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A reminder of winter and a few signs of spring.
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Letters & Notices

Hilton's efforts in aid of Action for Children Record Sum Raised

Although Hilton's annual house-to-house collection in aid of Action For Children had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the village raised the magnificent sum of £770 through donations. Organiser, Heather Woods, thanks donors for their generosity which produced a record sum from Hilton for the charity.

Toys For Woodland Lodge

The annual ecumenical gift service also had to be cancelled this year but, despite that, many gifts of toys and games were received so that children at Woodland Lodge had Christmas presents to open on Christmas Day. Organiser, Jan Whatley, said that she had had a bumper collection of gifts and that she was very grateful to everyone who had donated gifts so that the children could celebrate Christmas. The photo shows the gifts that have been sent to Woodland Lodge.



Michael Way

Unfortunately, Hilton lost one of its long-term residents earlier this year when Michael Way passed away. Michael was born in Catterick, Yorkshire in 1930, the son of a military father. His career was spent in ecology and research, which took him to many parts of the world.

He moved to Cambridgeshire in the early 1960s and helped set up the world renown Institute for Terrestrial Ecology at Monks Wood, just outside Huntingdon. Shortly after moving here he married Alix in 1964.

He was very active within the village proving to be an effective parish councillor serving from 1974 to 1992, which included a three-year spell as chairman. However, most people will remember him as our Tree Warden, a job he held for 30 years. Hilton had been devastated by Dutch Elm Disease and during his tenure he planted over 300 trees, no mean achievement. Michael was very good company with an excellent sense of humour. His humour was usually followed by a short pause, then a wry smile, a very endearing characteristic. We will miss him.

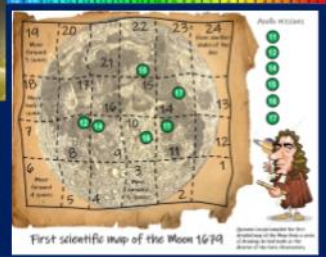
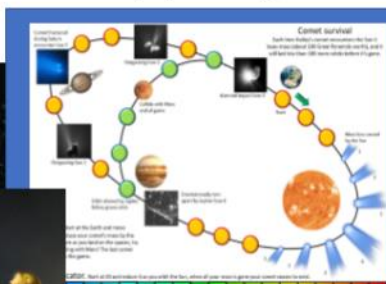
Ian Stott (Councillor, Hilton)

Calling young astronomers

The Cambridge Astronomical Association runs two young astronomers' groups (ages 7-11 and 11+) and is keen to find new members.

Both groups meet monthly (currently by Zoom). Each 1½ hour session includes games, activities, and talks, covering topics such as stars, comets, planets, the moon, black holes, space flight and

much more.



Have a browse around our website:

<http://www.caa-cya.org>

Join us free for your first meeting to see if you like it.

7-11 meeting Last Saturday each month at 10.00
11+ group First Monday each month at 19:15

Membership covers all members of a household and younger members can attend CYA (Cambridge Young Astronomers) meetings and events, as well as the other CAA activities.

Standard membership is £4.00 per year if you pay by regular standing order, or £5.00 per year when paying by cash or cheque or electronically.

For more details, just contact our chairman, Paul Fellows: Tel: 07788 237003
e-mail: paulfellows@ntlworld.com



Hilton Methodist Church April

All our Sunday services are being held virtually via zoom at 9.45am. The zoom link can be obtained from me on 830273 or sandy.monk@btinternet.com There are also services from St Ives Methodist Church live on Facebook at 10.30am. Further details can be found of other services on Huntingdon Methodist Church website.

On Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm we are hosting our Ecumenical Gift Service in aid of Action for Children led by Rev Nick Witham. Please see the separate paragraph above explaining about this charity, donating gifts and where the gifts go.

There will be an online Circuit Carol Service on 20th December, time to be confirmed. Please check the Huntingdon Methodist Church website for details or on our church noticeboard.

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SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

(provisional, please check church notice board for confirmation)

10am Friday 2nd - Good Friday Service

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy communion – Thursdays (9.45am) & Sundays (11.15am)

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10.00am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – monthly

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom.**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 4,36400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

Hilton Methodist Church April

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

At present we are holding services every Sunday at 9.45 am on Zoom. The details for joining can be obtained from Sandy Monk (Tel. 830273) or Ian and Heather Woods(Tel 830686) . The services last approximately 30 minutes and joining is from 9.35am.

There are also regular services throughout the circuit at 10.30am and joining details for these can be obtained as above.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - April

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the stall at my home, 28 Bell Lane over the last 12 months. As you may be aware **£3400 up to date** figure has been raised for 17 different charities with your contributions. Now we are getting into better weather,

I will have books and jigsaws and other goodies available on days when there is no rain and will continue to value your support.

Plants will be on sale soon, if you have spare plant please donate them to this, also need jigsaws. Please do drop by and have a look.

Jean



JOIN US
ONLINE
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

- 🌟 ONLINE SERVICE
- 🌟 3rd Friday of month
- 🌟 6pm
- 🌟 Via Zoom*



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

- 🌟 Free All Age event
- 🌟 Get creative
- 🌟 Food & Fun
- 🌟 Craft goodies provided*
- 🌟 Churches of Hilton together
- 🌟 For all faiths, and none



*To request a craft pack and/or Zoom access details, please contact Rachel on 830866

Jigsaw Exchange – Still running in Hilton!

Coronavirus restrictions mean that we cannot currently store the jigsaws in the church, but they are still available to borrow and/or exchange from Rachel & Phil's house in Hilton. So how does it work now? Just call on 830866 and make a request – we can't let you just browse the jigsaws but, if you tell us what you want (size & subject matter), we will select a few from which you can then chose not perfect but better than not having a jigsaw to keep you entertained through the winter months! Any jigsaws that you don't take (or which are returned to the exchange) will go into quarantine before being offered to someone else. Strict social distancing in place at all times.



