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Veteran Ken Wright and scout Ben at the British Legion Ceremony
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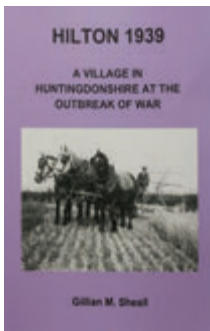
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Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** are still available 67 pages, with illustrations

Only £7 to cover printing costs.

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

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

Gillian Sheail

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Letters & Notices

Increased use of The Fen.

Whilst it is great that we can now all access this bridleway route, we would like to ask everyone that uses this route to please be respectful of the residents' gardens. Please can you either walk on the path or the bridleway itself and not use the grass either side of the path in front of the houses as this is part of our gardens. We would also ask that the sleepers at the end of the gardens be left in situ and not be picked up or moved.

Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Residents of The Fen

The Literary Institute Fenstanton

As you may have noticed, the Literary Institute has been sold and is being redeveloped. When the previous main user (Fun Times) vacated the site over 2 years ago, it was no longer financially viable to keep the site running with just one user (the Scouts) and searches for other users were unsuccessful, so with heavy hearts, the site was sold.

We are now in the process of winding down the Literary Institute as a charity. The proceeds of the sale will be distributed to eligible charities in the village, under the rules and supervision of the Charities Commission. We are still working on the details on how this is to be done. We will announce again in Spectrum when this detail is available.

The Trustees of Fenstanton Literary Institute

THE
LIBRARY
PRESENTS

Bringing arts activities to
outdoor locations across
Cambridgeshire

May - July 2021 | Huntingdonshire District

The Library Presents are delighted to announce the launch of their new season of exciting arts events which will run from May to July 2021. The season will bring workshops and performances to outdoor locations across Cambridgeshire and offer arts activities online.

Full details of the programme, along with booking information can be found at www.library.live/the-library-presents

We have separate brochures for Fenland, East Cambs, Huntingdonshire District and South Cambs & Cambridge City.

Kind Regards
Rupert Woods

Feeling a bit low? Join a creative arts course to improve your mental health!



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VISUAL | DIGITAL | PERFORMING ARTS

CCA offers part-time creative courses for adults 19+ across Cambridgeshire, both online and face to face, including informal 8 week and accredited year-long options

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 13 JULY
1-4 PM
ARBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

"I have developed new techniques and confidence to try things and fallen in love with art again"

Find out more & sign up to our mailing list

www.camcommarts.org.uk

Local charity Cambridge Community Arts run a wide range of part-time creative arts courses for adults in Cambridgeshire. Evidence shows that joining in improves mental wellbeing, reduces feelings of loneliness, and can even help you get back to work. In September there are year-long courses that lead to a Level 2 Qualification – these are in Photography, Visual Arts, Digital Art & Design, Music for Performance, Music Production and Drama. Come and meet us at our Open Day on Tuesday 13th July from 1-4pm at Arbury Community Centre. You will have the chance to meet us, course tutors and past learners to find out more.

Denise took part in a Visual Arts course and commented *"It improved my self-esteem, made me have something to look forward to in my week. Doing something I enjoy has made me feel happy, which is rare. Great experience"*.

A wide range of shorter courses lasting 8 weeks will also be available – both in person and on-line for those who find travelling a challenge. Full details and application form can be found on www.camcommarts.org.uk or ring 07763 280029.

Our courses are for adults 19+. Priority is given to those with health conditions, disabilities and/or caring responsibilities. Short courses are free for those on

Hilton Methodist Church - June

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

At present all our services are held on Zoom. We have a service every Sunday at 9.45 am and the details for joining can be obtained from Sandy Monk(830273) or Heather Woods (830686)

The services last about 30 minutes and joining is from 9.35am

We also have a monthly ecumenical service on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm also on Zoom.

There are also various opportunities for worship in the St Ives and Huntingdon circuit, the website with details is: www.snahmc.org.uk

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - June

Fenstanton United Reformed Church.

