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Letters & Notices

Volunteers needed to deliver Spectrum

We need volunteers to deliver Spectrum to the right hand side of Headlands (odd numbers)

As this is a large round it can be divided into two smaller rounds. If you are able to spare time ten times a year to help with Spectrum it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Kay on 495308 and she will be pleased to hear from you and give you details. Thank you.

Hilton Village Hall is looking for a Caretaker

We are looking to appoint a friendly, energetic, and reliable individual with a range of practical skills for the role of Caretaker to join our team and contribute to the smooth running of the village hall.


The successful applicant will have a range of duties across the site and should be self-motivated, dependable, trustworthy, and able to work under their own initiative to prioritise workloads.

Responsibilities include looking after the security of the building, minor maintenance and repairs and dealing with any issues that arise.

Working alongside the Bookings Officer, the Caretaker will need to be available to attend the hall at irregular hours to help with the overall running of the facilities.

The post is permanent and subject to a period of successful probation. The hours worked will be flexible and consistent with the day-to-day use of the hall and should not exceed 5 hours per week. We are looking for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible.

If you are interested in finding out more or think you would make the ideal candidate, please contact Mrs Nicola Webster, Hilton Village Hall Management Committee Chair via email: nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk or call 830605 for an informal chat.



COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER:

POPPY, AGE 6

Poppy has done a wonderful job of colouring in this Christmas scene. We love all the different colours she's used. Poppy has made this a very magical winter wonderland.

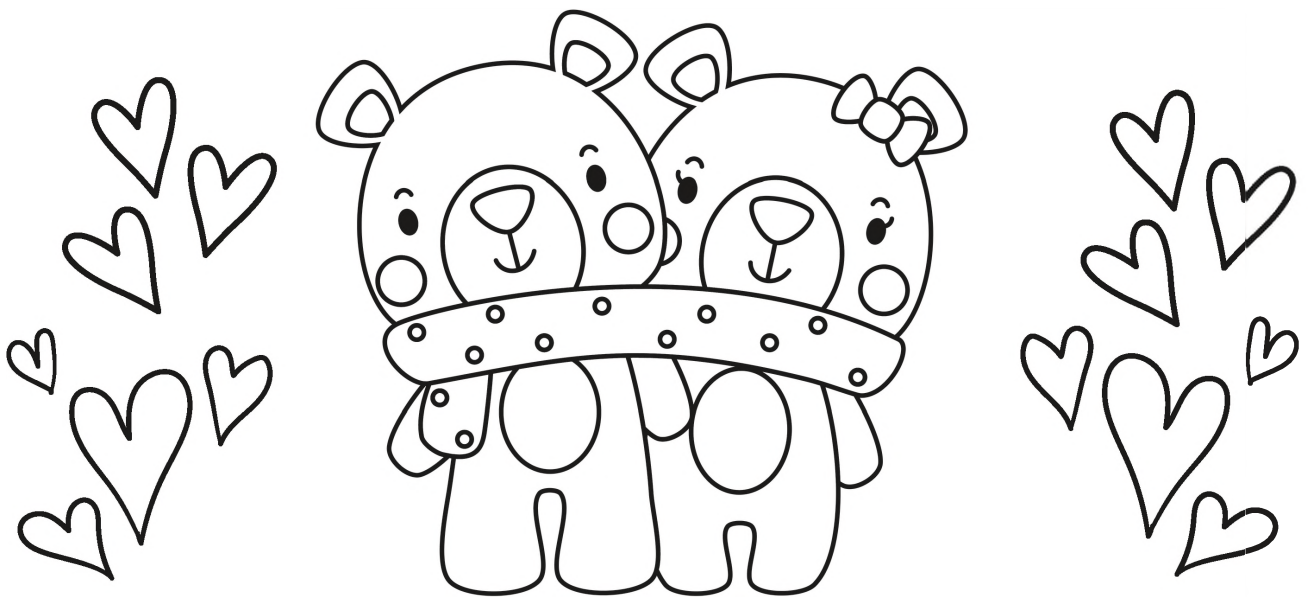
Well done and congratulations Poppy.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our colouring competition. It really brightens our days to see your entries and it is so hard to pick a winner with so many amazing pictures. Please keep them coming in!



COLOURING COMPETITION

Colour in the picture below and send it to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or post to Jo Brasher at 58 Crest Drive, Fenstanton, PE28 9BR with your name and age. Winner will be announced and featured in our next issue and on our Facebook page.



Name

Age

The logo for Skylight Digital Design Studio is a black circle with a white border. Inside the circle, the word "Skylight" is written in a white, cursive script font. Below "Skylight", the words "DIGITAL DESIGN STUDIO" are written in a white, sans-serif, all-caps font. The background of the circle is black, and there are some white and blue splatters around the edges of the circle.

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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!



We want to see your stunning photos of our beautiful village, this could be of your pet basking in the sunshine (or more likely, splashing in the puddles), a lovely sunset/sunrise, the friendly cows in their field etc. Whatever wonderful photographs you take, send them to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com and we will select a few to be featured in Spectrum each month.