For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866)

April 2021

What will Easter bring us this year? Easter bunnies, chocolate eggs, warmer weather, more daylight hours, plans as we come out of lockdown 3..... hopefully. I wonder what is on your list of things you want to do? For us as the church we, too, have hope. It is a different sort of hope to that of hoping to get a chocolate egg or hoping you can go to a football match again. It is the sure and certain hope of the Christian faith, that Jesus died and rose again for all of us:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

A message of love and of hope that goes beyond the limits of this earthly life.

At the time of writing, we are not sure what our plans might be with regard to opening our parish church for Sunday worship, although we are ever 'hopeful' that we might be able to open for Easter. We are mindful that the steps for coming out of lockdown are dependent on the way the virus is increasing or decreasing in its cases. We are mindful, too, that we will need to meet rigorous criteria for a covid19 secure risk assessment that all places of worship have to meet before they can safely open for public worship.

We have been producing a weekly "Worship At Home" booklet which goes out by email to 100+ homes every week, and has done so since the first lockdown back in March 2020. We also safely deliver about a dozen printed copies to those who are not on email (following guidelines for quarantining the booklets and hand sanitisation for delivery). Both the booklet and the newsletter will continue for the foreseeable future. We have had some special services by Zoom during 2020 and, from January 2021 until now, we have met on Zoom for our regular Sunday worship at 10am besides the regular weekly Zoom services we have been running on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings since the start of lockdowns.

So as we, as a parish, come out of lockdown 3 we now have three churches to consider. St Mary's at Fen Drayton, St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton and our digital church. The pandemic has unexpectedly brought opportunities. Much to think about.

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As we begin to emerge into a potential new normal, may you, too, emerge in your own safe way into your new normal. Not forgetting the past but remembering those things that became precious to us. Enjoying the present moment, as best we can. And planning for the future, knowing that we all have a responsibility for our own actions in reducing the risk of transmission of any virus but not least this particular one and its variants.

I heard recently that it is not the fear of change people are most worried or concerned about, although that is how they might speak of it. It is actually the fear of loss. Yes, we have suffered loss in many ways but there are also many stories of positive change. We might have different views on all this, I accept that, but could we take those good, positive things into our new normal and enable our lovely community here, in Fenstanton, to benefit from positive change? With all good wishes, Rev Rosie

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 login details of our Zoom services visit:

[Fenstanton Church Booking \(fenchurchbooking.org.uk\)](https://fenchurchbooking.org.uk) or contact Rev Rosie.

Please note that all enquiries for weddings and baptisms should be made in the first instance to our Rector Rev'd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393. Enquiries regarding funeral services, including those to be held in church, should be made through a Funeral Director.

For more information about our Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please email

FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Why not visit our Facebook page - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches.

Fenstanton Community Café so far, an update:

This time last year.....

I was in the process of organising a planning meeting for a Community Café to open in Fenstanton. Of course, you will know what happened next? Before we could even have our first meeting, I had to postpone it due to lockdown 1, not thinking for a minute that a year on and the café would not be up and running. Except IT IS!!!!

Not in a physical venue form but the virtual café has been running since June 2020 and will continue.

We are so grateful to Fenstanton Parish Council for a grant to help us with the virtual and the physical café. The grant has allowed us to get a creatively designed mug made for our virtual café regulars. Our thanks to Helen and Steve who not only designed the mug but got it ordered (Mr Tesco printing services) and then thanks to our delivery fairies and elves who made sure everyone got their mug. The pictures show you the clever design, incorporating various aspects of the café and the village.



And the real café – yes, it is all too easy to think that the physical café which was, of course, the original intention, is the main thing, the real thing. But the pandemic, as awful as it was and still is, taught us something about connecting with people who might not be physically able to attend a café but whose needs are just as

relevant. It is our hope that the physical and virtual café will meet at some point. Also in those hopes are the possibilities that the physical café would not necessarily meet every time in the same venue.

So, as I begin to plan for the physical café, are you one of those people who expressed an interest in helping? If yes, are you still interested, as I know that your circumstances may have changed. Or maybe you are wanting to find out more information?

My hope is the physical location café will be run by the community for the community. Is that something you could get involved in? Either regularly or occasionally? Do you belong to a group that might offer to run the café for one or more sessions?

In the meantime – our virtual café is open to anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday afternoon, it doesn't matter where you live or where you are joining us from. The virtual café meets every Wednesday afternoon, from 2pm to 3.30pm on Zoom. Message me for the meeting ID and passcode. We have a facebook page "Fenstanton Community Café" and a WhatsApp group.

We do have two rules we have agreed upon:

1. We respect each other's views - we might not agree with another person's viewpoint, but we respect them as a person who has their own view.
2. We don't share photos or phone numbers unless we have permission from that person.

Rev Rosie. 01480 467393

email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Fenstanton WI

Fenstanton WI will pass into suspension as from the end of March 2021.

This process has not been undertaken lightly and has resulted directly from the effect of the ongoing pandemic.

Reinstatement can take place within a three year period, and anyone wishing to receive further details and information, please contact the local WI advisor, Phyllis Brooks on 01480 380240 or at phylbrooks@live.co.uk.

There has been a WI in Fenstanton for over 100 years, and it would continue to be a valued asset to the village if it could be revived in the not too distant future, when social restrictions have become a distant memory

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Floating Fences

Ferry Lagoon is one of our larger lakes and the one that many visitors walk around when coming to the reserve. With a large expanse of open water and good views from all sides, you are always guaranteed to see something when following the Ferry Lagoon trail. The north side of the lake is an area of grazed wet grassland containing ditches, shallow pools of water (scrapes), and a small island just off-shore between Ferry Mere and the main lake. It is an important area for some of our target breeding species.

