-day laws of the game – going back over 175 years. Whilst this relates to the University, it is a little-known fact that over 250 years ago 'the major stronghold for football in Britain was East Anglia', before the University took up the game.

Come and hear Nigel Fenner share this fascinating history - just a few days before the UEFA European Championship starts on 14 June.

Donations towards the Fen Drayton Village Sports Pavilion fund will be most welcome.

In order to plan the seating arrangements please email info@threetunsendrayton.co.uk if you wish to attend.

Fen Drayton Village Hall - AGM

We welcome you to join our annual general meeting (AGM) to find out what has been happening at the village hall over the last year and our plans for the year ahead. This will be held in the village hall on Thursday 30th May 2024 at 7.30pm.

Interested in becoming a trustee?

We are a small group of people who want to help the community by keeping Fen Drayton village hall open and busy with groups and activities. But, as with all things, this can't continue without the help and support of others. Do you think you could spare a little bit of time to help us in the running of the hall?

There are many elements that you could get involved with, from helping with the bookings, admin, social media, fundraising ideas and planning, all which benefit the local community.

It can take up as much or as little time as you would like to put in and of course there is ample support and guidance available.

If you think this is something you are interested in, please come along to our AGM or contact the committee by emailing fendraytonvillagehallweb@gmail.com or by dropping us a message on 07596 576 515.





HILTON WEEKEND OF SUMMER FUN

6TH - 9TH JUNE 2024

THURSDAY 6TH

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SATURDAY 8TH

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Updates from Clare Tevlin, your District Councillor



In Focus: Potholes

Many residents will be relieved to hear of the work progressed by Fenstanton Parish Council, working with the County Council in the remediation of potholes. Work has been underway to repair the slip road surfaces into and out of Fenstanton, with the support of the new County Transport Officer covering the ward.



Huntingdonshire's Place Strategy

Huntingdonshire District Council continues commitment to pro-actively working with partners and stakeholders throughout 2023/24, following the launch of Huntingdonshire Future's Place Strategy. The creation of a 'Festival of Huntingdonshire' is to mark the Council's 50th Anniversary of creation, throughout the rest of 2024. 2024 will provide multiple opportunities for our communities and interested parties to partner and engage in District-wide activity as we mark this. You can look out for more information, and about the Place Strategy here: <https://letstalkhuntingdonshire.net/hub-page/the-place-strategy>

Community and Warm Hubs

Firstly, a big thank-you to all community volunteers in our Ward! It has been fantastic to see both Hilton and Fenstanton, supported by Huntingdonshire District Council funding, flourish in the growth and evolution of two fantastic warm and community hubs. Whilst we await further decisions on funding opportunities for our communities at HDC, more advice on community support available can be found: <https://www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/> and <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/community-spaces/>

Green bins

For all of the latest advice and support with regards to Green bins, please visit <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service>
Alternatively you can call 01480 388388, or for any urgent queries contact myself

Do you have any queries or questions?

You can contact me by: clare.tevlin@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or 07565350014.

Step into the Past

The Two Martins

by Malcolm Lynn

In the 1960s, when I was in my teens, I had the privilege of hearing two people, who were both called Martin, speak and I thought you might be interested to know a little about them and how I came to hear them.

Although they came from different countries and their lives were very different in many ways, there were some common themes. Both Martins were prominent churchmen, both were well-known internationally, both had been jailed for their beliefs and both had experienced the evil side of humanity at first-hand. Both also have a place in history and both have left the world some famous quotations and insights.

Rev Martin Niemöller

The first Martin is Rev Martin Niemöller. I was only about 13 or 14 years old when my



Rev Martin Niemöller

parents took me to Grove Street Methodist Church in Retford to hear him speak. I can't remember what he spoke about although I am sure he would have covered some of his life experiences.

When he came to Retford, he was a President of the World Council of Churches and would have been about 70 years old. He was an ardent pacifist and a campaigner for nuclear disarmament. Knowing that, you might not guess much about his earlier life history, so I have listed a few key points here:-

- 1915:** Volunteered for the German U-boat fleet (Aged 23)
- 1918:** Commander of U-boat U-67 and earned himself the nickname "The horror of Malta". Awarded the Iron Cross First Class.
- 1920:** Founder and Kommandant of a division of the Freikorps, which were nationalist groups of violently anti-communist former soldiers.
- 1934:** Met Hitler to discuss Church politics and protested against the "Nazification" of the church. Became one of the founders of the Confessing Church.
- 1937:** Arrested.
- 1938:** Tried and acquitted. The court's decision was then over-ruled by Hitler and Niemöller was sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

In the final days of the war, he was transported to the Tyrol as one of 139 high profile prisoners, who had been selected as hostages for bargaining in any negotiations with the Allies. The hostages came from 17 countries, including Britain. However, the prisoners discovered that their captors, Hitler's SS, also had orders to murder them.

The story of what happened in the Tyrol

would make a good story for a film because it led to an armed confrontation between the SS and the German army in the village of Niederdorf. In the end, the SS surrendered and the army took charge of the prisoners, who were then liberated by the Americans a few days later.

Niemoeller's statement on his experience of Nazi Germany has become well-known:-

First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a communist

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me.

Rev Dr Martin Luther King

A few years later, in November 1967, I had the privilege of hearing Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King speak.

I remember this occasion rather better than the first, as I was a student at Newcastle University at the time and I was one of the students fortunate enough to get a ticket to the honorary degree ceremony at which he was to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law.

What I didn't know then was that he had been in jail in Alabama only about two weeks before the ceremony and that he was in the UK for only 24 hours, arriving in Newcastle in the early hours that day.

Martin Luther King was well-known as the leader of the civil rights movement and as an advocate of non-violent protest despite violence being used against him many times, including having his home bombed, being stabbed and being stoned. He was also jailed on a number of occasions.

In 1964, at the age of 35, he was awarded the



Statue of Dr King in Newcastle

Nobel Peace Prize, making him the youngest recipient at the time. Interestingly, Martin Niemöller publicly supported Dr King's nomination for the prize.

Dr King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee in April, 1968, less than five months after the degree ceremony in Newcastle.

I think his most famous speeches were the "I have a dream" speech in 1963 and one just before his death which included the line "I've been to the mountaintop". These are easy to find, so I will just add a short piece from his speech in Newcastle:-

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By Nigel Ferrier

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French Corner

Franschhoek's (meaning literally French Corner) appeal can be traced back to the late 17th century when French Huguenots, seeking refuge from religious persecution, settled in the Cape region. Bringing with them a legacy of winemaking expertise, these settlers established vineyards in the fertile valleys surrounding Franschhoek, laying



the foundation for what would become one of the world's foremost wine-producing regions. Today, traces of this heritage can still be found in the town's architecture, culinary traditions, and, of course, its wine culture.