We are pleased to welcome you back to our church

Services are at 09.30, Sunday mornings, and all are welcome.

May/June Services

30th May – Led by Geraldine Swain

6th June – Led by Keith Cakebread

13th June – Reverend Roy Muttram

20th June – Reverend Catherine Ball

27th June – Reverend Catherine Ball

4th July – Reverend Roy Muttram



We provide a socially distanced environment, and hand sanitising.

We ask you to wear a mask in accordance with government guidelines, and not to mingle inside of the church



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

ONLINE SERVICES*

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

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – 3rd Friday of the month (6pm)

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

'Just Sharing' is delighted to be able to open again to offer Fair Trade goods to the community.

Based in the Free Church, Market Hill, in the centre of St Ives, Just Sharing offers a wide range of ethically sourced goods from around the world including beautiful jewellery, gifts, and cards for all occasions.



Manager Sue Billings said, "We're thrilled to have reopened for all our customers and volunteer staff following the long lockdown."

Open from 10am - 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

My almost 2 year old grandson, Theo Harris, wanted to help me deliver Spectrum last week!! I had to lift him up to every letter box but he was determined to deliver them all!!

Christine Harris



JOIN US
ONLINE
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

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



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



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

Jigsaw Exchange – Still running in Hilton!

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



For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866)

Fenstanton Parish Church - June

Hello, how are you doing?

We are stepping slowly and carefully out of lockdown 3 as we open both churches in our benefice of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton for Sunday Services. You might recall that the merger of the two village churches occurred in 2018. St Peter and St Paul, Fenstanton remains the Parish Church while St Mary's Fen Drayton became a Chapel of Ease. What is the difference you may ask? Does it matter? Well, it will to some people, not least if you wish to get married in church, as you need to know in which parish you live to have your banns published.

As the Parish Church gently emerges from being closed, we have to adhere to various restrictions along the way. You might see in the press or social media, for example how many people can attend this or that but most either have a government limit (which means we break the law if we go beyond that number) or we have to limit numbers due to our capacity for the building. That's the number (any person, of any age) the church can safely have in the building, with a covid-19 secure risk assessment. We are fortunate that the Parish Church is large enough to be able to have 70 people at any one time.

Please be patient with us as we wait to hear the updates for us from 17 May and 21st June and review our plans accordingly.

Please note that list of services below is subject to the restrictions for coming out of lockdown 3 and may change at short notice. We are live-streaming our Sunday services at the Parish Church but you will need to book in to receive the access codes for Zoom. The pre-booking of places for in person in church services is preferred but not mandatory. Pre-booking places helps us to manage our numbers for capacity on the day.

Go to <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk/>

Please be assured of a warm welcome but we respectfully ask that you do not attend any services if you are showing signs/symptoms of covid19 or any other virus or infection that could be transmitted to others. If you are in any doubt, think twice and think of others.

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Contact details for our parish are:

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

Please note that all enquiries for weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and baptisms should be made in the first instance to our Rector Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

For more information about our ***Community Fund**, or to make an application for financial help, please see separate article.

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

Fenstanton Parish Church - June

Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for MAY only and may be subject to change.			
	Church Open	Service in Church: all said services = no sung hymns prebooking preferred Live stream may be available	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Thursday 3 rd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 6 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Worship For All service Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 7 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 10 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 13 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 14 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 17 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 20 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 21 st			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 24 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 27 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 28 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton (charity no: 1173597) – *Community Fund

Growing in faith, serving our community

The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with either village, whether a church member or not.

Especially in our current situation with the pandemic, we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose.

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

To find out more and make contact, we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdcommunityfund@gmail.com or you can contact Rev Rosie Tallowin (our Rector) on 01480 467393

Fenstanton Community Café: weekly virtual Café, all welcome
Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday Fenstanton
Community Virtual Café, happy birthday to you.
(you're singing it, aren't you, as you read that)



And will we have virtual cake.....NOOOOOOO. Real cake, we hope.

