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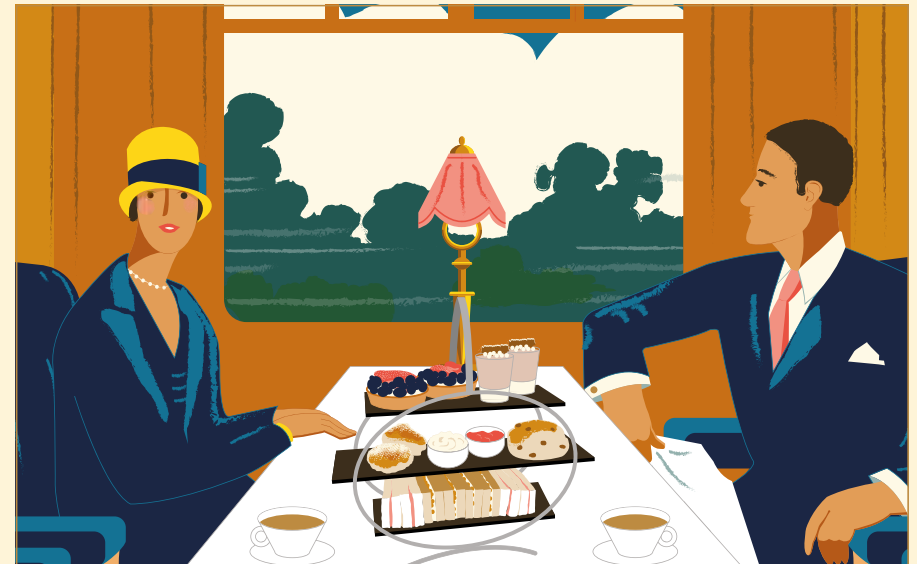
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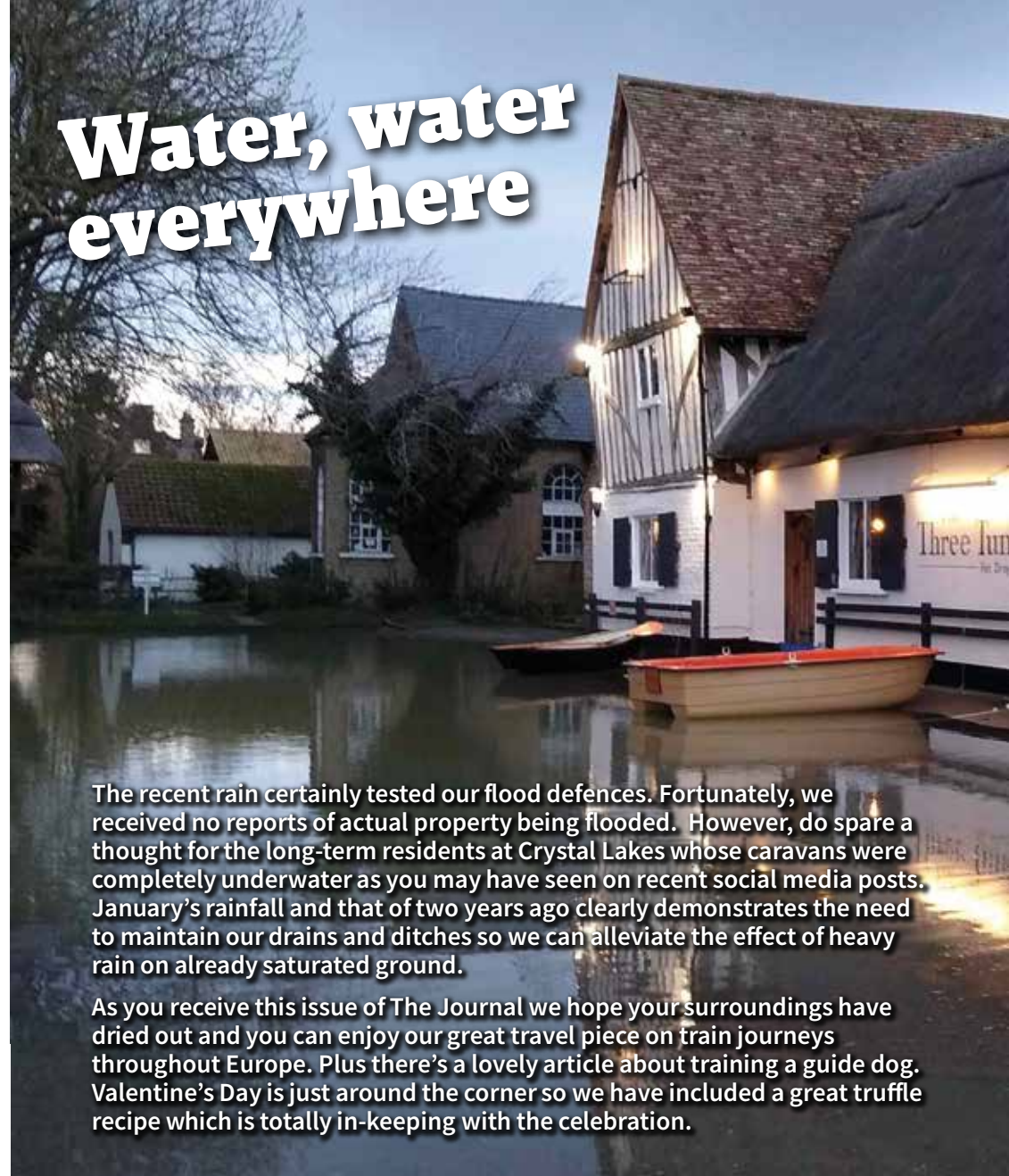
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Water, water everywhere

The recent rain certainly tested our flood defences. Fortunately, we received no reports of actual property being flooded. However, do spare a thought for the long-term residents at Crystal Lakes whose caravans were completely underwater as you may have seen on recent social media posts. January's rainfall and that of two years ago clearly demonstrates the need to maintain our drains and ditches so we can alleviate the effect of heavy rain on already saturated ground.

As you receive this issue of The Journal we hope your surroundings have dried out and you can enjoy our great travel piece on train journeys throughout Europe. Plus there's a lovely article about training a guide dog. Valentine's Day is just around the corner so we have included a great truffle recipe which is totally in-keeping with the celebration.



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From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy this edition

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Please submit any copy by 12 February 2024 latest for the March edition.

A History of Amphibian Conservation



Wildlife Trust for
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Huntingdonshire Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to welcome Arnold Cooke on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall.

This is our final indoor talk for the winter season and Arnold will describe the development of amphibian conservation from our local and national perspectives. Arnold moved to Huntingdonshire in the late 1960s and has been involved with amphibian conservation and research since that time, including working for the national nature conservation agencies. Since leaving English Nature in the late 1990s, Arnold has continued to pursue his interests in amphibians, reptiles and birds. He has published widely in these areas, including on the status of Britain's amphibians and reptiles, pollutants in birds and the environmental impact of the introduced species of deer.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £3.50 and payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. For more information please contact George (01480 450809 or georgecottam@virginmedia.com)

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Fen Drayton Poppy Appeal 2023

A huge thank you to those of you who took part in the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year, both our door-to-door collectors and our local businesses. And thank you to everyone who donated – we raised an amazing total of **£1,152.86!**

As with last year, I have one or two long-term door-to-door collectors retiring so if anyone else would like to join the team, please contact me – it's not too early to let me know!

My email is:
gonecompletelybonkers@gmail.com
Thank you! Jo Hitchins
(Poppy Appeal Organiser, Fen Drayton)

Have your say

The Library Presents selection menu is always eagerly anticipated and the latest season is no exception. The big question is now: which artists will gain the your support and earn a coveted place on The Library Presents Spring 2024 Season?

Artists and performers who have been shortlisted for inclusion in this new programme of events are some of the best working in their fields today. It will be interesting to see who will get a 'Yes' this time round. It is now up to the great Cambridgeshire public to choose!

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The Fen Drayton group meets every week at 6.45pm on Monday evenings outside the

Fen Drayton Village Hall. Find out more or register by scanning the QR code below (@letsrungirls.com), or contact info@letsrungirls.com for more information.



A special date for your diary!

Saturday 06 July will see the return of the BIG Village Picnic, but even better and bigger than before. This year the event is being combined with the PTA Summer Fair and Sports Day to make this one day very special.

