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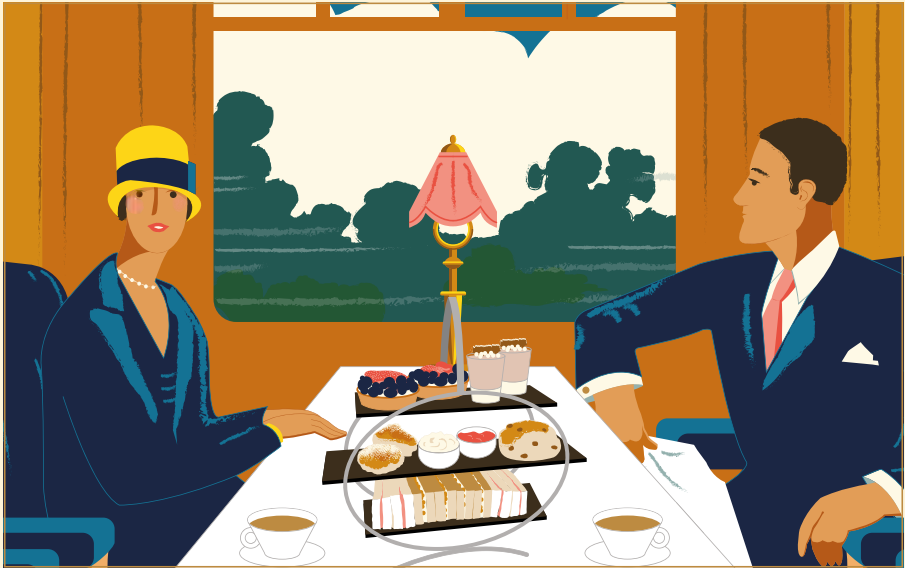
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Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to your new village magazine for Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Hilton. The magazine you are reading would not have been possible without a lot of hard work from our team of editors, creative people, contributors, advertisers and distributors. And, without the support of Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Hilton Parish Councils who recognised the importance of maintaining this community asset. We hope you enjoy the new look magazine and, more importantly, enjoy the interesting features that will form a part of **The Journal** going forward.

A big thank you

The Journal is building on the thirty years of dedication provided by the Spectrum team and we would like to thank Kay and Dave Pulley, Mickey Pallett and their team for their work in getting us to where we are today. The Fen Drayton Focus which ran for the last six years with Gwen Day, Dawn Fairey and Gary Jobson has also influenced the fresh look of this new venture and we thank them for their service and support with Fen Drayton coming aboard.

New features

In this edition of The Journal you will find new features on gardening and cooking. We also have a monthly spotlight on a local business so you can learn about the people behind the scenes. All of these features are colour coded throughout the magazine.

Get involved

If you run a club or know of a village activity not currently contributing to The Journal, please let us know so they can be included going forward. Email any details to info@thejournal.life and let's get them involved.

From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy the magazine.

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**Please submit any copy by 12 September
latest for the October edition.**

Long live Fenstanton Village Sports Day and Produce Show



What a fabulous day we had once again on Saturday 01 July. The village Sports Day was SO well attended with 515 race competitors plus many more spectators and village folk. Once again, many thanks to all the different village organisations who helped to make the event so successful.

It's always such a great occasion for socialising. So much fun was had by all and with the Parish Council generously pledging to add funds to the event, it's going to be an even bigger and better village fayre from next year on!

This village day has been running since 1977 and to mark the long-standing village event, two of the original and still current organisers, Ray Whitby and Ron Jacob were given special awards.



Poppy Appeal 2023

If any organisation in Fenstanton would like me to order Poppy Wreaths for this year can you please let me know as soon as possible on gilldartford@hotmail.co.uk

Gill Dartford
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Fenstanton

A free home for new residents

The final touch to the refurbishment to the village pond in Fenstanton is finished. After months of work including removing a rotten tree, rebuilding a crumbling wall, seeding the bank, planting reeds and installing new benches the pond work is now complete.

There will always be routine maintenance involved to keep it looking good but the overall impression is now a credit to the village.

The floating duck house is the finishing touch and it will hopefully encourage more ducks to make the pond their home. We already have a moorhen family in residence and it would be great to see more ducks moving in.



Riverport Medical Practice news

Riverport has recently launched a new website www.riverportmedicalpractice.nhs.uk. The site contains links to popular services, including ordering prescriptions, getting test results, requesting a sick note and registering as a patient. There are also links to services offered both by Riverport and by other organisations, as well as self-help advice and guidance.

On the 'Further Information' page you will find a feedback form where you can share your experience of using the service. Details about how to join the patient participation group are also in this section.

If you use social media, you can now follow them on:



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Look out for updates about this year's flu campaign on all of these channels. Patients will of course be contacted as they become eligible for the vaccination, so keep an eye on your text messages too.

Extended access:

As well as regular appointments, appointments are also offered on several evenings each week and during the day at weekends. These are at the St Ives Site on Constable Road and are provided through West Cambridgeshire Federation. Appointments are available with GPs, Nurse and Health Care Assistants and are booked through the reception team. Nurse/Health Care Assistant appointments include dressings, cervical smears, blood tests and ECG's.

We need help for the Fen Drayton Poppy Appeal



We will be doing the usual door-to-door collection again this year for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Several of our long-term collectors are now unable to do this so if anyone would consider helping out, I would really appreciate it. Everything you need is provided, and should take a maximum of an hour or two, depending on which "route" you're able to do.

Money collected is used to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families, supporting serving and ex-serving personnel (for more information see www.britishlegion.org.uk).

We start collecting from 22nd October and, as usual, hope to have boxes in our local businesses as well. For more information, my email is gonecompletelybonkers@gmail.com

Thank you! Jo Hitchins



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.

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You can view our garden, which was recently open under the National Garden Scheme and enjoy coffee/tea/home made cake and biscuits all for £5 per person. Please telephone us on 01480 830137 or email us on peter.blake200@btinternet.com to book a slot.

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Marmalade and Preserves will be on sale. There will be a raffle (prizes are always very welcome), which will be drawn at 3pm on Friday, 29 September 23.

If you cannot make a date or feel that you would prefer not to attend, but would like to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, just pop a cheque or cash through our door. The money goes to Macmillan locally.

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Stagecoach East unveiled as finalist in National Transport Awards 2023

Stagecoach East, a major local employer that runs bus services through our region, has announced it has been shortlisted as finalists in three categories at the prestigious National Transport Awards 2023. The awards are a leading mark of recognition in the transport industry, so this is a moment of pride for the company, their customers, and hopefully the wider region.



Stagecoach East announces timetable changes for the network in Cambridge, St Ives and Fenstanton

Stagecoach East has announced a series of upcoming timetable changes to their bus network. The changes, which are due to come into effect from Sunday 03 September 2023, will affect Cambridge routes including Citi 2, Citi 5, 8a, 25, Route F and Busway A.

Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East, said: "With these changes, we aim to enhance capacity, punctuality, reliability, and convenience on several core routes to provide efficient public transport options that meet current travel needs, supported by current passenger data. We're excited to bring these changes to our network and continue serving our local communities."

Key highlights of the bus service changes are as follows:

Route F, Fenstanton-St Ives: Evening journeys will be introduced from St Ives Bus Station to Fenstanton at 18:25 and 18:40 Monday to Saturday, in addition to the current timetable.

Citi 2, Milton-Cambridge: Minor timetable changes will be made to improve reliability.

Citi 5, Longstanton-Bar Hill-Cambridge: Service changes will offer greater capacity and a new direct link between Bar Hill and St Ives. Some morning journeys towards Cambridge will now start at St Ives Park & Ride before traveling to Longstanton and joining the current route into Cambridge. These services depart St Ives at: 04:48, 05:18, 05:48, 06:18 then 06:53, 07:23, 07:53 and 08:23. Some evening trips from Cambridge will continue on to St Ives after Longstanton. These services depart Cambridge at: 17:20, 17:50, 18:20, 18:50

then 21:15 and 22:15.