Many ducks and other waterbirds nest around the lake and ground nesting birds such as common tern, black-headed gull, and waders including lapwing and oystercatcher make use of the wet grassland and island. These species make small piles of vegetation on the ground to nest on or often lay their eggs directly on the ground in slight depressions or in clumps of vegetation.

In order to give ground nesting birds the best chance to successfully fledge their young, we have been working to construct a new floating fence around Ferry Mere island to protect it from ground predators, such as badgers and foxes. Both of these species have been known to swim across to islands to predate the birds nesting there and their chicks.

Anyone who has been up to the hide on Moore Lake will likely have seen the floating fence around one of the islands there. This consists of wire mesh panels, extending above and below the surface, connected to floating booms encircling the island. Installed in 2017,



Oystercatcher with chicks. The new floating fence will protect these and other species on Ferry Mere. Photo credit: Richard Brooks (rspp-images.com)

this fence has proved to be a success. Using the same design, but smaller diameter floatation and a lighter weight mesh, the new anti-predator fence should confer the same protection to the island on Ferry Mere as the existing one on Moore. Wading birds tend to begin nesting in mid to late April and terns in May so we should soon be seeing them make use of the island.

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspp.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspp.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

The church is currently closed but live virtual Sunday service are held each week

These can be found on UTube at The Bridge Church St Ives/Live

It is also available on Zoom, details on joining can be found on the church website

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk



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

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

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW

There has been a witness to the worship of
God here over the years since 1643

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and
2.30pm**

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

We still use the Authorised, King James Bi-
ble, believe in Particular Redemption

Fenstanton and its Windmills: Part 1:

Windmills once abounded in Fenstanton from the twelfth century onwards. From the records that are available we can be sure that over the centuries there have been at least eight windmills in Fenstanton. We only know for certain those mills that were recorded in the 19th century and most of these were dismantled in the early 20th century. All of these mills have now disappeared without a trace although we know the location of six of them



From the late twelfth century in Fenstanton a new source of power became available through the invention and rapid spread of the windmill. Throughout the middle ages, the inhabitants of the village had to take their corn to the lord's mill; exclusive possession of the manorial mill was one of the privileges that the manorial lords generally managed to claim for themselves. Even Ramsey Abbey had a mill or two in Fenstanton. For centuries it was illegal for a peasant to grind his own corn.

So, where were these windmills? Surprisingly enough it would appear that over the course of several centuries there were at least seven mills along what is now Low (formerly Lower) Road. That's not seven individual mills, for some were replacements for older units. The only mill that is recorded elsewhere in the village was on the road to Fen Drayton, still called Mill Road.

Mill Number 1:

So let's get started with the windmill that once stood opposite what is now Jones's Boatyard. Today there is a small farm called Mill Farm sitting in Mill Field and next to it is a house called Mill Field. Both are standing where the mill and its outbuildings once stood.

The Mill in 1900



The same mill in 1925 and 1933



In an early document, the mill is referred to as a post medieval post mill'. In the photographs it looks to be a later building, probably built on the same site. It was a post mill (able to rotate to face the prevailing wind) with a round house base. It operated until the 1920's but by 1933 it was partly dismantled and only the round house and the skeleton of the body remained.

Mills Number 2 and 3:

Mills two and three were right next door to mill number one and would have occupied the site that is now opposite the entrance to the marina extension driveway. The first identified mill to occupy the site was a traditional post mill which was probably a replacement for a series of earlier mill. This mill was erected in 1819 by Mr Alpress Ashton and was later described as "a powerful mill, with good brickwork". It was taken down around 1909.

By the time of the 1871 census the mill was being worked by James Fleckney, who lived in a house next to the mill. He gives the name of the house as 'Dole Mill House', which suggests that the site must have at one time belonged to the Ramsey Abbey. The word dole today means a payment, usually unemployment money. In days past it meant a portion or allotment of money, food etc, especially as given at regular intervals by a charity, church monastery or abbey.

In the mid-19th century the old windmill was abandoned and replaced by a new steam driven mill. This mill was built to make use of the River Great Ouse's tidal surge. When the tide was high, water flowed up a dyke and collected in a big cistern which was re-discovered when the new houses were being built. It was this supply of water that was used to work the steam engine. The system broke down when the river was re-developed and sluices and flood gates were installed. It had a one hundred feet chimney which would have been visible for miles around.

In 1909 Mr Edward Kiddle felled the chimney and converted the steam mill into a house called 'River View'. In 1986 it was demolished and replaced by a number of private residences. The site is still called River View.

The Knight family who also owned four mills in Hemingford Grey, worked the steam mill in Low Road, Fenstanton from the mid-1800s until the 1890s, however fierce competition came in the form of Potto Brown's French steam mill built in St. Ives. The French mill had access to river transport and the railway running behind the building so Thomas Knight could not compete.

From the Cambridge Chronical 23rd February 1900:

FOR SALE:

*"Comprising a well-built brick and slated Steam Corn Mill
With high shaft, 14hp horizontal engine and boiler, running 3 pairs of stones,*

Also a large brick built windmill



With 4 pairs of stones which have for some time been disused, together with a range of Board and tiles buildings



Around about 1 acre plus 3 acres of old pasture land adjoining the Lower Road between Fenstanton and St Ives

and for many years occupied by the late Mr James Knights".

This next picture is of the old steam mill prior to 1909, on Low Road Fenstanton:

If you look closely on the left of the right hand picture you will see the sails of the mill that sat on the mound where today the water pumping station is situated on Low Road. That is our mill number five.

To be continued next month.

john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Weather Watch

My last article took us up to early November, as a spell of mild southerly winds was occurring. The mild theme continued for most of that month and as a consequence daytime maxima exceeded 10C (50F) every day until the 19th and the first air frost of the season occurred on the 27th, a foggy day and the only cold one in the month. After the wet October, November was drier than normal.

