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LETTERS & NOTICES

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>

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Veronika Karailieva
Community Affairs Officer
UK Power Network

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY.

4th February - 10a.m. Derek Rutherford

11th February - 11-15a.m. United Service at Parish Church with Holy Communion. Led by Revd. David Busk, with Revd. Rachel Larkinson preaching.

18th February – 10 a.m. Barbara Spencer

25th February – 10 a.m. Holy Communion service led by Revd. Rachel Larkinson

LENT LUNCHESES

This year the lunches will be raising money for the Motor Neurone charity (Cambridge branch)

Suggested donation for a lunch of bread cheese and fruit with a drink is £5 + Dates and Venues are:

21st February – Linda Stott. 'Abbotsmede', Chapel Close.

28th February – Janet Whatley. 'Atticus House', Church End.

7th March – Pat Bellas. 'Noroc', Potton Road.

14th March TBA

21st March – Heather Woods 7 Chequers Croft.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER Saturday 24th March.

Please make a note of the date for this popular event in your diaries.

Contact Heather on 830686 or Peter on 830137 for tickets.

THANK YOU

Hilton Villagers dug deep into their pockets and generously gave to the following charities during December.

Acorn cancer Support Group (Advent Lunches) £512

Action For Children (Gift Service at Methodist Church) £357 + gifts.

Save The Children (Carols Round The Village) £275

Jimmy's (Night shelter in Cambridge) Collection at Carol Service £228

EACH, Jimmy's and Romsey Mill Centre in Cambridge shared £341 which was the collection at the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to everyone who organised and those who supported these activities.



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 5th February 10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. With goods from The Fair Trade shop in St Ives for you to browse through. We have coffee/tea and delicious biscuits and donate the proceeds to EACH.. All are welcome, give us a try!

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th	2nd Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Sunday 11th	1st Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service with children's activities in church
Weds 14th	Ash Wednesday	
Godmanchester	7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing
Sunday 18th	Lent 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 25th	Lent 2	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship
Wednesday 28th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 4th March	Lent 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

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.

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

We will have met in January by the time you read this and will be looking forward to welcoming everyone to our February session in the Parish church.

All mums/dads/grandparents/carers are welcome to join us with their tots, for an hour of story, singing, craft activity and bubbles – starting at 9.30 on 26th February.

We meet from 9 30- 10 30 am, on the last Monday of every month- apart from July, August and December- when there is no session.

Contact Linda on 830660 or Laura on 839110 for details.

**The Particular Baptist Chapel
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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**

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and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 4th	Second Sunday before Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young
Thursday 8th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 9th	7.30-8.45 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 11th	Sunday next before Lent	
	10.00 am	Worship for All
Wednesday 14th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Rev Canon Brian Atling
Thursday 15th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 18th	First Sunday of Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Rev Clifford Owen
	12.00 noon	Parish Family Pancake Party at the Church Centre
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Thursday 22nd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 23rd	7.30-8.45 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Saturday 24th	7.00 pm	Wild West Murder Mystery with supper at the Church Centre in aid of the Church Restoration Fund (for details see separate poster)
Sunday 25th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9.30 am	Family Communion by extension with Harvey Marshall

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FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - MARCH

Thursday 1st Mar	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 4th Mar	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday Club with Canon Jonathan Young
Tuesday 6th Mar	7.00 pm	Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop of Ely

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

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH – OPEN GARDENS

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to think about our gardens. We are having an OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND this year on 23 and 24 June. If you feel you could open your garden, please contact Sylvia on 01480 465295 or Julia on 01480 301252.

We shall also be having a book stall and a plant stall so now is the time to think about those unwanted books and any plants you will have to spare.



Fenstanton Parish Church - Advent and Christmas -Thank You

LOST SHEEP- Thank you to shop and home owners who 'hid' a little sheep for young children to hunt for during our Advent challenge. If you didn't find them all you can find a list of where they were hidden on the board at the back of the church.



MULLED WINE: Thank you everyone for your support and generosity at our Mulled Wine evening and especially our lovely hosts at Fenstanton Manor. The evening raised a fabulous £980.23 for the Church Organ Restoration.