The town is home to a plethora of esteemed wine farms. From the award-winning blends of Haute Cabrière to the Old World charm of La Motte or the quirky Black Elephant, you can embark on a tasting journey that highlights the diversity and quality of South African wines. The Wine Tram service allows you to enjoy your wine tasting without the worry of driving. Serving over 30 different wine farms it gives you plenty to go at in one day!

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It is not all wine

Beyond its renowned wineries, Franschhoek boasts a vibrant culinary scene that celebrates the region's bounty. The town is dotted with acclaimed restaurants offering an amazing array of dining options. Whether indulging in a leisurely lunch overlooking the vineyards or sampling gourmet chocolates at a local café, you are sure to enjoy Franschhoek's gastronomic delights. One of our favourites is Deux Lions on the La Bourgogne wine farm where under the watchful eye of head chef Shaun Schoeman, it serves real art on a plate.

While wine may take centre stage in Franschhoek, the town's charm extends far beyond the vineyards. You can explore the surrounding mountains and valleys immersing yourself in the region's natural beauty. Art galleries, boutique shops, and



antique stores line the town's streets and, if you are a history buff you can delve into the town's past at the Huguenot Monument and Museum.

Beyond the town

Venturing beyond Franschhoek, you can explore the broader Cape Winelands, home to a myriad of world-class wine estates. From Stellenbosch's historic vineyards to the

rolling hills of Paarl, the region showcases the diversity of South African wine production. You are certainly spoilt for choice.

From its storied past to its vibrant present, Franschhoek will captivate you with its scenic beauty, culinary delights, and, above all, its exceptional wines.

Getting around

Franschhoek is under two hours drive from Cape Town airport which has regular flights from London. Driving is easy in South Africa as they drive on the left as we do. When staying in Franschhoek you have masses of choice from the very top end Last Word (starting at £328 per night) to one of the many boutique guest houses such as Plumwood (starting at £106 per night). Eating out will range from £17 through to £35 per head on average, and that includes drinks!

Getting around Franschhoek is easy as you can safely walk at all times of day and night within the town and if you need to visit one of the out of town restaurants you can use an Uber or a local taxi.





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There are two churches in our benefice: our Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul in Fenstanton and our Chapel of Ease, St Mary's, Fen Drayton
Both our churches look forward to welcoming you to any of our services. We hope to see you soon!

Please note - services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton are live streamed where possible, details via <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk>

May 2024 – Services and Events

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Thursday 2 May | 8.30am on Zoom | Morning Prayer For Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie |
| Sunday 5 May | 10.30am Fenstanton | Holy Communion with Sunday Club for children |
| Thursday 9 May Ascension Day | 8.30am on Zoom 7.30pm Fen Drayton | Morning Prayer Ascension Day Holy Communion |
| Sunday 12 May | 9.15am Fen Drayton 8-10am Fenstanton 10.30am Fenstanton | Holy Communion Big Brekkie for Christian Aid, more details opposite Worship For All |
| Wednesday 15 May | 7.30pm Fenstanton | Meeting of the Parishioners, for the election of two churchwardens for the Benefice of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
| Thursday 16 May | 8.30am on Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May | 12.30-6pm Fenstanton | 'A Church Full of Art' |
| Sunday 19 May Pentecost | 10.30am Fenstanton 6pm *Fen Drayton *Please note | Holy Communion with Sunday Club Sung Evensong (BCP) |
| Thursday 23 May | 8.30am on Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday | 9.15am Fen Drayton 10.30am Fenstanton | Morning Praise Family Communion |



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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St Mary's has a small threshold that may be possible to navigate with a wheelchair. There are no toilet facilities, yet and limited heating (on our list of things to do).

Although we have fixed pews in both churches there are plenty of spaces available for wheelchairs, prams and buggies. We will be happy to help you find a space if that helps you to feel welcome among us as we worship.

Christian Aid week is 12 -18 May 2024



This year for Christian Aid week (12 -18 May) we have two village events planned and we would love your support. All monies raised will go straight to help some of the poorest people in the world regardless of faith or of no faith. Do get in touch if you would like to help at either event, Katie Hucklesby. ikhuck@virginmedia.com

At Fenstanton Parish Church

Sunday 12 May serving between 8-10am
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At Fenstanton URC

Wednesday 15 May, 2-4pm
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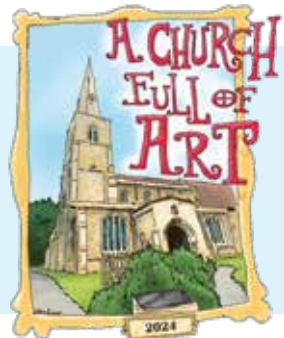
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A Church Full of Art

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Hilton Methodist Church



I listen to a fair bit of radio – usually Radio 4. Two items caught my attention recently. The first, so poignant, I parked up and stayed in the car, transfixed. Simon Boaz, speaking about having only a few months to live due to cancer.

He spoke of having lived his best life. He spoke of how at 46, having lived longer than most people in history, as well as in many parts of the world today, could ever expect. He spoke of the trillion to one chance of having a life at all – think... what if your parents had never met!

And whilst not being religious, he spoke of the equally unlikely notion that there cannot be some kind of design behind the creation of the universe. In view of this, he talked of hope – the possibility of something beyond. He spoke of being surrounded by love and the best we could do whilst here being to show as much love to others as we can.

All this was better than any sermon I could deliver and inspired me to review my priorities in recognition of the gift of life, the limits to this gift and the fragility of our being. Quite transformative.

The other piece was very different; on the imminent risk to our economy with China set to dominate the electric car market having, over the last 20 years, developed city sized car plants, bespoke shipping facilities and owning the rights to 80% of the world's sources of cobalt – the essential component for car batteries. Game over for our automobile industry was the inevitable conclusion!

Aside from bemoaning our country's inability to plan long term for anything, it was the fear

such developments bring about that struck me as they explained that any less-than-friendly country would be capable of bringing all our cities to a complete halt.

So, on one hand the freedom inherent in recognising life as a real gift. On the other, fear likely to cause entrenchment and rigidity.

It's to this inherent human capacity to mess things up that God speaks hope. This month churches celebrate Pentecost – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit transforming the lives of thousands immediately after the death and resurrection of Christ 2000 years ago.

Millions and millions have since testified to something like what Simon Boaz was talking about, but more. Faith in Christ as God, God with us now through the Holy Spirit and the everlasting hope of empowering us to live freely that this brings. Not something that can easily be explained but certainly something that can be experienced.