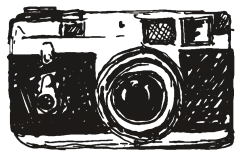
A decorative border at the bottom of the page featuring various sports balls: a volleyball, a basketball, a baseball, a soccer ball, a tennis ball, and a cricket ball, arranged in a row.

Fenstanton Village Sports Day Saturday 1st July 2023

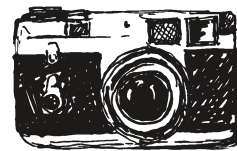
Please make a note of the date of the Village Sports Day for 2023. We will have all the usual races, games, stalls, raffle and a bigger and better craft and produce show. Look out for the new categories on Facebook and in next month's Spectrum.

If you would like to run a stall for your village group or help on a stall, please let us know on Facebook or via jan.way26@gmail.com

We are always on the lookout for raffle and tombola prizes, so if you have any unused Christmas gifts that need a good home, please drop them into Ron's Farm shop when he reopens on 9th February.



LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Thank you to those who sent photos in; please do keep them coming in.
Photos can be sent to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or to our Facebook page.

Hilton's Warm Hub

Huntingdonshire District Council have given the Village Hall a grant to run a Warm Hub in Hilton at the Village Hall.

Every Friday afternoon from 20th January 3-6pm, there will be delicious, free coffee and tea served by Wild Card. Wild Card are the new coffee company serving drinks behind the Post Office in Hilton until 2pm each day. You can come to the Village Hall, have a free drink and snack, chat to other people, play games or just relax. We are also starting a Film Club on Saturday 28th January and the first film will be Lightyear which is based on the Toy Story series. This starts at 5.30pm and is also free. The film costs and licence are subsidised by Creative Arts East.

Do come and enjoy!

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

December was our Christmas Workshop and party, we had 50 ladies making a wonderful Christmas arrangement to take home, great fun was had by all. June and myself hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a healthy new year.

February 6th

Demonstrators are Beverley and Carol

Hilton Village Hall

2pm - 4pm

Entrance £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

No membership, pay on arrival

HILTON ART CLUB

We had our annual Christmas lunch at The Windmill at Somersham and a good time was had by all. The food was delicious and we were looked after well. A big thanks to Joanne for arranging it.

24th February 10 am - 4 pm

Full Day's Workshop, led by Mo Childs. Booking essential.

New members are always welcome - come to a session.

See our Facebook page for further details.



We, Margaret and Julie, have together agreed that the time has come to pass the organisation of the annual Poppy Appeal in Hilton on to another team.

As joint organisers we have been extremely fortunate and grateful to have had so many willing collectors and businesses for their support of the Royal British Legion and for the many thousands of pounds donated by the village.

Indeed, the present total of £1471 from the 2022 appeal is proof of how valuable Hilton is to the charity in its work supporting past and present service men and women and their dependents through such difficulties as injury, physical and mental illness, bereavement or even simply to be a friend to talk to.

Membership of the Royal British Legion is not required as a Poppy Appeal Organiser, just the belief that you are making a difference and you would certainly make new friends on the way! Also there is always plenty of help and advice from officers of the Legion itself.

We very much hope that fundraising in Hilton can continue and will gladly help a new volunteer team towards a smooth transition into the future, so for more information to help you to make a decision please do please have a chat with us.

Finally, on behalf of the Royal British Legion and ourselves, we give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given so much time and effort to this worthwhile charity.

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580



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FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

We are an FA Chartered Standard club providing safe and inclusive football in a fun environment for players in the youth teams, 6-18 years and men's team.

**We are looking for Players for
U8 team**

School year 2 or 3

And

**2 Volunteer Parent Coaches,
Full training will be provided**

**If you are interested or
know someone who might be
please contact the club**

Fenstanton Friendship Club

Happy New Year everyone, hopefully a healthier year for all.

7th December

The Christmas tea was well attended and commenced with Carol singing, to celebrate "the Reason for the Season", lead by a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We played, the left, right, pass the parcel game, which was fun. Everyone took part in a Christmas quiz whilst enjoying a festive tea. Everyone received a gift from Santa's little helpers. An enjoyable afternoon.

12th January

Sixteen of us attended the pantomime "Aladdin" at the Burgess Hall in St Ives. The shows seems to get better each year and we all thought it was brilliant. Beautiful costumes, very colourful, great script, well presented. The dancers were so good, especially the little girls ballet dancing. It was a great evening for us all, even if we did get wet from the water guns!! So good to have a real belly laugh

18th January

We were treated to an afternoon of music with the voice of the "Genie ", AKA Phil Pope, Mayor of St Ives. He brought his magic to the meeting with his singing and personality. There were a variety of songs that we were able to join in with and songs from shows. Enjoyable afternoon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1st February

Paul Vickers is rebooked to bemuse us with his magical powers. Be nice to see him again and enjoy his tricks.

15th February

Martin Guy, somewhat of a wildlife 'guy', will be speaking with us, with slides of animals captured on hidden cameras. This will be really interesting.

We meet in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street PE28 9JQ every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm.

New members and visitors very welcome.

