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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Dear Flower Club ladies.

June and myself hope you have all been keeping safe and well. We are missing you all and look forward to the day we can all get together and have our friendly chats and start looking forward to doing our flower arrangements again.

We are still hoping to open on SEPTEMBER 6th, but we are waiting for conformation, we will keep you posted.

At long last we are able to see our family and friends in our gardens, this is a great step forward, but keep safe. I am sure with the lock down all our garden will be looking in tip top condition, ha ha.

Love to you all,

Beverley

Letters & Notices

LIBRARY NEWS: to start with the very sad news that our lovely MOBILE LIBRARY man has passed away, I know regular users will miss him and his cheerful helpfulness. We will have to watch this space whilst arrangements are sorted out for our regular Thursday visits.

St Ives library opening times

Monday/Tuesday/Friday/Saturday = 10.00 - 14.00 hrs; Tuesday = closed; Thursday 13.00 - 17.00 hrs; Sunday = Closed. The library is also opened for: returns, collecting reserved, select and collect, (pre-booked PC use for essential only).

www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries

Fenstanton resident is 105

We would like to wish Dave Smith very many Happy Returns for his 105th birthday.

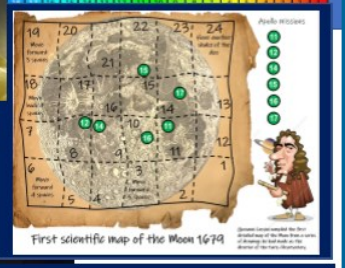
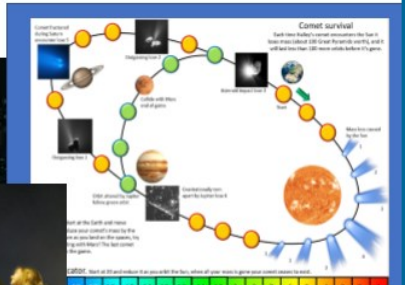


Calling young astronomers

The Cambridge Astronomical Association runs two young astronomers' groups (ages 7-11 and 11+) and is keen to find new members.

Both groups meet monthly (currently by Zoom). Each 1½ hour session includes games, activities, and talks, covering topics such as stars, comets, planets, the moon, black holes, space flight and

much more.



Have a browse around our website:

<http://www.caa-cya.org>

Join us free for your first meeting to see if you like it.

7-11 meeting Last Saturday each month at 10:00
11+ group First Monday each month at 19:15

Membership covers all members of a household and younger members can attend CYA (Cambridge Young Astronomers) meetings and events, as well as the other CAA activities.

Standard membership is £4.00 per year if you pay by regular standing order, or £5.00 per year when paying by cash or cheque or electronically.

For more details, just contact our chairman, Paul Fellows: Tel: 07788 237003
e-mail: paulfellows@ntlworld.com

Hilton Methodist Church - May

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

At present we are holding services every Sunday at 9.45 am on Zoom. The details for joining can be obtained from Sandy Monk (Tel. 830273) or Ian and Heather Woods (Tel 830686) . The services last approximately 30 minutes and joining is from 9.35am.

There are also regular services throughout the circuit at 10.30am and joining details for these can be obtained as above.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - May

Here is an update from the United Reformed Church:

During lockdown people in our church fellowship have been keeping in touch with each other by telephone and email and we have been worshipping at home watching services on our church website www.stivesfreechurch.org or reading Worship Reflections that have been emailed to each person.

As well, we have had new pathways made toward the church doors so that it is now physically accessible for all. Please see the picture to the right.

Groups will be using our church building again as lockdown restrictions ease. We are meeting 15th April to discuss when to hold worship in our building again.



We are looking forward to the joys of warmer weather and seeing each other in person again.

Catherine

Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Minister of Fenstanton United Reformed Church and The Free Church, St Ives
tel: 01480 352058 mob: 07714081930



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

ONLINE SERVICES*

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

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Wednesdays (10.30am)

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

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details



Christian Aid Week 9th-16th May 2021

With coronavirus restrictions still in place we have decided not to collect door to door but we do want to continue to support some of the poorest people in the world. We have set up a JustGiving page to receive your donation.

Please visit [justgiving.com/fenstantoncaw2021](https://www.justgiving.com/fenstantoncaw2021). If you would rather not give online please phone me on 465211 and I can sort that for you.

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water. The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live.



Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit. Rose and her grandchildren shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis:

- **£4.40** could teach 10 farmers how to plant **drought-tolerant crops** that can survive the drought.
- **£10** could buy a pair of taps at a **water point** which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people to fetch water.
- **£42** could buy 350kg of **cement**, which is needed to build an earth dam.
- **£545** could pay for a **skilled labourer** to work on the construction of an earth or sand dam.

Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice. This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

- Give generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.
- Act as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.
- Pray for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.



Together we stop this climate crisis. For further information: [caweek.org](https://www.caweek.org)

Thank you, Katie Hucklesby.

