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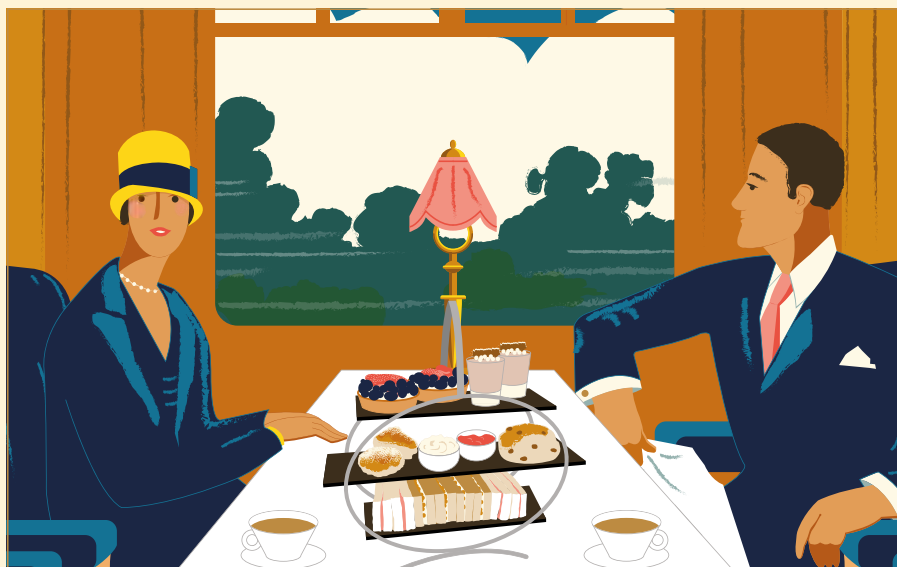
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Winter Draws on

A phrase once banned by the BBC as not appropriate according to the Blue Book of broadcasting seems to sum up the dark mornings and evenings of November. In The Journal this month we have a number of features to brighten up the early stages of winter.

We continue our staycation theme with a drive around the **North Coast 500** whilst enjoying the stunning scenery of this part of Scotland, see page 52.

You can learn about the amazing service **Poppy Gowler** has given to our local scouts over the years on page 49.

We have a great warming recipe ideal for Halloween or Fireworks night, see **Life on a Plate** page 28.

Our **Business Spotlight** features our local award-winning dog groomers in Fenstanton, read more on page 33.

Please let us have your thoughts on the magazine and if there is anything you would like us to include, just send your ideas to info@thejournal.life



From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy this edition

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Please submit any copy by 12 November latest for the December edition.

An introduction to British Ants

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to welcome Brian Eversham, the Chief Executive of Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust. Brian's topic will be An Introduction to Ants and the talk will be held on Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall.

Brian will introduce us to the habitats and behaviour of ants, explaining that they have some of the most complex and elaborate behaviour of all insects. We will discover their social structure, their complex interactions with other animals and plants, plus their foraging and defensive tactics. Ants are the most accessible and easily identifiable of the social insects, with only about 50 species, a handful of which can be found in our gardens. Brian says that this is a group that anyone can get to know and careful observations can add to our understanding.



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Stagecoach East charity Bake-Off winner

Warm-hearted colleagues at Stagecoach East have baked cakes and other sweet-treats in a 'Bake-Off' style competition that has seen them raise money for an important children's charity.

The challenge was run in aid of Stagecoach's partner, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The charity's mission is to provide specialist nurses and support for seriously ill children living with complex, lifelong conditions.

Entries included a James and the Giant Peach cake, beetroot and espresso brownies, 'bus-coff' cakes and 'busman's brownies', multi-coloured fairy cakes, chocolate cake, lemon drizzle, key lime pie, and Everlasting Gobstoppers.

After a vote, the Everlasting Gobstoppers were declared the winner, baked by Peterborough Operations Manager, Hayden Mustafa. He said: "I could not be more proud



of everyone for their efforts in baking and raising money for this hugely important charity. It has been an outstanding effort by our talented and generous colleagues to give up so much of their time, skills, and money to support an extremely worthwhile cause."

Fen Drayton's new pavilion

The new pavilion

Fen Drayton Parish Council proposes to purchase a modular building with fully-fitted changing rooms, similar to those already used by many schools and sports facilities. It is a cheaper, workable solution when compared with a conventional build, which would cost over £300,000. Also, the facility could be expanded in the future if needed. The cost of the new building will be in the region of £75,000. In order to save money, local volunteers and members of the Drayton Lions football club will dismantle the existing pavilion. A local businessman is kindly donating labour and materials for the groundworks.

£75,000 – how will this be funded?

Funds will be raised from members of the public, the Parish Council, the Drayton Lions football club and grants from local businesses, local councils and national charities such as The Big Lottery and Mick George Community Fund.

The pavilion will be available for all Fen Drayton clubs and groups to use – so we hope to benefit from donations from businesses and individuals within the village. Perhaps a local donor may want the pavilion or individual rooms to be named after them? We're open to offers!

What happens next?

1. Your feedback is welcome and important to us, so please send your comments to the address below.
2. If you are a business or individual living or working in Fen Drayton and are keen to help the project with funding, or in any other way, please contact Fen Drayton Parish Council's community charity by email (address below) or speak to a member of the Parish Council or football club.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Contact:

Email: fdcommunitycharity@gmail.com





News from the High Street

We are all disappointed that Mo's Motors has gone, but more importantly, this is now the fourth unoccupied business in Fenstanton. The old Post Office, the blue shop opposite the butchers, the Tudor and possibly more and now Mo's.

And, that does not take into account the King Bill which is still on the market as a house. It is a shame to see Fenstanton's High Street taking a down turn.

However, there is some good news as the Crown and Pipes has now been sold again and we hear on the grapevine that it is going to become a wine bar and cafe. At least this will regenerate a corner of the village.

Fenstanton is not alone with a new business, as a nail bar has opened behind the village shop in Hilton.

Please try to support our local businesses as there is no point moaning after they have gone.

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Following our resignation as Poppy Appeal Organisers this year there will be limited sources where Hiltonians can make their donations - but only limited !

- Firstly, there will be boxes and tins in the usual businesses, particularly in the village shop and the Prince of Wales
- Secondly and most importantly, on Sunday, 12 November the traditional Remembrance Sunday service will still take place at the Lychgate, beginning at 10.45 in the approach to the 11 o'clock minute's silence. It's always a moving, thoughtful ceremony and is followed by the service in the Parish Church where the collection is traditionally donated to the Poppy Appeal
- Your donations are ever more valued with our local and National Welfare Officers busier than ever supporting past and present members of all our forces and their families with physical, mental and cost of living difficulties

Thank you as ever for your support.

Julie and Margaret





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Each case is considered individually and treated in strictest confidence.

Poppy collection underway



By the time this drops through your door, we'll probably have started this year's door-to-door collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Fen Drayton. Thank you to the three new volunteers who have come on board, as well as to our usual collectors.

The door-to-door collection this year runs from 28 October (not 22 as I previously said – my apologies for this mistake) to 11 November.

For more information on the poppy appeal, see the Royal British Legion website www.britishlegion.org.uk and if you're interested in helping out with our collection next year, please feel free to contact me by email gonecompletelybonkers@gmail.com

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Fen Drayton Community Café

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The Community Café would like to invite proposals for grant applications from Fen Drayton village groups/clubs/societies. The grant amount will be up to a maximum of £100.

Application for a grant must be made in writing and submitted no later than the end by the 30 November 2023 and will be considered by the Fen Drayton Community Trust at their next available meeting.

The form should be put in an envelope marked Community Café and posted into the letter box at the village hall. Alternatively it can be emailed to fendraytoncommunitycafe@gmail.com

Applicant groups will be notified in writing about the result of their application.

The application should include the following information:

- Name of the group/club/society.
- The group/club/society should be recognised and take place in the village
- How long it's been in existence in Fen Drayton
- Why the application is being made, e.g. what will be purchased with the grant, or what will the grant be put towards, (item/s or activities to be specifically identified with costings)
- Who will benefit from the grant and items/activities
- What will be the nature of the benefits, e.g. improve health, skills of participants, able to participate in an activity previously unaffordable, and how long are those benefits expected to last

PLEASE NOTE

By applying for the grant the group/club/society give the Community Café permission to publicise that a café grant has enabled the purchase of items/activities.

