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From The Journal's inception just under three years ago it has become a respected publication and popular with the residents of the villages it serves. Well done to everyone involved and long may it continue.

From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy this edition

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Events at a Glance

Fen Drayton Fenstanton Hilton

October 2025

- 05 Harvest Festival, URC
- 08 History Society talk (St Ives-Cambridge railway) Three Tuns
- 12 Parish Church Harvest Festival
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- 18 Quiz Night (with bar), Village Hall
- 18 Books & Jigsaws Sale, URC
- 25 Everything Poppy Appeal, Village Hall

November 2025

- 08 Craft Fair, Community Café, Village Hall
- 08 Hilton Fireworks
- 15 November Fayre, URC
- 15 Quiz Night, Village Hall
- 22 Non-psychoic séance, Village Hall
- 29 Mulled Wine Evening
- 29 Christmas Market, Clock Tower
- 29 Christmas Fayre, Parish Church

December 2025

- 03 Christmas Wreath Workshop, Primary School
- 06 A Christmas Carol, Pantaloons Company, Village Hall
- 14 Children's Party, Village Hall
- 14 Christmas lunch in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice, Church Centre
- 26 Fenstanton Morris, Clock Tower

February 2026

- 07 Parish Church Fundraising Supper

If you have an event coming up that you would like to have listed on this page please send the details to Anne at fenstanton@thejournal.life

Village News

The Royal British Legion



Ed Kelly, our very good friend and member of the Legion for over 40 years, very sadly passed away on Saturday September 6th aged 101.

We have already informed our readers of this, his momentous year from His Majesty King Charles awarding him the MBE in the New Year Honours, the loss of his beloved wife Joan and his visit to Windsor Castle to receive his medal. There, Ed informed His Majesty that on her late majesty Queen Elizabeth's Coronation Day in 1953 he was the navigator of the lead aircraft of the fly past and the young Prince Charles had waved to him!

His was an illustrious career - so young, aged 21 on VE Day 1945; then only recently he attended the 80th Anniversary Remembrance of VJ Day in St Ives.

He was so very definitely yet another member of that special generation .

More developments for Fen Drayton village hall

Over the summer break the patio area at the back of the hall has been levelled off and new paving laid. Weed clearing and tidying has made the outside a safe and pleasant place for both children and grown-ups!

Many thanks to Matt and his team at Drainage FM, who again worked hard during another heat wave.

Please come and see the improvements to your village hall and join us at our events this autumn and winter, including:

Quiz Night

Saturday 18th October,
7pm – the bar will be open!

Children's Party

Sunday 14th December
times to be confirmed



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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.



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Refreshments, including homemade cakes and scones, available. Nothing to be mended but fancy seeing what is going on, then please join us for a cuppa.

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Do you rely on a personal alarm or telecare device?

It's important to check how the Digital Switchover will affect you, especially if you also rely on personal alarms or telecare devices (like fall detectors or lifelines), which may stop working.

For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But if you don't have an internet connection at home, or if you rely on your landline every day, this change might affect you more.

3 things you can do now to prepare for the Digital Switchover

1. **Call your phone company** – Ask if the change affects your phone line or any connected devices. Ask to speak to customer services and use the number on your most recent bill.
2. **Ask for help if you need it** – A trusted friend, family member or neighbour can help you make the call to your phone provider or speak to your provider on your behalf.
3. **Watch out for scams** – Your phone provider will not ask for money upfront. If something doesn't feel right, hang up and call the official number.



The good news is landlines are not going away, you can usually keep your existing phone and number, and it's the responsibility of your phone company to guide you through the process.

We know that for many people, the landline is more than just a phone - it's a lifeline. That's why **Connecting Cambridgeshire** is here to help make sure no one is left behind.

Don't wait - call your phone provider today.

Local libraries and community champions providing information hubs for vulnerable residents

Recognising that older and more vulnerable residents are best supported in trusted, community locations, libraries are acting as information hubs for the campaign. Every library, including community and mobile libraries in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have free printed information available about the Digital Switchover. Particularly vulnerable residents, for whom their landline is a lifeline, should ask for a copy of the leaflet "Prepare for the Digital Switchover in 3 easy steps".