Route 8a, Orchard Park-Cambridge: Minor timetable changes will be made to improve reliability.

Route 25, Trumpington P&R-Babraham P&R: Minor timetable changes will be made to improve reliability.

Busway A, St Ives-Cambridge: Changes will be made to improve capacity on Busway journeys. This service will no longer serve St Ives Morrisons in both directions, terminating at Marley Road Industrial Estate. The current short trips between Trumpington and Addenbrookes will run until 16:00 Monday to Friday giving a ten-minute frequency between the two locations. Additionally, there will be limited stops along Histon Road to shorten journey times, the service (inbound and outbound) will now only stop at the Akeman Street bus stop on Histon Road.

You are encouraged to check the updated timetables for specific journey details.

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<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-update/>

State of the District

At the most recent Full Council, Huntingdonshire's Joint Administration gave an update on key objectives achieved over the last year, including: tackling climate change; enhancing employment and housing opportunities; supporting needs of residents and strengthening our communities. See: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/cllr-conboy-address-state-of-the-district-july-2023>

Ward walk around with the Council's Managing Director

Highlighting key concerns for residents, Huntingdonshire Council's Managing Director, Oliver Morley has been given a tour of Fenstanton Ward.

I shared the positive impact of the Fenstanton Community Hub over 2023; the impact of flooding; and Hilton's Community Garden success. Discussed also, was how best our ward can be incorporated in the Huntingdonshire's Place Strategy, as well as the work of Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority and their transport connectivity plans.



Picture at the proposed site for the new Fenstanton village hall.

New Village Hall update

Following the AGM for the New Fenstanton Village Hall in August, progress and plans are moving forwards. Keep an eye out for the Trust's new website. In the meantime, please see the Fenstanton Village Hall Facebook page for updates.

Do you have a query? Contact me by: clare.tevlin@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or 07565350014, or @CllrClareTevlin Facebook Page.

Trains, Boats and Planes

An amble to the west coast of France

by Martyn Crawshaw

The thing my wife and I love about France is our shared history. Love it or hate it, France and the French have followed a similar path to us, often through shared sovereignty and bitter feud. This shared history leaves a rich legacy of architecture and culture in both countries that we are still able to witness.

I understand, that time limitations plus a desire to get to your holiday destination and just chill is for most families the ultimate goal, but there is more to France than miles of golden sand and sea. So, this is an attempt to share some of our favourite places you could experience en-route and around the west coast. This assumes you are driving or hiring a car during your stay. There are a couple of routes to take a car across the Channel, Dover to Calais or Portsmouth to Le Havre, Caen or St Malo. Both Dover and Portsmouth are approximately 135 miles and 2.5 hours from Fenstanton, but for west coast destinations Portsmouth offer the easiest onward journey. However, this means Paris is

a bit of a deviation, but if you have a few days spare, then do it!

I would not stay in the centre, but instead find a small hotel or Airbnb in the northern outskirts like L'Isle-Adam. This is a beautiful small town on the River Oise. There is an hourly train service into Gare du Nord, which takes 1 hour, then take the underground to wherever you want to visit. After a day walking around Paris you will be pleased to have a nap on the return train journey which is only €5!

Using L'Isle-Adam as a base my must visit places around the north-west quadrant are Château de Chantilly, Auvers-sur-Oise and Château de Versailles. Château de Chantilly is one of the finest jewels in the crown of France's cultural heritage. This château and park are famous around the world for its racecourse, equine heritage, lace-making and, of course, its whipped cream! <https://chateaudechantilly.fr/en/>





If you are a Vincent van Gogh fan then drive a few kilometres south along the D4 from L'Isle-Adam to Auvers-sur-Oise. He spent his final months and died in the Auberge Ravoux.



This small 7m³ room is the subject of one of his many paintings along with the Catholic church. Vincent and his brother Theo are buried beside each other in the graveyard up the hill above the church. <https://www.timeout.com/paris/en/things-to-do/follow-in-van-goghs-footsteps-in-the-artistic-haven-auvers-sur-oise>

Even more opulent

Château de Versailles lies west of Paris and is even more opulent than Château de Chantilly! Built to what we see today by the Sun King Louis XIV you need a full day to take in 'some of' the Gardens and Palace. It has to be seen to be believed and you must time your visit to see the Fountain shows and Musical Gardens. We have been on several occasions when the fountains are not active. So, check on the website first. <https://en.chateauversailles.fr>

If you decide to make Le Havre or Caen your port of entry include Falaise and Le Mans centres in

the route plan. Falaise is only 50kms south of Caen and was the birthplace of William the Conqueror, or William I, Duke of Normandy. Château Guillaume-le-Conquerante is an impressive site that has stood since the 12th century and amazingly was undamaged during the bombing of Falaise in 1944. The battle of the Falaise Gap (8-20 August 1944) was the final stage of the wider battle of Normandy, and saw the Allies exploit the breakthrough achieved in Operation Cobra to destroy the German position in France in which 50,000 German troops were encircled and taken prisoner.

For destinations in Brittany and generally all the west coast, St. Malo is my favoured port of entry, but means all the above locations are off-piste unless your return trip is via a port further east.

The west coast of France is dominated by the weather coming off the Atlantic so is moderate and varied. This makes the land very fertile and hence is famous for apple and pears in northern parts and vines from the Loire to Bordeaux. It also produces fantastic Mussels, Oysters and other crustaceans. This all makes for fantastic gastronomic delights and is one of the reasons so many people love it, not to mention golden sands, surf and sea!



Pointe de Saint-Hernot, Crozon Peninsula, Brittany

News from the Pews



St Mary's
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We look forward to welcoming you!

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

September 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
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03 Sunday	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion
10 Sunday	9:15am Fen Drayton 10am Fenstanton	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's 10am Worship for all, with baptism With pew activities for children
17 Sunday	10am Fenstanton 6pm	10am Parish Holy Communion with Sunday Club, St Peter & St Paul 6pm Sung Evensong, St Peter & St Paul No service at St Mary's today
24 Sunday	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Harvest Festival with Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul

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

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.

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



Fenstanton Parish Church
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Harvest Festival
Family Communion
Sunday 24 September
at 10am

Harvest Gifts will be donated to St Ives Foodbank



Followed by
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- 02 Sunday 11.15am United Communion Service
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- 04 Sunday 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church
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- 05 Sunday 8am Holy Communion
- 02 Friday 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)



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08 October	Holy Communion Revd Dr Catherine Ball
15 October	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
22 October	Led by Geraldine Swain
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Hilton Methodist Church



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In villages up and down the country churches are closing causing great sadness. Not just for the few attending but often the whole village turns out in protest – but usually way too late.

Pinpointing the significance of a church's presence is tricky. It's not just characterful buildings. A closed church, no matter how pretty, just doesn't cut the mustard.

The traditional carol service or Remembrance Service cannot totally account for the outcry and sense of loss. Why does the presence of our churches matter despite most of us rarely attending?

Methodism has a long history in Hilton and our church community robustly maintain opportunities for exploring faith however we understand God to be. But as Joni Mitchell's song goes, sometimes you 'don't know what you've got 'til it's gone'. Whilst God changes not, expressions of faith can, do and need to continually evolve.



Are people really no longer interested? Does faith, however understood, have no relevance for people today?

Hardly in my view although I am sure we need to better understand why church doesn't scratch where people itch. However idyllic our setting, human questions about our place in the world and the struggles all experience, continue. Faith has something to offer these kinds of questions and needs.

