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“A Pantomime of Errors” By the Hiltonian Players

A modern-day Cinderella or should it be ‘Sin’derella because it would be a sin for anyone to go home and say that they had not enjoyed the performance.

The participation of the audience and especially the children showed that they understood the word pantomime, a theatrical entertainment involving music, topical jokes, dance and comedy, which of course it was.

The actors, the costumes, especially the recycled gowns worn by the ugly sisters, the clever use of photographs for the scenery and the music all blended in to make this pantomime a great success. All the characters were brilliantly portrayed but for us Ambrosia, Flirty Fertilizer and Compostela were the highlight of the show.

We congratulate Helen and all her team and look forward to the next one!

All we really need now is a benefactor or benefactors to provide the hall with the stage fittings and curtains for the next performance. Are there any takers?

Jenny, Sue & Jo

(see page 38)

Can I please send a gentle reminder to all our fellow villagers that while I agree that at times parking within our village is a problem but can we all remember that parking on a corner outside the chapel when attending slimming world, parking on paths causing anybody pushing a buggy or wheelchair to go onto the road to get past and while parking on the grass (now mud) in Chequers Street is bad enough but then parking over the path which allows you crossing the road causes pedestrians to walk over the mud to cross the road is inconvenient.

I think we just all need to be more mindful when parking.

A Fenstanton villager

I am sure readers of ‘Spectrum’ will realise how lucky we are that our small village, HILTON, still has not only a shop, but the valuable facility of a Post Office. I was chatting with Sunni (Sunil) a little while after the new A14 was opened and, as we had expected, the lorries stopping by to stock up on daily supplies had fallen, this got me thinking that now is the very time we ALL need to support our shop. In case you hadn’t realised it, the Post Office counter also has FREE CASH WITHDRAWALS - always handy living where we do. Sunni’s shop is crammed with all sorts of essentials, and it is good to catch-up with neighbours and gather all the ‘gossip’ (Sunni can always fill you in if there is anything else you need to know!). Check out the web for his long opening hours or, better still, look on the door of the shop as you go in....

Doreen Bates

**FENSTANTON
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THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

We are a mixed group of all ages, singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure. A relaxed and informal group, we sing by ear and mostly unaccompanied.

We meet every Thursday evening 7.30-9.30pm - the first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes, the rest of the month in The Bertha Pitfield Room at the Church Centre.

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you? You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.



Available for bookings: We are available to entertain clubs, societies, small groups and parties.

For more information please call **01480 370973** or email raywhitby45@gmail.com

You can visit us **and hear us at Fen Shanty Folk on Facebook.**



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Hilton Methodist Church March

Church Services

1st March at 10 00a.m. Mr John Green.

8th March at 10 00a.m. United Holy Communion service at 11 15a.m. with Revd. Nick Witham and Revd. David Busk.

15th March at 10 00a.m. A local Arrangement service.

22nd March at 10 00a.m. Revd. Pam Siddall.

29th March at 10 00a.m. Holy Communion service led by Revd. Dr. Andrew Stobart.

CHURCHES IN HILTON LENT LUNCHES.

These will be held on Wednesdays throughout Lent and this year will be for Huntingdonshire Society For The Blind – often a forgotten charity.

Dates are:-

Wednesday 4th March - Atticus House, Church End - Jan Whatley

Wednesday 11th March – 20 Chequers Croft – Christina Sheppard

Wednesday 18th March – 27 Scotts Crescent – Sandy Monk

Wednesday 25th March – Tanglewood, The Green – Jenny Broom

Wednesday 1st April – 7 Chequers Croft - Heather Woods

All lunches start at 12 30 and finish at 2pm.

Donations of £5+ for a simple lunch of bread, cheese and fruit and a drink are requested.

ROVING SUPPER

The Churches' Roving Supper will take place on Saturday 4th April. Please contact Heather Woods on 830660 or Peter Blake on 830317 if you would like to join in with this popular event.

All proceeds are shared between the two churches in the village.



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, 7th March
10.00am - 12.00 noon.
in the Church Hall**

There will be the usual FAIRTRADE coffee morning on Saturday 1st February from 10am until noon. All the lovely FAIRTRADE groceries and gifts will be on sale. Do come and join us for a tea or coffee and a chat. You will be most welcome.

The church has raised £300 from refreshments throughout the year and this money has been sent to EACH, the children's' hospice.

Hilton Parish Church - March

Sunday 1st	Lent 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 4th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 8th	Lent 2	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC with children's activities in church
Wednesday 11th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 15th	Lent 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Friday 20th		
Hilton	5.30pm – 7.00pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
Sunday 22nd	Mothering Sunday	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Wednesday 25th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 29th	Lent 5	
Hilton	11.15	Family Communion
Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday	
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



'Supporting Huntingdonshire Communities through volunteering'

Calling all drivers in Fenstantoncan you help, please?

Life in a rural community can be very isolating if you don't have access to a car, particularly if you are elderly or can't use public transport. The Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre Car Scheme seeks to address this problem by matching passengers with volunteer drivers who use their own cars to take them to hospital appointments, shopping or even to visit friends and relations. Passengers pay the drivers 40p a mile based on the driver's mileage, to cover the drivers expenses, plus a £1 booking fee which is payable to the office to cover administration costs. Could you become a volunteer driver and help your neighbours in this way? We understand that as a volunteer you may be concerned about how much time you can commit. Even if you can only offer one drive per week, this would be a help, and there is no obligation to accept a drive. No experience is necessary, just common sense and a sympathetic attitude. Support and guidance is always available from our friendly office. Please note that all applicants will be subject to a DBS check and satisfactory references will be required.

In addition, other volunteer opportunities are available via www.do-it.org.uk or call into any of the offices for a chat. We look forward to meeting you.