You can contact Revd. Sue by email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk or by phone: 07483 153948

Services in May

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| 5 May | 10:00am | Mr. C. Webber |
| 12 May | 11:15am | United Service at the Methodist Church with the Royal British Legion |
| 19 May | 10:00am | Dr. D. Ward |
| 26 May | 10:00am | Ms. N. Gordon |



Hilton Parish Church

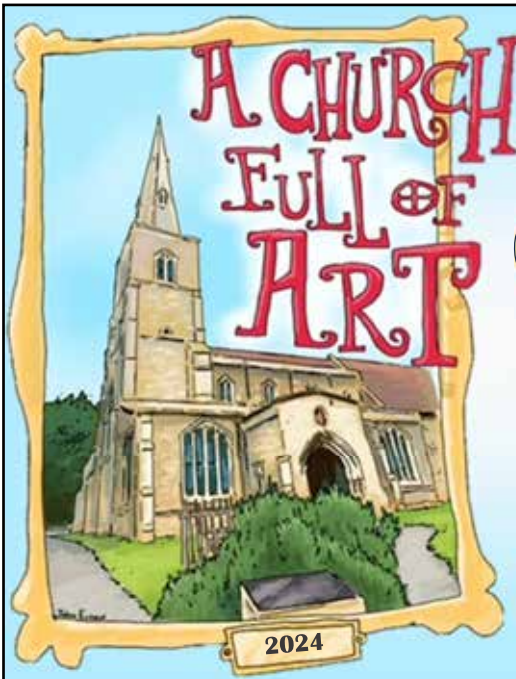


Services in May

- Sunday 5** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Sunday 12** 11.15am United Communion Service Methodist Church
- Sunday 19** 8am Holy Communion
- Sunday 26** 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church
Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall
- Friday 10** 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

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The almost complete abolition of Legal Aid some years ago has, to an extent, fostered this climate of self-determination. The truth of the matter however is that a divorce, coupled with resolving a financial dispute, is often far from straightforward.

Many spouses acting for themselves never seek advice because they don't know they are making mistakes. Common issues in financial cases include:

- Spouses dividing up their assets by agreement, piecemeal and prematurely, without first knowing the value of all the assets. Asset division on divorce should only properly be carried out when the entire marital pot has been valued and its overall worth assessed;
- One of the parties deciding to prematurely secure a Final Order (formerly called a Decree Absolute) dissolving the marriage, before consideration has been given to settling the finances. This should usually be postponed until all money matters are agreed and formally finalised;
- Procedural errors, for e.g. wrongly drafting court paperwork, causing court delays of many months.
- Unrepresented parties may delay proceedings through uncertainty about the

procedure or may wrongly insist their legal view of the case is correct;

- A spouse believing they can later re-open a financial settlement approved by the court, so as to claim more money from their ex-spouse. The general rule is that there is only one "bite of the cherry", with any settlement being full and final.

All of the above pitfalls and more can be avoided if a solicitor is engaged to explore opportunities for settlement, which, much of the time, can be achieved without court involvement.

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Ingredients

4 teaspoons za'atar or 2 teaspoons of dried thyme and 2 teaspoons of dried oregano

2 tbs olive oil, plus more for drizzling

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs and drumsticks four of each

1 x bag of new potatoes – charlotte are best for this, cut in half lengthwise

1 medium red onion, peeled, halved lengthwise, and cut into ½-inch wedges

1 lemon, cut in half

1 bunch kale, stalks removed, torn in two inch pieces (about 4 packed cups)



Method

1. Preheat your oven to 425 degrees (200c in a fan oven, gas mark 7), with racks in upper and lower thirds. In a small bowl, mix za'atar (or dried herbs) with two tablespoons oil and two teaspoons salt.
2. With a sharp knife, cut two one inch long slashes in each piece of chicken, through skin and down to bone. Rub za'atar (or dried herbs) mixture all over chicken and into the slashes.
3. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss potatoes with one tablespoon oil; season with salt and pepper. Roast in lower third of oven, stirring once, until starting to brown, about 20 minutes. Toss the onion with the remaining one tablespoon oil; season with salt and pepper; add to the baking sheet along with the chicken pieces and lemon halves. Roast for 40 minutes.
4. Switch now to grill mode. Move baking sheet and grill until the chicken is browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Drizzle kale lightly with oil; season with salt and pepper. Scatter the kale over the chicken and grill until just wilted. Let cool slightly, then squeeze the lemon halves over chicken. Remove the chicken to a platter; toss the vegetables together and serve alongside. Lovely served with chargrilled red peppers.

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Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Projects developed in 2023/2024

It has been a busy year for your Parish Council, with a number of improvements and projects completed. At the beginning of the financial year, the Council purchased a new Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS). This sign can be moved around the village and serves as a helpful reminder to drivers to adhere to the speed limit. It can also record speed data. Your Council successfully introduced a 20-mph speed limit to a significant portion of the village.

A Commemorative Bench in memory of Colin White is now located on the Green on Honey Hill. The Pond has undergone further improvements, including the upgrading of the pathway and the installation of a Duck House. The surfacing at the Metal Park has also been improved. The hedges at Chequer Street car park and Play Park have been removed and replaced with a new metal fence, allowing for a better sight line, with more improvements to come.

The completion of the parking bays on Chequer Street has improved the outlook and condition of the verge. The Cemetery Hedge has been removed to potentially allow for further burial plots. Improved drainage has been added to the Church car park via a soak-away. Your Parish Council has also completed its promised £50,000 contribution to the Village Hall Trust from the community infrastructure levy and has committed a further £45,000 from precept. In the coming weeks, your Parish Council will be installing Heritage Trail information boards at various locations around the village. These boards will provide a history of the village, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information on this. Additionally, a new defibrillator will be installed at Rookery Place in memory of Geoff Pryke.

Much of the work carried out over the past year has been funded by the community infrastructure levy, which your Parish Council was required to spend by the end of March 2024.



Village sign

The old village sign has now been restored by Keith Collier, who is a resident of Swan Road and the owner of Keith Collier Engineering. The restoration work took several months and was done with great care. The sign now takes pride of place in its new location on the grassy area where Bell Lane meets Swan Road. Our thanks go to Keith for his time and work.



Vehicles parking on verges and other areas

Your Parish Council would like to remind drivers to avoid parking on verges, pavements, near junctions, or any other areas that may cause danger to others. The Council has been receiving frequent complaints from residents regarding irresponsible parking, so please take extra care when parking and find a safe spot. You can park your vehicle at the Church car park or Chequer Street car park.