JOIN US
ONLINE
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

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



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

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



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

Jigsaw Exchange – Still running in Hilton!

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



For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866)

Fenstanton Parish Church - May

Thank you to the Spectrum Team for the great newsy magazine last month. Also lovely to see the church flowers on the front cover too, lovely reminders of happier times.

It was with great joy we opened our Parish Church on Easter Sunday morning, accompanied by smiling faces, the sound of church bells and lots of floral displays. But, with deep sadness the following Sunday, we said prayers of thanksgiving for His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and prayers for those who mourn his loss, especially Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family.

Such a mixture of emotions in such a short space of time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said:

“When death comes there is deep loss and profound sorrow. But in walking with Jesus Christ there is light rather than darkness. It is often a seemingly fitful light for those caught up in sorrow - but it shines, it grows, it brightens and beckons. And it calls us to hope rather than despair.”

As a parish, we remember those who have asked for our prayers, sometimes for the loss of a loved one, or maybe for someone who is very ill, needs long-term care, or is having a difficult time. Please do feel you can contact us and ask to be included in our prayers, no matter whether you come along to our church or not, we will pray for you.

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

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

MAY 2021			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for MAY only and may be subject to change.			
	Church Open	Service in Church: all said services = no sung hymns prebooking preferred Live stream available	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Sunday 2 nd	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	

Fenstanton Parish Church - May

MAY 2021			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for MAY only and may be subject to change.			
Monday 3 rd Bank Holiday			
Thursday 6 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 9 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Worship For All service Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 10 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 13 th Ascension Day	7pm onwards for a 7.30pm service	7.30pm said service of Holy Communion	<i>8.30am Morning Prayer for Ascension Day</i>
Sunday 16 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 17 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 20 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 23 rd Pentecost	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion for Pentecost Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 24 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 27 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>

Fenstanton Parish Church - May

Sunday 30th Trinity Sunday	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am said Service of Holy Communion Live stream available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 31st Bank Holiday			

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

Contact details for our parish are:

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

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

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

For more information about our Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

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

Fenstanton Community Café: weekly virtual Café, all welcome



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

We have very variable conversations about anything and everything. Ask a question, share a hobby, listen to a lively chat concerning something in the news. We sometimes have quizzes, an invited guest or speaker. We have a facebook page "Fenstanton Community Café" and a WhatsApp group.

We do have two rules we have agreed upon:

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

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

Fenstanton WI

Fenstanton WI will pass into suspension as from the end of March 2021.

This process has not been undertaken lightly and has resulted directly from the effect of the ongoing pandemic.

Reinstatement can take place within a three year period, and anyone wishing to receive further details and information, please contact the local WI advisor, Phyllis Brooks on 01480 380240 or at phylbrooks@live.co.uk.

There has been a WI in Fenstanton for over 100 years, and it would continue to be a valued asset to the village if it could be revived in the not too distant future, when social restrictions have become a distant memory

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INSPIRING WOMEN

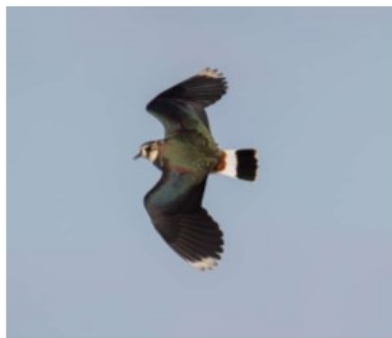
An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Close your eyes and picture a lake under a clear, blue sky. Ducks, geese and swans are out on the water, many of which have paired up and may even have a brood of ducklings, goslings or cygnets with them. Great-crested grebes are performing courtship dances or disappearing from sight under the surface as they dive for a meal and along the lake-edges a heron stalks through the shallows.

Turn your vision now to the north where an expanse of wet grassland habitat, containing ditches and shallow depressions, spans the northern side of the lake with a peninsula extending down towards the central island. The soft lowing of cattle can be heard as they graze this area to maintain the vegetation for breeding waders. Overhead, displaying lapwing can be seen with their wavering, up-and-down flight and characteristic 'peewit' call as they lay claim to the best nesting habitat whilst redshank, the 'sentinels of the marsh' watch on, ever vigilant for danger. In the north-west corner a reed fringe to a smaller water body provides cover. Reed, sedge and Cetti's warblers can be heard singing from within the reed as water rail and coot call from the base. Look closely and you may be lucky enough to see a bittern skulking along as it blends into the background. Dragon and damselflies are in abundance as they dart around on the hunt and perch on the reed and other vegetation.

Back out on the water are the tern rafts. Constructed and deployed to imitate small shingle islands, these provide the perfect conditions for nesting common tern and black-headed gull. Watch as they build nests, incubate eggs and then bring small fish in to their chicks.

