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And what's that advice on page 44

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FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spectrum Article Year 3 Wolves

In our Year 3 class (Red Wolves) days are busy and varied but there are some routines we like to follow. The beginning of the day usually starts with Mozart or Einuadi accompanying our times tables and division facts. We can do more than fifty sums during register time and some children can do more than one hundred-a great warm up for the day. Many Spectrum readers may enjoy playing Countdown at home but we love exploring words and numbers too. Currently we are finding how many words we can make from the compound word 'playground.' How many can you think of? We are not quite up to thirty seconds for our solutions in maths but our number crunching is really improving! At the end of the day ,we enjoy listening to a class story from the recommended reading list which can be found on the school website and this term have listened to Aesop's fables, Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes and we have just finished reading 'The Butterfly Lion,' by Michael Morpurgo .

One of the things that does vary though is our topic work and this term we have been learning about key monarchs and events throughout British history in a topic entitled 'Riotous Royalty.' .We have written to our current Queen, learned rhymes about the fate of King Henry V111's wives and sung songs about Magna Carta! Next term promises to be even more exciting as we venture into the rainforest in our topic and will enjoy a visit from some rainforest animals as well as venturing out ourselves to Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.

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LETTERS & NOTICES

1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts would like to say a big thank you to all those from the village who came along to our Race Night on the 30 March. We had a fantastic night with 80 people attending. We raised £808 for the Scout Group which will be used towards camping equipment to enable our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to enjoy many outdoor activities, develop skills for life and most of all to have fun!

We would also like to thank the following businesses who supported us by sponsoring a race:-

Fenstanton Family Butchers, The Duchess, Asylum Hair Design, Perfect Beauty, Mo's Motors, Superior Finish (St.Ives), Clearer Hearing (St.Ives) and The Jewellery Workshop (St.Ives).

Many thanks to you all.

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scouts

I would like to thank the person who has been innovative, community minded, and generous enough to provide a lined bucket for dog poo bags in Michael Behagg Way near the wooden bridge. What a great idea as the council can't provide enough bins. Hopefully this will help to reduce the amount of dog excrement that is usually littering the footpath along Hall Green Brook. I would be more than happy to share in the cost of bin liners for the bucket and in the removal of the full liners. So, if the wonderful person who has started this wants that help, please contact me and I'll happily join in the maintenance of the great new facility.

Denise May

3 Chequer St

The Glebe allotments, sandwiched between the Cambridge Road and the A14, have served Fenstanton villagers since around 1948 when housebuilding consumed the original allotments at what is now Walnut Tree Crescent.

The allotments boast plots of various sizes, all enjoying excellent soil unlike the heavy clay of some neighbouring village plots. You may have noticed flags are flown to celebrate national days, saint's days and sporting triumphs.

The benefits of working the land are well known, encouraging a wide range of muscular activities that keep you strong and improving your self-esteem. A morning digging, raking, planting and harvesting can be hugely rewarding for mind and body.

At The Glebe, friendships are formed and nourished, advice, seeds and plants are happily shared. At this time, no plots are available but from time to time, space is freed and new members move in.

There are just a few rules and, as you will see, time and effort are rewarded by well managed and thriving plots.

There are currently no names on the waiting list. If you are interested to learn more or to join that waiting list, please contact us by e-mail:

janstone4@btinternet.com giving your name, address and telephone number.

Paul Stone

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - May

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

5th May at 10am. Rev James Bamber

12th May at 11.15 am. United service led by Rev Heather Walker

19th May at 10am Local Arrangement Service, see notice board

26th May at 10am. Mr Colin Webber



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING Saturday, 4th May 10.00am - 12.00 noon. in the Church Hall

Do join us for a cuppa and a chat or to see the FAIRTRADE goods on sale. Money from refreshments goes to EACH and profit from FAIRTRADE goods goes to the shop in St Ives at the Free Church.

ROVING SUPPER

Thank you to everyone who participated in this popular and enjoyable evening and to all the cooks for the delicious food. The total raised was £1313 which will be split between the two churches in Hilton.

LENT LUNCHESES

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches this year. A total of £489 was raised and this will be sent to Jimmy's Night Shelter which supports the homeless in this area.

ORGANIST NEEDED

Hilton Methodist Church is looking for a pianist, organist or keyboard player to join the organists' rota for 1 Sunday per month on average.

