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The Knitted Bible at Hilton Methodist Church
Photos by Pauline Zahner See page 47

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LETTERS & NOTICES

Action for Children

A big thank you to collectors and everyone who supported Action for Children during the House to House in September. We raised £724.50. Our grateful thanks to all.
Jan Whatley and Heather Woods



Dear Girls and Boys

Just a little note to let you know that I will be visiting FENSTANTON on the evening of Friday 1st December. I will be at the village Clock Tower to see the lights switched on the Christmas tree and say hello to some of my old friends.

If you would like to write me a letter I will have my special post-box with me, but don't forget to put your full name and address on it if you would like me to reply to you.

I hope you are all being very good this year and being kind to all your friends and family.

Love to you all from Santa

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Mr Santa Clause
Father Christmas Street
Lapland

I would like to say Thank You to everyone who has filled boxes, left bags at the house of items, and money through the letter box.

Your generosity has meant we achieved 200 filled boxes from Fenstanton. This was an amazing number, then joining with Fendrayton the van picked up 240, an increase of 38 more than last year.

These are now in the warehouse at Eastbourne, then at the beginning of December the volunteers will begin the long journey to Moldova to orphanages and hospitals where the boxes will be received with great excitement.

Without your generosity, kindness and commitment we would not be able to help this charity, this is one that we know everything that is given gets to the children in time for Christmas.

Many thanks once again,
Jenny Stimpson



Van loaded with our boxes to be taken to the warehouse in Eastbourne

LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

A slightly cooler than average August produced a number of days with an autumnal feel. Ironically, it was only in the last week that summer appeared briefly when on the 28th, the temperature rose to 28c (82.4F), only to fall 2 days later by more than 14 degrees C, when the maximum was only 13.3C (56.8F).

The months of September and October were largely uneventful though with a couple of notable events. Both months were frost free and very dry with less than half the normal rainfall. Daytime temperatures during September were rather below normal although as in August, the warmest days occurred at the end of the month. As if to illustrate the vagaries of our climate, a year ago the 13th produced the warmest day of the year, this year in the wake of Storm Aileen the maximum was just 16C (60F) accompanied by gale force winds.

As occurred last year, October was again very dry with just over 19mm (0.75"). However the dryness has resulted in nature providing a spectacular display of autumnal colour and some truly beautiful sun rises and sun sets. Whilst daytime temperatures continued their seasonal fall, night time temperatures were well above normal with cloud and south westerly winds predominating. The arrival of ex-hurricane Ophelia coincided with the date of the infamous storm of 1987 (the 17th). While Ophelia caused much damage across Ireland and the western fringe of mainland UK, other than it creating an apocalyptic aura around the sun and absorbing desert dust causing "red" rain to fall in some parts, our region largely escaped.

The first 10 days of November have produced typical autumn conditions, fluctuating mild and chilly conditions with no weather type lasting more than a couple of days. During this time the first frost occurred on 5th/6th, providing a more traditional feel to bonfire night. Two rainy periods have already produced more rain than fell during October.

I will finish as usual with a couple of curios:

Although thunderstorms have been a rarity this year, at any given time on average there are about 1,800 such storms occurring on Earth with 100 lightning strikes per second. As the Christmas season approaches, one of the songs you will almost certainly hear is "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin. It was first performed on NBC radio on Christmas Day 1941 by Bing Crosby who also sang it in the 1942 musical "Holiday Inn". It won an Oscar for Best Original Song. An oldie maybe but it has stood the test of time. **Merry Christmas!**

Patrick Landucci

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - DECEMBER/JANUARY

DECEMBER

3rd December 10am Rev Rachel Larkinson Holy Communion

10th December. 11.15am

This is our United Gift Service led by Rev Rachel Larkinson. there will be a representative from the charity Action for Children at this service to receive our gifts. The charity appreciates gifts of money or gift vouchers as well as gifts for any age from 0 to teenagers.

17th December at 10am Mr Don Moorman

17th December at 5pm.

Our Candlelit Carol Service at which donations will be gladly received in aid of the homeless charity Jimmy's Night Shelter

24th December at 10am Local Arrangement service

Christmas Eve Holy Communion service at 11.30pm

31st December at 10am. Mrs Wendy Beard

JANUARY

7th January at 10am Rev Pam Siddall

14th January at 11.15 am. United Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Rachel Larkinson and Rev David Busk

21st January at 10am. Mrs Pauline Zahner

28th January at 10am. Rev Alan Taylor

ADVENT LUNCHESES

The last two advent lunches will be on:

Wednesday 6th December at the home of Christina Shepard, 20 Chequers Croft

Wednesday 13th December at the home of Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

The lunches are from 12.30 until 2pm. A simple lunch of bread, cheeses and chutneys and hot drinks is provided and for this a suggested donation of £5 plus. This year donations will be going to the charity Acorn Cancer Support Group

CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

The two churches in Hilton will be doing their traditional carol singing around the village on Tuesday 12th December, meeting at the parish church at 6pm. We always need as many singers as possible and people willing to be collectors. Refreshments and hot drinks served to warm you up afterwards.

Donations go to help the work of Save the Children



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, 2nd Dec and 6th Jan
10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. There will be the usual Fairtrade groceries, gifts and cards for sale. Tea and coffee and biscuits available for only £1 and profits are for Fairtrade and EACH. All are welcome, give us a try!

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - DECEMBER/JANUARY

<i>December 2017</i>		
Sunday 3rd	Advent 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 6th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch
Sunday 10th	Advent 2	
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC with children's activities in church
Tuesday 12th		
Hilton	6.00pm	Carols around the village – starting at Parish Church. See posters for route.
Wednesday 13th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch
Sunday 17th	Advent 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service at Methodist church
Sunday 24th	Christmas Eve	
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
Monday 25th	Christmas Day	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Sunday 31st	Christmas 1	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

Contact information:

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

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - DECEMBER/JANUARY

January 2018		
Sunday 7th	Epiphany 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Sunday 14th	Epiphany 2	
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Sunday 21st	Epiphany 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	Epiphany 4	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Monday 29th		
Hilton	9.30am	Tot's Praise

TOTS' PRAISE (0– 4 year olds) - HILTON

At our last session, we made a picture of David and the giant, Goliath and also our own bag of stones.