The first ten days of December were cold and largely sunless and by the 8th winter had officially started with the maximum temperature failing to reach 5C (41F) on four days. On the 4th the morning started with a period of wet snow which didn't settle, although only a few miles away there was quite a thick covering. A mild spell occurred from the 11th to the 23rd before colder weather returned for the last week of the year. The 23rd/24th was exceptionally wet with much flooding including the Great Ouse which overflowed its banks extensively. In Hilton some late night walkers reported the drainage ditches near the ford overflowing the bridge nearby. It was the wettest day I have recorded since the exceptionally wet winter of 2001.

January was another wet month, often cold but without any prolonged spell due to a few milder interludes. It was often cloudy and as a consequence frosts when they occurred were generally slight. The exception was the 25th when the snow cover from the fall on the 24th combined with a clear sky enabled the temperature to fall to -4.5C (23.9F). Snow fell throughout the afternoon of the 24th, it turned out to be the only significant fall during the winter.

The second week of February marked the start of the first spell of easterly winds since the "Beast from the East" in 2018. Daytime maxima were close to freezing for most of the day with biting east and north-east winds with slight snow, mostly flurries on some days. A dramatic change took place on the 15th to very mild conditions throughout the second half of the month. The mildness was quite exceptional with a temperature of 17.4C (63.2F) on the 24th. The unusually mild conditions also covered much of Western Europe with a temperature of 22C (72F) recorded in Poland, and one part of Germany had six consecutive days when the temperature reached 20C (68F) - truly amazing for a winter month.

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Overall, the winter of 2020/21 was, in numerical terms, close to average from a temperature viewpoint but wetter than normal in precipitation terms. When one considers that every day during the winter of 2019/20 reached 5C (41F) or more, in the winter just gone, more than a third of the days failed to reach 5D (41F), balanced by around a third of mild days. The coldest night was on February 11th when - 5.6C (22F) was recorded.

After a quiet chilly opening week to March, much stormier conditions look likely to dominate for a few days. However, with daylight hours now lengthening and signs of spring everywhere, hopefully the worst days of lockdown are now behind us.

Although much of the focus these days is on climate change and warming conditions, weather patterns around the world still have capacity to produce exceptionally cold and snowy conditions. For example, in Vestal, New Hampshire, USA, 114cm (45.6 inches) fell during a snowstorm on 16/17 December 2020. On the same date 128cm fell in Minakami, Japan and in Europe, storm Filomena dumped 20cm of snow in Madrid, Spain on 8/9 January 2021. The snowiest inhabited place on earth is Sukayu Onsen, Japan which records an average accumulated snowfall on 17.6 metres!

Patrick Landucci

Update from Fenstanton Bowls Club

It looks as if we might be able to play bowls this upcoming season at Fenstanton although, at the time of writing this, nothing is certain. We didn't play any League games at all last year for obvious reasons.



We had a disastrous winter at the club, the worst floods that we have known. The water was 4 feet deep in certain places causing a lot of damage to the club house and equipment. We are well on the way now to getting the club back to normal and hopefully we will be fully operational by the end of the month.

This summer, as always, we will be looking for new members. There will be more details about this and the date of our Open Day next month. We play a lot of bowls at Fenstanton in several different divisions ranging from Division 1 in some leagues to Division 5 in others and everything in between so all levels of bowlers are welcome. For bowlers with little or no experience we have qualified coaches and all the equipment you need to get you started. If you feel you might be interested in joining us, look on the website for all contact information.

Please come along to give it a try with no obligation.

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

We hope that you are all keeping well.

The Fenstanton village sports committee met at the beginning of the month and it is with great sadness that we have decided not to run the village sports this year on the first weekend in July as we normally do.

We really do want to hold the event but with the timing being so close to the 21st of June when we may be able to congregate we wouldn't be able to plan with any certainty.

We will continue to meet via Zoom and if we are able to safely hold one later in the summer we will look at all options.

Thank you for your continued support

Sports day committee

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School – lottery update!

As you may recall, the PTA at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School launched their 'Your School Lottery' in January 2021.

So far, there have been 10 draws and 10 lucky winners – because there is one guaranteed winner from our supporters every week.

It's thanks to supporters playing the lottery that we have so far raised **£185**, from a combination of ticket sales and kindly donated winnings.

All funds raised are being put towards things that enrich the lives of our children and enhance their learning journey through school, such as play equipment for each school 'bubble'.

Will you support our lottery?

For just **£1 per week**, you are in with a chance of winning the **Your School Lottery jackpot of £25,000** or the guaranteed weekly prize for one of our supporters.

In addition, once you're signed up for tickets, you are automatically entered into all other of the fantastic prize draws offered by Your School Lottery – like the draw for a £500 bike voucher, courtesy of The Bike Factory, which is running now.

You don't have to live in Fenstanton or Hilton to play and show your support for our amazing school. Just make sure you have our school's details entered or join via the link below.

With all good wishes and thank you for your support
School PTA

To learn more about Your School Lottery and get your tickets, visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school>

or see page 40 for more information on how it works

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome your new Parish Councillor - Joe Middleton

Joseph moved to the village after a stint in London working at a major trauma hospital, opting for a calmer life (and greener backdrop) in Fenstanton and choosing a career in general practice.

Alongside day-to-day work, Joseph volunteers with Festival Medical Services, a charity that was a recent recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, providing medical cover at events like Glastonbury Festival.

Along with his veterinarian husband, they take care of Bunty the dachshund and go on walks around the local countryside and



lakes, all of which is considerably flatter than the mountains and hills of his hometown in South Wales!

Joseph is keen to champion green and environmentally minded initiatives in the local region and support local independent businesses.