The instrument is a Viscount electronic organ. If you are interested, please ring Malcolm Lynn on 831629 or Ian Woods on 830686

SUMMER CONCERT

The SEDICI choir will be performing an evening of music for a summer evening in Hilton Methodist Church on Saturday 8th June at 7pm. Tickets are £10 which includes light refreshments during the interval.

Tickets will be available from early May from Heather Woods 830686, Linda Stott 830660 or Sandy Monk 830273

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - May

Sunday 5th	Easter 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton		No Children's Church this month
Sunday 12th	Easter 4	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at Methodist Church with children's activities in church
Godmanchester	6.30pm	Songs of Praise for Christian Aid
Sun 12th – 19th		
Hilton		CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – door to door collections in the village
Friday 17th		
Hilton	5.30pm – 7.00pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
Sunday 19th	Easter 5	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	Easter 6	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Sunday 2nd June	Easter 7	
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.



Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church CHILDREN'S JIGSAWS NOW AVAILABLE TOO!!

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

for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations

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

JOIN US
FOR
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

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



BRING A BOTTLE!

- ✿ Free All Age event
- ✿ Get creative
- ✿ Food & Fun
- ✿ Informal gathering
- ✿ Churches of Hilton together
- ✿ For all faiths, and none



- ✿ May 17th, Jun 21st & Jul 19th
- ✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - May

Thursday 2nd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 3rd	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 5th	Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
	12.30 pm	Baptism
Thursday 9th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 12th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	10.30 am	Worship for All joint service with the URC at the parish church and launch of Christian Aid week
Thursday 16th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 17th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 19th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9.30 am	Churches Together service at the URC (no morning service in the parish church)
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday 21st	3.00 pm	Holy Communion in the Church Centre followed by tea

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - May

Thursday 23rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 26th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	10.30 am	Family Communion
Thursday 30th	Ascension Day	
	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion followed by firework rockets
June		
Sunday 2nd	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Contact information:

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

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

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

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

Other points of contact: for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here or for their banns to be read at chrislisa211@gmail.com, 01480 496138. Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



Have you ever seen a news report following a natural disaster (eg Tropical storm Idai) that left you thinking "I wish I could do something to help"Maybe this is for you.

I am organising the house to house envelope collection in Fenstanton for Christian Aid. This will take place between 12th and 18th May. Would you like to help some of the poorest people in our world? It only takes a few minutes, a couple of times that week, to distribute and then collect back in the envelopes from the street you collect in. Please do ring me, Katie Hucklesby on 465211 or email ikhuck@virginmedia.com if you would like to help. We will be showing some informational and motivating films from Sierra Leone (the most dangerous place in the world to become a mum) in Fenstanton Parish Church on Sunday 12th May, 10.30am at our Worship For All service, do come and join us. The Christian Aid website has much more information at: www.christianaid.org.uk Thank you.



Come to our Big Brekkie!

Ready to change the world over breakfast? We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and help save lives.

Fenstanton Parish Church
 Sunday 12th May 08.30- 12 noon with our
 Worship For All service from 10.30am in church.
 Cereal, toast, bacon rolls, juice, tea and coffee

No ticket required.
 Donations invited for Christian Aid



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

Sunday Services start at 10.30am at 2, Burrel 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

**AT FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH**

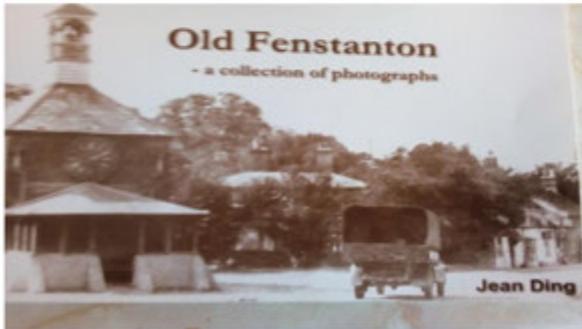
**THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF
OLD FENSTANTON –a collection of photographs**

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 1-00PM -6-00PM

**SATURDAY 25TH MAY 10-00AM
-5-00PM**

Donation to Church funds on the day.