Priority will be given to applicants who have not received a grant in the last 12 months, however this does not exclude those from applying.

A promotional graphic for the play 'Peter Pan'. On the left is Peter Pan, a young boy with red hair, wearing a green tunic and a green hat with a red feather. On the right is Captain Jack, a man with a large purple hat, a red coat, and a white shirt with a red cravat. The background is black with red curtains. The text is in yellow and white.

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Fenstanton Remembers Remembrance Sunday

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12th November 10.40am

Outdoor Service of Remembrance

A short service will be held in the churchyard near the Church Centre beginning at 10.40am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Fenstanton War Memorial.

The service will move to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, including the Last Post, silence, Reveille, the reading of names and the laying of wreaths.

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12 November 10.50am

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An Act of Remembrance will be held at the Fen Drayton War Memorial at 10.50am and will include the laying of wreaths and the reading of names.

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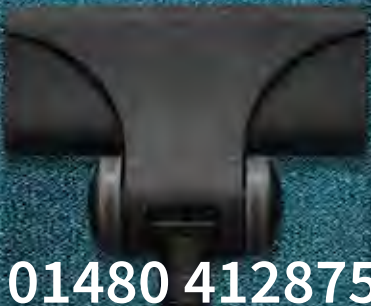


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Step into the Past

Hilton a hundred years ago

By Gillian Sheail

The census occurs every ten years, but privacy laws prevent the records being available until 100 years later. The results of the 1921 census were released on 06 January 2022, and they contain detailed information about the people of Hilton, their homes and occupations.

The census form, completed by every household on the night of 19 June 1921 recorded 71 occupied dwellings. There were 245 persons in the village on census night, but two were visitors, so the resident population was 243, comprising 126 males and 117 females. These figures do not reflect the national trend, where, as a result of losses during the war, females exceeded males, and on average there were 1,096 women for every 1,000 men. However as anyone passing under the church lych gate will see, the village lost eleven of its menfolk serving their country during the First World War.

The oldest inhabitant was Hilton-born Richard Starling of Wraggs Row who was 89 years old, while the oldest couple were Samuel and Sarah Bedford living on the Potton Road, both 82, born in Fen Drayton. There were 61 children under the age of 14 (the school leaving age) of whom 34 (aged 5-13 inclusive) attended the village school. Three babies had been born in 1921 prior to the census. The population pyramid for Hilton shows a fairly even distribution of persons of all ages.



Over a half of the population (52%) had been born in Hilton, and a further 21% had started their lives in the neighbouring villages of Elsworth, Knapwell, Papworth, Graveley, Yelling, Hemingford Grey, Hemingford Abbots, Fenstanton and Fen Drayton. So almost three quarters of the inhabitants had been born and had lived most of their lives in Hilton and its environs, knowing the local area well and with relatives living nearby.

The most common occupation was agricultural or farm labourer, reflecting the situation of the village in an agricultural part of the country. 45 persons were agricultural labourers, and a further 4 had more specific farm jobs. Percy Yates (Grange Cottage), was a stockman, while Joseph Roslyn (New England), Robert Beck (Potton Road) and Hilton-born John Smith living as a boarder in the Prince of Wales were horsekeepers. Further related occupations included fruit picker, implement repairer and two gamekeepers.

The main employers were:

Frederick Allen Rule of New Farm

Frederick Britten of The Green (later called Park Farm, now replaced with a newer building)

Fred Johnson Furniss and Alfred Steward Furniss of The Grange, often called Furniss Brothers Farm

William Furniss of Cross Roads Farm

Christopher Britten, who described himself as 'Farmer looking after horses and milk etc working at home'.

Other farm-related entries were James Sparrow, poultry farmer on the Hilton Road and Walter Burgess, farm manager for Burgess Brothers, Farmers.

The blacksmith William Thomas Rule lived in Potton Road working in the adjacent forge. He described himself as a shoeing and general blacksmith and indicated that he owned the business. Today his home is called Blacksmith Cottage, and the forge, at the end of the building, has now been

incorporated into the redesigned house. While the farmers lived in large substantial buildings, the living conditions for their employees were very different. Many of their homes have fallen down or been demolished. Wraggs Row comprised three or more dwellings on the Green where Clare Cottage now stands. New England was a terraced row of 8 small houses remembered in the road name off Westbrook. A group of thatched cottages adjoined Tithe Lane, known as The Tithe or Tithe Cottages. Another group was on the Potton Road, south of the Forge.

The Darlow family home was exceptionally crowded. George Darlow was a Telegraph Wireman for the Post Office. He was 52, his wife Mary was 39, and with a teenage step-daughter and step-son and five sons and daughters, these nine persons were squashed into five small rooms which included a kitchen and living room.

Nearby the Beck family had spread into two dwellings. Two rooms were occupied by the three eldest sons: Robert, 34, horsekeeper for farmer Rule, Tom, 32, working for Colonel Douglas, at Lattenbury Farm, Hemingford, and Alfred, 29, labourer on Britten Brothers Farm. In the adjacent property John Beck, 70, the father, worked for farmer Rule. His wife Jane, 68, his step-daughter Sarah Hinson, 45 (an agricultural labourer for R. Newnam of Hemingford Grey) and three teenage granddaughters were living with him. It was quite common for family members to work for different farmers with some employed outside the village. Other occupations in Hilton included Sub Postmaster (Arthur Charter), grocer (Emily Charter), butcher (Frederick Childs), grocer and butcher (Robert Smith), baker (John White), carpenter (George Hurst), carpenter's assistant (Alfred Charter) and roadman (Samuel Martin).

The Old George in Graveley Way was a public house, owned by Charles Tyler, a Licenced Victualler. He lived there with his wife Bessie, and three children. In the Potton Road two public houses stood almost opposite each other. The White Horse (later demolished) was home to the implement repairer Christopher Hardy and his family, but there is nothing in the census to suggest alcohol

was served. Harry Hurst, his wife, son and daughter and three other members of the extended family lived in The Prince of Wales, together with a boarder, but again there is no indication that it was a public house in 1921. The Red Cow does not feature in the census, which suggests that it was about to be sold. The same was true of Hilton House which was eventually sold to Dr Sidney Peters in 1922.

Some villagers worked in nearby localities, including hospital orderlies at the Papworth Tuberculosis Hospital (Ernest Milbourne and George Dawes) and the dental mechanic in St Ives (Ernest White). Also in St Ives, Roland Ingle was a bank clerk, and John Wright hotel porter at The Golden Lion. Charles Harradine was a motor repairer at Godmanchester and Joseph Carter a bricklayer's apprentice in Fenstanton. William Atter, living at The Cedars (now The Old Rectory), was area manager for a firm manufacturing fire extinguishers, while Henry Tyler of Manor House was a Hotel Proprietor.

Most women were listed as having 'Home Duties'. There were two cooks (one at the Papworth Tuberculosis Hospital), two charwomen, and four domestic servants. Amy Britten and Amelia Mackenzie-Smith were teachers, and Mary Yates was Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector for the Board of Guardians in St Ives.

The famous Scottish painter and artist, Robert Little (born in Greenock), lived in Hilton Hall with his wife Ada and on census night they had two friends from Scotland staying with them, a Glasgow shipowner and his wife. Robert employed two men living in the village, Reuben See as domestic gardener, and Percy Gower as motor driver.





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Both our churches look forward to welcoming you to any of our services. Below is the schedule for November. We hope to see you soon!

November Services

	Service time and location	Services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton are live streamed where possible, details via https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk
Thursdays, weekly	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer For Morning Prayer Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie
05 Sunday	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service, Holy Communion with Sunday Club for children
12 Remembrance Sunday	9:15am Fen Drayton 10.50am Fen Drayton 10.40am 10.50am Fenstanton	Holy Communion at St Mary's Act of Remembrance Fen Drayton War Memorial Service begins outside the Church Centre and moves to the Fenstanton War Memorial
16 Thursday	11.30am Fenstanton	Holy Communion (Church Centre) Followed by Soup Lunch
19 Sunday	10am 5pm Fenstanton	Parish Service, Holy Communion with Sunday Club Choral Evensong
26 Saturday	10am Fen Drayton 5pm Fenstanton	Morning Praise Family Communion



Remembering

At the end of October we held our annual service to remember loved ones who had died, recently or a while ago. For some people remembering anniversaries or significant events is an important thing to do. In November, in our benefice, we have our annual services of remembrance. Please see the separate posters for details of the services at Fen Drayton and Fenstanton.