All around are the sights and sounds of nature, offering a chance to forget for a time the stresses of life and to connect with the great outdoors. However, this tranquillity



Lapwing in flight. Photo credit: Kevin Sawford (rspb-images.com)

can be quickly shattered as wild creatures are easily disturbed and can be put off from using areas where people and dogs regularly go. This reduces the habitat available for them to use and the amount of wildlife for us all to enjoy. You can help wildlife flourish at Fen Drayton Lakes by not entering areas that are reserved for nature and by keeping dogs on a lead or under close control on the public footpaths. Please help us help nature thrive. Thank you.

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

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. SC037854

Do you have Breathing Difficulties? Did you know that singing can help?

Cambridge Singing for Breathing is now meeting on-line.

Singing for Breathing is a friendly and fun way to get the best from your lung capacity, using breath and voice exercises, guided relaxation and singing

Thursdays 2.30 - 4.00 pm.

Weekly donation £0 - £3.50

Contact Kay Barrett for more information and Zoom link:

Mobile - 07845 726975 Email - singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com

Website: www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge/>

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

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

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

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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



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

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

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

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

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

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

and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

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

Fenstanton and its Windmills: Part 1: Continued from last month

Mill Number 4:

This mill stood a few hundred yards further along the Low Road. We only know this as it appears on the Lancelot Brown map of Fenstanton made in 1777. There do not seem to be any further records of this mill and it was most probably dismantled long before the start of the twentieth century.

Mill Number 5:

Mill number five stood on the only sharp bend on Low Road. I am unable to



identify any of its owners, or when it was demolished. I believe the following photographs are correct, based on the image on the right of the picture shown last month.

From the The Ipswich Journal 4th May 1799

“On Monday, the wife of William Fuller of Fenstanton, on her way to St Ives market, went into a windmill for shelter from a violent shower of rain and on leaving the mill the sails unfortunately struck her over the head and killed her on the spot. She left five children to lament her loss”.

From Fenstanton Parish Burial Records;

1st May 1799, Elizabeth Fuller wife of William Fuller, killed by a mill-sail in Stanton field.

Finally, Mill Number 6:

This mill was on the other side of Fenstanton village bordering on Fen Drayton at Mill Road.

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Fenstanton and its Windmills: Part 1:Continued from last month

From the Cambridge Independent Press - Friday 16 May 1919:

FENSTANTON: Another Landmark Gone.

"The ancient post-mill built of wood and with a thatched roof, between Fen Drayton and Fenstanton is now being demolished. It lost its sails some years ago and has not been used for some time. Of late years it has not been in use. It lost its sails in a storm one year ago and has sustained other damage from wind and weather at various times. In days long past it belonged to the late Mr. Hardy, of Fenstanton. Its present owner is Mr. J. Evison. Within the last century all of its tenants had little success".

Robert Hardy lived in Fenstanton High Street and owned the mill for at least thirty years. John Evison was born in 1845 in Enderby in Lincolnshire. At the time of the 1901 census he was living in Lincolnshire, so he must have purchased the Fen Drayton farm shortly before demolishing the mill.

This was the last of the eight windmills that once stood in Fenstanton village for over eight hundred years. Maps of various dates show this mill to be sited in different positions on Mill Road. There is nothing to be seen today although it is possible that it was opposite the house known as Mill House, where there is a driveway into an empty field.

john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Fen Drayton Tennis Club

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

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

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

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

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

www.fendraytontc.co.uk



Boris finally gave a thumbs up to grass roots football!

I was delighted to hear Boris reveal the road map to us coming out of lock down, it has been a long and hard winter for all of us and to finally see light at the end of the tunnel was a big relief. As part of the phase 1 of easing lock down grass roots football could finally start up again, and I know how much this meant to all of our players, coaches, helpers and parents, it was so good to see the players back, taking in the fresh air, running about with their friends and playing a sport they love so much!

Our club is thriving, we now have 11 teams and over 140 players ranging from 5 through to adults, and we are so grateful to the group of fantastic volunteers who help run the club and coach the teams, we couldn't do it without your dedication and continued support, together with the financial support we have had from local fund raising, sponsorship and the Parish Council, this too has been overwhelming. It costs a great deal to run such a big club and without this financial support we simply wouldn't exist. The rapid growth of the club has meant we have needed to expand and we are appreciative to Chris Behagg who is kindly renting us the old cricket pitch, meaning our U11,12 & 13's now have a home pitch located close to our facilities at Hall Green Lane.

So the future is bright and we have weathered the storm of COVID, we continue to attract new players and hope to grow further over the coming years. With this in mind we need further investment to ensure our facilities meet the high standard of welfare for our players and to create a sporting environment which is available to the whole village. We have big aspirations and would love to one day have a fully secured site that has ample changing facilities and a social bar/cafe area that is accessible to all groups within the community.