Galaxy Big Band at Bannolds

After considering the current Covid-19 Roadmap, your Parish Council has taken the decision to change the date for the long awaited return of The Galaxy Big Band to Bannolds. This will now be on **Saturday, 4th September.**

Anyone who has been holding on to their original booking can use this on the night. Should this not be convenient, a full refund can be obtained by scanning the QR code or contact the Parish Clerk.



To contact your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Traffic and road safety

In light of recent concern regarding traffic and parking in the village, your Parish Council wanted to reassure residents of all that we are doing to improve road safety and parking in the village. Your Parish Council:

1. has recently applied for significant funding from Huntingdonshire District Council to introduce a number of road safety measures for the A1307 Cambridge Slip Road.

2 applied for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the High Street, which would legally reduce the speed limit to 20mph.

3. will be redeploying a Speed Indication Device on Cambridge Road and will look to resurrect the Speed Watch Team when safe to do so.

4. has applied for Local Highways Initiative (LHI) funding to install parking bays down Chequer Street, to help alleviate congestion, and improve accessibility.

5. following the upgrade to the Clock Tower and Village Pond, will be working with local businesses, residents and vehicle users to review parking around the area.

Multi-use games area

Work on the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) in the Primary School Grounds is scheduled to start in April, and should be ready for use by both the school and Fenstanton public during May.

Funding has been provided by the A14 Legacy Fund. Sports covered are: basketball, 5-a-side football and netball. Bookings (FOC to all Fenstanton residents) will be managed by your Parish Council.

Pond and Clock Tower

Work is currently underway to complete the repair and restoration of the Clock Tower and Pond area.

In addition to clock repairs, repainting, new uprights and bollards around the clock tower, new planters will be deployed.

The pond is being cleared of weed, dredged and repaired, with a new planting regime planned. New fencing and the addition of a seated area on the grass behind and new information boards will complete the work.

Flooding and Flood Planning



Your Parish Council is liaising closely with a range of agencies and bodies, including Cambs County Council, Hunts District Council, Anglia Water, the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency, as well as surrounding Parish Councils to minimise the risk to Fenstanton of future flooding events.

A Fenstanton flood emergency plan is being drawn up, which will be published and available to all residents in due course.

From early findings, looking at historic events and the recent flooding incidents over Christmas and New Year, the view being investigated is that whilst certain events, such as the river flooding, are natural phenomena, other flooding experienced is as a result of recent man-made changes, such as the construction of the new A14 and new housing developments. In addition, poorly maintained, blocked and damaged drains and gullies have contributed to localised flooding.

To fully understand the way water enters, flows through and leaves Fenstanton, your Parish Council is in the process of mapping all drains and water-courses, including the locations and condition of all entry and exit points, with a view to agreeing a regular inspection and maintenance programme with the agencies responsible.

And this is where we need your help...

If you are aware of the location of drains and gullies, whether in public or private areas, please let us know via the link below, in particular if these are blocked or appear to be broken/damaged.



Fenstanton Community Warden



ageUK
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Fenstanton Lolworth and Fen Drayton Community Warden Scheme

Are you aged 60 or over?
Would you like help to continue to live independently in your own home?

The Community Warden is able to offer assistance by providing a daily phone call (Mon-Fri) and support such as:

- Making drinks and light meals
- A home visit
- Collecting prescription
- Small sums of shopping
- A listening ear
- Helping with paperwork and making appointments
- Signposting to other services where appropriate

If you are interested in this service and would like more information, please call on **07812496004** or email **wardens@ageukcap.org.uk**

This is a FREE 2 week trial and then a small weekly fee afterwards if you wish to remain on the scheme.

www.ageukcap.org.uk

Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is a charitable registered organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registered charity no. 1100576 Registered Office: 200 New Street, 22-23/24, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB2 3RQ

Following a successful grant application to CCC's Cultivate and Innovate Fund, your Parish Council is supporting Age UK's Community Warden scheme, helping older members of the Fenstanton community to retain their independent lifestyle.

If you a family member or anyone you know requires further information please contact:

Maria Reynolds, Fenstanton Community Warden on 07812 496004 or email: Maria.Reynolds@ageukcap.org.uk

The Fen - Flood Resilience

Those areas of the Fen Cycle and Bridleway damaged by the flooding, and in particular the flow of water across the pathway, have been repaired, with a new, more resilient surface and key stones added to increase resilience against future flood incidents.



And last but not least...

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

...we're looking for an additional Parish Councillor.

If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk

New Community Garden in Hilton

As we come out of all the covid restrictions, a group of us in Hilton have been looking at ways we can

GROW community

GROW feelings of wellbeing by being outside in the fresh air

GROW a greener environment

And of course

GROW flowers, vegetables, and fruit for everyone to enjoy.

The first hurdle was to find a plot of land, and we have very kindly being offered a plot by Dr Randall at Monach Farm.

We have applied for some grants to get money to support this project and are very hopeful that some will be forthcoming. We will particularly need fencing to protect the land from rabbits and Muntjac deer and tools, so if any business or individual would like to donate any that would be great.

We will be inviting all Hilton residents to be part of this project, so if you would like to dig, plant, prune or pick do get in touch with Heather at 23heatherc@gmail.com



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SCHOOL
LOTTERY



WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to
help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

To start supporting, visit:

[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

and search for: Fenstanton & Hilton

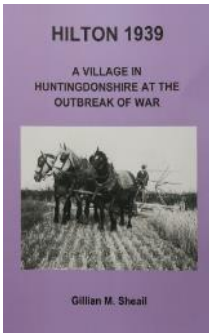
Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Lottery update!

To learn more about Your School Lottery and get your tickets, visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school/>

See page 28 for more information and update



Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** are still available 67 pages, with illustrations

Only £7 to cover printing costs.

This may be just what you are looking for as a small Christmas gift, or for yourself if you are a newcomer to the village.