CHRISTINGLE Thank you for everyone's support of Christingle service back at the start of December. A special thank you to Amanda and Phil who baked and decorated over 100 cakes to make our large Christingle (who needs Mary Berry?!) but also thanks for everyone who provided and baked for the tea enjoyed afterwards. Using up the mulled wine ☺ from the previous night's fundraising evening proved a popular decision! £306.36 plus gift aid was raised for the valuable work of The

Children's Society.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Despite the snow, we managed to get over 80 people and the food to the centre for a lovely lunch and social time together. Some meals were delivered afterwards to people who preferred not to venture out in such difficult conditions. With the auction of the hamper and the raffle, the total raised by the event was a magnificent £798.76 for the Church Urban Fund.

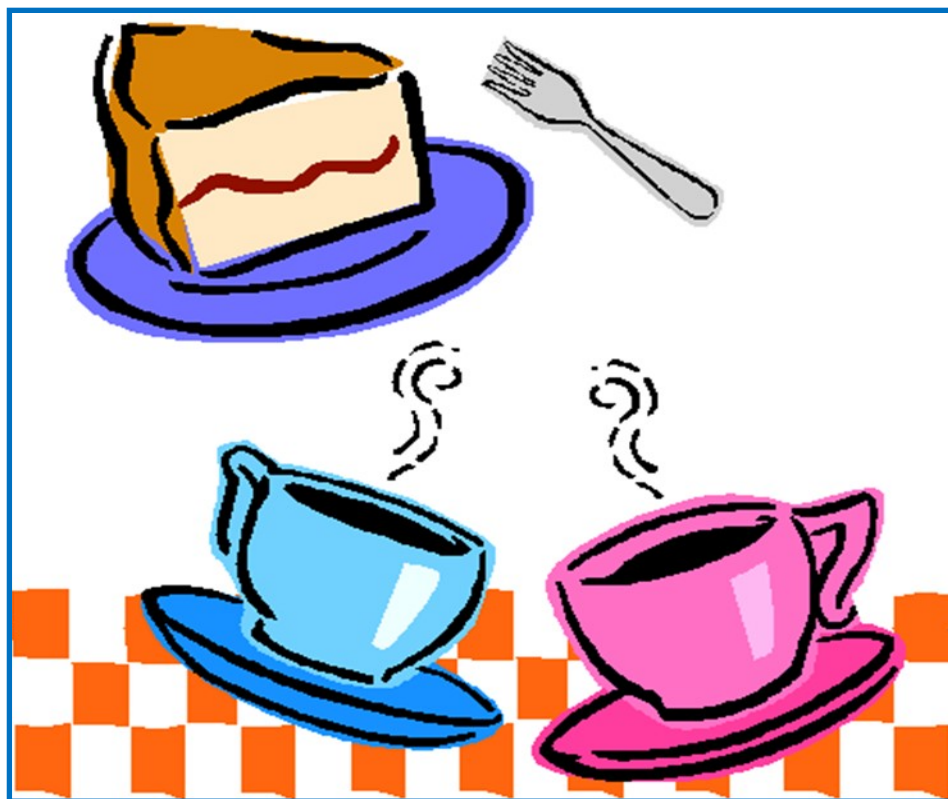
TOY SERVICE: Although the snow meant some people couldn't join us on the day it didn't mean they didn't send their toy gifts. Thanks to everyone's generosity over 100 toys (the most ever) were collected by Social Services for local disadvantaged children. They will have made Christmas such a nicer time for many :) thank you everyone for your kindness



TC SLEEPOVER: Harry, Hannah and Emily write: "On Saturday 16th December six members of Teenage Christians slept in the Church Centre to raise money for the Church Urban Fund (they support the homeless). We weren't brave enough to sleep outside, although we did go outside and sit on the cold, wet slabs outside the Church Centre. Thank you to Kate who organised the event, everyone who supported us and Amanda for breakfast bacon and sausage baps. We raised over £220 for CUF

CRIB SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who joined us at 4pm on Christmas Eve for our Crib Service. It was lovely to have a full church of both local villagers and visitors to hear once again the story of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem. Well done to all our youngsters who took part ringing the bells, playing in the band, reading the story, being a shepherd – and a special mention to Finlay for his delightful solo.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



On the 20th February 10-00am there will be a Coffee and Chat morning, we meet once a month to enjoy each other's company and to spend time together.