Enquiries to Marie Newns bubblenews@gmail.com

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HILTON WI

Members of Hilton WI can always rely on a variety of speakers and events.

In December, we had a party, in January a talk on decorating and fusing glass and in February there is a talk on Recycling and Waste. Our clubs are as active and varied as usual - Canasta, Craft, Drawing, Book Club and with 2023 plans for possible reasonably short trips and further afield to Bletchley and Highgrove.

For our January meeting Carole Pollock, a fused glass artist, came from her Gore Tree Studio in Hemingford Grey to show us her beautiful creations and how she made them.

Her enthusiasm and talent had begun with a Christmas gift of a three day course! Glass has been created since the time of the ancient Egyptians leading to the many forms of decorative glass that we know today. Carole offers one day courses at her studio and several of our members decided to give that a try.

To Sue's big surprise, Anne presented her with a certificate of a Huntingdonshire Forum Volunteer Award in recognition of her time as president which began just before the pandemic lockdown. In our submission we had commented how Sue has been incredibly supportive of members and village-wide throughout that difficult time. As a recipient of the award Sue was also invited to a Carol Service in Peterborough hosted by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Julie Spence, OBE, QPM. There were in fact 9 other identical such Carol Services for award winners nationwide, culminating in the one which was headed by HRH the Princess of Wales in Westminster Abbey.

In this way we feel we have been able to thank Sue for the magnificent way in which she she helped us and many others in Hilton to ride the storm of the previous two years or so.

We are a friendly and welcoming WI to new members, just contact hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

GIVE A GIFT

Many thanks to all the people who generously gave gifts, during or via, our Give a Gift service at Fenstanton Church shortly before Christmas. The team at Cambridgeshire Social Services particularly asked for gifts suitable for teenagers and your response was wonderful.

Across is a composite photo of the result.

Many thanks again

Julia Mitchell,

on behalf the Parish of Fen Drayton and Fenstanton





Hilton Feast Week

Upcoming Events

The dates are now set for Feast Week 2023, along with the next few fundraising events.

Please put the dates in your diary now, we'd love you to join us.

Saturday 25th February – Race Night

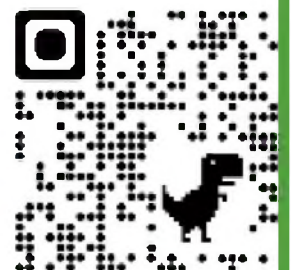
Saturday 25th March – Quiz

Saturday 8th April – Family Easter Egg Hunt

Feast Week
2023
23rd - 29th July

Keep your eyes peeled for more fundraiser information and dates for our summer fundraising events nearer the time.

You can also support us by joining the 200 Club, which plays a very important role in keeping Feast Week running. For £5 a month or £60 a year you can support Feast Week while having the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes. The draw usually takes place on the third Wednesday of the month. To join visit www.feastweek.co.uk or email us on committee@feastweek.co.uk.



The Hilton Produce Show of 2023, The Potato Challenge and The Community Garden



Good Taste

This picture by William Macgregor in the collection of The National Gallery of Scotland shows a plentiful vegetable stall. The attraction of the image is in the abundance of the produce which is almost falling off the packed stall. The composition is cleverly arranged so the eye ranges over all the different ingredients and then is drawn upwards to take in the hanging strings of onions giving a vertical line to an otherwise horizontal image.

The painting by William Macgregor dates from 1884 at a time when 'The Glasgow Boys' were altering artistic taste away from the exotic and ideal to celebrate values of simplicity, directness and honesty. These vegetables are humble ones which anyone can grow. A trip to St.Ives' market provides us with similarly cheerful heaps of healthy-looking vegetables, some locally grown, cheering and reassuring us that we will not go hungry. By contrast, some Still Life images from the Dutch Golden era of the seventeenth century present rare and exotic fruits from overseas, painted in decorative dishes which emphasise the wealth of the patron.

Taste buds

McGregor's Vegetable Stall is a good image for Hilton's Community Garden. We cannot compete with the sheer numbers and variety of produce, but we shall learn by trial and error what best suits our soil and situation and aim for a full stall. Our intention is to make the surplus produce available to all. We plan a vegetable stall on Saturday mornings at the entrance to the garden with seasonal vegetables ready to eat and enjoy.

In the growing season of 2022, The Community Garden succeeded with leeks, butternut squash, Swiss chard, radishes, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots and mini cucumbers. Unhappily, our Pak Choi was eaten by pigeons and the squirrels made off with the sweetcorn. So this year we are avoiding exotic greens and preparing netting to keep off the squirrels and birds. We have also planted two new fruit trees a greengage and an apple which we hope will produce a pleasing surplus in years to come.

A freshly dug new potato comes out of the soil with a distinctive and appetising smell of damp earth. The sugars in the potato have not yet turned to starch; the vegetable is taut and plump with an unwrinkled skin. Fancy your own? So why not enter the Hilton Produce Show Potato Challenge? Each entrant will receive a seed potato to plant in a pot which will be emptied and weighed at the end of Feast Week.

Feast Week will end as usual with the displays of creative cooking, artwork, floristry, and home-grown vegetables that make up our VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW, scheduled for Saturday, 29th July 2023.

