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Hilton artists Nina Sage and Lynn Norton look forward to welcoming you to their Open Studio again this July. They are exhibiting together this year at Nina's studio at 3, Pecks Close, Hilton, from 10.00am till 5pm on the first two weekends - 1st/2nd July and 8th/9th July, with free entry.

Lynn will be exhibiting both her pastel landscapes and her vibrant acrylic ink work.

Nina will be showing her latest linocuts of the natural world, made in small colourful editions.



Browse original artworks, cards, tags, printed bags etc. Enjoy refreshments. Card payments accepted. A great opportunity to meet the artists and find out more about their work.

For more info about all 250+ Cambridgeshire artists taking part, including all local ones, pick up a free printed guide from local shops, galleries and libraries or direct from the artists themselves from early June. Or check out <https://camopenstudios.org>. See you soon!





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## **REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – 8am Holy Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** - 11.15am United Communion Service

*Services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday alternate between Parish church & Methodist church*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – 8am Holy Communion

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** - 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church

*Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 8am Holy Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** – 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

## **WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES (via Zoom)**

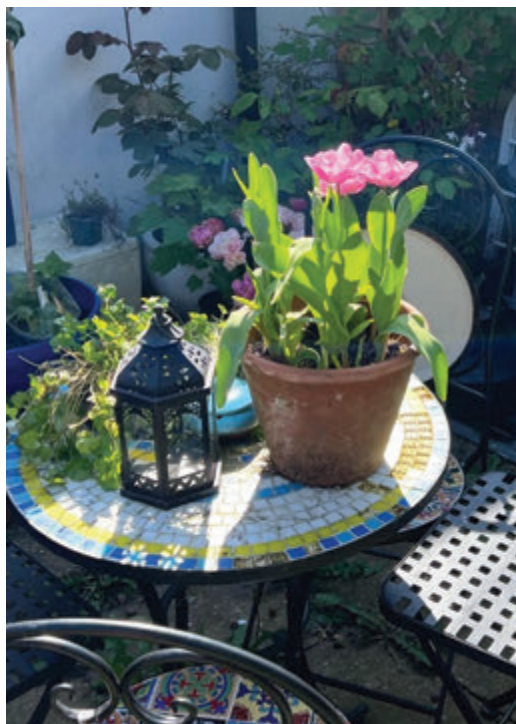
Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

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# LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS







**Therfield Heath – August 2023**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to join our guided walk at Therfield Heath, Royston on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am. This walk will be led by Martin Davies, who is a local butterfly expert.

Therfield Heath is chalk grassland, which is hilly in places. We hope to see common blue, brown argos, adonis blue and dark green fritillary butterflies.

Please meet at the Heath Café Bar Car Park, Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG. What3Words searching.supposing.backfired. Grid ref TL 3485 4050.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim (01480 457795 or [timpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:timpfryer@gmail.com))

**Strawberry Hill – June 2023**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come along to see one of the Trust's newest reserves on Tuesday 6th June. We will be taken on a guided tour of Strawberry Hill reserve by one of the Trust staff members.

Strawberry Hill was originally an arable farm, but was left to rewild for 25 years by its previous owner. It is a 150 hectare site, the largest area of scrub and young woodland in the region. It has become a brilliant place for wildlife with birds such as nightingale, willow warbler, garden warbler and turtle dove.

Please meet at 10.30 am at the reserve entrance at Knotting Green, Bedfordshire, MK44 1AA, what3words carpentry.threaten.saving. GR TL00550 62583. Look out for the Trust signs on the east side of the road in the village.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George (01480 450809 or [georgecottam@virginmedia.com](mailto:georgecottam@virginmedia.com)).

**Kings Dyke – July 2023**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to join our guided walk at Kings Dyke Nature Reserve on Sunday 16th July at 10.30 am. This walk will be led by Sarah Lambert, who is a freelance ecologist based in the Peterborough area. She has a particular interest in botany and photography.

This 'brownfield' site is an old clay pit, which closed in the 1970s and was finally restored in 1995. It demonstrates how industrial land can be transformed to benefit both wildlife and the community. At this time of year we hope to see many invertebrates such as butterflies and dragonflies and also some of the 263 plant species, including 10 species of stonewort for which this site is nationally important.

