

SPECTRUM

October 2020

In aid of Fenstanton Church Restoration Fund

FENSTANTON VIRTUAL OPEN GARDENS 2020

*Watch the film of the gardens here:
<https://tiny.cc/fenstantonopengardens>*

*Once you have enjoyed the film please do donate to Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Fund via our new online giving platform here:
<https://tiny.cc/fenstantonchurchdonate>*

A shorter edition this month but let's remember prettier times.

Look up 'Fenstanton Open Gardens2020' on YouTube.

See page 35 for more details.

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Hilton Flower Club 01480830571
Hilton Pilates 07733307475
Fenstanton Pilates 01480465117
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Scottish Country Dancing 01487822989
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Hilton Feast Week 01480832329
Fenstanton Village Sports 01480370973
Fenstanton Village Hall 01480461751
Hilton Town Trust 01480830866
Hilton Neighbourhood Watch 01480831658
Fenstanton Church Centre 01954230471
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Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group 01480830658
Swavesey VC 01954230366
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Hilton Baby & Toddler Group 07749682229

If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

Letters & Notices

I would like to ask this dog owner not to let his/her dog to use our front garden and the front of our house as a toilet for their dog.

It has happened before but I finally decided to take photos and contact you to send a message to this person.

Sima and Peter
1 Chequers Croft
Hilton



I know this image is rather shocking but this is a recurring problem around the village and residents feel strongly about it. Bags are cheap and there are a several bins around so there is no excuse. Please be responsible. I know it is only a minority of dog owners but is totally unnecessary. Mickey Pallett (editor).

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

My hall is beginning to fill with wrapped shoeboxes waiting to be filled.

Thank you to everyone who has delivered bags and boxes full of items to put in them. Time is passing so quickly so I'm asking if you have anything to donate, money towards transport or filled boxes, please may I have them by 26th October, as a few days later they will be collected and taken to the warehouse in Eastbourne to be sorted into boys or girls and age groups, then they will begin their long journey driven by volunteers to Moldova for children in the orphanages and hospitals.

The shoe box will be the only present the children will receive.

If you need any more information, please call me on the number below.

Many thanks to you all, without you I would not be able to fill as many as I do.

Jenny Stimpson
13 Little Moor, Fenstanton.
01480 464939



VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON 2020

**SUPPORT OUR LONDON MARATHON RUNNERS
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM
WISH OUR RUNNERS WELL BY COMING ALONG TO
THE FOOTBALL PITCH FOR A *BREAKFAST ROLL
AND / OR 2PM – 4PM**

**CHEER THEM HOME WITH A *BURGER OR *HOTDOG
*TEAS AND COFFEES
*SOFT DRINKS**

**THE RUNNERS WILL BEGIN WITH A LAP OF THE VILLAGE, PLAYERS
WILL BE SUPPORTING THEM RIDING THEIR BIKES AND CARRYING
COLLECTION BUCKETS
OR VISIT THE JUST GIVING PAGES**

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stuart-brown-577?
utm_term=3PWw8MvAn](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stuart-brown-577?utm_term=3PWw8MvAn)

***Food availability subject to latest Covid 19 guidance at time of the event**

Email fenstantonfootball@outlook.com for further details

Looks like there is a very serious leak under the sink.



Hilton Methodist Church October

We are not yet meeting in church but do check our noticeboard for any changes to this.

At present we are having our online services via Zoom at 9.45am every Sunday. Anyone is most welcome to join us. The services last about 30 minutes. You will need to download the Zoom app on your phone, tablet or computer. The ID number that you will need in order to participate can be obtained from Sandy Monk on 830273.

There is also a service by Rev Nick Witham at 10.30am. This can be found on St Ives Methodist Church Facebook page and lasts about 30 mins.

We have a joint ecumenical service with the Parish church on the first Friday of the month. The joining details for this can be obtained from Rachel Wood, see Parish church contact details.

Hilton Parish Church - October



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 – monthly

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

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

Fenstanton Parish Church - October

Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for OCTOBER only and may not continue beyond that. It may be subject to change.