The Fenstanton book will be on sale £5



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

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

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

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - May

May 5 th	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
May 12 th	10-30am	We join The Parish Church for the start of Christian Aid Week 10-30am
May 19 th	9-30am	The Parish Church join us for the Christian Aid service taken by Jonathan Young
May 26 th	9-30am	Rev Chris Baker

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events **Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon May 7th and 21st**



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



Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am May 14th

Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm May 28th



A Meditation group meets at 2-30pm 14th May and will be taken by John Williams New members welcome. For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET WILL BE HOLDING A PLANTS AND BOOK SALE SATURDAY



May 18th

9-30AM ONWARDS



If you have any spare plants, please donate them to our plant sale.

these can be left at 28 Bell Lane

Thank you

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 History By John Deeks



Nowadays we tend to think of malaria as a tropical disease, but that wasn't how our ancestors saw it. Living so close to the stagnant water of the fen and marshes, our ancestors were always subject to the rampant mosquitoes' and the diseases that they brought with them

In the 19th century a local resident commented; *"My house is overrun with them, I spend whole evenings swatting them. They just don't stop coming, they seem somehow bigger than when I was a boy and they're certainly cleverer."*

A 1992 research paper by Mary J Dobson reported how an analysis of 17th and 18th century parish registers for over 600 fenland parishes; shows that mortality rates in marshland communities were much higher than elsewhere. Of course, our ancestors didn't realise that malaria was spread by a particular type of mosquito; they attributed the illness they knew as 'marsh fever' to the bad air.

Looking through the Fenstanton parish register I am unable to find a single entry that says the dead person died of the Ague or marsh fever. We do have to bear in mind that for centuries the population of Fenstanton was around 700 people. So, everyone knew everyone else and the whole village would have known what killed each person. Therefore the vicar would not have found it necessary to note the cause of death in the parish register.

Mosquitoes feature in Chaucer's 'Nun's Priest's Tale' and also there were references to the ague, as malaria and its variants, (literally 'bad air') were known until the 19th century. Locally, the disease was also called marsh fever, because the unfortunate inhabitants of our village, with the river, and marshes so close by were particularly prone to it.

Sixteenth and seventeenth century visitors to the Huntingdonshire wetlands typically described them as *"unwholesome and unhealthy, the noxious vapours arising from the marshes subjecting the inhabitants to continued agues"*. Many also remarked on the swollen stomachs of the children and their sallow, sickly faces, both symptoms of Malaria. Not the description of Merry England that we all like to envisage.

In fact, according to various researches, malaria was endemic along all the Fenland estuaries of Easy Anglia, the Great Fen and the marshy areas of Huntingdonshire by the 15th century, possibly earlier. It is impossible to say what proportion of Fenstanton village deaths were directly attributable to malaria, but it is plain the disease was a serious threat to public health.

With marvellous resourcefulness, villagers developed a range of remedies to suppress the 'terrible rigours' of the ague, based principally, it appears, on large quantities of alcohol, and opium made from locally produced poppies. When things got really bad, they combined the two: and locally there was a famed and astonishingly potent opium-laced beer.

In his 1727 three-volume 'Tour through the Whole Island of Great Britain', Daniel Defoe describes the ravages caused by the ague. *"Among those unfortunate enough to live on the marshes, Defoe observed, it was "frequent to meet with men that had from 5 or 6, to 14 or even 15 wives. The reason being that they, being bred in the marshes themselves and seasoned to the place, did pretty well with it; but they always went into the towns for a wife, and when they took the young lasses into the marshes, they presently changed their complexion, got an Ague or two, and seldom survived above half a year, or a year at most."* In my research I came across a record of a man having had 25-wives, all of whom he said, died from the Ague! But of course he may have been a serial killer!

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Fenstanton Garage Sale



If you would like to have your garage put
on the Fenstanton map
on **Sunday, 12th May**, please register an interest at

fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 07793546841,
giving your name, address and contact details.

For a fee of £6 you won't have the bother of transporting your items.
We will sell the maps for £2 from the Clock Tower area from 9am onwards.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST WITH THE CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

MIDSUMMER BARN DANCE

SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE, 6.30PM
AT MANOR FARM BARN, LOW ROAD, FENSTANTON
BAR & LIVE BAND - STOMP HAPPY
TRIBE



TICKETS £12.50 PER PERSON
(UNDER 14s £5, UNDER 5s FREE)
INCLUDING PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RON JACOB'S FARM
SHOP AND FENSTANTON POST OFFICE OR
CALL 01480 461731

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY at

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday, 6th July, from 2.00pm

with activities for all the family

**HOG
ROAST**

BAR

Stalls



**RACES FOR ALL AGES
from 3.00pm**



**Produce
Show**



It is the time of year to start thinking about your entries for the Produce Show. The baking, sweet and savoury were hotly contested last year along with the alcoholic drinks. We will have all the usual categories, with sections for adults and children. Look out next month for the full list of classes.