Please meet at the reserve entrance. The site is just off the A605 with parking available near the Forterra Customer Service Centre, Peterborough Road, Whittlesey, PE7 1PD. What3words Twinkled.fields.unwell.

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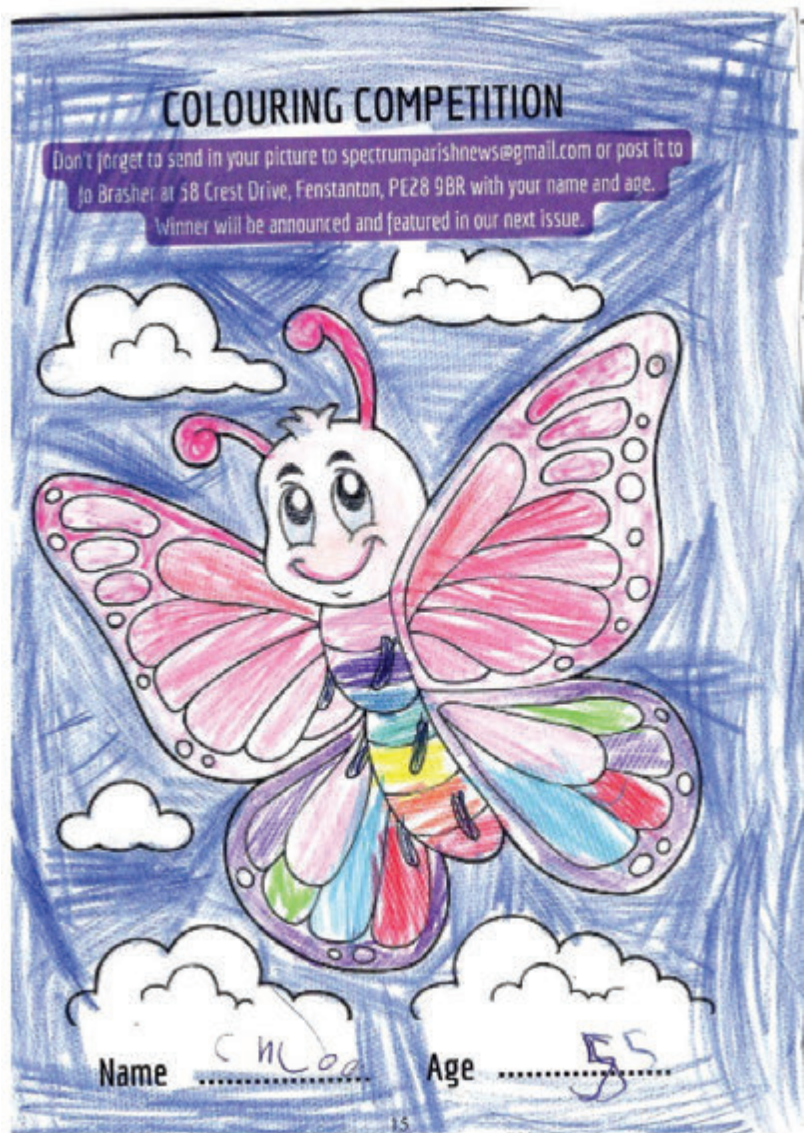
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Cloe age 5 . Lovely sky as well as butterfly.

Very well done to Ruby, Laura and Summer for the really pretty pictures.

Good luck this month, keep up the good work!

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June 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mr. J. Green
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Rev. Sue Baker-Maher

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Thur weekly	8.30am on Zoom	<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i> <i>For Morning Prayer Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie</i>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Fen Drayton 10am Fenstanton	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton 10am Worship For All, Fenstanton
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Holy Communion, with Sunday Club, Fenstanton
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Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Patronal Service</i>	9.15am Fen Drayton 10am Fenstanton	9.15am Morning Praise at St Mary's, Fen Drayton  10am Patronal Festival Service with Communion, Fenstanton

### **Contact details for our parish are:**

Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: [rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com](mailto:rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com)

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

**Community Fund**, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund [fdfscommunityfund@gmail.com](mailto:fdfscommunityfund@gmail.com). The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with Fenstanton or Fen Drayton, whether a church member or not. Especially in these difficult times 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.

