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

Tots' Praise has enjoyed lots of happy times over the years but times change and with the demanding lives everybody leads, we have had sporadic attendance recently.

It would seem that now is the time for us to join with Friday Feast, when all the family can enjoy time together in Church.

Thank you to everyone – helpers, Mums, Grandparents and tots- who have been a part of Tots' Praise since Doreen Prescott had the idea of introducing little people to church back in 2009.

We wish you all well and hope that you will continue to join us at the monthly Friday Feast, which will next be held on Friday 16th November at 5 30pm. in Hilton Parish Church. See you there!

Linda, Cheska and Lesley

LETTERS & NOTICES

I have noticed references to Honey Hill and Chequer Street Greens in recent Parish council reports

I suspect these are heading towards another dose of "heritage" concrete blocks that made the United Reform Church green such a strong contender for the Sterling Prize

Most observers of the Chequer Street green will know that 90% of the damage is caused by a single particular motorist pulling up onto the green and that the off-road capabilities of his vehicle will easily mount anything short of a crash barrier

I note that other land owners such as supermarket carparks who wish to control parking sell the rights to collect penalty fees

The parish council might consider this to enforce the bylaws to gain funds rather spend them

Frank Brewer Chequer Street

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT and BREAST CANCER CARE Fundraising success.

We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who came to our Macmillan coffee morning in September and generously donated raffle prizes, gorgeous cakes, scones and savouries to make it such a success. We raised a huge amount of **£405.50p**, from the raffle and your kind donations in the box, all on beautiful sunny day.

Then in October we held a Cheese and wine evening on Wear it Pink Day in aid of Breast cancer Care, where we raised an amazing **£452.00** from everyone's kind donations and the raffle, plus we had donations from friends who couldn't come along on the night too.

Thank-you so much for all the amazing support we have had from everyone, we are so grateful to live in such a wonderful village in Hilton with so much genuine kindness and care.

Sharon Walker and Darren Holmes..

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's appeal. It has been amazing once again how generous you all have been. Lots of people have filled boxes, given bags full of items ready to make up boxes and had money given me or pushed through the letter box.

I had the pleasure to work with the primary school again where the school council help to sort,

and then fill the boxes with the items the children have taken to school (thank you parents) The school managed 96 full boxes this year plus two bags of extra items.

My grand total for this year from the school, Fenstanton village and surrounding area was 196, we join them with Fen Drayton and altogether 208 were collected by the charity and taken to Eastbourne to the warehouse. At the beginning of December, they will start their long journey to Moldova where children in hospitals and orphanages will receive a shoe box on Christmas morning.

I do not know everyone in person who has donated but I say your generosity overwhelms me, I could not do this without your help.

Many thanks once again, Jenny

Local Weather Watch

As I was concluding my last article, the 7 day heatwave in early August had just ended, having concluded with two days just short of 32C (90F). Two days later the afternoon temperature was just 13.9C (56F) a difference of 18C (33F). Thereafter, in what was an exceptional summer, August turned out to be almost a “normal” summer month, i.e. some sun, several days with rain and a mixture of modestly warm and cooler days. If you were around in 1976 and remember the summer that year, August was completely dry and warm until the Bank Holiday at the end of the month when the drought was finally ended, heralding the start of a very wet autumn.

This year, up to 10th November, autumn has been quite different from the one of 1976. Days with temperatures well above average have kept on returning accompanied by a large number of days with cloudless blue skies and rain has been an infrequent visitor and has mostly delivered small amounts. So far it has mostly been a benign season, pleasantly warm with several reminders of summer. It has produced a season of beautiful colours and visual delight.

Once again, autumn so far has been largely devoid of frost. The only exception was when a surge of polar air extended across the UK on 26th October, giving a reminder of the colder days to come, the cold spell lasting a week. During this period there were 3 days with an air frost and there was even sleety rain on the 27th. The first frost occurred on the 29th, twenty days earlier than last year. A transformation back to mild conditions was brought courtesy of an ex-hurricane tracking northwards west of Britain, bringing southerly winds enhanced with the remnants of tropical air. Whilst western parts of the UK have experienced gales and periods of heavy rain, for the most part our region has been largely dry. Other parts of Europe have, however experienced exceptional rainstorms with gales and tornadoes. Particularly badly affected were Mediterranean parts of Spain, France and Italy, exceptionally so in northern Italy and Sicily. The northerly blast I mentioned earlier brought massive snowfalls in the Alps, raising the prospect of an early opening of the ski season.

I will finish with an odd curio and a couple of weather jokes for your Christmas crackers.

First, the curio. Was this an “Act of God”?

As we all know Americans like to do things in a big way. At the Solid Rock Church in Ohio, a statue of Christ 18 metres(60 feet) tall, made out of polystyrene and fibreglass on a steel frame was erected in a huge baptismal pool outside the church with arms reaching up to the sky with coloured spot-lights and water jets. It was a startling image. However, on a stormy night on 14th June 2010 the statue was struck by lightning and went up in flames. Allegedly insured for half a million dollars, people wondered whether they should make a claim citing the incident as “An Act of God”.

Now, two jokes for your crackers:

1. What games do tornadoes like to play? Twister
2. Where does a weather man stop for a drink after a long day? The nearest isobar.

Patrick Landucci

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - December/January

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2nd December at 10am Rev Heather Walker

9th December at 11.15 am. United Gift Service with Rev David Busk.

At this service a representative from Action for Children will be pleased to receive gifts of toys/gift vouchers or money donations to help disadvantaged children from this area to have a better Christmas.