The organisation is already well underway and our live band this year, Stylus, will be entertaining us throughout the afternoon. Also we hope to have some traditional brass band music and various choral performances. In addition to the regular hot food catering, this year Little Piggy will be providing one of their renowned hog roasts. Xtreme Events will be providing a whole range of inflatable attractions to keep your children entertained throughout the afternoon. All the usual races will be back including the ever popular tug of war.

Keep Saturday 06 July free in your diary for a great family afternoon out. Free entry as always.



Incorporating Sports Day and the PTA Summer Fair

Fen Drayton 10k Race and Fun Run



Sunday 05 May 2024

Bring the whole family along for a day of fun and fitness! We have activities planned for all ages, ensuring that everyone can be a part of this exciting event.

Enter now for either the 10k race (16yrs+) or the Family Fun Run by visiting our website at www.fendrayton10k.org

We are committed and very proud to once again be raising much needed funds for our local primary school, as well as local charities that support people in the local community and in the East Anglia area.

We are immensely grateful to everyone in the village for supporting our event over the years and welcome anyone who would like to join us in various roles. From sponsorship opportunities, or being a part of our lovely committee, to holding an event stall on the day. Please do get in touch if you would like to support us more: info@fendrayton10k.org

AND don't forget to follow us on Facebook @fendrayton10krun too!

The FD 10k Committee

Speed limit in question

We are sure you have questioned the 40mph speed limit on the A1307 approaching Huntingdon. 40mph on what looks like a perfectly good section of dual carriageway?

Well it appears from a reliable police source that the speed limit is there for safety reasons. The central crash barrier is not up to modern standards and would now not sustain a 70 mph impact hence the lower speed limit.

This limit, we think, is going to be with us for some time whilst County Highways wait for Highways England to repair the central reservation prior to handing over the responsibility for the road.



Events Diary

Here at The Journal we would like to introduce an events listing page. So if you have an event coming up this year that you would like to have listed in this new section please send the details to Anne. Her email is fenstanton@thejournal.life. Please include the event name, date, time, location and cost if any so we can put together a comprehensive list for all concerned. The section will be launched in the March edition.



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There are many elements that you could get involved with, from helping with the bookings, admin, social media, fundraising ideas and planning, all which benefit the local community.

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If you think this could be something you are interested in, please contact the committee by emailing fendraytonvillagehallweb@gmail.com or by dropping us a message on 07596 576515. Someone will get back to you for an informal chat to see if it's something you may like to pursue.



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Hilton Churches Together Roving Supper

Saturday, 16 March



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

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.

Save the date
16 March

The Royal British Legion in Hilton

The Royal British Legion owes a very grateful appreciation to Margaret and Charles Andrew for their generous Open Day and raffle in aid of the recent Poppy Appeal.

With wonderful support from residents of Hilton in five hours they raised a magnificent £243.50. Boxes and tins were also provided to eight businesses which raised in total £434.07 so thanks are due to everyone who made donations.

Last year the nation raised over £47 million; Cambridgeshire, £600,000 and St Ives and district over £23,000. To qualify for support, an ex or current member of the services (and family) merely has to have received payment for seven days. Anyone is free to join the Legion, just a desire to support the charity - the annual cost is £17. Help is not only given to the injured in war situations but also for example financial advice, mental health support, hospital visiting, homelessness, bereavement or accompanying to court cases. The list is very wide and of course involves confidentiality.

There are five Royal British Legion Care Homes nationally, the nearest to us is Halsey House in Cromer, caring for up to 80 people for long term or respite breaks. The others are in Warwickshire, Kent and Somerset.

The St Ives Women's Section regularly forwards money raised to the Children's Welfare fund and the St. Ives branch has three active Welfare Officers who are themselves given regular training and advice, also individual visiting is offered in various circumstances.

So thank you once again to all who have clearly made a difference with their generous donations.



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For Fenstanton and Hilton

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In Focus: Council Tax Scheme approved to improve lives of most vulnerable

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has agreed a new Council Tax Support Scheme.

The new support scheme will provide increased levels of support of up to 100 per cent of the Council Tax bill for households on the lowest incomes.

The scheme is designed to work better with the Universal Credit system. It will support families, carers, and applicants who receive a disability benefit, along with taking away the need for constant changes in Council Tax bills by providing a fixed amount of support based on income bands. However, Council Tax support for pension-age applicants is set by the government and will continue unchanged.

Cllr Stephen Ferguson, Executive Cllr for Customer Services, said: *"We want to improve the quality of life for local people. Our new Council Tax Support Scheme will give more help to the people who need it most."*

"Those in receipt of Council Tax Support do not need to contact us as we will automatically transition people to the new scheme. The new Council Tax Support amounts will appear on the annual Council Tax bill."

Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader, said: *"The Council Tax Support Scheme cements our commitment to support our most vulnerable residents. The Scheme is an outcome from our Corporate Plan which aims to make Huntingdonshire an even better place to live and work."*

For information on:

Council Tax: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/benefits/council-tax-support/>

The Corporate Plan:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/council-open-data-and-information/corporate-plan-and-performance/>

Garden Waste Subscription:

The latest information on current and proposed initiatives can be found here, including advice on composting: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service/garden-waste-initiatives/>

You can contact me by: clare.tevlin@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or 07565350014.

Fen Drayton Wesleyan Chapel

by Richard Treeby, Fen Drayton History Society

In the mid 1860s, funds were raised to build a Wesleyan Chapel in Fen Drayton. In the main this was achieved by the indefatigable exertions of Mr Cooper, a Fen Drayton farmer.

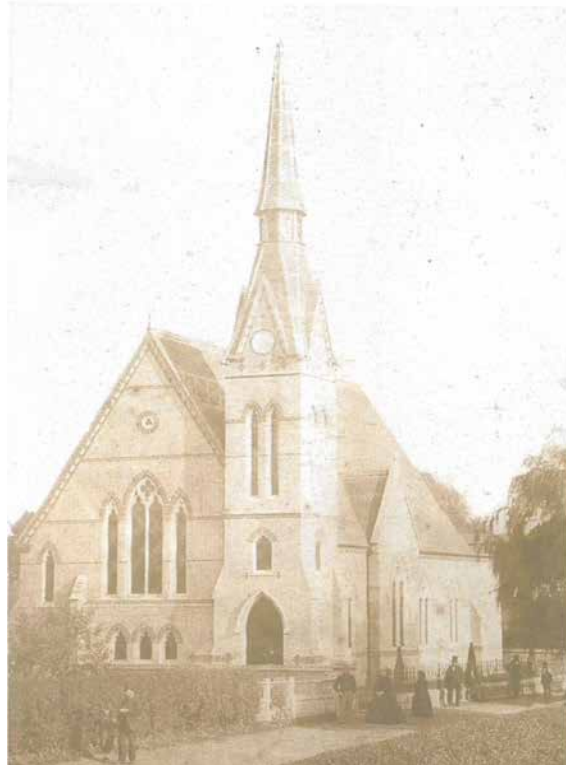
Mr Thomas Coote laid the foundation stone on 9 May 1865. The building was completed in 1866 at a cost of £1,035. A description at the time said:

"It looks to be the perfect model of a chapel. It stands at the bottom on Cootes Lane and for its size is one of the handsomest in the area. The walls are of white brick, laid with black

mortar, with bands of red and black bricks. The roof is covered with red and black tiles laid to a pattern. At one end of the building is a very impressive tower surmounted by a steeple nearly 100 feet high. The interior of the chapel is magnificently beautiful, the proportions being very symmetrical, it has an open timbered roof, the principals being supported by floriated stone corbels. The windows are in quarry lights of cathedral glass, with a small portion of stained glass introduced to the heads and borders. The seats are in red deal stained and varnished with moulded ends; the gallery front is open cut tracery. At the east end of the chapel three large arches are introduced, beneath which the organ chamber, the vestry and the communion table are situated, the latter is of oak. The floor is laid with tessellated pavement of beautiful design with oak rail, carved ends, and supported by standards."

The chapel was opened for public worship on 13 April 1866 and two sermons were held. Between the services a public tea was provided in Mr Cooper's barn. A year later, anniversary services took place and were well attended and again a public tea took place in the barn between services. The chapel had seating for 240 worshipers and in the 1870s, 80s and 90s two services and a Sunday school were held each week.