I hope we'll have a bumper crop of potatoes this year, a stall full of vegetables fit for a Glasgow Boy. Please come and join us on Saturday mornings to work in the community garden: all are welcome.
Claire Sarkies



Queen Elizabeth I

When Queen Elizabeth I Visited Fenstanton in 1564



Bishop Richard Cox

Queen Elizabeth I was fond of escaping from London and visiting different parts of the country. Wealthy friends and relations were just told to expect a visit from the queen. Every summer, the queen would leave her great palaces, which were all in or around London, and embark on a tour of her country. These tours were called 'progresses' and the queen enjoyed them very much. Who wouldn't when the hosts would feel 'obliged' to lavish small fortunes on providing, accommodation, banquets and entertainment!

These tours were a kind of fun holiday for her, a refreshing change from all the tensions of court life and a wonderful way for her to meet her ordinary subjects. The official line at the time was that people outside of court did not know what the queen looked like. She wanted to impress them with her wealth and to reassure the people that she was still alive and that the country was not at war.

The Queen would leave in procession from one of her palaces, seated on a horse or in a litter or coach, and her courtiers would accompany her, followed by hundreds of carts carrying their goods. It also allowed for the palaces to be cleaned. At court there would normally be over 1,000 people, courtiers and servants etc. By the summer, when progresses took place, the moats and nearby rivers would stink. About a dozen royal palaces along the Thames were in use most of the year.

Although Bishop Richard Cox had palaces in Ely, Holborn Place in London, also a park and chase palace at Somersham, for some reason he leased a very large house in Fenstanton. This was a substantial manor house with formal gardens dating back to the 12th century and possibly even earlier. Bishop Cox leased the manor house from Mary, the widow of George Symcote who held the head lease from the College of St Stephen, Westminster. In its early years the manor house was considered equal to a palace, but by the time of her majesty's visit it was known as an episcopal palace. The mansion house or rectory was seated at the east end of the Fenstanton village church yard and was classed as a Messuage (an area of land that contained a house) and consisted of 10 acres of gardens and land, a dwelling house together with its outbuildings and the adjacent land appropriated to its use.

Bishop Richard Cox (Bishop of Ely from 1559 to 1581) attended the queen on her visit to Cambridge University in 1564. The queen remained for four days and prepared to leave the university with a sense of pleasure which she experienced in the ecclesiastical administration. Elizabeth had been asked to remain one more night to witness a play which the students had prepared for her pleasure. Having a long journey the next day and considering that it was ten miles to Fenstanton where she was to dine at the Bishop of Ely's palace that evening, she declined the request. The students would not give up and pursued the queen to Fenstanton. She was tired but gave in and the play commenced.

The actors entered on the stage dressed as a group of imprisoned Catholic bishops. Each of them was dressed with a symbol of the bishop's persecution. The student dressed as Bishop Bonner carried a lamb in his arms at which he rolled his eyes and gnashed his teeth. The bishops had refused to undertake the Oath of Royal Supremacy and were already imprisoned in London. Elizabeth was insulted and with a few indignant words left the room. All the lights were extinguished and the student players had to find their way out of the house in the dark and blunder back to Cambridge.

Elizabeth left Fenstanton the following day and Sir Henry Cromwell had the honour of receiving the queen at Hinchingsbrooke House.



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NEWS RELEASE

Barren or Buzzing? The Value of Brownfield Sites

The next meeting of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

This intriguing talk will explore some of the Brownfield sites of Cambridgeshire and look at their fauna and flora, asking why they are so good for wildlife. Our speakers will be Sarah Lambert and Peter Kirby who are Ecological Consultants and long standing supporters of the Wildlife Trust. They have both done a huge amount of work on brownfield sites across our region and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Talks start at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Admission charge £3.50.

For more information please contact George on 01480 450809 or george.cottam@virginmedia.com.



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NEWS RELEASE

Biodiversity For All

The March meeting of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Following the election of Lara Davenport-Ray to Huntingdonshire District Council, Lara will speak to us about the Council's 'Biodiversity For All' project. Lara is the first Green Party Councillor for Huntingdonshire and is the lead for Climate and the Environment. She will explain how she plans to engage the community, parish councils and other landowners to take fast, direct action to deliver more biodiversity in our area.

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Local Weather Watch by Patrick Landucci

What a record breaking year 2022 turned out to be, the warmest ever experienced across the UK since records began. Not only warmth but also lengthy periods of drought. My last article was written in early August and the long, hot, dry summer continued for the rest of the month, in East Anglia beating records going back 150 years. The warmth and below average rainfall continued through September and October until the 20th of the latter month when, within the space of 3 days around 2.25 inches of rain fell in Hilton marking the start of 5 weeks of wet weather, the rains delivering a total of 6.75 inches (171mm) in that time. A remarkable turnaround since up to that point the total rainfall for the year had amounted to 10.3 inches (262mm). The rains then ceased and a 3 week dry spell ensued.