For more information and an application form please contact the St Ives Office on 01480 301462 or Email: stives@huntsvc.org.uk

'Supporting Huntingdonshire Communities through Volunteering'

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FENSTANTON VE SPORTS DAY *(see page 26,28 as well)*

Saturday 9th May 2020

TUG OF WAR COMPETITION

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE AND SOME FUN!

We want to add to the friendly rivalry of our Sports Day with a traditional Tug of War and are looking for team entries for men, women and mixed adults' competitions.

Team members should reside in the Fenstanton area and consist of up to 8 pullers.

For the purposes of this competition, entrants aged 16 or over will be classed as adults.

Keen to participate? Then gather your team and complete an entry form. All entries are subject to a £10 per team entry fee and must be submitted no later than Saturday 2nd May 2020.

Entry forms can be obtained from Ron's Farm Shop or for further information and an entry form please contact Ian Charles at iangcharles@aol.com.

All proceeds will go towards tug of war prizes with any residual going to the event charities.

HCCN Huntingdonshire's Best Kept Secret - Transforming Cancer Care in the Community

Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN) is a partnership between an NHS funded nursing service and a charity. We support people (over 18) across Huntingdonshire through their cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery. We are there for the person with cancer and for their partners and family.

Our team of skilled HCCN Oncology Nurses visit people at home, at work, in the hospital or somewhere neutral for a cup of coffee if necessary! They help to reduce the amount of time spent sitting in clinics and in hospital admissions. They keep our patient's symptom-free. They help them to hold on to feeling of normality through difficult times.

HCCN the Charity aims to help people who are recovering from or living with cancer to play an active part in managing their health. We offer programmes to support lifestyle changes, focusing on exercise and nutrition, education and wellbeing. All are needed to promote long term health.



We support people with the emotional side of coping with cancer, including counselling, where 1 to 1 support is needed. Programmes of gentle massage, art therapy and sleep courses are all designed to help heal the emotions.

We offer a range of exercise activities including Yoga, Tai Chi, Boules and Walks & Talks. We have a number of social drop-in groups that meet regularly. We also have available nutritional advice.

We know that doing things together helps the healing process. As does knowing that you matter, that you aren't alone and that you are not the only one to feel this way.

We are your local volunteer-led charity, wholly dependent on your support to enable the nursing service to do more for our patients in the community. For example, we fund specialist training in ancillary and valuable skills and therapies which can help with side effects of chemotherapy plus we provided them with mobile phones to stay in touch with patients remotely. We are reliant on your generosity to fund the much-needed activities for people living with cancer in our local community. To find out how you can help visit www.hccn.org.uk/fundraising.



It not just about the money - if you'd like to get involved, we would love a donation of your time. To find out how you can help visit www.hccn.org.uk/volunteering. It is only with the enthusiasm of our marvellous volunteers that we can deliver our services in your local community.

Could you be a volunteer? For more information contact Jan by jan@hccnthecharity.org or 07510 570066

Do you or someone you know need our help or the help of the nursing service? Then please contact Amanda on 01480 416410 or hccn@hccnthecharity.org.

FENSTANTON COMMUNITY CAFÉ

A planning meeting will be held on
Wednesday 18th March,
2-3pm at the Church Centre
Do come along and find out more!



Fenstanton Parish Church - March

Spectrum - Vicar letter for March 2020

Hello! How are you doing?

Do you remember that last month I mentioned the possibility of a Fenstanton Community Café ? I have had an amazing response! So, what's the next step? I think we need to have a meeting to discuss what happens next. I am having a get together of like-minded people, who may be able to help with the café, on a regular or occasional basis. The meeting will take place in the Church Centre on Wednesday 18th March, 2-3pm. Do come along to find out more! All welcome.

And to remind you that the Parish Church will be holding a service for Mothering Sunday on 22nd March at 10.30am, which will include the giving of posies. The Mothering Sunday service is for all and there will be time to reflect on all sorts of parenting situations. For example: mums who are no longer with us, those unable to have children, those cared for by others, adopted children, children who have died, difficult ongoing relationships. So many emotions can emerge or be hidden. Do please feel you can come along no matter whether you feel joyful and blessed or going through a difficult time. We are here for you.

Until next time, God bless, Rev Rosie

Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.

All enquiries regarding baptisms (christenings), weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and funerals should be made in the first instance to our new Vicar Revd Rosie Tallwin, 01480 467393.

For general church matters please contact the Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211.

For pastoral conversations please contact the Vicar or either of our Licensed Lay Ministers - Niki Whitby on 07841 599492 or Harvey Marshall on 01480 533301.

For more information about our Community Fund please email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Why not visit our website <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, or find us on Facebook - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches

Fenstanton Parish Church - March

March		
Sunday 1st	First Sunday of Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Thursday 5th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 6th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 8th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	10.30 am	Worship for All (followed by pancake party in the Church Centre)
Thursday 12th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 15th	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club and induction of our Vicar
Thursday 19th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 20th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	
	10.30 am	Family Communion (with distribution of posies)
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 26th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 29th	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Monday 30th	7.30 pm	Churches Together Lent Event at the URC (see separate poster)
April		
Thursday 2nd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 5th	Palm Sunday	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club (preceded by procession with the cross from Ron's Farm Shop starting at 9.15 am)

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - March

Preacher's Plan

Our services are at 9:30

March 1st Rev Derek Newton

March 8th Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion

March 15th Rev Dr Catherine Ball

March 22nd Mrs Gerrie Swain

March 29th Rev Dr Catherine Ball

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events



Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Mar 10th and 24th
New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.



Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Mar 17th



Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Mar 3th and 31st

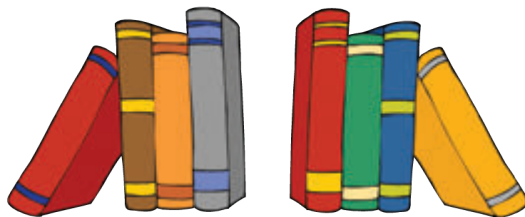
March 10th Meditation 2-30pm

For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.
Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET**



SATURDAY 21st March

9-30AM- 12- NOON

**BOOK SALE
ALSO JIGSAWS ON SALE**

**FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND NATTERS
RECYCLING**



In December last year Fenstanton United Reformed Church held a Christmas Tree Festival, Fenstanton Knitters and Natters entered a tree with 800 knitted squares, 200 knitted toys.

Now we are busy recycling the squares into blankets for the care homes and overseas charities.

So far we have sent 25 blankets to the Inner Wheel charity.

We have been meeting now for 12 years mainly knitting for charities.



‘ 2020, A year and the beginning of a decade of GOD’S EMINENT BOUNTY – Psalm 68:19. Be UNDAUNTED, stay POSITIONED and FOCUS – John 16:33 ‘

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19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption
and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

The Bridge Church Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

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



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

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

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

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

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

An introduction to Fenstanton in WW2:

Fenstanton in 1939

The cricket pavilion is in the distance
and the clock tower centre left.



This is the final essay on WW2 in Fenstanton

The following essay is a 'snapshot' of our village of Fenstanton on 29th September 1939 when WW2 was just 26-days old.

Most of the following will be of little interest to incomers (I am an incomer of 36-years) but it is my way of saying a big 'Thank You' to the indigenous people of the village who have been such a help with my research.

You know who you are and I would have struggled with my research without you. I hope that you enjoy these memories from your childhoods.

To understand Fenstanton in September 1939 you have to try not to see the 21st century village that we live in but the Fenstanton of 70 years ago. It was the time of blackouts and rationing, individual little businesses, hand-painted signs bearing the names of local shop-keepers, butchers, bakers, grocers, tobacconists, fish and chips etc. Everyone knew everyone else and they also knew each other's business. Immediately after the declaration of war, the population of the village almost doubled as evacuees flooded in.

Some shop-keepers were busy buying and storing produce ready for the wartime shortages that would come shortly. Most village people benefited from the proximity of nearby farms for their eggs, butter, meat and vegetables, also the proximity of the fens with their wild life such as rabbits, game birds and so on.

When WW2 was declared on the 3rd September 1939, Fenstanton was a small farm-based village. There were 273 dwellings and a population of 889 people. Although the majority of residents were active in farming, farm related or retailing activities, there were a large number of retired people, especially in Oaklands House and Grove House. There were also a large number of people living off their 'own means' which suggests that they were wealthy people who had come to Fenstanton to escape the war.

Although the village was small in the number of residences, it was quite large in terms of land and included up to the Hilton boundary, the south side of the London Road from the Huntingdon Road, right up to the St Ives Bridge. However, for most residents the village consisted of the High Street, Hilton Road, Chequer Street and Honey Hill, plus the adjoining roads. Local information suggests that only the major roads such as Chequer Street, High Street, and Hilton Road etc were metaled, others were just tracks.

So, who were the retailers and professionals in the village in September 1939?

<p>The Post Office, Hilton Road - Anthony Hobbs Butcher, High Street - Richard Aughton The Dairy, High Street - Percy Wright Baker, High Street - John Gifford General Store, High street - Percy Hewson Grocers, High Street– Mr Wilderspin Grocer, High Street – Joe Mackham Policeman, Conington Road – Sgt Horace Green Knights Garage, High Street - Donald Knights Butcher, High Street - Henry Aughton Confectioners - Ethel Hunt Confectioners –Mrs Tack Boot and Shoe maker, Bell Lane - Albert Bond Newsagent, High Street - Frank Jacob Fish Shop, Chequer Street - Henry Tabony</p>	<p>School Head Teacher, School Lane - Bernard Darlow Dorothy Munns, West End Farm – school teacher Grocer, Chequer Street - Robert Martin Boot Maker, Hilton Road- William Bond Barber, High Street wooden shed – Frank Bilton Dressmakers, Chequer Street – Sisters Elinor & Gladys Hodge The blacksmith & forge, High Street – George Johnson Gasworks, London Road – William Mason Tobacconist and confectioners, High Street – Sarah Papworth Retail Dairy, Bell Lane – Samuel Braybrook Vicar, the Vicarage Church Street – Douglas Gentry Carrier, Honey Hill – Frederick Jacob</p>
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<p>The Pubs:</p> <p>King William IV Pub, Huntingdon Road - Charles Loates The George Pub, High Street - Harold Glenton The Crown Pub, High Street - George Green Swiss Cottage Hotel, High Street - Elizabeth Bennett The Bell Inn, Bell Lane, - Garry Fordham Royal Oak Inn, Honey Hill - Anthony Hopkins Chequers Inn, Chequer Street - William Fox The Black Bull, London Road – Albert Laurie The Woolpack, Huntingdon Road – William Fordham</p>	<p>The Farms:</p> <p>Hilton End Farm, Hilton Road - Percival Burgess Manor Farm, Huntingdon Road – Thomas Silk Hall Green Farm, Low Road – Allen Behagg Oxholme Farm, Hilton Road – Charles Cooper Victoria House Farm, Hilton Road – William Burgess West End Farm, Hilton Road – William Munns Clayfield Farm, Hilton Road – Arthur Richards High Street, Dairy Farm and shop - James Sansom Rookery Farm – Thomas Bath Ouse Valley Nurseries, The Fen - Frederick Chillery</p>
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Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

The Hub - Open for business

The Hub, your new Parish Council Office on the High Street is now fully operational and open for business. We're already starting to see a steady stream of Fenstanton residents popping in to discuss how the Parish Council can help, or bringing issues and concerns from around the village to the attention of the Clerk.