But if you are new to the village where you live you might not know where to find the War Memorials mentioned in the posters. So, for those who need to know, the Fen Drayton War Memorial is where Church Street/Horse & Gate Street/Honey Hill all meet. Please be careful where there are no pavements. The Fenstanton War Memorial is in Fenstanton Parish Council Cemetery near School Lane. The Cemetery is often mistakenly thought to be part of the churchyard. The path separating the two areas helps to identify which part you are in, churchyard or cemetery.

Identity of place and remembering can be helpful in a time of grief and bereavement, although not always. Sometimes it is all too painful depending on who or what we are remembering. I remember that my auntie mourned the loss of my uncle for many years, much to my mum's curiosity, as she couldn't understand why her sister didn't just 'get over it'. I am sure I will not be the only one who can say - my dad went away to war and came back a different person. I have a special remembrance poppy brooch, given to me as my dad served in the Army during WWII. It says on the back: Remembered on

11th November – Lest We Forget. My dad spoke very little about his time abroad. I know he went to Egypt. A printer by trade, he and some mates were involved in a newspaper appropriately called 'The Sphinx' and I keep meaning to research this further. Apparently, there are copies of it in the British Library Archives. Dad returned to the UK, after the war, via Europe as did many service personnel but not all of them....his memories of those times were so difficult he refused to speak about them.

In my own remembering each year, on Remembrance Sunday, I pray for all those who have been or are in times of conflict. I do mean all because my hope is that we will all, whoever we are and no matter where we call home, live in peace in this life, not forgetting those who are now at peace in eternal life. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdsccommunityfund@gmail.com.

The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with Fenstanton or Fen Drayton, whether a church member or not. Especially in these difficult times we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose.

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com
Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

For your information: please note that the Parish Church, Fenstanton has a ramp for disabled access which can be deployed upon request. There is also a toilet, with disabled access, in the church. St Mary's has a small threshold that may be possible to navigate with a wheelchair. There are no toilet facilities.....yet (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.

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Hilton Methodist Church



I write in the week of unseasonal good weather back in October. It was also the week when the world became significantly more unstable with the dramatic escalation of hostilities in Israel and the shocking extent of the attacks on innocent civilians by both sides. The implications will affect us all.

Although Remembrance Day, poppies spreading throughout the country in witness to lives lost, seems ever more poignant, remembering and knowing has not prevented or even reduced death and destruction through war and conflict.

In the same week our guest preacher at Hilton's Methodist Church was Dr Roland Randall, speaking of climatic change, the reason for our clement weather in early October. Highlighting the impact on those with the least in other parts of the world, Dr Randall also told us of increasing impact on the mental health of our young people as existence on our planet becomes ever more fragile. In the face of global powers, political and economic that feel increasingly impossible to have any influence over, I wonder how much unvoiced feelings of impotency play a part.

As I watched the destruction in Israel, I remembered the man born there 2000 years ago. Christ sacrificed his life due to living out a different set of values that challenged the status quo in his day.



Can I not reclaim my agency just a little and sacrifice something of the convenience of my life?

It won't help the conflict in Israel right now but if those of us who can make choices about how we live can't even use our power to, at the very least, demonstrate non-complicity with systems that damage and impede the life of others, how are we to support our young people to retain a sense of self determination and confidence in their power a make a difference to the world they will have to live in?

Revd. Sue email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk 07483 153948

Services in November

5 November	10:00am	Mrs. K. Salmon
12 November	10:45am	Remembrance Day Service Lych Gate and Parish Church
19 November	10:00am	Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
26 November	10:00am	Mr. J. Bridge



Hilton Parish Church

Dear Friends,

Archibald Fleming was the first translator of the Gospel of John into Inuktitut, the language of the Inuit, also known as Eskimos. The Gospel tells how, when Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples, they were filled with joy. Fleming somehow couldn't find the right Inuktitut phrase for 'filled with joy'. One day, he was watching people feed their huskies, and as the meat was given to the dogs they were leaping and yowling with excitement. Fleming turned to someone nearby and said, 'That's the feeling I want to express; how would you describe the dogs at this moment?' His Inuit friend gave him a phrase, and Fleming hurried to write it down. He came back and read out that verse from the Gospel in Inuktitut, ending with his newly-learned words. His Inuit listeners fell about laughing – what Fleming had written was, 'When the disciples saw the Lord, they wagged their tails.'



The Hebrew and Greek words of the Bible have been translated into over 3,500 other languages. Miles Coverdale published the first complete translation of the Bible into English in 1535. Not everyone finds in the Bible a signpost to God as the source of life and love, but what Coverdale did has had a profound influence on all English speakers. He brought something precious within the reach of all, and in effect said to ordinary people, 'Your understanding and your insight matter, and you have the right to writings that can expand your horizons and hopes.' Much of our modern world has flowed from this gift, from scientific discovery to political freedoms. But still for billions those words do indeed lead to new life in God. They can do for me and you today.

With love

David Busk
Vicar of Hilton

Weekly Services in November

05 Sunday	8am Holy Communion
12 Sunday	10.45am Remembrance Service
	Gather at the lych gate for 10.55 start, followed by service in church
19 Sunday	8am Holy Communion
26 Sunday	11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church
	Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall
10 Friday	5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

Weekly Online Services (Via Zoom)

Holy Communion Wednesdays (2.30pm)
Bible study Fridays (10am)

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



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2023 Services

November

- 05 November Revd Christine Davies
12 November Remembrance Sunday – 10.45am
at the Parish Church led by Revd Dr Catherine Ball
19 November Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
26 November Led by Christine Macleod

December

- 03 December Revd Christine Davies
10 December Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
17 December Christingle 11am at the Free Church - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
24 December Revd Christine Davies
24 December Christmas Eve 6pm at the Free Church
25 December Christmas Day Service 9.30am - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
31 December Led by the Church Elders

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

Tuesday 14 November - 2.30-4pm Tuesday 12 December - 2.30-4pm
Geoff Hawkins Fenstanton URC Secretary

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Sunday 09.00 and 11.00

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Redemption

Sausage Chilli Casserole

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 12 tasty sausages
- 1 x white or red onion
- 1 x 500ml Passata or 2 tins of chopped tomatoes
- 1 x beef stock cube
- 2 x tins of mixed beans in water
- 1 x large tin of baked beans
- 1 x punnet of mushrooms
- 1 x bag of curly kale
- 1 tsp mixed herbs
- 2 tsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp brown sauce

Preparation

Soften the onion in a pan with a little oil and remove from the pan

Brown the sausages in the pan

Throw all of the ingredients (apart from the kale) in a cooking pot with lid and stir well. Put in the sausages and onion, put the lid on and slam in the oven! Cook for one hour at 180c.

OR put in a cooking pot on the hob, put on the lid and cook on low for an hour and a half, stirring occasionally to stop it from sticking

OR place all ingredients (apart from the kale) in the slow cooker for 3 hours on high.

Add the kale and cook for a further 5 minutes in oven or on hob.

If cooking in the slow cooker stir the kale in and cook for a further 20 mins.

Serve casserole with garlic bread to dip into the sauce.

This is a great dish to serve after trick or treat, or after watching fireworks on bonfire night!



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& Bonfire



Saturday 4th November
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Please, no sparklers. Light up toys will be available to purchase.
Parking is restricted so please consider walking.
In the interests of safety please do not drive up Wiggles Row.
Combustible bonfire donations will be accepted from Hilton residents on
Saturday 4th November from 9am to 1pm—no manufactured boards please
(including chipboard, particle board, plywood, etc).

Carrots

by Claire Sarkies

Success in the garden!

Carrots do not thrive in clay soil and sowing carrot seed in some Hilton gardens can end in disappointment. However, this year's crop from the Community Garden was positively photogenic!



Snapped as they left the ground you can see how numerous, healthy and well-formed they are. We were still harvesting them in the first week of October.