Please come along, you will be made welcome.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - FEBRUARY

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

Preachers plan February

February 4th 9-30am Rev Derek Newton

February 11th 9-0am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

February 11th 6-00pm Rev Derek Newton

February 18th 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

February 25th 9-30am Mr Keith Cakebread

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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

On behalf of Fenstanton United Reformed Church I would like to thank all the organizations, Church Shops and King William Pub for entering a Christmas Tree in our Festival, we had 40 decorated Christmas Trees and the Church looked beautiful. We raised over £300 for Arthur Rank Hospice and Church.

Our next Festival of Christmas trees will be in 2019, please put it in your diary, let's make it bigger than last year.

Thank you
Jean Ding

Events in February

6th Tuesday Lunch 12-00 noon we serve lunch at 12-30 pm.

13th and 27th 10-00am – 12 noon Knitters and Natters

20th 10-00am -11-30am Coffee Morning

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

Meditation 2nd Tuesday in the month. 2-0pm

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

Fenstanton and William Wallace (Braveheart):

Many of you will have seen the film 'Braveheart' starring Mel Gibson. It was a drama based on real events but should not be confused with factual history. Wallace was regarded as a revolutionary leader or a traitor and terrorist, depending on which side of the Scottish border you were born. But did you know that Fenstanton had a part to play in this historical event?



William Wallace was born in the 1270s in Renfrewshire, Scotland into a gentrified family. Very little is known about his early years and there are significant periods of his life for which there are no reliable sources. In May 1297, Wallace attacked the town of Lanark, killing the English sheriff and unrest quickly became full-blown rebellion. In September 1297, Wallace defeated a much larger English force at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

The shock of the defeat at Stirling rallied the English around Edward, who marched north with an army. In July 1298, the Scottish and English armies met near Falkirk, and the Scots were defeated. Wallace was seized in or near Glasgow in August 1305,

and transported to London. He was charged with and tried for treason, which he denied, saying he had never sworn allegiance to the English king. His execution was held on 23 August, where he was hung, drawn and quartered.

The de Segrave family had been Lords of the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton for many years. Sir John de Segrave held the manor title from 1295 to 1325. The de Segrave residence was a manor house and was at one time considered to be equal to a palace and a worthy residence for a Segrave.

In 1235 Queen Joan of Scotland and Lord of the manor of Fenstanton and Hilton had built herself a manor house in Fenstanton. As explained in a prior essay there is some dispute as to where this manor house would have been. Jack Dady in his book Beyond Yesterday said that he considered the most likely site would have been where Grove house sits today.

Gertrude Peet said that her research in the Cambridge University library led her to believe that the manor house sat where Hall Green is today. The land around Hall Green is described on an old map as 'Biggins', which is Saxon for manor, so she could be right.

By 1564 this manor house was referred to as a rectory and belonged to Bishop Cox of Ely. It is here that Queen Elizabeth I dined with Bishop Cox on her way to Hinchinbrooke House. It is now impossible to be sure where this building would have been in the village, although on balance I would think that Gertrude Peet was probably right and it is more than likely that Hall Green would be the most likely candidate.

It was to Fenstanton that Sir John Segrave brought his prisoner, Sir William Wallace (Fenstanton being situated on the York to London Road) on the way to his trial in London. Here also Wallace's quartered body would rest on its way back to Scotland.

We can only imagine the excitement in the village when such a famous person was brought here and stayed overnight. Even more so when a few weeks later the same man's dismembered parts were once again in the village. William Wallace's head was dipped in tar and then displayed on a spike on London Bridge. But to warn the Scots of what would happen if they should rebel again his dismembered parts were put on display in Scotland. His legs were displayed in Berwick and Perth, his arms in Stirling and on a bridge at Newcastle upon Tyne.