Please contact me at 3, Mill Hill End, or phone 07484 650209, and if required I will deliver within the village
Gillian Sheail

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Is it really a year since we had our last meeting? We had no idea at the close of our AGM that we would not be together again the following fortnight. Its been a long and somewhat lonely, twelve months.

Very uncertain times and hard for everyone. It was nice to contact everyone in December with the doorstep cream tea and Christmas present. I hope that the birthday cards sent out helped you to know we are still a club and all the members are there for you. I am so looking forward to being able to have meetings again and get back to some form of normality. Hopefully we will have new members too, to breathe new life into the proceedings.

Very sadly there are some of our members who are no longer with us. We will miss Margaret Arnold, Pauline Bishop, and Mollie Gildersleve for the love and friendship they brought to the club. Kath Rolph has moved into a care home, we hope she is happy and well cared for there.

Meanwhile let us all look forward to a brighter future and happy days on the river, garden centres and lunches out. When we know when we can meet, I will be contacting speakers and entertainers for our meetings.

Take care everyone
Marie.

01480 350677

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Report from the Meetings of the Council dated Monday 7th December 2020, Monday 1st February 2021 & Monday 1 March 2021

Christmas Lights



The Christmas lights were installed at the cricket pavilion by volunteers and feedback from parishioners has been overwhelmingly positive. The Council resolved to thank the volunteers involved in their installation.

Parish Council Email Addresses

Councillors agreed to use their parish council email addresses for all PC business, in line with GDPR and the Freedom of Information legislation. Councillors' email addresses can be found on both the council website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) and the noticeboards. The Clerk's email address remains unchanged – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Green Open Spaces

The Council resolved to spend £2,380 for the necessary annual tree work across the village. A copy of the tree report is available on the Council website in the supporting documents for the December meeting. The Council also agreed to spend £600 planting a small copse of trees on the north side of Wraggs Row, at the entrance to the Wilderness. The Council have agreed to purchase the materials required to improve the surface of the car park at the village hall, at a cost of £168. This work will be carried out by volunteers.

Hemingford Grey Quarry Reopening

The Clerk has contacted the operator of this quarry who has advised that the majority of the vehicles to/from this quarry will be using the A1307. They have kindly agreed to commit to putting in a standing instruction that any trucks that travel through Hilton are requested not to exceed 20mph whilst traveling through the village.

Google Maps

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a parishioner that Google Maps and other navigation applications are directing traffic through Hilton as the fastest route from St Ives to the A1 south and the A14 west. Hilton Parish Council has instructed the Clerk to write to Highways England, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to ask whether this was an expected outcome of the A14 southern bypass and what their organisation intends to do about it. At the next meeting, the Council reviewed the response from Highways England, who stated that the signage on the A1307 was not yet complete, as was the work in Huntingdon. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Google Maps and advise them of the issue that they are causing for Hilton.

A14 Traffic Modelling Review

As part of the planning for the A14 southern bypass, local traffic modelling was carried out in Hilton in 2015 with the assurance that this modelling would be reviewed once the scheme was opened. Hilton Parish Council has

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resolved to write to County Councillor Ian Bates to ask for his help in ensuring that this modelling review is carried out.

Petition to achieve a 24hr HGV Ban on B1040 & LHI Bid

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to distribute a petition to all households in Hilton to illustrate the support within the village for a 24hr HGV ban on the B1040. This will be used to support the current LHI (Local Highways Improvement) bid for funding for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prohibit HGVs from the B1040 through Hilton.

At the next meeting, the Council asked the working group to prepare the 500-word document for the Clerk to send to support this submission. The Council resolved to include the response to the HGV petition which received responses from 416 residents. Thank you to those residents who responded to this petition. Cllr P. Balicki represented the Council at the panel meeting in February.

Equals Corporate Card

The current prepaid MasterCard used by the Council has introduced a monthly fee, so the Council have resolved to switch to the Equals Corporate Card which has no monthly fee.

Census 2021

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to promote Census 2021 on their website and Facebook page. For the first time this will be a digital-first Census, but paper copies will be available for those who need it.

Slow Ways Initiative

Hilton Parish Council has passed a formal resolution to support Slow Ways.

Slow Ways is a project to create a network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.

Using existing footpaths, people will be able to use the Slow Ways routes to walk between neighbouring settlements or combine routes for long distance journeys.

During lockdown 700 volunteers from across the country collaborated to produce a first draft of the Slow Ways network, creating a stunning Slow Ways map in the process. This incredible effort has led to the creation of 7,500 routes that collectively stretch for over 110,000km.

They are currently working on building a website that will host all of the Slow Ways routes and plan to launch that at the end of January.

Further information can be found on their website: www.slowways.uk

Councillor Resignation

Cllr Laura Chorlton has resigned from Hilton Parish Council. The proper notice of vacancy was issued and there was no request for an election

Councillor Co-Option



The Clerk issued the advertisement for co-option after the expiry of the notice of vacancy. Two candidates put themselves forward for co-option and the Council resolved to co-opt Ettore McCarthy. Ettore (Ett) is serving his second term as a Councillor, having served nearly 5 years during his first. He moved to Hilton in 2007 with his wife Fiona and their son Tom. Their daughter Francesca was born very soon after. Ett has always been village focussed, previously having been on the Hilton Feast Week and Hilton Ball Committees for several years. His professional life is in aviation, working for easyJet as a Captain on the Airbus fleet. In his spare time, he is a keen cyclist and loves to ski when the chance permits. He says "I look forward to hearing from parishioners on their views, ideas or

concerns. Hilton is a great village and I look forward to being part of a team that continues to keep it flourishing."

NATS Consultation response regarding the London Luton airport holding stack relocation

Cllr P. Balicki and Cllr E. McCarthy have drafted a negative response to this consultation which the Clerk has sent. A copy of the Council's response can be viewed on the website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com/nats-london-luton-airport-consultation

You can also view copies of the responses sent by CCC and Jonathan Djanogly MP.