Come along on the 6th for the races, games, stalls food and drink.

If you are able to help on the day, with set up on the evening of the 4th or clear up on the 7th. Please let Ron at the Farm Shop know or email jan.way26@gmail.com. We are also looking for new committee members; it is not a big commitment through the year around 6 meetings plus the Sports Day weekend. Do get in touch if you think you might like to join.

Fenstanton Village Sports Produce Show Classes 2019

**The theme for 2019 is Your Heart.
Sports Day will be raising money for a 2nd defibrillator for the village**

Category	Example	Judging Criteria
Savoury Baking	Bread, Scones, Pies etc.	Presentation, uniformity and taste
Sweet Baking	Cakes, Biscuits, Pies, Muffins etc.	Presentation, uniformity and taste
Preserves	Jams, Marmalades and Chutneys	Taste, colour, bright and even distribution of fruit or vegetable
Home Grown Produce	Fruit and Vegetables from your garden or allotment.	Uniform shape and size, colour and texture.
Handicraft	Anything you have personally made – paintings, knitting, sewing, jewellery, pottery etc.	Originality, quality of craftwork, presentation and fun.
Floral Arrangement from your garden	Arrangement of home grown flowers or a potted flowering	Uniformity, originality, colour and creativity
Homemade Beverage	Alcoholic (or non) drinks such as lemonade, cordials,	Taste, aroma and colour.
Homemade flavoured gin	Alcoholic (or non) gin, flavoured with	Taste, aroma and originality.
New for 2019 Local Photograph	Photograph of Fenstanton and/or Fenstanton activities	Presentation, originality – class open to all ages
Lego design and build.	Healthy heart theme	Originality, quality and presentation. Age groups under 7 and 7 – 12
2019 Heart Theme Cake/s	The heart in any form of cake	Presentation, originality, taste and creativity.

The Sports Day committee meeting will be at the Duchess on 10th May at 1930. Please come along if you would like to find out more about joining the committee or volunteering at Sports Day.



CROCHET
Bridia helps us
to Crochet

If you want to learn to
Crochet come along to the
Church Centre for 7.30pm
on the 2nd May

Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month
1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre

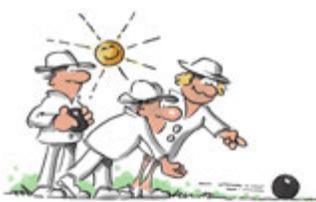
UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 2nd May from 7.30pm
Learn to Crochet a Poppy & Resolutions vote

Thursday 6th June from 7.30pm
Beverley Tack a flower arrangement
demonstration

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

the**WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN



FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

The busy season at the club is now underway. Now is the time to come along and join the club for the new season. Everyone is welcome, experienced or new bowlers, or anyone who has never bowled before and would like to give it a go. We have all the necessary equipment to get you started, just bring a pair of flat shoes. We have a club morning every Thursday at

10am so please do come along and join us. If you are unable to make Thursday mornings, please ring Barry Ward on 01480 382105 to arrange a convenient time to come to the club. Free Coaching is available. All the information you need is on our website.

We play at all levels, from competitive league teams to friendly inter club games. A warm welcome awaits.

Warning – bowls can become addictive once you start!!!

FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

Spring has well and truly sprung and we are enjoying the traditional spring

weather at Pre-School. We are very lucky to have great outdoor space that we free-flow into all year round rain or shine. We enjoy all the seasons, and Spring is no exception with some lovely warm days, but also some spring showers with puddles to explore!

In recent weeks we have been planting crops in our raised beds in the garden and looking after the new plants. We have also been learning about recycling and composting with our new wormery which a big hit with the children has been!

Spring also brings Mother's Day, and we loved having so many Mothers and Grandmothers come and visit us for our special Mother's Day morning back in March. The children really enjoyed sharing their Pre-School session with their family members and taking part in some lovely craft activities together.

As the Summer Term starts, we will be increasing further our ongoing focus on school- readiness. Some of our children will be leaving us to start school in September and we are committed to having them as prepared for this as possible. We offer the opportunity to experience school lunches this term, and together with our other visits to the school for PE sessions, library visits and assemblies, we find this really helps the children become familiar and comfortable with the school environment before they start there in September.

We find ourselves close to capacity for some sessions this coming term, so if you are interested in a place for your child please contact us as soon as possible.

As a setting we accept children from 2 years 9 months though to when they start school. We accept registrations onto our waiting list from your child's 2nd birthday.