We plan to celebrate our first birthday, in style, with real cake. We do need to plan very carefully how we manage this, for obvious reasons, but we are going to do our best to provide real cake at some point to celebrate our first birthday.

It would be easy to think to think the Café is a bunch of ladies, cackling together with all the latest gossip but get that picture out of your head right now!! We are young and not so young and welcome everyone, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity or ability. Our virtual café welcomes the housebound, those who need to access from a hospital bed, as well as anyone who wishes to join us for some lively conversation. We have very variable conversations about anything and everything. Ask a question, share a hobby, listen to a lively chat concerning something in the news. We sometimes have quizzes, an invited guest or speaker. Maybe you prefer to listen instead, it is as good as a reality show in our opinion, maybe better as we respect each other's viewpoints!

The Fenstanton Community virtual Café is open to anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday afternoon, it doesn't matter where you live or where you are joining us from. The virtual café meets every Wednesday afternoon, from 2pm to 3.30pm on Zoom. Please message Rosie for the meeting ID and passcode.

We have a facebook page "Fenstanton Community Café" and a WhatsApp group.

We do have two rules we have agreed upon:

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

For more information, please contact Rev Rosie. 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

THE CHARITY STALL IN BELL LANE.



As we come out of lockdown,
I will be running my stall
down.

I will still have plants, books,
jigsaws and homemade
marmalade and jam, until I
can hold the books and jigsaw
sale again in the United
Reformed Church once a
month.

I've enjoyed doing this stall, I have met some lovely
people and feel that I in a small way have helped the
village.

The total to date is £5000+, and, without your
donations of goodies, this could not have happened.

So, a big thank you to everyone that gave me
goodies or left things on my doorstep unnamed

THANK YOU Jean

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

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

*These can be found on UTube at The Bridge Church St Ives/Live
It is also available on Zoom, details on joining can be found on the church website*

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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



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

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

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

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

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

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

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

FENSTANTON and the DAIRY SITE, now THE CROWN ESTATE: Part 1:

It is believed that a small dairy existed on the road frontage of this site as early as 1830. The dairy as we know it was called Keith Wright Ltd, milk wholesalers and was founded in 1926 by Keith Wright a farmer of Fen Drayton. The original Wrights dairy was in Bell Lane and cattle were driven there for milking. The recently demolished dairy was built after WW2



The Keith Wright Ltd dairy was eventually bought out by the United Dairy and then it went through a number of different hands and trading names such as, Towngate, Unigate and Lee Valley Dairy, before finally becoming the Dairy Crest Company.

The following essay is based on the official archaeologist's report which is available online, also maps and notes on the dairy site held at the Norris Museum. The Park Estate was pristine agricultural land, never used for building, so it was relatively easy to gain access to the archaeology. The dairy site was a totally different matter, full of buildings and most of the land tarmacked over. By the digging of the foundations for the many buildings, much of the opportunity to unearth any archaeological evidence was destroyed.

Although the Park Estate had a wealth of Roman remains, this did not continue into the main dairy site with the exception of the 'triangle' (a triangle of wooded land on the right as you come on to the slip road from the A1307).

Maps drawn in the eighteen and nineteenth centuries show the dairy site as being strips of agricultural land running back from the High Street. Therefore I think that we can safely accept that there were no buildings on these five acres of land until the dairy was built in the middle of the twentieth century.

The site in Prehistoric Times:

There is no known prehistoric activity recorded within the dairy site. Surrounding Fenstanton are cropmarks believed to date to the prehistoric period. Considering the value of the agricultural land, so far above the fen water level, I think that we can safely say that Iron age people would have farmed this land.