You may be reading this and thinking how can I get involved? Well we would love to hear from you if you can help in any way. Whether you're in the construction industry, experienced in planning or quite simply just want to support us, we would love to hear from you. For example we know there is grant money available but this takes dedication and time to apply and as a committee we are at times fully stretched with just running the club so we would welcome additional support and expertise.

It's a well-known fact Sport can pull a community together in so many ways as well as providing much needed fitness and wellbeing. I feel genuinely excited to be leading our club and the ambitious challenge to create an amazing setting for all our players and something that the village can be proud of and benefit from.

Please do get in touch if you think you can help or indeed share any views you have in making our club and the environment around it even better.

Thanks for your continued support and stay safe.

Steve Mann
Chairman of
Fenstanton FC



fenstantonfootball@outlook.com

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

So nice to see the sunshine and have lockdown opening up somewhat. Please take care if venturing out to shops, covid is still out there. Obviously, we don't know when we can meet up again. When we can have a limited outside meeting, in nice weather it will be lovely to meet on the church grounds. Thank you so much for the nice cards, telephone calls and doorstep chats in response to our Easter treat. I really appreciate your feedback and support. Take care, the tunnel is getting shorter, enjoy the nice weather.

Marie News
01480 350677

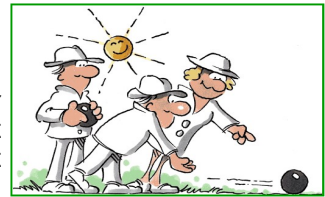
Fenstanton Bowls Club

Fenstanton Bowls Club.....Very Exciting News!

Well, ok, not very exciting but now we have your interest why not read on to find out more about your local, dynamic bowls club? Well, ok, not hugely dynamic but definitely a bowls club!

The green is looking inviting, the clubhouse is in the process of being decorated and the sun has been shining, what more could you want to encourage you to come down and give bowling a try? At the time of writing, we are hoping to hold our first roll-up session on Thursday 20th May from 10.00 until 12.30 (if everything goes to plan according to the govt roadmap).

We have everything you need to enjoy a couple of hours bowling and what's more.....the first 2 sessions are completely free of charge so really you have nothing to lose and much to gain!



If you have a competitive edge, then we have league matches that will satisfy your thirst for victory. If, on the other hand, you prefer to take things at your own pace and enjoy the social element as much as the games, we have that too!

A sport for all ages (no, really, it is!) but don't take my word for it, give us a call to find out more about this adrenalin fuelled extreme sport! Please refer to the recent photo at the side for advice on dress-code.

For more information, please contact Barry Ward on 07541 968125 or take a look at our website www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

FAMILY FUNFEST

FOR THE AIR AMBULANCES



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

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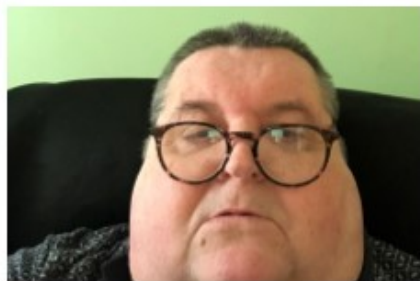
Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome your new Parish Councillor Mark Richardson

I have lived in Fenstanton for eight years but also lived in St Ives for twenty three years.

I was a toolmaker for seven years then went into sales. I have also been a driving instructor for over ten years, then worked on the busway before medical needs stopped me working.

In my leisure time I have been involved with local football, playing, managing and was chairman of St Ives Rangers for over ten years. I'm also on a national housing committee, a role which I enjoy.



I have two grown up children that work locally and I live with my cat Toffee. As I get older I'm increasingly aware of our planet and tend to do what I can in my own small way to help protect it.

Forthcoming dates

Annual Meeting of the Parish
Tuesday, 4th May @ 7.00pm

Parish Council AGM
Thursday 6th May @ 7.00pm

For access to the Zoom meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Reopening of the Parish Council Office

In line with updated Government advice, we are currently reviewing a date to allow members of the public to return to the Parish Council Office. This is likely to be end May/June.

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

‘Double the trees in Fenstanton’

An ambitious plan to ‘double the trees in Fenstanton’ is taking shape.

We are not alone as groups throughout Cambridgeshire are signing up to the ‘**Double Nature Campaign**’.



We are currently counting trees in our parish. To date we have identified 6,100 trees North of the A1037.

When completed this will give us a planting target, probably of about 50,000 new trees!

It sounds huge, but there are over 2,500 acres in Fenstanton. Planting 1 acre of woodland would need about 2,000 trees. Planting 25 acres with trees is less than 1% of the parish.

Later this year we will carry out a detailed survey of trees and green spaces. We will be using GPS location and mapping software to help manage the green environment in the village.

Working with the Parish Council we will identify potentially suitable community spaces for planting.

We would also like to work with local landowners/ stakeholders/ householders to explore additional planting opportunities.