Potholes – repairs

On Thursday 7 March, your Parish Council Chairman held a meeting with a representative from Cambridgeshire County Council to raise the issue of potholes in the village. Following this meeting, CCC has already started repairing the potholes and has committed to completing the work in the coming weeks. The Parish Council will continue to work closely with the CCC team.

Drainage and flooding

On Monday 18 March, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had a meeting with representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council to draw attention to the blocked drains and gullies located around the village. Following the meeting, CCC is now preparing a schedule of work to address the issues raised.

Next Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council's Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9 May at 7pm** in the Church Centre. The subsequent meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 13 June**.

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To contact Jo Perez, the Parish Council Clerk

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Coffee with a Cop

Residents are invited to the Community Hub at the Church Centre on Monday 20 May from 11 am to 1.00 pm. During this time you can have a friendly chat with one of our local police officers about any issues or concerns you may have. This is a great opportunity for you to engage with the police and get the support you need.

Community Warden – Try before you buy!

Do you worry about an elderly relative or friend coping on their own with everyday life? Or are you yourself over 65 and worried about having to move into a care home because you're having trouble doing everyday activities?

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Lastly, do you know that if you live in Fenstanton or Fen Drayton you can try out this help for three months for free, before paying a modest fee for the service? Go on, give it a try for three months, you have nothing to lose and maybe a lot to gain! **Call our Warden, Rachael Mortimer, on 07971 951412 or visit www.ageukcap.org.uk**



Join your local officer at the Church Centre for a coffee & a chat

Date: Monday 20th May

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm



Councillor Surgery – dates

Councillor surgeries are now held once a month on a Saturday morning 10am – 12pm at The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton.

Surgeries give Parishioners an opportunity to pop in to discuss any issues they wish to bring to the attention of your Parish Council. Please pop in.

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Our very own environmentalist

Anne Woodroff, mother of four, recognised when her son James was a small boy, his love of the outdoors and all things to do with nature. Born in Willingham, James moved with his family to Fenstanton in 1972 and has remained there ever since. The Woodroffs are a local family with all the siblings living in the area; Jon and Emma in Fenstanton and Tomas in Fen Drayton. James' father Keith, now deceased, was one of the founder members of the village magazine that became Spectrum and is now the The Journal. Anne still resides in Fenstanton today.

"I've always been interested in nature and as a child collected bugs and worms. I loved frog spawn and in 1980 this became an obsession when a tank full of tadpoles hatched and we had frogs hopping all over the kitchen!"

James explains. Anne, his mother, contacted Blue Peter who were at the time doing project on wildlife ponds. James quickly found himself and his frogs on the TV programme collecting a Blue Peter badge.

On leaving school James naturally went into horticulture working in Fen Drayton growing lettuces and tomatoes. In his downtime he used to be a keen pike fisherman with his biggest catch being 33lbs. Quite a fish!

He always wanted to work with conservation and in 2018 set up Hamptons Groundcare and Pest Control. *"I wanted to have a business that was more cost effective than the national chains and more professional than the one-man-bands. Everyone employed by Hamptons is fully qualified, which involves an intense residential course to reach the desired standard. Six years on we now employ five people providing a personal local service."* James continues. *"We have had some interesting call-outs since starting. Snake*

hunting one day and then dealing with the removal of a hornets nest the next! It's quite something when you have 2000 angry hornets heading directly to you!"

Continuing James' environmental ethos, all the profits from Hamptons are ploughed back into local conservation. *"Over the*



years we have sown acres of wildflowers, planted over 300 trees, laid metres of hedges and installed numerous nesting boxes. For me the environment is paramount and the more we can do to protect it the better."

When James is not trapping moles or dealing with flea infestations he is happy to spend hours metal detecting. Inspired by Toby Jones in the TV programme The Detectorists, with permission but in secret locations, James scans the ground to unearth hidden treasures. *"Already I have found numerous*

historical artefacts. Recently I uncovered a George III cartwheel penny from 1797 and a medieval crocal bell, which was used on horses to warn pedestrians. It is fascinating what you can discover just around Fenstanton."



Hamptons is open seven days a week and can be contacted by calling 07519 111667 or emailing info@hamptonspestcontrol.co.uk

Mama Jo's Mischief

Welcome to Mama Jo's Mischief. Here, you will find an array of new craft activity ideas every month for children of all ages, as well as occasional places of interest and recommended local events. Happy mischief making!

Nature Walk Vase

It's no secret that children love to be outdoors, and with the weather finally starting to warm up, why not go out and have fun? Nature walks are always a favourite with my daughter, she has always loved finding and inspecting different leaves and flowers. We used to go out with a little bucket for her to fill with all her little treasures, but now my daughter always asks for "the pokey flower pot" (kid's always make up much better names for everything, right?). We hope you enjoy this easy to make, nature walk accessory.

Step 1

Save a piece of cardboard from your next Amazon delivery/cereal box. This can be as big or small as you like. Draw a vase shape on it with your black pen and allow your kids to colour it in - we found that colouring pens work best.

Tip: If you want your 'vase' to last a bit longer, once your kids have coloured it in, cover it in clear packing tape (front and back) to make it somewhat waterproof.

Step 2

Cut some holes above the vase (as many as you like), roughly 1cm in diameter.

Step 3

Go out and enjoy the sunshine with the kids! Find as many different flowers, leaves and twigs as you can.

What you will need:

Cardboard
Black pen
Colouring pens
Clear tape (optional)



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Message from the chair

As I write this, the sun is shining at last and the blossom on the cherry trees is spectacular! It raises the spirits after a wet and cold winter.

This past month the parish council has focused on the recent floods, meeting with relevant authorities and residents.

Crime in Fen Drayton

We have experienced another spate of crime in the village, particularly house and outbuilding burglary. It has left residents feeling angry and vulnerable.

Since the autumn, when the parish council raised crime issues with Anthony Browne MP, the Crime Commissioner, the police and the community safety team, the parish council has continued to request support. We have asked the police and community safety team to come to meet residents and listen to all the concerns raised. In the meantime, it is essential that residents report every crime or concern, no matter how small, so a picture is built up of any overall pattern.

Dog mess

At the March parish council meeting some residents expressed their concern about the amount of dog mess on the village pavements and grass areas.

The majority of dog owners are compliant and pick up their dog's mess, but there are a few that don't or won't. There are plenty of dog bins in the village and if they are full, the rubbish bins can be used. It is unpleasant for everyone but especially for our children walking to school and playing on the grassed areas, so PLEASE pick up after your dog/s!