John.Deeks@ntlworld.com

******* SAVE THE DATE *******



**THE FIVE PUB
CHALLENGE
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**Sponsored Charity 12.5, 18 and 26 Mile
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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, Burrell 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.

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IN AID OF FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

22nd November

We were entertained by "Two's Company". The guitar music and singing was really good with a taste of the 60's/70's and a chance to join in. It was all very restful and soothing and we enjoyed it very much, an experience we hope to repeat in the future.

6th December

Our Christmas tea afternoon started out with a group of singers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints singing carols and Christmas music beautifully. A good start to the Christmas season. Afterwards we played some games and had delicious food. A gift was given to each member and instead of a "Secret Santa", each of us donated gifts and toiletries to the women's refuge in Cambridge. These were thankfully received by a representative of the refuge.

Upcoming Events

14th February

A flower arranging demonstration by Beverly. The arrangements will then be raffled off. We look forward to seeing what Beverly has in store for us at this time of the year.

28th February

A talk by a representative of Woodgreen Animal Shelter who may or may not bring a dog with her.

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 for further information.

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

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust news

It was great to see so many of you at the Fenstanton Christmas Fayre on Friday, 1st December. It was probably the best turn-out we have had in ten years of laying on the event despite the very cold weather. Perhaps that is why for the first time we actually ran out of mulled wine! Our apologies to those that missed out. Our thanks must go to the Christmas Lights Committee for sponsoring and installing the splendid Christmas tree with its multi-coloured lights without which the Fayre and Draw would have felt incomplete. We thank the Fen Shanty Folk for their singing, Paul Neale for setting up the sound and light and for compering and Father Christmas for turning on the lights and meeting and greeting the children. Father Christmas received 55 letters – another record – which were all answered unless they had no address on. Everyone seemed to enjoy wandering around the stalls, meeting friends and listening to the singing of the Fen Shanty Folk. We thank all the donors of prizes in the Christmas Draw, Bentley Cambridge for sponsoring the printing of the Draw tickets, the stallholders, including the Scouts, and all the volunteers who set up and dismantled the event. We also thank Fenstanton Parish Council for permission to use the Clock Tower area for the Christmas Fayre. Our final figure looks as if we made £3,135 which is over £500 up on last year which is very cheering, especially as we are now awaiting the transfer of land for a new village hall on the old Dairy Crest site.

Jane Blunt

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

It now seems a while since our November Pie & Mash Evening, very hard work for our Committee - with grateful help from friends - but another successful evening; the Hall was packed out, the pies were even better this year, and Steve's quiz added to the fun. We raised over £800 which will towards vital maintenance works.

Date for your Diary: 30th June 2018 the open-air theatre is coming back to The Green with the play - Roald Dahl's 'Dr Doolittle', at the time of this newsletter we still to have our first sub-committee meeting but, so far, 'parking', 'straw bales' and 'gazebo's' have been mentioned...!

Regarding our fund-raising, although we do have a lovely group of friends we can call upon, our Committee is small (and getting older!) so we are asking if there is anyone 'out there' who would be interested to join us, either in our monthly meetings (3rd Monday) or in any capacity - during the coming year? Please feel free to call me for a chat to find out what being involved would all be about (830250).



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

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

At our **December** meeting after eating our fill of tasty nibbles we were entertained by Vic Botterill. Formerly a Police Chief Inspector and now a public speaker, he gave us an illustrated presentation – "A Christmas Cracker". He amused us with funny stories, perplexed us with unusual conundrums and informed us about seasonal legends such as that of mistletoe and the robin. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

MEETINGS PROGRAMME:

February 1st – 100th Birthday Celebration for Members with meal and St. Ives Uke Troupe to entertain

March 1st – The History of Elgoods Brewery

April 5th – Cook with Amanda

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND JOIN US?

We are a friendly and welcoming group with members of all ages with differing backgrounds, interests and attitudes and are always delighted to greet new members.