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**Lancelot 'Capability' Brown 1716-1783: Lord of the manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton 1767 – 1783.** By John Deeks

Lancelot Brown was arguably Britain's foremost landscape designer with over 200 commissions to his name, many still in evidence today. The name 'Capability' Brown came about because he was apt to inform clients of the 'capability' of their land for landscaping and agriculture, although no one would have used the word Capability to his face. In this essay we are not going to look at Brown, the landscape gardener, but Brown the lord of the manor and his daughter. In the summer of 1767, the Earl of Northampton sold him the Manor of Fenstanton, at the favorable price of £13,000 (about £750,000 today). So, why did Lancelot Brown buy the manor of Fenstanton, what was the attraction?

Brown was very good at building advantageous relationships with his clients and he was always welcomed to stay in their big houses throughout his visits. We have to consider Brown's self-confessed twenty-five years' of happiness at Burghley House, where he spent his time working on the estate and the house. Burley House was just the kind of great-house community where he was welcomed whether he was working there or just passing by! And he knew that everything that could happen would be treated with discretion! In 1756 whilst on one of his many visits to Burley House, he fathered a girl child who was named Mary Elizabeth. There are no records of the mother of the child, be she a servant or one of the family or a house guest. He was in Cambridgeshire a great deal and the existence of Mary Elizabeth as a sturdy and appealing child in need of a secure future surely becomes a powerful reason for his purchase of the Fenstanton estate which has always seemed an illogical enterprise considering his countrywide travels.

Fenstanton, conveniently placed between Cambridge and Burghley House, was well away from his home at Hampton Court and the London gossips. Also it was well away from his wife and children, whom he would not have wanted to hurt for the world. And, yes, Fenstanton was always his secret; it seems more likely that his wife never visited Fenstanton until she was brought here in her coffin.

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Mary Elizabeth married Peter Cowling junior but there is no record of this marriage in the United Kingdom marriage registers. It is possible that they married abroad. Mary Elizabeth lived to be 90; she died in December 1846. Her husband Peter Cowling died in 1824. Mary Elizabeth Cowling was a widow for twenty-one years living with her son the Rev. Peter Lancelot Cowling, MA.

Even though Brown owned the manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton he did not make his home here, after all, his wife knew nothing of his life away from their home. Indeed none of the Brown family ever lived in the Manor House. However, it is more than likely that when Brown was visiting his estate and enjoyed time with his daughter he would have stayed in the manor house! So we can say with some certainty that the present owners of the manor house are sleeping where Lancelot Brown slept. As Lord of the Manor he was brought here to be buried in his churchyard. His funeral took place on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> 1783. But where is he buried? No one seems to know for sure. Just below the memorial to the Brown family there is a slab with the words "Mr Cowling vault door". It is just possible that the Brown and Cowling families shared the same vault in the church. The only way that we will know for sure is if the Brown memorial is moved for renovation, and we open the vault door and have a look!

Mr Inskip Ladds was the church architect for Fenstanton in or around 1910 and he was much in tune with local life, the Cowlings' niece, Mary Ann Cowling had only died twenty five or so years before, well within living memory and local memory informed him that Mary Elizabeth Cowling was Lancelot Brown's natural daughter. Thus the connection between the Cowlings and Browns, who were possibly buried together in their vault beneath Fenstanton chancel, is explained.

Sometime in the future when the Brown memorial has to be renovated, then and only then could the vault door be exposed, opened and the contents explored. However, there may be a problem with this. In 1939 the parish church applied for permission to install a new central heating system which was approved. When excavating for the new boiler house a number of coffins were found under the church floor. The coffins were in reasonably good order but the brass name plates were badly corroded. Permission was granted for these to be reburied in the church yard but no one thought to make a note of exactly where. It is more than likely that these coffins were of Lancelot Brown, his wife Bridget, Peter and Mary Elizabeth Cowling

## Fenstanton Friendship Club

26th April

We had a delightful trip on the "Ladybird" boat. Unfortunately, the river was under caution which meant we could not go under bridges and therefore our plans on going up to Brampton and Godmanchester were scuppered. We made it to St Ives and tied up at the Norris Museum. We ordered fish and chips from the "Local Fish and Chips" ahead of time and a small group of us went to collect them. They were ready on time, piping hot and delicious. The weather was a little cloudy but did not spoil our trip. A great day out.

