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Letters & Notices

LOVE-IN-A-BOX

Thank you to everyone who has given me shoe boxes, most of these are now wrapped in Christmas paper waiting to be filled, but may I ask if anyone has any more, please would you let me have them.

It is now time when I start to collect items to fill the boxes, if anyone would like to donate any of the following items it will help with the collections. Suggestions of items, soap, flannel, toothbrush and paste, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, toys like cars, skipping ropes, balls, dolls, dominoes, card games, musical instruments, bubbles, hats and gloves most essential as it gets very cold in Moldova wintertime.

Jewellery, make up and toiletries for the older girls, also toiletries for the older boys.

Cuddly toys for all age groups, and sweets.

We also ask if anyone would rather make a donation this goes towards the transportation to Moldova.

Thank you to everyone as in previous years bags arrive hanging on my gates and I don't know who has left them. Without all your help I could not fill as many boxes as I do.

If you would like to know any more about the Mustard Seed project which these boxes go to, then please ring and talk to me.

Many thanks,

Jenny Stimpson Phone 01480 464939

My address 13 Little Moor, Fenstanton, PE28 9QE

Fenstanton Literary Institute - Invitation to Local Charities to Apply for Funds

Are you a Fenstanton charity looking for funding to help towards your project?

If so, you may be eligible to apply to for funds from the Fenstanton Literary Institute Trust which is being wound up following the sale of the Institute. Under Charity Commission rules the Trust can distribute remaining funds to other charities with similar purposes.

In brief to be eligible Applicants must:

- Be a registered charity based in the Parish of Fenstanton

- Demonstrate that they have similar purposes to the Trust (whose purpose is to "promote education for adults & children including recreational social and physical training").

- Be able to provide details of a specific project to be funded.

How to apply: Send an email to FenstantonLitInst@gmail.com and we will send you an application form with more detail about what is required. Applications will only be accepted via this method.

Deadline: Please send your applications by 31 October 2021.

The Trustees of Fenstanton Literary Institute

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



CREATIVE COURSES

Improving Mental Health with Creativity

VISUAL | DIGITAL | PERFORMING ARTS

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



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

Find out more & sign up to our mailing list

www.camcommarts.org.uk

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

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

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

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



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

(but please check noticeboard as we hope to resume “normal” service schedule with alternating 11.15am services soon)

ONLINE SERVICES*

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

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

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

Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

From September we will be starting to have some services in the church again. For the sake of everyone who worships, Covid measures will be in place (hand sanitising on entry, socially distanced seating and mask wearing). Hymns can be sung but only behind masks. We will not be able to serve refreshments after the service for the time being. Please stay at home if you have Covid or flu symptoms. Thank you.

5th September at 10am. A Zoom service lasting approx 40 mins. Joining details obtained from Tel 830273

12th September at 10am. Service led by Neet Gordon

19th September at 10am Service led by Don Moorman

26th September at 10am. Service led by Leonore Charlton

Ecumenical Services with the parish church.

There will be a joint ecumenical service on Zoom on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30 pm conducted by Rev David Busk and the sermon will be given by Rev Nick Witham.

The next ecumenical service will be a Harvest Festival service "In presence" in the Methodist Church on Sunday 17th October at 11.15am. There will be details of how to contribute to Water Aid to follow. Donations can also be made to Godmanchester Food Bank.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - September

We are pleased to welcome you to our church

Services are at 09.30, Sunday mornings. All are welcome.

5th September - Led by Keith Cakebread

12th September - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

19th September - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

26th September - Reverend Chris Baker

3rd October - To be advised

10th October - Holy Communion - Reverend Dr Catherine Ball

17th October - Harvest Festival led by Reverend Derek Newton

24th October - To be advised

31st October - Reverend Peter Ball

We provide a socially distanced environment, hand sanitising, and Track and Trace.

Meditation – 14th September, 2-4pm

Slimming World is back on a Tuesday from 5pm, and Pilates is on a Wednesday morning

Geoff Hawkins

Fenstanton URC Secretary



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Hobbies Crafts and Collection Day. Saturday September 18th

If you have a Vintage/Classic vehicle, please bring it along on the day.

There will be Tractors Motor Bikes and Cars.

For more details ring Jean 01480 498221. Thank you

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Hobbies, Crafts and Collections

On Saturday 18th September

10-00 am --- 4-00 pm

**VINTAGE/CLASSIC CARS/TRACTORS
ON SHOW OUTSIDE**

**IN THE CHURCH WILL BE
KNITTING, SEWING,
HANDMADE CRAFTS
HANDMADE JEWELLERY,
HOMEMADE JAMS,
ANTIQUE DOLLS AND PRAM
ANTIQUE BOTTLES**

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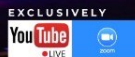
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WINNING RIGHT
FORTIFIED IN THE WORD. SANCTIFIED IN THE TRUTH.**



Pastors
Simeon & Joyce

**SUNDAY
10:30 AM
LIVE STREAM**



**YOU'RE MY
SECRET
COFFEE MORNING
INGREDIENT**

To: **EVERYONE IN FENSTANTON**

I'm hosting my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan.

There's a cuppa with your name on it.