	Church Open	Service in Church: all said services = no sung hymns prebooking required	<i>Via ZOOM Please ask Rev Rosie for details. 01480 467393</i>
Thursday 1 st			<i>8.30 am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 4 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service The church will close at 12 noon	10am said Service of Holy Communion Please note that the church will remain open after the morning service, until 12 noon for private prayer.	
Monday 5 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wednesday 7 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thursday 8 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 11 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service The church will close at 12 noon	10am said service Worship For All Harvest Service (no Holy Communion) Please note that the church will remain open after the morning service, until 12 noon for private prayer.	
Monday 12 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wednesday 14 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thursday 15 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 18 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service The church will close at 12 noon	10am said Service of Holy Communion Please note that the church will remain open after the morning service, until 12 noon for private prayer.	
Monday 19 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wednesday 21 st	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thursday 22 nd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 25 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service The church will close at 12 noon	10am said Service of Holy Communion Please note that the church will remain open after the morning service, until 12 noon for private prayer.	
Monday 26 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Wednesday 28 th	6.45pm for a 7pm service	7pm said Service of Holy Communion	
Thursday 29 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>

Thank you
for the

Fenstanton Parish Church October 2020

so much
many

kind and thoughtful messages and conversations we have had in response to our church bells heralding the re-opening of SS Peter & Pauls' Church this month for public worship.

Our Sunday service has seen a good number of people of all ages, families, household/bubble, couples and singles so please do feel you can come along. You will be very welcome, for the first time or if you haven't been to church for a long time. Please do pre-book if you can <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk>

There may be some seats still available if you decide on the morning that you want to come along. Please allow time to complete an NHS Test and Trace form.

Our new Wednesday evening service has been well attended too. The intention was to repeat the Sunday service so we can manage our capacity number (the maximum number of people we can have in the building). This we have done, and the evening service has appealed to those who may feel they are in the "at-risk" categories. Latest guidance states that it is up to each individual to make their own decision about attending services in church. However, please don't attend any services if you are showing signs/symptoms of covid19 or any other virus or infection that could be transmitted to others.

We are continuing to hold our virtual Monday evening and Thursday morning services via ZOOM for the time being.

Services as detailed in the table may, of course, be subject to change in line with government/CofE guidance. Some things to note are:

Parish Harvest Service: this is planned for Sunday 11th October at 10am. At the time of writing we are still working through what we can and can't do safely during this time of pandemic. Providing the church is still able to open for public worship we will do something!! We may not be able to have the church fully adorned in flowers, fruits, vegetables and non-perishable goods, as in previous years, but please be assured we are thinking creatively.

All Souls Service, our annual service to remember our loved ones no longer with us: this service is not going ahead in our usual format this year due to the many restrictions. However, we warmly invite you to give us names of loved ones that you would like to be read out in our prayers on **Sunday 1st November** and on **Monday 2nd November** (All Soul's Day). Please do join us in person, for the Sunday morning or by zoom for the Monday evening. To add a name(s) to our list please email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com or phone 01480 467393 and leave a message, or write names down and post through my letterbox at The Vicarage, Church Street. You are welcome to add names for people who have died in previous years, it doesn't have to be just this year.

Finally, advance notice for **Remembrance Sunday** 8th November. Due to changing guidance we are not able to say at this stage exactly what we are planning to do for Remembrance Sunday this year. If we are able to hold a service in church we will, but it is likely that numbers will be limited. We will also endeavour to organise a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Parish Council Cemetery, subject to covid19 guidance and restrictions. More details to follow.

If you would like to get in touch:

My contact details are: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens are: Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 and Philip Blunt 01480 461751

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 United Reformed Church - October

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

MY CHARITY STALL

THE CHARITY STALL AT 28 BELL LANE.

The Charity stall is still going strong, thanks to the generosity of the people of Fenstanton.

To date it has raised £2,000 with:

£1,100 going to the United Reformed Church

£300 going to MacMillian Cancer Care,

£300 going to Arthur Rank Hospice,

£300 going to St Ives Foodbank.

I am happy to keep this going on fine days, so please keep up your support to this with your donations and purchases..