NMU Route from Hilton to Fenstanton

The Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and Transport Committee has met and decided that the NMU (non-motorised users) route from Hilton to Fenstanton is not included in the first round of funding. There will be a

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second round of funding and it is hopeful that this project will be included. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Highways and Transport Committee to ensure that this route is included.

Rural Community Energy Fund

There is a fund available to encourage the use of sustainable energy sources in rural communities. The Council has instructed the Clerk to engage with the providers of this fund to establish what is feasible for Hilton.

Consultations

The Council asked the Clerk to respond on their behalf to the consultations from CCC regarding their Highways Service and from NALC regarding land ownership.

Living Sport Grant

The Council have resolved to apply for a grant from Living Sport to organise community sporting events. The Clerk is working with Cllr H. Chambers to submit this application.

Policies

The Council has updated their Equal Opportunities Policy (formerly the Equality and Diversity Policy) and approved new policies for the Reserves Policy, General Risk Assessment and an Action Plan for 2020/21.

Copies of these policies, and all the other policies, can be viewed on the Council's website –

www.hiltonparishcouncil.com/council-documents/policy

Heavy Rainfall 23rd & 24th December 2020

Hilton Parish Council has produced a report regarding the events of 23rd & 24th December and their effects. You can read a copy of this report on the Parish Council website - www.hiltonparishcouncil.com/news/heavy-rainfall-23rd-and-24th-december-2020

Community Library in the Bus Shelter

The Parish Council has received evidence that a fire has been set in the bus shelter and a special motion was presented to reconsider the installation of a bookcase in the bus shelter for the community library. The Council has asked for further information including:

- Proof of ownership of the bus shelter to confirm liabilities
- Risk assessment
- Structural assessment including asbestos
- Further clarification from the insurance company
- Alternative locations such as the Church or the Village Hall

Dates for Future Meetings

The current legislation that allows the Council to meet remotely expires on 7th May and the roadmap does not allow face-to-face meetings until 21st June (at the earliest). NALC, CAPALC and the SLCC are currently lobbying the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to extend this legislation. To date, the MHCLG have not responded. Hilton Parish Council has resolved to hold their April meeting on Monday 12th April (to avoid Easter Monday) and their Annual Meeting of the Council in May on Tuesday 4th May, prior to the expiry of the legislation. They have also resolved that the Chair should convene the Annual Parish Meeting (this is not a Council meeting but a meeting of the electorate) on Monday 22nd March via Zoom.

Playground Inspection

The Council have appointed Wicksteed to carry out the annual playground safety inspection at a cost of £60.

Internal Auditor

The Council have appointed Able Accounts to carry out their internal audit at a cost of £200.

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Village Map



In 2016, Hilton Parish Council produced a map initially used as reference material for the environment management plan and the green spaces management policy. The Parish Council have now agreed to publish this map in a pdf format at a lower resolution (as the original file size is too large). You can view a copy of the map on the parish council website

– <https://hiltonparishcouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/HGS-Village-Map-A2-09.pdf>

High quality printed A2 copies of the map are still available for £5 – if you would like one please contact the Clerk

– clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Rotary Club Walking Trail

The Council gave their permission for the images of Parish Council assets to be used in the Rotary Club walking trail and asked that they note that the maze is currently closed.

CAPALC Membership

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to renew its membership of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils.

Planning Update

The Planning Committee has considered the outline application for rural exceptions housing for up to 18 dwellings with all matters reserved, except access, on land west Of Wychwood, Church End and has resolved again that it recommends this application for refusal as it does not comply with the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 and could not address a housing need in Hemingford Grey or Hemingford Abbots. You can read the letters that the Parish Council have sent in response on the Planning Portal -

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th April 2021 via Zoom. 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 British Legion

The Royal British Legion in Hilton

Firstly we would like to thank Mickey and his Team for collating news items from both villages to create April's Spectrum, and all the wonderful ladies and gents for delivering the Spectrum to us individually, in all weathers. Especially, as we are all still living in such unknown times.

As one would expect, current restrictions limit all Legion activities, but as usual we closely collaborate with our colleagues and fellow members in St Ives. Sadly we have been unable to fully honour members who have passed away, but within the government guidelines our Standard Bearer was recently able to walk for a short distance ahead of the cortège of a retired member of the Royal Air Force, known to RBL members.

Hilton's current total raised in aid of this year's Poppy Appeal stands at £913.80 and nationally at around £24 million, all of which is totally amazing considering the constraints imposed on the Appeal. Hopefully soon restrictions will be lifted and all charities will be able to organise fund raising events for us all to participate in and enjoy.

If you know of a struggling veteran or member of the Armed Forces, please contact either of us, in confidence, and we will put you in contact with one of our local Welfare Officers.

As ever, thank you for all the support you give to the Royal British Legion.

Margaret – 831186 and Julie – 830580.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

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

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

Find Us on Facebook

Hilton WI

We have been surprisingly busy since the last edition of Spectrum in spite of Lockdown, mainly by Zoom, Facetime,

Whatsapp, the printed word and of course the telephone !

For our January meeting we had a fascinating talk by Kasia Gdaniec who has been leading the Archaeology teams on the A14 which over the years has included the expertise of over 300 people from all over the world who even found evidence from Roman times.

For the next meeting Karen Jacques, representing the Operation Smile charity, told us about its superb work after which our members collectively donated just over £400 which is enough to fund two life changing operations on cleft palate conditions.

At our recent March meeting Anne-Marie Hamilton amused and entertained us on the joys, challenges and hard work of her life as a farmer's wife for 50 years.

On most Mondays we have been having 'Tea Time Chats', starting with themed subjects such as ideas for a Staycation, a favourite job, films, memorable buildings, songs and our lives at the time of the conversion to the decimal currency in 1971 - 50 years ago !