The autumn brought well above normal temperatures up to the middle of November, notable warm days being 29th October when 20.2C (68.4F) and 11th and 12th November when 17.2C (63F) was recorded accompanied by night-time minima which would normally be experienced in mid summer. There was not a single air frost during the autumn months and it was not until 7th December that the mercury fell to 0C (32F). It marked the start of another dramatic change as northerly winds brought Arctic air and a cold spell lasting eleven days with hard frosts, some freezing fog and daily maxima only a little above freezing. Snow started to fall on the 11th (4-5cm) which continued to lie until a general thaw on the 19th. The lowest temperature I recorded during the cold spell was -8.2C (17F). Interestingly, the amount of snow in our area was very unevenly distributed. For example in Whittlesford, near Cambridge, a depth of 15cm (6 inches) was measured.

Since the thaw, our weather has seen a sustained spell of mild south-westerly winds driven by a much invigorated jet stream as a consequence of the extreme cold polar surge which hit north America over Christmas, clashing with much warmer Atlantic waters. The result here has been no frosts and some periodic rain, mostly in small amounts although much larger amounts and flooding have occurred elsewhere in the UK. Many parts to Europe have also been experiencing record breaking high temperatures as high as 20C (68F) in Poland and causing snow in Alpine ski resorts to melt.

Ending with a few examples of global climate changes:-

1. Extreme heat and drought in China. During their 2022 summer in a large swathe of the country from Shanghai in the east to Sichuan in the west temperatures reached or exceeded 40C (104F) on 70 consecutive days affecting more than 900 million million people.
2. Exceptional monsoon rains in Pakistan. The country received around 2.5 times its normal rainfall. In August the town of Padidam in Sindh Province received 355 mm in a single day and 1228.5mm (just under 5 feet) in the month, obliterating the previous record of 300mm!
3. Record breaking rainfall in south-east Australia. After just 10 months of 2022 this area of the country had already experienced its wettest year on record. At the end of October Sydney's total had reached 2396.2mm (94.5 inches), beating the previous annual record of 2194mm (86.4 inches)

Finally, spare a thought for would be weather forecasters. In Hungary, as a result of the national weather office predicting "likely" heavy rain on St. Stephens Day causing the public fireworks display to be cancelled, in the event it remained dry. The two top forecasters were fired with immediate effect!

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A message from Rev Rosie re the Daily Advent Calendar



Who would have thought that a knitted Mary and Joseph plus a few other characters from the Nativity story would get me banned from Facebook for so long!!!!

This is Day 8 which had the caption:

Mary and Joseph began to make preparations for their long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, about 70 miles.

Joseph wasn't sure if their budget allowed

for Mary to buy such a big bar of chocolate. Mary argued that if Joseph didn't buy all that beer, she could have her chocolate. Meanwhile the shop staff called the manager to ask his advice.....

The idea all started when our local community said how much they would miss the daily postings from Geoff, the postman, who was renowned for his amazing and very funny daily Christmas themed attire during December.

So I had a chat with him and we agreed that a daily advent calendar would be a good idea. And so Geoff launched the Advent Calendar on 1st December and all was going well until Day 7 and the first ban. By Day 8 I was banned from posting anything on any page. It wasn't because it was religious, apparently it was because I was doing this to get fake likes. I can assure you that this wasn't the case and I argued with the Facebook but to no avail.

So I would like to thank all those who took part in the Advent Calendar in whatever way, by sending in photos, posting the daily pictures for me etc etc. You are all stars and the calendar went far and wide due to your help – I have heard it reached New Zealand!!

Thank you for photos: Geoff, Iris, Mary, Niki, Eddie & Bleidigg, Mayor & Mayoress of Ely, Gill, Ash's shop, Aslyum Hair Design, Fenstanton Pharmacy, Mo's Motors, Caroline, Howard and Ed, Cherry & Martin & Mum, Geoff, Chris/Sarah/Lily, Ellis Winters & Co Fenstanton, Fenstanton Butchers, Yvonne & Peter, Fenstanton Preschool, Chris & Ron Jacob, Roy McGee, Mia (who ran off with one of the sheep but did bring it back!) and Fairy Dogmother, Mr Martin Headteacher, Michaela, Bishop Steven, Angus, Matthew & Aiden & cousins, Jane/Philip/Barrie/Ray/Niki, and beautiful baby Imogen who was newly arrived both in person and to the village, when we took the photo.



Thank you one and all.

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Councillor Surgeries

The first of our Councillor surgeries got off to a good start with a few Parishioners popping in to discuss their concerns. These included blocked road gullies and drains, state of footpaths, rights of way, sewage system on the Keir homes estate and poor communication. Most of the issues brought to your Parish Councils attention are the responsibility of Huntingdonshire District Council or Cambridge County Council, and these matters will be reported back to your local representatives. Over the coming weeks your Parish Council will be considering ways in which to better communicate with its Parishioners, currently you can find information on our website, noticeboards and in Spectrum.

Councillor surgery dates : Saturday 21st January, Saturday 4th February and Saturday 18th February, 10.00am—12.00pm. Please pop in and say Hello!