For more information contact us at -contact@fenstantonpreschool.org.uk

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK



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

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

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

Available for bookings

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

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We were fortunate to be one of the recipients of £100 from Ash's shop in the village. Thank you Nisa.

We sent flowers and a card to Rhona Bailey to celebrate her 90th birthday to let her know we miss her.

27th March

We were wonderfully entertained by Paul and Brian of "Panache". It was a great pleasure for us to have them play and sing for us. Music and banter were great.

10th April

Beverly Tack once more delighted us with her flower arranging skills. The five arrangements were beautiful, and the raffle winners were pleased with the flowers as prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th May

John Deeks on local history - a mine of information about our area.

22nd May

U3A Uke Troupe will I'm sure give us an uplifting afternoon of music

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

2019 is our 70th anniversary year and we would like to make it special by having more new members and fresh ideas.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677



New Councillor

At the Full Council meeting on 11 April your Parish Councillors were delighted to co-opt Jackie Turner on board as your latest Councillor. That leaves us with just one vacancy. Please contact the Clerk for further information if you are interested in joining us



Jackie is born and bred in Fenstanton and decided to settle here with her partner Richard and their 18-month-old son. Her family have been in the village for just over 90 years and are still going. She studied in Fashion, Textiles and Fine Art but now works as a company Quality Auditor for Hotel Chocolat (and yes she does get to eat as much chocolate as she likes).

She is a qualified trainer and enjoyed her study in art therapy.

Jackie would like to bring new ideas and thoughts to activities in the Parish Council for families, the elderly and children.

She has a passion for travelling, trying new food and listening to Fleetwood Mac

Long live the King Bill!

At the time of writing, it looks as if the King Bill is closing its doors for the last time on Good Friday under its current ownership.

However, it's not all bad news.

There were 62 responses to the recent King Bill survey, all positive about retaining it as a pub. Of these, some 77% may be willing to participate in a community funding arrangement subject of course to details. In addition, there are others who have voiced a willingness to contribute significantly if the conditions are right.

There is support from CAMRA and The Plunkett Foundation and there is potentially a range of external sources of funding and financing available (albeit subject to competitive bidding).

In the meantime, your Parish Council have applied to have the Bill registered as an asset of Community Value.

The next stage is to convene a meeting in early May of all interested parties to explore options and next steps.

The current owner has made contact suggesting he may be willing to consider an offer. This will be subject to many things and negotiation but, is at least, a step in the right direction.

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The results are in: 58 replies, all in favour. In terms of preferences for different sports.

The Parish Council is currently talking to different providers, with a view to obtaining alternative cost, design and configuration concepts to take account of the preferences from the survey. Once we have these, we will make the options available to Fenstanton residents to view and comment

Cycleway along The Fen? Your views matter.

Whilst we are at the very early stages of a feasibility study to consider the possibility of a cycleway along The Fen to link up to the guided busway, we are very interested in your views:

Do you currently use the Fen, how often, for what? Would you use a cycleway? Do you support the proposal

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey: go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2FQHTXF> or scan the QR code below with your mobile/tablet



Bus services

Following the completion of the St Ives and Surrounding Villages Bus Survey, we undertook a review of the significant number of responses from across the Parish, producing a detailed report on current and future needs of Fenstanton, with a number of recommendations and considerations highlighted. This has been shared with the Transport team at Cambridgeshire County Council, as well as submitted to the senior management team at Stagecoach. We will keep you up to date of progress on subsequent discussions. A copy of this report is available from the Clerk.

Speeding in the Parish

As a Parish Council we are very aware of an increasing number of Parishioners raising concerns about speeding through the village. As part of our ongoing liaison with Cambridgeshire Police we have discussed this at length. As part of the solution and working with the police we are looking at the possibility of establishing a Speedwatch group (<http://speedwatch.info>) in Fenstanton. Cambridgeshire Constabulary is happy to support one. In practical terms this will involve the police training volunteers and then the group running roadside sessions with loaned equipment. There is no commitment expected – sessions run as often as you like. Cambridgeshire Constabulary will approve locations to make sure they're safe for volunteers to use.

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

There is a need for a **minimum of 3 volunteers** to run a roadside session. However, the ideal number in a group is 10+ to allow for rotation of volunteers.

The next training sessions are scheduled on **27th April and 18th May** in Cambourne Police Station from 10.00-11.30.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. Alternatively you can email The Speedwatch team at Cambridgeshire Constabulary directly on: speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

If you have friends/neighbours in the community who you think might be interested please do spread the word.