For more information, visit:
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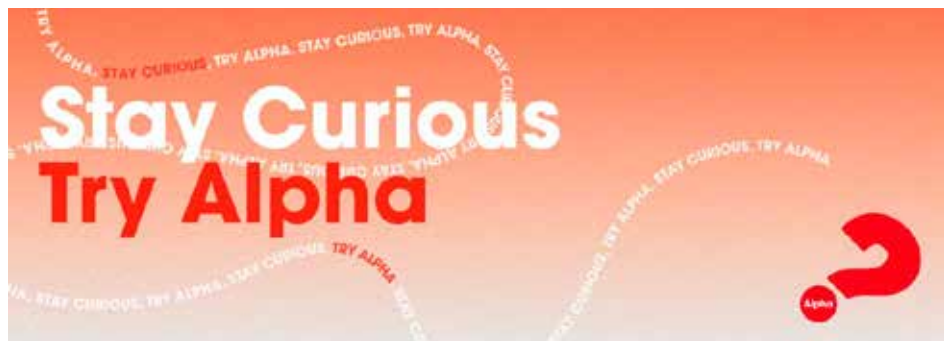
Fenstanton Morris

are recruiting for dancers and musicians now!

If you enjoy music, dancing and having fun, come and give it a try at one of our sessions in October.

The team practise from October until the end of April on Monday evenings (7.45pm) at the Church Centre, School Lane, (off Chequer Street) Fenstanton, Huntingdon PE28 9JR.

For further details contact Fenstantonbag@gmail.com
 Or visit our Facebook page @Fenstanton Morris
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Then Alpha may be for you and it's coming to Swavesey this autumn!

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Everyone's welcome; you're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. There's no charge and no pressure to come back. Our team can't wait to welcome you. Whatever age or stage of life you are, we would love you to join us.

Alpha will be hosted at Bethel Baptist Church, 111 Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP, on Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting on October 7th.

Book your place now by

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Village News

Hilton Feast Week



We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Hilton Parish Council Fireworks Display on Saturday 8th November! We'll be there supporting the event with a delicious range of refreshments to keep you warm and well-fed -from mulled wine and hot chocolate to BBQ food, drinks, snacks, and even fun light-up toys for the children.

The fireworks are always a spectacular sight, so wrap up warm and come along for an unforgettable evening.

But the fun doesn't stop there...

Join us the following weekend for our ever-popular Quiz Night, taking place at Hilton Village Hall on Saturday 15th November at 7:30pm. It's the perfect opportunity to gather your friends, put your trivia skills to the test, and enjoy a lively evening of friendly competition. Teams of up to 8 are welcome, or feel free to join a team on the night.

Tickets are just £5 per person and can be booked online at feastweek.co.uk or by scanning the QR code on our poster.

We hope to see you at both events - great opportunities to support the community and enjoy time with friends and neighbours!



Pub saved!

The Crown and Pipes in Fenstanton has had a chequered past over the last few years. But now it is about to reopen with new owners. Caroline and Neil, formally of the The White Swan in Conington.

"There is a lot to do," Caroline explains, "But we are confident we will be open in plenty of time for Christmas. We are no strangers to what it takes to run a good pub having been at The White Swan and The Poacher in Elsworth before that. We will be concentrating on good beer and good old fashioned hospitality in the first place as the pub does not have a kitchen. But, we have some innovative ideas to provide food in the future."

We are sure all will welcome this pub re-opening. See The Journal next month for more details of opening times and what will be on offer.



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Some places of interest

This area of England has many links to the past and there are many places of interest within about 40 miles that bear witness to the life and times of people who lived around here from pre-historic times through to the present day.

This article will be the first in a series which is intended to help newcomers to the area discover some of our heritage – and it may also prompt some longer-established residents to visit, or revisit, some places of interest. We will feature a few in each article – but if we don't include somewhere that you think should be listed – just let us know and we can feature it in another edition of The Journal.

To keep the list to a manageable length, we are not going to include any towns or villages, as such, nor any of the Parish Churches, as they are so numerous they would probably justify a book of their own! The list will include the two wonderful cathedrals, at Ely and Peterborough, in due course. For the same reason, we are only planning to mention only two of the numerous nature reserves – because of their additional historic interest. And as number of the sites in the city of Cambridge would swamp the list, we won't include anything in Cambridge either. We will leave the sites in the city for readers to discover for themselves.

Our first "ports of call" are those nearest to Hilton, Fenstanton and Fen Drayton. We will go further afield in future articles in the series.

If you intend to visit any of the places listed, it will be worth checking the opening times as many of them are not open all year round, especially those that are managed by volunteers or are promoted by Historic Houses.

The Maze, Hilton PE28 9PF

The Hilton maze is one of only eight surviving turf mazes in England. It is at the western end of the village green and is managed by Hilton Parish Council.