Raised beds

The virtue of a raised bed is that the soil can be adjusted to suit the seeds. Carrots hate too much nitrogen, so manure and fertilisers are not advised. They enjoy lighter, preferably sandy soil, which can be achieved by adding soil improvers and organic matter. The other trick is to find the right companions to share the bed. Root wrecking carrot flies are drawn to the vegetable's sweet smell, but they can be put off by stronger, less enticing smells such as onions and marigolds. Hence we edged the bed with marigolds and put in some onion sets for good measure. Marigolds give wonderful summer long colour and the onions were good too.

Carrotty facts

Carrots are an ancient food source. Seeds have been found in Switzerland and

Southern Germany dating back to 2000-3000 years BC.

Carrots we now assume to be orange but 'heirloom' seeds remind us that before the era of mass marketing, there was more diversity, so carrots could be black, purple, red, white or yellow (at least on the outside).

Carotene (meaning from a carrot): beta-carotene is a pigment found in plants that gives a yellow/orange colour. Carotene is used in the food industry to colour juices, cakes, butter and margarine. They don't help you see in the dark and if you eat a lot of them you won't turn orange.

Recipe: Autumn soup

This tasty soup is easy to make and uses simple ingredients. You can reduce or increase the spice content to suit your family's palate.

To make a very local version: come to the Community Garden next September to collect all the ingredients any Saturday morning between 10.00 and 12.00

Ingredients

- 600g chopped carrots
- 200g sliced leeks
- 1 onion chopped
- 4 sundried or fresh tomatoes
- 600ml stock or water
- A few sprigs of thyme
- ½ tablespoon of smoked paprika and a few chilli flakes

Preparation

Simply sauté the leeks and onions in a little oil or butter until they soften, (or pop them in a micro-wave.) Add the carrots, tomatoes, stock, herb and spices. Bring to the boil, then simmer for roughly 20 minutes. Liquidise or pulp with a soup wand. If you have any left over, it freezes well.



Hilton Parish Council

Report from meeting on Monday 02 October

Budget

The Council approved the budget, as presented by the Finance Committee:

	Budget 24/25
Receipts	
Precept	£36,979.92
Fireworks	£2,000.00
Interest	£1,400.00
Total	£40,379.92
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Payments	
Payroll	£14,101.20
Green Open Spaces	£3,500.00
Maintenance Contract	£11,000.00
Maintenance Person	£1,812.72
Maintenance Materials	£250.00
Insurance	£900.00
Subscriptions	£640.00
Stationery & Office	£300.00
Utilities	£3,500.00
Training	£150.00
Audit	£380.00
Venue Costs	£450.00
Fireworks	£1,500.00
Lighting & Maintenance	£586.00
Donations	£560.00
Playground	£140.00
Electoral	£40.00
Website	£250.00
Playground maintenance reserve contribution	£50.00
Village hall car park maintenance contribution	£50.00
Local Highways Improvement Bid	£220.00
Total	£40,379.92

Precept

The precept for 2024/25 was then approved as £36,979.92, which represents an increase of £2,373.92 or 6.9%..

Village Hall Management Committee Representative

Following the resignation of Cllr Heather Chambers, the Council has appointed Cllr Claire Sarkies to represent them on the Village Hall Management Committee for six months, followed by Cllr Sarah Suckling for a further six months.

Flood Action Conference

Cllr Richard Norton and Cllr Jon Capes attended the recent conference and made a report to the Council. Of particular interest was the presentation regarding “Flood Mary”: The property flood resilience champion. Further information can be found on their website – www.floodmary.com. Cllr Norton and Capes are also going to review the Emergency and Flood Plans.

Duck Houses

The Council considered the request to install duck houses on the Ware, and whilst they had no objection to the concept, there is no budget for this purchase. However, if anyone were to build a duck house at no cost to the Council then it will reconvene to consider the design.

Health Inequalities Grant

Following the success of this year’s grant, the Council has appointed a working group of Cllr Claire Sarkies, Cllr Rob Dulstone, Cllr Sarah Suckling, Cllr Matt Stott and Cllr Richard Norton to make a proposal for this year’s grant bid to present to Council.

Defibrillator

Hilton Parish Council has granted permission for a defibrillator to be installed on the

Pavilion, subject to a grant and donations to cover the cost. The Clerk will make the grant application.

Weed Management

The Council has resolved to respond to the Cambridgeshire County Council weed management survey.

Action on Energy Cambridgeshire Autumn Event

Cllr Richard Norton will attend this event on behalf of the Council.

Maintenance Person

The Council has now appointed a Maintenance Person. The Clerk will carry out the induction process in October.

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 November 10:00am to 12 noon

2 December 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th November 2023 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council’s website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Hilton Town Trust

We are a small charitable trust which exists to provide support to the village and villagers of Hilton.

Grants can be provided to village organisations or to individuals, depending on circumstances. Previously the Trust has donated funds to projects like the Village Hall refurbishment, installation of the defibrillator, celebrations like the Queen's Jubilee party as well as helping families coping with illness or cost of living and young people who are pursuing opportunities. The scope is very broad.

Of course, there are limited funds but what we do have is there to help all

the people of Hilton. So if you have a project or know of someone who would benefit from some support please contact one of the Trustees, in confidence, with the details.

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Doctor Dolittle

Fairy Dog Mother

Professional pet grooming services

Lock down saw 25% of households in the UK acquire a new pet and as a result dog ownership in the country is now a staggering 12 million. On average owners spend £500 pa on their dogs and this has seen a massive growth in the dog grooming business which now employs 80,000 in the UK across 12,000 registered organisations.

One of the best groomers in the country, Fairy Dog Mother, is situated on the High Street in Fenstanton. And, if you have any doubt of their standing, the walls of the salon are festooned with competition winner rosettes and trophies.

Kara Boyd, now aged 30, the owner of the salon enjoys competition and when she is not competing in regional or national grooming events she is either playing netball or racing cars with her brother and father. It was Kara's competitive edge that took her to the quarter finals of the popular BBC1 programme Pooch Perfect.

"I was the youngest competitor," Kara explains. "It was the hardest thing I have done and it was extremely difficult not telling anyone that I was doing the TV programme. It was more scary than receiving the SME Young Business Person of the Year Award at Wembley Arena. Having won the Cambridgeshire title I was invited to the awards dinner thinking it would be nice thing to go to for my family. My parents were in tears when I was announced as the overall winner!"

These are great accolades for Kara who after leaving school with her interest in animals starting working as a kennel maid. Very quickly she applied for a job at Pets at Home when they opened their grooming centre in Huntingdon. By 20 she was managing the outlet and by 21 she had left to set up her own grooming salon.



"I started really small, even though it was a gutsy thing to do to set up my own business. I had to work as a carer both ends of the day to keep some money coming in. Slowly I built up the business and in 2019 I opened Fairy Dog Mother on the High Street. This was a very busy year for me as I gave birth to my son, Arthur, who is now four and attends the village school. I never seem to do things by half!"

Kara, who lives in Fenstanton and originates from Papworth Everard, now has customers who come from all over the country with regulars from Milton Keynes and London. She even has one customer with his dog Alan who lives in Gibraltar.

"I think dog grooming is not just about washing and trimming dogs, it is also about dog socialisation. It is amazing how all the dogs get on so well, even the infamous XL Bully dogs which are as soft as butter when they are here with us. I believe a lot of dog aggression is created by their owners. Dogs are incredibly sensitive animals and they know when their owner is scared. Or, maybe I am secretly a Doctor Dolittle."

So what is next for Kara? *"I have now been nominated for the Liz Paul Grooming Awards in the category 'Up and Coming Groomer of the Year'. However, my real ambition is to set up an academy to train anyone, young or old, to become a dog groomer leading towards a City and Guild qualification or the coveted international recognised standard ICMG."*

Considering what Kara has done already, it will be a surprise if she does not achieve her new goal.

Fairy Dog Mother is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 08.00 - 18.00, Wednesday 08.00 - 20.00. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Mama Jo's Mischief

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

Poppy Flower Hand Print

Here comes another painting idea, this time in honour of Remembrance Day. We hold great respect for the UK Forces and we join them in remembering the brave lives of British soldiers lost to war. Lest We Forget.

I took this opportunity to educate Sky on the important duties of the UK Forces. We explored the roles of Army Soldiers, RAF Pilots, Navy Sailors etc, as well as the World Wars and the symbolism of the Poppy flower.

Sky really enjoyed making the "pretty red flowers", so much so, we ended up doing this four times! Sky and I used a paper roll from B&M to create a banner we donated to a local care home.