MUGA—Vandalism

Your Parish Council is disappointed to report that despite the MUGA being left open, it does not seem to have deterred vandals. Bolts from the fencing were removed and the Netball Posts have been broken and can no longer be used. The MUGA is an asset to the Village and enjoyed by many, it is disappointing to see that some individuals are spoiling it for others, not to mention the costs to fix and replace equipment. Your Parish Council is now considering ways in which it can stop this vandalism from happening, including CCTV and security patrols. In the meantime if you spot any suspicious behaviour, please report this to the Clerk.

Tree Planting—Cambridge Road

Trees have now been purchase and will be ready to plant shortly. Cambridge County Council will be drilling trial holes and digging the holes ready for planting.

Play Park—repairs

Your Parish Council is pleased to report that a replacement Trampoline and Scramble Net have now been fitted at the Metal Park at Rookery Way.

Your Parish Council hopes that some of the play park surfaces will soon be replaced and is currently trying to organise this with the contractor.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

Telephone: 01480 465 300

Web: www.fenstantonpc.org

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Award Winner 2022—Neville Nightingale

Neville Nightingale being presented with his Community Hero award by our Vice Chairman Roy McGee.

Roy read aloud just a few of the comments from those that nominated Neville for the wonderful job he does keeping our Village litter free. Well done Neville.

Congratulations to a worthy winner!



Warm Space—Church Centre

The Fenstanton warm space has been operating since early December, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10am to 4 pm. It is a free facility organised by your Parish Council, the Church Centre, and Huntingdonshire District Council; it is generously supported by local businesses: Ash's Shop, Mo's Motors, and Ken Booth & co.

Based in the Church Centre, which has Free Wi-Fi throughout, we have the use of three rooms:

The Main Hall – Here residents can enjoy free beverages, snacks and biscuits, or even toast! A place you can sit and chat, do a jigsaw, read a book, catch up with your mail, or just relax.

The Bertha Pitfield Room – just off the main hall, is where we hold our Parent and Toddler group (Wednesdays 10am) and our Chair and Standing Exercise sessions (Mondays 10am), with other activities coming soon.

The Saunders Room – Quietly situated upstairs, away from the hustle and bustle, an ideal space to work from home, but not too far from the tea and biscuits! Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.



Planning Development—10 Honey Hill

15 Parishioners turned out for the Planning Meeting held on 5th January where the Planning Committee discussed the proposed development at 10 Honey Hill. Parishioners shared their concerns about the proposal, some of their concerns were addressed by the developers representative present, but he advised he would feed back the concerns raised.

The Planning Committees decision at this time is to recommend the application for refusal due to the issues raised, including access safety, privacy concerns, concerns plot 6 driveway is too far from property to be used, no visitor parking, no evidence of comprehensive ecological or environmental surveys (no mention of the pond on site and possibility of Snake's-head fritillary flowers being found on site). No evidence of a Bat survey. Concerns over Tree survey and varieties of Apple Trees found. Flood risk report has omissions and inaccuracies and general lack of detail.

Local Highway Initiative—(LHI) explained

Your Parish Council often comes under fire over road safety issues and we wanted to help our Parish understand the responsibilities. Highways are the responsibility of Cambridge County Council. In order to make any improvements to our Highways your Parish Council must submit an LHI application to CCC for consideration.

The Local Highways Improvement (LHI) programme covers all districts in Cambridgeshire and invites any groups or organisations that represent the local community to apply for funding. The schemes are community driven and give local people the opportunity to put forward proposals for highway improvements in their area.

The schemes are delivered by the County Council on a joint funded basis and applicants can apply for funding of up to either £25,000 for complex projects or £10,000 for non-complex projects, as a contribution to their scheme. The applicant is expected to provide a minimum contribution of 10% towards the total scheme cost.

Due to the popularity of this initiative, applications are limited as follows:

- **Parish councils - one bid per parish per year**
- Community groups - one additional application, per respective parish. This application should be applied for in the same way and needs to evidence the support of the locally elected member/s before submitting

Local Highway Initiative—(LHI) explained cont...

Preparing an Application

Your Parish Council must be able to clearly identify the objective of an application, describing in detail the location and the highway issue it is trying to solve or why an improvement is needed.

Is your application Complex or Non Complex?

Complex

- Raised features, speed cushions, road humps or speed table
- Central islands
- Priority build outs
- Pedestrian crossings such as zebra crossings
- Footpaths and Cycle paths

Non Complex

- Parking restrictions, for example double or single yellow lines
- Street lighting
- Speed limits, for example 40mph buffer zones
- Passive calming measures such as village gateways, signs and road markings
- Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs, (MVAS)

Once it has been decided what type of scheme to apply for, an application form needs to be completed online. The form asks for your Parish Council to provide information specific to its application, confirm it has the support of our local elected member and that it has informally consulted with those who will be directly affected should the submission be successful.

Your Parish Council will be asked to demonstrate how the scheme fulfils the criteria below and has to provide as much relevant information as possible.

- 1) Does your application address a known safety issue?
- 2) Could the suggested scheme increase safety for highway users?
- 3) Could the suggested scheme contribute positively to public health?
- 4) Does the application have demonstrable local support?
- 5) Could the scheme potentially lead to any localised environmental improvements?