Flooding

Every town and village close to the Great Ouse has suffered from flooding this winter. Parish councils continue to seek information and action from the authorities that are responsible for the water courses.

In March, Hemingford Grey PC wrote to the Environment Agency to point out that four out of seven control gates at St Ives staunch have been unable to open for many months, increasing the peak river

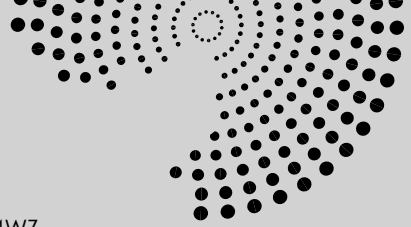


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flood level by 20+ cms. The council asked why the gates have not been maintained.

In Fen Drayton, Anthony Browne MP, at the parish council's request, chaired a meeting of the villages in the Oxholme and Covell's Drain catchment areas (Elsworth, Conington, Swavesey) and CCC, SCDC, Anglian Water and National Highways. The Environment Agency refused to attend.

Everyone contributed to a constructive discussion about what may be done to mitigate and prevent future flooding. Short-term actions such as one-way valves and self-inflating walls along the High Street could be implemented before next winter. In the medium term, options for more sluices and pumps were discussed.

CCC and SCDC agreed to commission a consultant's report on the feasibility of various longer-term solutions and National Highways will review whether the A14 balancing ponds are working properly.

CCC's Floodmobile will be in the village hall car park on Saturday 11 May between 10 am and 4 pm. Expert advice will be on hand offering practical measures to make your property more flood resilient. Anglian Water also hopes to be there.

District Councillor's message

The issue of flooding in Fen Drayton is still an ongoing concern. I worked with the parish council and Anthony Browne MP to pull together a meeting of all parties who

could be involved in finding a way forward, as reported in the previous item.

The community warden service managed by Cambridge and Peterborough Age UK is experiencing financial problems, but SCDC has agreed to find the shortfall until April 2025. Hopefully, other funding authorities will also recognise the value of the warden service and fund it properly. However, I feel that the scheme needs a makeover. The word "warden" has connotations, which stop many people using the service. Any ideas for a more suitable name would be greatly appreciated!

For help with any district council issues, email: cldr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk or call: 01954 202923 or 077741463.

Fen Drayton Community Cafe

The cafe on 11 May promises to be a busy one! Not only is the **Fen Drayton Gardening Club** hosting a plant swap/sale at the cafe, but the Cambridgeshire County Council's **Floodmobile** will be in the village hall car park as well. Expert advice will be on hand with practical measures to make your property more flood resilient.

You'll receive a warm welcome at the cafe, as well as freshly-made tea and coffee and delicious home-made cakes.

The next cafe is Saturday 11 May 10.30 am-12.30 pm. The Gardening Club meets at 10.45 am.

Fen Drayton Primary School



We love having visitors at our school and despite last term being a short term, we managed to squeeze in a visit from Cambridgeshire Fire Service! Ducklings and Swallows enjoyed the tour of the fire engine and even got to sit inside the cab.

As many of you will have seen, houses are being built close to the school. Sophie from Excelsior Homes came and took an assembly

year. At Easter they ran a variety of Easter themed competitions raising money for our new 'quiet area'. The children took part in colouring competitions, wrote poems and designed Easter hats. I then had the very difficult job of choosing winners! Well done to everyone who took part.



to discuss building site safety and asked the children to help design safety posters. They chose five winners and turned their artwork into posters that can now be seen displayed on the site itself. Congratulations to Laura, Luke, Louie, Daniel and Matthew for their fantastic designs.



We are extremely lucky to have an active PTA, which supports the school throughout the

year. As well as a supportive PTA, we are extremely lucky to have lots of help from our parents. As a small school, we appreciate the time and effort given to make the school a fantastic environment for all. Our vegetable garden has been neglected since our previous gardening club stopped during Covid. Thanks to the hard work of a group of volunteers, our vegetable garden has been transformed and is now ready to start growing plants and flowers.

If you would like to find out more about us, take a look at our website www.fendraytonprimary.co.uk We have spaces in most year groups but it's always worth giving us a call to discuss further. Please email office@fendrayton.cambs.sch.uk or call 01954 273346 to arrange a visit.

Nina McQueen
Headteacher

News from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary and Preschool



The deadline for this current edition of *The Journal* fell during the relative peace of the Easter holidays, which gave us a chance to reflect on a busy and successful spring term in school. Having celebrated the publishing of our Ofsted report in January, it has been reassuring to see the energy, commitment and passion of our staff continue with equal ambition, as we strive for further improvement.

Last half term finished with the wonderful high of our success in the Cambridgeshire Year 6 English Challenge. The team of four pupils competed in the county final at Over on Wednesday 27 March. Up against nine other schools, who had all progressed to the final after winning their heats, our team came out on top! We were thrilled to celebrate their achievement in assembly and to put the trophy on display. We are all very proud of them!

Our Preschool continues to be a busy environment, especially as we move towards

the summer term and a greater number of children having turned three years old. We have added an adult to the team to ensure our provision caters for the needs of our youngest pupils, who can also benefit from our partnership with Kids R Us, providing on-site childcare from 7.30am – 6.00pm.

Our children have enjoyed the new range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer. We have paid-for clubs for Musical Theatre, Kids with Bricks, and Cheerleading, which all take place weekly. We have also added staff-run clubs for hockey, football, netball, running, Dobble and Warhammer. It has been great to work with the children in these new areas, and to celebrate their skills, positive attitudes and determination to succeed.

With best wishes, from all of us at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Preschool.



What you're Missing

News from the Scouts

Hello from 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group! We've been busy with lots of fun, challenging and adventurous activities for our Beavers (ages 6-8), Cubs (ages 8-10.5) and Scouts (ages 10.5-14).

Since Easter, all our young people have had opportunity to attend some exciting nights away. The Beavers had a sleepover at Shepreth Wildlife Park, where they had a tour of the zoo at twilight and learnt all about the animals they saw, from otters and red pandas to bats and tigers! They also enjoyed playing games, eating lots of food, and the fantastic guides at Shepreth answered all their many questions!

Meanwhile, the Cubs and Scouts spent a night sleeping onboard the Royal Navy's last operational WWII Destroyer, HMS Cavalier, at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham. They experienced what life was like onboard the ship by sleeping in the real bunks and eating on the mess deck. They also explored the whole dockyard, had a go at making rope in the ropery and went onboard a submarine!

Finally, the Scouts enjoyed a survival-themed camp in Thetford Forest, where they slept in hammocks, built shelters, lit fires using different techniques, cooked on open fires, had a go at archery, and much more! The Scouts learnt lots of 'back to basics' skills and had a great time spending the weekend outdoors.