The site in Roman Times:

The site is bounded to the north by a former roman road, (the High Street), which linked the Roman forts at Cambridge and Godmanchester. Prior excavation of a site around 500meters to the north has revealed a potential Roman field system, timber barn and water hole, all agricultural in nature. Although no Roman artefacts were found in the dairy site, there can be no doubt that the nearby Romano British mansio complex would have extended into some of this land, probably under the soil in the triangle, the slip road and the grassed area facing the triangle.

The site in Saxon and Medieval Times:

There is no written or archaeological evidence for Saxon or Medieval non-agricultural activity within the site. This is mainly due to the site being located outside of the historic core of the village. The heart of the village settlement during the Saxon and Medieval periods is believed to have been situated around the church.

The regular, long, narrow tenements stretching back from the High Street and visible on early mapping may indicate that these plots were part of a planned expansion of the original village. It is unclear from the form of these plots whether these would have been constructed in the late medieval or post-medieval periods. The plots were constructed by the late 18th century as they are depicted on a map of 1777.

To be continued next month.

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

Fen Drayton Tennis Club

We are a friendly club and welcome players from Fen Drayton, Fenstanton, Hilton and other local villages.

We have two outside courts with easy access from Fen Drayton Village Hall where free parking is available.

We welcome players of all levels and age and are open to new members. Professional coaching is available.

We also offer pay and play bookings for non-members.

For full details of membership and 'pay and play" and for the latest information on use of the courts please visit our website:

www.fendraytontc.co.uk



FENSTANTON GLEBE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Glebe Allotments are in splendid Spring condition. Over the year, new members have joined, and our waiting list grows.

We hope to gain a dozen or so new plots and so welcome many enthusiastic plotholders.

The Allotment Steering Group is considering the practicality of developing an Easy Access plot that would have a firm, level surface and raised beds in trugs so that users who may be less mobile would not need to bend down or enjoy the pleasures of heavy digging.

We wish to gauge interest in such an initiative. If any villagers who live in the Parish of Fenstanton would be interested, please contact me by e-mail:

paulstone021@btinternet.com

Paul Stone, Chairman.



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes



Tern raft on Ferry Lake - Henry Cook

When looking out over Ferry Lake in the spring and summer, particularly from the picnic tables near the car park or from the northern view shelter overlooking Ferry Mere, you may notice some rafts floating out on the water. You can see these same constructions from the hide on Moore Lake. These are our tern rafts and are specially made artificial nesting platforms for common tern.

Common tern are fantastic birds that spend the autumn and winter in Western Africa before coming up to breed in Europe. With their long, slender wings and long outer tail feathers they fly agilely over the lakes, earning them the nickname 'sea swallow', energetically turning and swooping up and down as they catch small fish from just below the surface.

Unlike their coastal nesting cousins, common tern can often be found on inland lakes in the breeding season. As ground nesters, terns do not build nests in trees. Instead, they lay their eggs directly on the ground or on a small pile of vegetation, usually favouring sandy or gravelly areas where their eggs and chicks are adapted to be well camouflaged.



Common tern - David Tipling (rspb-images.com)

Whilst we have several islands on Moore Lake and a single island on Ferry Lake that our terns nest on; these tend to be crowded with nesting black-headed gull that push the common tern to the edges. We therefore take out rafts and anchor them in the lake near the islands to provide some much-needed extra space for the terns, timing their deployment for after the gulls have begun nesting to limit the number that will attempt to use the rafts.

It doesn't take long for the terns to find the rafts once they are out and begin claiming nesting spots. When visiting the reserve, keep an eye out for birds flying overhead carrying fish to bring in to incubating partners or chicks on the rafts.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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

FAMILY FUNFEST

FOR THE AIR AMBULANCES



BR W4 CIC would like to invite you, to help raise more money and awareness for your chosen Air Ambulance by doing a sponsored **Bike Run** or **Walk** with or without your 4-legged friend. If you would like to take part register directly through the **BRoW4** website. www.brow4.com.