What you will need

- Paper/card
- Red, black and green paint

How to in three easy steps

1. Paint your child's hand red and place it on the paper four times with the palm of the prints touching to make the petals.
2. Ask your child to dip their finger into the black paint and dot it in the middle of the red petals.
3. Dip a finger in the green paint and make a line from the bottom of the petals to the bottom of the page to create a stem.



Local Events

- **Hilton Fireworks & Bonfire**
Saturday 04 November 6pm
- **Fenstanton United Reformed Church, November Fayre**
Saturday 18 November 10am - 1pm
- **Fenstanton big switch on**
01 December 6.30pm

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Lest We Forget



Name Age

Colour the picture however you like. Only one entry per child. Send your entry to either design@thejournal.life or drop it into The Journal office at The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton by 12 November.

The winner will be announced in a future issue and feature in the magazine. Best of luck.



update

Message from the chair

At the beginning of October, I met our MP, Anthony Browne, to discuss issues affecting Fen Drayton. We had a wide-ranging discussion, but a good part of it was spent on the recent upsurge in criminal activity in the village. Mr Browne has set up a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire to talk about the problems we're having and to ask what measures they will take to reduce crime in the village.

We also discussed the risk of flooding and hopefully a meeting can be arranged with the whole catchment area, Environment Agency, Cambridge Water and Cambridge County Council to coordinate planning. It's vital we work together to minimise future flooding.

Access to public transport and affordable housing were also on the agenda.

Crime

There has been an upsurge in criminal activity in the village, mostly burglaries from sheds and outbuildings. With the nights drawing in this is a good time to



remind ourselves of the police advice on reducing theft from outbuildings:

- Ensure your insurance covers theft from sheds and outbuildings
- Don't leave tools and equipment outside
- Always keep sheds and outbuildings locked. The police recommend using two large hasps and staples on doors plus two closed shackle padlocks on the outside
- Secure windows with internal diamond mesh grilles
- Property mark your tools
- If you don't have a shed, wrap a heavy padlock around tools and secure to an anchor device.

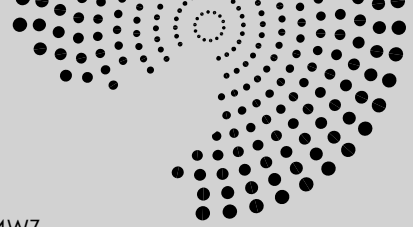


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Sue Ellington - South Cambs district councillor

Autumn brings a great deal of activity at South Cambs District Council. Everybody is back from holidays and they need to set the agenda for the coming winter.

You may have noticed new yellow lines and new signs going up outside schools in readiness for the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). CPE transfers powers and responsibilities for on-street parking from the police to the local highway authority, in this case Cambridgeshire County Council, who will employ traffic wardens.

Controversy continues around the council's project to introduce a four-day working week. At the council meeting on 5 October, questions were asked to try to clarify the situation, but the leader of the council used a procedural clause in the constitution to prevent district councillors from voting to stop the experiment.

If you need help with any council issues, contact me on 01954 202923, or email cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk.

Community Warden Scheme

During September, Fen Drayton residents were asked about their awareness of the Community Warden Scheme. Seventy percent of people who responded were aware of the scheme, most knew some of the services provided and virtually all knew about personal visits and telephone calls.

However, very few were aware that the warden will provide guidance regarding the NHS and dealing with GP and hospital appointments. Most people were also unaware that Fen Drayton residents get the first 12 weeks of the service free of charge, so they can see how the community warden may benefit them.

The Community Warden Scheme also supports a new initiative by the NHS to help patients being discharged from hospital.

If you would like more information or to discuss any specific needs, contact Rachael Mortimer on 07971 951412.

Parish council meetings

The next meeting is Monday 20 November at 19.30 in the village hall committee room.

Community cafe

The next cafe is on Saturday 11 November, with stalls selling gifts and Christmas cards.

As ever, you can be sure of a warm welcome and a choice of homemade cakes, including gluten-free options.

Looking further ahead, on Saturday 9 December we will welcome the Swavesey Choir to entertain us with seasonal songs and music.

Please note: the cafe is cash only.

Left page top: Christmas 2020 floods

Bottom: startling murmuration, Fen Drayton Lakes

Head Lines



Interested on joining our team of governors at Fen Drayton Primary School?

Our governors contribute to children's education by helping to raise standards. Governors come from a wide variety of backgrounds. No special qualifications are needed. The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. We offer a full induction programme and training.

Get in touch and find out more via the QR link

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINTER FAIR & SANTA'S GROTTO

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 5.30 - 7.30pm

RAFFLE - TOMBOLA - FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS - BBQ

CRAFTS - STALLS - GAMES

Teachers Parents
Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School PTA

News from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

What a busy start to the term we have had at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School! We have welcomed three new teachers and two new teaching assistants, who are all adding to the skill and commitment of our team. We have also welcomed our new Reception Class children, who have made a very positive start to life in our community.

Alongside our core curriculum offer, we have been able to provide several different enrichment activities for our pupils at the start of the new school year. We have worked with Mike Mullen, a World Champion BMX-rider, who led workshops for our Key Stage 2 children; we welcomed Joseph Claus and Caroline Foster, who led Musical Theatre sessions, culminating in a wonderful performance of Still Holding My Hand from Matilda The Musical; we hosted African drumming workshops as part of Black History month; we visited the Parish Church, where Reverend Rosie hosted us for a Harvest Festival service; and our Key Stage 2 children have been on trips to Holt Island (Year 3/4) and Cambridge (Year 5/6). And that's just in the first half term!

Before the break in October our PTA will have hosted the first school discos of the year, and we will of course be looking ahead to a busy December. There will be a Winter Fair at school on Friday 15 December and a Nativity Play, alongside parents' evenings,



Year 6 pupils practising BMX tricks as part of their workshops with Mike Mullen

assessments and the day-to-day lessons, which there is just about time for!

At the start of the term, we introduced our new school values: Community, Determination, Integrity. These were developed with pupils, parents, staff and governors. Our values help to provide a focus for our words and actions as we strive for continued improvement.

Richard Martin. Headteacher. Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**NOVEMBER FAYRE
SATURDAY 18**

10.00 am - 1.00pm

CRAFTS, BOOKS, JIGSAWS, GIFTS AND LOTS MORE



Wanted - School Governor



At Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school. The governing body has three core functions: ensuring clarity of the vision, ethos and strategic direction, holding the senior leadership to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and overseeing the financial performance of the school to ensure the money is well spent.

We invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available, and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online. We are particularly keen to appoint

a governor who is not a current parent, to increase the diversity of our governing body.

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You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more, please contact Nicola Webster, Chair of Governors, at nwebster@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk



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What you're Missing

Hilton Women's Institute

For our September meeting Barry Bignall spoke about his exciting career and his memories as a photographer and travelling with many famous bands and what a list - Adam Faith, the Roulettes, Cliff Richard, the Moody Blues, Knights in White Satin, Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, not to forget many talented musicians in the background. Barry travelled near and far including to Audley End to 'snap' Tom Jones and was at a Jimi Hendrix gig in Chislehurst Caves. He is still touch with many and mentioned a number who have sadly passed away.



On one September Saturday we held an open meeting with a very informative talk on Dementia by Heather Hooper. She likened the process of developing Dementia as a bookcase when the lowest shelf is "emptied by the lowest books", ie the recent memories, until the time when one loses memories of maybe teenage years, which might explain why a sufferer doesn't recognise their children. Those who attended were photographed with their 'I'm a Dementia Friend' poster.

A small group of us has also visited Hemingford Manor with an excellent talk by Diana Boston, daughter-in-law of the author Lucy Boston. Built in the 1130s (yes!), the Manor is probably the oldest continuously inhabited home. Diana proudly showed us Lucy's exquisite patchwork quilts and Tolly's



bedroom, the inspiration from her Green Knowe books, and here we show you a photograph of the well-stocked shop

In October we welcomed Paul Wyer from the Wildlife Trust and his extensive knowledge on hedgehogs and he was pleased to hear how many of us are rewarded with a number of them.

They are under threat by traffic, badgers, lungworms present day farming and luckily can at least run up to 4-5 kilometres an hour but are just holding their own having been on our planet for 15 million years. Hedgehogs are fond of insects etc and we were reminded years ago of flies and midges splattered on our windcreens but are themselves in decline, showing another way that hedgehogs are struggling for their food.