16th December at 10am. Local Arrangement service

16th December at 5pm. Candlelit Carol Service. The collection at this service is in aid of Jimmy's Night Shelter. All invited for refreshments after this service

23rd December at 10am. Rev Pam Siddall

24th December at 11.30 pm Midnight Communion Service Rev Heather Walker

30th December at 10am Local Arrangement Service

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6th January at 10am. Rev Alan Taylor

13th January at 11.15am United Covenant Service with Rev Matt Finch and Rev D Busk

20th January at 10am Local Arrangement Service

27th January at 10am. Mrs. Wendy Beard

CAROL SINGING

Don't forget the Hilton churches carol singing around the village on Tuesday December 11th, meeting at the parish church at 6pm. The collection is for Save the Children. The more the merrier for a good sing along

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)

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - December/January



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, Dec 1st and Jan 5th
10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

The next coffee morning will be in the church hall. Do join us for tea or coffee and biscuits, (only £1.50) and a chat. We will have all the lovely FAIRTRADE goods for sale with Christmas items in December. Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits and a chat. All profits go to EACH and FAIRTRADE, St Ives.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

GIFT SERVICE For Woodland Lodge Respite Centre, Huntingdon

At Hilton Methodist Church

Sunday 9th December

11.15am - 12.15pm

During the recent house to house collection in Hilton, villagers raised (with Tax gift aids) nearly £820, an excellent result. This much needed money has been very gratefully received and is going toward Woodland Lodge's sensory room. Hilton Methodist church is now having a gift service for toys/money to be given to children at Christmas who go to Woodland Lodge. A speaker from the lodge will give a talk about their work with over 52 families registered with them. To donate toys/money, either come to the church service or contact Jan Whatley on 01480 830407 or Heather Woods on 01480 830686. Thank you.

ADVENT LUNCHES

The last 2 advent lunches will be held on

5th December at David and Pam East, Southmead, Church End

12th December at Ian and Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

The lunches are from 12:30 until 2pm. The advent lunches are held in aid of the mental health charity MIND. There is a suggested donation of £5 plus for a simple lunch of bread, cheeses and chutneys and a hot drink.

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - December/January

December 2018		
Sunday 2nd	Advent 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 5th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – South Mead, Church End
Sunday 9th	Advent 2	
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC with children's activities in church
Tuesday 11th		
Hilton	6.00pm	Carols around the village – starting at Parish Church. See posters for route.
Wednesday 12th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – 7 Chequers Croft
Sunday 16th	Advent 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service at Methodist church
Sunday 23rd	Advent 4	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Monday 24th	Christmas Eve	
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Sunday 30th	Christmas 1	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - December/January

January 2019		
Sunday 6th	Epiphany 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Sunday 13th	Epiphany 2 (Baptism of Christ)	
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Friday 18th		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
Sunday 20th	Epiphany 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	Epiphany 4	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am

CAROL SINGING

AROUND HILTON VILLAGE



COME AND JOIN US ON

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

MEET AT THE LYCH GATE (HILTON PARISH CHURCH)

6PM SHARP

WE NEED BOTH SINGERS & COLLECTORS

EVERYONE WELCOME

COLLECTION IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE 6PM THEN JOIN US ON THE WAY ROUND.
THE ROUTE IS....

SPARROW WAY, MILL HILL END, RUTLAND GREEN, SMEEFIELD, POTTON ROAD
(INCL PUB), CHAPEL CLOSE, KIDMANS CLOSE, COLLEGE COURT, WESTBROOK
AREA, TITHE CLOSE, SCOTT'S CLOSE & CRESCENT.

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - December/January

Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

CHILDREN'S JIGSAWS NOW AVAILABLE TOO!!

Come and join the jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton – we would love to get more local puzzlers involved and you don't have to actually live in Hilton to join. The puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when you're finished. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations

For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)



JOIN US
FOR
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

- ★ NEW DATES BELOW
- ★ 5.30pm – 7pm
- ★ Parish Church
- ★ Hilton



- ★ Free All Age event
- ★ Get creative
- ★ Food & Fun
- ★ Informal gathering
- ★ Churches of Hilton together
- ★ For all faiths, and none
- ★ Jan 18th, Feb 15th & Mar 15th
- ★ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866



FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - December/January

Saturday 1st	7.30 pm	Mulled Wine Evening (for details phone 01480 465211)
Sunday 2nd	First of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club and blessing of cribs with Canon Jonathan Young
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service and Tea (see separate poster for details)
Thursday 6th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 9th	Second of Advent	
	10.30 am	Worship for All Toy Service (see separate poster for details)
Thursday 13th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 14th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 16th	Third of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Revd Clifford Owen
	5.00 pm	Carol Service with Revd Canon Brian Atling
Tuesday 18th	am	Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Christmas Service
Thursday 20th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	11 am – 2 pm	Christmas Crunch (see separate poster for details)
Sunday 23rd	Fourth of Advent	
	10.30 am	Family Communion with Revd Canon Brian Atling
Monday 24th	Christmas Eve	
	4.00 pm	Crib Service the Christmas Story for all the family
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion with Revd Canon Brian Atling
Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day	
	10.00 am	Family Communion with Revd Clifford Owen
Thursday 27th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 30th	Christmas 1	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Revd Canon Brian Atling

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - December/January

Thursday 3rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 6th	Epiphany	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young.
Thursday 8th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 13th	Epiphany 2	
	10.30 am	Worship for All
Thursday 17th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 20th	Epiphany 3	
	9.30 am	Joint Service with the United Reformed Church at the URC (see separate article Churches Together)
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong with Geoff Dodgson
Thursday 24th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 27th	Epiphany 4	
	10.30 am	Family Communion
Thursday 31st	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
February		
Sunday 3rd	Candlemas	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young.
Thursday 7th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)

As from 1 December 2018 please note new start time of 10.30 am for Worship for All services on 2nd Sundays of the month and also Family Communion services on 4th Sundays.