In a great storm in the early part of the 1900s, the chapel lost its spire. Some years later the north gable bulged out, probably caused by the foundations giving way. There



was a unique spectacle of the gable being supported by immense cast iron columns in the form of struts.

There was a thriving congregation until the 1930s when it began to fall away. In the 1950s and 60s numbers had virtually dried up and in 1979 there was officially no congregation. The chapel finally closed its doors on 16 December 1979 after a Christmas and children's prize-giving service.

Mr J Ambrose Wall, superintendent minister of the Huntingdon Methodist circuit, said the religious climate had changed and there were not enough people in the village to make it worth keeping the chapel open. He blamed economics and the poor state of the building for the decision to demolish.

The building was finally dismantled in 1980 and The Yews now stands on the site at the bottom of Cootes Lane. The original

foundation stone is incorporated in the front outside wall.

Thanks to the Boxworth, Conington and Fen Drayton Chronicle for much of the information.





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Please note - services held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton are live streamed where possible, details via <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk>

February 2024 – Services and Events

Sunday 4 Feb	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service with Holy Communion and Sunday Club for children
Thursday 8 Feb	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer For Zoom details, please contact Rev Rosie
Saturday 10 Feb	7pm Church Centre Fenstanton	"Sing for your Supper" see separate advert for details
Sunday 11 Feb	9.15am Fen Drayton	Holy Communion
	10am Fenstanton	Worship For All
14 Feb Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Fenstanton	Parish Service with Holy Communion and optional *ashing
Thursday 15 Feb	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	10am Fenstanton	Parish Service with Holy Communion
	5pm Fenstanton	Sung Evensong (BCP)
Thursday 22 Feb	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 Feb	9.15am Fen Drayton	Morning Praise
	10am Fenstanton	Family Communion
Thursday 29 Feb	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer

Rev Rosie writes: Hello – how are you doing?

I have been asked if I could explain a bit more about our services and what they are.

For example – 'Worship For All'. This is a monthly all age/intergenerational style of service without Holy Communion, at the parish church. There is usually a talk rather than a sermon and we have a music group playing for the service. All the church family gather together, young and old, and you will be welcome if you are on your own or part of a family. To be fair, everyone and anyone is welcome at any of our services but we know that some services will be more suited to some than others. It is up to you. Come along and find out more!

If you come along to the Ash Wednesday Service, which marks the beginning of Lent, there is the opportunity to receive a cross of ash on your forehead, with ash made from previous palm crosses. (The ash is cold, I hasten to add). *Ashing is optional, not everyone will take part, but it can be a very meaningful way to begin the season of Lent. Sometimes we make ash cross cards for people to take with them, or for people to collect from the parish church. Please do get in touch if you would like an ash cross card and we will endeavour to make sure you receive one.

Once a month we have an evening service, using Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the parish church. Usually Sung Evensong with a small choir and quarterly Choral Evensong with a gathered choir. Please do ask us if you would like to join the choir, new members are very welcome. (Choir practice on Friday evenings)

On the 4th Sunday of the month we usually have Morning Praise at St Mary's, (no Holy Communion) and at Fenstanton parish church there is Family Communion with our music group playing for the service.

As a benefice, we find most people are willing to travel between churches to attend services, whilst we recognise that for some there is an identity of place. You don't need permission to attend services, for either church, but we do respectfully ask that you consider others, if you have an infectious illness, out of care and concern for all who may be present.

Sometimes we organise bible study, prayer or a course on Zoom, which works well for the winter evenings or for those who are unable to join us in person. If you would like to know more then do ask for our weekly-ish newsletter.

Until next time, God bless.

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

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

For your information: please note that the Parish Church, Fenstanton has a ramp for disabled access which can be deployed upon request. There is also a toilet, with disabled access, in the church and heating.

St Mary's has a small threshold that may be possible to navigate with a wheelchair. There are no toilet facilities yet and limited heating (on our list of things to do).

Although we have fixed pews in both churches there are plenty of spaces available for wheelchairs, prams and buggies. We will be happy to help you find a space if that helps you to feel welcome among us as we worship.

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Saturday 10 February.
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News from the Pews

Hilton Methodist Church



It's often said that time goes faster the older we get. I recently got quite worried – Lent seemed remarkably early. Having only just recovered my waistline and survived dry January, and starting to think about my son's birthday (his middle name is Valentine, so you can guess...) I suddenly find everyone asking me about Lent! What!?! I rushed to my calendar and yes - there it is. Pancake day on the 13th with the 14th now hosting not only Kieran's birthday accompanied with roses and hearts but now to be preceded with arguments about maple syrup versus lemon and sugar and conjoined with 'Ashing' as the church marks the start of Lent!



Fearing that at this rate we might soon be doing Lent over New Year, my next stop was to check out how the dates for Easter are actually set (the 40 days of Lent ending with Easter Sunday). It's a long story – something to do lunar cycles, as well as Holy week being just that – a week, and much to do a myriad of complications involving term times and bank holidays should ever these dates become fixed. Like Lent, many aspects of faith can't be pinned down, easily understood or held on to too rigidly. That at least is good news.

Whilst God changes not, the way we do God can and does. Often. Across time, across space and across culture.

Lent is commonly understood as a time of denial. Most often cakes or chocolate (this year coming too soon again for alcohol I suspect!). It's seen as a test of will power and resolve. But Jesus, after his direct experience of the Holy Spirit, an experience of assurance of belonging to God and God's call on his life went into the wilderness for this period.

Wilderness is often misunderstood as barren and harsh. But in fact it can be a

place of respite and refreshment – a time to contemplate who we are and what our priorities in life should be.

Lent does come early this year. In a year pivotal nationally and internationally with more people across the world electing leaders and representatives, perhaps an early reassessment of our personal priorities and how we reflect these in our day to day lives is not unhelpful. Perhaps having a time of withdrawal however brief each day or each week might resource and refresh us and help us all discovering we might live more wholly, holistically in line with what really matters in our lives. Understanding what's important and how to reflect that in how we will live throughout the next year.

You can contact Revd. Sue by email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk or by phone: 07483 153948

Services in February

04 February	10:00am	Dr Roland Randall
11 February	11:15am	United Service at the Parish Church
18 February	10:00am	Dr. Barbara Spencer
25 February	10:00am	Ms. N. Gordon

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Dear Friends,

This year Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on February 14th, which is of course also St Valentine's Day. This has prompted a few thoughts, some of which came from things my wife said. Lent is traditionally a time of fasting in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Few go to the extent of completely renouncing meat and reducing their meals for the full 46 days of Lent, but many still try to give up an indulgence such as sugar or chocolate. But St Valentine's without chocolate is unthinkable! So what will devout lovers do this year on February 14th? And less flippantly, what do these two commemorations, seemingly so different, have to say to us?

You will have noticed that I insist on referring to St Valentine's Day. There are various legends about Valentine, but it seems he was a Christian priest or Bishop martyred in Rome on February 14th about 269 AD. His day became associated with love possibly because he secretly performed Christian weddings for couples, enabling the husbands to escape military service, and this incurred the wrath of the emperor. So although there is a connection between Valentine and romance, on St Valentine's Day we are actually remembering someone who paid with his life for his faith in the God of Jesus Christ - it is not all sugar and roses. And for young lovers, St Valentine's Day is a time of waiting, often a painful one, not of complete fulfilment. Lovers very often send cards and gifts in the hope that love might find an answer in the beloved - and that hope is not always realised. It can be agony to love and not to be loved in return.

Lent too is a time of waiting, of hope deferred. It is not intended to make us gloomy, but to give us a chance to clear out the clutter of our lives, the mis-directions and useless impediments that are traditionally called 'sin', so that we can see more clearly the One who loves us eternally and longs for us to respond.