Well worth fighting their cause isn't it?

**We always welcome new members:-
hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com**

P.S. Answer to last month's question is
The Ford / US President Gerald Ford



What you're Missing

Hilton Art Club

In September, we had very successful and enjoyable morning with artist Helen Clarke. Helen showed us how she builds up her paintings of flowers. She told us she sometimes uses a previously painted background to find her subject.

She also uses different dip pens and Indian ink to draw straight into the picture, adding watercolour paints. Collage, using napkins, tissue paper and bits from magazines and even music can be used and she suggested what could be used for interesting mark making, like sticks and stirrers. Afterwards, we had the chance of having a go ourselves, with her help.

During the morning, Peter M presented outgoing Chair, Joanne with a bouquet from the club, as a token of our appreciation.

Also in September, as a special addition, Lynn kindly invited members to her lovely garden for a morning of sketching.

**Forthcoming: 17 November: 9.30am – 12.30 pm 'As Night Falls: Moonlight Serenade'.
Please bring your own pictures/props.**



Macmillan Appeal

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Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support events in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. As you may know, we opened our garden on the last two Thursdays and Fridays in September for 3 x 1 hour visits each day, for small groups at a time. 25 visited the garden and we offered refreshments and the chance to buy some home-made jams and chutneys. Many people gave us raffle prizes and then bought tickets to buy them back.

You helped raise an excellent total of £551.50 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was a wonderful result from most enjoyable events. Thanks again.

History of Hilton

Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available. The book is hard-backed, full of photos and costs £5. It would make a fascinating Christmas present. Contact Peter Blake, 01480 830137.



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What you're Missing

Hilton Baby and Toddler Play Group

Hilton Baby and Toddler Play Group has been running in the village for the past thirty years and we would love to keep it going for many more decades! We meet at Hilton Village Hall every Tuesday in term time from 10 – 11.30 am and currently have a range of ages attending from 0-5.

Each week we have a variety of toys and games available that we rotate, with a craft or activity for the children (and adults... always a good opportunity to sit and have a catch up!). Snack time part way through the morning brings a moment of surprising calm (!) whilst the children sit together and the adults have a chance to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Bliss!

Next half term we've got lots more activities planned with animal crafts, space rockets, and of course some Christmas themed fun in December. It's a great opportunity for the little ones to meet other local children so do come and say hello!



Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

Hilton Brownies have started back this September with some fun filled activities. We have been bug hunting and decorated bug houses made from logs, had a tennis coaching session at Papworth and a visit from the Guide Dogs Association. We are also planning to learn to put up tents, have a session all about space and a Christmas activity day in December.

Rainbows have been doing activities to help them keep their Promise, taken home a tube of smarties to eat, then fill with coins which we will use for some money based activities. We will donate the total raised to Children in Need. They have been learning about

keeping safe at home, designing outfits and looking at and tasting different types of apples. We will finish the term with a Christmas activity session.

Does this sound like the sort of thing you would like to be involved in? We are in need of helpers or leaders for our Rainbows, which are girls aged 5 - 6. Please contact me for further information.

Karen Baker
Brownie and Rainbow Leader
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or register your interest on the [girlguiding website](#).



Fenstanton Friendship Club

It is now 74 years since the club was founded and we are looking forward to many more years of 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 include speakers on various subjects, entertainers, trips out to lunch, cream teas, boat trips on The Ladybird. Previously we have had holidays in Eastbourne.

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



13 September “The Merrymakers” gave us a wonderful afternoon of music and some poetry. Very talented group and a good selection of music that we all knew and could join in with. Soloists were excellent.

27 September Shakespeare will never seem the same after listening to Liz Dive who lives and breathes the works of the Bard. She is so enthusiastic and converted many of us to his plays. Very entertaining and informative.



Upcoming Meetings

8 November On this day we have a Ukulele Band from the U3A in St Ives. It is sure to be an entertaining and uplifting afternoon.

22 November We have a return visit from “The Merrymakers” with a programme of Christmas music to set the scene for December.



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What you're Missing

Fenstanton Football Club update

Last month was a busy time, signing players and getting ready for the new season and we are pleased to say we have started the year with over 180 players and over 30 volunteers! Plus, thanks to our appeal, we also have a new manager to kick start what will be the new Under 7's team.

This month we thought we would give focus to our Under 13's side. The team have been together since they were 6 and are now hitting their teenage years! They have grown and grown as a side and this season they have moved to a bigger pitch, play 11v11 and use full size goals. They have relished this and after 4 games are unbeaten and even when they have been behind in games they have found a way to get a result. The lads are really enjoying the club's ethos of play for fun and play to learn. It's a great environment for the kids' development and it's nice to see those young kids turning into young adults representing their village.

We have eight youth teams this season, soon to be nine with the introduction of Under 7's. With this number we have expanded to playing in several areas around the village. Hall Green Lane is the home of all ages up to and including the Under 10's. Under 11's and 12's play at the school. Under 13's and 15's play just off Hall Green Lane at the cricket field and our Under 16's now play at the main pitch at Hall Green Lane. All these games are played on Saturday mornings.

As for the adults, we now have 3 teams, the reserves play at Hall Green Lane on a Saturday afternoon and the first team play at Hall Green Lane or St Ivo Recreation Ground depending on availability. Then, for the first time in a while, we have our newly formed Veterans (over 34's), they play at Hall Green Lane on a Sunday morning. We are really pleased to say this new team



has got off to a flying start, winning the Hunts FA summer tournament!

Please do come down to any of the games and show your support for the village teams. You might even get a chance to buy a coffee and a cake, as we often have parents running a stand.

As always, if you would like to get involved in any way, please contact us on fenstantonfootball@outlook.com. We are always looking for players of all ages and all sexes, also coaches, volunteers and referees.





Hilton Flower Club

Our September meeting was very interesting. Geoff Hodge came and gave us a talk and slide show on what to do in our gardens so we have colour and interest all through the year. His talk gave us a lot of great ideas so we will all be busy trying to make our garden colourful for winter, might take a little while.

6 November

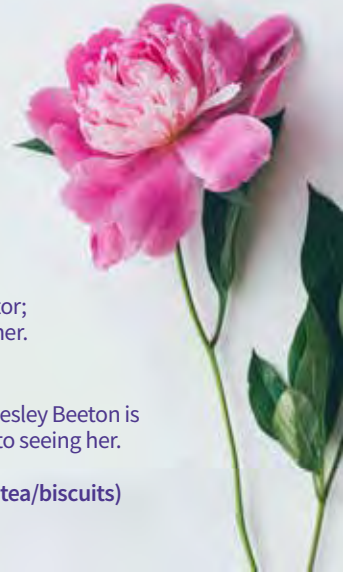
We welcome Elizabeth Robertson as our flower demonstrator; we haven't seen her before so looking forward to meeting her.

4 December is our Christmas Party

We are not having a Christmas workshop this the year but Lesley Beeton is coming to do Christmas arrangements so we look forward to seeing her.

Hilton Village Hall: 2pm - 4pm Entrance: £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

Look forward to seeing you all again. Beverley



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What you're Missing

News from the Scouts



It's been a busy term at 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group so far, packed full of activities enjoyed by our young people and adult volunteers alike! Here's a look at what we've been up to...

Beavers (ages 6-8) had a busy start to the autumn term with visits to the Hilton Community Garden and the Norris Museum! They've also completed their Cook's badge and attended the District Sausage Sizzle at Copley Scout Centre in St Ives, where they cooked over fires, played games and sang campfire songs with Beavers from all around the local area.

Meanwhile, the Cubs (ages 8-10.5) kicked off the term with a camp which involved the Cubs putting up and sleeping in their own tents, lighting fires, and then cooking their dinner. They also worked towards their Astronomy badge with a night spent stargazing, and learnt all about life in South Korea from one of our Young Leaders who travelled there on the World Scout Jamboree last summer.

Finally, the Scouts (ages 10.5-14) had a camp of their own where most experienced sleeping in hammocks. They also worked on their



photography skills by making stop-motion animations, and tested their navigation skills with a hike. Some of the older Scouts also completed a 2-day expedition involving hiking and camping, for which they should be very proud of themselves.