As we approach winter jigsaws are in demand, so if you have any spare please donate them to the stall.

A BIG THANK YOU Jean Ding



Autumn Greetings from Fenstanton United Reformed Church!

We regret that our church building has been closed for the past few months during lockdown, however our church fellowship is alive and well. We have continued to visit and chat by telephone and Zoom conferencing. This has meant that we have continued to provide pastoral care and to maintain a sense of community. Sadly, we need to report the death of Charlotte Jenner, who was our church secretary and will continue to keep her daughters and their families in our thoughts and prayers. A huge thank you to our member, Jean Ding who has been selling plants, jigsaws, books, and jams from her front door to raise funds for our church and other charities. We are pleased to report that we are gradually opening once again and held a socially distanced outdoor gathering on our front lawn on 16th August.

This is traditionally the season that we celebrate harvest. It is one of the festivals that the United Reformed Church does beautifully, with a fully decorated church full of lots of colourful produce and a specially made loaf of bread in the shape of a sheaf of wheat. I am hoping that this will happen again this year, but we have some uncertainty as we plan for the coming weeks.

On 16th of August we held our first worship service since lockdown, following the government guidance so to be as Covid-19 safe as possible. As all other organisations are having to do, we checked people's details as they came in for Track and Trace and had them sanitize their hands on the way in. The building was cleaned ahead of time and the toilet cleaned if anyone used it. Everyone is to wear a face-covering however I took mine off as I was leading the service so that people could hear me.

The service was shorter than usual – about forty minutes and although we were not permitted to sing, we were able to listen to music and have the words said. We followed social distancing rules during the service and left promptly. Despite not being able to chat in the building one or two of us could chat together outside afterwards so there was a sense of fellowship.

I will be leading the service on the last Sunday of August, which will be my final service before going on Sabbatical for three months. The Revd Derek Newton will be leading the service on the first Sunday of September and several worship leaders may be leading on Sundays throughout the rest of the autumn.

I am hoping very much that we will be almost back to normal by December as we journey through Advent and celebrate Christmas. If you have any queries or would like to come along, please contact Geoffrey Hawkins on 01480 462 001.

With all good wishes,

Catherine
The Revd Dr Catherine Ball,
Minister, The Free Church (United Reformed) St Ives and Fenstanton United Reformed Church

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

The Fenstanton Town Trust

This trust dates back to the time of Queen Elizabeth 1 to help the villagers of Fenstanton. If you reside in the village and could benefit by receiving financial help from the trust, please apply in writing. All applications will be considered and treated in confidence.

Clerk to the trustees :

Mrs A Sinclair-Russell.
Oakwood,
West Park Street,
Chatteris,
Cambs.
PE16 6AL
Tel : 01354 536355
Email : andannred@hotmail.com.

The Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust

This trust was founded in 1728 by the will of Joseph Ellis. The object of the trust is to assist students who are the residents of Fenstanton and Fen Drayton with the purchase of books needed for their further/higher education. If you would appreciate help then apply to this trust. The fund is not a large one, but every little helps !

Any student interested should apply in writing to the Clerk of the trustees by 31 October 2019

All correspondence is in strict confidence.

Clerk to the trustees :
Mrs Christine Collison,
Holly Lodge,
The Fen,
Fenstanton,
Huntingdon PE28 9JT Email :
c.e.collison@googlemail.com

Fenstanton Community Café and beyond.....

Our real café remains on hold but our virtual café continues to meet weekly, on Wednesday afternoons, from 2-3pm, via Zoom. You do need the meeting ID and password to join us. And you do not have to live in Fenstanton! Our café continues to welcome people no matter where you live.

We never seem short of something to talk about although there was a slight wobble when someone mentioned Brexit. We always try to respect each others views, knowing we might not always agree. Football **may** come into that category..... Ok it does, depending on which team you support. Cricket fans will be welcomed to give a good balance on the sport front, while other topics have included politics, the Archbishop of Canterbury (and no it wasn't me that brought that one up) sausage rolls versus cake, and whether you would rather be 3 feet tall or 8 feet tall. That last one was interesting - short people wanted to be taller and tall people wanted to be shorter!! What would you have said?