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

For more information you can email our secretary Deborah Markl - marklquinn@gmail.com

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

**** VILLAGE MEETING****

The Parish Council would like to arrange a village meeting to which representatives from CCC, HDC, the local police, development companies with a presence in the village, transport companies and others as felt appropriate would be invited to present updates for parishioners and give residents an opportunity to voice any concerns or ask any questions they may have. It would be very useful if residents could get in touch with the Clerk (details below) to with a note of their **THREE MAIN CONCERNS** so we can ensure all the relevant topics are covered. More information will be circulated later in the year but we look forward to welcoming as many of you as can hopefully attend.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

Following recent resignations from the Parish Council we do have vacancies and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a Councillor and help to make a difference in the community. Training sessions are arranged for new members and one of our more experienced Councillors would be happy to chat to anyone interested but please contact the Clerk in the first instance. Council elections take place in May of this year.

Police update the St. Ives and Ramsey Neighbourhood Policing & Problem Solving Team

Police Sergeant Andrew Street attended the meeting and reported that crime in Fenstanton had dropped and remained at a lower level throughout last year. He had organised a patrol of Chequer Street following complaints of noisy drivers and written to vehicle owners. A full report is available from the clerk and can be found on the Parish Council website.

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to the police T 101

Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Inconsiderate Parking and Driving

These issues were discussed with Sergeant Street who welcomed reports on these. Parishioners are asked to contact the Clerk with concerns; she will collate and liaise with Sergeant Street.

Budget and Precept 2018 - 2019

The Parish Council adopted the budget for 2018-2019 and agreed on the application for a 4% increase in the precept request for the same period. Full minutes are available from the clerk and can be found on the Parish Council website.

Chequer Street car park faulty lights

Please note that work will be undertaken on this shortly.

Pathway safety – fallen leaves

Fallen leaves on pavements are becoming very slippery and can be a hazard for all. We would make a polite request to residents near any problem areas to help alleviate the problem by sweeping the paths outside their homes. This is in addition of course to the Clerk reporting issues and liaising with any maintenance teams.

Conington Road

Some remedial work has been done to improve the condition of Conington Road, but more work is required towards Pear Tree Close. Highways England has assured the Parish Council this would be done in due course.

Chequer Street Green

We have heard concerns from residents about the erosion of the edges of this green – this is being discussed at the General Purposes Committee meeting on 25 January (all villages welcome) to establish remedial treatment.

Next Parish Council meeting is February Thursday 8 FULL COUNCIL

The *VILLAGE MEETING* date is to be confirmed

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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 during school term, 10.00 am – 12 noon



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, £3.00 thereafter..

Contact Laura Wilks 07568321505 laurabarnett20@hotmail.com .

Dates of future events:

24 March Hilton Churches Roving Supper
P10 23/24 June Fenstanton Open
Gardens P16 13 May Five Pub Challenge,
Over P21
29th July to 5 August Hilton Feast week
P42 27 July Hilton Village Hall P42
29 July Hilton Produce Show P44
21 April Feast Week Quiz Night P42

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'

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL still "Passionate about learning"

We are Elm and Birch classes in Emerald Zone and are years one and two (aged 5-7). We enjoyed a very busy Autumn Term which finished with our very successful Nativity performance. This term we are really excited to be learning all about dinosaurs. We seize every opportunity to take our learning outdoors and have already designed and built cosy, strong and waterproof nests for our dinosaur egg! Our school grounds are an amazing place to play and learn.

Every day we learn Phonics, English and Maths in the mornings leaving the afternoons for all the other curriculum areas. We now have University afternoon on Fridays. This is an opportunity to work with different children of all ages across the school. The teachers and teaching assistants provide a wide variety of activities for us to choose, from yoga to paper engineering. If you have a special talent, hobby or interest and would like to be part of our university afternoons please contact the school office 01480 375055.

Helen Sumner and Aisha Mahmood

Meeting of the Parish Council on 4 December 2017

Parish Plan

Outstanding Actions from the 2005 Parish Plan were discussed, particularly those actions that had now been completed and those that could be pursued further. Council agreed that the three actions to currently focus on should be: Bus Scheme, Pavilion and Cycle / Footpaths. It was suggested that the Plan should be reviewed again in about three years' time.