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 2021 STARTS AT 11AM

FERRY MEADOWS, NENE PARK, PETERBOROUGH, PE2 5UU



BRoW4
Bike Run or Walk 4

Saturday 19th June 2021
Nene Park Trust - Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, PE2 5UU

www.brow4.com anna@brow4.com
07828 471738

YOUR LOCAL AIR AMBULANCE



Fenstanton Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report 2021

Introduction & Acknowledgements

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for contributing their personal time without remuneration, they have diligently dealt with the many issues brought before them during the year. During this time we were actively recruiting our new Clerk Jo Perez, who and has settled in effectively.

My thanks also go to District and County Councillors for their service throughout the period, and Parishioners who have supported the Parish during this period.

Particular mentions go to the late John Davies, HDC Councillor and Cllr Ian Bates, who is retiring after 20 years of continuous service as our County Councillor.

Particular mention is also made of Martin Crawshaw, who has contributed a significant amount of his time and expertise towards the work of Fenstanton Flood Working Group to investigate the cause, impact and proposed solutions required to mitigate the future risk of similar flooding to that of December 2020.

My appreciation also goes to the volunteer litter teams who contribute freely of their time.

During the current period we received 2 resignations from Cllrs Ian Caswell and Jackie Turner. We wish them well and thank them for their valuable services during their time serving the community.

Five new Cllrs, Amit Puntambekar, Jerry Schonfeldt, Sam Polhill, Joseph Middleton & Mark Richardson were co-opted during the period, bringing the Parish Council up to a full complement of 13 Parish Councillors.

Covid-19 Impact and Regulations

During the initial six months of the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown period, the Chairman and Vice Chairman, together with our Clerk, dealt with any issues that were brought to the attention of the Clerk by Parishioners, as permitted under emergency legislation. This approach was implemented as an emergency arrangement, until the introduction of Zoom meetings in August, all Councillors and parishioners were subsequently able to attend monthly Parish Council Zoom meetings.

Your Parish Council will shortly be permitted to resume socially distanced face to face meetings, at which the press and members of the

public will be invited to attend. Residents will be notified accordingly.

Draft Financial year end accounts are currently being prepared for the period ending 31 March 2021. The Annual Accounts will be made available to members of the public between Monday 14th June to Friday 23rd July 2021.

Parish Projects delivered

- Fen Bridleway implemented and repaired after flood damage.
- New Parish Council Website launched
- Village Pond renovation and fencing works
- Clocktower, bell and surrounds refurbished.
- 10 extra litter bins installed.
- 2 new benches installed
- Launched the Community Warden scheme
- Extended St Ives foodbank collections to Fenstanton
- 30mph speed limit introduced on Cambridge Road Slip Road off A1307.
- Cleaned up A1307 underpass and applied anti-graffiti paint.
- Established the Fenstanton Flood Working Group
- Committed funds to support the new Village Hall.
- Established Highway Drain clearing Working Group.

Projects & Initiatives In Progress

- Implement refurbishment of bus shelters.

- Implement 20mph speed limit in the High Street.
- Improve parish footpaths
- Digitalisation and location mapping of village burial records
- Install Chequer Street parking bays.
- Clock Tower and Village Pond works completed, History board & 2 picnic tables, whipping post installed.
- Implement Multi Use Games Area on school grounds during July 2021.
- Complete online mapping of all parish areas and services.
- Install additional benches around parish
- Galaxy Big Band, deferred to September 2021.
- Further development of the Hamptons open space & football field for sport, exercise and social use.

Other Parish Matters:

Cambridge Road A1307 slip road

Following completion of the new A14, HGV parking on the Cambridge Road slip road was expected to diminish. This has not been the case and dangerous HGV parking has continued. The volume and speed of vehicles along this stretch of road has been monitored, collecting evidence of significant speeding. Your Parish Council is preparing a re-submission to HDC to try to secure a release of retained CIL money for pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements.

Meanwhile, to help mitigate dangerous parking of HGVs, your

Parish Clerk is contacting all Hauliers whose vehicles are parking overnight and causing an obstruction.