Do join us – you will be very welcome!! You don't have to live in Fenstanton to join the virtual café, anyone is welcome.

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



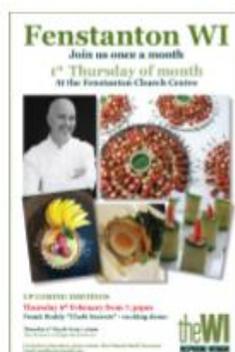
Fenstanton WI

The Women's Institute was formed in 1915 to revitalise rural communities during the First World War. Today the WI is the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK and Fenstanton WI has been running since 1918.

During these current unprecedented and trying times, the safety of our Members is of utmost importance, therefore we have decided that we will not be resuming our meetings for the time being.

However, we hope to resume "business as normal" in the Church Centre from February 2021 with our rescheduled programme of events. We will of course keep you updated as to any changes.

We wish all of our Members well and look forward to seeing you all again and we would be delighted to see any new ladies, too!



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

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Fenstanton and the USA: Part 1:

Most people are aware of the story of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers. The Pilgrim Fathers are considered by many to be the founders of the modern nation of the United States of America. The ship Mayflower and the pilgrim fathers arrived at Cape Cod, New England on Friday November 10th 1620. Good for them, but what has that got to do with Fenstanton?



A son of Fenstanton was amongst those first pioneers called the Pilgrim Fathers, his name was John Howland. As this November 10th will be the four hundredth anniversary of this event, it's a story that needs to be retold.

There are many books and articles written about John Howland and the Mayflower. Indeed there is a very active John Howland society in the USA. I do not intend to add to the number of publications, rather to give an outline of one of our village's most prominent people. With all the new housing erected in the village over the past few years it is most likely that many of the people new to the village will not have heard the name John Howland.

John was the son of Henry and Margaret Howland; he was born sometime in the late 1590s, probably here in Fenstanton. Unfortunately the parish register does not cover this period. John's parents are buried in the village churchyard, Margaret in 1629 and Henry in 1635. Both are recorded in the parish register. We can safely assume that John's father Henry would not have been on the lower rung of Fenstanton society as he was able to provide an education for John and his brothers.

But who were the Pilgrim Fathers and why did they migrate to the new world? They were English and today we would call them middle-class, neither poor nor wealthy although most of them were literate. Mostly they came from old farming families in the Midlands and East Anglia. Most probably never having seen the sea they had no idea what they were letting themselves in for.

They fell into two groups; the Saints and the Strangers. The saints had a strong religious reason for the trip as they wished to worship God outside of the Church of England and the Catholic Church. The Strangers had their own reasons for making the trip, mostly in the belief that they would make a better life in the new world.

The Mayflower set sail on the 6th September 1620 and the Atlantic crossing would take sixty-seven terrible days. A spring or summer sailing would have taken half that time but the pilgrims did not have the funds to wait in Plymouth for six months. The Mayflower was a small ship of one hundred and eighty tons and was only twelve feet longer than a tennis court. Designed as a cargo ship there were no facilities for the one hundred and two passengers who were to migrate in her.

John Howland set out on this trip as the Indentured servant or steward/secretary of John Carver. John Carver was a wealthy Londoner, who became the first governor of the New Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts.

The remainder of the story will appear in Spectrum in the anniversary month of November.

John Deeks

More about John Howard

The 400 year anniversary of the departure of the Mayflower from Plymouth was celebrated both in England and the USA on the 16th September. On board was a Fenstanton resident, John Howland. Born in about 1599, he went to America as a servant of Governor John Carver. During the voyage, Howland fell overboard during a storm, and was almost lost at sea - but luckily he managed to grab hold of a rope, giving the crew time to rescue him with a boathook. The so-called Pilgrim Fathers endured many hardships during the journey and over the first winter. Many died en route, and many women died later of disease, because they were left on board while the men built the colony and planted crops. However, the Pilgrims agreed a treaty with the local native Americans in Cape Cod, and this lasted for many years. John's brother Henry joined him out there later. John and his brothers had millions of descendants including Presidents Bush, George W Bush, Nixon and Ford, and also Winston Churchill. Here at Parish Church we have had regular visits and contacts with members of the Howland Society, and had hoped to welcome some of our friends back this summer, and perform short pageant or drama for the group. Alas, this was not to be. We have, however, sent them our warmest best wishes for their 400th anniversary and hope to see them perhaps next year. Some people may well have listened to the lovely service from Plymouth on Radio 4 on Sunday morning 13th September. It focussed on the Mayflower centenary.