Churches Together

Churches Together in England has a history going back to the 1980s. As one of the successors to the British Council of Churches in 1990, the organisation is known as the formal 'ecumenical instrument' for the agenda to which the various denominations of Christian churches in England have committed themselves. Basically this agenda commits the member churches including the Anglican, United Reformed Church, Methodist Church and others to work together as they seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another, and to proclaim the Gospel together by common witness and service. Its strength comes from people from different church traditions finding new ways to work and worship together.

Here in Fenstanton the parish church, the URC and the Free Church in St Ives work together in various ways to honour their commitment to 'Churches Together'. We meet together several times a year to coordinate our calendars and events, we hold joint services in each other's churches particularly in January during the week of prayer for Christian unity, in May during Christian Aid week and for Remembrance Sunday in November and we also combine to offer events such as Lent prayer courses. This prayer from the Swanwick Declaration in 1987 which launched Churches Together summarises the aspirations of the organisation:

Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey his will. May your Spirit guide and strengthen us in mission and service to your world; for we are strangers no longer but pilgrims together on the way to your Kingdom. Amen.

Philip Blunt

Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: The Rural Dean (Rev Canon Brian Atling) is our vicar while the parish is in interregnum. He may be contacted for any pastoral matters on 01480 493975.

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

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 533301 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations as is Niki Whitby on 07841 599492.

Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751 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 to be read at chrislisa211@gmail.com, 01480 496138.

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



Fenstanton Parish Church
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE & TEA
on Sunday 2nd December at 5pm

Everyone very welcome to this short partly
candle-lit service supporting the work of
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

*We will hold a collection for the charity and
each child will help to make a Christingle orange
before enjoying tea together afterwards.*

An event suitable for all ages, 0-99!

www.childrenssociety.org.uk



On Sunday 11th November 2018, we came together, in the Parish Church and at the village war memorial as a community, to mark 100 years since the Armistice, the end of WW1, and subsequent conflicts. It was heartening to see so many of our young people some representing Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownie's. They contributed with readings and helped produce the display of 150 clay poppies, alongside children from the pre school and primary school. Many thanks to all who took part.

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & LUNCH, INCLUDING DECORATION OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 11AM – 2PM

Parents and carers warmly invited to join us for a simple hot meal at 1:15pm

at FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE

PLEASE CONTACT KATIE ON 01480 465211 or email ikhuck@virginmedia.com TO BOOK A PLACE

ALL AGES WELCOME – Children under 5 with a carer please

Fenstanton Parish Church

**Sunday 9th December
at 10.30am**

TOY SERVICE

Everyone is very welcome to our informal service at which gifts will be accepted for local needy children this Christmas. This year, our local Social Services team have asked that we please consider buying for an older child (age 13 and up) and to leave the gifts unwrapped, thank you. Refreshments served afterwards.

Children's
activities

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME

Fen Band

Fenstanton Parish Church - Advent and Christmas 2018

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

Sunday 2nd 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 (details below) as this is the start of advent, before it begins its journey around the village. Open to everyone and refreshments served after the service.

Make sure you have signed the sheet to have our little knitted "Mary and Joseph" figures to stay overnight this Advent. Keep a sheep from the box and bring it to Crib Service, December 24th at 4pm



Christingle Service and Tea is on Sunday 2nd 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. 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 on Sunday 9th December at 10.30am. Please do consider buying and donating a gift for an older child (age 13+) eg card games, wallet, beanie hat, portable charger, pen sets, teenage books, torches, older colouring books, model kits, board games, make up bag. This year we have been asked to leave our donated toys unwrapped. Gift bags can be used. 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

Thursday 20th December Christmas Crunch 11am-2pm. Come and help us decorate the BIG Church Christmas Tree in church and then move to the Church Centre for crafts, activities and lunch together. Parents welcome to join us for a simple lunch from 1:15pm.

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

**PETER GAMMONS MINISTRIES
AND PRAYER PALACE CHURCH**

PRESENTS:

**THE HUNTINGDON
OUTPOURING**

**30TH
NOV.
01ST
DEC.
2018**

Main Speaker
DR. PETER GAMMONS
WILL BE SPEAKING EVERY NIGHT

Guest Speaker
PASTOR ROTIMI KALEB

Guest Speaker
PROPHET NOBIN SAMSON

Wife
**PASTOR
JOYCE & SIMEON**

FRIDAY 30TH NOV.
7:30pm - MIRACLE HEALING SERVICE

SATURDAY 01ST DEC. 2018
11-1pm - EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
3-5:30pm - EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
7pm - MIRACLE HEALING SERVICE

VENUE:
**THE PRAYER PALACE CHURCH
UNIT 1 WILLOW ROAD,
LAKES BUSINESS PARK,
FENSTANTON,
PE28 9RB. UK.**

For more info:
Contact: 07502580130 / 07921929357

PSMI

Regular church services every Sunday 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.

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



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

**FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET WILL BE HOLDING A
BOOK SALE**

SATURDAYS



December 15th

January 19th



9-30AM- 12-NOON

If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.
They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.
Thank you.

**FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET**

A CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE

WITH

BURY AND RAMSEY BAND

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 3-00PM

Refreshments served afterwards

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - December/January

December 2 nd	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
December 2 nd	3-00pm	Songs of Praise for Christmas with Bury and Ramsey Band.
December 9 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
December 16 th	9-30am	Rev Roy Mutrum
December 23 rd	9-30am	Mr Keith Cakebread
December 25 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
December 30 th	9-30am	Rev Chris Baker
January 8 th	6-00pm	Rev Derek Newton
January 13 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
January 13 th	6-00pm	Rev Derek and Hazel Newton
January 20 th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Joint service with the Parish Church for Christian Unity at URC
January 27 th		Rev Peter Ball

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events

**Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Dec 4th and 18th
Jan 15th 29th**

New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.

Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Jan 22nd

**Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Dec 11th
For more information of these events please ring Jean
01480 498221**



Fenstanton Knitters and Natters

We held our 11th birthday on the 6th November, in the year we have given to 11 different charities sending off 1713 items.

We knitted 500 poppies for the banner in St Ives attached to the town hall.

If you would like to join us please come along to the United Reformed Church, we meet ever other Tuesday,

for more details ring Jean 01480 498221

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



Strength and balance classes help local lady stay stronger for longer

A major new strength and balance campaign is launching this International Older People's day to help people in Cambridgeshire stay stronger for longer.

After breaking a bone in her back two years ago, Margaret found that normal activities were extremely difficult. However, thanks to some simple regular strength and balance exercises at Brampton Memorial Hall, she is now on the road to recovery and doing the things she enjoys again.

The 74-year-old, who lives in Brampton, is now reaping the rewards of regular exercise after signing up in January.

Margaret said: "When I first broke a bone in my back, a simple task like ironing was agony. I saw an advert in The Brampton Parish Magazine for strength and balance classes and thought I'd give them a go. As a result, I am now definitely stronger, even my husband has noticed how my confidence and mobility have much improved. I can do simple tasks again that I once took for granted and also do the things I enjoy like gardening. I would certainly encourage all older people to give the strength and balance exercises a go to make sure they are getting the most out of life and stay stronger for longer."

Simple strength and balance exercises twice a week are proven to keep you stronger for longer so you can keep independent and enjoying the great things in life, whether it's playing with grandchildren, shopping, socialising with friends or gardening.

For success stories and more information on classes and activities in Huntingdonshire visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger

The Stronger for longer campaign has been developed by Cambridgeshire County Council working with local NHS health partners.

Fenstanton History By John Deeks

FENSTANTON SCRAPBOOK Part 1:

In a lighter vein this month a selection of local news from newspapers.

A serious accident happened to John Holley, farmer of Fenstanton who was driving from his home when the axle of his trap broke. The wheel came off and frightened the horse, causing it to bolt. Mr Holley was thrown to the ground though his fall was somewhat broken by his coming down on the cushion of the trap which was cut into two parts. The gig was practically demolished. The horse continued its wild course along the road until stopped by Mr Burgess's yardman, a man named Jefferies, at considerable risk to his own life.

1910

Fire destroyed a large part of the first chicory factory in England, that of J.A. Wootten of Cambridge, at Fenstanton. The caretaker had been using an American oil stove in which he burnt paraffin oil and found the room was on fire. Thinking to extinguish the flames, he threw water on the stove, which caused the oil to run all over the room and enabled the flames to spread rapidly. The brigade tried to pump water from a pond but found the pipes were frozen and the work of saving the factory had to be delayed while they were thawed with boiling water obtained in saucepans from neighbouring cottages. Fortunately the machinery was saved together with the bond room containing two tons of manufactured chicory.

1912

A shocking double tragedy occurred at St Ives when the landlady of the Temperance Hotel, Market Hill and a German lodger were found in a room of the hotel, both stabbed through the heart. It seems she had been murdered and the man had committed suicide. They were discovered by the maid who returned from a cinema show to find the hotel in darkness. The landlady had separated from her husband and the German worked at the chicory factory at Fenstanton. They had been seen at a theatrical performance in the Corn Exchange and seemed on the best of terms.

1914

Fenstanton cricket pavilion was totally destroyed by fire; within an hour there was nothing left but the charred remains of the wooden fence that surrounded it. All the cricket gear was saved. The pavilion was a 30-year-old wooden structure regarded as the best in Huntingdonshire. It was erected by voluntary subscriptions and insured for £200. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

1932

A nurse travelling in an ambulance was killed and four men badly injured in a violent collision between a London ambulance and a Newmarket horse box at the Woolpack crossroads near Fenstanton. The Red Cross and St John ambulance was proceeding to Leeds to pick up a patient while the horsebox containing three horses from the Hon George Lambton's stables was heading to Lincoln races.

1940

Fenstanton History By John Deeks

The Oaklands Café at Fenstanton is well-run in every way but the owners have installed a gambling machine. One has to put in sixpenny pieces and pull down a handle which sets numbers revolving. If certain numbers come up you win various amounts of money. Police carried out a test: they put in 300 coins and 231 were returned. There was little skill attached and it was a game of chance. There were three buttons on the front of the machine which acted as a brake but the officer was not able to manipulate them. The machine was destroyed.
1962

The first new bell for 210 years was hung alongside the five others in Fenstanton church. It was paid for by a group of American descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers whose patriarch, John Howland was born in the village in the 16th century and members of the society will be invited from the United States to the dedication service.
1983

The Fenstanton postmaster, Anthony Hobbs, has suddenly found himself at the centre of a world spotlight. The Post Office is bringing out a series of stamps commemorating the village's most famous resident, the 18th-century gardener, Capability Brown. Now stamp collectors from all over the globe have been contacting him for first-day covers franked with a special mark designed by Jack Dady and a group of villagers.
1984

The front page of the Hunts Post on November 22nd 1918 read; "Peace, Longed-for and fought-for has at last arrived".

Fenstanton Children's Festival

Mr George Burgess C.C, of the Gables, feasted the school children of Fenstanton with biscuits etc. On Monday evening he handed out smokes to the adults which he had purchased at a Red Cross sale in St Ives last year and he has kept especially for the event.

john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Mr Santa Clause
Father Christmas Street
Lapland

Dear Girls and Boys

Just a little note to let you know that I will be visiting FENSTANTON on the evening of Friday 7th 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

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK



We are a mixed group of all ages singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure. A relaxed and informal group we sing by ear and mostly unaccompanied but we are on the lookout for any musicians who would like to join us.

We meet every Thursday night 7.30pm-9.30pm. The first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes the rest of the month in Fenstanton Church Centre.

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along? We would love to see you.