With love,
David

Vicar of Hilton 01480 436400

Services in February

Sunday 04 February 8:00am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 February 11:15am United Service at the Parish Church
Sunday 18 February 8:00am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 February 11:15am Coffee, Cake and Church service in the Village Hall
Friday 09 February 5:30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

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11 February Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
18 February Led by Steph Atkins - Student Minister
25 February Revd Dr Catherine Ball

March

03 March Revd Christine Davies
10 March Mothering Sunday - Revd Christine Davies
17 March Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
24 March Palm Sunday - Service Led by Alison Jiggins
29 March Good Friday - Revd Christine Davies
31 March Easter Sunday - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

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9.30am – 12.00 noon

Life on a Plate

Valentine's Chocolate And Raspberry Truffles

Ingredients (serves 4)

For the milk chocolate truffles:

150 g 55% Cocoa Milk Chocolate, chopped
60 ml double cream
15 g unsalted butter, softened

For the dark chocolate truffles:

150 g 70% Cocoa Dark Chocolate, chopped
60 ml double cream
15 g unsalted butter, softened

For the white chocolate truffles:

150 g White Chocolate with a Touch of Vanilla, chopped
60 ml double cream
15 g unsalted butter, softened

To decorate:

Freeze dried raspberries

Method

- Step 1.** Start with the milk chocolate truffles: put the chopped milk chocolate in a heat proof bowl and set aside.
- Step 2.** Pour the cream into a small saucepan and add the butter. Heat gently until it just comes to the boil. Remove from the heat and pour over the chopped milk chocolate.
- Step 3.** Whisk until completely melted and smooth.
- Step 4.** Leave to cool completely. Cover with cling film and chill for 2 hours or until the ganache has set. Repeat with the dark and white chocolate.
- Step 5.** To shape the truffles: Line a baking sheet or flat plate with greaseproof paper and set aside. Using a melon baller, small ice cream scoop or teaspoon, scoop out balls of the ganache. Carefully roll with your hands to make a smooth truffle (you may want to rinse your hands under cold water and dry thoroughly before making these as the high fat content will mean they will melt quickly and must be kept cool). Place onto the greaseproof paper and repeat with the remaining ganache
- Step 6.** Line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper and sprinkle with your freeze dried raspberries
- Step 7.** Roll the truffles in the toppings to completely coat. Pop onto the lined plate and repeat until all the truffles are coated.
- Step 8.** Cover and chill for up to 3 days - or until ready to serve. Serve at room temperature.



Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Sad passing of Councillor Geoff Pryke

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cllr Geoff Pryke. Following a short illness Geoff passed away on Monday 2 November 2023. Geoff contributed many years of continuous service as a Parish Councillor and Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. Geoff gave his time selflessly by engaging with and guiding a significant number of recent improvements to our village. In particular, Geoff was committed to the safety, improvement and maintenance of the children's play parks in the village and was responsible for the installation of many new benches and picnic tables. We wish to recognise Geoff's contribution, his valued service, and his support for the Parish, he will be greatly missed.

Councillor Surgery – dates

Councillor surgeries are now held once a month on a Saturday morning between 10am – 12pm at The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton.

Surgeries give Parishioners an opportunity to pop in to discuss any issues they wish to bring to the attention of your Parish Council. Please pop in.

24.02.2024 Tina Yates Anne Mustill

23.03.2024 Nigel Ferrier Peter Hayes

Please note – Change to the previously advertised March date due to Easter.

Age UK – Community Warden

Your Parish Council has agreed to fund the first thirteen weeks for any new clients wishing to use the Community Warden service. If you are interested in learning more about this scheme, please contact Rachael Mortimer on 07971 953 421.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Your Parish Council meets next on **Thursday 8 February and Thursday 14 March at 7pm** in the Church Centre. Please do come along and listen to what your Parish Council is planning and doing.

Weed Spraying by Cambridgeshire County Council

Your Parish Council previously advised that Cambridgeshire County Council had informed local Parish Councils that they would not be carrying out Weed Spraying this year.

However, your Parish Council has since been informed that Cambridgeshire County Council are due to revisit this decision at its meeting in February and it is hoped that this decision will be reconsidered, and Cambridgeshire County Council will revert to the previous system and remove weeds.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Village Improvements

Community Infrastructure Levy is money that is paid to Huntingdonshire District Council by developers once their planning permissions have commenced. A portion of this money (15%) is paid to the Parish Council in which the contributing development resides.

CIL money should be spent on infrastructure including roads and other transport, schools and other education, community facilities, health facilities, sport/recreation facilities, and open spaces. The infrastructure funded must support the development of the area. CIL can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure, if needed to support the needs arising from development.

Your Parish Council met before Christmas to discuss and approve several village improvement projects that have been under consideration for Community Infrastructure Levy spending.

The projects that have now been agreed upon are as follows: The replacement of

the tarmac pathway in front of the Pond to match the existing block paving. Removal of the Hedge alongside the path beside the Cemetery, allowing for further burial plots. A Heritage Trail which will consist of 5 or 6 historical information boards situated around the Village. Resurfacing of the Rookery Way play park. Improvement to the Church Car Park to help to eliminate the car park flooding and a third defibrillator for the Village which the Parish Council hopes will be situated on the wall at the Rookery Way shops.

Other projects that have previously been approved include: The removal of the hedge between the Chequer Street park and car park, and the installation of a new metal fence. Removal of the hedge at the front of the car park, to allow better visibility in the hope that this will discourage anti-social behaviour. Moving the electrical supply from the old preschool site to be situated closer to the Multi Use Games Area.



Chequer Street – Hedges removed, and new Fencing being installed.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is currently scheduled for Thursday 25 April, this is an opportunity for Parishioners to come along to a meeting to discuss any items they wish to raise and to hear what the Parish Council has been planning and doing over the past 12 months.

Fenstanton Parish Council

Making Fenstanton an even better place to live

Help us plant a Tree

Following last year's successful Tree Planting event, where we planted 40 trees on Cambridge Road, this year we've grown in ambition and want to plant more than FIFTY TREES at various points throughout the village. We'll be getting together at 12 noon on February 24, and everyone is welcome to join us. We'll meet at the Clock Tower and if you have a spade, please bring it along.

Please register your interest by contacting: roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk



The poster features a stylized tree logo on the left. Text on the poster includes: "Fenstanton Parish Council", "Join us Tree Planting Event", "Saturday 24 February 12 noon", "Meet at the Clock Tower", "Roy Puddifoot will be leading a team to plant 50 trees and you're invited to come along (bring a spade if you have one)", "Everyone Welcome", and "Making Fenstanton an even better place to live". To the right of the poster is a photograph of people participating in a tree-planting activity in a grassy area with houses in the background.

Parish Councillor – Vacancies for co-option

Your Parish Council have three vacancies for co-option and would love to hear from you if you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

Are you passionate about the Village you live in? Do you want to help make long-lasting changes? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then please consider becoming a Parish Councillor. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect our community.

To qualify to become a Councillor you must be a British subject, 18 years old or over and be on the electoral roll, or you must reside within Fenstanton or within 4.8km of Fenstanton or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or have their principal or only place of work there and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you would be interested or would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact your Clerk for further information.



To contact your Parish Council Clerk Telephone: 01480 465 300
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And
Church Centre on School Lane
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Business Spotlight

Restoration on a mammoth scale



You may well have heard of Jay Blade's Repair Shop on BBC TV but what you might not know is that we have a very own Repair Shop locally in Fen Drayton. Mike Attle the owner of Bannold Supplies is a fanatical restorer, however he is not content with bringing clocks and teddy bears back to life but buildings, vehicles and even railway carriages! Even the name Bannold came from an old station in the Waterbeach area and the original station sign is now proudly displayed on the platform at Carriages.

Carriages, dine in style tea rooms, was the brainchild of Mike having been inspired during a trip to India, "I went out to India researching new stone suppliers for the landscaping business. One of the suppliers I was visiting took me for a meal in a colonial railway station, which had four carriages used as a restaurant with a static locomotive in front. I have always been interested in railways and the idea stuck in my mind."

scratch scaling up his OO/HO model as the base design. Whilst the building is new it is constructed with restored materials that Mike has collected over the years. "I've collected many railway bits over the years using online auction sites to ensure authenticity and many of our customers think the station has always been there and the landscaping business was built around it, the reality is quite the opposite".

Mike not content with the train carriages he has already, purchased last June a 1930's Brighton Belle motor coach that had spent the last 50 years alongside a pub in Derbyshire. "Initially I walked away from the purchase, which I found on ebay, as it would need an amazing amount of work to restore it, but then I thought when am I going to get another opportunity like this?". When complete it will added to the existing rolling stock and sit along side the signal box.