If the presence of our chapel here has any significance for you, it would be really helpful for us to understand a little more about this. How can our chapel continue to be a living, breathing reality and a place of enquiry for the people of Hilton? How can we best have a conversation? Before it's too late.

If you would like to get in touch with Revd. Sue please phone 07483153948 or email sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk

Services in September

3 September	10:00am	Mr. J. Green
10 September	11:15am	Harvest Festival – United Service at the Parish Church
17 September	10:00am	Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
24 September	10:00am	Rev. Clifford Owen



Hilton Parish Council

Report from meeting on Monday 03 July



New Councillor

Matt Stott has been co-opted as your new parish councillor. Matt has lived in Hilton for the majority of his life and is actively engaged with the community. He is on the PTA for Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and an assistant coach for the Fenstanton under 7's football team.

Bonfire Night

The date for Bonfire Night has been agreed as Saturday 04 November and the Council will invite Feast Week to provide refreshments. The Council has agreed to purchase the same fireworks as recent years.

Cooking Courses

Following the success of the cookery workshop in June, two further workshops are planned for Saturday 16 September and Saturday 21 October.

Dredging Spoil

The Council has delegated authority to the Clerk to organise the removal of the remaining dredging spoil from the Wilderness.

Call for Sites

The Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) call for sites has closed, and 4 sites have been put forward for Hilton. These will now be assessed by HDC officers. The sites proposed during the call for sites consultation will now be evaluated by HDC officers against the settlement hierarchy and land assessment criteria. There should be an opportunity to consult on the HELAA once (and if) these sites pass the assessment phase.

D-Day 80 Anniversary

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to light a beacon on Thursday 06 June 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. This will be done in line with the national celebrations.



The Lattenburys

One of the other submissions in the HDC call for sites is "The Lattenburys". This is a proposal for two new villages located north of the new A14 between the A1198 and the

A1307, Further information can be found on their website – www.thelattenburys.co.uk

Pavilion renovations

The Clerk has already applied for a grant for the renovation of the cricket pavilion from the FCC Community Fund and the Council authorised the Clerk to make an additional application to the Community Ownership Fund.

Westbrook bench

The Council has agreed to accept the refurbished bench from HDC to replace the one that HDC damaged in Westbrook.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 04 September 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 Coffee Mornings

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



are held in
the Hilton
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on the first Saturday of each month.



2 September 10:00am to 12 noon

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Hope you will be able to join us!

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Are you or a family member due to start higher education or an apprenticeship in September?

The Hilton Town trust exists to help villagers who need support. If the cost of living crisis is making providing for further education difficult please contact us. We can provide assistance with equipment for college/university or tools for an apprenticeship.

Spectrum's demise, but The Journal arrives!

So 'Spectrum' ends, and now 'The Journal' starts!
We wonder what new change this name implies?
Will it still tug the strings of all our hearts,
as through our letterbox each booklet flies?

For down the years each month our needs were met,
announcements, local changes, each event,
the colours of the spectrum passing through,
advertisements and news all kindly meant.

So will The Journal have on offer still
what all in our community still need,
cohesion, unity and room for all
announcing every great and noble deed?

Or like some Social Media, criticise,
with strong opinions, move us all to tears,
with gossip, chat or judgement on our lives,
work deep on our anxieties and fears?

We welcome now The Journal in our homes,
and what it brings remains still to be seen,
but thanks are offered here to all the team
of Spectrum, that illustrious magazine!

(P.L-B July 2023.)



Little Piggy Catering



Charlie's Army

Who would know that from behind a cosy café on the High Street in Fenstanton is a brigade of chefs, bakers, porters and managers running an acclaimed event catering business?

Charlie McLaughlin, Owner and Director of Little Piggy took over the run-down bakery in 2022 and undertook a complete refurbishment of the commercial kitchens at the rear for her event catering business. She then turned the shop front into a stylish café which is proving very popular in Fenstanton.

When you understand Charlie's background the name Little Piggy is very apt. She grew up on a pig farm in Yorkshire and learnt about the origins of food from an early age. She would spend hours on the combine harvester and would weigh the pigs for market with her father. She loved being outside learning how the seasons affect the food we eat.

Her mum, Babs, taught her how to cook and she can remember helping to make family meals at a young age. Mum is still on hand when she needs a fail-safe recipe or some advice about cooking times or preparation techniques. In fact, Mum still cures all the hams and makes all the sausages in her artisan butchery from pigs bred on the family farm that are served at Little Piggy.

Charlie is proud of the provenance of her food and is proud of her products. "You could

say that food runs through the family blood. My brother and his wife run a small chain of fabulous deli cafes in Yorkshire and my sister also has a catering and events company in Yorkshire. We can and do regularly spend hours talking about our favourite subject and unsurprisingly, most of our get-together's involve lots of food."

After studying agriculture at Nottingham University, she worked in the food industry, sourcing fresh fruit and vegetables from farmers in the UK and overseas. However after having her children in 2010 (twin boys) she wanted to begin her own venture doing what she loves most, feeding folk, and so Little Piggy was born. For the first ten years she worked from her home in Longstanton until in 2022. Hearing that Barker's Bakery

was closing, she grabbed the opportunity to have her own commercial kitchen and café.

The Little Piggy café opened earlier this year and has a lovely warm ambience, which is paired with generous and delicious food that makes for a great foodie experience. Charlie explains. "We make and bake everything we serve on site here in Fenstanton. Our homemade sausage rolls and our Piggy Pies, which we craft with all butter pastry are simply too good to

resist, but don't take my our word for it. Pop in sometime and find out for yourself!"

Not long after opening, Little Piggy held some sell-out supper evenings which offered tasty wholesome food and judging by the reviews these were a real hit. We understand more of these events have been added to the events diary. See www.littlepiggyfenstanton.co.uk/events for details

We think Little Piggy is a great asset to the village and if you have not experienced The Whole Hog roll with chips then you don't know what you are missing!

Information about event catering or the café can be found at www.littlepiggycatering.co.uk



Mama JO'S MISCHIEF

Welcome to the first edition of 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 local events.

Hello, I'm Mama Jo, I live in Fenstanton with my 2 year old daughter Sky. As a single mum who primarily works from home, I find that I'm in constant need of entertaining my toddler, and like most toddlers, Sky is never entertained for long. As we slowly come out of summer and use the garden less, I hope these ideas help to keep your children entertained. You'll find everything from science experiments, to baking and sensory play; all trialled by myself and my daughter. With the on-going cost of living crisis affecting every family in one way or another, we will attempt to keep the activities and events you'll find in this article as cost effective as possible.

COOKIE CUTTERS & ICING

My daughter **loves** to bake...or more honestly, she loves to make a mess; and I love to feed her curiosity. This is an activity I used to do as a little girl with my grandmother. Ready to roll icing, cookie cutters and a rolling pin is the perfect way to pass an afternoon. It helps build children's motor skills, boost their confidence in the kitchen and best of all...it's edible!

All you need is:

- Ready-to-roll icing
- Flour (so the icing doesn't stick to the table)
- Plastic cookie cutters
- Rolling pin

You could also try making a scene using different cookie cutters eg: dinosaurs, farm animals, aquatic animals etc. **Get creative and get messy!**



If you and your kids try any of our activity ideas, we'd love to see and share your photos. Please send all photos to design@thejournal.life

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

The Highs and Lows

Weather Watch by Patrick Landucci

For those hoping for a heatwave this summer, it could be a case of “be careful what you wish for”. In June and July surges of searing Saharan heat gripped many European and North African countries with temperatures into the 40C (over 105F) producing wildfires with apocalyptic scenes with crops ruined, evacuations, spoilt holidays and severe health warnings. These images could hardly be further removed from the very temperate unsettled conditions we experienced in the UK during July, in total contrast to the hot, dry July in 2022. In terms of temperature, July 2023 was only about 0.5C (1.0F) below the long term average, following a very warm June which was on a par with the record breaking summer of 1976. So used have we become to repetitive heatwaves during recent summers, that when we get one closer to what used to be “normal” in years gone by, there is a tendency to feel short changed.