However, we'd like to see many more.

We are planning to run regular 'open times' during the working week for villagers, as well as out of hours appointments for those who can't make these.

Further information on opening hours will be displayed in the office window, on Facebook and the Fenstanton Village website, or feel free to contact Andy Monk, the new Parish Clerk.

A call to all serving and ex-military

As part of the Fenstanton VE Day 75 weekend, we would like to invite any current or former members of the military, or family members who would like to

represent those who served in the Second World War to be part of the Parade on Friday, 8th May. Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

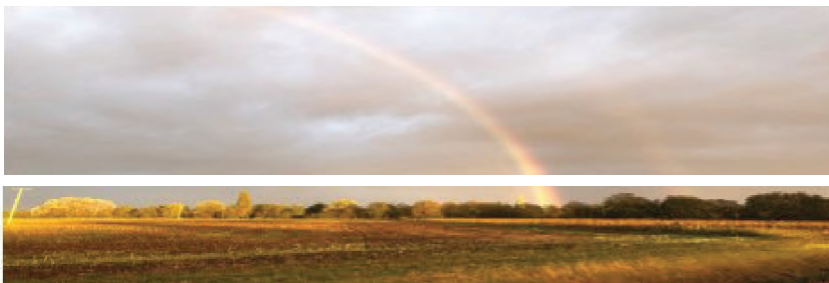
The Fen - cycleway and bridleway

Plans are progressing for the work on the new surface to be carried out on the Fen.

Subject to the remaining steps being completed successfully, this could start as soon as April or May.

To contact Andy, your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Photography competition



Your Parish Council is looking for photographs that depict our village that can be displayed in our new office.

The winning photographs need to catch the essence of our village and can be either views, buildings or activities. Or even that quirky close up of something that is distinctively Fenstanton. The brief is completely open, we are just looking for great images.

Entries can be either in B/W or colour, but in landscape format and must be submitted as j-peg files to

clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

The winning photographers will each be awarded a £50 John Lewis voucher. There are two categories: Under 18 and over 18 years of age. The deadline for entries is 31 March 2020.

How great would it be to have one of your photographs on display in our new office?

By entering the competition you hereby accept these Competition Rules and the following Terms and Conditions.

- 1 The competition is free to enter.
2. The competition is open to all Fenstanton residents.
3. Entries must be submitted by 31 March 2020.
4. Images must have been taken after January 2018 and entries should be based on the categories outlined.
5. Images should be no smaller than 1 MB and no larger than 10 MB. Images should be JPEG files.
6. Entries will be judged between 01 April 2020 and 15 April 2020.
7. The winners will be announced on 22 April 2020
8. The decision of the Judges and the Parish Council is final and no negotiation will be entered into with respect to any such decision
- 9 Each entrant can submit up to three images.
10. You are the sole owner and author of each entry.
11. You confirm that each person depicted in the entry has granted permission to be portrayed as shown. Any costumes, props or other materials used must be rented or borrowed with the permission of the owner, and all other relevant permissions must have been obtained.
12. If you are under 16, you have your parent's or legal guardian's consent to participate in the competition.
13. All entrants understand that whilst you will retain the copyright of any image submitted to the competition it may be used by the Parish Council for marketing and promotional purposes for a period of five years after the competition winners are announced

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Your Parish Council, together with the Primary School and Cambridgeshire County Council are liaising with the A14 Community Fund and the

chosen specialist sports court provider over the final planning for the construction of the new MUGA. Work on this could start as early as the Easter School Holiday.

Village pond and surrounds

Work on the refurbishment of the Village Pond and surrounding area could start as early as the end of February, before the window of opportunity closes for the new breeding and nesting season.

The pond will be cleared of the existing weed (including invasive varieties), drained, repaired relined with clay. New planting and restocking will then take place over a controlled period.

In addition, the old fencing will be replaced, a new public seating area will be developed on the grass area.

Mirroring this, new bollards matching the style of the fence will replace the old and missing bollards around the Clock Tower, whilst the Clock Tower itself undergoes a bit of a face-lift and spring dean.

Our thanks go to the Mick George Community Fund for providing the majority of the funding for the pond work.

Additional bins - *bag it, bin it.*

Following a survey of the Parish, and feedback from residents, your Parish Council will be installing (and regularly emptying!) up to ten new dog

waste and litter bins around the village over the next few weeks. These will be installed at points where litter and dog fouling are persistent problems.

Further information, including a full VE Day programme and details of tickets can be found at: www.fenstantonveday75.net



(see page 15 as well)

Music, memories and song

A nostalgic evening of old favourites, marches and rousing classics

Friday 8 May 2020 | 7.30pm

The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul
Fenstanton

The City of Cambridge Brass Band
Kate Symonds-Joy | mezzo-soprano
Daniel Joy | tenor
The Duchess Community Choir



Sentimental old favourites to pull on the heart strings. Marches to get flags waving along with letters home from sweethearts and wartime memories.

An evening of nostalgic, stirring and emotional music and words not to be missed!

Tickets £15
75s and under 16s FREE
Purchase your tickets from
The Parish Council Office
6 The High Street
Fenstanton
Bannolds, Capability Barns
or online
www.fenstantonveday75.net

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Water, water everywhere

At the time of writing (late January), Fen Drayton Lakes is recovering from our largest flood for a number of years and is still under a significant amount of water.

Due to being on the flood plain of the River Great Ouse, back when the reserve was still an active gravel quarry, banks were built around the pits to keep the river out. These were never removed when the quarrying ended which has inadvertently led to the lakes becoming reservoirs for flood water as it is retained above normal ground level by the banks. We are therefore quite used to sudden water level rises as water flows onto the reserve when the river rises, but floods of this scale are few and far between.