We don't meet in December but will start next year on Monday 29th January at 9.30am in the Parish Church.

All tots and their mums or carers are welcome to join us then – we would be pleased to see you.

Meanwhile, have a happy Christmas and New Year.

Come along for an hour of chat, story, singing, activity and bubbles.

Contact Linda (830660) or Laura (839110) for more details.

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 Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - DEC / JAN

December 2107		
Friday 1st	7.30 pm	TC (Teenage Christians) sponsored Advent Sleep-out Challenge in aid of the Church Urban Fund
Saturday 2nd	7.30 pm	Mulled Wine Evening in aid of the church organ restoration – for tickets phone 465211
Sunday 3rd	First Sunday of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young. Blessing of Cribs and stall. The travelling crib begins its journey around the village.
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service and Tea
Thursday 7th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 8th	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Carol singing with TC and friends starting at the Church Centre
Sunday 10th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	10.00 am	Worship for All Toy Service with a Baptism Gifts of toys are offered to the local social services. Please wrap your gifts and label girl/boy and suitable age.
	12.30 pm	Christmas Lunch at the Church Centre
Thursday 14th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 17th	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Rev Dr Clifford Owen. The British Legion will be commemorating William Tasker and Harry Cole of the village who fell 100 years ago in WW1 under the 'Every Man Remembered' programme.
	5.00 pm	Carol Service with Harvey Marshall - traditional carols and readings followed by mince pies and tea

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - DEC/ JAN

December 2107		
Monday 18th	11.00 am	School Carol Service
Thursday 21st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	11.00 am -2.00 pm	Christmas Crunch (crafts and lunch beginning in church to decorate the tree)
Sunday 24th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)	
	9.30 am	Family Communion with Canon Jonathan Young
	4.00 pm	Crib Service the Christmas Story for all the family
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion by extension with Harvey Marshall
Monday 25th	Christmas Day	
	10.00 am	Family Communion with Canon Jonathan Young
Sunday 31st	Christmas 1	
	9.30am	Holy Communion with Rev Canon Brian Atling

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January 2107		
Thursday 4th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 7th	Epiphany	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young
Thursday 11th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 12th	7.30-8.45 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 14th	Epiphany 2	
	10.00 am	Worship for All
Thursday 18th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 21st	Epiphany 3	
	9.30 am	Ecumenical Service at the URC
	6.00 pm	Evensong

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - DEC/ JAN

January 2107		
Thursday 25th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 26th	7.30-8.45 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 28th	Candlemas	
	9.30 am	Family Communion by extension with Harvey Marshall – Josie Charter will give a talk on her recent visit to Malawi for Aquaid
Thursday 1st Feb	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 4th	Second Sunday before Lent	
	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young

Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: There is currently no priest in Fenstanton.

Please direct all enquires to someone in the leadership team who will be happy to try and help.

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751, Ray Whitby 01480 370973 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 for baptism enquiries and general church matters.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund

FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk, 01480 496138.

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook

Design a Christmas Card Competition for Fenstanton Parish and United Reformed Churches

This year the entries were judged by Mr and Mrs Jack Wilderspin and they chose delightful designs by Alice Fewtrell aged 9 and James Smith aged 5. Both designs depict the nativity and capture the story at the heart of why we celebrate Christmas. Alice and James were presented with prize gift cards in a school assembly recently. Well done and thank you to all the children who took part. We had some beautiful designs (the judges said 'you gave us a hard and difficult task') and all the entries will be on display over Christmas in both churches so please do drop in to see them. Once again thank you to everyone who took the time to draw a design and take part. Katie Hucklesby.



Uniformed attendance at the Remembrance Service in Hilton Church

Everyman Remembered

St Ives Royal British Legion have been visiting Fenstanton Parish church over the past 3 years to join in with the commemorations of those from Fenstanton who fell during the first world war.

As part of these commemorations they will be joining us at our service on the 17th December to commemorate W R Tasker & H J Cole as part of the Everyman Remembered programme.

If anyone is a descendant of these two men or knows anyone from their families and could share any details that could be included in the service, please contact the church wardens.

Philip Blunt 01480 416715
Ray Whitby 10480 370393

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - DECEMBER/ JANUARY

Advent Course begins Monday 27th November—Monday 18th December at 7.00pm

PREACHER PLAN DEC/JAN 2017/2018

3RD December Rev Derek Newton
10th Rev Dr Catherine Ball with
Holy Communion
17th Mrs Geraldine Swain
24th Rev Roy Muttrum
25th Rev Dr Catherine Ball.
31st Mr Keith Cakebread

7th January Rev Derek Newton
14th Rev Dr Catherine Ball with
Holy Communion

14th Evening Service 6-00pm Mr Josh Thomas

21st Rev Dr Catherine Ball the Parish Church will join us for this service

We are looking for a Keyboard organist or piano player for our Sunday morning services.

This is not for every Sunday, dates to be arranged.

There is a small remuneration for this. For more details please ring Jean on 01480 498221

Events in December/ January

Knitters and Natters 5th 19th December, 2nd 16th 30th January
10-00am -12-00 noon

Tuesday Lunch 12th December, 9th January

Coffee and chat 26th December, 23^{r.d} January

Sewing Bee every Tuesday 10-00am -1-00pm

Meditation restarts January 9th 2-00pm

Book Sale 16th December, 20th January

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.

Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ON
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
4-00PM

**ACCOMPANIED BY
THE BURY AND RAMSEY
CONCERT BAND**



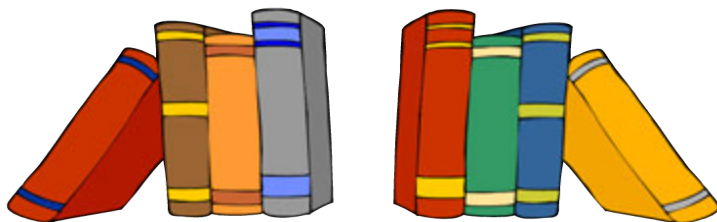
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COLLECTION FOR RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED AND THE BAND.**

FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND
NATTERS 10TH BIRTHDAY , CAKE
MADE BY EILEEN DANCE, 30
KNITTERS ENJOYED A BRING
AND SHARE LUNCH AND
BIRTHDAY CAKE.



**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET**

BOOK SALE



SATURDAY DEC 16TH &

JAN 20TH

9-30AM- 12- NOON

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SATURDAY 2nd DEC 10:00am - 4:00PM
SUNDAY 3rd DEC 11:00am - 4:00PM

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Our services schedule through the Christmas is as follows:

December 17th from 10am All are invited to our Holy Ghost Power Packed inter denominational Services Carols / Nativity Service with church Christmas Party after

Christmas Service - December 24th from 10am

Last Sunday of year Service - December 31st from 10am

End of year to beginning of new year Night Vigil - December 31st from 10pm

First Sunday of 2018 Celebration Service - January 7th from 10am

and then regular church services every Sunday thereafter from 10am. God bless you richly.

Please visit our website for more information

Pastor Simeon & Pastor Joyce

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Ives, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Services: start at 10.30am,
at 2, Burrel Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store)
St. Ives, PE27 3LE.

Come along to our lovely new church building for some lively worship and to 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** and a **Men's' Prayer Meeting** early on Friday mornings.

There is: **A Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds on Friday nights in term-time, 7pm- 9pm; **Babies and Toddlers group** at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time; **Craft Clubs** meet at 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons and **A Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets on a Tuesday.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

Children's church at the Bridge Church 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 of 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 times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801.

Fenstanton Parish Church

We have lots of special activities and services in the coming weeks especially for children and families but EVERYONE is welcome to join us.



Advent Adventure. Hidden around the village in shop, business and house windows are 10 little knitted sheep like this one. As you post your Christmas cards or shop for friends, can you spot them all and then come to our Crib Service (details below) and see how many little sheep are in church on that very special night

Sunday 3rd December 9.30am. Parish Communion with Sunday Club. Come to church and bring any Crib Sets you have at home to be blessed during the service. We will also bless our travelling Crib as this is the start of advent, before it begins its journey around the village. Refreshments served after the service and a stall selling cribs too.



Christingle Service and Tea is on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm. Please come along with family, friends, grandparents etc to this afternoon service and tea in aid of The Children's Society. This all- age service is partly candle-lit and all the children will receive a "Christingle" orange. Why not wear something orange too? Everyone is invited to stay for tea afterwards. Lots of information about the important work of The Children's Society at www.christingle.org.uk

Come and join us for our annual Toy Service with baptism on Sunday 10th December at 10am. Wrapped gifts of new toys will be received for local disadvantaged children this Christmas. Please mark your gift girl/boy and suitable age. Thank you.



Our Toy service is followed by our Christmas Lunch from 12.30pm in the Church Centre. A traditional roast turkey dinner followed by trifle or chocolate log. Includes a glass of wine for adults and fruit juice for children. Come and join us, whether as a family or on your own for a delicious meal. Tickets £10 adults £4 child 3-16yrs (Under 3's free.) Ring Katie on 465211 for tickets.

CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

New this year.....Thursday 21st December Christmas Crunch 11am-2pm come and help us decorate the BI&G Church Christmas Tree in church and then move to the Church Centre for crafts, activities and lunch together.

At our Crib service at 4pm on Christmas Eve we will hear The Christmas Story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, sing well known carols and place the figures in the Crib. Children are welcome to dress up in nativity costumes.



On Christmas morning, do join us in celebrating Jesus's birth together at our 10am informal Family Communion Service. All excited children (and grown ups) welcome on this very special morning.

Everyone is most welcome at all or any of our special events and services

For further information on any of our Services or events please email ikhuck@virginmedia.com or phone 465211

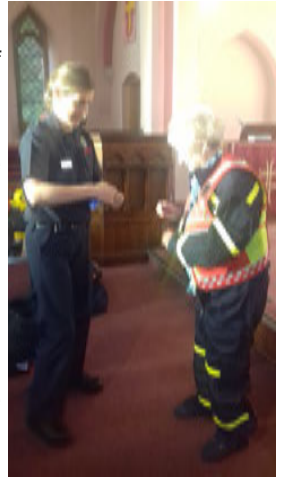
THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

25th October

Bryan Jones gave us an insight into the workings of the British Legion. I think all of us were amazed at the diverse nature of help offered to members of the armed forces and their families. The Poppy Appeal is so important to the continuation of this good work and our support is so necessary. Let us all "Remember Them" and ensure that future generations are aware of the sacrifices made that we may have freedom.

8th November

We had an extraordinary afternoon learning about the training and duties of a Firefighter in Ramsey. Helen Cryer taught us well about her decision to join the force and the tests she took in order to be accepted for training. To demonstrate the clothing worn to fight a fire, Jean Ding volunteered to dress up as a firefighter to the delight of those of us watching!!!. She was weighed down as the uniform is very heavy and rapidly became unrecognizable when the mask was put on. The demonstration with both Jean Ding and Greta Nurse was hilarious but we did see the serious side of the work that firefighters do and are full of admiration for Helen and all other firefighters who risk their lives for our safety. Thank you.



Our holiday in Eastbourne was a great success, the weather was really kind to us, the Hotel good, the excursions, with a very knowledgeable driver, excellent and of course the company was fantastic. We hope to repeat the experience in 2018 in a different format. We will have discussions with all those that are interested in joining us for a break.