This year, as also happened last year, our climate has been stuck in contrasting blocks of weather. The wet conditions in March carried on through April and early May notably producing a wet day for the Coronation of King Charles III. This period lasted 10 weeks. For the rest of May and the first 17 days of June a drought of 36 days ensued culminating with a sustained heatwave over our region and much of the UK during which I measured a temperature of 32C (90F), the highest I have recorded this summer up to the end of July. The unsettled conditions started in July and lasted the whole month.

With June and July 2023, reported as being the warmest ever recorded for each of those

two months globally and with the onset of El Nino after seven years bringing with it the prospect of even higher temperatures, marine heatwaves and other extreme weather events, with climate change continuing to make headlines, here are a few notable events:-

1. Canada. Since the start of 2023 there have been 4241 wildfires of which 800 are still raging across the country, caused by drought and high temperatures. Nearly two million hectares of land have been affected with the smoke impacting on air quality spreading into the USA, with apocalyptic images of the sun and moon in the thick haze.
2. Phoenix, Arizona. Described as “Hell on Earth”, the temperature on every day in July reached or exceeded 43C (110F), eclipsing the previous record of 18 days in June 1974.
3. Antarctica. In June, the start of winter, the amount of sea ice was at its lowest ever recorded. The deficiency of 1.3 sq.km equates to an area five times the land area of the UK.
4. In July, a super typhoon “Doksuri” with sustained winds of 137 mph wreaked destruction in the northern Philippines and its islands with attendant storm surges and extreme rain flooding. The typhoon later moved into China causing deadly floods in Beijing and other areas.
5. Also in July, the US state of Vermont was hit by torrential rainstorms delivering the equivalent of two months rain in two days causing widespread flooding, landslides and evacuations.

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Village pond

The village pond has recently undergone its annual clearance and your Parish Council has now installed a duck house, which we believe is already being occupied.



Councillor Surgeries - September & October

Saturday surgeries from 10am - 12pm at The Hub, 6 High Street. Please pop in!

09.09.2023	Anne Mustill	Martin Hewitt
23.09.2023	Matt Tandy	Peter Hayes
07.10.2023	Roy McGee	Geoff Pryke
21.10.2023	Tina Yates	Paul Kent

Next Parish Council meeting date

Your Parish Council meets next on **Thursday 14 September at 7:00pm** at the Church Centre. Your Parish Council invite Parishioners to come along and hear what it is up to.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Community hero - call for nominations

Your Parish Council is once again looking for your nominations for the Fenstanton Community Award 2023. Is there someone in the community that goes that extra mile, someone you believe deserves recognition for all they do for the village and its residents? If so, please submit your nomination to the Clerk by 30 September 2023.

Community awards

In 2022 your Parish Council made a financial contribution to the following community groups:- Fenstanton Community Café, Fenstanton Friendship Club, Fenstanton Bowls Club and Fenstanton Sports Day Committee.

If you think your Fenstanton based Community Group or Club would benefit from a financial contribution this year, please contact the Clerk for an application form.

Village litter pick - Sunday 10 September



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Village traffic speed- data collected

There has been little change in the speed of vehicles travelling along the High Street over recent years. According to the data recorded in July 2023 the average speed was 21mph compared to 23mph in December 2021. The data collected in July 2023 shows that far more vehicles are now travelling between 16-20 mph compared to the number recorded in December 2021. Now that the 20mph is in place your Parish Council hopes to see this number increase further as people get used to the new speed limit. There have unfortunately been some instances of speeding and the maximum speed was recorded at 66mph in December 2021 and at 58mph in July 2023. Whilst there is the odd speeding violation, they are few and far between.

There have been reports of vehicles speeding in Headlands and your Parish Council will now be gathering data over the coming weeks via our Movable Vehicle Activated Signs. If it is found that there are significant instances of speeding in the Village your Parish Council will approach the Police to ask for their assistance to provide enforcement.



Crossing - High Street

Your Parish Council has discussed the possibility of installing a crossing on the High Street many times over the years. Cambridgeshire County Council are responsible for Highways and in order to make any changes your Parish Council has to submit a Local Highways Initiative application to CCC. This application must be accompanied by supporting data to prove the need for a change to the Highway before CCC can consider an application. Because of this, your Parish Council has not supported an application as there is not sufficient data to support the need for a crossing.

There is not a suitable location for a crossing on the High Street as the path has to be wide enough to accommodate standing room for those wishing to cross and room for others to pass behind safely. Installing a crossing would mean losing approximately 8 parking spaces significantly impacting our High Street and likely increasing traffic speed, as parked cars slow the traffic. Your Parish Council would like to be clear that it is not a matter of funding or lack of caring about our residents that has prevented a submission for a crossing but the lack of supporting evidence that is required even for a feasibility study to be carried out.

We do hope that this gives a clear explanation, but if you wish to discuss further, please contact your Parish Council Clerk.

Hampton Playing Field - The proposal

Time to have your say!

Your Parish Council have plans to create a multi user park on the Hampton playing field and we are seeking parishioners views on the proposed changes. The proposal includes: Picnic areas, pump track, skate park, five-a-side football pitch, pétanque court, and zip wire.

To view the plans and complete the survey, please visit our website at: Fenstantonpc.org or scan the QR code below. For a paper copy of the survey please contact your Clerk.



Parish Councillor - vacancy

Your Parish Council still has a vacancy for the co-option of a new Parish Councillor.

If you would like to make a difference and contribute to how your village is managed, please contact your Clerk for more information.

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Fen Drayton Primary School

It's been another fun-packed year at Fen Drayton Primary School. This year, we have continued to grow and welcome new children whilst still retaining our 'family feel.'

We have enjoyed lots of exciting trips and welcomed lots of visitors:

- Y5&6 went on their residential to Norfolk lakes in December. They also visited the Science park and the Space centre.
- Y1&2 visited the Space centre as well as Meadow Hall farm and Sacrewell farm.
- Y3&4 had trips to Wicken Fen and the Fitzwilliam museum.
- Our Reception class went to Sacrewell farm with Y1&2 but also welcomed in a chef to cook with them.
- The whole school enjoyed our visit from freestyle footballer and world record holder, Jamie Knight. He taught the children some tricks and demonstrated his skills.

This year we have taken part in many sporting competitions including, cross country, athletics and rugby. Thanks to our PE coaches from St Neots Football Club, the children get the opportunity to participate in a range of sports and competitions, which we love.

We also love performances. At Christmas our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children put on a nativity for their families. Every year, Mrs de Lancey-Wheeler hosts a Poetry Aloud event, where the children learn poems off by heart and work to write a poem of their own to perform to their families.

We welcomed parents into school for our Coronation event and Sports day before finishing the year off with a performance of 'Jill and Ted's Hysterical Historical Adventure' by Y5&6.

Our PTA has had an incredible year raising over £12000 for the school. A huge thank you to the 10k committee for their contribution of £3000. The PTA have purchased a new stage for our performances, a smartscreen for the hall, a new oven and kitchen upgrade for cooking lessons, Y6 leavers hoodies and paid for a visit from Zoolab.

Finally, we finished the year by saying goodbye to our Y6's and we are now looking forward to welcoming our new children joining us in September.