At the height of this recent flood Holywell Ferry Road was flooded on both sides of the guided busway, deep enough for a heron to be observed fishing on the road. Water was flowing over the footpaths and bridleways and all the lakes were connected to form a single system. It was all very impressive, but it has made work somewhat difficult on the reserve as most areas where we would usually be focusing on this time of year are inaccessible.

It isn't all bad though. The nesting islands on Moore Lake have been submerged for around a month now and will likely still be under water for a little while. This will remove the top layer of soil and should help suppress the vegetation growth, making them better for when the gulls and terns start to nest in the spring. We may even get more waders moving in, such as avocet.

The flood waters will also top up all our shallow pools (scrapes) around the site and leave a lot of mud around the edges of the lakes. Both of these features will help lapwing and other breeding waders.



Flood waters over Holywell Ferry Road - Simon Freedman

Get involved....

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of every month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Volunteering

It's always nice to be met with a friendly face when arriving at the reserve and be offered information and family-friendly activities, such as pond dipping and minibeast hunting. If you'd like to find out about our visitor engagement work and other volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

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

Fenstanton Friendship Club

Sadly in December we had to say goodbye to John Ardley. He has struggled for so many years with Parkinson disease and has been an inspiration to all who knew him. We will miss him at our meetings and send our love and support to Margaret and family.

15th January

We had a very interesting visit from a representative of the East Anglia Air Ambulance service. We were able to contribute over £80.00 from raffles and £45.00 income from goods sold. A very worthy cause.

29th January

We went to the Hartford Mill at the Marina for lunch. Delicious carvery as usual.

12th February

Alan Peasgood gave a very informative talk about his experience on the pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostella. Very interesting to hear of people he met along the way and to know of their reasons for walking 100 miles to the shrine.

26th February

Due to a bereavement, change to meeting. We will now have entertainment from the Rocking Ukulele group.

11th March

AGM and quiz. Please come along with some good ideas for future events.

25th March

"Are we sorted yet" Sue Stephens with another amusing talk.

We meet every other Wednesday at 2.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. Our club is growing, new members very welcome. Come and bring new ideas and discover what we have in store in 2020

Enquiries to Marie Newns 0 1480 350677

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust is looking to widen the skills set of the Trustees to improve the efforts we are making on

your behalf to achieve the transfer of the land allocated for a village hall/community centre on the Morris Homes development. If any village resident has the legal skills required to help with this (or knows of someone who has), please do come along to our AGM and consider becoming a Trustee or advisor.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust will hold the next village Garage Sale on **Sunday, 7th June 2020**, so if you have 'stuff' accumulating at home that you want to get rid of and don't want to have to load up the car to take it elsewhere do get in touch at fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com to register an interest and we will respond with further details.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

**The Trustees invite all Fenstanton residents
to attend the**

Annual General Meeting

on Monday, 9th March 2020,

at 7.30pm

in the Saunders Room

at the Church Centre, Fenstanton

**Where will the new Village Hall be built?
When will the new Village Hall be built?
What will the new Village Hall look like?
What grants are there to pay for the Village Hall?
Why might the Village Hall not be built?
Then what happens to the money raised for the Village Hall?**

Please give us your support by coming to hear the answers to these questions and any others you may have. We are working towards bringing an independent Village Hall to Fenstanton. Why don't you join us?

**Follow us on Facebook for regular updates and events
www.facebook.com/Fenstantonvillagehall**

Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre



UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 5th March from 7.30pm

The History of Elgoods Brewery

Thursday 2nd April from 7.30pm

"You cannot be serious" - Tales from Wimbledon by Alan Gray

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Hilton Pantomime of Errors January 2020

Firstly, a very big thank you to Hilton Town Trustees for their generous sponsorship of the pantomime.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who came to the three full house performances and for the compliments afterwards.

Over a year ago Helen wrote the script, then had not a few sleepless nights in more planning and conjuring ideas for the songs and all the while leading us over the months with her ideas, as well as designing the posters and tickets. She knew exactly who she wanted for the various parts; refusal not permitted! We all owe her enormous credit even though like us, she was also enjoying herself!

Of course, there was always the unexpected, such as when several cast members were unfortunately taken ill or had to back down. Undaunted, the team rallied-for example only at the last minute did Cinderella have a father for her wedding! We had so much fun, laughter and frivolous suggestions during the weekly rehearsals that started in October which we hope showed through.



With devious ingenuity and constant visits to charity shops throughout the county we created costumes, also with loans from the Old Thyme Music Hall group and friends from as far away as France, Northamptonshire and Brighton. Who will forget the outfits made from Christmas cards, crisp packets (do Walkers need to know that theirs sew more strongly than Doritos?), and plastic carrier bags fastened securely to their base with safety pins? We did hire a few items from Radka at Aladdin's Cave in Godmanchester where she can cater for every possible dressing up need. Her business is well named! All of the lighting and technical wizardry came from Ken and Andy, particularly when they rectified their only hiccup while the Jester filled those few agonising minutes with some jokes. One performance can now be seen on video by means of Hilton's Village website, thanks again to Andy

and Ken avoided unexpected cast tumbles by creating a superb step, he bought the wood in the morning and it was installed by teatime .What a crew !

With so much goodwill from far too many more to mention here – you all know who you are – we raised £1,856 towards the upkeep of our vital Grade 2 Listed Village Hall. Could we imagine Hilton without it?

Thank you one and all.

PS Helen is still planning, so watch out for Hilton's December Extravaganza 2020 and the pantomime return in January 2022 see i



Hilton British Legion

February. All branches of the Royal British Legion nationally have two

formal purposes - fundraising and support, the former being well known, the latter less so but equally vital.