The map below provides information that will also need to be include in the application, including current accident data.



Hopefully this helps to explain the process more clearly, but for further information please see Cambridge County Council website or speak to our Clerk.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and search Local Highway Improvement Funding

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 5th December

Dredging

The dredging is now complete, and the following ponds have been dredged: Reeves Ditch (High Street), Park Farm pond (The Green), Cross Farm pond (Potton Road), The Ware (Graveley Way) and Kidmans Farm pond (Graveley Way). A silt trap has also been dug in Kidmans Farm pond which should reduce the amount of silt that enters this watercourse. The silt has been placed in a heap on the Wilderness and will be spread over the Wilderness when appropriate, which will be temporarily unpleasant but have no lasting effects.

B1040 Surface Dressing

Notification has been received from Cambridgeshire County Council that they will be carrying out surface dressing works to the B1040 both south and north of the village, which is due in February 2023.

LHI Bid 2023/24

Hilton Parish Council has decided to apply for a sign warning of the prohibition of HGVs through Hilton, to be located on the approach to the Shilpa roundabout on the A1198.



Health Project

The Council has appointed a working group to propose an application for moveable equipment and/or classes. The Clerk will submit the bid.



Graveley Way Bollards

Hilton Parish Council considered the correspondence received regarding the accident on Graveley Way and the resulting damage to the bollards. The Council supports the replacement of the bollards with a more visible design and has asked the Clerk to contact Cambridgeshire County Council and request that the road markings are repainted.

Surveyor

The Council has appointed a local surveyor to provide up to date valuations for the Pavilion, Lych Gate and Bus Shelter in order to update the Council's Asset Register, at a cost of £250.

Car Park at the Village Hall

The Council has authorised expenditure up to £580 for equipment and materials to restore the gravel surface of this car park.

Table Tennis

The grant for a table tennis table and associated equipment was successful and the Council has authorised the Clerk to make the purchases, up to the value of the grant.




Bonfire Night takings

The gate takings from the Bonfire Night were £2,632.60, which is the highest on record. Councillors thanked the organisers of the event, including the Fireworks Committee who put on a fabulous show.



Photo courtesy of Hilton Feast Week

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th February 2023 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.



Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Committee

Sing for your Supper

Enjoy a hearty three course meal
(Bring your own drinks)

Comic verse and sing along songs

Saturday 11th February

Fenstanton Church Centre 7pm

Tickets: Adults £15

Under 16's £5

Available from Ian on: 01480 465211 or
ikhuck@virginmedia.com

Raffle

Fenstanton Free Café

At the Church Centre

Your Warm Space



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Every Wednesday

10am to 11.30am



Everyone
Welcome!



PARISH
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HILTON COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE



NOW OPEN IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Come on in and grab yourself a good read!

Church is open daily from 8am to 4pm



Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Services for February 2023

We look forward to welcoming you

Services at St Mary's, Fen Drayton and St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton - FEBRUARY		
	Service time and location	Services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton are live streamed where possible, details via https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk
Thursdays, weekly	8.30am on Zoom	8.30am Morning Prayer For Morning Prayer Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie
Sunday 5th	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children
Sunday 12 th	9:15am Fen Drayton	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton
	10am Fenstanton	10am Worship For All
Sunday 19 th	10am Fenstanton	10am Parish Service with Holy Communion
	5pm Fenstanton	5pm Sung Evensong
Wednesday 22 nd Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Fenstanton	7.30pm Service of Holy Communion with optional ashing (a symbolic cross on your forehead)
Sunday 26 th First Sunday of Lent	9.15am Fen Drayton	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Fen Drayton
	10am Fenstanton	10am Family Communion

More details about our churches or our services and news can be found on facebook "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches" or our website www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk

Or a church near you www.achurchnearyou.com

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

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund fdcommunityfund@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.

FENSTANTON face2face COMMUNITY CAFÉ

First Tuesday in each month – Church Centre, 2-4pm

Next café meeting on 7 February as part of ‘Fenstanton Warm Space’



While the Community Café is part of ‘Warm Space’, all refreshments are available free of charge

All welcome 2-4pm

2023 dates for our monthly face2face café, on the first Tuesday:
7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May (Coronation Afternoon Tea Special),
6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov,
Christmas Café on 5th December.



The weekly Virtual Community Café, 2-3.30pm, continues to meet on Zoom, all welcome. Join us for lively conversation or sit and listen!

For more details, about either Café, please contact:
Rev Rosie Tel: 01480 467393 Or email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

**Sacred Heart RC Church,
19 Needingworth Road,
St. Ives**

Mass times: Saturday 5pm &
Sunday 9am and 11am
Parish Priest: Fr. Thomas Walton
Contact: 01480 462192
or office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk
Website:
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk

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

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643
Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm
We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.
All are welcome
Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

Supporting



LENT LUNCHES IN FENSTANTON!

Home of John & Penny Leigh-Brown opposite the Parish Church Car Park and Hampton Close.

Come along with family and friends to share a simple lunch of delicious soup and bread, then contribute the normal cost of the meal to our charity this year.