If your child was born between 1 Sept 19 and 31 Aug 20, then they will be due to start in Sept 2024. Applications are open from 15 Nov 23 to 15 Jan 24. Please see the 'admissions' page on our website for more information. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact: office@fendrayton.cambs.sch.uk or 01954273346. We will be releasing dates for 'stay and play' sessions for the new intake in

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School



As I write this, our school community has just begun its summer break and I am reflecting on the positives of a year of life in our school. We are proud to have developed links within our community, notably through our visits to the Church of St Peter and St Paul at harvest time and then for our own Christmas service, hosted alongside Reverend Rosie. We were also pleased to be invited by Jean to the United Reformed Church to view historic photographs last autumn, and we were proud to be a part of The Big Picnic in May this year, led by Nigel and working alongside our own PTA, the Village Sports Day Committee and the Parish Council. We are pleased to be part of such as positive community and working alongside you all!

At the end of term, we said goodbye to our Year 6 children, many of whom have moved to Swavesey Village College and already had

their first experiences of life there. We also said farewell to several members of staff. Most notably, people reading this are likely to know of Mrs Yeomans and Mrs Howard. These two members of staff had accumulated several decades of contribution to our community, working with more than one generation of our families. We wish the very best to all of our departing staff.

After what will hopefully be a peaceful and relaxing summer for our families and staff, we will return to school in September with a determination to build on the progress of the past year. We will welcome new members of staff and rekindle relationships with our wonderfully supportive community of parents and carers, all to the benefit of our young people.

Richard Martin. Headteacher. Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School.



In May we had a visit from the Royal Institute of Science.

What you're Missing



Hilton Art Club

It has been a busy July for the club, with the annual Feast Week Art Show, our usual session at the village hall and en plein air trips to Somersham Nature Reserve and Hemingford Grey.

The Art Show went well and Chrissie did a great job of decorating the Hall on the western theme. The club also took part, exhibiting our artwork as usual.

We had a fun filled morning painting our interpretations of Café Culture and Cocktail Hour, followed by bucks fizz, provided by Peter M.

The morning of the outside visit to Hemingford Grey, rain was forecast, but although we did have the odd short shower, it didn't spoil it. We met at St James' Church and sketched the church and houses nearby, as well as the beautiful riverside scene. It was nice to get out in the open air. We were joined by Kathy M's 10 year old grandson, who produced a good sketch and seemed to enjoy himself.

01 September, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Outside visit, en plein air painting, Carriages, Fen Drayton.

15 September, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Watercolour, Ink & Collage, tutor-led workshop with Helen Clarke. Booking essential.

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Drayton Lions Football Club

Looking back on 2022/23 season:

Performances in our friendlies were encouraging, and the season started with a good, all-round squad of players. Some 'seasoned' – and a very welcome addition of several younger players. However, despite having a squad of over 20 players, we were hit with injuries from day one. But we still managed to get a team out for every fixture. Something a lot of teams throughout the leagues failed to do. Some clubs even deciding to fold and leave the competition mid-season. Other clubs being fined, for not fulfilling their fixtures.

Being a manager of a Sunday League team is difficult, as most of the players primarily play Saturday football. And Saturday night, and even early Sunday morning, the manager can expect phone calls from injured players. Bearing this in mind, Simon O'Neill, our team manager, should be credited, and praised, for getting a team onto the field for every fixture.

We did have an up and down season. Losses in the main caused by injury to players, and in some cases work commitments. But, when we had a full squad, we did achieve some very good, and some very unexpected winning results. Enough to stay in Division One – the top league. And, importantly, the team spirit and morale of the players never wavered.

Visiting teams, who came to Fen Drayton, commented how competitive we were on the field, but we created a very friendly atmosphere before and after games. No doubt the tea, cakes etc provided by Simon's mum Wendy, and sister Tracy did help! They have, and continue to do a fantastic job, and help give the club the welcoming place



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it is – for both home and away players, and supporters. Simon's dad, Mick, also prepares the pitch – which has one of the best playing surfaces in the Cambridge Leagues. So, it's a bit of a family O'Neill affair.

End of Season Presentation:

Once again, the Three Tuns hosted our presentation day. Thanks to Francis and his team. Great food, and a very good selection of drinks at the bar. And, as they are throughout the season, always very friendly.

Trophies were handed out for the following:

Manager's player: Archie Hodson

Golden boot: (top scorer): Mark Coulson and Danny Garth (12 goals each)

Clubman of the season: Mark Coulson

Players' player (voted by all team members):
A very popular Danny Garth

Gifts were also presented to Wendy and Mick O'Neill for the huge contribution they make to the football club. And, the club thanked Gary Jobson, our brilliant secretary, who continues to do a superb job whilst living in deepest Sussex!



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What you're Missing

Fen Drayton Bowls Club

With autumn fast approaching and the days becoming cold and overcast have you thought about some afternoon/evening exercise in the warmth of Fen Drayton village hall playing short mat bowls?

You might be saying what is short mat bowls - well it's similar to lawn bowls but played indoors in a warm environment on a carpet 22 yards long. You don't need to have played before just come along as there are plenty of members willing to provide help and assistance.

We have practice sessions on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm throughout the year and on Friday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm each week between September and April. The club have a team entered in the Cambridgeshire Short Mat Bowls League and these fixtures are played on Sunday afternoons.



On completion of the indoor season and with spring upon us we turn our attention to Lawn bowls and if you wish to continue with a little gentle exercise during the summer evening this might be for you. Practice sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm.

If you would like to give it a go please come along to any of the club practice sessions.

The Fen Drayton village hall is located on Cootes Lane, CB24 4SL and the bowls green is directly at the rear of the hall. **Should you wish for more information please contact Mike Gillett, Club Secretary on 01480 385297 or email to michael.gillett1@ntlworld.com.**

Hilton Women's Institute

Summer's here and we are busy enjoying it, in spite of weather that could be more co-operative - hot, cold, wet, that's the British Isles for you.

Our annual summer outing by coach was to Snape Maltings , Aldeburgh and Dunwich which all agreed was a wonderful day thanks to Pam's thorough research and organisation who had sought the services of an amazingly knowledgeable tour guide.

The traditional fish and chip lunch had been arranged for the beach at Dunwich, but it was not outside as we hoped, but in the beach side cafe, listening as we ate to the rain hitting the roof!

Then came Hilton's 2023 Feast Week when we took part in the Games afternoon with some of us showing the challenging fun of Canasta, others playing cards and Scrabble. We hope this becomes a Feast Week fixture. Some of our various clubs are continuing through the summer, others taking a break until August has passed on.

In June, we had enjoyed Alan Grey's revealing talk on his experiences as a Wimbledon Umpire, then in July we welcomed Dr Eric Somerville with his fascinating (true) stories on the 'Opium Eaters in the Fens in the 19th Century. White poppies were grown and exported for a time, carried to the east coast ports in sacks on donkeys. For some time half the nation's total opium was imported from abroad sold mainly in Wisbech (sorry, Wisbech!) from unlicensed chemists to such people as workers in the fields, mothers for themselves and to ease childbirth and to subdue crying babies. To them, it was very much medicinal and certainly legal until a Pharmacy Act imposed some limitations. Opium aided what was a very colourless, cold, damp life.

As ever, we welcome new members, just contact hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

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Fen Drayton Tennis Club

Latest News

On Sunday 2nd July, shortly before Wimbledon, the club held its summer tournament! Fifteen players competed in a round-robin stage with the top four teams going through to a semi-final knockout followed by the big finale! The finalists, Jake, Nikki, Phil and Will, came from Fen Drayton, Fenstanton, and Swavesey. It was a closely fought contest with some impressive rallies, great endeavour after a long morning on court and wonderful winning shots. Well done to Jake and Nikki on winning the tournament!



Although limited in size, the club aims to provide more than just a pair of courts. As well as the tournament, it has run a successful coaching programme this season for juniors and seniors.

The Sunday morning club sessions are well-attended and are a chance to get to know other club members of whom there are now more than 100 drawn from the various local villages.