We are keen for individuals and groups from across Fenstanton to get involved: helping us survey; identifying possible planting sites; planting trees; after care and maintenance.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting project, please contact: raypuddefoot@gmail.com , 07501 684935, or

roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk,
07949 453767

Free TREGATORS – 14 second-hand treegators available.

If you've recently planted a tree and would like one, please contact Ray.

Cleaning up Fenstanton



We're hoping to join forces with Huntingdon District Council and Keep Britain Tidy, in the Great British Spring Clean. Our target date is **Sunday June 6th**, and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

We will, of course, have measures in place to ensure everyone's safety and participation will be by registration only. We will let you know full details nearer the time.

A big thank you - Henry Pyne

Henry has been actively picking up litter over the last ten months as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Your Parish Council is very appreciative and would like to thank Henry for his work. An inspiration to us all.

In the meantime, we would like to thank our litter teams; keep up the fantastic work you are doing to keep our village clean and should you need any bags, equipment or help with rubbish, don't hesitate to contact:

Roy:
roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk, or
Sue: sue.martynski@gmail.com



Clock Tower and Pond

Initial work on the Pond and Clock Tower has been completed. New fencing and bollards have been installed, the Clock Tower painted and the bell repaired.

Work on dredging and repairing the pond has been suspended until the Autumn, after the nesting and newt breeding season has finished.

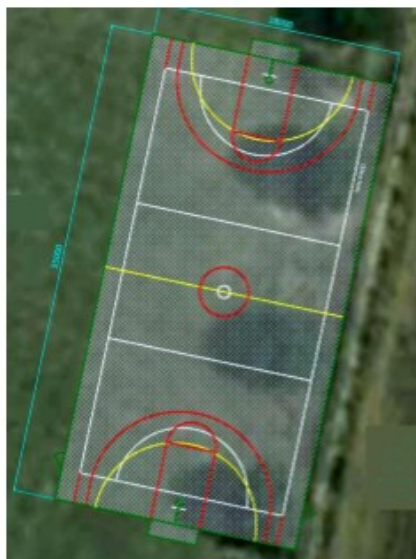
New information signs and the Historic Whipping Post will be installed shortly.



The external lighting around the clock tower will be upgraded shortly.

New planters, a bench and picnic tables are coming soon.

Multi-use games area



After resolving a couple of complications with the A14 Community Fund and Cambs County Council, your parish council is pleased to report that the MUGA is scheduled for construction over the School Summer Holidays.

Work on the site will start at the end of July for two weeks. The surface will then need to harden for three weeks before the markings can be applied.

Fenstanton can look forward to a new combined football, basketball, netball facility.

New Community Garden in Hilton

As we come out of all the covid restrictions, a group of us in Hilton have been looking at ways we can

GROW community

GROW feelings of wellbeing by being outside in the fresh air

GROW a greener environment

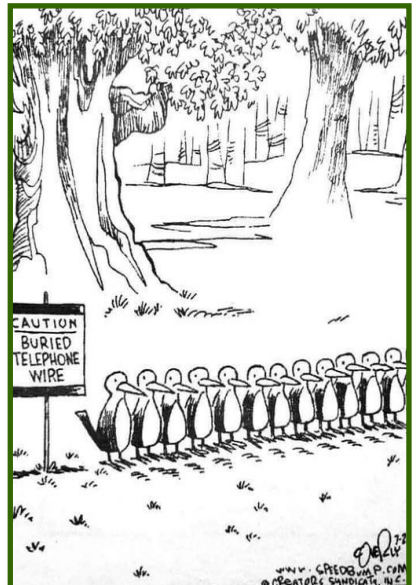
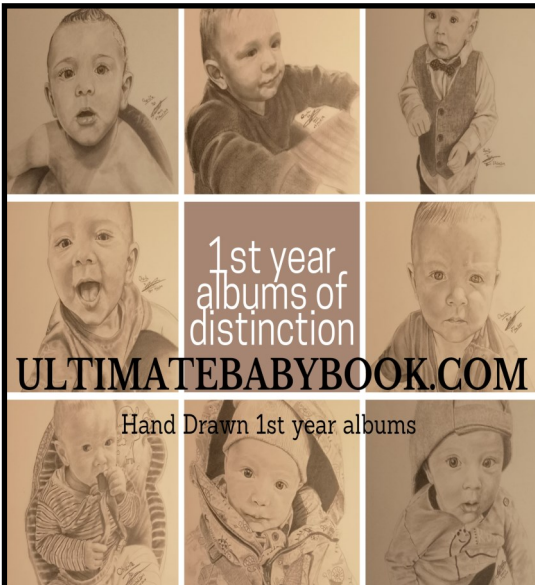
And of course

GROW flowers, vegetables, and fruit for everyone to enjoy.

The first hurdle was to find a plot of land, and we have very kindly being offered a plot by Dr Randall at Monach Farm.

We have applied for some grants to get money to support this project and are very hopeful that some will be forthcoming. We will particularly need fencing to protect the land from rabbits and Muntjac deer and tools, so if any business or individual would like to donate any that would be great.