Transfer of the Old Orchard land to Fenstanton Parish Council

The legal transfer of title to this land at has now been completed. A lease is currently being drawn up in favour of Fenstanton Scouts for the siting a new village scout hut. The scouts will be responsible for future maintenance of this parcel of land.

Grants made during the year

- Community Café £500.
- Glebe Allotments £540.
- United Reformed Church £1,000.
- Fenstanton Friendship Club £250.
- Fenstanton Football Club £12,000 from S106 monies received
- Fenstanton Primary School a max of £6,000 “£ for £” fund matching scheme to support school improvements.

Parish Planning Matters

A total of 40 planning applications, have been processed, in respect of which the Parish Council have been consulted in an advisory capacity by HDC Planning.

Burial Board Matters

Your Parish Council is progressing with the validation and digitalisation of Village Burial Records. This will be enhanced with a new, on-line high-resolution digital map of the open graveyard.

Due to the shortage of known available plots, your Parish Council is continuing to progress an initiative with CCC and the school, which would provide additional land required for expansion of the graveyard.

Parish Funding

In order to maintain the current level of service provided, meet agreed commitments to the Village Hall Trust and Community Warden scheme and achieve a balanced budget in the coming financial year 2021/22, your Parish Council has increased the Parish contribution (Precept) by £1.17 per month for a level D property.

The Parish Precept remains within the bottom 25% of comparable sized parish precepts within the Huntingdonshire district.

With the support of parish residents, your Parish Council will continue to diligently work throughout 2021/22 to improve village surrounds, delivering new and improved village amenities.

Chairman - Paul Kent 04.05.2021

The full Chairman's and RFO reports can be found by scanning the QR code:



How can you get involved?

Village clear-up

Sunday, 6th June

10.00am - 2.00pm

In conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy and Hunts District Council, we'll be out in force around the village.

To register your interest and for details on obtaining equipment
roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk



Social distancing will still apply.



Galaxy Big Band @Bannolds is back

Saturday, 4th September

7.00pm till late

Tickets can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or on-line via the Parish Council website.

Tree planting

Plans to double the number of trees in Fenstanton are progressing well.

We're looking for help in:

- Surveying
- Mapping
- Planting
- Young tree after-care

To find out how you can get involved contact:



Ray Puddefoot on 07501 684935 or
Roy Mcgee on 07949 453767 or see
the Parish Council website.

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



Wanted: your views on health and care

What do you think about the health and care services you use? Good or bad, your views are wanted by Healthwatch.

Healthwatch is the independent champion for health and care in Cambridgeshire/ Peterborough. And it listens to local people and shares their experiences to help improve NHS and care services.

The kinds of things you can tell us about...

- Covid vaccinations - how did it go?
- Who's doing a great job? Your local dentist, pharmacist or district nurse?
- Visits to the GP - are video consultations working well or are you struggling to see your local doctor?
- Hospital waiting lists - we know many people are waiting for treatment and procedures. Tell us what would help you while you wait.
- Home care services
- Care homes

Using the NHS 111 First service

Get in touch

Give your feedback at <https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/share-your-views> or <https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views>

Not online? You can also call 0330 355 1285 or text: 0752 0635 176.



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Tuesday 4th May 2021

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Peter Balicki was elected as Chair and Cllr Graham Barradell was elected as Vice-Chair. The Council resolved that the declaration of acceptance of office could be signed at a later date as the meeting was held remotely.

Policies

The Council conducted their annual review of their policies. Copies of any Council policies can be found on the website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

Membership of Committees and Working Groups

The Council reviewed the members of all of the committees and working groups. A draft document can be found on the Council's website detailing this membership and this will be ratified at the next Council meeting.

Representation on External Bodies

Cllr Heather Chambers will represent the Parish Council on the Hilton Village Hall Management Committee and Cllr Peter Balicki will represent the Parish Council on the A428 Community Forum. The position of representative to the HCV Committee is currently vacant.