We have produced some cards to help address some of the parking issues in the Parish – just a friendly reminder to think about where you park so that you are not blocking access or parking in an area with restricted waiting times (amongst other things)

Cambridge Metro

Just a note that it is possible the Cambridge Metro will be extended as far as St Ives (overground). More news as and when we have it.

Next meeting dates

May

Thursday

9 FINANCE & CONSTITUTION

Thursday

16 124th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Presentation of annual reports

Thursday

23 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Election of officers

Contact

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

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

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

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



Thank You



To everyone who supported our
Jamboree Tea to raise funds to help us
get to the 24th World Scout Jamboree,



We raised a fabulous
£633.50



Thank you for your generosity.

I took a couple of photos today from the bridge on the bridleway from Hilton to Hemingford
Malcolm Lynn



East towards Fenstanton



West towards Godmanchester



Fenstanton Morris

will be Dancing at Dawn

at The Clock Tower
Fenstanton

Wednesday 1st May
at 5.30 a.m.



Contact: fenstantonbag@gmail.com for further details or via our facebook page.



Summer Diary Dates

HILTON BRITISH LEGION

May 12th

Events at IWM Duxford commemorating 70 years since the end of the Berlin Airlift mainly by the Royal Air Force. Doors open at 10am with the main ceremony starting at 1 o'clock.

June 6th

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the D Day Landings.

A short Flag Raising ceremony at Pathfinder House in Huntingdon starting at 10 am

June 28th

Another flag raising ceremony for Armed Forces Day, same venue and times as above.

Also, at the Slepe Hall field in St Ives a great event - stalls, band and events for children from 12.30.

July 6th

Royal British Legion Bikers hold their annual Muster and Service at Madingly Cemetery.

At least 400 Bikers riding their motor bikes of every description from mopeds to Harley Davidsons under police escort from Cambridge services arriving at Madingly at 12.30.

This is an amazing, happy gathering, very well worth a visit.

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580

A Pantomime of Errors



By The Hiltonians

Hilton is going to perform a fun pantomime in January 2020 at the Village Hall
To all budding Actors / Actresses who would love to take part

We need your help !!!



We will start rehearsals in the summer

Please contact: Helen Attwood for more information on 01480830690.

email kenandhelen@sky.com

Or: Margaret Shardlow 01480839986 email. marshar17@btinternet.com

Or Claire Sarkey 01480830412

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Clerk Training

The Clerk has completed the online Introduction to Local Council Administration course run by SLCC and has attended a CAPALC course regarding Annual Meetings. The Council has authorised the Clerk to attend the CAPALC New Clerk training course at the next available opportunity.

Annual Parish Meeting

The statutory Annual Parish Meeting will be held before the end of June, date to be confirmed. The Council would like to invite village groups to come and make a presentation about their year. If you would like to make a presentation for your group, or you would like to submit a presentation to be given on your behalf, please contact the Clerk at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com or 01480 830605.

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council and will be held on 13th May 2019 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.

Report from Hilton Parish Council meeting dated 1st April 2019

Playground

Hilton Parish Council has been granted a large funding amount towards the new playground and this has given the project the green light! The proposed design for the new playground has now been agreed by the council and information leaflets have been distributed to all homes in the village. It is also available to view on the council's website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

The Council has also now paid its contribution for the new playground and is asking for voluntary donations towards the cost. If you would like to donate please contact the Parish Clerk at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com or 01480 830605. The Council has already received several donations for which they would like to offer their thanks.

Post meeting note:

There was a very successful working party at The Grove on Saturday 13th April to clear the area surrounding the playground. I'm sure that you have already noticed the difference! Hilton Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers for their time and hard work.

Non-Motorised Users (NMU) Route

Hilton Parish Council has had a meeting with the contractors who will be carrying out the feasibility study for a cycle route and we look forward to receiving the draft report in July.

Green Open Spaces

Hilton Parish Council has a start date for the work to rejuvenate the paths which should be in early May. There may be some disruption as this work is carried out for which the Council would like to apologise.

The contractors are continuing their tree work around the village together with the volunteer group.

The ropes protecting the Green and the cricket pitch should be removed by Easter weekend. They have been effective in protecting the Green and reducing the number of cars which have parked on it.

Hilton Action on Traffic (HAT)

Hilton Action on Traffic have been successful in their funding bid for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign and five accompanying posts. Hilton Parish Council would like to congratulate them on their success.