Any former or indeed present member of a very wide spectrum of the armed services (and immediate family members) who have received at least seven day's pay is entitled to support, whether or not a Legion member.

The free contact number for enquiries regarding advice and support is 0808 802 8080 which office will provide the local contact number for an appropriate welfare officer and be assured that all conversations and applications are entirely confidential.

PLEASE spread the word!

The St Ives and district Royal British Legion Women's section always give a very warm welcome to new members. Monthly meetings with varied social events, outings and fund raising are held every second Tuesday at the Ivy Leaf Club in the Broadway, St Ives at 7.30pm .

For more information, contact Monica Thompson on 01480 395552 or mimar.tygwyn@ntlworld.com or either of us Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

March. At the Royal British Legion County conference in January John McCarthy, the Area Manager for East Anglia and Essex gave his annual report for 2018/19 showing some of the Legion's work in his area which includes Cambridgeshire.

*There have been 1,289 calls for help of which 1,093 are resolved, the rest still active as they are more complex. *Much work is still to be done, especially regarding a need for more Home and Hospital visitors who also aim to give help against social isolation. Training for these schemes are available. *Active support includes advice on finance, independent living, war pensions and compensation which this year, in this area, involved 189 awards. The average age of beneficiaries has rapidly decreased from 65 last year (2017/18) to only 40 now and includes the Legion's co-operation with all Service Associations. There are 2.5 million veterans living in the United Kingdom and these activities hopefully show some of the ways that donations to the Royal British Legion are supporting our ex-service men and women. Legion welfare officers hold Pop In sessions every third Monday morning from 10 am in St Ives Library for advice or just a chat. Publicity is the key in every community so please spread the word! Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 3rd February 2020

Playground

The invoices for the playground have now been paid and the final instalment for the grant has been approved and the payment has been received.

A need was identified in the safety inspection for a sign at the playground which complies with BS EN 1176 part 7 and the Clerk has obtained quotes for compliant signs. The Council resolved to spend up to £250 on such a sign and Cllr Kieron Dunk has offered to design the artwork.

The Council also discussed the request for a litter bin at the playground and have instructed the Clerk to contact Huntingdonshire District Council to establish whether they will provide a bin and what the cost will be.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Funding Bid

At the extraordinary meeting of Hilton Parish Council on Monday 20th January, the Council resolved that their LHI bid was for a feasibility study to investigate the removal of the B1040 from the Galley Hill roundabout to the Papworth Roundabout through Hilton from the Cambridgeshire County Council's Advisory Freight Map as a local route. The long-term effect of this solution is intended to reduce the number of heavy commercial vehicles (HCVs) travelling through the village on the Potton Road. The supplementary information for the LHI bid has been submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council. The meeting with the LHI decision making panel was attended on Monday 3rd February by Cllr A. Goodridge, Lisa Millard of HGV Watch and the Clerk to Hilton Parish Council. The Council is now awaiting the decision regarding the LHI bid, which is expected after the County Council Committee Meeting on 10th March.

Siltex

The Siltex was applied to Reeves Ditch on 7th January. Parishioners may notice that there is white powder on the ground, that the pond looks 'scummy' or there may be large black 'blobs' floating on the surface. This is totally normal and will dissipate as the Siltex does its job and the pond settles.

Ivy Cutting Working Party

There was an ivy cutting working party on Saturday 11th January. Several volunteers came and their help was greatly appreciated.

Tree Work

The Green Open Spaces Group are going to have a tree cutting session and the tree surgeons have been instructed to carry out the agreed works.

Hilton Parish Council

Policies

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to adopt several new or updated policies. Copies of these policies are available on the website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) or you can contact the Clerk.

Budget

The Council have now agreed the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year and a copy of this budget is available on the website.

CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) Training

The Council have resolved to pay for the Clerk to attend this training.

Hilton Ball

Hilton Parish Council resolved to grant permission to the Hilton Ball Committee to hold the Hilton Ball on 17th July 2020 in the marquee on the Green.

Easter Cross

The Council also granted permission for the Easter Cross to be put on the Green from Friday 10th April until Tuesday 14th April.

Website Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 in accordance with The Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Council discussed these new regulations and have instructed the Media Working Group to examine these guidelines and draft a plan for the Council to review.

Cambridgeshire Local Council's Peer Learning and Networking Event on the Local Council Award Scheme organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

The Council resolved to send the Clerk to this event.

Potholes

Councillors raised the issue of the many potholes in the village and would like to remind parishioners that anyone can report potholes to Cambridgeshire County Council on their website: highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020 in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Hilton Produce Show “Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow”

We may lack snow here (and edelweiss) but the annual white carpets of galanthus do, as their name suggests, look exactly like drops of snow. Many of us look forward to their arrival as a forerunner of spring. With only a few competitors, they give us at least a month's display of their pure white nodding heads with green edging on the inner petals. With bare stemmed trees and shrubs above, their whiteness is even more striking. They naturalise happily and catch the eye in a wooded vale or dell where they can transform brown to white.

Galanthophiles obsessively collect all the different types in cultivation. This may seem surprising since, from afar, the plants all look the same: green leaves, strap-like leaves and a white bell-like flower. However, if you bend to look under the flower head, the markings are different and there are interesting (if rare and expensive) variations. A few years ago, “grumpy” arrived on the scene (below left) Not one of the seven dwarfs, but a snowdrop with two green eyes and a turned down mouth. He was an over-night sensation and all the daily newspapers had a picture.

Yellow snowdrops are reported to have been cultivated in Cambridgeshire. Wendy's Gold (above right) was first discovered in 1974 and it is a striking plant with a glowing egg-yolk coloured ovary above the flower head. The markings on the inner petals are gold and there are golden streaks on the leaves. However, at £25 a plant you would need a pot of gold to start a patch.