When: **FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 10-00AM -12 NOON**

Where: **FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

RSVP:

From: **MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH**

More info: **BRING AND BUY AND RAFFLE. PLEASE BRING
A FRIEND**



Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR
Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (281017), Scotland (SC039607), and the Isle of Man (504). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



Fenstanton Knitters and Natters

All being well, we will meet on
Tuesday 14th September,
10-00-11-30am.
At Fenstanton United Reformed
Church.

Bring your knitting and come and
join this friendly group, we knit
mainly for charity.
New members welcome.

Dates for the diary September
Tuesday 14th 10-00- 11-30am
Knitters and Natters
Tuesday 21th 10-00am- 11-30am
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th 10-00-11-30am
Knitters and Natters
For more details ring Jean 01480
498221

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 – Hilton Parish Church !



THE JIGSAW EXCHANGE IS OPEN AGAIN!!

Do you like doing jigsaws? Do you know we run a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton? It's free and easy to get involved the puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. We have puzzles suitable for all ages and abilities The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when completed. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations
For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for September 2021

Hello, how are you doing?

We are still regularly reviewing what we do and making decisions as best we can, given the guidance at the time. We are still publishing service details with the caveat that things might need to change at short notice.

We are trying to plan ahead but cautiously. We continue to check the restrictions and follow the guidance as set out by the government and Church of England.

For September, we hope that Sunday Club will restart on Sunday 19th September, meeting in church for 10am and then going across to the Church Centre for their own activities, returning to the church towards the end of the service. On 26th September we hope to have our Harvest Festival, and to enjoy a shared lunch afterwards in the Church Centre. The finer details will be worked out nearer the time as to the best way to manage sharing safely. Look out for more details.

Advance notice for October – we are planning to organise a “Time to Remember” service for Saturday 30th October at 11am in the Parish Church. This will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones, friends and others who have died in the last year or previous years, bearing in mind we were unable to organise a special service last year. Put the date in your diary, and we will let you know more details in the next issue of Spectrum.

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

We are asking everyone to wear a face covering, to sanitise hands and to keep a distance where possible.

We continue to live-stream our Sunday services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, when we can but you will need to book in to receive the access codes for Zoom. We welcome all ages to all services, pew packs, with various activities, are available every week for young children.

Please note that the pre-booking of places is still in place for church services at the Parish Church, Fenstanton, Do get in touch for up-to-date information, or look on the website www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk , the facebook page “Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches”, a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com , or email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for September 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021			
Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, may be subject to change.			
	Parish Church Open	Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton We have indicated when services are held at St Mary's Church, Fen Drayton	<i>For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Thursday 2 nd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 5 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details	
Monday 6 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 9 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 12 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Worship For All service at Fenstanton (no communion) Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details Please note there is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 13 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 16 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 19 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion Live stream may be available via Zoom please book in for details Sunday Club restarts	

Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton: Services for September 2021

Monday 20 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 23 rd			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 26 th	9.30am onwards for a 10am service 8.55am for a 9.15am service	10am Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion at Fenstanton Live stream may be available Please note there is a service of Harvest Praise at 9.15am at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Monday 27 th			<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thursday 30 th			<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>

Contact details for our parish are:

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

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

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

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

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdscommunityfund@gmail.com or you can contact Rev Rosie Tallowin (our Rector) on 01480 467393

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

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

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

**Fenstanton Community Café: weekly virtual Café, all welcome
Happy birthday virtual café and yes, we had real cake!**

Our grateful thanks to Fenstanton Parish Council who had given us a grant, because with some of that money we were able to provide cake to 16 virtual café regulars, safely with minimal risk, except for the temptation to eat cake while out delivering!! But all the cake, and the sausage rolls for the no-cakey people, arrived without incident, or so I am told. The photo shows some of us on screen, and you will see we are a mixed bunch of all ages. Thanks to Caroline, Matt, Penny and John who made all the arrangements to purchase and deliver the goodies. You missed the excitement of people leaving their screen to go and get their cake, as a lot were delivered while the café was in progress. We know that a lot of people viewed our facebook page (998 people reached, apparently) but curiously our actual numbers at the café are under 20. But if you viewed our page we are glad that you did.

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 from 2pm to 3.30pm on Zoom. Please message Rosie for the meeting ID and passcode.



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



We do have two rules we have agreed upon:

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

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

The 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 Hilton Primary School PTA



Summer Raffle – Thank You!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community who supported our Summer Raffle. The event was a huge success and raised over **£1,000** for our wonderful school. We really are grateful for your support.

Thank you also to all our raffle prize donors

- Stamptastic
- **Mimis Beauty and Body Boutique**
- Karianne Crafts
- **Goldings of Outwell**
- Ash's shop
- **Lorraine's Trash to Treasure**
- Tom's Cakes
- **Harris Associates Wealth Management**
- Alive and Caking
- **A'Diva Hair Design**
- Ladybird Day Nursery
- Fabricsouls
- **Tessa's Dance & Fitness**
- Tessa's Avon Shop
- **The Little Bee Factory**
- Paula Armstrong Ceramics
- **Celia Greenaway Ceramics**
- Waitrose St Ives Store
- **Eco Japan with Mayuni**
- Fairy Dog Mother
- **Observatory Sciences Ltd**
- Artist Pablo Renaud

We really look forward to seeing you at some PTA events later in 2021

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

With the rising mercury, long summer days encourage an ancient group of insects, as old as the dinosaurs, to take to the air. Dragonflies and damselflies, collectively known as odonata, emerge out of the water following several years as a nymph, climb up stems and emerge as an adult. At this time, smaller insects better watch out as odonata are experts at hunting, partly due to the 30,000 facets that make up their eyes so they can see in incredible detail. They also power each wing individually (unlike most insects) which gives them great dexterity in flight, being able to hover and even to fly backwards. Thankfully, they pose absolutely no risk to us, and indeed they appear wonderfully colourful, patterned and even graceful.