HAT have also advised about the commencement of the HGV Watch scheme. It will operate in a similar way to SpeedWatch and they are looking for volunteers to monitor lorries infringing the night time ban.

Picnic Benches

Many of the existing benches around the Green are in poor condition. An advisory group has been formed comprising of Cllr I. Stott, Cllr S. Partridge and Cllr S. Walker to review the current benches and assess the need for additional benches. They will also be looking into costings and additional funding sources.

LHI Funding

The deadline for this year's applications for Local Highway Improvement (LHI) funding is approaching and the council has formed an advisory group comprising of Cllr L. Chorlton, Cllr A. Goodridge and members of HAT to consider feasible projects for which the Council could apply for funding.

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW : SUNDAY JULY 28th

Dear growers, bakers and makers,

The Produce Show is an important part of village celebrations for **Feast Week**. **Feast Week's 2019** theme is **SPACE** and our schedule has been adjusted to match.

This is an early warning, highlighting the changes so you can plan ahead. The FULL schedule will appear in next month's magazine, in The Feast Week Programme and on the Village Website as usual.

In the children's section, the **Gardens in a Seed Tray** will now be asked for a connection with outer space: moonlit gardens, stary patterns, planets, flying saucers...

Favourite characters in fruit and or vegetables should be **spacemen/ women or aliens**

Flower Arrangements:

1. **"Planet Suite"**: an arrangement on a Space theme using, flowers, foliage and appropriate decorative props.
2. **"Missile Launch"**: an arrangement using candles, flowers and foliage

The Show-Stopper Cake will be made by our ROCKET-MEN on any space related concept.

***** Introducing a NEW CLASS which is a family entry open to all ages:**

FLOWER POT MEN OR WOMEN

Flower pots in clay or plastic arranged to look human.

All our old favourites will be on the Schedule of course and we hope this season will be an easier one for gardens and gardeners alike.

RHUBARB NEWS: (an addition to last month's article)

Puzzled by the need to import rhubarb, I discovered it was a late introduction. In the eighteenth century, the Royal Society offered a gold medal to anyone who could successfully introduce the rhubarb plant to the country. It was observed that this would benefit the economy by £1 million (20-30m today) as so much rhubarb, mostly in powdered form, was consumed by a nation lacking in fresh fruit and vegetables for many months of the year.

In 1770 two Scottish doctors were awarded medals: Dr. James Mounsey smuggled seed in from Russia at great personal risk; Professor John Hope cultivated the plants.

Dr. James Mounsey smuggled seed in from Russia at great personal risk. Dr. John Hope cultivated the plants in the

HILTON WI

Frances Benton with her passion for pearls came to speak to us and once again show us her beautiful collection of pearl necklaces and earrings, some of them expensive and some quite affordable.

She is a very entertaining lady and told us how to tell real pearls from faux ones. She passed round some necklaces made from real pearls so that we could appreciate their texture as faux or imitation ones are smooth. A pearl colour is sprayed onto a bead and when threaded into a necklace will have a fancy clasp to make it look expensive.

She now spends half the year in the Burgundy region of France where she runs courses on pearls and also wine tasting called Pearls before Wine.

A real natural pearl is very rare so most pearls are cultured which means an irritant is put inside the oyster and it takes six or seven years to make a pearl.

Frances has her own favourite and it is the necklace that her mother wore on her wedding day not worth a lot of money but sentimentally irreplaceable.

Craft club is on 2nd of May just come along and have a lovely time with Donna who will soon make you feel welcome.

The meeting on 13th of May is the Resolutions and Social evening so after the serious stuff is over relax and enjoy the pleasant company of or very friendly WI.

Be at the Village Hall at 7 30

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

Well, the sunshine saw a good crowd turn up during the afternoon of our 2nd Community Cafe, there was a friendly atmosphere with some customers queuing up to be served. The Library Bus also saw an increase of visitors. Don't forget 9th May, 2 - 4 (the Library Bus comes just after 2).

Forthcoming Event - we are planning to resurrect the Summer Supper, last held a few years ago, please make a note in your diaries for 29th June, 19.30 hrs, £12.50pp (bring your own drinks), raffle. Those of you who already support our fund-raising efforts will know there will be LOTS OF DELICIOUS FOOD! Tickets will be available - in the first instance - from Doreen Bates 830250.