Snowdrop Days are popular at Anglesey Abbey which has lawns and hollows bedecked in bridal white. The grounds of Walsingham Abbey in Norfolk are also

breath-taking in February. The site flows down to the river and across the water is woodland. When you walk through the entrance gate at the right time of year, you see snowdrops across the entire expanse, looking as astonishingly white as a fresh snowfall. Surprise is the key, moving one poet to write of his “snowdrop moment” as a “blaze that lights the world up with its splash of praise”

Now it is mid-February and the patch of snowdrops in front of the house are just ‘on the turn’. The plants like to be moved when still “green”, unlike other bulbs which are lifted only when the foliage had died back, so now is the time to move them and spread the plants over a wider area. They mix well with aconites to give a yellow and white carpet (much cheaper than the yellow snow-drop). I prefer the snowdrops on their own, moving on to yellow when the daffodils come.

When you see this edition of Spectrum in March, there is a countdown of only four months until The Produce Show.... may all your plans, seeds and plants “bloom and grow” to take to the tables in the tent on July 19th. Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer will be singing along.

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Hilton Art Club

In January, we had quite a wide brief into the world of imagination and mystery. Where to start? People either produced their artwork from their own imagination, or used film, books or art for inspiration for this topic. It may have been out of our comfort zones, but there were some lovely, colourful and even haunting pictures produced, including an illustration of creatures from 'Where The Wild Things Are'; a very unusual deer with antlers of fruit; an all-seeing eye; and a charcoal of an alien landscape. Thanks to Jane, Polly and Peter M for the delicious cakes. Thanks also to Lynn for the donation of art books to our extensive library.

20th March, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm – A NEW PERSPECTIVE: compositions from unusual viewpoints. Please bring your own pictures/props.

New members always welcome: please contact Gina on 01480 830696, or see us on Facebook for further details.

Hilton Flower Club

February 3rd Valerie Zarno gave us a talk on Aromatherapy and herbs and the benefits oils can give us, smelling sticks were past round the room to see if we could identify the smells, we were all feeling very relaxed.

Beverley followed with a demonstration to show us that you can mix herbs with your flowers, three lucky ladies won an arrangement to take home, the hall certainly had a wonderful smell when we finished.

MARCH 2nd TIM MEEKIN is our flower demonstrator, we always look forward to seeing Tim, we know he will be doing wonderful arrangements, not to be missed.

APRIL 6th is our workshop, the cost is £5.00 + entry fee, please put your names down at the March meeting.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm -- 4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

RAFFLE £1.00

Look forward to seeing you.

Beverley.

For your diaries we are planning a FLOWER FESTIVAL AUGUST 29th----31st 2020
HILTON CHURCH

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

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

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

Find Us on Facebook

Local Weather Watch

Will the 2019/2020 winter season be one when winter fails to actually start? Using the conventional rule for the start of winter of three consecutive days with the maximum temperature staying below 5C (41F), i.e. the time when growth in gardens and countryside cease as I write this article on the 10th of February, so far only one such day has occurred and that was on 30th November. Southerly and south-westerly winds have predominated and there have been no northerly, north-easterly or easterly winds. So persistently mild has it been that daytime (and indeed several night-time) temperatures have been 8C (46.4F) or above on 26 days in December and 24 days in January and so far February has continued in similar vein. 24 days have exceeded 10C (50F). Amazingly the mildest temperature here occurred on the 9th of February as storm Ciara crossed the UK when 14C (57.2F) was recorded, though the strength of the wind rather than the temperature will be remembered that day. The average maximum temperature during winter is 7C (44.6F).

Very few frosts have occurred, there were just two in January and then only just below freezing, the lowest reading I have recorded is -1.5C (29.3F) and this occurred on 30 November and 7 February.

As for snow in our region, not even a single snowflake!

Nor have we been alone in experiencing mild conditions. In fact, exceptionally mild conditions have dominated much of Scandinavia, western Russia and much of western Europe. The average maximum daily temperature in January in places like Oslo and Helsinki is normally -4C (24.8F) with Moscow at -6.6C (20.2F). Instead temperatures in these cities have often been between 3C and 7C (37.4F and 44.6F) with rain instead of snow, incredibly 14 to 20F above average.

To what extent the worldwide pattern of global warming is causing our winters to change is harder to say. Britain's weather is affected by the positioning and strength of the jet stream and whenever the weather is dominated by Atlantic depressions as it has been this winter, milder conditions almost invariably occur. However, this is a much more complex subject than can be adequately covered in a short article such as this.

Going back to the concluding months of last year, once the rains started in late September, wet conditions prevailed for long periods in October, November and December with almost half a year's rainfall occurring. I am indebted to Gillian Sheail, Hilton's official rainfall recorder for sharing her readings with me, which go back 42 years. Hilton's average annual rainfall based on those readings is 557mm (22 inches). Last year's annual amount was 597.7mm (23.5 inches) of which 280.6mm (11 inches) fell during the last four months of 2019.

As usual, I will finish with a couple of curios. Firstly, if you are looking for cold conditions then Oymyakan, a settlement in the Sakha Republic in Russia is the place to go to. The yearly mean temperature is around -15C (-13F) and some years is below zero from September to April. The lowest temperature recorded there is -71.2C. Interestingly, only when the air temperature sinks below -55C are children given the day off from school!

Secondly, in recent years the number of thunderstorms we experience have been reducing. Last year there were 7 days when thunder and lightning were heard and seen. Spare a thought for the people of Java which is believed to be the most thundery place on Earth with thunderstorms occurring on more than 200 days a year.