Upcoming Events: -

6th December

Our Christmas afternoon tea.

We don't meet in January, but the Club meetings will resume on the

14th February

A flower arranging demonstration with Beverly.

28th February

A talk from a representative of Woodgreen Animal Shelter.

We meet in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street every other week on Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. Lots of things planned for 2018, come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

Please contact Marie Newns 01480 350677 We would love to see new members, come along and check us out.

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Who are the Fen Shanty Folk?

We are a new group singing a mixture of shanties, folk and popular songs purely for the pleasure of being able to do it.

We meet every Thursday night in the newly refurbished Church Centre for two hours from 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in why not come along? If you can play a folk related instrument and would like to join in we would love to see you. You can find out details from

Ray on 01480 370973 or email ray@srobb.co.uk

Christmas FAYRE

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust



Friday 1st December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm

The Fenstanton Village Hall
Grand Christmas Draw at 7.15pm

1st Prize £200 worth of John Lewis vouchers

2nd Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper

3rd Prize Mixed Case of Wine

And many other locally-sourced prizes

Christmas Market, Carols
and Scouts' Stall and Games with
Refreshments including Mulled Wine,
Mince Pies and Christmas Biscuits.

Raffle tickets available from Ron's Farm Shop and the Post Office.

Fenstanton and a Victorian Christmas:

Over the past three years I have guided you through Christmas in Fenstanton, covering the Saxon, Medieval and Tudor periods. This Christmas I would like to conclude our travels with a Victorian Christmas.

We have to be careful when talking about the Victorian period as this covered the 63 years that Queen Victoria reigned. The final years of her reign bore no resemblance to the early years. England and her people had changed from an agrarian society to one that had embraced the new industrial age. It would be true to say that people's idea of Christmas and their financial means to pay for it would have changed dramatically over those 63 years. It's hard to imagine now, but at the beginning of the 19th century Christmas was hardly celebrated. Many businesses did not even consider it a holiday. However by the end of the century it had become the biggest annual celebration and took on the form that we recognise today.

So it is now Christmas day in late Victorian Fenstanton. What do we see in the homes of the average farm servant, farm labourer or as they are more commonly known, the agricultural labourer? For those who had a faith, Christmas Day was celebrated with a special Mass in the parish church and heralded by the peal of Church bells. The traditional Christmas Church service consisted of carol-singing and scripture readings. Then home to whatever Christmas meal they could afford.

Even in the humblest farm labourer's household, Christmas dinner was a very special occasion, perhaps with a fowl of some sort, apple sauce and mashed potatoes followed by Christmas pudding. As few agricultural workers cottages had an oven, it was common for a poor family to carry their Christmas dinners to the baker's shops to be cooked. Dickens mentions this custom in one of his books. I know that my maternal grandparents did this in London on Sundays and on Christmas day, at the start of the 20th century. Twelfth Night cakes were also traditional, with their hidden dried bean and pea baked into them: whoever found these became King and Queen of Twelfth Night. Both these foods were later transformed into Christmas fare: plum pudding and Christmas cake.

For the very, very poor, local charities would provide a simple meal, there would be plum porridge, a beef broth thickened with bread and flavoured with dried fruit, wine and spices. A farm servant with a large family could barely feed themselves throughout the year and there would not have been an opportunity to save money for a Christmas feast. Unfortunately all our village Victorian ancestors died out many years ago and their children have also passed on. I have spoken with some of the grandchildren and asked for their grandparent's stories but there are very few memories to share.

One story gives us a flavour of a working man's Christmas meal at that time. *"Our Dad, was born in 1908, he was the eighth of ten children born in a small farm in Fenstanton. He always said they had rabbit for Christmas dinner with vegetables and bread pudding. The bread pudding had holly on the top! They put their socks out Christmas night and enjoyed the nuts and apples and a sweet wrapped in paper in them in the morning, he remembered the girls having ribbon in their stockings. From what he said, Christmas Day lasted for three days with people visiting and being visited, I get the impression families were out in the street more. There were lots of games and sing songs with a fair amount of drinking for the menfolk. He seemed to enjoy Christmas although it was very different to what we enjoy today".*

From other comments that I have received it would appear the above story was not at all unusual. One person said to me that all the time they were growing up and all the stories they were told, their parent's Christmas was never mentioned. It would indicate that Christmas did not rate very high with working people. My own mother (born 1915) said that their family never had any Christmas presents or special meals; they were just too poor to pay for them.

After Christmas dinner, most families would settle down around their fire hearth, enjoying together some fruit and chestnuts roasted on the fire. In more prosperous families, Christmas dinner usually ended with gift-giving and pulling of Christmas Crackers (an invention in 1847 by the Londoner Tom Smith). The day would be rounded off with music, carol-singing and parlour games such as Forfeits and Blind Man's Bluff.

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Applications

At its last meeting on 9 November Parish Council was pleased to agree funding grants to The Rainbow Guiding Group and Fenstanton Sports Day Committee.

Maintenance work to Chequer Street Car Park – problem area

The Parish Council has been made aware of the current problem with youths (noise and drug use) at this carpark. We have authorized a full cutting back of the hedges in this area in the hope that this will deter those gathering there. Notices will be placed on any cars in the car park prior to the work, which will take place on a weekend during the daytime, asking the owners not to use the carpark on that day.

Dog Fouling

Following the report of an unpleasant incident at the Hampton open space of dog mess being spread during a football match, the Parish Council has been in contact with HDC for additional bins and extra signage. We would make a firm request to dog owners to please keep your dogs on leads in public spaces and to clear up any mess in the appropriate manner.

Tree Trimming

The indiscriminate cutting back of trees on land belonging to others continues. Please be aware this is a criminal offence if carried out without the owner's permission. If you have any concerns about trees in the village please report directly to HDC or to Annette in the office who can establish responsibility for the trees.



Our grateful thanks again to Chris and Lisa Jablonski, Pete Loomis and Chris Behagg for organizing the autumn pond cleaning.