There is an easy way to tell if the individual you are looking at is a dragonfly or a damselfly. If it holds its wings open, away from the body, it is a dragonfly. If they are held closed, in line with the body, then it is a damselfly. This sounds like a pleasingly simple rule; however, nature loves exceptions and there are a few, but they are thankfully uncommon. The other general rule is that dragonflies are bigger, being quite chunky, whereas damselflies are much smaller and slender.

Hawkers, chasers and darters are all groups of dragonflies and are well-named after their hunting habits. The damselflies on the other hand are named more after their colours and beauty; emeralds, blues, reds and demoiselles. At RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes there have been a total of 25 species recorded, making it one of the best places in the east of England to look for them. This includes a few species which are nationally rare or localised but thankfully can be seen with patience at the reserve. One such species is the Norfolk hawker (*Aeshna isosceles*). As the name suggests, it shouldn't necessarily be seen in Cambridgeshire, but the species is undergoing an expansion of range and has colonised the reserve in just the last few years. It is a large dragonfly with a uniform brown body and large green eyes. Perhaps the alternative name of green-eyed hawker offers a more practical and appropriate solution.

The best places to look for many of these aerial predators are wetland margins, ideally around ponds, small lakes, slow-flowing rivers and streams. RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes provides a profusion of suitable places to see various species. Two of the best areas to concentrate your efforts



The banded demoiselle is a vision of elegance - Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)

include Covell's Drain, running north from the entrance bridge up to the River Great Ouse and Oxholme Drain, further to the west, alongside Elny and Drayton Lakes. The water in these drains moves very slowly and there are many rushes, irises and other plants for them to perch on. Species to look out for around here include: variable damselfly (*Coenagrion pulchellum*), a blue and black specialist of the fens; red-eyed damselfly (*Erythromma najas*), well named as it indeed has large red eyes; and the emperor dragonfly (*Anax imperator*) with the largest wingspan of any dragonfly in the UK. Along the margins of the River Great Ouse you will very likely be stopped in your tracks by the gorgeous banded demoiselles (*Calopteryx splendens*) when they rise up in the air. These are a type of damselfly, and unusually have colour on their wings; in this case a black band running across the wing of the males. In flight the effect is mesmerising. The females, not to be outdone, have a hint of shimmering reddish-gold throughout their wing. If you find a good spot along the river where there is activity, try putting out a finger and one may well land on it providing a close-up view of these fascinating insects.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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

Fenstanton and the Bees of Honey Hill:

By John Deeks

The name Honey Hill is derived from the bees that were once kept there. In all probability about here was once the bee garden of the great medieval mansion that stood on what is now the school playing field. Honey Hill is the oldest part of Fenstanton and it is believed that once it had an annual honey market on the green.



For centuries bees were a very valuable commodity so their hives were given the sunniest places possible. Only rich people were allowed to keep bees and permission had to be obtained from the lord of the manor.

In early days before yesterday, sugar was unknown so the people depended on the honey from bees to sweeten their food and drink. They drank mead (fermented honey) long before tea was used or known anywhere in this country. But there was one other thing besides honey that bees made so important. It was nice to sweeten the food with honey but the bees wax was really more important.

The Roman Catholic Church once required the exclusive use of beeswax candles. Bees wax was needed to take the dead to heaven. They could not get to heaven without the prayers of the priest and he could not pray without the light of a candle or rather a candle burning whilst he prayed them to heaven. Many a man or woman of Fenstanton when they died left a certain weight of wax, or so many pure bees wax candles, to be burnt in the parish church and the priest would say 'masses' and prayers for their soul. The dead person was then cleansed of their sins and went straight to heaven.

Many old wills show that not only the men, but their wives, children and friends went to heaven for a set number of candles. If a poor person did not want to go to Purgatory (limbo between heaven and hell), a well-meaning relative could give some wax or perhaps money to the church and the priest would pray him out of purgatory and into heaven. It was not uncommon for people to pay their rents and court fines by an amount of bees wax.

Candlemas Day is February 2nd and up to the time of King Edward VI (1547-1653) in Fenstanton parish church, before a mass, the priest in the church would bless the candles that he would use for the coming year.

In 1986 Mr Hobbs who owned the village post office also owned 18 bee hives. He got a quarter of a ton of honey from these hives. Most of Mr Hobbs honey was made from rape seed plants. Bees can fill a frame in one day. In winter bees stay in the brood chamber to keep warm. All the workers are female and in a hive the average amount is 4,000 to 6,000. In her lifetime the queen bee will lay her own weight in eggs.