Patrick Landucci

Hilton WI

Our February meeting was an exciting adventure into the unknown when Anthea Moore introduced us to Encaustic Wax Art. This art form was known to both the Egyptians and the Romans and nowadays involves a particular type of electric iron and blocks of colour formed from finely filtered beeswax and resin crystals. Colours are gently melted on the warm iron which is then moved along specially prepared card, creating abstract or pictorial scenes that are impossible to repeat. Ironing was never like this! There was a rapt silence followed by 'oohs and oh, magic' in the room as Anthea demonstrated her skill but when she persuaded several of us to try it she proved that anyone could produce beautiful and satisfying pictures. Anthea also displayed examples of her work – framed pictures, cards and bookmarks which she sells in aid of the Friends of Hinchbrook hospital. The Federation is taking part in the 'Show the Love' campaign with a heart as its Logo which involves finding ways to care for the planet and climate change. At our meeting we each wrote a message on a green paper heart to hang on a little tree, like a leaf. The tree will stay in the village hall for four weeks and can be added to by anyone during that time. On the same theme - with our cups of tea we enjoyed green and heart shaped biscuits! New members are always very welcome, so we were pleased to receive two new ladies this time. Next month we are looking forward to a talk entitled The Secret Lives of the Mounted Police.

HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

Due to my illness we have not fixed a date for March,, however when I am fit again I will contact you all.
I am thinking that Tuesday March 17th might be a possible date.
Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.

GOLDEN GAMERS.

We will meet in March on Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday March 31st.
Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.

Hilton Village Hall

Just a reminder that the COFFEE STOP is on the 2nd Thursday of each month with slightly revised opening time of 14.00 - 15.30, and the LIBRARY VAN visits from 14.05 - 14.20.

Although it was back in January that our member Helen - with huge help from many others - put together her first 'pantomime' and the whole Committee congratulated them all, not only for working with the small stage etc in the main hall, but especially on the stunning amount of money they were very kindly able to donate to our Hall Fund. The 3 performances were great fun, full of audience participation and a welcome 'ice-cream break' half way through. THANK YOU EACH AND EVERYONE!

The Committee are now planning events for the year ahead so, keep on reading Spectrum, checking out web site and Village notice boards (not forgetting flyers).
Doreen Bates

Please see good news below, **2 x new mobile libraries have arrived**, and, in due course, these will be coming to all villages. However, they will be 'rotated' with the existing mobile libraries, so you will have to keep a look-out for the new one when it arrives in YOUR village!

Booky McBookface - Can you do better?

They need clever, witty, imaginative names.

The new vehicles will be going into service in April. Members of the public are invited to send their best library-related suggestions as part of a naming competition which runs until 27 March.

Cllr Steve Criswell, chair of Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities and Partnership committee said: "Our Mobile Library is a precious service bringing the library to the heart of the community but it's so much more than just books. It is a trusted space that enable people to connect with each other and support each other. We need your best, most clever suggestions that reflect the bold and wide role the Mobile Libraries play in our communities, so we can give them names that will make them more recognisable and memorable within the community they serve. So don't Potter around and Harry up taking part! Get creative and remember to keep your suggestions clean and original."

The competition closes on Friday 27 March and the winning names will be unveiled early April when the new vehicles arrive.

Name ideas can be emailed to Ally Clarke, ally.clarke@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, posted on the Cambridgeshire Library [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages or submitted in person at the mobile library.

Hilton Feast Week

Murder Mystery was a great evening enjoyed by many, thanks to the cast of Strictly Murder. Special thanks also to Emma and The Prince of Wales for baking the potatoes enjoyed with the chilli con carne. Thanks to everyone who came along, your support, as always, is much appreciated.

Don't forget, if you want to be in with a chance to win cash prizes on a monthly basis, sign up to **200 Club**. Apply online at www.feastweek.co.uk or speak to a committee member

Saturday 14th March 2020

Comedy night in Hilton Village Hall, doors 7pm, acts 8pm.



From Big Deal Comedy, presenting some of the best new and experienced comics on the circuit. A guaranteed evening of laughter, sure to chase away those winter blues.

Tickets on sale now at www.feastweek.co.uk
£10 per person. Licensed bar.

**PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON
28TH FEBRUARY**

Saturday 11th April 2020

From Hilton Village Hall between 10.30 and 1pm



Follow our family trail around the village searching for eggs and claim your prize on completion. Closest to the right number wins an egg-stras special prize!

TICKETS £2.50 PER PERSON, AVAILABLE ONLINE
(www.feastweek.co.uk) **OR ON THE DAY**

Saturday 25th April 2020

MUSIC QUIZ

Hilton Village Hall 7.30pm

Brought to you by

Friends of Feastweek

Plans are well under way to bring you an always popular music quiz.

Tickets £10 each to include supper, strict maximum of 8 people per table (no minimum) available either online at www.feastweek.co.uk or from any committee member.

As always if you would like to get involved and join our band of volunteers, please email us at committee@feastweek.co.uk so we can ensure you are added to the group.

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What's on in March

7th	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P12
8th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30pm	P37
9th	Fenstanton Village Hall Committee AGM	Church Centre	7:30	P34
11th 25th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P33
14th	Comedy Evening	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P53
18th	Fenstanton Community Café	Church Centre	2:00 pm	P18
20th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P45
20th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 pm	P45
21st	RAF Concert	Burgess Hall	7:30 pm	P11
21st	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P21
25th	RSPB Peter Holder talk	St Ives Free Church	7:30 pm	P35

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'

4 April Hilton Roving Supper P12

11 April Family Egg Hunt P53

10 April Good Friday Workshop Fenstanton Parish Church

25 April Music Quiz P53

9/10 May VE Sports and Celebrations. P25-27 P28

27th and 28th June Fenstanton Open Gardens P7

4th July Fenstanton Village Sports Day

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p45)

Shanty Folk (p10)

Golden Gamers (P49)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters, Coffee & chat,

Tuesday Lunch (P20)

**For Church services
etc. see pages 12
to 23**