10th May

We held our Coronation tea and had a very enjoyable time, sharing memories of Queen Elizabeth's special day. Had a Coronation quiz, which was interesting and tested our brains, then a "left right game" always fun. In spite of all the celebrations over the weekend we managed to demolish an afternoon tea. A special event.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

7th June

Another afternoon to look forward to. Paul and Brian known as "Panache" will be our entertainment.

21 June

Helen Ackroyd from Anglesey Abbey will talk to us about the residents of the Abbey over the years. Will be very informative.

We meet in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street Fenstanton PE 28 9JQ every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm.

Please come and check us out, you will be very welcome. Although we hold our meetings in the church building we are not affiliated to the church. Any questions please get in touch with me.

Marie Newns [bubblenews@gmail.com](mailto:bubblenews@gmail.com)

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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.

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We hope you enjoyed the Coronation Picnic and will come along to Sports Day, for another great day out with loads going on for all the family.

If you have trophy from last year, please can you drop it off at Ron's Farm Shop by 18<sup>th</sup> June.

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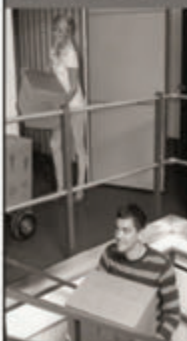
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If you are able to help please contact Barry Ward on 07541968125 or David Pask on 07876343900

## Fenstanton Bowls Club.



Spring has arrived and the Bowls Club season is now underway. Our teams have made a very good start to the season in their league matches and we travelled to Great Gransden for our first Friendly game which was great fun for all who played.



Over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May we held our Open Days and were very pleased to welcome new people to our club – more news next month but we would like to say a very big thank you to LITTLE PIGGY CAFÉ on the High Street who very generously donated a meal voucher and ST.IVES PHOTO for a personal choice Canvas Print for our prize draw for all those who attended, which also included free first year annual membership of the club..

If you were not able to come along that weekend, but would like to find out more, or give bowls a try, please come along to our social bowls sessions between **10 and 12pm on Thursdays and**

**Sundays** where you will be given a very warm welcome. Our membership is made up of all ages from 21 to 92!

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Please visit our website [www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk) for more details about our club and a map for directions.

## Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

### Big Coronation Picnic - Success



Your Parish Council would like to thank everyone that came out and supported The Big Coronation Picnic on the 7th May. The event was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the event in the Sunshine. Your Parish Council would also like to thank all the volunteers that gave up their time to help organise the event and take part on the day, we could not have done it without you!

### 20mph and Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

It has been a few weeks since the 20mph speed limit signage was introduced through most of the Village. Many of you are kindly adhering to the new speed limit but unfortunately there are still a few that are not. Please can we remind you to keep to the speed limit to help keep our village a safer place.

Your Parish Council is in the process of purchasing a new MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) for the Village. As these signs are mobile they can be installed in various positions around the Village to remind drivers of their speed in the hope that the speed limit is adhered to.

### Local Highways Initiative—Chequer Street

Your Parish Council has been advised by Cambridge County Council that work to create the parking bays on Chequer Street should commence late June/early July.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

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## Vandalism in the Village

Your Parish Council is disappointed to report that over the past few months there has been a spate of Vandalism within the Village. This includes graffiti, damage to sports equipment, children's play equipment and damage inside the Church. Not only is this upsetting and disappointing to see, but it costs your Parish Council and ultimately the residents of Fenstanton money to clean, repair or replace items that have been damaged in this way.

If you see any suspicious behaviour, please report this to your clerk and the Police via the 101 phone number.



## Community Hub

The Community Hub continues every Monday morning 9.30am—12.00pm and Tuesday 9.30am—12.00pm & 1.30pm—4.00pm at the Church Centre.

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## Councillor Surgeries—Dates

Saturday surgeries from 10am - 12pm at The Hub, 6 High Street.

This is an opportunity for Parishioners to pop in to discuss any issues or concerns they may have. Please pop in and say Hello!

\*Please note, there will be no Councillor Surgeries held in August, Councillor surgeries will recommence Saturday the 9th of September 2023.