Available for bookings

For details call Ray on 01480 370973 or email raywhitby@gmail.com

Centenary Commemorations and Poppy Appeal

On Sunday 11 November Steve and I were privileged to be part of the Nation's Thank You - The People's Procession . This unique commemoration, on the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, recognised the significance of the end of the First World War and the sacrifice made by so many men and women during the war. I was honoured to be able to lay a 'Thank You' wreath at the Cenotaph, on behalf of the Dartford family, to acknowledge all those men and women who gave their lives for us to enjoy the freedom we have today. The day was also a good opportunity to visit the Garden of Remembrance at Westminster but, sadly, we were unable to see the lanterns in the moat at the Tower of London.



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Gill Dartford
Poppy Appeal Organiser - Fenstanton



KAY BALL talks make-up

Join a lively and friendly group
of ladies on 7th February for
our first talk of 2019

Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre

UP COMING MEETINGS

No meeting January

Thursday 7th February from 7.30pm

'Make-up' with Kay Ball

Thursday 7th March from 7.30pm

'Will Making and Estate Planning' - Eric Britt

Thursday 4th April from 7.30pm

'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' - Pam Harper

For further information, please contact: Mrs Deborah
Markl (Secretary) Email: marklquinn@gmail.com

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INSPIRING WOMEN

A call to residents to play an integral part in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to impact local education provision.



Cornerstone Free School Proposal needs the support of residents in Fenstanton and Hilton! We are pursuing an opportunity with the Department for Education, to establish a **new Secondary School** near St Ives. Free Schools were introduced by the government in 2010 as a way of raising standards. They are funded by the government at the same level as other state schools but are not controlled by Local Authorities.

The proposal for Cornerstone Free School is truly **unique**. It will be founded on three core pillars: "Individualised Education";

"Enterprise" and "Faith". Resting on these three pillars, Cornerstone Free School seeks to be an exceptional Secondary School with an innovative curriculum, tailored to individual needs where every student excels, and with a Christian ethos running through teaching and learning. There is a huge gap in the market for this in Huntingdonshire. There is currently no other option for a faith school in our area that is non-fee paying and that models itself on the Independent Sector, whilst being accessible also to students from areas of high deprivation, and promising to fulfil the potential of all. We desire to put the enormous fun back into learning, to inspire students to be the best they can be, through appropriate challenge and support. We plan smaller class sizes, a longer school day (with longer holidays), a wealth of extra-curricular and co-curricular clubs, an afternoon a week dedicated to sport and an innovative curriculum to embed a love of learning.

Curriculum plans centre around the word **"Enterprise"**. This will include strong links with local businesses, real-life learning to prepare students for good universities or good jobs and to encourage them to decide on the right route for themselves as an **individual**. We want to encourage students to be enterprising socially and personally to reflect the **Christian ethos** of the school. Students would be encouraged to shop for the elderly, read books and make tea in a nursing home or volunteer in the community. This is designed to get pupils to empathise with the world around them, understand the intricate makeup of society, how it is structured of many layers of people with different ages, needs, beliefs and priorities – all valuable in their own right. So, whilst we plan a very academic school, this will be more than just a school, it will be a school with a culture nurtured through the Christian faith and an enterprising curriculum.

The application for Cornerstone Free School has been submitted and is being read and analysed by the DfE. We need now to engage with potential parents and generate support for the proposal. We currently have 160 people signed up to receive updates on the progress of our application, with many using the sign-up opportunity to send us feedback: "There is a lack of Christian schools in East Anglia and one is desperately needed"; **"An inspiring curriculum, a Christian grounding, enterprise embedded in learning, exceptional results – what is there not to love?"**; "I have three very different children. I'm desperate to see a school that will cater for each of these as individuals with different talents and different needs". These 160 "signups" are indicators to the DfE as to how much demand there is for a school like ours in Huntingdonshire.

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LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD'S SECONDARY EDUCATION?

If this is important to you, please **register your interest** at www.cornerstonefreeschool.org.uk. By registering an interest, you will NOT be committing to anything other than to say that you support the concept of our school proposal and agree that there is greater choice needed. You can also decline to receive updates from us. All information submitted by anyone registering is subject to GDPR protection.

Read more about us, and our school vision, as well as signing the register of interest at: www.cornerstonefreeschool.org.uk

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

24th October

We had a wonderful afternoon with Paul Vickers and his "History of Magic" part two. He is very entertaining and engaged our members throughout the talk. The magic was brilliant and we had a lot of fun. Looking forward to Part 3!!

7th November

The "Warboys Warblers " were in full voice with songs from musicals and poems by Pam Ayres. We enjoyed our afternoon very much.

Upcoming Events

5th December

We will have our Christmas tea party.



Our next meeting will not be until the 30th January when we will be going out for lunch.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year

We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street.

2019 will be our 70 year Anniversary and we would like to make it special by having more new members and fresh ideas.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 250677

10TH FENSTANTON

christmas

FAYRE

Friday 7th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Christmas Fayre on Friday, 7th December, from 6.30pm. You will meet Santa Claus to give him your letters and see him switch on the Christmas lights on the Christmas tree. He will also draw the tickets in our Christmas Draw so don't forget to buy your tickets early **from the Post Office or from Ron's Farm Shop** or from Trustees as it gets so hectic on the night itself. We are delighted that young people from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School choir will be singing some Christmas songs for us. We shall be serving mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cookies, and there will be many other Christmas treats to enjoy from the other stalls, including that of the Scouts.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trustees are pleased to announce that a dialogue over a conditional contract for the transfer of the land has been opened with Morris Homes (the developers of the old Dairy Crest site). We shall now apply for detailed planning permission so that once we have a conditional contract for the transfer of the land we shall be able to apply for grants.

See page 27 for a letter from Santa inviting you kids to the Christmas Fayre.