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

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 : andanred@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 FRIENDSHIP CLUB

So happy to announce that we will resume our meetings on 15th September at 2.00 pm in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street. This meeting will be a "getting to know you again" time, with refreshments. Hopefully we can discuss the upcoming year with suggestions from members very welcome.

I feel we should proceed with caution and wear masks when necessary. 29th September we have John Deeks with one of his wonderful talks and throughout the remainder of the year I have three other speakers booked. Will be booking two more meetings ending with Christmas tea 22nd December. Looking forward to much to a better degree of normality.

New members very welcome so continue to spread the word. First meeting free, then £2 + .50 for raffle each meeting. Yearly membership fee of £10 to cover outings, speakers, entertainment etc. Yearly fee to be paid in October 13th meeting.

See you soon

Marie Newns

01480 350677

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Will there be another village Sports Day?
Your Sports Committee needs you!

There won't be a Village Sports Day in 2021 but we hope to run one on 2nd July 2022, however this will only be possible if we get new committee members. We need new ideas and energy. It is not a big commitment throughout the year, just 5 meetings plus the actual Sports Day weekend. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th November, at 19.30. If you are interested in joining the committee or just finding out more about the event, please contact jan.way26@gmail.com. If you have a trophy from 2019 Sports Day, please return it to Ron's farm shop so it can be checked and cleaned in anticipation of there being an event in 2022.



MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF – HILTON

Since 1994, we have held the Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning at our house, 16 Scotts Close. You, Hilton and friends, have raised the superb sum of £14,500. This year, rather than a single Coffee Morning in the house, we are going to repeat what we did last year. We do hope that you will support us.

We will offer a guided tour of our garden and coffee/tea/homemade cake and biscuits all for £5 per person. Please telephone us on 01480 830137 or email us on peter.blake200@btinternet.com to book a slot.

1030 – 1130; 11.30 – 12.30 or 1400 – 1500
on
Thurs/Fri Sep 9/10, 16/17, or 23/24

Marmalade and Preserves will be on sale. There will be a raffle (prizes are always very welcome), which will be drawn at 3pm on Friday, 24 Sep 21. If you cannot make a date or feel that you would prefer not to attend but would like to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, just pop a cheque or cash through our door. The money goes to Macmillan locally.

Please, please support us.
Peter and Rosemary Blake



Fenstanton Brownies and Guides held five Joint Brownie and Guide meetings in the Summer Term. We made friendship bracelets and pompoms; completed a treasure trail round Fenstanton; visited Holt Island Nature Reserve and had fish and chips. These activities were planned following

suggestions made by the girls.

Unfortunately, Rainbows were not able to meet as they do not currently have any leaders.

Hilton Rainbows and Brownies have been doing various things at home to gain badges and work through the Girlguiding programme activities. They had one outdoor meeting in July.

We want to thank parents for all their help and support with unit activities and meetings. There will always be a need for parent helpers for certain activities or on a rota basis.

We are looking forward to starting back end of September. There are girls due to move up to Brownies from Rainbows to fill spaces left by those moving to Guides. We have a waiting list of girls wanting to join Rainbows. We have lots of girls but not enough adults.

We really need adults willing to come along each week as Leaders in Training or Unit Helpers. Ideally there should be at least two leaders for each unit. Fenstanton Rainbows need a leader and more adults in order to open, some parents are willing to help but we must have a leader in training.

If you would like to find out more information about Girlguiding please visit: www.girlguiding.org.uk and check out the main Girlguiding website

You can contact us via our new e-mail for this area:

GirlguidingGalleyHill@gmail.com

Fenstanton: Judith Follon, Guides Leader; Amy White, Brownies Leader

Hilton Rainbows and Brownies leaders: Karen Baker and Julie Muscutt



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

NEWS RELEASE

The Great Fen: Progress on the Peat

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to our online illustrated talk on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom.

Our speaker will be Henry Stanier, who is The Great Fen Ecology and Recording Officer for the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire with responsibility for managing the monitoring of the Great Fen, including training volunteers in ecology monitoring.

Henry has a wide knowledge of natural history, with particular expertise in birds, dragonflies, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, as well as botany.

Tonight Henry will bring us up to date with progress on the management of the Fen and its wildlife and the plans for the future of this wonderful wetland.

This talk is free. To book, please email Pat on jp.doody@ntworld.com in advance and he will send you a zoom link before the meeting is due to start. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

For more information please contact Alistair on 07775 365507 or alistairgrant@hotmail.com.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Sad news

Cllr Mark Richardson

Mark passed away on 6th August. He had only recently joined the Parish Council, during which time he showed that he was very keen to participate in making a difference in the Village.

He was most recently involved in the proposal to deploy defibrillators throughout the village.

His funeral will take place at the Parish Church on 2nd September.

Moving on

Cllr Sam Polehill

Sam has moved away from Fenstanton to join Essex Police. He has made a valuable and enthusiastic contribution to the village as a Parish Councillor. His name will remain synonymous with the Clock Tower and the Foodbank for many years to come. We would like to wish him every success in his new career.

Clock Tower and Pond area



The renovations and upgrade of the area continues. Over recent weeks

we have seen the installation of:

- ◆ Planters
- ◆ LED Lights
- ◆ Cycle parking

Further improvements are imminent.