The courts are also available for non-members to book via our website (fendraytontc.co.uk) and this has proved to be a popular option.

The season is not over yet and so we look forward to seeing you on the courts.



Fenstanton Bowls Club

As you read this article our season will be drawing to a close. We have had a fabulous time despite the July weather, enjoyed by new and existing members alike.

This year we had one men's and one ladies' league team along with two teams in the Over 60s. We even had enough members to enter a second team into the Cambridge and District league, so a very busy time for us all.

We played in friendly matches against Great Gransden and Houghton & Wyton and continued with our inter-club competitions - the finals for these being played in mid-September.

Our open days in May were very well attended and due to this, we welcomed 15 new members. Many of these have hit the ground running by getting actively involved, taking part in league matches, friendlies and our

social bowls sessions on Thursday and Sunday mornings. Huge thanks to all of them for helping us build on the success of our club.

As we pack away the club house for the winter, we are already making plans for next year and have our annual dinner and awards night to look forward to in November.

We look forward to seeing all our members next year and hopefully welcoming some new ones. To find out more about us visit www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk



What you're Missing

Hilton and the National Garden Scheme: Sunday 2 July

The National Garden scheme, familiar to many by the yellow cover of its handbook, was started in 1926 with a mission to open gardens of “quality, character and interest to the public for charity”. Finding funding for nursing, specifically district nursing, was its first goal.

The Charity also supports local projects and earlier this year, our community garden received a generous donation to help finance paths and edging. A plaque on the shed commemorates the grant.

In return, we felt that we should stage an ‘Open Gardens’ event in Hilton and enter the hallowed yellow book ourselves. However, we were mindful of the standards expected and as 2 July approached there was considerable nervousness, leading to near obsessional weeding, watering (yes, June was a dry month) and planting to try to live up to expectations.

Despite our fears, the weather was perfect and visitors seemed to appreciate and enjoy our efforts. Seven gardens were open including the Community Garden which came in for a great deal of praise.

The organisation has raised over £67



million pounds since its foundation and medical charities are still one of the main beneficiaries. On 2 July we were delighted to discover that we had raised nearly £2000 for the National Garden Scheme. Tea and cake sales raised £650 to be shared between the two village churches.

Thanks are due to all the garden openers, stewards, and tea servers for a most successful day...one to be proud of!

Claire Sarkies





Fenstanton Friendship Club

It is now 74 years since the Friendship Club was founded and we are still going strong. We meet every other Wednesday at 2.00pm in the building of the United Reformed Church, Chequer Street, Fenstanton. Although we hold our meetings in the church building we are not affiliated to the church. Our activities are varied. We have speakers on various subjects, entertainers, trips out to lunch, garden centres, boat trips. We also have a day trip to Cromer this year. Previously we have had holidays to Eastbourne.

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



- 21 June** We had a great talk about the owners of Anglesey Abbey, given by Helen Ackroyd. So interesting that we are planning a visit in January at Snowdrop Time with a guided tour of the Abbey.
- 5 July** Our yearly Strawberry Tea. Afternoon tea with delicious food and good company. Always good to celebrate the juicy strawberry with cream. Very nice afternoon.
- 19 July** Very informative afternoon on the benefits to health of essential oils. Everybody felt calm with the wonderful aroma of the oils demonstrated by Clare.
- 2 August** Les Herridge entertained us with his very individual style of singing and guitar playing. He included some of his own songs and also music from the 60s/70s. We all joined in and enjoyed the afternoon.



Upcoming Meetings

- 13 September** "The Merry-makers" will entertain us with an afternoon of music and poetry.
- 27 September** A talk by Liz Dive on her experiences of Shakespeare.

Any questions please contact me. Marie Newns bubblenewns@gmail.com 01480 350119

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What you're Missing

The Royal British Legion in Hilton



In July we invited our Poppy Appeal collectors to a Thank You Evening and for them to be presented with Certificates of Appreciation and long service from Mr Philip Pope, the Mayor of St Ives, his presence by courtesy of Hilton Parish councillors. We were also very kindly supported by members of St Ives branch of the Royal British Legion of which we are a sub-branch.

As you know, we value hugely the many years when Hilton's collectors have been knocking on your doors, often in darkness and miserable weather, to be welcomed with your donations and to our several equally special businesses. We are privileged that for a small village Hilton generously raises very large amounts in aid of the charity.

Our final and very special awards were presented to Margaret Andrew and Pat Cummings who between them total at least

75 years trudging the streets. With her awards in her hands Margaret remembered that she had taken over the organisation of the Poppy Appeal fortnight from Mrs Winter when she moved away some 40 years ago. She began with Mrs Winter's 4 boxes and tins and she was helped by her youngest daughter who was still in her push chair! Pat followed shortly afterwards, to tell us that for at least each of her 35 years, yes, she would promise to continue and we are certain that it was truly without a break. She has always been determined to cover the same Church Lane.

Margaret and Pat are of course examples of each of the special collectors in Hilton.

When the awards had been presented we ended the evening with tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits and many happy memories.

Margaret and Julie





Girlguiding

Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

After a fun - filled Summer Term being out and about, Brownies also did well in the Feast Week Potato challenge which they planted at Easter with the top three potato yields being grown by Hilton Brownies! I also spotted a few brownie neckers in evidence as part of cowgirl costumes for the Wild West Theme.

Well done girls!

We have several Rainbows moving up to Brownies this term which leaves us a few spaces in Rainbows. If you have a daughter who is interested in joining Rainbows or being put on the waiting list for Brownies please contact me or register on Girlguiding Join Us (just google it).

We have lots of fun activities planned for this term - updates next time!


Karen Baker (Brownie and Rainbow Leader)

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Hilton Flower Club

Welcome back to our Flower Club ladies, we hope you had a relaxing Summer break. 04 September is the start of our meetings after the Summer break, Ann Purt is our demonstrator for September.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Our outing in June to Peter Beales was a great success. We started off from Hilton in the rain, but as soon as we got to Peter Beales the sun came out to meet us, and what a wonderful day we had. The roses were fantastic, and you could smell the scent as soon as you entered the nursery. We enjoyed a good lunch which was arranged for us, afterwards we had a great tour round the gardens. Wonderful. I think a lot of ladies' gardens will be looking and smelling lovely this Summer.

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The 2023 Hilton Produce Show

After the early morning excitement and bustle as deliveries of exhibits are made to the marquee, a hush descends when the judges begin their scrutiny of our displays. It is good to see how seriously the judges take their job and how hard they sometimes find it to decide between competing items.



Compliments to Hilton

Apparently many towns and villages across the county have given up their Produce Shows. One of the judges said he used to cover 44 shows in the summer months, now there are only a handful. We were complimented warmly on the quality of our baking, flowers, and flower arrangements. Thanks to recent rains we had a healthy selection of vegetables and a small but well presented display of fruit. The children's work is always a joy for the creativity, originality and skill shown in their interpretation of the tasks. We saw some excellent desert scenes and wonderful cakes decorated on the Wild West theme.



Knock-out flower arrangements

The Arizona Sunset challenge inspired some magnificent arrangements using flowers of vivid colours and a series of cleverly chosen props including a cowboy boot and hat as containers; horses, riders, sand and a lasso as scene setters.

Hearty thanks...

to all our competitors and helpers including the formidable Feast Week team for making it a happy and successful day.

Claire Sarkies

Hilton Feast Week

With a big YEE HAW Feast Week 23 was done!

It was great to see the marquee back on the green, full once again; what a week we had! There was something for everyone to join in with, old favourites like Sports Day, Crafts or Cricket and new activities to try like Rodeo Bull riding, Canasta and Drumming. Here are some pictures of the fun in action.