None of this happens without the dedication of our brilliant adult volunteers – we are always in need of more support to help local young people develop skills for life. 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.



Poppy will do it!

Anyone can be a Scout, and nobody demonstrates that better than Poppy Gowler, who has been volunteering with 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scouts for over 50 years, and celebrated her 90th birthday in September. When Poppy first moved to Fenstanton decades ago, people told the vicar: *'if you want anything doing, Poppy will do it.'* And that still rings true today.

Poppy has supported generations of Scouts, and has never been afraid to get involved. Her energy and enthusiasm continues to shine through. From a Scout Jamboree in Kent, to a trip to Brownsea Island (the site of the first ever Scout camp), Poppy has taken young people on countless trips away and was camping with us, sleeping in a tent, until just a few years ago. Her determination knows no bounds, as we saw when the Scouts visited an outdoor assault course... as usual, Poppy joined in with the Scouts and successfully scaled the highest obstacle on the course, much to the amazement of the instructors who said she was the oldest person to have achieved it. Poppy said:

'There's no such thing as can't. You can. Where there's a will, there's a way. I chose to go over the highest obstacle but if I'd had my trainers and not my good trousers, I could have done the crawling under all the nets too. I would have gone through the mud. Like the instructor said: if you keep walking, you don't sink in.'

Poppy often tells parents that if they're not involved, they don't know what they're missing! She shows that Scouts is just as much fun for the adults too. Poppy's attitude is rooted in her ethos that while Scouts is all about young people learning skills for life, adults can also learn a lot from the young people themselves:

'I'm quite prepared to get down and do what they do or get involved. We learn from each other. When you open yourself up to learn from them, you're not talking down to them, you're with them. I think it's Scouts that keeps me fit, keeps me involved, keeps me with the young



folk. I've adapted as my children grew up and I think that's what makes a difference — that I can adapt to things and still enjoy it.'

One of Poppy's former Scouts, Jess, is now a Scout Leader:

"The Scouts love Poppy. She is a complete inspiration — always there, upbeat, active. We've got Young Leaders that were my Scouts and they've got her same attitude. Watching Poppy, the Scouts can see that age doesn't need to stop you."

So, to mark her 90th birthday recently, Jess and the Scouts arranged a birthday party featuring 1940s-themed party games, a gigantic cake, and a special message for Poppy from none other than TV adventurer and Chief Scout himself, Bear Grylls! Bear said:

"What an inspiration you are to so many, supporting Scouts as a volunteer. You're a record-breaker and an inspiration, and what a legacy you are creating and still continue to do so. On behalf of all of us at Scouts, we want to wish you the happiest of birthdays."

Poppy, congratulations on your 90th birthday, and thank you for all you have done supporting generations of young people through their Scouting journeys in Fenstanton and Hilton.

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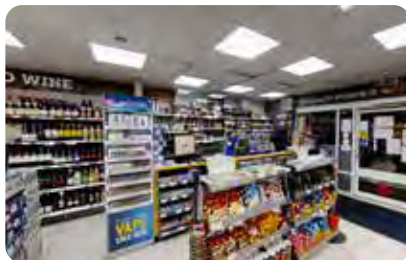


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by Nigel Ferrier

The North Coast 500 (NC500) has become synonymous with breathtaking landscapes, rugged coastlines, and an unforgettable adventure through the Scottish Highlands. This iconic 500-mile circular route has gained popularity among road-trippers, offering a unique opportunity to explore the diverse beauty of Scotland. Having recently embarked on this incredible journey, I can confidently attest that the NC500 lives up to its reputation as one of the world's most scenic drives.

Scenic splendour

From the moment you set foot on the NC500, the landscape takes centre stage, captivating your senses with its sheer beauty. The route winds its way through a tapestry of awe-inspiring landscapes, including towering mountains, pristine lochs, picturesque villages, and dramatic coastal cliffs. Each

bend in the road reveals a new visual masterpiece, leaving you in a perpetual state of awe. The ever-changing vistas, especially during golden hour and sunset, are a photographer's dream come true. Whether you're a nature enthusiast or simply seeking solace in the great outdoors, the NC500 will undoubtedly leave you breathless.

Charming villages and warm hospitality

Along the NC500, you'll encounter a plethora of charming villages and towns, each with its own distinct character. From the quaint fishing villages of Ullapool and Applecross to the historic town of Dornoch and the bustling city of Inverness, there's a sense of authenticity and warmth that permeates the region. The locals are incredibly friendly and hospitable, readily sharing their stories, traditions, and recommendations. Exploring these communities not only offers a glimpse into Scottish culture but also provides an opportunity to savour fresh traditional cuisine and immerse oneself in local customs.

Historical treasures

Scotland's rich history and cultural heritage are deeply woven into the fabric of the NC500. At every turn, you'll encounter ancient castles, historic ruins, and important heritage sites. Dunrobin Castle, with its fairytale-like architecture, and the enigmatic ruins of Ardvreck Castle are just a couple of the remarkable sites that transport you back in time. The region is also dotted with intriguing museums and visitor centres that offer insights into the area's geological, archaeological, and cultural significance. Whether you have a penchant for history or simply enjoy exploring the past, the NC500 promises an enthralling journey through time.





outweigh any challenges, and the driving experience becomes an integral part of the adventure itself.

An unforgettable journey

The North Coast 500 is a scenic masterpiece that showcases the very best of Scotland's natural beauty, culture, and hospitality. With its awe-inspiring landscapes, charming villages, rich history, and exhilarating outdoor activities, this iconic route has rightfully earned its place among the world's most captivating drives.

Untamed coastline

For adventure seekers, the NC500 presents an array of outdoor activities that cater to all levels of experience. Hiking enthusiasts will relish the chance to conquer iconic peaks such as Suilven or take leisurely strolls through the enchanting Fairy Glen. The region's untamed coastline invites surfers to catch a wave, while kayakers can paddle along the serene lochs, taking in the tranquility of the surroundings. Wildlife enthusiasts will delight in spotting seals, dolphins, red deer, and even elusive golden eagles. The NC500 is a playground for those seeking exhilarating escapades amidst nature's playground.

Not all roads are the same

It's important to note that the NC500 includes a mix of single-track roads, narrower sections, and occasional challenging driving conditions. On some roads caravans and large campers are banned and whilst this adds to the charm and authenticity of the journey, it's essential to exercise caution and be prepared for varying road surfaces. Traffic can be heavier during peak seasons, particularly in popular areas, so planning ahead and allowing extra time is advisable. However, the rewards of the NC500 far

Whether you're a nature lover, history buff, adventure seeker, or simply yearning for a soul-stirring escape, the NC500 promises an unforgettable journey that will leave an indelible mark on your heart and soul. Embark on this mesmerising route and let the beauty of Scotland's North Coast envelop you in its spellbinding embrace.

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Fenstanton Headlands	2.50pm – 3.40pm
Fenstanton Chapel Green	3.50pm – 4.20pm

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Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Chequer Street parking bays

Cambridge County Council have advised your Parish Council that the work to rectify the defective bay will be carried out mid-October, so by the time you are reading this the work will be complete. Marker posts will be installed at the west end of the scheme and an additional bollard will be installed at the east end of the gravel bay. Two trees will be planted adjacent to Bay 3 and your Parish Council will be planting a further four trees in the coming weeks.



Hampton Playing Field - update

The survey organised for Parishioners to share their views on the proposed plans for Hampton Playing Field has now ended.

Once all the views have been captured and consolidated, your Parish Council will share its findings and confirm how your views have helped inform the Parish Council of what residents would like to see included. Only identified (named) responses to the survey will be included.

Funding for the project has not been finalised but will likely come from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and charitable funding sources.

The proposal includes Picnic areas, Pump track, Skate park, Five-a-side football pitch, Pétanque court and Zip wire.



To contact your Parish Council Clerk

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Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Councillor Surgeries - September to December

Councillor surgeries are held every other Saturday morning between 10am – 12pm at The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton.

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

04.11.2023	Anne Mustill	Nigel Ferrier
18.11.2023	Callum Pitt	Roy McGee
02.12.2023	Martin Hewitt	Matt Tandy

Next Parish Council meeting

Your Parish Council meets next on Thursday 9 November at 7pm in the Church Centre. Please do come along and listen to what your Parish Council is up to.