- ◆ Notice boards
- ◆ Memorial seat
- ◆ Parking restrictions and disabled parking

Bus shelters

Work has been completed on the refurbishment and upgrade of the bus shelters. A schedule to regularly clean the glass has been established.

The Fen

Our thanks go to parishioner Chris Behagg for cutting back all the verge along the full length of the Fen Cycleway and Bridleway.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Community Hero - call for nominations



Your Parish Council invites nominations for its Community Hero award.

If you would like to nominate a parishioner who you feel has made a major contribution to the Fenstanton Community, please contact your Parish Clerk before **30th September 2021**.

Community Grants and awards

Last year your Parish Council made financial contributions to:

- “ Fenstanton Community Café
- “ Fenstanton Football Club
- “ Fenstanton Friendship Club
- “ Glebe Allotments
- “ The United Reformed Church

If you are a member of a Fenstanton-based club or Community Group, we are keen to receive applications for this year's funding.

The closing date for applications is **30th September 2021**, with the awards considered by your Parish Council at the Council Meeting in early November, with grants paid shortly after.

For further information and an application form, please contact your Parish Clerk, or scan the QR code below.



Flood planning

Work on the development of a Flood Resilience Plan and local resources, together with a program of repair, cleaning and maintenance of drains, ditches and culverts is progressing well.

This will be published on the Parish Council website and available in hard copy from the Clerk later in the Summer

Speed reduction—London Road



Following discussions with local residents your Parish Council is working closely with Hemingford Grey Parish Council to consider the submission of a joint Local Highways Initiative application to Cambs County Council for the reduction of the speed limit and other road safety initiatives on the London Road, St Ives, from Elizabeth Court to the Vindis Roundabout.

We have carried out traffic monitoring to assess the volume and speed of traffic, as well as collecting comments, recommendations and suggestions through a survey of road users in the area.

In addition a petition has been circulated by a local action group formed from local residents.

Galaxy Big Band @Bannolds—now cancelled

Saturday, 4th September 2021

Following recent increases in Covid-19 cases in the local area, your Parish Council has taken the decision to cancel the event.

For any outstanding refunds, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Fenstanton Community Warden

My name is Rachael Mortimer. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as you will be seeing me within the local community daily and to share an insight into my career background. Straight from school, I trained to work in the catering industry (can still make a nice Victoria sponge!) but felt this was not the industry for me and so I then embarked on a career in the care profession and have extensive experience, over the past 30 years of working with children and older adults in a variety of environments, including within the community. This has been where my passion remains, and I am now looking forward to this next challenge.

Age UK CAP have been delivering community warden schemes for over 26 years and this local scheme has now been in place since January 2021. The role of the community



warden is to assist people over the age of 60 to remain living at home by offering a daily welfare phone call along with practical tasks such as support to attend medical appointments, making a drink or light lunch, prescriptions, making phone calls on your behalf, access to other relevant services and small items of shopping.

For further information please call Rachael directly on **07971951412** or email wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

Multi-use games area

After a delay with the contractor being able to source the materials The MUGA is scheduled for construction in September/October.

Work on the site will start in the first week of September for two weeks. The surface will then need to harden

for three weeks before the markings can be applied.

There will be some disruption to the Hamptons Field parking area and access to the outdoor gym during construction, but this will be kept to a minimum.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Hilton flower club will be opening again on Monday September 6th . It has been a long time since we have all been together, so June and myself are looking forward to catching up with you all again.

Just for the first meeting we will not be having tea, but you will be given a bottle of water and biscuits, this is so we don't have to move about too much, October we will start the teas again.

ANN PURT is our Flower demonstrator, we always look forward to seeing Ann.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER 6th 2pm-----4pm

ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes Drink / biscuits)

We can't wait to see you all

Beverley

HILTON ART CLUB

It's wonderful to be meeting in the village hall again and to have welcomed new members Chrissie, Ernie and Janet recently.

In July, the club exhibited our artwork within Hilton Feast Week Art Show and our thanks to Emma and the committee for their support, especially putting up the tables. Thanks also for help from members on setting up and putting away on the Saturday. So glad Feast Week was able to be held this year, it's such a huge part of village life. We also visited Lynn's lovely garden for a sketching session during the month. A big thanks from all of us for a lovely morning – even the weather behaved!

On 30th July, despite the rain, 7 of us braved the elements to do some sketching and painting by the mill at Houghton. Sheltered under the trees we didn't get too wet when it tipped it down (although our paper got a bit damp!) and we saw some sunshine too. A tea/coffee, a Cornish pasty and some chocolate brownies from the National Trust cafe for fortification and we were set! Lots of conversation too. Altogether well worth it!

14 of us then descended on Surinder for lunch! It's safe to say a wonderful time was had by all. A fantastic host, great company and delicious food. What more could you ask for? We all had a good look at Surinder's latest artworks (fabulous!), a cup of tea and a bit of cake, and then headed off home feeling happy, contented and full!! Huge thanks to Surinder for his hospitality, and to Catherine for allowing all of us to invade her home!