Remote Meetings and Scheme of Delegation

As the legislation that allowed the Council to meet remotely expired on 7th May, and face-to-face meetings are still discouraged, the Council has resolved not to hold a meeting at the beginning of June. The Council has adopted an emergency scheme of delegation which delegates the routine matters to the Clerk until 30th June, except where there is a planning application of concern.

Future Council Meetings

The Council set the dates for their meetings as follows:

Monday 5th July 7:30pm

Monday 6th September 7:30pm

Monday 4th October 7:30pm

Monday 1st November 7:30pm

Monday 6th December 7:30pm

Monday 7th February 7:30pm

Monday 7th March 7:30pm

Monday 4th April 7:30pm

The location of each meeting will be advised on the agenda. The date of the annual meeting of the Council in May will be decided when the dates of the 2022 election are known.



Hilton Parish Council

Financial Control

The Council conducted their annual review of their system of internal control and authorised the regular payments and the banking arrangements, including the use of BACS as a payment method.

Annual Governance and Accountability Review

The Council received the Annual Internal Audit report and approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounts Statement. These documents will now be submitted to the External Auditor. The period of electors' rights will be set for Monday 7th June to Friday 16th July and further information will be available on the website and the noticeboards.

Data Protection

The Council have renewed their data protection fee to register as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office at a cost of £40.

County Councillor Ian Bates

Hilton Parish Council resolved to send a thank you letter to Ian Bates to formally thank him for his service to the community for over 20 years.

Living Sport Grant

The Council has been successful in their application for a grant from Living Sport. They resolved that the Clerk would complete the partnership agreement and Cllr Heather Chambers will co-ordinate the loaning of equipment. The Council are going to purchase the following:

10 sets of boules

3 sets of croquet equipment

5 sets of Geologic equipment (Finnish version of skittles)

1 set of rounders equipment

The Council will also be organising some short-term exercise classes on the Green including keep fit and Tai Chi. Further information will be made available on the website and the noticeboards.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th July 2021 via Zoom. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

“And your deserts shall flower”

WHERE is there a **desert** in our village and how will it **flower** you ask...? Of course it isn't really a desert, but there is a currently unused section of a field owned by Monach Farm. It is to the right of the main path across The Wilderness, offering easy access for us all, yet set back from the main thoroughfares of the village. It is an ideal site for the creation of a productive garden for the benefit of the whole community. Dr. and Mrs. Randall have generously agreed to lease this land to the village for a peppercorn rent.

Much of the preparatory work has already been accomplished. An agreement has been made with the landowner, grants have been applied for and risk assessments drawn up.

Alongside these necessary items of paperwork, preliminary plans for the garden have been agreed. There will be a series of raised beds for vegetable growing along the far boundary of the plot, next to which there will be a small orchard of fruit trees. To the left of the gate there will be a seating area; to the right a 'working area' with a shed for storage, access to water and compost heaps.

Initially the ground will be rotovated, then essential work on fencing will take place. We need to protect our plants from the ever hungry Hilton rabbits, so fencing will go below the ground. This adds to the cost of establishing the garden, but will be well worth the outlay. Grants which have already been offered will allow this work to go ahead.

The prospect of families heading off to the garden at weekends and after school or work is a very happy one. It will be another way to bring the community together in an activity that is productive, educational and therapeutic. Families could meet there for picnics and children will be able to see how their seeds develop into mature plants.

Remarkably the project has flourished in a very short time. The photos show what has been happening on the plot over the last two months. When you read this piece, the ground will have been prepared, the fencing erected, the shed established on its base and raised beds in place ready for planting. All this has been accomplished without a magic wand, but with some inspired, hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers who have formed an effective committee and whose success in grant applications has been phenomenal.