Parking – please park considerately

Your Parish Council continues to receive complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking on our High Street. Some are blocking residents' driveways and occasionally even parking on residents' private driveways.

Whilst we appreciate parking can be difficult at times, please can we ask that when you park you are parking safely, not blocking driveways or access points. Please park away from any junctions and where possible please use the Village car parks on Chequer Street or by the Church.

Why the weeds? No weed spraying by Cambridge County Council

Cambridge County Council has informed local Parish Councils that they will not be carrying out Weed Spraying this year. The reasons they have given are:-

- 1) To improve the natural environment and biodiversity by reducing the use of chemicals that can have a detrimental environmental impact and
- 2) To reduce the running costs of the operations as part of the overall need to reduce costs across the Council as part of its budget planning process.

Your Parish Council is concerned about the detrimental effects leaving the weeds may have, possibly causing blockages in our drains and damage to footpaths. Therefore, as a one-off, your Parish Council will carry out the work using a qualified Contractor at the earliest opportunity when the correct conditions allow.



Fenstanton Parish Council

Making Fenstanton an even better place to live

Community Hub – Great News!

Your Parish Council has agreed to continue funding Fenstanton Community Hub, so with the help of our fabulous volunteers and the continuing support of all of the Church Centre, the Parish Church and Huntingdonshire District Council, we will continue to serve our residents for the coming twelve months.

Based in the Church Centre, School Lane, Fenstanton, the Hub currently opens on Monday mornings 9.30am to 12pm, Tuesday mornings 9.15am 11.45am, and Tuesday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. There is Free WI-FI, and the Community Café is open throughout. The café serves free hot and cold drinks and snacks, everyone is welcome, and there is No Charge! (Voluntary donations accepted)

Free Chair and Standing Exercise Class

Every Monday morning, starting at 10am, the wonderful Joules leads our chair and standing exercise class for strength and balance. This is a super fun way to build up your fitness, the session lasts approximately 50 minutes and is suitable for all fitness levels. Following your exercise, you are welcome to stay for the Community Café where our hard-working volunteers will be serving hot drinks and toast.



Free Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday from 9.15am, Mums, Dads, carers, babies and toddlers are all welcome to join our Baby and Toddler Group, held in the Bertha Pitfield room adjacent to the main hall, it is a safe, secure environment with lots of toys. No booking is required and the Community Café will be open for free drinks and snacks.

Free Coffee & Cake

Free coffee (or tea) and cake every Tuesday afternoon. We like to make our Tuesdays special at the Community Café, so we spoil ourselves with delicious cakes. Come along and enjoy good food and good company from 2pm to 4pm. Open to everyone and everyone is welcome.



For further information about the Fenstanton Community Hub check out our Facebook page or contact Roy McGee, email: roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk, Tel: 07949 453767.

Like to volunteer? Please contact Roy.

Hedges and bushes – overgrown

Your Parish Council asks that if you have Hedges or Bushes that border a public footpath, please can you ensure that they are kept cut back and do not obstruct the footpath. Your Parish Council has received complaints about footpaths being restricted and difficult to use without moving into the road.

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If you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or want to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact your Clerk for further information.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

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Preparing for the Winter ahead

The ghosts, ghouls and witches have eaten the last of the pumpkin pie and toffee apples await the bonfires. It's muddy grass season again and most of autumn's leaves are on the ground. Oak and beech leaves are among the last to fall. Garden bed and border preparation, seed sowing, planting, pruning and mulching are among gardeners' November tasks.

Planting, sowing and pruning

November is still a good time to plant trees, shrubs and autumn bulbs, Sow sweet peas and hardy annuals in the flower garden, broad beans and peas in the vegetable garden. In frames you can sow hardy veg-like radish, spinach, lettuce, endive, chicory and spring onions. Dried foliage on herbaceous perennials can be tidied up. Small garden and fruit trees can be pruned as can roses, shrubs and climbers.

Other than soil problems the two main reasons lawns become muddy is wear and shade. Wear is often a problem at the point where you first step onto a lawn especially from a step. The simple answer is 'lay a paving slab'. Lawns in shade can be improved by pruning back overhanging plants and sowing shady mix lawn seed over the area. Lawn sand is ideal in shady areas as it controls moss and improves drainage.

Autumn leaves are among gardeners' free friends. Rake them off lawns and into borders or collect them for your compost bin. You could use accelerators or a nitrogen rich fertiliser to aid composting. We had an eccentric Scottish lady who when we asked for access to her toilet, produced a large jug! Her instructions for the end of the day were pore the contents on the 'wee' compost heap and 'don't forget to wash the jug out!' So a free accelerator is always available!

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Cyclamen Hederafolium at Anglesey Abbey

NOVEMBER *Top Tips*

- Plant trees, shrubs and roses
- Tidy borders
- Sow hardy annuals
- Clear autumn leaves
- Apply Mulch



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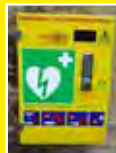


Find a defibrillator near you

We hope you never need a defibrillator, but if you did they are located in various places throughout our villages. The locations are below with the  what3words location references.

Fen Drayton

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[moons.grumbles.admires](#)



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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Low Hill is an unassuming yet fascinating feature of Fen Drayton Lakes. It lies within Elney Lake (historically known as Low Fen), on a peninsula which protrudes in from the western side. For most people visiting, it merely looks like a raised mound covered by grass with a margin of reeds, but that belies the history that lies underneath.

Until recently we didn't know much about it but learned more thanks to the work of a student, James Foard, who brought together literature from various sources during his studies and shared them with us.

Low Hill is a type of 'bowl barrow' or tumulus, a mound of earthen construction about 25m in diameter by 1m high. Barrows were sites where burials were made. These were sometimes for just one person or for multiple people. Burial mounds were often built on higher ground so their cultural significance would be visible to people. Finding higher ground is a tricky ask in the fens as there are few areas with suitable topography, so this early example was built up artificially to raise it above the level of the floodplain.

Due to the shape and structure of the barrow, it is thought to pre-date the Romans and is suspected to be from the Bronze Age. Barrows from this period are rare features within Cambridgeshire and this one represents an excellent example, being of a large size and well preserved.

However, there are some unknowns as to what else very early examples may have been used for since they were created. Within the Ouse Valley, two thirds of barrows have been found to be either reused, modified or incorporated into other monuments over time.

The site has never been excavated so these facets of its history can only be alluded to, based on similar sites elsewhere. Thus, what is known about Low Hill is not a complete

picture and one which likely has more stories to tell. In the eyes of James, it stands "as a monument to the people that have lived and died here throughout prehistory and their lost funerary traditions and ritual practices".

When the area was dug out for gravel in the 1990s, Low Hill was preserved. We maintain the monument nowadays by making sure scrub and trees don't take over and affect the archaeology within. It is a great corner for wildlife, and we have even found Harvest Mouse nests in the grass there. Over time we plan to make more of it by installing an information board at the viewpoint by the guided busway.



Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see further details and book, please visit: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes>
Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260
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The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654
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The Yellow Pages

Venues for hire

Fen Drayton Village Hall	07596 576515
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954 230471
Hilton Village Hall	07752 678415

Councils

Cambridgeshire County Council	0345 045 5200
Fen Drayton Parish Council	07704 023534
Fenstanton Parish Council	01480 465300
Hilton Parish Council	01480 830605
Huntingdon District Council	01480 388388
South Cambs District Council	0345 045 0500

Community Groups and Clubs

Books and Jigsaws at FURC	01480 498221
Fen Drayton Bowls Club	01480 385297
Fen Drayton Lions FC	07718 900880
Fen Drayton Parent and Toddlers	07549 630124
Fen Drayton Tennis Club	01954 231752
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Hilton Baby and Toddler Group	07527 394945
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Community Groups and Clubs

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Hilton WI	01480 831186
RSPB	01954 233260
Slimming World	07568 444140

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Education

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Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School	01480 375055
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Sunhill Nursery	01954 230030
Swavesey Village College	01954 230366

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Fenstanton Parish Church	01480 465211
Fenstanton URC	01480 352058
Hilton Methodist Church	01480 830686
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St Ives Roman Catholic Church	01480 462192
The Particular Baptist Church	01480 830142

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Fenstanton surgery	01480 461873
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Papworth pharmacy	01480 831415
Papworth surgery	01480 830888

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Samaritians	08457 909090
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