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## Parish Councillor—Vacancy



Due to the resignation of Cllr Susannah Collison, your Parish Council now has another vacancy for a Councillor to join the Parish Council serving on the south ward.

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If you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact your Clerk for further information, applications to be received by 30th June 2023.

**MAKE A CHANGE**  
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## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes



*Bee Orchid in bloom – Henry Cook*

The summer is a time of riotous profusions of wildflowers. Various hues ranging from delicate pastels to eye-catching vivid colours pepper the landscape. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, there are lots of flourishing places to observe the spectacle of colour. This article will cover a few of the better places to go searching and what to look out for.

For a brief window of time, the wetland margins on Ferry Lagoon can be a vision of purple created by Purple Loosestrife. This is a tall plant that likes to grow in damp soil and is a favourite of pollinating insects because the flower stem is a collection of many hundreds of smaller flowers offering lots of nectar. Set against fresh green reeds, this colour combination really is something to be seen in person.

The busway through the reserve creates a connection not just for people but for flowers. The banks of the busway were seeded when completed and June and July are peak times for the Ox-eye Daisies and Hedge Bedstraw which grow here in abundance. Both have white flowers but look out for the yellow centres to the daisies. Many other wildflowers also grow here such as the yellow Lady's Bedstraw and lilac Field Scabious. The long continuous banks allow seeds to spread over time, helping to maintain the diversity of species.

Perhaps the pinnacle of plants at the reserve is the rare sight of a Bee Orchid. They seem to pop up in different places every year and are rather small, so seeing them in amongst other flowers and grasses is a real botanical challenge. The Bee Orchid is a mimic, whereby the flower impersonates a female bee. This lures male bees to fly in and pollinate the flower. However, there's a twist in this story. The specific bee that does this behaviour is not present in the UK and the orchid must self-pollinate instead. Nature is often more complicated than it first appears!

Why not come to the reserve and take in the seasonal display put on by the wildflowers.

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### Wild Camping

There is availability at our campsite situated on the shores of Ferry Lagoon for groups to stay over this summer. More information can be found on our events website. Please contact us at the email address below for more information.

### Willow Weaving Worskhop

Using willow harvested from the reserve during our winter habitat management work, try your hand at making a willow woven garden obelisk using traditional skills. You will be able to take your obelisk home with you for growing climbing plants in your garden

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### Hilton Art Club

The negative Painting workshop with Pete Sinfield took place on 21st April. A huge thank you to Pete for stepping in at short notice and giving us a very enjoyable and informative workshop. Pete started by showing what is, and what is not, negative painting. He demonstrated techniques, explaining that it can be a difficult and time consuming process but gives very effective results.

We then all got to have a go, with Pete offering individual advice and tuition as required.

I think most of us found it quite challenging, but as always we all rose to the challenge to produce some excellent work.

Thank you to Kaye and Janet for the cakes, to Jill for the malt loaves & Jenny for the biscuits.

**16<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 12.30pm EXTREME CONTRASTS: BLACK & WHITE, LIGHT & DARK.** Please bring your own pictures/props.

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## Saturday 29 July 2023 The HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

The exciting new schedule will be published in the June edition of SPECTRUM. All the old favourite classes will be available, including fruits, vegetables and flower-arranging together with home-made cakes and bread, jam and drinks. Also the Alice, Thomas and Jacob Collen Cups will be available for younger age-groups to enter the competition.

New this year for the WILD WEST THEME will be:

- a CACTUS display
- 'ARIZONA SUNSET' an arrangement of vivid orange and yellow flowers
- a CAKE decorated in a wild west theme and for children to make.....
- a home-made native AMERICAN HEAD-DRESS of feathers and beads
- a DESERT GARDEN
- a COW BOY/GIRL made from a potato

Not forgetting our POTATO CHALLENGE which is already in full swing with potatoes growing in pots all over the village.

# Hilton Produce Show 2023

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July - 1.00pm

**How to enter:** Look out for paper entry forms included in the Feast Week programme delivered to all Hilton residences in June. Forms can also be downloaded from [hilton-village.com](http://hilton-village.com) or [feastweek.co.uk](http://feastweek.co.uk).