None of this happens without the dedication of our brilliant adult volunteers – we are always in need of more support to help prepare local young people with skills for life. Anyone can be a Scout - if you think this sounds like fun and want to start or continue your Scouting adventure, find us on Facebook or email comms@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk.



Hilton Art Club

The April session went well, considering we had no heating or hot water. I gather there is a new boiler and thermostat, which is much appreciated.

The subject, Cambridge Scenes: Town and Gown, was interesting and there were some lovely pictures of the city, including some beautiful buildings, the river and mortar-boarded students. The cakes were scrumptious, too!

10 am – 4 pm Friday 17 May Owl in Pastels and Inks: Full Day Workshop led by Jane Fellows.

Members only, booking essential. The new programme starts in June.



Hilton Women's Institute



Our April meeting was made extra special when we celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of our much loved long-time member and past President, Donna and her husband Colin. Debbie produced a beautiful item for them on the power-point screen, there were flowers, speeches, lots of smiles, photographs and appropriate toasts made! We know, too, that there will of course be a certain royal message...



The speaker for the evening was Becky Proctor, the Heritage Officer for the Royal Papworth Hospital who told the open meeting principally of its inspiration and history.

The ethos of the hospital was the care of male patients suffering from TB when 41,000 people died in 1915 (in 2012, 600) and the instigator was Pendrill Varrier Jones.

The objective was intensive nursing, plenty of quality food, bed rest and a slow, gradual return to the ability to work and with women being treated later from 1923.

Causes of the TB were many but included men gassed on the battlefields, malnourishment, risks to new mothers and lack of pasteurised milk for babies and small children.

The first patients and four staff arrived on February 12th 1918 firstly from Bourn, then to Papworth Hall where the very ill were upstairs and recovering people 'demoted' downstairs. Then they were given simply built, rather primitive sheds in which they lived whatever the weather and aiming for an equal gradual return to paid work. Imagine bed sores, surgical spirit and bed pans!

The hospital developed over many years especially following the new NHS in 1948, then came the Cardiac unit and first open heart surgery in 1958. To fulfil the need to reduce the temperature the patient was installed in a bath of ice and would receive ice burns! Keith Castle received the first new heart in 1979 and Brenda Barbara the first heart/lung in Europe 40 years ago and the reputation was now world wide.

As Becky said - 'a remarkable hospital' and in her thanks on our behalf, Pauline said 'long may the work continue'. New Papworth moved to the Addenbrooke's site five years ago and was granted Royal status by Her Majesty the Queen for its centenary in 2018.

As ever, new members are very welcome.
Contact hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com



Becky Proctor (2nd from left) with Pauline, Mel and Bobbie

What you're Missing

Fenstanton Friendship Club

If you would like to meet new friends and socialise, please come along and help the club grow. Age is no barrier and we welcome everyone into our fold. It is always good to get new ideas and suggestions for meetings. We meet every other Wednesday at 2.00pm, in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. Although we hold our meetings in the church building, we are not affiliated to the church. Our activities are varied and as well as the yearly trips out to lunch, cream teas, boat trips on The Ladybird, strawberry tea and Christmas celebration, we will have various speakers and entertainers.

Come along and check us out, you will find a friendly group and a warm welcome.

13 March

We had an amazing afternoon with Martin John, a brilliant musician. He sings and plays guitar and piano. The piano burst into life when he started playing, he was just incredible and we had such an uplifting and enjoyable time. He will return in September to entertain us.



27 March

Twenty-one members gathered at the Hartford Mill for a carvery lunch. It was delicious as usual. We enjoyed the food and the company, getting to know each other better.

Upcoming Meetings

24 April Josie Charter will be bringing us up to date with her work after her recent visit to Malawi.

8 May "Quilts around the world"

22 May We embark on a river cruise on the "Ladybird"
We leave at 10.00am and return at 3.00pm, at midday we will stop for fish and chips.

Good things coming up in June, watch this space.

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Hilton Flower Club

April 8 We had a wonderful afternoon with Lesley Beeton- she did 6 delightful spring flower arrangements, so 6 ladies won a display to take home, it really got us in the spring mood.

May 13 Steffie Shields MBE will be giving a talk and slide show on Capability Brown and his work around Cambridgeshire, all welcome.

June 19 is our outing to Beth Chatto's wonderful garden.

September 2 is our next meeting in the Village Hall after the summer holiday.

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Fenstanton Football Club update

Spring brings football back to Hall Green Lane!

Finally, better weather means we are back playing our home pitches after the wettest winter on record. This is great news as we head into the final part of the season and we have lots of games to get in. We encourage anyone to come and support the village team. With all age groups giving their best each weekend, Hall Green Lane will be a buzz of activity every Saturday and Sunday until the end of the season. The changing of the clocks has also brought lighter evenings, so we now start bringing teams back from floodlit training in surrounding areas to sessions each midweek night down at the ground.


Last month we focused on our Under 8's team (picture right) and this added spotlight on them must have given them motivation, as we are delighted to say they have reached the semi-final of the League Cup! Well done to all the boys and girls in the team, we wish you all the best of luck in trying to reach the final. If you wish to see the big game, its v's Huntingdon and will be played on Saturday 20 April at 10am at Sapley Park Playing Fields.



The following week, as highlighted last month, our under 16's are in their league cup final v's Buckden, this will be played on 25 April, 7pm at St.Neots Town Football Club. We would love to see a good crowd supporting the village that night.

Finally, as we enter the last part of the season our minds turn to next season. If you or your child want to be involved in the club in any way, please let us know. We are always looking for new players in all age groups. We also appreciate any support in helping run our club. **Please do contact us on fenstantonfootball@outlook.com**

Find a defibrillator near you

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What you're Missing

Fen Drayton Lions

by manager Simon O'Neill



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A bit of heartbreak for the Lions! We were still in all three cups, a quarter final and two semi finals. In the quarter final we were up against a good Alma side. You couldn't split the two teams in the first half as we came in 1-1, but the second half was a different story. At the start the Lions dominated the game and went 4-1 up with 10 minutes to go. Thinking we had won the game, I made some team changes, only to see us concede three late goals, taking it to penalties, which we lost 4-3. It was very hard to take, but on to the next game, a semi final against Royston Rovers - top of the league and unbeaten all season, without dropping a point. This was going to be a tough one!