Chris Jablonski and Pete Loomis on the left in action, snapped by Lisa.

First Parish Council Meeting Date for 2018

The first full meeting of 2018 will take place on Thursday 11 January. **CONTACT WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL**

IF ANY RESIDENT HAS ANY CONCERNS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE VILLAGE PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE CLERK ON THE NUMBER BELOW. IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO TALK IN PERSON YOU WOULD BE VERY WELCOME TO CALL INTO THE OFFICE. **ALTERNATIVELY IF YOU CANNOT GET EASILY TO ST IVES PLEASE CALL ANNETTE AND SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO COME INTO THE VILLAGE TO SEE YOU AT HOME.**

Annette Eggett – Parish Clerk

E : clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

T : 01480 465 300

www.fenstanton-village.co.uk/parish_council.php



Fenstanton Football Club

If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season, here are **October's home fixtures** –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF	COMPETITION
02/12/17	Reserve Team	Littleport Town Reserves	2pm	League Match
09/12/17	First Team	Chatteris Town Reserves	2pm	League Match
23/12/17	Reserve Team	Wicken	2pm	League Match
06/01/18	First Team	Houghton and Wyton	2pm	League Match
13/01/18	Reserve Team	Marchester United	2pm	League Match
20/01/18	First Team	AFC Barley Mow	2pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change. Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at www.fenstantonfootball.club

FENSTANTON WI

Now that the days are shorter and summer has faded into autumn it was wonderful to see pictures of a garden in its full summer glory – the Fenland garden of Neil and Claire Callan who came along to our November meeting to tell us about the creation of their ¾ acre plant-lovers' garden, Horseshoe Farm, which they open under the National Garden Scheme raising money for charity.

Moving from Berkshire when they retired as teachers, they took on the mammoth task of transforming a very neglected overgrown site into a stunning garden and haven for wildlife. Taking 7 years to develop the plot now includes a pond, a bog garden, colourful island flowerbeds, a wildflower meadow and a raised platform for views over the Fens and bird watching. A true labour of love.

Meetings programme:

December 7th – A Christmas Cracker – Vic Botterill - 7pm Start

Our first meeting in 2018 will be on February 1st when we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

If you are interested in knowing more on what we are and do you can email our secretary Deborah Markl – marklquinn@gmail.com

We meet on the first Thursday of the month (except January) at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

FENSTANTON SURGERY

Northcote House & Fenstanton Surgeries- our latest news



Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who sent in your comments about our proposal to close Northcote House and transfer all our services to our surgery at Fenstanton. Your



comments were much appreciated and will be taken into account when we submit our application.

However, we can now let you know that we are taking the first steps towards merging with two other practices, one in St Ives and another in the surrounding area. This would mean that although we would still need to apply to close Northcote House, we would be part of a larger group and our patients could still be seen by Dr Boukersi (if you so wish) at Fenstanton or at an alternative site in St Ives. On completion of the merger there would then be a choice of permanent GPs (both male and female) with whom our patients may consult at any one of the three sites.

We feel that this is a very positive and exciting move for us and all our patients; it will ensure continuity of care and in fact will enable us to increase the services we currently offer. We plan to open Fenstanton from Monday to Friday for both morning and afternoon doctor and nurse clinics. We will still offer some "early bird appointments" for those needing a blood test or consultation with a nurse prior to going to work and we will also be offering some occasional Saturday morning appointments with a doctor or nurse. This will ensure that we provide enough appointments for the growing population of Fenstanton and the surrounding villages.

The planned merger will also have the effect of making all three practices much more resilient and able to cope with the demands of the constantly evolving NHS.

We therefore would like to reassure everyone that our current services will still be available at both Fenstanton and Northcote House for at least the next few months. If our application to close Northcote House is approved then our services will not only be offered at an alternative location in St Ives but also in Fenstanton & the surrounding area. We will keep you updated with further details about the merger as they become available.

As many patients as possible will be encouraged to use the Chequer Street car park when visiting the surgery in Fenstanton to avoid adding to the congestion around the clock tower and High Street. We plan to have both a designated disabled parking space and an ambulance bay in the car park behind the surgery,

Should you have any questions about the above or would like to make further comments about how we provide medical services in the area please do not hesitate to contact me at the surgery.



Finally we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.



Jenny Parker
Practice Manager

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : www.swavesey surgery.nhs.uk

**You can use our website to;
register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat
medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more.....**



Christmas Opening

The surgery and dispensary will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, all other days we will be open as normal.

If you need urgent care when the surgery is closed please call '111'



Parking

We are aware that parking is not easy for the surgery but could we please ask that patients park with consideration.



Medication Ordering

Please can you ensure that you allow enough time when requesting your medication before and during the festive season

On 20th
October the
pupils at

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
still "Passionate about learning"

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary had the pleasure of presenting 80 'Love in a box' parcels to Mrs Jenny Stimpson. Many of you will know the boxes are for children in orphanages in Moldova, this box may be the only present they receive this Christmas. The children and parents in school were so generous this year, donating their own toys, sweets and buying personal items such as tooth brushes and soap to add to the boxes, we were even able to donate bags of items which we had left over to help complete other boxes elsewhere.

Our school councillors spent several of their lunchtimes with Mrs Stimpson as they filled the boxes from scratch. We are very proud of our children for the love and enthusiasm they have for this special project, we are looking forward to seeing the photos as they make their way to Moldova. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us to beat our record from last year. Maybe next year we can reach 90...

Mrs Mary Carminati



Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 12.00noon.



We are now back in the newly renovated Church Centre and would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Laura Wilks 07568321505 laurabarnett20@hotmail.com.

Consultation on Economic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Monday 30 October 2017 and endorsed the proposed response to Huntingdonshire County Council. This response can be found on our website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

We would also like to thank all those who took the time to post their own responses on the consultation website prior to the consultation closing on 3 November 2017.