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL – UPDATE - November 2018

CLLR PETER WEST

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Cllr. Peter West. Peter moved to Fenstanton some 45 years ago and has been a Parish Councillor for well over 15 years. He will be missed within the Parish Council and across the Fenstanton Community.

Peter and his late wife Joyce leave a daughter, a granddaughter and a grandson. Our thoughts are with them at this time.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) WORKSHOP

In addition to significant progress on current projects including:

Chequer Street Play area. Additional funding has been confirmed from the Mick George Community Fund. Contracts are being prepared and final plans being drawn up. Work is scheduled to start early December. Local residents are to be notified when confirmed.

Adult Outdoor Gym by the Headlands Football Pitch. Additional funding has been confirmed from the Mick George Community Fund. Contracts are being prepared and final plans being drawn up. Work is scheduled to start in early New Year. Local residents are to be notified when confirmed.

Village Pond and Clock Tower Area Restoration. Additional funding has been confirmed from the Mick George Community Fund. Detailed plans are being prepared.

Cycleway along the Fen. Ongoing discussions with CCC transport team have been very positive. Further consultation is underway, with a possible green light in April 2019.

Improved kerbs for village green areas. Quotes received, references being collected. Work likely to be approved at the next FPC meeting (6/12/18).

Additional bins and seating around the village. Purchased and being installed over the next few weeks

The Parish Council has received a number of new suggestions and ideas from parishioners on how current and future receipts from CIL may be best used in the Parish. The Parish Council has met to consider these, set priorities and task councillors with carrying out further evaluation and, where appropriate, with finding additional funding from external sources.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS

Annual Parish grant applications were discussed at the Finance and Constitution meeting on 8th November and the Parish Council has confirmed grants to:

- Fenstanton Friendship Group;
- Fenstanton Village Sports Committee;
- Rainbow Guiding Group;
- Fenstanton Youth Football Club.

Following discussions with a number of community groups within the village around both CIL and Grant funding, there appears to be a significant opportunity to source additional external funding for these groups. Fenstanton Parish Council will be running a workshop on identifying and preparing fundraising applications for external bodies in the early New Year.

Pitfield Close

Adopted by CCC. Pitfield Close, has been adopted and will be maintainable at public expense from 13th November 2018 by Cambridgeshire County Council. Any current repairs, such as potholes, can be reported on-line at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Conington Rd.

Flooding risk. Concerns from residents have resulted in the PC reporting to the District and County Council the risk of potential flooding on Conington Rd (Fenstanton side) after the removal of the hedge and ditch and addition of new homes and solid driveways. Consequently, this is now under consideration by CCC who will undertake a thorough investigation to make sure that area is suitable to implement drainage.

Trees. Residents in this area should be on the lookout for any signs of tree surgery which should be reported to the PC Clerk immediately.

Hilton Rd – Accident Prevention

Restricted views. Residents at the base of the new Hilton Rd /A14 flyover have reported that drivers coming into and out of Fenstanton are faced with a restricted view of oncoming traffic due to several years of overgrowth of trees and shrubs along the road edges. The PC acted on this and, as a result, the section along from the flyover to the Access Rd junction will be 'cut back and sided out' by the County Council. Due to the layout of the area and narrowness of the road, it will require a road closure application which can take a while to be processed.

Speeding. The PC is aware of the increased risk of speeding by motorists accelerating into the village, down the new flyover road, causing greater risks to pedestrians and cyclists as well as nuisance for homeowners. The PC is monitoring this situation

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

This met on 31 October and reviewed its terms of reference and the cemetery regulations, as well as confirmation of the creation of additional burial plots. It also discussed remedial safety work necessary to a number of the trees in the cemetery. This is being progressed urgently.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST CHRISTMAS FAYRE – FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

The Parish Council will have a stand at this event – please come and say hello

FENSTANTON VILLAGE MEETING

Plans are underway to organize a Village meeting in the New Year. At this early stage, in addition to information on the work of the Parish Council, the agenda is likely to include representatives from HDC, CCC (including transport), CAPCA, community groups, developers, as well as groups involved with the history and archeology of Fenstanton.

BUS SERVICES

The Parish Council continues to work with CCC's transport team to secure additional services in the short term. Thank you to all Parishioners who have completed and returned the bus survey, which is currently being analyzed to inform FPC submissions to CAPCA and CCC on Fenstanton's current and future public transport needs.

DOGS ON LEADS

A polite but strong reminder to please keep all dogs on leads on and near play areas and where there is appropriate signage; they need to be controlled near other dogs. Please also ensure you clear up any mess made.

POLICE REPORT

Please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy of most recent incidents.

MEETING DATES – are open to the public at and start at 7.30 pm at the school.

Thursday 6th December

Full Council (last meeting of 2018)

Contact

Annette Eggett: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk 01480 465300

2b New Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 5BG.

<http://parishcouncil.fenstanton.org/> – you can see all your Councillors here.

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/Fenstanton-Parish-Council-115282349163866/>

Saturday December 15th 2018 at the P.o.W. 8pm

Princes of Les

do Christmas



All Your Favourite Yuletide Ditties

In aid of

Hilton Feast Week Art & Craft Show

New Display Boards

Please come and help raise money for this great event

HILTON BRITISH LEGION

During the past four years, members of the St Ives and district Royal British Legion have been honouring all the local men who died in the battles of World War One at Everyman Remembered ceremonies.

None of these events could have taken place without the initiative and hard work of Mike Robinson. From the beginning, even before 2014, he has spent many hours researching each man's military and family histories - 179 in all - and he also conducted almost all of the 61 ceremonies commemorating the 100 years since their deaths. In a number of cases he found descendants as well.

All of those descendants and communities, from the largest in St Ives to one of the smallest in Woodhurst, owe Mike a huge thank you which we do here on behalf of the 12 fine men who did not return to their families in Hilton.