Bus Survey

13% of the Bus Surveys were completed and returned. The most popular destinations were St Ives and Cambridge and the most returned surveys came from the "over 66yrs" age group. The PC will contact St Ives Town Council to be included in an informal meeting on the subject of the local buses.

Email Database

The council is keen to establish a comprehensive database of email addresses for parishioners. To ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations GDPR (May 2018) please be aware that our clerk recently attended training on the subject. Parishioners who would like to be included should email our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez (hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com) or use the "Contact" page on the council's website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)

Junction at Graveley Way / Potton Road

CCC advise that they are unable to offer any further help on this subject. If speeding was reduced then the junction would be safer and the police should be contacted for their support. It was noted that Mick George vehicles travel at 20mph and the PC would encourage other villages to do likewise.

Tree Planting

New trees will be planted sometime in Jan / Feb 2018. They will be planted along and around Wraggs Row and in the east corner of "The Wilderness"

Pavilion

Following a favourable response to the Pre-Planning Enquiry, a Planning Application for the Pavilion will be submitted by HPC. The application will include refurbishment of the building both internally and externally and a store at the rear, primarily for FW equipment. More details of the proposals can be viewed on the parish council's website.

Next Meeting

Monday 5th February 2018, 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.

HILTON GIRL GUIDES

A Year in the Life of Girlguiding Hilton

Well it has been another busy year for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides of Hilton. All units took part in Feast Week parade with a Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory walking float even braving the horrendous weather walking the route in full costumes they had made themselves. As part of worldwide celebrations members of each unit gave a live radio broadcast on HCR104FM talking about Girlguiding and Thinking Day and joined the community to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. The units all enjoyed the chance to go to Birmingham arena to see Disney on Ice.



Rainbows have been celebrating their 30th birthday. We have taken part in the Anglia Region Under the Sea Birthday Challenge, the national birthday card swap and even held a sleepover in a zoo! We have welcomed many new members. The girls have taken part in many challenge badges and learned new skills including Road Safety, First Aid, Christmas Challenge and Circus Skills.

1st Hilton Brownies have celebrated their 50th birthday this year. To celebrate one of our leaders wrote a challenge badge which was also enjoyed by other units around the country celebrating big birthdays. The celebrations culminated in a joint party and entertainment night with the other Hilton units. The girls took over running the meetings themselves. They planned activities looking at preventing bullying, the plight of endangered animals, Mother's Day and Easter. After hearing about the Rainbows sleepover they decided they wanted to experience the fun and also held a sleepover at the zoo where they even got to be keepers & girls made their Promise. They have also earned many badges including Home Safety, Crime Prevention, Artist, Circus Skills, Number Fun and Booklovers; many girls also gained Cyclist and Watersports.

Guides have been very active hold meeting in Hilton, Monach Farm and Fenstanton. The patrols have worked on their Fitness, Lights, Camera, Action and Teamwork Go For Its. They have taken part in the County Badge Day, gaining the Science and Survival badges. They have also attended a CPR course and gained their First Aid Badge. Following on from the science theme we took the Engineering Challenge. The girls also gained Independent Living and Healthy Lifestyle badges. The girls had an amazing time going to Wembley Arena for Big Gig – a music concert where many famous artists such as Pixie Lott performed. The girls have already asked to go again this year. We have been busy fundraising for our forthcoming camp by holding cake sales and hamper raffles. We currently have girls working on their Commonwealth Award and Baden Powell Award (two of the highest awards in Guides).

If you would like further information regarding Girlguiding Hilton please contact Claire Pitcher, Unit Leader on 01480411408, clairepitcher@virginmedia.com

HILTON BRITISH LEGION

We are now in the Armistice year of World War One. The centenary anniversaries of the final 55 local men who fell will take place with 15 Everyman Remembered ceremonies in St. Ives, Fenstanton, Woodhurst, the Hemingfords, Broughton, Kings and Abbots Riptons, Holywell and our own in Hilton on 23rd September. The final ceremony will take place in Fenstanton on 4th November, by which time over 176 men will have been remembered and honoured. As early into the war as 1915, 28 Hilton men had enlisted, this was from a village with a total population, including children, of 273, but sadly 12 were not to return.