**When:** entries by Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> July to either: Claire Sarkies at Wistow, The Green, Lynn Amos 10 Westbrook or Jan Taylor 12 Westbrook.

**On the day :** exhibits should be brought to the marquee between 8.00am and 10.00am. Judging takes place from 10.15am. The marquee will re-open for visitors at 1.00pm.

We look forward to seeing your cornucopia of exhibits: choice home grown fruit and veg, delicious baking and preserves, artistic flower arrangements and 'Wild West' creations. Let's celebrate our productivity and Hilton's famed community spirit in style.

One entry per class except for baking, preserves and beverages where two items per class may be entered.

Vegetables, fruit and flowers should be clean and free of pests and diseases.

Please cover home baking with cling film.

### Fruit Cup

- 1 Plate of mixed soft fruit: strawberries/ raspberries
- 2 Plate of any fruit
- 3 3 tomatoes of the same variety
- 4 5 Cherry tomatoes
- 5 3 sticks of rhubarb
- 6 2 peppers
- 7 3 chillies
- 8 A basket of home grown fruit of any kind attractively presented

### Vegetable Cup

- 9 5 runner beans
- 10 5 French beans
- 11 3 carrots
- 12 3 onions
- 13 3 courgettes
- 14 3 new potatoes
- 15 3 beetroot
- 16 3 heads of garlic
- 17 5 radishes
- 18 3 shallots
- 19 3 varieties of herbs e.g. sage, thyme, parsley
- 20 1 cucumber
- 21 1 marrow
- 22 Veggie Delight: A display of 5 different home-grown vegetables (container not exceeding 30 cm x 20cm)
- 23 Any other vegetable not named in the schedule



# Hilton Produce Show 2023

## Novelty Classes

- 24 Most unusual flower
- 25 Most unusual fruit
- 26 Most unusual vegetable

## Flower Cup

with flowers from your own garden

- 27 1 rose stem single head
- 28 1 rose stem multi-head
- 29 Best perfumed rose
- 30 3 stems of pinks/ carnations
- 31 1 dahlia any form
- 32 3 dahlias any form
- 33 3 sweet pea stems (annual)
- 34 3 sweet pea stems (perennial)
- 35 3 stems mixed flowers
- 36 3 stems of one named flower
- 37 3 stems of one named shrub in flower e.g. fuschia
- 38 3 stems, one each of any foliage shrub e.g. sambucus, euonymus

## Flower Arrangement Cup

- 39 **The Natural Look:** An arrangement using wild flowers and grasses
- 40 An arrangement in a basket
- 41 Tea – time: an arrangement in a teapot or cup and saucer
- 42 Kitchenalia/ gardenalia: an arrangement using a kitchen or garden utensil such as a saucepan or watering can
- 43 For the **Wild West:** an Arizona sunset: an arrangement using hot colours, foliage, flowers and props

## Going Potty

- 44 Your best house plant, not forgetting cacti for the **Wild West** theme



## Hilton Women's Institute Baking & Preserves Salver

- 45 A cake to include **fresh** vegetables and/ or **fresh** fruit
- 46 1 fruit cake using dried fruit
- 47 1 plate fruit pie
- 48 3 plain scones
- 49 3 flavoured scones (own choice)
- 50 5 shortbread pieces
- 51 Victoria sandwich (jam filling only)
- 52 1 handmade loaf of bread: white or brown
- 53 1 Sourdough loaf
- 54 Jar soft fruit jam e.g. strawberry/ raspberry
- 55 Jar of any fruit jam e.g. plum/ apricot
- 56 Jar of any fruit marmalade
- 57 Jar of any fruit curd
- 58 Jar of any fruit jelly
- 59 Jar of any chutney. Please state if spicy

*classes 54-64 should be labelled with date and main fruit used*

## Drink Cup

- 60 Bottle of fruity spirit e.g. sloe gin
- 61 Bottle of cordial
- 62 Bottle of red or white wine
- 63 Bottle of beer
- 64 Bottle of cider