Putting on Feast Week is a big commitment & huge Thanks to the many, many people who turned out to help in multiple different ways. That everyone does their bit really making it work for all is which is gratifying to see. Feast Week is about community in every sense.



If you have any comments about the week we are always on the lookout for fresh ideas so do contact us committee@feastweek.co.uk or call 830605.

Alternatively join us at the AGM for Feast Week on Wednesday 20 September, 8pm at the Prince of Wales, Hilton. Come along, meet the committee, have a drink and hear about plans for the year ahead. Volunteers are always welcome.

For the latest information about Feast Week events, check out our social media



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Lamb Madras with Bombay Squash

With lamb in season in September and all kinds to squash being grown in gardens, allotments and available in local farm shops this is an ideal recipe for the cooler days in Autumn that uses both foods.

**Serves 4 | Prep time around 30 minutes |
Cooking time 3 – 4 hours.**

You will need a large ovenproof cooking pot with lid or use a tinfoil lid.

Cooking the lamb

Preheat oven to 170C/325F/Gas3

Put the chilli, garlic and ginger in a small food processor or chopper and blend to a paste.

To the cooking pot add the onion and fry until soft and starting to colour, around 10 mins on low heat. Add the jar of Madras paste, then the garlic, chilli and ginger paste, then the bay leaves and stir.

Add the lamb into the pot and cover with chopped tomatoes, the stock and the tamarind paste, salt and pepper.

Place the lid on, or two layers of tinfoil if there's no lid. Roast the lamb for 3 – 4 hours, basting every hour with the juices from the pot. Cook until the meat is very tender and falling of the bone.

Once cooked remove the lamb from the sauce and simmer the remaining liquid until it reduces in volume by half to make a thick sauce.

Using a fork, shred the lamb and add it back into the sauce.

For the Bombay squash

Cut the squashes up into large chunks, like the size of you would do your roast potatoes. Place them in a pan of cold water and bring to the boil. Cook for 5 minutes and drain.

Heat a large pan and add the oil. Once hot add the mustard seeds. When they start popping add the chilli powder and turmeric and then the squash pieces. Cook for 5 minutes or until the squash absorbs all the spices.

Serve together with the freshly chopped coriander.



For the lamb

- 1 x 2.5kg shoulder of lamb
- 1 jar of Madras paste
- 1 or 2 green chillies
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 ½cm of root ginger, peeled
- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 200ml beef stock
- 2tsp tamarind paste

For the Bombay Squash

- 500g of chopped, peeled and deseeded squash. This should weigh 500g once prepared
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2tsp mustard seeds
- 1/2tsp chilli powder
- 1/4tsp ground turmeric
- 2tbsp roughly chopped fresh coriander

David at Rosegate Farm in Swasey butcher their lamb all year round. He says *“At Rosegate we love lamb at this time of year as the flavour develops after all the summer grazing, particularly lush this year due to all the rain! Shoulder is always a firm favourite with the fat seams running between all the different muscles rendering beautifully in a slow cooked recipe like this to make the most of that rich flavour.”*

Step into the Past

Fenstanton's busy High Street

by John Deeks

I, like many other people in the village dislike the amount of traffic that comes along Fenstanton High Street, especially the morning and evening 'rat-runs'. This, together with the 'free for all' parking in the High Street, does at times, cause chaos. The original village bypass was built in 1965 to alleviate this problem but it still exists to this day.

The High Street was once called the Cambridge Road, this changed to the Huntingdon Road at the junction by the old King William IV pub. Since Roman times, this has always been the main through route from Cambridge to St Ives, Huntingdon and beyond. It has always been a busy street even before the invention of the internal combustion engine.

Over the centuries the road would have been used by pilgrims, traders, pack-animal trains, tramps, horse dealers and herds of cattle being moved to the local and London markets. The week long Fenstanton fair would have brought a multitude of people from far and wide. Anything or anyone that needed to be moved would have come through Fenstanton.

From the old photographs it is easy to imagine the High Street devoid of traffic.

Even the late 19th century and early 20th century photographs show the High Street empty of traffic, as seen below. But this is probably an illusion; as it would have been set up specifically for the photographer.

Traffic through the High Street was particularly bad in World War 2 especially after December 1941 when the USA became part of the war effort. The US air force took over a number of Royal Air Force bases (Alconbury for one) and then as the bombing of Germany increased, a large number of new US bases were built locally. Everything that was required to build and maintain these bases had to be trucked-in and most of it came through the village. Then in early 1944 the Australian army set up camp in the village. All their building materials and equipment had to be brought in by road, through the High Street and down Chequer Street.

Fortunately parked vehicles were not a problem as not many people in the village had a car and those who did would have garaged them for the duration of the war. Some years ago I had a conversation with a villager (no longer with us) who lived through the war years and he told me that the High Street was constantly full of lorries, trucks, staff cars etc. Quite often these would come in a long convoy, especially the US air force vehicles. So, let us now take a glimpse into the past.

Mrs Tibbet's walk around Fenstanton in 1777

This is an extract from a talk that Gertrude Peet gave to the WI in September 1921. At the time it was illustrated by a copy of the Lancelot



Brown's 1777 map of the village, together with hand drawn pictures. This extract has been edited and expanded by me. The original papers are held in the Norris Museum.

"Mrs Tibbet can hear the coach horn sounding, she knows by the sound it is the London mail coach. It is about to pass the toll-gate (situated by the bridge at the north end of the village where Low Road starts) and soon will be coming up the High Street.

As there were then the low hedges to the common, she could see the dust flying, quite a cloud. The outside fares from St Ives to London cost 6/6p (£43). Inside the coach the fare costs 13/- (£86), children on the lap are half price and 14 pounds (6.4KG) of luggage allowed.

Whilst Mrs Tibbet was looking at the old lady perched on the top of the coach when it pulled up at the Rose & Crown Inn, (now made into a private house), she nearly got run over by another coach heading towards St Ives. Already there was a private coach with some nobleman's crest painted on the coach door blocking the road. This made three coaches waiting in the High Street. She could see that there was another coach waiting at the George Inn. She felt really glad that she did not live in such a dangerous street as the High Street."

At this time (1777) Peter Cowling lived at Petersfield. He seems to have been the landlord of the Chequers (Chequer Street), and The Bell (Bell Lane). Also he was the landlord of the Rose & Crown (private house next to the fish & chip shop) and The George (now The Duchess). There are two Peter Cowling memorial tablets in the parish church; the landlord of these pubs would be the Cowling who was the magistrate of Huntingdon, who died in 1824 aged 71 years.

"Outside of the George Inn was a fire spit, Mrs Tibbet could see the joint of beef being



worked round and round, by a dog in a wheel that had to keep moving, like a squirrel in a cage. By the constant turning of the joint it will keep from burning. Another dog sits ready to be put in the wheel.

When Mrs Tibbet reached the George Inn, she stopped to read the bill that was placarded as thus. "A special coach will start from this hotel each day of the St Ives races, in time to see the 'Cock Fight' in the Crown yard at 11o'clock before the races which start at 4 o'clock on St Ives' meadow (which was a good two-mile course, the most in England). A regular match of cock-fighting will be held at the Crown during the races."

"Oh dear," she said, "That's in August, just when the corn wants bringing in. Just then Mrs Tibbet caught site of Mrs Butler's sedan chair being carried from Oaklands House (sometimes known as The Oaklands). Mrs Butler, not being one for walking, always used her grandmother's sedan chair, she did not mind if it was fashionable or not. Mrs Butler on seeing Mrs Tibbet immediately had the footmen stop and set down the chair and then the sedan door opened so she could ask Mrs Tibbet how she was and admire her child. Mrs Tibbet made a curtsey and was pleased to see Mrs Butler."