Meeting of the Parish Council on 6 November 2017

Fireworks and Bonfire Saturday 4 November 2017

The annual bonfire and firework display was another good event. The Parish Council would like to thank the firework committee for their hard work in putting on such a good show, Feast Week for providing the refreshments and all those involved in marshalling and collecting the gate money.

A14

Members of the A14 working group met recently with representatives from Highways England for an update on progress and to discuss construction traffic in the village.

Overall work on the route is on schedule although there are some parts that are ahead and some slightly behind. The bridge on the A1198 near Wood Green was opened a number of months ahead of plan to allow the earth excavated from the cutting to be transported under the A1198 rather than over which would have created many delays. Archaeological excavations at other sites including the proposed borrow pits between the B1040 and the Fenstanton Low Road has meant a delay in opening that site for material extraction hence the need to bring forward transportation of the earth from the other side of the A1198.

We were also advised that to date there have been no material changes to the design. The new bridge on the B1040 is planned to be open in March 2018 and the bridge on the Fenstanton Low Road should be completed in May 2018. The bridge near Connington is planned to be completed in August 2018.

There has been further discussion within Highways England concerning construction traffic. The original Development Consent Order set out that no delivery vehicles should come through the village. Highways England then made a commitment that no other construction traffic should come through Hilton although this has clearly not been adhered to by all involved. Highways England are advising all their contractors and sub-contractors that they can only come through the village if their haul road is unusable because of weather conditions or there are severe traffic problems on the A14. It is hoped that this message will be better respected in the future. Highways England vehicles now have a telematics system fitted and that should help to reduce the instances of their vehicles coming into Hilton.

The Parish Council have been asked to continue to advise Highways England of any construction vehicles observed passing through the village. Please report registration numbers, date and time to our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez.

HGV's through the village

Instances of HGV's coming through the village in restricted hours have been reported to the police. We were also advised by Highways England that they are making greater use of the police at times when the A14 is shut to direct HGV's down the A1198 at the Godmanchester exit which they feel has improved the situation..

Junction at Gravely Way/Potton Road

We have been advised by Cambridgeshire County Council that there is no funding currently available for any significant alterations to this junction. The Parish Council are investigating any options further

Buses

By the time you read this you should have received a short survey from the Parish Council seeking your views on bus usage. Hopefully you have felt able to complete this as it will help in further discussion with Cambridgeshire County Council based on demand. The Parish Council have also approached St Ives Town Council who were proposing coordinating a response from local villages.

Website and email contacts

We took the decision to launch the new website toward the end of October and there is a link on the old website that will take you to the new site. The address is www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

The Parish Council would like to establish a list of emails addresses from Parishioners in order that it can circulate important information should there be a need. At the same time as distributing the Bus Survey we also sent out an invitation to include your details in this list.

The Parish Council will only include individuals who ask to be included in this email chain and you will always have the option to withdraw your details.

If you have missed the flyer and would like to be included please email our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com or use the contact page on the new website.

Precept

The Parish Council agreed to request an increase the precept of just less than 1.9% to £28,090 for the year 2018/19.

Hedge in the Wilderness

The work in cutting back the hedge in the wilderness to ensure a wide enough passage is available for agricultural vehicles to stay on the made up lane through the Wilderness has been completed.

Trees

Further essential tree maintenance will be carried out and the logs from these works will be left for villagers to collect. As always we would ask that villagers be considerate in how much they take to allow everyone who would like some wood to have the opportunity to do so.

Next Meetings

The next date for the full meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 4 December 2017 at 19:30 in the Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who would like to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

As this will be the last Spectrum of 2017 the Parish Council would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The first Parish Council meeting of 2018 is scheduled to take place on Monday 5 February 2018, again at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hiltonparishcouncil.com and on the three village notice boards.

The festive season is here again so join CambridgePPF this December as we prepare good tidings for the whole family in the run-up to the big day. Make yours a crafty Christmas with chances for children to make rustic decorations and a wreath weaving event just for grown-ups. If you fancy a touch of terror then don't miss out on the spooky goings-on at the atmospheric Leper Chapel – the *in situ* experimental theatre company will be returning to tell some haunting tales that are guaranteed to send chills down your spine. Or if you prefer exercise to raise your pulse there's a volunteer activity caring for the beautiful Coton Reserve and its wildlife, as well as Nordic and healthy walking around wonderful Wandlebury. Then wrap up your perfect family Christmas with traditional Carols by candlelight and a Christmas Eve Midnight Communion. All we need now is some snow!



Christmas Wreath Weaving for Adults Saturday 2 December: 11am to 1pm

Theatre at the Leper Chapel with *in situ: Tales of Mystery and Imagination*
Saturday 2 December: 8pm

Healthy Walking Thursday 7, 14, 21 December: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Volunteer work party day - woods and trees at Coton Countryside Reserve
Wednesday 13 December: 10am to 3pm

Nordic Walking Wednesday 13 December: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start

Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel with *in situ*: Saturday 16 December: 8pm

Children's Christmas Crafts Sunday 17 December: 11am to 4pm

Christmas Carols at the Leper Chapel Sunday 17 December: 6.30pm to 8pm

Outdoor Craft & Storytelling for Children Wednesday 20 December: 10.30am to 11.30am

Midnight Communion at the Leper Chapel Sunday 24 December: 11.30pm to 12.30am

A Christmas to remember with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF)

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

HILTON BRITISH LEGION

Thank you very, very much to all of Hilton's wonderful collectors and all at the Prince of Wales, the Shop and Monach Farm during this year's Poppy Appeal. At the time of sending this item to press the total counted so far stands at a superb £1,158.55, as yet does not include our businesses supporters' contributions, and we will publish the final amount donated on the notice boards and the village website as soon as possible then also in the February Spectrum. This year, for the first time, we also thank the management at the Bentley Showroom, Barkley Grange and also the staff of Costains at the Ermine Street Compound 3 on the A1198 currently building the A14 of whom at their request the manager contacted the Royal British Legion to ask for a collecting box and we were happy to oblige.