Joy Saunders

Fenstanton Friendship Club

Sadly nothing to report. The new rules exclude us meeting anytime in the near future. It is impossible to predict when our next meeting will be, so lets take care of each other as much as we can and look for better news next month.

Marie Newns 01480 350677

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

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Community Grant applications

You Parish Council provides a level of funding for Fenstanton-based groups and organisations; not least through its annual grants and awards scheme.

Last year we supported:

- Fenstanton Football Club
- Fenstanton Friendship Group
- 2nd Fenstanton Rainbows, Brownies and Guiding Group
- Fenstanton Village Sports Committee
- Fenstanton Bowls Club
- Fenstanton Church Centre
- Fenstanton and Hilton 1st Scouts Group

Closing date for initial applications: Friday, 16th October

Further details, and an application form are available from the Parish Clerk.

Supporting Fenstanton community groups

If you are a Fenstanton-based community group or team and could benefit from additional financial support

Applications for annual parish council grants are now open.

Or downloadable at:
<https://bit.ly/35KXNC0>

Or scan the QR code



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

The return of Littering and Graffiti

Chequer Street Play area and the underpass have both been targeted over recent weeks, whether by a group or individual.



Each time this happens, there is a cost to the Parish Council, which ultimately is paid for by residents. So if anyone has any information on who is doing this, please let us know, in confidence.



Parish Council office and parish meetings

Your Parish Council was hoping to return to face-to-face meetings. However, in light of tightening restrictions around indoor gatherings and to ensure the safety of staff, Parish Councillors

and the Fenstanton public, we have taken the decision to defer face-to-face activities until at least mid October, when we will review the situation.

Thank you to all our teams who have already volunteered to keep Fenstanton litter free.



In light of all that's happened and being unable to organise a large village clean-up, we would like to recruit volunteers to become litter teams. We would like families and bubbles, or individuals, to help keep our village clean by litter picking at any time that suits them.

A big thank you is in order to Steve Booth for providing the litter picking equipment and to Amit at Ash's for the offer of funding towards a power washer.

We will supply litter pickers, hi-vis jackets, bag holders and bags, which volunteers will keep for their own use. We will also coordinate rubbish disposal.

If this is of interest to you please let us know and also, how many pickers, jackets etc you would like and we'll get them to you.

Many thanks

Contact Roy McGee
(heathroy52@gmail.com)
and Sue Martynski
(sue.martynski@gmail.com)

Update on the Fen

Public notice of the development of a Bridleway is currently being advertised.

Subject to no objections, vegetation cut back will start 27.09.20; levelling and raking the path will take 20 working days; then needs to be left to settle with the second (final) top surface scheduled for next

May. In the meantime, signage and bollards at the entrance to be installed in October.

However, your Parish Council has contacted CCC to ascertain if the work can be finished this year, subject to prevailing weather conditions.

Become a Parish Councillor



Following the resignation of Cllr Caswell for family reasons, your Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

We are looking for members of the Fenstanton Parish who have an interest in building our

community and would be keen on representing the wide ranging views and interests of parishioners, at what is a very exciting time in the development of the village.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

HILTON SPEEDWATCH TEAM

The Hilton Speedwatch team are a friendly group of volunteers working together to help to bring 'speed awareness' to the motorists who use our roads.

If you can spare some time, as little as an hour a month, to join us, you will be made most welcome.