3rd September Outside visit to Wimpole Hall

17 September Seasons in the City: street scenes and urban landscapes. Please bring your own pictures/props.

HILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hilton Community Garden

Entertain 40 people for 4 hours

The village garden was supported from the outset by Hilton Town Trust, Huntingdonshire District Council, Kingfisher Funeral Directors and The Good Life Charity. Their generous grants, along with the generosity of Roland and Dreda Randall of Monach Farm allowed the project to go ahead. However, fencing is 'horrible expensive' as an under five once said and we needed anti-rabbit and deer fencing, soil enhancer, a shed, paths and raised beds. Our committee chair, Heather Chambers has been very successful in researching and applying to various grant awarding bodies. One of these, Cambridgeshire Skills, offered us a Family Learning Grant provided we met the above challenge of entertaining 40 people for 40 hours. Wonderful prize, we thought, but how to engage and entertain families for the stated period, andwhat about the weather? Naturally we thought of the Village Hall, but then, Covid restrictions were not lifted as hoped and expected on the 19th June, so for our launch date on the 26th June, we had to think outside the walls and take shelter as best we could. Ah well, Hilton is not short of resourceful individuals: a family offered their camper van plus awning, gazebos were borrowed, the shed was in place...and then, allelujah, it did not rain! In fact it was a perfectly warm day, with bursts of sunshine, and scurrying clouds for variety.



You will see from the pictures how we entertained our 90 (!) guests on that happy Saturday. There was: a tree trail, a craft table to make colourful paper insects, there were jute bags and plant pots to decorate, bird boxes and bug hotels to make and finally, when the garden was reached ...seeds to plant! Phew! Smiles all round! The participants and hosts were equally pleased with a day of outdoor fun that was educational and sociable. Packed lunches were supplied by Simon at The Prince of Wales and enjoyed by all.

HILTON WI

Zooming was still a necessity for our July meeting when Cheyenne Smith, a Community Fundraising Manager from Wood Green gave us absorbing information on the animal charity's work.

With restrictions easing we said no fond goodbyes to zoom meetings, hopefully forever! Now we are easing back to our usual clubs and looking forward to Craft Club's return in September. Picnics have been a real blessing for months - whenever the weather allowed - and will finish formally at the end of August unless any stalwarts decide to continue for a while. There is also the possibility for a 'beginners' group to learn the mysteries of Canasta, supposedly easier than it seems. Mmmm?

Coach trips are not possible yet, but 12 of us paid a visit to Burghley House Water and Sculpture gardens in their own cars, then had a guided tour of the 3 year restoration project of the Walled Gardens. It is the inspiration of the Head Gardener so we will need more visits to see the progress of his vision and hard work.

We have just issued Newsletter 38, a fun edition and envisage continuing until a Bumper Christmas edition, then plan another final Bumper one for the Diamond Jubilee.

The most exciting recent event has been our return to the Village Hall for our August meeting, a wonderful Summer Buffet with a very high level of excited conversation and laughter, only greeting hugs were missing. There was bunting, pots of flowers, treasured tablecloths and delicious food on groaning tables- oh the desserts-! and of course wine. It was a real tonic of near normality. Finally - more good news.

The WI bench on the Green which commemorated the Queen's Silver and Diamond Jubilees was withdrawn in unsafe condition some years ago. With our very, very grateful thanks the Trustees of Hilton Town Trust have funded a larger, most handsome replacement and members of the Parish Council have generously helped with its installation close to the Maze and facing the trees and people walking by. It will be a place for all to sit and enjoy for many years.

What 'secret stories' it will have !

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN HILTON

Very regrettably our Fenstanton and Hilton Standard Bearer, Julie Briggs, has had to stand down for health reasons.

Julie has held this position for 6 years when more recently we have appreciated her alternating between the two villages on Remembrance Sundays and she has been the Standard Bearer many times for both the St Ives Royal British Legion and Women's Section, at flag raising in Huntingdon on notable dates, funerals, and important birthdays. She rarely refused a request. Together with many hundreds of Legion members from across the country in 2018, Julie took part in the 2 day GP 90 (Grand Parade) in Ypres which commemorated 90 years since the first Grand Parade at the end of WW1. She was representing the County as a Wreath Carrier alongside the Standard Bearer on that occasion.

Julie has often similarly supported the local Royal Air Force Association and thankfully, is able to continue as an active and much valued member of the Legion so we are not entirely losing her. Our appreciation and our loss is enormous so we thank you Julie for your dedication and wish you a return to good health soon.

But who to replace her ? If anyone in the St Ives, Fenstanton and Hilton area would like to learn more about the interesting, and varied life as a Standard Bearer and perhaps sample it, our Branch Membership Secretary Alan Scott will be very pleased to talk to you (01480 374789 or agscott107@gmail.com) or Julie herself (jools.briggs@btinternet.com)

And finally, as ever, new members are very welcome to join this friendly, caring and active organisation, whether from a background of the Armed Services or civilian life. There is much to receive as well as to give.

Hilton Feast Weekend



Feast Week during a pandemic? Not in its full form but, for a short while this summer, normality returned and the spirit of Feast Week resonated once more around Hilton. Massive thanks to everyone who turned out to help, support and enjoy the activities that we were able to provide this year ☺

Feast Week has always been a celebration of our community which is why the committee was keen for it to go ahead in some format, even if the uncertain lifting of Covid restrictions made planning very difficult. Out of this necessity Feast Weekend was born!