The final national total for the year to the end of September is now confirmed at £46.5 million, the highest ever total and the first time it has exceeded £46 million. Shane Crowhurst, Head of Poppy Appeal based at Aylesford writes, "This is an incredible testament to your passion and dedication which are at the core of the Royal British Legion's values - so thank you".

The congregation who gathered at the Lychgate on Remembrance Sunday was probably the largest for a number of years and equally for the morning service which followed - in spite of the piercingly cold wind. The Fenstanton and Hilton Guides, Brownies and Rainbows under the guidance of leader Claire Pitcher paraded from the village hall to the Lychgate with their Standards for the two minute silence. Led this year by the Reverend Rachel Larkinson, the ceremony included the customary Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille after which a retired Royal Air Force serviceman, the grandfather of one of the Brownies, read the World War One names, from the plaque at the lychgate, two of the Guides placed the World War Two wreath and read the names there and David East spoke the Exhortation after which further remaining Brownies and Rainbows also placed the guiding wreaths. During the morning service in the church one Brownie had written her own tribute and another read the lesson. It is both welcoming and encouraging to have the young people to participate in this event so regularly.

Finally, the Cambridge News in September 1917 reported a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Standing Joint Committee which agreed to fix the price of a 4 pound loaf at 11d (approximately 5p) "For the purpose of a war bonus to the Police". However, a suggestion was rejected that, "Police with families should be allowed an extra war bonus of one shilling a week for each child under 14 years of age if they were not earning any money". These were indeed hard times and one wonders both how much was the policeman's wage in terms of that denied extra shilling and how far it could all stretch.

Once again, thank you all on behalf of servicemen and women past and present and their families who will benefit from your very generous donations through the Royal British Legion.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

Hilton Feast Week

As you all know, Feast Week is dependent on the money raised throughout the year at our fundraising events and the new Feast Week Committee is busy planning for next year. We're mixing it up and have some exciting new ideas in the pipeline alongside some of the tried and tested favourites.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ø **SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2017 – Closing date for entries to the Hilton village calendar photography competition**

Submit your entries by email to feastweekcommittee@gmail.com or in person to Hannah Hinton at 2 The Aisled Barn

Ø **SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017 – Hilton village calendar photography exhibition 11.30am-2.30pm in the Parish Church**

View the stunning entries and vote for your favourites, whilst enjoying a nice cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake. Pre-orders for the calendar are already open on our website (details below)

Ø **SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2018 – Burns Night 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Come and enjoy a traditional haggis supper with a wee dram of whisky on a cold January evening

Ø **SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018 – Quiz Night in the Village Hall**

Round up your brainiest friends and family for an evening of quizzing fun

Ø **SUNDAY 29 JULY TO 5 AUGUST 2018 – Feast Week 2018!**

If there is another event you would like your Committee to consider, please send your ideas to us!

NEW WEBSITE

For further details on all of these events and for the latest news on Feast Week 2018, check out our lovely new website www.feastweek.co.uk

You can also reserve tickets for upcoming events and purchase fundraising items, including the Hilton 2018 Calendar (£7).

200 CLUB

Christmas is just around the corner, why not get your friends and family a gift that can just keep giving!

Buy a 200 Club number for just £5 a month and give them a chance of winning a cash prize of up to £200 each month. Full details/entry forms can be found on our website or you can contact any one of the Committee for more information.

2018 COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs – Hannah Hinton and Guy Martin

Secretary – Lynne Radbone

Treasurer – Joe Holmes

Committee members – Craig Sutherland, Judy Ward, Emma Northwood, John Hutchinson, Emma Stubbs

KNITTED BIBLE IN HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

Did you read about it in Spectrum?
Did you follow a fish trail?
Which character was your personal favourite?



“Amazing!” “Wonderful!” and “It’s much better than I thought it would be!” Those were the typical reactions of the many visitors – more than 250 of them – who came to see the Knitted Bible display in Hilton Methodist Church. Whether they had read about the Knitted Bible in Spectrum,

seen the posters or heard about the 34 scenes from the Bible from someone else, the stream of people who arrived to marvel at the Knitted Bible at Hilton were all filled with expectation. Everyone was touched to see grandparents, parents, carers and friends taking the time to tell the stories to their grandchildren. What a joy that cyclists and walkers who were out and about for the afternoon, dropped in to see for themselves what others were talking about! In the Sunday School (the church hall next door) all were invited to a celebration cake and a tea, coffee or squash. What super large cakes there were on offer. Some people also took the opportunity to purchase their Christmas fair trade goods. A big thank you to all who supported the event. Please do look out for our future displays and events.

We raised from donations in the church £455.42 for Christian Aid Refreshments from this weekend and our monthly coffee mornings raised £240 for EACH

HILTON ART CLUB

The last art session was Woodland Scenes: Treetops and Forest Floors. Artwork included forest scenes, studies of leaves and berries and lots of brilliant scenes. We noticed that there were quite a few pastels this time and perhaps this came from our previous pastel workshop! We had a great morning, enjoying the company and the cakes (provided by Jenny and Jill this time), as always.

This month, there is no session at the village hall. Instead, members will enjoy the annual Christmas lunch, which is being held at The Old Ferry Boat Inn in Holywell on 15th December at 12.30 pm.

19th January 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Hilton Village Hall Man-made Objects. Please bring your own pictures/props.

Mobile Library



DON'T FORGET that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Vegetable Facts

Did you know that:

1. Raw carrot has less nutritional value than cooked. Beta-carotene is only released by cooking.
2. More parsnips are grown in the UK than in any other part of the world.
3. American General Grant said, "I'll not move my army without onions"
4. The Roman Emperor Diocletian ruled 284-305 and retired from the Roman Empire to grow cabbages in Split, now in Croatia
5. Originally aubergines were white which is why they are also known as egg plants.

The Produce Show thanks all supporters and contributors and sends warm seasonal greetings! Happy Cooking and Eating!