Please contact Nicola Webster
e mail: clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com



Local Walks

As the A14 construction drew to an end, it was lovely to see that cycle paths/pavements had been incorporated in the bridges over the new A14. A new path had been constructed on the west side of the bridge of the B1040 from Hilton to St Ives and I spent a number of months writing to the Highway's Agency, Cambridge County Council and Hilton Parish Council querying the position of the path. In my opinion it should have been positioned on the East side, joining the existing footpath leaving Hilton, and connecting with an existing footpath which connected the B1040 to Hilton Road, just near to Pear Tree Close. Once the cycle path on the B1040 was completed, I cycled along it and at the northern end discovered it was extremely unsafe to cross the road due to very poor visibility on a blind bend. More letters followed to the Highways Agency and I am delighted to report that the Highways Agency agreed to construct an additional path on the East side of the B1040 allowing a safe crossing to access the footpath from the B1040 to Hilton Road. My friends have nicknamed this "Heather's Path" having followed the saga of my relentless campaigning!

The 5 mile Circular Walk:



Leave Hilton on the B1040, from Cross Farm Close, and proceed along the cinder path past The Paddocks. Cross over to the new path and walk over the A14. Cross over again before the end of the footpath to "Heather's Path". *Picture 1.* The path goes up a mound turns right to follow a brook (Westbrook). *Picture 2.* There are lakes on the left-hand side and a stile. At the stile, look behind you to notice the "Beware of adders" sign.



Walk across the open field and over another stile. Turn left, and the footpath sign takes you over a narrow bridge *picture 3.* Cyclists need to carry straight on and then right down West End



Road. Both routes come out on Hilton Road. You then have two options.

Option 1: turn right and return to Hilton along the Hilton Road, although there is no pavement for a substantial part of this route. Option 2: turn right and then left on to Conington Road. Turn right on to the new road and cycle path also called Conington Road. Just before the end of the path is a signpost indicating a footpath to Hilton. It also says Access only for emergency vehicles! *Picture 4.* Follow the sign posted route and before the end, turn left across the fields. Keep walking in a straight line along the farm track. Pass the "Beware of the Bull"

sign and the cattle grid, and then the track stops. Take a dog leg turn (left and then right) to walk on the path with the hedge on your right. The footpath continues and then turns right. A little bit further on, turn left with some young trees planted on the edge of the path, but watch out for very large holes in the ground.

Turn right and return to the field known as "The Wilderness" where the annual bonfire party is usually held. Walk across the Green, heading for the Village Hall past the Turf Maze. Walk down Grove End, past the children's playground to The High Street. Turn left and you will be back where you started from!



Heather Chambers

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School PTA



Bag2School collection HAD A CLEAROUT OVER LOCKDOWN?

On **Tuesday, 6th October**, the school PTA have arranged a **bag2school** collection, to help raise essential funds for the school. Please consider helping us, if you have had a recent clear out and not yet managed to get to the charity shop.

We will be advertising drop-off points and dates to drop bags nearer the time. Look out for posters on village noticeboards, as well as updates on village and school PTA Facebook pages. All bags will be collected from outside the school on the morning of 6th October.

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The following items can be put into bags (any charity/black bags can be used)

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases & duvet covers)

Thank you for supporting our school

Bag2school work exclusively for school fundraising. For more info: <https://bag2school.com/>
School PTA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FenstantonandHiltonPrimaryPTA

HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

It is not safe for us to meet, but I hope that we will see each other again before the end of 2020.

I miss our lovely meals and lively chat, until we meet again, keep safe and well.

Jenny.

Telephone 01480 831581.



*In aid of Fenstanton
Church Restoration Fund*

**FENSTANTON
VIRTUAL
OPEN
GARDENS
2020**

*Watch the film of the gardens here:
<https://tiny.cc/fenstantonpengardens>*

*Once you have enjoyed the film please do donate
to Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration
Fund via our new online giving platform here:
<https://tiny.cc/fenstantonchurchdonate>*

It is well worth a look at the lovely gardens of Fenstanton. Get onto YouTube and search for 'Fenstanton Open Gardens 2020'. There is a video which, in total, lasts 2 hours. You don't have to watch it all in one sitting as it is marked up for each garden of which there are over 20. It has a commentary on most and lovely relaxing background guitar music.