Now to the recent Poppy Appeal - Hilton, your great generosity continues, both by the wonderful collectors and also by the several local businesses who have so willingly displayed Legion boxes in their premises and also of course everyone who donated. The total collected will be publicised in the usual places as soon as possible.

So thank you all on behalf of serving and ex-service men and women and their families who will benefit from the support that the Legion will be able to give them. Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580) Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers for Hilton

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ARMISTICE CENTENARY STREET PARTY

We, the organising team want to thank everyone for the immense goodwill and support received for the preparations of Hilton's Armistice Celebration on November 11th.

It was Helen's original idea, so we held the first of many meetings in October 2017.

From the very beginning, encouraging enthusiasm gathered momentum in Hilton, even when we began to make peculiar and extraordinary requests. Then we would often receive unexpected and amazing offers such as 'erm, would you like....? , or 'I've got a, would it be any good?', even 'I could do ...' The answer was almost always a 'yes, please'!

The list of all these generous folks is too long for this page, but you all know who you are and how you gave your support, so thank you, Everyone! The result was an afternoon of true remembrance of 100 years ago in 1918.

Report from Hilton Parish Council meeting dated 5th November 2018

A14 (M)

Highways England made a presentation on their intent to apply to upgrade the new A14 to motorway standard. All of the new road would be motorway status, identified A14(M), connecting the M11 and the A1(M). The road would be a "Smart Motorway" without a hard shoulder and with gantries advising reduced, mandatory speed limits. The usual restrictions for slow moving vehicles would apply. Highways England expect the effects of this change on Hilton to be minimal.

The application will be made in the new year with a consultation period in the spring. It is expected that a decision will be made by September 2019 and the application is not expected to delay the road build programme.

Playpark

The surface of the playpark is in need of replacement. This will be expensive and the working group is investigating sources of grants for such activity. It was felt that some grant suppliers would be more interested in sponsoring a complete project and therefore the WG is considering a major refurbishment of the playpark.

Speeding Vehicles and Night-time HCVs

Additional volunteers have been recruited to assist with traffic speed recording through the village and increased police activity has been noted. The recorded data will be submitted to Cambridgeshire Police and it is hoped that the data will show that professional action is required.

Cycle Path

The Parish Council was successful with its application to the A14 Community Fund and agreed to accept the grant and conditions. The money will be used by CCC to undertake a feasibility study of a cycle route to Fenstanton or St Ives.

The Green

Refurbishment work on the existing hard paths across the Green has been delayed to spring 2019. It was felt that work during the winter would be too disruptive with the new grass unlikely to germinate until spring. The PC will give as much notice as possible for the new start date. Some tree work was undertaken at the end of October and the PC would like to thank the volunteers who assisted with these works.

Firework Display

The display was very successful with a high attendance and increased gate monies to secure the event for next year. The Council will email thanks to the firework crew and Feast Week for making it such a success. Also thanks to those that attended.

Reeves Ditch

Following recent rainy spells the water level in Reeves ditch has stabilised. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and expect the ditch return to normal levels.

The next two Parish Council meetings will be on 3rd December and 4th February in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.HiltonparishCouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

HILTON WI

On November 12th we were lucky to have Indy Leipa, a Hilton WI member until she moved, come to tell us about Christmas in Sweden where she spent much of her childhood and also stories about the different customs and lifestyle there. Scandinavian Christmas is similar to ours, but the food is different. Lots of meat and fish namely moose, deer, reindeer and of course the pig which is loved all year but sadly ends up as a joint of ham. They also eat salmon, sea trout and perch but their main staple was herring. Before supermarkets were established the diet of the poorest people was salted cod which kept them from starving in the long winter and the bread which is made from rye, the only cereal which will grow in the very short time they have in summer as most of the year it is too dark to grow anything.

The table was full of the many savoury dishes, meatballs, salmon and many other dishes which Indy had previously made and we were all asked to sample them.

A favourite was the delicious ginger heart shaped thin biscuits really delicious! There are not many huskies herding the reindeer now it's all done on motor scooters or even drones. Father Christmas here arrives on a painted sleigh pulled by a goat !!!

Christmas Eve is made special by going to church at around 6 am, then going home where the men will drink their alcohol laced with lots of herbs and the ladies will serve ham, potatoes with cheese and anchovies some beetroot and lots of other vegetables. Last of all comes rice pudding which dates back to pagan times when naughty spirits were said to upset the cows unless they had rice pudding at Christmas.

Advent is their main time of celebration and on December 30th they have services to sing songs about celebrating light in a world of darkness.

Women play a prominent part in Sweden they are not discriminated against in society and in most jobs receive equal pay. It is a very forward looking country it may be cold and spend a lot of time in darkness but it is very beautiful with lakes for fishing forests with lots of berries especially cloudberry which are really lovely Anyone can pick them and the people make jam and gorgeous cloudberry pancakes. Then there is the simply wonderful northern lights which attract visitors from all over the world.

A very interesting and tasty evening enjoyed by all of us.

Craft Club have a party on December 6th.

Drawing Club is on Monday 19th December at 9 30 am.

Last but not least our Christmas party, with secret Santa, plate of food, drinks provided. Always lots of fun and lovely food and time to relax and chat with friends.

Our January meeting on the 14th at 7 30 in the Village Hall will be a talk by David Taylor

will be a talk given by David Taylor about Women's roles and achievements in aviation.

A flying start to the new year.

Kath Charter

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

November 5th's meeting was a great success, our demonstrator was Lesley Beeton, she did 7 wonderful Christmas arrangements, getting us all in the Christmas spirit. Each arrangement was raffled off so 7 lucky ladies went home with one of Lesley's creation. We all had an enjoyable afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing Lesley next year.

DECEMBER 3rd is our end of year Christmas party, looking forward to seeing you all.