A shortened event yes, but we tried to provide a flavour of Feast Week to remind everyone what we've all been missing. It was so uplifting to see Hiltonians, old & new, come out in force to join in with the festivities. In short order the Cricket Pavilion was transformed into the 'Under the Sea' bar, tents went up and contributions flooded into the Art Show. Both the Cricket & Sports Day pressed ahead successfully, despite the threatening weather, and it was fantastic to see so many houses displaying their 'Under the Sea' creations. Rain moved the Teddy Bears' picnic inside the church and there were lots of soggy wet Pirate Treasure Hunters spotted around the village but the weather kindly held for Tea & Cake.

Thanks go to lots of people who stepped up to make this a community event for all but in particular our two local bands – Tomb Raiders & Prince of Les – for being the centrepiece of Saturday evening entertainment, along with the ever wonderful Eclipse Disco. Having such fantastic quality live music really made the event.

Although some longstanding favourites like the parade, produce show, bingo and Songs of Praise weren't able to happen this year we plan to have them back as part of a full Feast Week programme in 2022. Fundraising evenings will also hopefully be back soon. Watch this space!

****Stop Press****

The AGM for Feast Week is on Wednesday 8th September, 8pm at the Prince of Wales, Hilton. Do come along, meet the committee, have a drink and hear about plans for the year ahead. Volunteers are always welcome to join the committee, to be a friend of Feast Week and /or help at fundraising socials or the main event.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

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

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

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Hilton Parish Council

[Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Thursday 22nd July 2021](#)

[Face-to-face meeting](#)

This was the first full Council meeting to be held face-to-face in the Village Hall since the expiry of the remote meeting legislation. The meeting was held socially distanced with the windows open in the hall for ventilation. Attendees were encouraged to wear masks and utilise the hand sanitiser provided.

[New Councillor](#)



Sarah Suckling has been co-opted as a Councillor. Sarah and her husband moved to Fen Drayton in 2000 and then took the leap across the A14 to Hilton in 2009 when they bought a derelict property on Graveley Way. They spent 12 months renovating before moving in and have lived there ever since.

She started her career in the Health and Fitness industry managing corporate health clubs in London. She then stopped to raise her two children who are now teenagers. She was heavily involved in their primary school in Fen Drayton and was on the board of governors for several years with the last two years as Chair. She is now a project manager for a small development company.

She says, "I am pleased to join the Parish Council to preserve the uniqueness of the village but to also bring about change where it is needed for the future."

[Certificate in Local Council Administration \(CiLCA\)](#)

The Clerk has passed her CiLCA course and is now qualified.

[Delegated Decisions](#)

Several decisions were made under the Emergency Scheme of Delegation during the period when the Council was unable to resume face-to-face meetings and these decisions were ratified by the Council, including:

- Hilton Parish Council has been registered as an interested party in the A428 Development Consent Order consultation
- Rachel Lawton's tenure as a PC representative to the Town Trust has been extended for 2 years
- The PC insurance has been renewed as a cost of £703.77

- A temporary easement was granted to the Community Garden Group to prepare for their Grand Opening, for which permission was also granted
- A response was submitted to the “Your St Ives” consultation, with reference to the need for a 24hr HCV ban on the B1040
- A new playground sign was commissioned and installed
- Terms were agreed to grant an easement for utilities only to Dunadry, formerly Plot 1 Pecks Copice.

[Local Highways Initiative Bid Success](#)

Hilton Parish Council were successful in the bid for a Traffic Regulation Order application to prohibit HCVs on the B1040 for 24hrs per day. This application is now in preliminary design and has to go through various stages, as follows:

- Consultation - Following the completion of the design, consultation must be undertaken. This will require obtaining the views of the appropriate county councillor and district / parish councils (where appropriate), the police and the emergency services. The proposal may be amended following consultation.
- Advertisement - This includes the publishing of at least one notice in the local press. The County Council will usually display notices in any roads that are affected and, if it is deemed appropriate, may deliver notices to premises likely to be affected. For at least 21 days from the start of the statutory notice period, the proposal can be viewed at the appropriate district, city or county council office during normal office hours. The notices invite the public to comment on the proposals which must be made in writing to the address specified in the notice during this period. Substantial objections and contentious issues are reported to county councillors.
- Making the Order - Once approved, the Traffic Regulation Order can be formally sealed, and an operational date published. Should substantial changes to the TRO be required following consultation, this may necessitate a new advertisement process. This procedure can take some time to complete, and the advertising and legal fees may be substantial. Once made, it remains in force until superseded or revoked.

[Local Highways Initiative Bid 2022/23](#)

Applications can now be submitted for the next round of LHI bids, and the deadline is Thursday 30th September. Hilton Parish Council will discuss and decide upon their bid at the meeting on Monday 6th September.

[Committees and Working Groups](#)

The Council ratified the membership of its committees and working groups and the full list can be viewed on the PC website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

[NATS Consultation regarding the arrival routes into London Luton Airport update](#)

Hilton Parish Council has received correspondence from NATS to state that they have decided to progress Option One, which means minimal changes from today’s flight paths below 5,000ft, and greater dispersion of flights above 5,000ft. The location and orientation of the new holding area near the A1-A14 junction has been adjusted and the lowest standard altitude of the hold raised by 1,000ft, reducing potential noise impacts on the residents of St Neots and Huntingdon.