In February we took part in the Green Heart Campaign to highlight the state of the planet by decorating the Pavilion with messages and home made green hearts.

Work continues on the creation of our Centenary Tablecloth, most of us have had our first vaccine and we have just published our very popular 30th Newsletter since we began last March. It included the final episode by Adrian Arnold recalling his experiences on the Round the World Yacht Race in 1995. We are extremely grateful to all the talented people who contribute jokes, photos, poems, news and longer articles.

Hilton WI members are continuing to support each other and keeping active however we can and future activities are provisionally planned. Meanwhile we keep in touch within the limits and very much look forward to the happy day when we can meet and greet in the village hall once more and new members are always made very welcome to our friendly group.



FEAST WEEK 2021 – your questions answered

- Will there be Feast Week this year? With the easing of Government restrictions, we are really hoping to be able to celebrate with some form of Feast Week.
- If it does go ahead when would it be? Between 25th & 31st July.
- Will it have all of the usual events? That's difficult to answer. We want to put on as many of the usual features of Feast Week as possible, but it is limited by when Covid restrictions are fully lifted & how much money we have available (because many of the regular fundraising events have been stopped throughout the lockdowns.)
- When will we know? The best way of keeping in touch with announcements about Feast Week is to sign up to any of our social media accounts. Then you can be informed as soon as any news is available. Otherwise check village notice boards or Spectrum
- Can we do anything now? We mentioned that fundraising has had to stop & that may limit events. Right now you can consider joining Feast Week 200 Club. It helps with our fundraising & you also have the chance to win each month!
- Finally look out for other ways to get involved over the next couple of months.



Fancy the chance of winning some cash while supporting Feast Week at the same time?
Of course you do, so sign up now to **the 200 Club** to be in with a chance.

This year more than ever, **the 200 Club** needs your support. This is our only source of income for the time being and for those of you who missed Feast Week last year and want to see it back this year, please, please, please sign up. £5 for a month or £60 for the year for each number you purchase, monthly draws and guaranteed winners of cash prizes. The more numbers in the draw, the greater the prize fund. So what are you waiting for???

For further details, rules of play and to buy tickets please see feastweek.co.uk/200-club

Small Lotteries Registration No. SSL1776



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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW



From right to left: Monach Astrantia Q*17, Fuschia Q*18, Iva Q*19, Mimosa Q*20

Good Breeding

At the end of The Green in Hilton there is a wonderful haven for people and animals. Dreda, Roland and Emy Randall breed and keep endangered and minority breeds of farm animals including Dexter cattle, Ryeland and Shetland sheep, Anglo-Nubian, British Alpine and British Toggenburg goats and once there was a New Zealand Kune-Kune pig called Paddington! The riding stables also provides homes and shelter for native ponies including several rare breeds who needed a better home or whose family line is under threat and perhaps best of all, give all children including those with difficulties a safe place to ride or volunteer.

Besides the Egg Farm is there anywhere else in the village creating produce from the land and selling it locally? The goats are milked twice a day and the family, along with Ellie (Emy's sister) at her farm in Essex make ice cream. Goat milk is different in composition to cows' milk and it makes a lighter mix. The flavours of 'Caprilatte' are delicious: vanilla, chocolate, coconut, summer berry, tiramisu, stracciatella and many others. Cheese is also produced, and the Smoked Cheddar and Nettle and Garlic are extremely popular. A new product: soap recently has been added to the list of goods made on the farm and is becoming popular. Goat dairy products are also suitable for a lot of people who are sensitive to proteins in cow milk.

Most of us have visited Monach Farm with our children on one of their Open Days. What cannot have escaped the attention of visitors is the sheer number of rosettes awarded to Dreda's goats over the years. These goats are celebrities, notable prize-winners at county shows across the country and kids have been exported to over 40 countries all over the world. There are around 50 goats on the farm at present including this year's young kids. With a small herd like Dreda's, every goat is known by name and its food intake and yield carefully monitored.

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Goats have a reputation for eating anything, but Dreda tells me the reason that they get maligned for eating off the washing line is because they are browsers, not grazers, so naturally most of their food comes from around 30cm off the ground. They are intelligent and inquisitive creatures that investigate with their lips (they don't have fingers to feel with!) They are in fact very fussy eaters and will reject any food that has been spilt on the ground or soiled.

The fact that Monach goats are so highly sought after is down to the genius of Dreda, who has been keeping goats since she was 7 years old. It deserves to be more widely known that Dreda is the **FIRST PERSON EVER** to breed twenty successive generations of one goat family that have all gained British Goat Society officially recorded milk awards for high yield, high protein and high butterfat. Why, you might ask, has this not been achieved before? Your faithful reporter went to Dreda herself in search of answers.

"These qualifications, along with pedigree details are all published in the British Goat Society Herd Books and Year Books", Dreda explained. Maybe a part of the reason no one has achieved 'Q*20' before is because I have kept the same lines for so many decades, concentrating on high quality productivity rather than just beauty! Many years ago, we developed our own brand of concentrate feed along with Otley College, which we still use, coupled with the species-rich hay from our own conservation grasslands. But chance also plays its part. As with human families, a female may produce only male offspring, or be barren or die young and the female line is then lost."

Finally, a warm invitation to Monach Farm:

The farm is part of the Nature Friendly Farming Network and the Environmental Stewardship Scheme which allows free visits by school groups, care homes and other organisations. Meet the family, the animals they care for and sample the products they make at this year's Open Farm Sunday on June 27th 2021.



Hopefully, this kid will be the 21st generation!

What's on in November

If snails are so slow, why don't we ever see them coming? It's like boom...there's a snail

Dates of future events:

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

I apologise for not keeping this section up to date but, as I am sure you understand, events cannot be made certain until the CORONA virus situation is given the all clear.

Keep up to date with the Churches and Clubs notices.

Please keep well and let us get back to normal ASAP.

Spectrum Team