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Greenways

The Greenways scheme will create a 150km network of sustainable travel corridors, mostly for non-motorised transport: 'to encourage commuting by active travel modes into Cambridge city centre from the surrounding villages in South Cambridgeshire.'

For Fen Drayton, this means improving the Holywell Ferry Road surface between the village and busway. The public consultation closed on 31 March and the 270-page report was presented at the Greater Cambridge Partnership meeting on 8 June. Fen Drayton Parish Council (FDPC) had requested a change in the design of the traffic calming proposals, flood protection, some form of lighting and secure bicycle storage at the bus stop. In response, the report proposed to: 'develop the design proposals further along this section to preliminary design stage, taking into account some of the specific changes and comments raised through public engagement.' We'll keep you updated!

Bicycle thefts

There has been a recent spate of bicycle thefts from the guided busway bus stop. Thieves cut through chains and padlocks and where the locks couldn't be cut, bikes were damaged beyond repair. The police have increased patrols and recommend that owners register their bikes on the BikeRegister database. FDPC is investigating other measures to protect bikes at the bus stop.



Community support: cost of living crisis and community warden

Fen Drayton's small charity, The Town Lands, was set up in 1927 to help residents in need. When the cost of living crisis hit last year the charity provided grants in the form of supermarket gift cards to help Fen Drayton households. The charity hopes to repeat the scheme later this year.

The charity also gave funds to Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for Rachael, the community warden, to assist Fen Drayton residents. Everyone Rachael helped said she had improved their lives in terms of practical support and relieving loneliness. The charity provides 10 weeks' free use of the service, after which clients pay a small weekly charge. (See the advert in this magazine for more information.)

Affordable housing

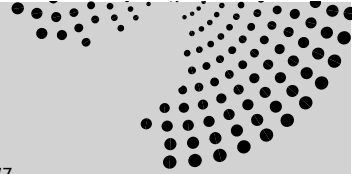
The housing association, bpha, is now appointing contractors and is expected to start building the 14 affordable homes in Cootes Lane later this year. It aims to have people moving in next summer.

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Sue Ellington - South Cambs district councillor

I'm delighted to contribute to this new magazine which will enable our three strong communities to share information.

South Cambs District Council continues to trial a four-day week for all full-time desk-based staff, whereby they complete their normal 37-hour week in 30 hours, for the same pay. SCDC also proposes to include refuse collectors in the four-day week trial, which will require extra lorries and staff. The trial aims to improve recruitment and staff retention.

I was pleased that the Environment Agency objected to the application to build on Bourn Airfield, due to shortage of water. I recognise the need for more housing, but feel that we lack the infrastructure to support the enormous growth of recent years. We need time to build reservoirs, roads, schools, and medical facilities before we have more major developments.

I'm trying to find more funding for the community warden scheme, which helps elderly people to remain in their own homes. The warden contacts each client every day to check all's well, collects medicines and does essential food shopping, and also provides information on who to contact for help or advice.

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

Community cafe

The Fen Drayton community cafe is open on the second Saturday of every month from 10.30 to 12.30 pm in the village hall.

You can be sure of a warm welcome, plus tea and coffee and delicious cakes and bakes. At September's cafe Richard Treeby will be showcasing fascinating historical photos and details of our local history.

We'd love to hear from new volunteers to help set out and put away tables, bake cakes and/or serve refreshments, on a flexible rota system. If you think this is for you, come along to any cafe and speak to one of the volunteers (they're the ones wearing red aprons!).

Next cafe: Saturday 9 September
(Please note: the cafe is cash only.)





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Afoot in the Garden

Autumn is a time to enjoy the last of the summer sun and the vivid late summer flowers. As the ice in your g+t melts take time to appreciate all your hard work and plan for an even better garden next year.

Now is the time to plant spring bulbs

Prepare the ground before you plant bulbs. Weeding, watering and mulching with a layer of compost beforehand will keep the soil moist, make planting easier and keep your boots clean. Daffodils do best in damp shadier areas although dwarf daffodils (narcissus) are more tolerant of sun. Tulips need a sunny spot if they are to flower the following year.

Plant early, mid and late flowering tulips to extend the flowing period. Smaller bulbs like crocus, iris and narcissus can be planted at the front of borders or in pots, while snowdrops are best planted in early spring, when in growth. Remember to plant taller bulbs far enough into your borders for the flush of spring growth to cover over the dying foliage.

Plan improvements

While you are taking that well-earned drink ask, does your planting give you colour throughout the year?

Does the layout of your patio and paths work? Would mulching regularly reduce the amount of weeding you do?

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SEPTEMBER Top Tips

- Buy spring bulbs
- Sow hardy annuals like Forget-me-nots, Cornflowers and Love in the mist
- Feed and dead head summer pots
- Take shrub cuttings
- Enjoy the last of the summer sun

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

During the summer months things slow down here at Fen Drayton Lakes. Our breeding bird surveys are completed by this point and although many of our migrant species have finished nesting and rearing young and have already departed back to their African wintering grounds, others are still busy so we cannot yet start our intrusive habitat management work. Reserve work at this time of year therefore tends to revolve around maintaining our infrastructure for visitors.

Nature reserves are a haven for walkers, nature enthusiasts and families so well-maintained trails are essential to ensure accessibility for all visitors and allow people to navigate through the reserve. With our 16km of footpath around riverside fields and 9 lakes, we and our volunteer groups are always busy keeping the ever-encroaching vegetation at bay. Species such as Bramble, Hawthorn and Dog Rose that line the paths are all fast growing so we routinely walk around the trails, shears in hand, to cut back the new growth that would soon close up the paths if left unchecked. Although many of the footpaths are public rights of way and mown by the local council, we also take time to trim certain areas to keep Stinging Nettles under control, particularly around the benches and picnic tables.

By maintaining these designated pathways, visitors can explore our diverse habitats without causing harm or disturbance to the delicate ecosystems. Moreover, accessible infrastructure enables people with limited mobility to connect with nature, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for everyone.

Nature reserves also have an important role to play in environmental education, offering a valuable space to learn about ecosystems, their inhabitants and the threats they face. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes our Discovery Zone area is used by local schools and youth

groups, such as Beavers and Cub Scouts, and is another area that we spend time maintaining throughout the summer to ensure that visiting groups get the most out of their trips to the reserve, thereby fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the natural world.

By prioritising accessibility, safety and education we aim to create an environment here at Fen Drayton Lakes that fosters a deeper connection between people and the natural world.

Wild Camping

There is availability at our campsite situated on the shores of Ferry Lagoon for groups to stay over this summer. More information can be found on our events website. Please contact us at the email address below for more information.

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: www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes



Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
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Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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

The Yellow Pages

Venues for hire

Fen Drayton Village Hall	07922 112646
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	07730 369565
Fen Drayton Tennis Club	01954 231752
Fen Drayton Yoga	07864 510472
Fen Shanty Folk	07841 599492
Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group	07742 259653
Fenstanton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	07531 863368
Fenstanton Bowls Club	07541 968125
Fenstanton Community Hub	07949 453767
Fenstanton Football Club	07531 863368
Fenstanton Friendship Club	01480 350119
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Fenstanton Indoor Bowls	01480 497202
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Fenstanton Litter Picking	07949 453767
Fenstanton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	07730 369565
Fenstanton Speed Watch	07949 453767
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Hilton Art Club	01480 830696
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Hilton Speed Watch	07540 811115
Hilton Town Trust	01480 830866
Hilton WI	01480 831186
RSPB	01954 233260
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Community events

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Fenstanton Sports Day	01480 370973
Hilton Feast Week	01480 830605
Hilton Produce Show	01480 830412
Hilton Summer Ball	01480 831299

Education

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

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Fenstanton Parish Church	01480 465211
Fenstanton URC	01480 352058
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