We will be inviting all Hilton residents to be part of this project, so if you would like to dig, plant, prune or pick do get in touch with Heather at 23heatherc@gmail.com





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Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Lottery update!

To learn more about Your School Lottery and get your tickets, visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school>

See page 28 for more information and update



Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 12th April 2021

His Royal Highness Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh



The Chair opened the meeting with a statement regarding the death of HRH Prince Philip and there was a period of silence. Due to the current national guidelines, the Council will not be providing a physical book of condolence. Instead, an online book of condolence was made available on the Parish Council website and the Clerk has put notices up to this effect. In accordance with the wishes of the Duke of Edinburgh, the laying of flowers is discouraged and parishioners who wish to do something are encouraged to donate to charity instead.

Ivy Cutting

Cllr Ian Stott organised remote working ivy cutting where he assigned different areas to volunteers to ensure there was social distancing. A thank you message has been sent to the volunteers that took part.

Pavilion Street Light (PC26)

The remedial work to this lamppost which is leaning and unstable has been authorised using the Clerk/Chair authority and will cost £120 +VAT. Post meeting note: This work has now been carried out.

Council Tax

Whilst the Parish Council have resolved to keep the precept amount the same at £30,600, the tax base has reduced from 455 to 450 so this equates to a 1.1% increase in the amount paid by homeowners. The tax base is calculated by looking at the equivalent number of band D properties in the Parish, adding the number of houses due to be built and taking away those properties in receipt of council tax support or single person supplement. In the case of Hilton, the tax base has been reduced due to the increase of properties in receipt of council tax support.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented the end of year accounts to the Council and also proposed the levels of earmarked reserves, which the Council agreed. These documents can be found with the supporting documents on the Council website.

Policies

The Council resolved to adopt a Grant Making Policy, Expenses Policy, Sickness Absence Policy, Finance Committee Terms of Reference and an Asset Management Plan. These policies, together with all of the Council policies, can be found on the Council website.

Hilton Parish Council

Remote Meetings

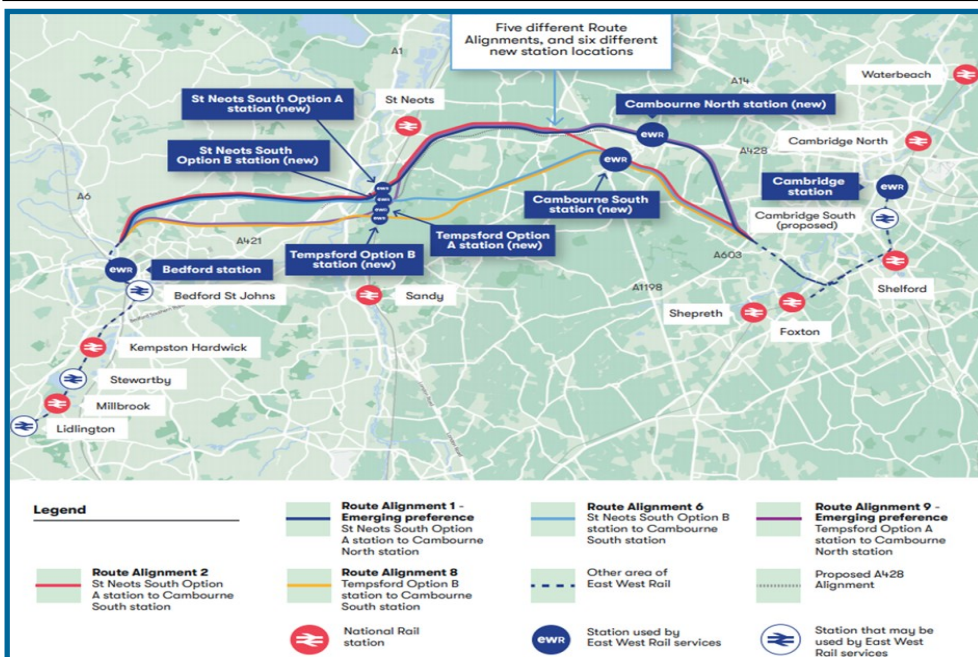
The Council are still monitoring the situation regarding the legislation that permits remote meetings. The Council has asked the Clerk and Chair to respond to the Ministry for Housing, Communities, and Local Government's current call for evidence regarding remote meetings.

LHI Bid 2021/22

Hilton Parish Council has received the first draft of the LHI panel scorecard which shows that their bid for a Traffic Regulation Order application to prohibit HGVs on the B1040 24 hours a day was likely to be unsuccessful as there was not sufficient funding. The Parish Council originally agreed to contribute £9,000 towards this project, but the reduced cost in the feasibility study from Cambridgeshire County Council also reduced the Parish Council contribution to £5,299.67. Hilton Parish Council have resolved to contact Cambridgeshire County Council and advise that Hilton Parish Council will contribute £9,000 to this project to ensure its viability.