I knew the lads would be up for it especially after the week before, so we set out to give the Rovers a game. Again, at half time there wasn't much between the two teams. We came in 1-0 down but played some lovely football. After the break we conceded early,

going 2-0 down and I was thinking there was no way back against this team but, given the true grit and passion my lads play with, anything is possible, Chris Jarvis (man of the match) pulled off some amazing saves keeping our hopes alive and sure enough we stepped up a gear and got ourselves back in the game 2-2. There only looked like one winner as we went through the gears, but credit to their keeper who also made some great saves to see the game go to the dreaded penalties.

We got off to a great start with Jarv saving the first and us scoring. Their second went over the bar and our second converted; 2-0 up and we are thinking surely this is our time? Unfortunately not, as it came down to sudden death and we fell short. Disappointment on the pitch for the boys, but not a prouder moment for me as manager. It was probably one of our best performances of the season.

Onto our last semi final against Newnham. Everything was going great - it was a close first half then injuries started to happen and we found ourselves 4-1 down in the second half. As always, we never gave up and got back to 4-3, but they clinched it late on to make it 5-3.

I was truly gutted for the lads as they gave everything, but wasn't to be. We have five league games left, so let's hope for a strong finish to the season!

HILTON FEAST WEEK

We have just one more fundraising event before Feast Week - the Summer Party at the Pavilion on Saturday 8 June, as part of the Weekend of Summer Fun (see page 15).

Then it's not long until Feast Week itself! We can't wait to see everyone in the marquee July 21 to 27 - it's going to be a fun filled week of medieval merriment!





Open Gardens in Fenstanton

Four gardens are opening as part of the National Garden Scheme in Fenstanton this month, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May.

The four contrasting gardens, two large and two small set around some of the oldest houses in the village.

Ivy Cottage on Bell Lane is a beautiful example of a mature cottage garden with a wide variety of unusual plants. Whilst Wimpole House on Talls Lane has a delightful selection of roses, mature trees and shrubs along with pond brimming with life.

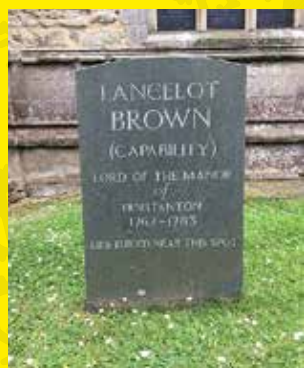
The Manor House on Chequer Street, once the home of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown has a more formal garden wrapped around the house with winding paths between well stocked borders. The garden features two apple trees reputedly planted by Brown, that originally formed part of a larger orchard.

5 Church Lane by contrast is a hidden gem of a garden packed with ferns, hostas and traditional cottage plants.

Fenstanton is famous for, amongst other things, its link with Capability Brown. So why not when in the village visit his memorial in the Parish Church or the grave stone of one of the country's most famous landscape gardeners. Whilst in the church view the "Church full of art" exhibition featuring the work of local artists.

Delicious home made teas can be enjoyed at the Untied Reform Church opposite The Manor House in the centre of the village, two minutes stroll from the four open gardens on show. Parking is available in the car park on Chequer Street or at the Parish Church. Please do not park on the grass verges or any of the village greens.

The gardens are open between 1-5pm both days and the combined entry ticket is £6.00 per person (children under 15 years free), available at the gate of each garden. Dogs are welcome in all the gardens (poo bags provided!). Unfortunately, only Wimpole House has good disabled access.



May is our oldest month

The first six months names are associated with Roman gods except May, which is named after Maia the Greek goddess of growth and fertility. Followed by two months named after Roman emperors and four VACANT, waiting months with Roman numbers. Traditionally Wisteria are one of Mays floral glories. I once spent four years coxing a 10-year-old wisteria into flower only to be asked if I could I remove half the flowers! As it was too gaudy for a Cambridge university Professor.

Many plants have juvenile and adult growth (Ivy is a classic example) and wisteria flowers on 'adult' spurs. To promote spurs regular pruning is required. Train main branches horizontally and tip when they reach the correct size, this will generate a flush of side shoots. Prune these side shoots back to 3/4 buds to encourage spurs and repeat annually and after flowering. Japanese wisterias (floribunda) have shorted broader racemes, and twine in a clockwise direction and more readily have a second flush of flowers. Chinese wisterias twine in an anticlockwise direction and have narrower longer flowers.

'How do I control greenfly (aphids)?' is another question that regularly pops up in May. Aphids are an important food source for smaller nestlings, especially Sparrows and Tits. Instead of using insecticides I recommend leaving them and excepting a few distorted flowers. Alternatively, washing them off with a soapy water or a hose with the nozzle on a jet setting.



Tasks for May

Prune back early flowering shrubs like forsythia, ribes and Japanese quince.

Remove seed heads from hellebores, stake perennials and tie in climbers as required. Apply liquid feed around spring bulbs and top dress your borders and roses with granular fertilizer.

Prepare and plant up your summer pots with summer bedding. Always use fresh compost ideally one designed specifically for summer pots incorporating a wetting agent and water retentive granules. Check hose pipes and fittings for leaks and if necessary, replace the washers, it is far cheaper than buying new connectors.

May Top Tips

- Prune spring flowering shrubs.
- Tie in climbers.
- Feed and mulch.
- Plant summer pots.
- Replace hose washers.



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News from Fenstanton Glebe Allotment Association



Now that the days are longer and warmer it is a busy, thriving time at the Allotments. Potatoes, broad beans, carrots, garlic, leeks, cabbages and more are being planted and rhubarb harvested. Apple, pear and cherry trees are bursting into blossom. All our plots are now taken, and we have many new plotholders making excellent progress on their land, including a lot of young families with children enjoying digging, planting and collecting barrowfuls of manure.

There is a growing community spirit amongst plotholders with seed, plant and advice swapping, and an enjoyable pre-Christmas get together with hot chocolate, mulled wine and cakes. A summer barbecue is planned for later this year - we even have a new social secretary.

Plotholders are all very aware of the responsibility they have to protect and nurture the land we are lucky enough to tend. Many plotholders are now growing flowers and plants to attract insects – especially bees – and trying to avoid the use of plastics. We collect rainwater for our plots and some of the plotholders at the top end of the site have cleared rubbish out of the woodland next to

the A1307 and planted bulbs and wild flowers to enhance the environment.

We have developed a very positive partnership with the Parish Council and work closely with Jo and Ali, the Parish Clerks, to ensure that the operation of the Allotments is smooth and as simple as we can make it. Having now allocated all 15 of the brand-new plots on the right-hand side of the site, our waiting list is now somewhat depleted so we would welcome any interest shown by members of the community who would like to commit themselves to an allotment plot. The contact number is below, and anyone interested would be welcome to make an appointment to come down and have a look round. We are aware that there will be just a few plots becoming available from September.