Finally, your total donated in Hilton during and after the 2017 Poppy Appeal now stands at a truly magnificent £1,653.01. Hilton you are the most generous people for so many different causes so thank you again for your generosity on behalf of service men, women and their families who will be recipients of the Royal British Legion's support.

THANK YOU ALL!

If you have any queries please contact: Margaret 831 186 or Julie 830 580.
Thank you.

HELLO HILTON!

The Early Bird has arrived and is at work!

Why? - He's come to plan our WW1 Armistice Centenary Indoor Street Party.

When? - Sunday Afternoon, 11th November.

Where? - Hilton Village Hall.

What? - Picnic, Fun and Entertainment.

Want to Perform your party piece? He says, "Yes Please".

Want to help him? He says, "Yes Please".

If you would like to help him, like to perform or want further information, please contact two of his assistants:- Margaret Shardlow 831 186 and Julie Briggs 830 580.

Hilton Feast Week



Happy New Year from the Feast Week Committee!

By the time this edition of Spectrum has been published, we hopefully will have held our first great event of 2018, the annual **Burns Night Supper**. These events are a vital part of the fundraising for Feast Week each year and without your support and attendance, the future viability of Feast Week is at risk! Our next event is the **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 21 April 2018**, so get that date in the diary and start swotting up with your friends and family. Tickets are already available for sale via the website or by contacting the Committee.

Feast Week 2018 itself will run from **Sunday 29 July to 5 August 2018** with the **Village Ball** on **Friday 27 July 2018** (Ball tickets priced at £55 available from Sharon Walker – 07984 232424).

The theme for this year's Feast Week is "**School Days**" so start thinking about your entries for the annual parade of floats now! Hopefully this is a broad enough theme for you all to get creative, but to give you some ideas, how about a school disco, Hogwarts or St Trinians themed float!

The inaugural **Hilton Village Calendar** competition was a great success with over 100 submissions and 13 beautiful pictures chosen by the residents of Hilton, which now feature in our fabulous calendar (which includes key Feast Week dates). A few calendars are still available for sale now but hurry stocks are limited!

Given the popularity of the 2018 calendar competition, we want to make this an annual event and we will happily accept entries for next year's calendar throughout the year to help us get a range of photos showing the village in all of its glory throughout the seasons. With spring just around the corner, some lovely pictures of the daffodils in Hilton would be a great entry. Enter your pictures throughout the year by email to the Committee.

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Hilton Feast Week

The **Hilton 200 Club** is still open for entries and you can buy your 12 month membership at any point during the year. The draws take place each month and your entry gives you a chance of a cash prize of up to £200 each month. Full details/entry forms can be found on our website or from Jenny Hartwell on 07866 564407.

Lucky Winners for December 2017 were:

Number 12 – L Radbone
Number 32 – J Perez
Number 13 – G Martin
Number 18 – M Kimbrey
Number 19 – C Fewtrell
Number 7 – G Gribbin
Number 54 – E Wilkinson

Congratulations, your winnings will be with you shortly if you haven't them received already!

2018 COMMITTEE AND CONTACT DETAILS

Co-Chairs – Hannah Hinton (07812 335768) and Guy Martin

Secretary – Lynne Radbone

Treasurer – Joe Holmes

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

Email us – feastweekcommittee@gmail.com

Website – www.feastweek.co.uk

HILTON ART CLUB

We celebrated Christmas with our annual lunch, held this year at The Old Ferry Boat Inn, Holywell. 19 of us sat down to a festive meal and it was nice to just chat with everyone. Thanks to Joanne for the little gifts which she thoughtfully gave out. The club reciprocated with SAA vouchers for her. The picture shows all of us, taken by our very helpful waitress.



23rd February 9.30 am – 12.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. Figure drawing from life – tutor-led workshop with Lesley Fotherby, who specialises in dancers and people. She is also artist in residence to the City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and The Lucy Cavendish Singers.