Oxford to Cambridge Railway Consultation

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to respond to this consultation to state that whilst they are in favour of the development of this railway line, they want to ensure that the construction traffic does not come through Hilton. Parishioners can view the information regarding this proposal at www.eastwestrail.co.uk



Community Library

The Council has resolved to enter into a conversation with the Parochial Church Council with regards to putting the Community Library in the Church.

Moles

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to employ a mole catcher to deal with the moles on the Green around the churchyard at a cost of £80.

Horse Riding on the Green

The Council discussed the issue regarding horses being ridden across the Green inappropriately and thanked the Clerk for the letters that have been distributed to the horse owners and the signs on the Green.

Fences

The Council have agreed to purchase oak timber to repair the fences across the Green at a cost of £365.69.

Litter Pickers

The Council has resolved to purchase 8 more litter pickers and advertise that they are available to parishioners. If you would like to borrow a litter picker, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Annual Parish Meeting Minute Book

The Council has resolved to purchase a minute book for the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting at a cost of £81.

WI Bench

The Council has agreed to site the new bench in replacement of the old WI memorial bench in the original position where it was previously near the Maze.

Clerk Matters

The Council has agreed to increase the Clerk's working from home allowance to £6 per week in accordance with HMRC guidelines and also form a NEST pension scheme for the Clerk. The Council received the results of the Clerk's appraisal and approved the objectives set and also resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by an increment on the salary scale at a cost of £23.92 per month. Further to the Clerk's appraisal the Council also agreed to add the phrase "To act as the Website Administrator in accordance with the Media Policy and be responsible for the maintenance and management of the Council website, Facebook page and email distribution list." to the Clerk's job description. The Council has agreed that the Chair can authorise overtime up to the limit in the financial regulations each month.

Post Meeting Note

Clr Ann Goodridge has resigned from Hilton Parish Council and the appropriate notice of vacancy has been issued.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 via Zoom. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Wildlife in Borrow Pit 3 (east of B1040)

Borrow Pit 3 is actually a large expanse of water between the B1040 (Potton Road) and Hilton Road, north of the new A14 and south of the A1307. The plan is to develop it into an ecological area supporting water voles, Great Crested Newts, Cetti's and Grasshopper Warblers. The marginal planting and grassland is intended to be a reminder of the Capability Brown's landscapes found in other parts of the county. However, it is recognised that the site is not comparable to Capability Brown's designed landscapes! Although there is no public access, a footpath does run along the northern side, and public access to the borrow pits will be reviewed once final ownership is established.

(Source: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Borrow Pit 3

Restoration and Aftercare Plan. 5th June 2020.)

The design includes steeper slopes for water vole habitat which will provide burrowing opportunities for them, and pre-planted coir matting, as well as habitats for warblers and Great Crested Newts, with dragonflies and otters a secondary consideration. However, an otter holt has not been included in the design due to the proximity of the fisheries. There are a number of smaller ponds which benefit a range of mammals and reptiles across the site. Reed beds on the perimeter of the ponds will also provide nesting opportunities for the warblers. Mound areas which form hibernacula (winter quarters) have been created for amphibians and reptiles.

"Hop over planting" has been established which along with the fencing means that bats, especially barbastelle bats will be able to elevate their flight paths at night. There are large diameter culverts with ledges, or separate dry underpasses built into the roads on both Potton Road and Hilton Road for otters and badgers, north and south of the A14 bridge.

Did you know?

Along the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon are 22 Barn Owl boxes, and at least 5 of them are already in use. 2 boxes had chicks in them in 2019. There are also 360 bat boxes, 90 bird boxes for smaller species, 24 swift boxes and 24 kestrel boxes.

Great crested newts grow up to 17cm long and live for up to 15 years.

Female water voles can have three to four litters a year of up to five young.

The barbastelle is a scarce bat that lives in woodland and forages over a wide area. It has a distinctive "pug like" appearance because of its upturned nose.

Over 40 different native species of trees have been planted, replacing the trees removed at a ratio of approximately two to one, but it will take 15 years before the planting matures sufficiently to look like the images shown on the A14 fly through (available on YouTube).

Heather Chambers

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

The sad news of April 10 that His Royal Highness Prince Philip had died brought the nation and the world to a profound sense of loss.

We cannot imagine how Her Majesty the Queen can be bearing the loneliness, missing his words of encouragement, his constancy, and humour throughout the many, many years of their marriage and her reign. Anyone who has lost a loved one will understand to a degree but Prince Philip was even more of her 'strength and stay' than can be imagined.

The Royal British Legion website statement reads in part "we are immensely grateful for Prince Philip's lifetime of service" and proudly have the Queen, our Patron and her family very much in our thoughts, particularly on her birthday on April 21st.

We wish His Royal Highness the traditional Royal Navy message of 'Fair Winds and Following Seas'

Margaret – 831186 and Julie – 830580.