All the evidence points to the great benefits of having an allotment. Fresh fruit and vegetables, good physical activity and a wonderful escape from the trials and tribulations of life. Come and join us!

**Happy Digging, Jan Stone, Secretary
Glebe Allotment Association.
janstone4@btinternet.com 07817786298**



Fen Drayton Gardening Club

Fen Drayton Gardening Club is a fabulous, friendly and inclusive group who welcome members with all levels of skill and knowledge. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10.45 am, as part of the village Community Cafe (held at the village hall). We also have a Facebook group and a WhatsApp chat for our members - just search Fen Drayton Gardening Club on Facebook and from there you can request to join the WhatsApp chat.

The club is free to attend, however we do ask that people purchase a cuppa, cake or bowl of soup to support our friends at the cafe. We look forward to welcoming you to a meeting soon!

Green Open Spaces Report

The Council received a report regarding the ongoing work to manage the green open spaces in Hilton, including:

- A large elm on Sparrow Way had gradually bent over and was supported by what was one of its lower branches. This was reported to both the Clerk and Tree Officer by one of the Maintenance Contractors. The Clerk reported this to CCC (who own these trees), and they took it down immediately.
- There were few volunteers for the ivy cutting event, however these volunteers achieved a lot.
- The covered ford was mainly blocked with leylandii cuttings from properties further up the watercourse and was cleared by JSC Services
- The maze remains closed as it has been waterlogged for many months and needs to dry out further
- The Tree Officer has tidied up the tattered ends of the trees and bushes left after the flailing carried out last autumn. These now make up a number of piles between the Wilderness brow and the Fenstanton Road.
- The Maintenance Person and the Tree Officer have gathered together many small branches that have been blown down over the winter months into several heaps round the village. When The Green and The Wilderness dry out sufficiently to allow a car to be driven over them all the various heaps of branches will be taken to the bonfire site and burnt.
- One of the PCs tree contractors will be working on the trees at the Village Hall and down Graveley Way on 23 April.
- A tree has fallen over the Town Drain near the Wilderness bridge but is not urgent
- A tree has fallen in Reeve's Ditch but is not currently urgent
- Cllr R. Norton and the Tree Officer met with one of the Maintenance Contractors to resolve the contract.

D-Day Beacon Lighting Event Thursday 6 June

Hilton Parish Council received an update regarding the plan to hold a beacon lighting event on Thursday 6th June. Hilton Feast Week will be invited to run the pavilion bar, which will be open from 8pm, with the beacon lit at 9:15pm.



Purchases for Maintenance

The Council agreed to purchase the necessary materials for the Maintenance Person, including a battery sander, furniture oil, gloves and dust masks.

Cricket Pavilion Electrical Installation Condition Report

Hilton Parish Council resolved to instruct a contractor to conduct this report at a cost of £230+VAT.

Commonwealth Graves Commission

The Council granted permission for a war graves plaque to be installed on the Lych Gate.



CAPALC

The Council agreed to renew its membership of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils at a cost of £425.31

Procurement Policy

The Council's standing orders and financial regulations will be updated to reflect the changes in procurement, which raises the

threshold for the tender process from £25k to £30k.

Drainage Holes in the Retaining Wall of the Ware

Hilton Parish Council has received a quote for £980+VAT to install four additional drainage holes in the retaining wall of the Ware. The Council resolved to defer this matter to the May meeting, after the Finance Committee had reviewed the finances.

PC17 Streetlight near the Lych Gate bridge

The bowl on this streetlight does not fit but cannot be replaced as it is now obsolete. The Council discussed the proposal to replace the lantern with an LED unit but resolved to also defer this matter to the May meeting, after the Finance Committee had reviewed the finances.

Telegraph Pole on the Green

Hilton Parish Council discussed the erection of a telegraph pole on the Green by County Broadband, which was not discussed with the Council prior to its installation. The Council resolved to contact County Broadband and request that they consider alternative options to the telegraph pole.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2024 in Hilton Methodist Church. 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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Route H11 – 2nd Tuesday In The Month

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| Hilton Village Hall | 2.00pm – 2.40pm |
| Fenstanton Headlands | 2.50pm – 3.40pm |
| Fenstanton Chapel Green | 3.50pm – 4.20pm |

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

One hundred years ago, the land that would become Fen Drayton Lakes was a series of floodplain meadows in the river valley of the Great Ouse. This began to change when low-scale sand and gravel extraction started to take place during the war years in the 1940s for local military and agricultural use. Commercial extraction began in the 1950s and for the next 40-odd years the site became a large, active quarry exporting material for construction around the region.

Nowadays, Fen Drayton Lakes is an RSPB nature reserve made up of a variety of habitats comprising open water, reedbed and wetland mixed with grassland, scrub, and woodland. A huge variety of wildlife is drawn to the area with over 1900 different species recorded on site to date, including 230 species of bird, 26 species of butterfly and almost 500 species of flowering plant.

As we head into the summer months, wildlife is all around, making it a fantastic time to visit. You're never far from water and wildlife here; it surrounds you wherever you wander. Explore the woods and catch glimpses of secluded bays and pools. You won't be able to miss majestic Mute Swans on the lakes, but you'll need to look a little harder to see the many colourful insects. The riverside meadows are alive with nature – reeds rustling, birds warbling, grasshoppers chirping and bees buzzing.

Upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

Wild(ish) Camping for Groups - A unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.

Wednesday Wander Guided Walk - Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

Dusk Guided Walk - An evening guided walk to discover the birds, mammals and insects which are more active later in the day up until dusk.

Willow Weaving Workshop - Using willow harvested from the reserve, try your hand at making a woven garden obelisk using traditional methods.

Guided Canoe Trail - Slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover one of the harder to view lakes from a new perspective.

To see further details and book for all the events mentioned, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Upcoming events at Ouse Fen

Booming Bittern Guided Walk - An evening guided walk around the newest reedbeds where Bitterns are making their homes.

Reedbed Ramble - A guided walk around the newest part of the reserve to look at all the wildlife that is starting to colonise the site.

To see further details and book for all the events mentioned, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/ousefen

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| Hilton Village Hall | 07752 678415 |

Councils

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| Cambridgeshire County Council | 0345 045 5200 |
| Fen Drayton Parish Council | 07704 023534 |
| Fenstanton Parish Council | 01480 465300 |
| Hilton Parish Council | 01480 830605 |
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| South Cambs District Council | 0345 045 0500 |

Community Groups and Clubs

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| Fen Drayton Parent and Toddlers | 07549 630124 |
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Community events

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Education

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