Spring Colour

A packet of seed sits in our kitchen waiting for the planting season. The label reads "Heliotrope". I bought the seeds because no plants were available in the neighbourhood last year. It is a member of the borage family (a plant which self sows prolifically in our garden) and has the characteristic fleshy leaves, but in a darker green. The most distinctive thing about this plant and the reason I think it should be more widely grown is the amazing, exotic smell of vanilla which fills the air around and wafts into the house if you have some by the door. Some people refer to it as the "cherry-pie" plant, but for me it is pure vanilla.

The "helios" bit of its name refers to its habit of turning to towards the sun, so it does like south or west facing site. Apart from that it is a trouble-free half-hardy annual easily grown. Victorians were as enamoured of it as they were of bedding schemes featuring brightly coloured displays of annuals.

I knew the name first as a colour. My grandmother insisted that her new Spring coat, hat and matching umbrella were neither lilac, nor purple, but heliotrope. It moved me to giggles at the time but has remained as an enduring memory of a truly awesome outfit! Victorian ladies did wear the colour, indeed the Launceston Examiner of 1882 in an article entitled "latest Paris fashions" reports that there is "no doubt" that the "heliotrope colour" will take the lead in Spring fashions. Fashion is fickle as we know.....!

Do grow the plant but don't wear a matching parasol! If the seeds thrive, I may have some surplus plants for sale in aid of the 2018 Hilton Produce Show which will take place on **Sunday 29th July**



A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our supporters whether growers or helpers from
The Hilton Produce Committee

I thought you might like to see some photos I took of the village in our very snowy weather. Simone Pietersz



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 FLOWER CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

FEBRUARY 5th Flower demonstration by Beverley & June,

Look forward to seeing you all, come and join in the fun.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm -- 4pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

Raffle £1.00 your chance to win a flower arrangement to take home.

Every body welcome,

Beverley

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

HILTON WI

We had a very short business talk then Donna our President told us about the trip to Waddesdon Manor in November. There were numerous stalls set up in front of the lovely old Manor House and nearly every room inside had a Christmas tree in it all of them were beautifully decorated.

We had a raffle, exchanged Secret Santa gifts and then got down to the serious business of eating all the delicious food brought by our members.

Then came a surprise! Three of our members read a play written by Carol Yarrow who has written quite a lot of them. It was well received by everyone, well done to Donna, Jan and Kath for being brave enough to perform in front of their friends especially as they all had to read things that were some times applicable to them in a tongue-in-cheek kind of way!

A quiz tested our knowledge of Christmas carols and there is always one answer that no one knows but it's all part of the fun and we all had a great Christmas Party and are ready for all the speakers and outings in 2018. Our January meeting was a brilliant start to the New Year as Helen Tilley brought a selection of her handmade fantastic fascinators and handsome hats in all different styles and colours. She originally found her inspiration on a visit to Cornwall and after a time decided that she would try making some fascinators for herself. Soon friends asked her to make some for them, so she attended several courses and she now makes about two hundred a year. All her hats are hand made to the customer's specific requirements and no two are ever the same.

She uses quite a variety of materials including felts, plant based netting, brocade and adds a lot of decorations like feathers, silk flowers ribbons and brooches. In order to make the hats she had to buy wooden hat blocks which are very expensive but essential to make a base to make the correct shape to mould the felt or other materials which have to be steamed and then stretched over the block as tightly as possible. They are then left to dry and can be decorated to the customer's particular requirements.

It takes about a week to make a fascinator but about three weeks to make a hat. Helen also makes bridal headwear and can make bespoke hats for the bride's mother and other ladies to match their outfits so they can be sure no one else has one like it.

A very good thing to know if you have a wedding to go to in the future!

She also brought a selection of her handmade necklaces and earrings which were very pretty and reasonably priced.

Remember craft club is on 1st February but the drawing class will not start until March.

The February meeting is called Re-thinking your garden and Andrew Sankey will be telling us how to go about it so get your thoughts into spring mode and look for some inspiration to get out in the garden.

GOLDEN AGE GAMERS IN HILTON.

Would you like to join us in February 2018 on the 1st Wednesday of the month 2.30 to 4.00p.m.

To play board games.

Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.

WHAT'S on in February

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