ABCD (Action around Bethlehem for Children with Disability)

[.https://www.abcdbethlehem.org/about-abcd/our-story](https://www.abcdbethlehem.org/about-abcd/our-story)

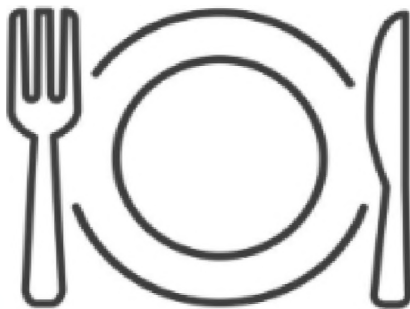
For further info. contact 01480 464672.

Hilton Churches Together

Roving Supper

Saturday, March 18th

The Churches in Hilton would like to reinstate the Roving Supper this year, after a gap of three years due to COVID. The event has been a main fundraiser for the Churches in the past and every penny is divided equally between the two churches.



The Roving Supper comprises a three-course meal, with each course being at different houses in the village, followed by coffee and a raffle.

It will be a truly enjoyable evening and you will meet different people for each course.

Volunteers Wanted

Hosts are required for all three courses. If you would like to participate or you would like more information about the event, please contact:-

Heather Woods on 830686 or Phil Wood on 830688.

Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

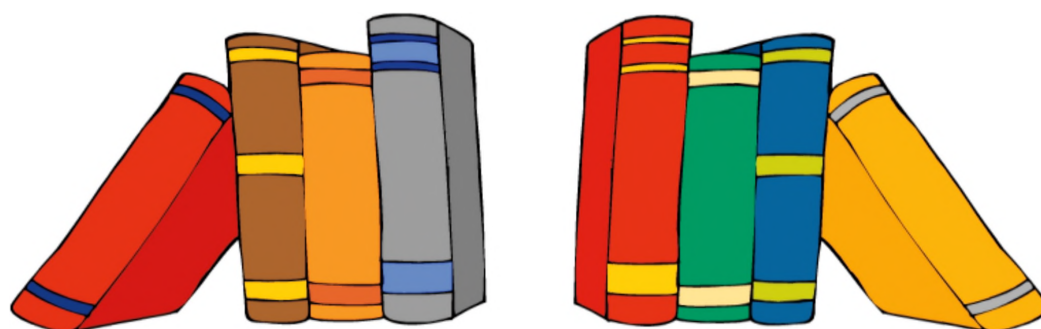
Do you like doing jigsaws? Do you know we run a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton? It's free and easy to get involved ... the puzzles are stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. We have puzzles suitable for all ages and abilities. The idea is that you just 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)



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET BOOK & JIGSAWS

ON SALE



SATURDAY

18TH FEBRUARY

9-30 AM- 12- NOON

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in February

February 5 th	10:00am Mr. D. Moorman
February 12 th	11:15am United Service at the Parish Church led by Rev. Sue Baker-Maher
February 19 th	10:00am Mr. C. Webber
February 26 th	10:00am Mr. J. Bridge

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served in the schoolroom after the services

Hilton Coffee Mornings



Monthly coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Schoolroom have now restarted on the first Saturday of each month.



February 4th. 10:00am to 12 noon

Proceeds in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).



Welcome

Come in
and grab
a cuppa

Coffee,
Cake &
Church

brought to you by
Hilton Parish Church

It's church, but not
as you know it....

Sunday 26th Feb

Sunday 26th Mar

Sunday 23rd Apr

and every 4th Sunday,
(excluding Dec)

11.15am

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talk, music and prayer

For more information, call
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We'd love to see you there!

JOIN US
FOR
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

- ✿ 2nd Friday of month
- ✿ 5.30pm – 7pm
- ✿ Parish Church
- ✿ Hilton



BRING A BOTTLE!

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



- ✿ 10th Feb, 10th Mar & 12th May
- ✿ To find out more, call Rachel on 830866



REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - 11.15am United Communion Service

Services on the 2nd Sunday alternate between Parish church & Methodist church

3rd Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

4th Sunday - 11.15am Coffee, Cake & Church

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

5th Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

2nd Friday – 5.30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES (via Zoom)

Holy Communion – Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400)

for Zoom access details

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Hilton Methodist Chapel	01480 830686
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Hilton Parish Church	01480 830866
Hilton Parish Church (2nd Number)	01480 830413
Rev David Busk	01480 436400
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Fenstanton Post Office	01480 462188
Hilton Town Trust	01480 830866
Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	01480 831658
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954 230471
Hilton Village Hall	07752678415
St Ives RBL Women's Section	01480 380882

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Fenstanton Knitters & Natters	01480 498221	Fenstanton Dance Aerobics	07910600077
Fenstanton Rainbows, Brownies, Guides (girlguidinggalleyhill@gmail.com)	07730369565	Hilton Aerobics	01480 832321
Hilton Rainbows and Brownies	01480 830156	Hilton Flower Club	01480 830571
Hilton WI	01480 831186	Hilton Pilates	07733307475
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If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful, please let us know. Please advise us of any amendments or errors in the above numbers.

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