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 Nicola Webster on nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Find Us on Facebook

What have 200 people, a knitted nativity set and a flock of sheep got in common?

Yes, that's right, they all attend the Crib Service in Hilton every year. In the run up to the service, our knitted Mary & Joseph spent the whole of Advent travelling around the village, staying with a different family every night. Their journey was intended to reflect that time, over 2000 years ago, when the real Mary & Joseph travelled all the way to Bethlehem only to find that there was no room in the inn. Fortunately for our weary pair, they were welcomed into people's homes throughout Hilton and did not have to spend the night in a stable. Mary & Joseph travelled with a flock of knitted sheep and, each time they moved on, one of the sheep stayed behind – to be reunited with the rest of the flock during the Crib Service.

Once again, this year, Mary & Joseph and their flock of sheep will be setting off around Hilton and are looking for places to stay. **Could you offer them a bed for the night?** What better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ than to welcome his parents into your own home or workplace! On the night of their visit, you could share a drink, a prayer or a meal with the previous hosts or maybe even organise a small party. We are also looking for sheep-knitting volunteers to help boost the flock numbers.

If you would like to take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration then please contact Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. The journey is open to everyone – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas!

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

November 6th, we had a wonderful afternoon with Amy Jones giving us a flower demonstration on Christmas arrangements. Amy did 5 great arrangements which 5 lucky ladies won in the raffle to take home. Amy also kept us entertained with her stories, we will look forward to seeing Amy again.

DECEMBER 4th is our Christmas party, we hope you will all come along and join in our end of season festivities.

Chris and Roy from Two's Company will be entertaining us with 50/60s music, so looking forward to seeing you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY 5TH 2018

Beverley and June will be doing the flower demonstration so come along and join in the fun.

See you all in 2018

Beverley.

Hilton Village hall 2pm --4pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

Every body welcome Beverley

HILTON WI

We welcomed three new committee members at our November meeting. Treasurer Anne and Sue and Pauline who are sharing the job of secretary. The business was soon dealt with as we had the prospect of tasting and buying some gorgeous handmade chocolates.

We were not disappointed !The way these chocolates are made is quite different to the commercial way only the best cocoa is used and no sugar is added only natural sugars from the fruit that is used as flavouring.

Ethel Miller first made her chocolates when her granddaughter was ill and is still finding new flavours such as summer fruits which she adds to the chocolate and even chilli which has an unusual but pleasant aftertaste.

She used to buy the basic chocolate which includes cocoa butter from Venezuela but can now obtain it in England through an agent.

As she has retired she decided to make her hobby into a small business. Her produce can be eaten by diabetics and also it is suitable for children or adults or even for most

people with allergies as it has no additives such as salt or sugar but one of her delicious chocolates has pure alcohol in it and many of them have dried raspberries or oranges and lemons.

She gave us a brief history of how the cocoa is produced and refined but said that commercial chocolate made by Cadbury and Fry and many others all take out the real cocoa butter and use palm oil so they have to add sugar to sweeten their product so it is not pure chocolate any more. It was a very interesting and informative talk and of course we all had a taster and couldn't wait to buy some of her gorgeous chocolates.

Next month will be our Christmas party when everyone takes a small plate of food and a Secret Santa present and we all have an evening of fun and fine food.

Our speaker for January will be Helen Tilley who makes Fascinators so that will be a fascinating start to the New Year!

Kath Charter

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SKI BUDDIES 2018 SUPPORTING WOUNDED VETERANS

In March 2018, I will be joining around 26 Veterans and a similar number of volunteer Ski Buddies and medically trained specialists, for a ski based induction and support week in the Swiss Alps. The Ski Week is the start of the ongoing rehabilitation programme involving mentoring, pain management and the searching and securing of jobs and work placements. Every Veteran involved has sustained permanent life altering injuries - mostly from Afghanistan or Iraq. They range from severe physical injuries to combat stress (PTSD).

Please see the link below for more details. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you Victoria Earl

<https://buddies2018.everydayhero.com/uk/victoria-earl>

HILTON WI TRIP TO KENSINGTON PALACE

On a recent trip to Kensington Palace, Hilton WI Members and friends were able to view, first hand, the lovely collection of Princess Diana's dresses, these items were beautifully displayed throughout several rooms, and photos show just a sample of the intricate embroidery and stunning fabrics which were used for these creations. We then realised there was a further exhibition laying out the early years of Princess Victoria - very topical at the moment with the new film and TV series. This exhibition of her dresses, her 4' 11" height was brought into sharp relief - given she was SO tiny. There were also a couple of talks throughout the rest of the afternoon, all done in a very and, at times, comical way, all adding to this fascinating display. And, of course, Princess this Palace is where the young Queen grew up until the day she was declared Queen. Some of us did not have time to complete all the rooms before we had to make our way back to the coach.

If anyone is thinking of going to the Palace, please feel free to give me a call (830250) and I can pass on 'hints and tips' for you to enjoy your visit.

Doreen Bates



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'

WHAT'S on in December/ January

1st	Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Christmas Fayre	Clock Tower	6:30pm	P27
2nd/3rd	Christmas Tree Festival	Fenstanton URC	Various	P21
2nd	Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church	10:00am	P19
4th	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30pm	P37
4th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00pm	P50
6th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00	P26
7th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30	P31
10th	Christmas Carols	Fenstanton URC	4:00pm	P20
15th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30am	P47
16th	Book sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P21
Various	Hilton Feast Week			P45
Jan				
6th	Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church	10:00am	P19
11th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30pm	P30
19th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30am	P47
20th	Book sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P21
Feb				
1st	Fenstanton WI 100th Birthday			P31

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p35)
 Hilton Baby & Toddler (p449)
 Sewing Bee at URC (p19)
 Shanty Folk (p26)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p19)
 Coffee & chat (p19)
 Tuesday Lunch (p19)
 Friendship Club (p26)

**For Church
 services etc. see
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