Even the signal box has a story as this was originally part of GWR based at Yatton East and was purchased from BR by its then owner for his back garden in Weston-super-Mare. Mike acquired it and moved it to Fen Drayton. Fortunately it retains much of its original interior including the lever frame to control the points.

Mike has always been interested in railways, "I wouldn't class myself as a train spotter, as I never took down numbers or anything like that, but I am interested in nostalgia and I also like classic cars and buses, so



Not long after returning from India Mike was offered some York stone platform edging from Oakham Station and rather selling them at Bannold an idea was born. Many years of painstaking detail and restoration followed before Carriages could open.

As you approach the main station building, if it appears familiar to you that is because it is modelled on a Hornby train set station. Mike not being able to find a station he could restore set about building one from

I do understand the attraction that vintage and bygone travel has for people. Attention to detail is important to me, if it's going to be done it needs to be done right. I like the idea that people think the station has always been here - that's proof to me that we have got it right".

Carriages can be found at Capability Barns, Huntingdon Road, Fen Drayton and is open Tuesday to Saturday 12.00 - 17.30. Booking is essential.

Mama Jo's Mischief

Happy New Year and welcome to Mama Jo's Mischief. Here, you will find an array of new craft activity ideas every month for children of all ages, as well as occasional places of interest and recommended local events. Happy mischief making!

Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Valentine's Day (Galentines Day for us) is just around the corner, and we've got a very cute craft for you and your little ones to do together. Sky and I have made pipe cleaner heart shaped flowers. These don't take very long to make, and they can be any colour you want, we even added beads to ours. You could make a bouquet of these for a truly unique Valentine's Day present that could be kept for years to come.

What you will need

- Pipe cleaners
- Beads/other decorations (optional)

How to make in three easy steps

1. Thread some beads onto one of the pipe cleaners and twist the ends together to secure them and then shape it into a heart.
2. Plait or twist 3 pipe cleaners together to make the stalk, twist the top around the bottom of the heart to connect the two.
3. Twirl a pipe cleaner around a pencil to curl it, slide it off and attach it to the rest of the flower by twirling an end around the top of the stalk & enjoy.



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Message from the chair

Call My Bluff event

We enjoyed a great evening just before Christmas. It was good fun and I was pleased I managed to guess three of the wines correctly! The four bluffers were very believable, but how to choose between the Rev Rosie, our MP Anthony Browne, Sam Pinner and Roger Courtney? Surely all would tell the truth!

We made a profit of £555 for the pavilion fund. Thanks must go to all those who worked so hard to make it such a success and to the companies that donated prizes. To Bannolds, Tesco, Waitrose, Jacky Parr, The Three Tuns and Alex Prymaka - thank you for all for supporting such a worthy cause.

Crime

Following the recent spate of burglaries in the village the PC wrote to the Crime Commissioner expressing our concerns. The commissioner holds the Cambridge Constabulary to account but cannot direct police operational matters. Having said that, it is still important he is aware of what is happening in rural areas.



The commissioner will now contact the Neighbourhood Police Inspector and the Community Safety Partnership on our behalf and ask them to investigate and report back to us.

The commissioner's office also recommends the UK police website for public access to crime data. By putting in a postcode, comparisons can be made between different times and areas. The statistics obviously just include reported crimes, so the police ask that residents report all criminal matters. The site also provides an overview of crime types such as burglary, anti-social behaviour, and public order offences, and you can look at crimes in any area and their outcomes. The link is: <https://www.police.uk>

Sue Ellington - South Cambs district councillor

I thought you'd heard enough about the four-day week at South Cambs District Council, so am writing about exciting developments across the health and social care sector that I am involved in.

I'm a trustee of Care Network Cambridgeshire, a charity that provided help and support through Home from Hospital, community care schemes, and the Navigator programme to direct people to the right services for their needs. In 2023 Care Network formed an alliance with Age UK Cambridgeshire and Caring Together to create the Voluntary Sector Alliance. This integrated organisation provides a whole service covering a range of skills.

The partnership has developed a portal for all hospital staff to access on their tablets. One of the problems care network staff identified was that frequent hospital and agency staff changes, combined with a lack of continuity on wards, meant that staff were often not informed about patients' discharge needs in a timely way. The portal ensures that when patients are told they can go home, their needs are immediately recorded and voluntary services alerted to make arrangements to support them during their early days at home.

In the first week the team had 14 referrals. Discharges were quicker and patients' fear of going home to a cold house with no food

were reduced, hopefully preventing them having to go back into hospital.

For help with any district council issues: clr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk
01954 202923 or 07774 146331.

Christmas tree lights switch-on

The 2023 festive season began with the Christmas tree lights switch-on, hosted by Lois and Francis at the Three Tuns – thank you! Also, a special thank you to Santa for visiting the village and turning the lights on.

Thanks also to Mike Attle and the Bannolds team, Ben Monks, Dan Oldridge and Matt Hays for helping to get the tree up and decorated. Also thanks to K J Willis Landscapes for providing the tree. Lastly thank you to Swavesey Community Choir for the lovely carol service.

Community Cafe

Our next cafe is **Saturday 10 February**, from 10.30-12.30 pm in the village hall, serving freshly-made tea, coffee and cakes, plus, in the winter months, soup with crusty bread.

The **Fen Drayton Bowls Club** will be there too, affording aspiring bowlers the opportunity to try their hand at indoor bowls. So come along and have a go!

The **Fen Drayton Gardening Club** will hold its second meeting at midday. All are welcome, new and seasoned gardeners alike. We look forward to seeing you there!



It's a dog's life by Jo Treeby

On 21 June last year a very special addition arrived to live in our house – a Golden Retriever puppy called Archer, aged 11 weeks. We didn't give him his name, and we don't own him. Archer belongs to Guide Dogs, and we will have him in our lives for about a year. It's a busy one with lots of training for all of us, and then we say goodbye. How will that be? Speaking to other Puppy Raisers (our official title), there are always a few tears, but a feeling of accomplishment.



Archer's first day

So, what do we do? Well, our number one priority was getting him settled and making him feel safe and comfortable in his new home. Archer had never been away from his mum or siblings so it was a bit of a shock: new house, new people and new smells. But we were lucky, he settled in quickly. Then the big one – house training. You really don't need those details!

His lead has a tag on it identifying that he is a Guide Dog puppy, but it's easily missed. He is very cute, so dissuading people from making a fuss of him is a big problem. He will be a working dog, so shouldn't be distracted. Oddly, when I tell children this, they are much better behaved than an awful lot of adults! We learn to walk him always on our left, and in the middle of the path, which is where blind people aim to walk, with fewer hazards for them to encounter there. We use vocabulary that is universal to Guide Dog puppies so no matter who is looking after Archer, he will receive the same commands. If we go holiday and Archer can't come with us, he goes to another puppy raiser, taking his bed, toys and food with him.

As well as a 24-hour helpline, if there are health concerns, or we just need a bit of advice, we have puppy training classes most months, and regular one-to-one training with our PDA (Puppy Development Advisor) either at home, or in a venue such as a garden centre or shop. Shops are legally obliged to accommodate guide dogs, but not puppies in training, but most are fabulously helpful, which is really appreciated. Socialisation training is important – Archer has puppy play dates with his friends, and we visit lots of coffee shops. I think he's the youngest regular in the Three Tuns: he's off duty while there, so allowed to meet other dogs and people.

It's necessary that he's allowed just to be a dog, so he has regular free runs off lead, just to sniff and explore new places with exciting smells. The first time we did this I wasn't sure I'd ever see him again! In theory, he will always return when called, but we are still working on that. It's just so exciting chasing rabbits and squirrels and other dogs!

It was a real milestone for everyone when Archer got his proper Guide Dog puppy jacket to wear, which clearly shows him to be a working dog. If you see us, feel free to chat to the humans, but not the dog. There is still a lot of work to be done, he's a big strong boy now, and just wants to be everyone's friend, whether they want to be or not.



Growing up

What happens next? Archer will go to Guide Dog school sometime between 12 and 15 months old. Guide Dogs will let us know Archer has arrived at his new home where he will live while he is at school, and keep us up to date on his progress. He will be there for about a year, before going on to his advanced

training when he and his new owner work together to become a proper team. The new owner chooses whether or not to make contact with the puppy raisers: we may know everything or nothing about his future life.

Not every dog passes the training course; some are just not suited to be a guide dog. They may go on to be a buddy dogs instead, helping people in other ways, such as living with and helping autistic children.