Manor House, Hemingford Grey PE28 9BN

One of the oldest continuously inhabited houses in Britain. See Historic Houses website for details of opening times.



Norris Museum, St Ives PE27 5BX

A charming museum dedicated to Huntingdonshire's heritage. Open Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm. Entry is free



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Old bridge chapel, St Ives PE27 5UW

One of only three – or arguably four - chapels on bridges in England. An information pack and the key are available at the Norris Museum.



Porch Museum, Godmanchester PE29 2HB

Town museum in the old Queen Elizabeth School. Open on some weekends and for special events. See the museum's website for details.



Island Hall HH, Godmanchester PE29 2BA

An important mid-18th century mansion with fine gardens. See Historic Houses website for details of opening times.



Bourn Windmill, Bourn CB23 2SU

The oldest windmill in England, dating from the 16th Century. See Cambridge PPF website for details of open days and walking routes from Bourn and Camborne.



Watermill, Houghton PE28 2AZ

An impressive working watermill. Guided tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Also open for self-led tours at some other times. See National Trust website for details. Car Park and tea-room.



Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon PE29 3LF

Former grammar school attended by Oliver Cromwell. It has the best collection of items relating to him anywhere. See the museum's website for details of opening times.



Hinchingbrooke House, Huntingdon PE29 3BN

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Fen Drayton Poppy Appeal

It's coming up to the Poppy Appeal again and we always do amazingly in Fen Drayton!

If anyone is interested in being involved in the door-to-door collection I'd be really grateful as a couple of our team aren't able to continue this year. It can take as little as 30-60 mins. If your child/young person is involved in Scouting or Guiding, this should also contribute towards badge-work (they must be accompanied by someone over 18 years, though).



You may have noticed some villages have poppies on their lamp-posts and I'd love to have that in Fen Drayton. If any local businesses would be interested in sponsoring a poppy for this, please drop me a message

Money collected is used to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families, supporting serving and ex-serving personnel (for more information see www.britishlegion.org.uk).

We start door-to-door collections on 25 October and, as usual, hope to have boxes in our local businesses as well. For more information, my email is gonecompletelybonkers@gmail.com

Thank you, all – and let's see if we can celebrate another record!

Jo Hitchins (Poppy Appeal Organiser, Fen Drayton & Swavesey)

A Christmas Carol comes to Hilton Village Hall!

Hilton Village Hall is thrilled to announce that the critically acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company will be bringing their much-loved production of A Christmas Carol to their stage on Saturday 6th December. This special event will help raise vital funds for the upkeep of the hall, while treating audiences to an unforgettable evening of festive theatre.



The Pantaloons are known nationwide for their vibrant, playful and imaginative takes on classic stories, blending live music, audience interaction and a good dose of anarchic humour. Their unique adaptation of Dickens' timeless tale promises laughter, thrills and just a touch of humbug, as Ebenezer Scrooge is whisked on a magical journey through Christmases Past, Present and Future.

With a talented cast, clever storytelling and bags of energy, this show will capture hearts both young and old. It's the perfect festive outing (recommended age 8+) and a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are available now at thepantaloons.co.uk (or use the QR code here). Be sure to book early to avoid missing out on this festive treat!



From island to village (Story of survival and restoration)

by Nekishair Gordon



Growing up on a small Caribbean Island I always knew that I would travel the world, that I would have exceptional experiences and meet extraordinary people. It took me quite a while to put my thoughts on paper, but I finally realised that what I wanted to say did not require a dissertation but how I felt living in a village that would forever hold a special place in my heart.



The summer of 2022 I moved into the village of Papworth Everard, I was literally on the run with my then 2-year-old son and looking for a haven to call my home and start all over again after my dreams and hopes for a wonderful married life in the UK were completely shattered. With the support of a few friends and new-found family and the South Cambridgeshire council team I was able to get back on my feet.

Once I arrived in the village, I remembered the first person I met was a lady in a wheel chair (I won't mention her name) but I will call her 'T'. She introduced herself to me and my little one. Gave me an overview of the village and some things to look forward to. I felt warm and seeing the smile on his face I knew that I would enjoy living there.

Fast forward I was introduced to my church family in Hilton, who went above and beyond to ensure that not only did I have sufficient duvets but a support system that hovered over us like a protective glove. I no longer felt afraid, or alone or anxious. Those feelings silently started to disappear and as a praying woman I knew that God had sent the right people, the most exceptional people in my path. I eventually got back into my teaching career even though I struggled finding my way to and from work (the bus unfortunately was not always my friend). I made a home for myself and my son and created some of the best memories.