Well worth a visit—Mickey Pallett

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION in HILTON

Hello and Good News!

Further to our item with information in the September Spectrum we have recently been advised by our Poppy Appeal area advisor of some revised ways in which we can offer opportunities for donations.

We can now place trays only of poppies, VE Day and 2020 pins in our local businesses as before but sadly still no house to house collections. We also have a supply of wooden crosses.

Poppy Appeal fortnight begins on October 24th and ends on November 7th with Remembrance Sunday the following day.

Obviously everything could be subject to government announcements but at this stage this is thankfully a means in which donations can be made. So until next time, look after yourselves.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

Cancelled RAF Wyton Band Concert - 21st March

I would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for this concert. I had to cancel the concert due to the lockdown. I hope that everyone who wanted a refund was able to hand their tickets in to receive it. I am very grateful for the generosity of all the people who decided to make donations to the Poppy and Wings Appeals. A total of £520.00 has been raised which has been divided equally between the two charities.

Thank you all for your support of the Poppy and Wings Appeals.

Stay Safe and Well.

Best wishes
Julie Briggs
830580



Great news! Dates for Feast Week 2021 are confirmed!!

Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July 2021

For anyone new to Hilton and wondering what Feast Week is, read on.

It starts with the arrival of a marquee erected on the Green near the maze. A whole host of activities and events are put on throughout the week in the marquee, the village hall, at the Church and on the Green which are free to local residents. These include a produce show and parade, bouncy castles, Songs of Praise, an Art Show, crafts, a variety of children's entertainment, messy Church, Sports Day, village tea, live music and a chance to show case your talent on stage! There is also a BBQ, street food, licensed bar and kids bar. Organised by the committee, supported by volunteers and funded through a host of events put on throughout the year, Feast Week is aimed at the whole family to enjoy together.



Given that as yet we are unable to organise any fundraisers, 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 this year and want to see it back next 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???

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP SO FAR

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

Small Lotteries Registration No. SSL1776

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



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Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 6th September 2020

2020/21 Local Highways Improvement Feasibility Study

Work is continuing to produce a feasibility study regarding the removal of the B1040 through Hilton from the Cambridgeshire County Council Advisory Freight Route Map.

2021/22 Local Highways Improvement Bid

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to submit a bid for a 24-hour traffic regulation order to prohibit heavy commercial vehicles on the B1040 through Hilton.

Bonfire Night and Firework Display

The Parish Council discussed the current regulations relating to large gatherings of people and have decided, with regret, to cancel the annual bonfire night and firework display that is traditionally held on the Wilderness.

Society of Local Council Clerks

The Parish Council have renewed their membership of the SLCC, who provide invaluable training and support.

NALC National Salary Award

Hilton Parish Council have resolved to adopt the National Association of Local Council's National Salary Award. This will increase the clerk's salary by £17.34 per month.

Playground Bin

The Parish Council have resolved to purchase a bin for the playground at a cost of £89.99. This bin will continue to be emptied by the Maintenance Person.

Community Gritting Scheme

Hilton Parish Council are looking for volunteers to participate in the community gritting scheme. This is a scheme run by Cambridgeshire County Council, where local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather. If you are interested in participating in this scheme, please contact the Clerk – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Feast Week

Hilton Parish Council approved the request from the Feast Week Committee to hold Feast Week from Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July 2021, with the marquee being erected on or around Monday 19th July 2021.

Trim Trail

The Parish Council have resolved to distribute a survey to establish the views of parishioners regarding the possibility of installing a trim trail in the village. The results of this survey will be presented to the October meeting of the Parish Council.

Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders

The government have passed legislation for county councils to implement Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) to promote cycling and walking. Under the measures, councils can “restrict certain roads to certain types of travel”. Some measures have already been implemented in Cambridge city such as prohibiting motor vehicles through the width restriction in Storeys way.