# Hilton Produce Show 2023

## Egg Cup

- 65 3 fresh hen's eggs plus photo of your favourite feathered bird



## Compost Class

- 66 One small bucket of home-made compost

## Children's Classes

### Alice Collen Cup (Under 5s)

- 67 A snake in the grass made of cress  
68 A tin can of flowers  
69 A Bean face: any dried beans e.g. lentils, butter beans etc.  
70 A Campfire scene: 3 figures made of pipe cleaners or playdough, a campfire etc.  
71 5 biscuits for hungry cowboys or girls. Any flavour, decorated or plain.  
72 A potato Cowboy or Cowgirl

### Thomas Collen Cup (Ages 5-8)

- 73 A necklace of feathers and beads  
74 A Desert Garden arranged in a seed tray.  
75 4 Wild West themed cupcakes  
76 An arrangement of dried flowers and grasses displayed in a tin  
77 5 cookies (any flavour)  
78 A covered wagon made from a cardboard box and fabric

## Jacob Collen Cup (Ages 9-16)

- 79 A Desert Scene as a collage or painted  
80 A Desert Garden with sand and cacti. Horsemen and cayotes welcome!  
81 Flowering boots: an **old boot** from the Wild West with desert type foliage eg cacti and bright flowers  
82 Design a Wanted Poster for a Cowboy  
83 A necklace and bracelet made of feathers/ beads/ beans/ seeds (melon seeds work well)  
84 4 chocolate brownies  
85 A small iced sponge cake decorated with a **Wild West** theme



## All Ages

### Herbie Collen Potato Prize for the best crop of potatoes

- 86 1 ten litre pot of potatoes weighed on site



## Special Extra Challenge

- 87 **Show - Stopper Cake** any size, any flavour, decorated fit for a King on his Coronation



# Hilton Parish Council

## Report from the Annual Meeting of the Council dated Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

### May

#### Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllr Peter Balicki was elected as Chairman and Cllr Ett McCarthy was elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

#### Dredging

The Council has authorised expenditure to remove the dredged material from the Wilderness. This will not be able to take place until the ground is drier.

#### Policies and Procedures

As this was the annual meeting of the Council, it reviewed all of its policies and procedures.

#### Bench

The Council resolved to place the spare Barton bench to replace the bench to the right of the Pavilion.



#### Croquet

The Council reviewed the expenditure for the mowing of the cricket pitch to make it suitable for Croquet. The Council is looking for a volunteer to carry out this work.

#### Town Trust Representative

Rachel Lawton was reappointed as the Council's representative to the Town Trust.

#### AGAR

The Council approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Review, which will be published on the website.

#### Pavilion

The Council resolved to instruct the Clerk to apply for the FCC Communities Grant using the specification 1 quote.

## Health Grant

The proposal is to run Cricket East's All Stars (5-8yrs) and Dynamo's (8-11yrs) for 8 weeks in June and July. This is dependent on coach availability. Advice has been received about cricket nets and roll on cricket nets (cost approx. £1000) are not the best solution for Hilton as there is nowhere to store them between uses or over winter and they would deteriorate or become damaged. The recommendation is for Feed Buddy pop up nets which could be stored inside the pavilion. These are £250 each and the recommendation is to purchase two, which will allow additional budget for other parts of the grant.

A cookery workshop is being planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. It will focus on plant-based cookery on a budget and will suit both families and individuals. Depending on the uptake and success, a series of workshops is possible.

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## Hilton WI



The weekend of His Majesty's Coronation included plenty of opportunities to celebrate here in Hilton ( let's not mention the weather !)

Not content with those wonderful times , lady members of Hilton WI continued with a Coronation themed party for our May meeting.

We had tables laid as an outdoor street party but indoors, bunting, red white and blue table decorations, in fact everything you would expect together with delicious food. We had a royalty themed quiz, music and then a short ' do you know this about your members of the committee ? ' quiz. There was

even a disconcertingly lifelike model of His Majesty King Charles supervising our table manners. Oh , yes, we really know how to party !

Next month we are looking forward to a talk by Alan Gray , a retired Wimbledon Tennis Umpire from the days when Andre Agassi was playing so we are expecting to hear about some very interesting stories that didn't hit the headlines .

Our small trips and outings sub committee is continuing to encourage us with a variety of visits to Suffolk , Lavenham, Bletchley Park and historic Buckden Towers and there is also a wide programme offered by the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation as far ahead as November.

This year we have already welcomed several new members so if you are interested please contact our secretary at the following address :-

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