Wishing everybody a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

February 4th 2019 is our next meeting.

Merry Christmas.

Beverley Tack.

Golden gamers will meet on-----

December 11th and 18th.

January 2019. 15th and 29th.

Please contact Jenny on 01480 831581 if you wish to join

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 ART CLUB

The October session 'A Celebration of Autumn: Fruits, Nuts and Berries' certainly gave our members ideas for some lovely colourful Autumnal landscapes, as well as some super close studies of leaves, nuts and berries, on that bright October morning. Look on our Facebook page to see some of the results. Thanks to Fran for the delicious apple shortbread and Joanne for the yummy banana bread, not forgetting Andrea, who brought the tea and coffee things as usual.

14th December at 12.30 pm. **Christmas Lunch** at The Windmill, Somersham

18th January 2019. 9.30 – 12.30 at the Village Hall. **'Through the Looking Glass: Reflections and Refractions.** Please bring your own pictures / props.

Hilton Feast Week 2019



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Important fundraising dates for your diary:

Saturday 15th December 2018 – Family Christmas Party at Hilton Village Hall from 5pm to 7pm

Saturday 12th January 2019 – Fun quiz night in Hilton Village Hall

Saturday 9th March 2019 – Disco at Hilton Village Hall (over 18's only)

Saturday 20th April 2019 – Family Easter Egg hunt

Saturday 11th May 2019 – Bingo night

Friday 26th July 2109 – Bavarian Night

For details of how to purchase tickets to any of our fundraising events, please visit our website www.feastweek.co.uk or send an email to: feastweekcommittee@gmail.com

FEAST WEEK 2019

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2019 TO SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

Hilton 200 Club – Cash Prizes!

A great way for you to support Feast Week whilst having a chance to win some fantastic cash prizes! Membership costs £5 per month or £60 per annum for one number, buy as many as you like. All participants must be over 16 years. To join go to www.feastweek.co.uk or email us at 200club@feastweek.co.uk and we will be in touch to complete the membership. Entries will be eligible to win from the month of joining and the draw will normally take place on the 3rd Thursday of the following month in The Prince of Wales, Hilton. Results will be posted on the website www.feastweek.co.uk and prizes distributed over the weekend after the draw. If you have any questions at all, please contact **Sara Partridge** on **07711 668373**.

JOIN OUR 200 CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!

Offers of help at any of our events will always be gratefully received, please feel free to get in touch with us at any time.



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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hilton Produce Show Festive Fruit : The Pineapple

My sister-in-law has always had a pineapple as a crowning monument amidst the Christmas fare. Historically, the pineapple has been an exotic rarity and much has been written about its cultivation. Indeed the fruit created a great flurry of interest from the Restoration period through to the eighteenth century. A famous portrait of Charles 2nd by Heyndrick Danckerts, shows a kneeling gardener handing his monarch a pineapple. The caption could not read “fresh from the glass-house Your Majesty” because it was imported. There is a version of this picture in Houghton Hall, Norfolk.

The craze for displaying the fruit on the dining table of the landed gentry reached fever-pitch in the eighteenth century and competition was fierce. ‘Rent a fruit’ was an option and there is evidence of the fruit journeying between country houses ‘for display only.’ Attempts to grow pineapples were aided by advances in the manufacture of glass. Heated green houses or hot-houses were regular features in the kitchen gardens of the wealthy. There is a letter dated 1757 in the archive at Huntingdon (M49) from Thomas Belaysye 1st Earl of Fauconberg, to the 4th Duke of Manchester at Kimbolton which gives detailed instructions on how to construct a hot-house. Very kindly the Earl explains that he is sending a design by a “tolerable draft’s man” “according to the dimensions of mine”



along with two “pine Apples” by the York stage-coach to “Mr. Hastings of Bugden” (now Buckden!) to be transported thence to the Duke’s residence up the road. He concludes “I daire recommend this plan as my fruit has succeeded every year.”

The pineapple is a striking-looking fruit and its decorative appearance has also been exploited, perhaps most notably in the Pineapple House in Stirlingshire, which has an impressively large stone pineapple as the centre-point. Locally, Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge has stone pineapple finials on the Gate of Honour. In fact once you start looking....

Happily, in our more democratic times, pineapples grace tables everywhere, (including my sister-in-law’s), not just in celebrity homes. In fact they are back in fashion. Earlier this year, The Times reported the soaring sales of pineapples; they have apparently overtaken avocados as the versatile health food and “fruit taste” of the moment. We have eaten our way through 44million pounds worth in the last twelve months, mostly from Costa Rica. I think many in the post-war generation would have been surprised to see the number of fresh pineapples piled high in our supermarkets, some costing only £1. For years, they came from tins only.

Finally, we do have a prize for the most surprising entry in our Produce Show. If anyone is interested in growing a pineapple there is a vast literature on the best methods of cultivation. The hot tip is tanners’ bark which seems to offer a consistently warm temperature for the deep growing pits needed to trick the fruit into thinking it is in a tropical climate, rather than Hilton.

With all good wishes for your cultivation plans and for Christmas and the New Year from The Produce Show Committee.

Claire

WHAT'S on in December/January

14/01	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P48
01/12 05/01	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P11
03/12	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 pm	P50
03/12	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P43
05/12 30/01	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P35
06/12	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P31
06/12	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P37
07/12	Fenstanton Christmas Fayre	Clock Tower	6:30pm	P36
14/12 18/01	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P50
15/12	Hilton Feast week, Yuletide Ditties See also page 52	Prince of Wales	8:00 pm	P40
15/12 19/01	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:00 am	P 25
	For special church services for Christmas , see pages 10 to 26			

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'

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p50)
Shanty Folk (p30)
Golden Gamers (p50)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters,
Coffee & chat,
Tuesday Lunch (21)

For Church services etc. see pages 10 to 26