With a meeting of Cambridgeshire County Councils Highways and Transport Committee, chaired by Ian Bates, planned for 15th September to consider additional measures, Hilton Parish Council were made aware that a parishioner had written to CCC to request that the B1040 through Hilton be considered for an ETRO to prohibit HGVs 24 hours a day. The Parish Council resolved to respond to CCC to state that the Parish Council fully support the comments made by the parishioner and to encourage all parishioners to lobby CCC with the same aim.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government planning consultations

There are several consultations open which the Parish Council has the opportunity to comment upon. The “Changes to the Planning System” consultation response was delegated to the Planning Committee. The “Planning for Future” white paper will be discussed at the October meeting of the Council using a draft response document.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th October 2020 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.

Hilton WI

We are still facing up to the challenges of Lockdown but are informed and guided with advice from Federation, the government and our own common sense!

Unfortunately we were unable to enjoy our planned Summer Buffet so instead we enjoyed a lovely evening on the Village Green with a picnic when everyone brought their own chairs and food, sat correctly spaced (no megaphones needed!) and had a lovely gathering in that way.

2020 is the centenary year of Hilton's WI so for part of the records for our archive we are compiling a scrapbook containing a photo of every member with a little information about her. Future descendants will scarcely believe how momentous this year turned out to be and the various ways we celebrated and coped with the difficulties thrown at us.

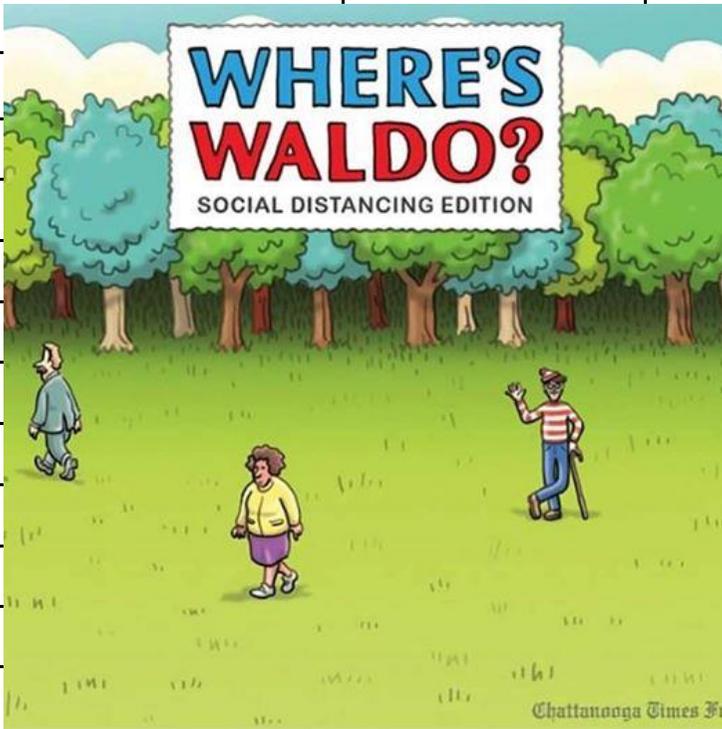
The aim of the continuing newsletters is to amuse, inform and entertain and the contributions are providing fascinating insights into us all with no signs of diminishing enthusiasm. Thank you everyone, and keep going! Following some requests, the team is researching the possibilities of privately publishing some of the newsletters as a book which is an exciting project although still in its infancy.

For our September meeting by Zoom we invited the author and publisher Morgen Bailey to talk on the 'Journey of a Story' – we could almost hear that pin drop! Morgen says that she edits books and 'kills people for a living' with crime and varied subjects, explaining that writing is therapeutic, also that authors may be good storytellers but not necessarily good writers or vice versa. Stories may be as long as a book or just a few words and that one overheard word in the supermarket or the train can inspire a theme and she keeps a little book by her bed or in her handbag to jot them down. Is anyone now ready to give writing a try or have you started already?

In late summer we had planned a village Treasure Hunt which has been rehearsed and is ready for the off as soon as we are legitimately able. We will do it even if it means trudging through snowdrifts so watch out for announcements!

Our October meeting should be our AGM and Social evening so we will certainly achieve that with our usual ingenuity!

Keep well and hopeful that greater normality is not too far away.



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