We are probably half way through our time together. It's been lots of fun, lots of work and some frustration. We will miss him hugely when he goes on to bigger and better things.



Relaxing after a training session



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Wednesday, 21 February: 27, Scotts Crescent
 Wednesday, 28 February: Tanglewood, The Green
 Wednesday, 6 March: Atticus House, Church End
 Wednesday, 13 March: 1, Grove End
 Wednesday, 20 March: 20, Chequers Croft

Suggested donation - £5:00

*Break is a charity working across East Anglia to pave the way for a brighter future for children and young people who have experienced the care system.



What you're Missing

Hilton Women's Institute

It seems to be some while since November's events with the intervention of the Christmas and New Year festivities but members of Hilton WI have wonderful memories to take through the dark days of the winter.

In November Geoff Heathcock gave us a very interesting talk on the RNLI since it began in 1824, mainly following the heroic event led by Grace Darling that we were all taught at school. By 1914 most coastal communities had a lifeboat and 2024 is therefore the charity's centenary and of course is funded entirely by public donations. There are now 238 stations around our shores. Boats are in service for 50 years with new technology added at 25 years.



In East Anglia the busiest station is in Harwich; the Coxswain there being one of only four females, appointed specifically at the request of her male colleagues. Courage is a byword - the Lerwick boat was recently at sea for 18 hours 70 miles off Shetland.

Geoff left us with the thought that there is always a chance that a boat might not get home and we should be proud that 6,000 men and women are ready to go out in weather when we are not. Following historic tragedies, crews never now sail to a call out with family members on board.

Our December meeting was our Christmas party when we were entertained to a really happy evening of music and songs by the Upwood Ukuleles and we were pleased to send them home with £218 in aid of MAGPAS



for which they have so far raised a magnificent sum of over £35,000.

In January Sarah Doig will be giving a talk on the History of Road Safety, a curious title beginning surely with the man with the red flag walking ahead of those early motors? More of this in the March edition!

We will also be thinking of our choice of the four new national resolutions, the subjects concern dental health, the impact of poor housing, women in the Criminal Justice system and gambling advertising. Last year's national resolution requested greater support for clean rivers for wildlife and people.

All our clubs continue as always and we have proudly just distributed the second and final book of newsletter articles from those dark days of the pandemic.

A happy, serene 2024 to one and all from Hilton WI!



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What you're Missing

Hilton Art Club

In November, the subject was 'As Night Falls: Moonlight Serenade'. Really good to see a huge variety of interpretations of this topic. As always, excellent company and brilliant art work.

We had an enjoyable Christmas Lunch in December at The Windmill in Somersham. It was nice to catch up and the food was delicious. Big thanks to Kathy B for arranging the meal, especially as she was under the weather.

16 February 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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Fenstanton Morris Boxing Day Dance

Many thanks to all of you who came out to support us on Boxing Day. It was lovely to see so many of you and a special well done to those of you who joined in!

If you fancy giving Morris Dancing a try, or if you would like to join as an experienced musician, please head over to our Facebook page (Fenstanton Morris) or email fenstantonbag@gmail.com

We practise on Monday evenings until the end of April then spend the summer dancing at pubs and festivals. Our next gig in Fenstanton is 5.30am on 1 May at the Clocktower. See you there!



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What you're Missing

Fen Drayton Lions by manager Simon O'Neill

We had a bit better end to last year in terms of results, winning four of our last six games and also drawing one, with some really positive performances out there. I can never fault my team's effort at any time, but in the last few games they gave everything. The fresh legs of the young Dan Garth have been key – he's led by example up top and set the standard for what we all expect of the players. When we can get a full team out they really are a joy to watch, with some fantastic football being played.

Thank you to everyone who comes and cheers us on it's much appreciated by the whole team.

I'd also like to thank my family for their effort in selling all the 300 club tickets, and everyone who brought one, raising money for the pavilion.

Thanks to the parish council for the Call My Bluff event, also raising money, and finally a big thank you to local businesses that have also donated and anyone who made personal donations. This goes a long way and is so much appreciated by myself and everyone at the club.



Photo by Kelsey Chaffey

News from the Scouts



Hello from 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group! Since our last update, we've been busy with lots of fun, challenging and adventurous activities for our Beavers (ages 6-8), Cubs (ages 8-10.5) and Scouts (ages 10.5-14).

Before Christmas, Beavers visited a local mosque and had a go at creating robo-bug racers; Cubs visited a joinery shop to learn about carpentry and had fun indoor rock climbing; and Scouts learnt circus skills and visited the Cambridge Museum of Technology. The Cubs and Scouts also had a busy evening selling hot chocolate and mince pies at the Fenstanton Christmas Lights switch-on.

Since the start of 2024, Beavers have experienced a taster of life in other countries by trying food from around the world; Cubs have learnt how to use knives safely with a bushcraft evening; and Scouts have tested their cooking skills with a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge. We are also looking forward to some exciting nights away, with Beavers heading to Shepreth Wildlife Park for a sleepover, and Cubs/ Scouts going to Chatham Dockyard to sleep onboard a retired Royal Navy ship!

None of this happens without the dedication of our brilliant adult volunteers – we are always in need of more support to help prepare local young people with skills for life. If you think this sounds like fun and want to start or continue your Scouting adventure, find us on Facebook or email comms@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk.



Fenstanton Friendship Club

Here we are in 2024. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and the New Year brings good health and happiness.

Age is no barrier and we welcome everyone into our fold. It is always good to get new ideas and suggestions for meetings. Come along and help make the club grow. We meet every other Wednesday at 2.00pm, in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. Although we hold our meetings in the church building, we are not affiliated to the church. Our activities are varied and as well as the yearly trips out to lunch, cream teas, boat trips on The Ladybird, strawberry tea and Christmas celebration, we will have various speakers and entertainers.

Come along and check us out, you will find a friendly group and a warm welcome.

22 November

We had another entertaining afternoon with the "Merrymakers", music and poetry.

6 December

Our Christmas tea opened with a selection of carols led by a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we all joined in. It helped to get us in the festive mood. After playing a game and having a musical quiz we tucked into our tea. Really lovely afternoon.



Upcoming Meetings

14 February

We will be celebrating our 75th birthday and Valentine's Day with an afternoon tea and special birthday cake.

28 February TBC

Any questions please contact me. Marie Newns bubblenews@gmail.com 01480 350119

Hilton Flower Club

Happy New Year to all our ladies, we hope you had a great Christmas. Our first meeting of the year is on **05 February**, it's our Workshop so don't forget your scissors.

04 March Tim Meakin is our flower demonstrator, we always look forward to seeing Tim, we know it will be an entertaining afternoon, with wonderful arrangements.

08 April Ann Purt will be bringing us into Spring with her Spring flower arrangements, we look forward to seeing her.

13 May TBA will be in next month's Journal.

June will be our outing, we will be going to Beth Chatto's Garden. More details next month.

Hilton Village Hall: 2pm - 4pm Entrance: £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits)

No Membership just pay at the door.

Look forward to seeing you in the New Year Beverley / June



Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

Hilton Rainbows and Brownies are back for an exciting term of activities. Brownies have a visit from East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) who will also teach them CPR and first aid. This is part of the challenge badge set by EAAA. They will also be doing a Leap Year Badge and learning about why we have Leap Years and its traditions. The girls continue to be busy earning lots of badges within the Brownie Programme with some on their way to GOLD, which is the top award they can earn.

You may have heard that some of our Brownies hope to join with Papworth Brownies on a visit to Paris in February 2025 where they will also visit Disneyland. They are busy fundraising for this and would like to thank those who supported them at the Hilton Christmas fair and Fenstanton PTA

School Christmas Fair by buying Cookie Jars, hot chocolate reindeers and Owlletter decorations. They will be doing further fund raising during the year so please look out for them. Thank you

We are welcoming five new girls to Rainbows this term and for the first time, taking 4½ year olds. We plan to do a Bear Challenge (they all love teddy bears) and various activities about the outdoors, keeping warm, looking for landmarks etc. and finishing with an Easter Themed session.

We do need another leader or unit helper with Rainbows so if this of interest please email hiltonrainbowsandbrownies@gmail.com for more information.