Village Hall AGM - 20.00 hrs on Monday 20th May - it would be nice to have you come along to hear about what is going on in our wonderful, valuable, Village Hall. We would like to welcome anyone who might be interested in joining our Committee or if you feel able, to join with our small band of loyal helpers ready to give a hand at our various events throughout the year.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE are looking for a **LETTINGS OFFICER**. We can offer an interesting and varied role that would suit someone who would like to be involved with village life, and able to spare a few hours a week.

We are looking for someone who is organised, enthusiastic, efficient and who has excellent communication and people skills.

This is a remunerated position and is paid half yearly at 8% of the lettings income. If you think you would like to join our fun-loving and hardworking team, please contact our current Lettings Officer, Mrs. Lesley Fordham on 01480 831195 who will be able to give you more details about the role. We look forward to hearing from you.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

APRIL 1st, We had a wonderful afternoon with our demonstrator Ann Purl, she did 7 delightful arrangements so 7 lucky ladies took an arrangement home, it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is MAY 13 we don't meet on Bank Holiday Monday.

Our demonstrator is Jo Paulter, we haven't seen Jo before, so we are looking forward to meeting her.

June 11th is our outing, if you would like to join us ring June 01480 830306.

June 17th is our Cream tea afternoon at June's (Fenstanton) look forward to seeing you all.

See you all on May 13th.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm -- 4pm

Entrance £5.00

Raffle £1.00

Beverley

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

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

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

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

Find Us on Facebook

HILTON ART CLUB

In March, the challenge was to paint a picture using only the colours red, yellow and blue - tricky. It was amazing what members managed to create when mixing only one shade of each and as usual, we had a wide variety of subjects and styles within the remit. A few then went on to practise using Quink inks, after the recent workshop with Sue Eddy. We also enjoyed the **three** cakes brought along by Kathy, Pat and Gina.

**18th May 9.30am – 12.30pm NO BRUSH PAINTING:
Drip, Dribble & Splat!**

Please bring your own pictures/props

New members are always made very welcome. Just look at our Facebook page, or ring Gina on 830696 for details.

Hilton Feast Week

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the family Easter Egg hunt around our beautiful village, we hope you all enjoyed it and had a relaxing Easter Weekend. Special thanks to all our volunteers who manned the tombola, helped with refreshments, donated Easter eggs and baked some delicious cakes. You are all amazing.



Saturday 11th May 2019 – Hilton Village Hall

Depending when your copy of Spectrum lands on your doormat there may still be chance to grab your bingo night tickets. Please check our website www.feastweek.co.uk or email us feastweekcommittee@gmail.com

Tickets £12.50 with a choice of fish, battered sausage or veggie burger all with chips.
Gluten free fish and chips available for £15.00

Due to pre-ordering food for the event, ticket sales will be closing at midnight on 30th April.



Bavarian Night

Friday 26th July 2019 – 7.30 to Midnight at the Marquee on the Green

Come and enjoy an evening of Um Pah music, table dances and German toasts or "prosts" with the popular Bavarian Strollers. Tickets available now for £15 each, including a hog roast. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment as this is always a popular event on the Feast Week calendar. Ladies dig out your Dirndl's and lads don your lederhosen for what is sure to be a fun night out.

www.feastweek.co.uk or 07974 435266

*Bavarian dress is optional

FEAST WEEK 2019

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2019 TO SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

We are busy at Feast Week HQ planning a variety of events we hope will appeal to the whole family.

More information will follow in the next publication and please do keep an eye on the village noticeboards and online via our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Thank you for your ongoing support to make Feastweek fabulous.

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



www.feastweek.co.uk



Hilton Feast Week



feastweekcommittee@gmail.com

What's on in May

1st	Fenstanton Morris Dancing	Clock Tower	5:30 am Yes am	P35
4th	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P10
6th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P26
8th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P30
11th	Hilton Feast Week Bingo night	Hilton Village Hall		P49
12th	Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Garage Sale	Various		P23
13th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 pm	P47
13th	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P39
13th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P45
18th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P 21
24/25	Display of old Fenstanton Photos	Fenstanton URC	Various	P20
	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P31
20th	Hilton Village Hall AGM	Hilton Village Hall	8:00 pm	P45

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'

22 June - Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Barn Dance P23

6th July - Fenstanton Village sports Day P25 and P26

26th July - Hilton Feast Week Bavarian Night in the marquee on Hilton village green P49

28th July to 3rd Aug – Hilton Feast Week P43 and P49

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p47)

Shanty Folk (p30)

Golden Gamers (p48)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters,

Coffee & chat,

Tuesday Lunch (21)

For Church services etc. see pages 10 to 21