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 WI

We are delighted that Hilton WI is gradually coming out of lockdown and is as active as possible. The days are longer so we have replaced our Monday Tea Time Chat Zoom meetings with our Wednesday Lunchtime "natters" on The Green which we enjoyed last summer and where we can meet in person following the easing of restrictions. At Easter every member received a cheerful goody bag and colourful primrose plant from the committee then, following the gift of 'naked' polystyrene eggs, 15 of us decorated and displayed them on the Green on Easter Saturday. As they were far too varied to judge, we had a "Lucky Dip" Easter Egg which was won by Heather Woods with her simply beautiful decoration topped with a small wooden cross. Our fortnightly newsletters have now passed their first birthday at number 32 with memories of our childhoods, mischief and freedoms being a recurring theme in almost all of them.

Our April speaker was very sadly unwell so we challenged ourselves with a Quiz in which two ladies tied for first place and it was finally won by Sandy Voss after two tie break questions. We also held a raffle for all our members and the Everlasting Sweet Pea plant was won by our long time member Kath Charter. In May we are looking forward to visiting the 'Must See Street in Cambridge by Murray Jacob.

Finally, we have Her Majesty the Queen very much in our thoughts at this time . She has been a committed member of the WI since 1943 and is the President in Sandringham.



FEAST WEEK 2021 – your questions answered

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



Fancy the chance of winning some cash while supporting Feast Week at the same time?

Of course you do, so sign up now to **the 200 Club** to be in with a chance.

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

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

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

“Broad beans sleeping in a blanket-bed”

With a week of sharp frosts and snow on the ground this morning, gardeners will have been rushing to cover tender plants with protective fleece. So anxious have I been to defend hydrangeas and a persicaria from the cold, I have given them a nocturnal drape of old curtains, even, dear readers, leaving my own

‘blankety-bed’ to rush to their aid in pitch-dark. Broad beans are in their infancy in the garden, some sown in the autumn (aquadulce varieties)

and others in February. Plug plants are still available on the market and in garden centres. They may need staking and all the manuals advise pinching out the flower tips to prevent aphid attacks. However, with these small ministrations you can look forward to a wonderful crop of beans.

Fresh broad beans are hard to come by unless home grown. Supermarkets rarely seem to have them.

Even if you can find them, they tend to have lost their first freshness and become large and starchy.

I once watched with awe as a friend took the outer skin off each bean for a salad. Life, I feel, is too short for such an activity and the young beans are so delicious they don’t need their outer coats removed.

Soil Improvers?

Besides the culinary delights of the broad bean, bean plants have been regarded as of great benefit to the soil, as nitrogen fixers. Traditionally, gardeners have cut the top off the plant after harvesting, leaving the roots in the ground. This is because nodules grow inside the roots with the help of naturally occurring bacteria. The nodules swell and once established the bacteria works with the plant, taking some of the carbohydrates produced through photosynthesis, in return releasing nitrogen. However, a recent study has questioned the benefit of leaving the plant in the ground.

Plots where the plants were removed were similar in fertility to plots where roots were left until the autumn. Only commercial fertilisers made a difference to yields in subsequent plantings.



HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Interesting historical fact: Favism

In 510, the Greek mathematician, Pythagoras, (he of the triangle) spotted a connection between broad beans and a blood disorder, known as haemolytic anaemia. So sure was he of the danger, he forbade his followers from eating them. It is said that he met his death when he faced a bean field before him and enemy pursuers behind. The hesitation to cross the field cost him his life.

It was not until that 1956 ...please do the maths...that this was found to be true. Medical researchers established a link between the faa bean and anaemia in patients with a hereditary abnormality of the red cell enzyme. This condition is rare and usually confined to people from Mediterranean countries.

Scent

A field of broad beans in summer is recognisable from the road not only because of the attractive flower, but also the sweet scent which makes a welcome addition to any vegetable plot.

Recipe

A delicious and speedy lunch or supper dish can be made with the following ingredients:

bacon/lardons 100g, 1 clove garlic, leeks 100g broad beans 100g, zest of 1 lemon, tagliatelle or other enough for 4, salt and pepper, parmesan 50g

Cook the bacon or pancetta in a little olive oil, then add garlic and leeks. Soften for a few mins then add the broad beans and barely enough water to cover. If using young broad beans the cooking time is about 5 mins. Grate in the lemon. Meanwhile boil the pasta. When cooked take a cup of the pasta liquid and add to the bacon and leeks. Drain the pasta then mix it in thoroughly with the bacon and leeks and parmesan. Add more parmesan if liked. The recipe works just as well with frozen beans.

Claire Sarkies



What's on in November

You know you're over 40 when
you have "upstairs ibuprofen"
and "downstairs ibuprofen."

Dates of future events:

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

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

Keep up to date with the Churches and Clubs notices.

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

Spectrum Team