[New Town Trust Representative](#)

Malcolm Lynn has been appointed to represent Hilton Parish Council on the Town Trust.

[General Power of Competence](#)

As it now has a qualified Clerk, Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it meets the eligibility requirements in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This allows Hilton Parish Council to act in any manner as an individual may act, without the need to identify a specific legal power.



20's Plenty for Us

...making your place a better place to be

Hilton Parish Council has resolved that it supports 20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire's aim for wide-area, default signed 20mph limits with public engagement for this Parish and across Cambridgeshire's urban and village settlements. Further information can be found on their website - www.20splenty.org. Councillors would also like to ask residents to do their bit and travel through the village at 20mph. The Council has resolved to purchase wheelie bin stickers for parishioners to display. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a wheelie bin sticker – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

[Green Open Spaces](#)

The Green Open Spaces working group are reviewing the draft maintenance tender before it is presented to the full Council. The Council adopted the Tree Inspection Regime which can be viewed on the website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

[A14 Legacy Project](#)

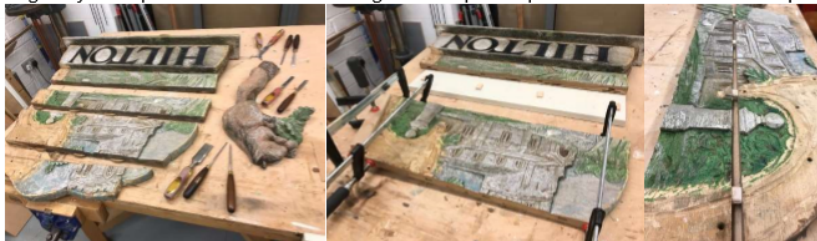
Hilton Parish Council has received the proposed from Highways England for the works to improve the banks of the Ware in Graveley Way. They have requested drawings to clarify the proposed works.

[Platinum Jubilee](#)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to dedicate the agreed copse to be planted north of Wraggs Row near the entrance to the Wilderness to the upcoming Platinum Jubilee. They have also resolved to support the Village Hall Management Committee with their plans to celebrate the Jubilee.

[Village Sign](#)

Cllr Kieron Dunk has been working to restore the village sign, which has been more complicated than originally anticipated. The Council has agreed to spend up to £75 on the materials required.



[Playground Inspection](#)

The annual inspection of the playground has been carried out and the minor works advised have been carried out by the Maintenance Person.

[Cambridge Triathlon](#)

Cambridge Triathlon is due to be held on Sunday 12th September at Lake Ashmore in Hemingford Grey. Up to 800 participants are permitted but only 300-500 are expected. The cycling route is along the B1040 through Hilton to the Shilpa roundabout and then along the A1198 and return along the same route, so parishioners are advised to be aware of these cyclists when using these routes.

Further information can be found on their website – toughrunneruk.com/events/cambridge-standard-triathlon

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th September 2021 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

Tea on The Green (cafe).

It was great to hear all the chat and laughter amongst old friends and neighbours when we welcomed back villagers to Hilton Village Hall on the re-opening of, what used to be called 'Coffee Stop' - during lock-down the Committee came up with the new name, as some members had always felt the word 'coffee' denoted a morning event and, just a reminder, it is opened 2 - 3.30 every 2nd Thursday of the month, which coincides with a visit from The Mobile Library (2.05 - 2.20).

Although this community facility was first brought to you under the auspices of the Hall members, it is run entirely by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis and as such, we would like to hear from YOU as to whether you could spare any time at all helping out, remember, the more involved the less you would have commit! However, if you prefer to make a cake, this would also be most welcome, you would receive re-imburement for ingredients. Please have a think if you can help in any way. Contact Doreen 830250 and we can have a chat, alternatively doreen.bates830@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF – HILTON

Since 1994, we have held the Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning at our house, 16 Scotts Close. You, Hilton and friends, have raised the superb sum of £14,500. This year, rather than a single Coffee Morning in the house, we are going to repeat what we did last year. We do hope that you will support us.

We will offer a guided tour of our garden and coffee/tea/homemade cake and biscuits all for £5 per person. Please telephone us on 01480 830137 or email us on peter.blake200@btinternet.com to book a slot.

1030 – 1130; 11.30 – 12.30 or 1400 – 1500
on
Thurs/Fri Sep 9/10, 16/17, or 23/24

Marmalade and Preserves will be on sale. There will be a raffle (prizes are always very welcome), which will be drawn at 3pm on Friday, 24 Sep 21.

If you cannot make a date or feel that you would prefer not to attend but would like to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, just pop a cheque or cash through our door. The money goes to Macmillan locally.

Please, please support us.

Peter and Rosemary Blake

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A concert in aid of the RAF
Association's "Wings Appeal"



Making music accessible to everyone
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7:30PM SATURDAY 18TH SEPT
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Tickets: £10, (Seniors & under 16s £9)

Available from "Just Sharing" at the Church: 01480 496570

www.hcband.co.uk

Reservations from 07772 968847 - Doors open at 6:30pm