We would also welcome any 14 -18 year olds who would like to have some work experience with children as a Young Leader or maybe as a volunteer in connection with SVC Pledges or DofE activities. Please get in touch.

Karen Baker
Leader with Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

News from Fenstanton and Hilton Primary and Preschool



On behalf of everyone at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, I hope 2024 has started positively for you. In school, we have quickly returned to a focus on our planned curriculum, following the many events and activities at the end of the autumn term. We were thrilled to host our annual Christmas Service in the Parish Church in December, and are grateful to Reverend Rosie and her team for hosting us. Our choir performed and several of our Year 6 pupils shared readings. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children were equally fantastic when delivering their Nativity play at the end of term, creating memories for themselves and their families, which I am sure will last a long time.

In the penultimate week of last term, we were visited by Ofsted for a school inspection! This raised our collective heart rates, of course, but we were pleased with how the inspectors engaged with our pupils and staff, and of the accurate picture they were able to gain

of our school. We are looking forward to the report being published (hopefully by the time you read this) and celebrating our collective achievements.

We have been pleased to welcome several new children to our Preschool this term. All are settling in well, building positive relationships with their peers and our practitioners. These children are already part of our Early Years provision, shared with our Reception Class, and therefore part of everyday life in our school.

We have started several new extra-curricular clubs for our children. Teachers have volunteered time to run netball, football, hockey and running clubs each week. Our children have taken to these with great positivity.

With best wishes, from all of us at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Preschool.



Other 2024 dates for your diary.....

Stand-up Comedy Night (with comedians from Jubados) - Saturday 10th February
Family Egg Hunt - Saturday 30th March Quiz Night - Saturday 20th April

A New Year is here

For clock winders and watch watchers the new year starts on 01 January. But, for gardens the new year begins with snowdrops. Their wintery white bells are a promise of all the lush verdant greenness to come. A promise of warming sunshine and the early naked flowers (without leaves).

Springtime gathers pace

As the ground warms, Spring seems to escape from the soil and little bulbs and perennials flower. Snowdrops, crocus, winter aconites, dwarf narcissus, primroses, hellebores and friends dance in the low sunlight. Once the air warms our shrub flowers follow.

Mild February days are a great opportunity to give the garden a spring prune and tidy. Perennials, shrubs, roses and climbers can be pruned, lawns edged and borders fed and mulched. The last few Springs have thrown a dry spell at us so mulching could prove to be really important come summer 2024.

Box tree caterpillars are sweeping through our villages. Keeping your box trees will mean taking control measures for many years ahead. Initially caterpillars eat the leaf blades then as the infestation grows they strip the box bark. At this stage your only chance of saving your plants is to cut them down to ground and keep killing the caterpillars. My advice is to replace your box trees with an alternative and save yourself the hassle.

Spring has become the planting time of choice for most gardeners. The earlier the better so make an opportunity in February. Feed when you plant and always mulch after you have watered your new plantings. You can start to sow half hardy annuals and perennial seeds from now along with the hardier types of vegetables.

raypuddefoot@gmail.



February Top Tips

- Prune and tidy
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Mulch borders
- Service lawnmowers
- Plan 2024 projects



Organic Matters... the Compost Heap!

Regretfully, the free green bin service ends this year and the ban on peat in commercial compost comes in; all the more reason then, to make our own compost.

Compost

Is the answer to breaking down clay in our heavy ground making it more friable, and so easier to work. The soil in the Community Garden has been transformed in the three years we have been working on it and this is entirely due to digging quantities of organic matter into the ground. We have sourced compost from the local authority and mixed it with manure from obliging neighbouring livestock.

Brown and green

The recipe for a good heap is $\frac{3}{4}$ green waste to $\frac{1}{4}$ brown waste, providing the mixture of carbon and nitrogen necessary for the process of decay and ideally arranged in alternate layers. Brown waste can be dead plants, torn up cardboard or simply scrunched up brown paper. Cardboard used to line the container provides extra insulation. A layer of grass clippings on the top will also help heat up the mound. The bigger the heap, the hotter it gets and the faster it rots.

Maintenance is minimal

Water the heap in a drought and turn it at least once to mix the ingredients and add air. You can turn the heap out onto a plastic sheet on the lawn, or move the contents of one bin to an empty one and re-start a heap. As you can see in the photo, we have three containers simply made from pallets wired together.

Weeds?

We are generally advised to avoid putting perennial weeds on the compost for fear of spreading their seeds. However, in the Community Garden we have found that even pernicious weeds rot down well provided we have left the heap for long enough.

Finds and additives...?

Look out for brandling worms in your heap. They are unlike earth worms. Small and red they live off decomposing matter, sieving and refining our waste. Slow worms sometimes glide in and other small, harmless creatures and insects. Throw in any slugs or snails, but watch out for rodents. Keen gardeners can also be found (see photo) digging out the heap or searching for that lost trowel.

The Hilton Produce Show

Awards an annual Compost Prize. As all entries look brown and earthy it can be hard to spot a winner. The judges are looking for a well rotted mixture with no weeds or large pieces: neither too wet nor too dry.

Make it a date: bring your home-made compost to the marquee on Saturday, 29 July 2024 and win a trophy.

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Hilton Parish Council

Report from meeting on Monday 04 December



Local Highways Improvement (LHI)

The Council discussed the proposal to extend the bus stop on Potton Road and, having considered all of the options and conflicting opinions, resolved that they needed a report from the Highway Projects Officer before deciding how to proceed. The Council therefore resolved that it will not submit a bid for LHI funding in this round and will focus on the preparation for next year's bid.

Seed for the Wilderness

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to purchase seed for the area of the Wilderness damaged by the spoil from the dredging at a cost of £47.

HGV Signage

The Council agreed to proposed location for the signage on the approach to the Papworth Everard bypass roundabout. It also agreed the design of the sign (similar to this image) and resolved that the wording at the bottom of the sign will be "For all routes use A1198".



Table Tennis

It was resolved to use the remainder of the table tennis grant to purchase additional equipment for the table tennis, including a scorer, bats and balls.



NALC Pay Award

The Council accepted the 2023/24 NALC (National Association of Local Councils) pay award and agreed to pay back pay on salaries to 1st April 2023.

Pavilion Renovation

The Clerk will apply for funding from both the Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund and the A428 Legacy Grant scheme.



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th February 2024 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.

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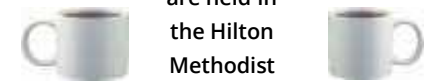
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3 February 10:00am to 12 noon
2 March 10:00am to 12 noon

Hope you will be able to join us!

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.

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European travel by train

By Steve Mann

The lure of travelling through Europe without the stress and strain of airports and ports has long intrigued me. So when my teenage children said they wanted to explore different countries over the summer holiday I looked into inter-railing and was enticed by the apparent ease and comfort of doing so. We planned a rough itinerary, knowing we had three weeks to visit as many countries as possible. Starting in Belgium, we planned to spend a longer time in Italy where my wife would join us for a week and knowing we had pre-booked a return train from Paris on the last day. Other than that we wanted to do things on the hoof using apps like Booking.com to find suitable places to stay.

So the adventure began at Huntingdon station with a copy of The Lonely Planet's 'Train Travel in Europe' guide in hand ready to board the fast train down to St Pancras International, where the gateway to Europe started by checking in with Eurostar.

Unlike airports, Eurostar check-in is between 60 and 90 minutes before departure, luggage allowance is more forgiving and customs and passport control is quick. Before we knew it we were on board the direct train to Brussels

and the super-speedy train took less than two hours to arrive at the Belgian capital. With no passport control to go through, within minutes we were checking into a local Novotel hotel and ready to explore the city.

Belgium - Brussels

Our to-do list included a visit to the historic centre and to eat one of those famous waffles! Grabbing an Uber was easy in the busy multicultural city and despite temperatures up in the 30s we headed to the Grand Place. The architecture is magnificent and varied throughout the city centre. A must see are the guild houses. From there it's easy to navigate your way through the streets and squares up to the main Brussels Park, which we loved with its quirky Le Chat sculptures and water features. Our wander back took us through what seemed to be endless shops selling chocolates and amazing waffles, which tempted us constantly until we gave in and bought some outrageously high-calorie chocolate and cream waffles! Our hotel was clean, spacious and comfortable and right near the main station. Although the area was a little daunting at night for the kids (not quite Fenstanton) we felt safe and were ideally located for boarding our next

train. After a tasty meal washed down with a famous Belgian beer we decided we wanted to move on from Belgium and planned our next-day journey to Germany.