It is a wonderful thing that after all these bleak months something so creative should emerge. The restorative benefits of gardening are well known. Swapping a stressful office for an outdoor space; working within sight of trees and the soothing sound of birds; being in contact with the seasons; using our bodies as well as our planning brains to achieve a harvest; sharing our successes and understanding our failures are all well documented factors in the satisfaction and mental relaxation that gardening brings.

HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

.Next year, 2022,we should see the first harvest: new potatoes, carrots, peas, beans, leeks? Perhaps some flowers as well: sweet peas, marigolds and dahlias could be planted to give colour and fragrance. However nothing is prescribed. The beauty of this project is the opportunity for members of the community to take on eg a raised bed and grow whatever they please. The garden will evolve as the community itself takes part and as individuals make their own choices. It will be truly democratic: of the village, by the villagers, for the village.

SO Next to the **Wilderness**, with your support, we hope to cultivate a **little chemical free paradise garden**, a haven of peace and productivity for children and adults of all ages.

Malcolm Lynn.

The Garden Plot in March



And at the end of April ...



The garden plot being made ready (May 12th)



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

On a blustery afternoon in early May members of the St Ives branch and ourselves were privileged to take part in the outdoor celebrations for the 100th birthday of S/Sgt Reginald Millns RASC. He had spent most of his day until then opening around 200 cards and that special one from Her Majesty.

With the presence of Alan Scott, our Community Support Representative and our two Standard Bearers, Julie Briggs and Mike Robinson, our group was joined by WO Brian Durber, RSM 42 Engineering Regiment (Geographic) to be led by a quartet from the RAF Wyton Voluntary band conducted by Bandmaster Graham Sheldon firstly to play the National Anthem, then 'Happy Birthday.'

Although understandably frail, Reg was able, proudly wearing his medals, to watch and participate from his patio alongside family, friends, neighbours and carers.

2021 is also the Centenary year of the Royal British Legion, when at 9 am on May 15th 1921, men from four small veteran charities placed a wreath at the Cenotaph and united to form the larger charity. By Christmas of that year 2,500 branches had formed and the Legion's work in support only of veterans had begun, but later to include serving men and women.



Sadly, celebrations must wait for next year but at 9 am on the recent May 15th a small group commemorated the anniversary with a short ceremony at the Lychgate and representing the younger generation to place a wreath by 10 year old Scout Ben Payne



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.

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HILTON WI

Well, Lockdown has eased a little bit more and warmer days are coming, oh, yes, they are!

We have plans afoot for the summer and also to that fantastic time in September when we plan to return to the Village Hall for our monthly meeting and we very much hope to be there for our annual Summer Buffet in August as well. It will be a great welcome back with even the occasional hug!

One casualty has been to postpone the summer outing to Essex because some of us felt an ongoing uncertainty regarding confined coach travel. However, we will be going on local trips with our own transport fairly regularly.

We have tried stoically to return to the weekly picnics on the Green but so far the weather has been chilly, no, cold or wet. It is not the best of fun sitting under rugs and wearing winter clothing from top to toe, but we are intrepid and carry on regardless.

Work continues on our Centenary Tablecloth. It may seem to be taking a long time, but each lady's contour measures almost a metre of meticulous blanket stitch and needs good light to work in.

Our Book Club and Craft Club will be resuming whilst adhering to limitations- how wonderfully our gardens are supporting us. The Drawing group is getting together for an hour or two and of course with all of our activities there is plenty of chatting which is as therapeutic as ever!

Finally, our zoom meeting for May was a very interesting talk with the title 'The Must See Street in Cambridge' by Murray Jacob who is a Green Badge Guide. Murray took us along King Street which some of us knew, but not the inside snippets and stories about the various buildings and their history. We are looking forward to walking that same street again in real life and through more curious eyes.

Margaret



FEAST WEEK 2021 – your questions answered

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



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

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

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

Small Lotteries Registration No. 502,176



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**THE TWO UNWRITTEN
RULES FOR LIFE**

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Dates of future events:

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

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

Keep up to date with the Churches and Clubs notices.

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

Spectrum Team