So, having eaten a full breakfast (with more waffles!) we decided Frankfurt would be our next destination. The direct train took about four hours so we opted to go first class to give us more space. Unlike UK first class prices, tickets were between £15 and £25 more than standard across Europe and they were worth it for the longer trips as the seats were super comfortable, the WiFi was good and the carriages were spacious.

Germany - Frankfurt

This small but perfectly formed city is the financial hub of Germany and the architecture of the modern buildings screams money, but also looks just as stunning as that of the historic city square. The kids loved Frankfurt as it was very modern and vibrant and small enough to easily walk everywhere. We opted for a Moxy hotel in the city centre, which was equally funky and delivered great service. We spent hours chilling in the beautiful weather, taking in the sights and spending time near the River Main and its famous Iron Bridge, known as the Love

Germany - Munich

After a good night's sleep we caught the super-speedy InterCity Express to Munich - a city that didn't fail to impress and had so much to offer. Of course we experienced amazing Bavarian food, beer and architecture but what we loved most was the vibrancy and fun the city had to offer. By this time the temperature was mid 30s, so hanging out



in the parks was a great way to cool down. This is where we stumbled upon surfing! Yes that's right, in the heart of the city there are waves on the Eisbach that allow great river surfing all year round. It's just at the entrance of Englischer Garten park and is a must see. With an ice cream in hand, sitting in a shady spot, we whiled away hours watching the surfers ride the waves. We spent a couple of days in this great city, which was the gift that kept on giving, including some fantastic museums.

Austria - Innsbruck

To leave Germany and enter Austria meant our train trips became even more spectacular as the speed of the trains slowed and we travelled in traditional cabin-style carriages (Harry Potter like) as we followed majestic valleys surrounded by mountains for just a couple of hours until we reached the beautiful city of Innsbruck. This location has twice hosted the Winter Olympics and was simply spectacular. We checked into the lovely Hotel Grauer Bar, centrally located with an indoor rooftop pool with spectacular views. The temperature outside was very hot



Lock Bridge, where couples use padlocks to announce their love for each other. However, our plan was just to spend 24 hours here before heading across Germany to Bavaria.



Trains, Boats and Planes



so we wanted to head up to the mountains. Taking the funicular train and two different cable cars we found ourselves 2256m high near the top of Hafelekar Peak. With simply breathtaking views and a cool temperature of 24 degrees, we spent the afternoon picnicking and taking photos. The city itself did not fail to delight - with its thunderous river, lined with pastel-coloured buildings, it was quite simply a beautiful place to stay. The evenings had a lovely continental feel with restaurants lining the streets creating a vibrant atmosphere. It was a real highlight of our trip and a place we hope to return to.

Italy - Verona

Ten days in and the desire to tuck into some Italian food was growing and so we caught the direct train to Verona, which took three and half hours but was quite simply the most picturesque journey of the whole trip. As we got off the air-conditioned train the



40-degree heat hit us, so we cooled off in our city centre Airbnb apartment, waiting until the heat died down a little and for my wife to land and meet up with us. Our apartment was right next to the stunning Roman amphitheatre where we could hear the wonderful sound of the opera, Aida, filling the air around us. As the sun went down we explored this bustling city including Juliet's balcony. The children enjoyed their first ever official Italian pizza and we embraced the fact our adventure was being experienced by the whole family, now my wife had joined us. Verona was always a one-night stop off as we planned to travel up to the lakes. So the next day while the heat was baking outside we took the three-hour train journey via Milan in a super comfortable air-conditioned train to Lake Maggiore.

Italy - Stresa

We stayed for a week in this beautiful region, changing hotels twice as we explored the area. Having visited the region before, I still think Lake Maggiore is the most enchanting. An absolute must is to visit the three Islands: Isola Madre, Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori. You can do this in a day's island hopping with one of many boat taxis. Each island is different, bringing together island life, beautiful gardens and amazing history. While there we witnessed a much-needed tropical storm that rumbled in the mountains around us for 24 hours and took the humidity away. Fantastic places to visit, tasty authentic Italian restaurants and luxury hotels - what's not to like about this stunning part of the world!

After a memorable week in the lakes it was time to head towards France. We did this in one hour by train from Milan to Genoa - a busy bustling port with excellent transport links. After a short stay there we caught the train to Nice.



France - Nice

The train trip from Genoa to Nice followed the turquoise blue stunning Mediterranean coastline and took a little over two hours. We loved our stay in this beach-lined city, chilling on the beach by day, eating many great cuisines along the Place Massena. However, this was our time to really relax as we knew we had a long train journey ahead of us as we planned to get the non-stop train to Paris the next day. We had booked our tickets for the famous high speed TGV, with a journey time of five hours. We were excited about boarding this famous train and sitting upstairs in really comfortable seats. The journey didn't disappoint. You travel backwards at a relatively slow pace along the coastline to Marseille before facing forward and hitting speeds of 320 km/h when heading north to Paris!



France - Paris

So, we arrive at our final destination before we head home. I had time to show the family the famous sights including the Eiffel Tower and shop at the famous Galeries Lafayette, but really our focus was our journey home.

Ironically, after travelling across Europe in superb comfort and in reasonably

priced efficient trains, back home we were hearing that in the UK there were strikes, meaning no trains from London to Huntingdon for the next two days! So after weeks away the worst part of our journey was getting on a packed train (standing only) to Peterborough and a taxi back to Fenstanton.



My final thoughts and tips

Travelling by train across Europe is a must. Unlike back home they are efficient, fast and affordable (about 50/75% cheaper than the UK). What you experience as you travel across countries by train are amazing views, which you simply don't get when flying. Plus once you leave the UK you don't have any passport controls, waiting rooms etc, you simply buy your ticket and hop on. My top tip is to always pay extra (it's not much) to reserve a seat and the best prices are often at the station (not the Trainline app). Also, don't be afraid to book your hotel the day before or on the day - even during peak holiday season we had no problems finding places to stay and often got fantastic deals. Airbnb and Booking.com were our constant friends!

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Bird's Eye View



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

During the winter months, one of the UK's best wildlife spectacles starts to take place at sunset around the country. Starlings are probably one of our most beautiful birds with their white-flecked, iridescent black feathers showing lustrous greens and purples as they move in the light, but they often seem to be overlooked as they hang around in towns and cities throughout the spring and summer making a lot of noise and feeding their plain brown fledglings. Come the autumn, birds from mainland Europe head over to the UK in their thousands (varying from year to year depending on weather conditions) to spend the winter here in our milder climates. As the afternoon wanes and the sun sinks in the sky, small family groups start to gather at roost sites to form larger and larger flocks, sometimes reaching hundreds-of-thousands of individuals, forming an aerial display known as a murmuration.

Whilst other bird species form huge flocks (such as Knot which gather in tens-of-thousands around the coast in places such as The Wash), none of them are quite as impressive as the Starling murmuration. As sunset approaches, groups of all different sizes, from tens to hundreds, start to fly towards the roosting site from miles around. With the light dimming, more and more groups join the flock as it drifts around overhead. The exact mechanisms of Starling behaviour in the murmuration are not fully understood, but it seems that each bird in the flock follows the general heading of its nearest neighbours, steering towards its neighbour's position and avoids getting too close to crowd it and hinder flight. With these behaviours the flock moves like a single organism through the sky, stretching out into a long line before folding back into a ball, rising-up and diving back down, wheeling around and eventually spiralling down to land in the heart of the reedbed roost site in a truly mesmerising display.

Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we are lucky to get Starlings coming to roost in our reedbeds on Holywell and Elney Lakes. Some years we



only get sporadic groups of a few hundred, but this winter was the best for quite some time

with estimates of around twenty thousand, maybe more. With this many Starlings flying around, Sparrowhawks, top aerial predators specialising in hunting other birds, are drawn in too and can be seen flying in to fracture the murmuration, making it easier to snag a meal.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see further details and book, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes
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The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

The Yellow Pages

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Fenstanton Church Centre	01954 230471
Hilton Village Hall	07752 678415

Councils

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Fenstanton Parish Council	01480 465300
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Papworth surgery	01480 830888

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