As I write this on the anniversary of my moving to my little village just outside of Cambridge, I am now back in my own village,

my little island surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. I made the bold step to return home so that my son can experience a different kind of village filled with familial love and moments. I will forever cherish the time we spent in the village, the kind faces at the Co-op, the delicious sandwiches at the pub. The schools that took care of my little one and the warmth from my neighbours and complete strangers.

Now that I am back home, I am reminded of the little girl with big dreams and an adventurous heart who was ready to conquer the world. When I stepped off the plane, I thought 'was it always this hot' but the warm greetings and melodious voices echoing 'Welcome home' the sing-song notes of the Vincentian creole brought me back to me roots and I smiled I was home.

Already my son was complaining it was too hot and running around while concerned airport officials try to reassure him and me that he would soon be on the beach running around and would not even notice the heat.

Later that day we took the last Ferry over to Bequia, the island I was born on, grew up on and had some of the fondest memories I can think of. Seven square miles of rolling hills, white sand and crystal clear blue green

waters. I sound like a commercial for Jet2 Holiday, but it is indeed beautiful. Once we boarded the ferry, familiar faces popped up and the greetings continued until the end of our forty-minute ride.

So much had changed yet the heart of the island remained. My dad stood waiting for us at the dock and naturally tears came to my eyes although I had seen him a few months before; my son's excitement was palpable. I was overjoyed to be home, there was a lot of activities on the island now you could hear the children laughing and playing, there was local music and merriment everywhere (It was Easter Monday activities).

Once we got to the house and I saw my mum I felt like my journey was completed, it had been five years since I last saw her and the first time she would see her grandson in person. We hugged we talked, I cried, we laughed. It was indeed a great feeling to be home.

Fast forward today, my son is about to start kindergarten at my old alma mater, I am back into teaching, and all seems right with the world. While I am still adjusting to island life, the heat, the slower pace, the lack of a Co-op. My son has embraced his new home; he loves the water and cries whenever we leave



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TOOLS WITH A MISSION

If you are sorting out your shed and have spare tools, please donate them to **Tools with a Mission.**

To find out which items are wanted or definitely not wanted, go to www.twam.uk/donatetools and scroll down to the Tools Wanted list further down the page.

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Fenstanton United Reformed Church Harvest Festival



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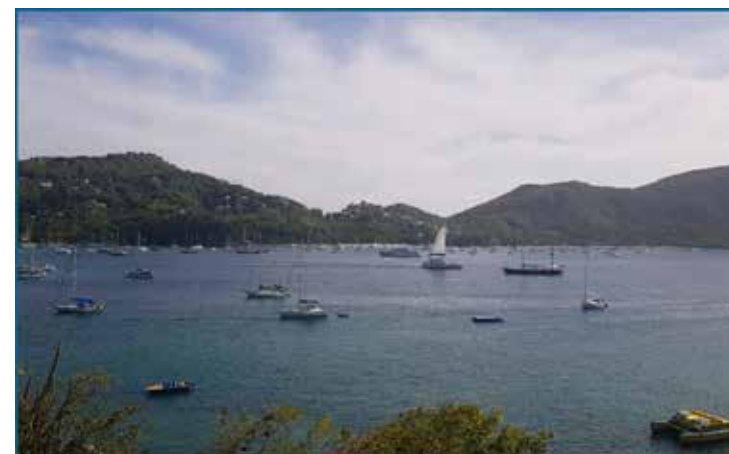
and has embraced his extended family with an open heart and lots of hugs. It's a new season, a new journey, a new adventure and this time I have a little more company.

A lot has changed on Bequia, but it remains one of the most beautiful islands I know, not because of its boat building, whaling history or the fact that it is the largest Grenadine Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines but because at its core is love, love of people.

I am a small island girl who knew she would one day travel the world, live in exceptional places and meet exceptional people and never thought that it would be found

in a tiny village just outside of Cambridge. Sometimes, there are moments when I miss the little village and the people that brought me so much joy and then I remember I will be back one day.

I thank you for growth, hope and most of all a renewed faith in my God and humanity.





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Updates from Clare Tevlin, your District Councillor



In Focus: Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) launches new campaign to celebrate Huntingdonshire

HDC has launched a new campaign – Happens in Hunts – designed to celebrate the district's strengths, ambitions, and identity. From progress in market towns and investment in One Leisure facilities, to growth supported through Community Infrastructure Levy funding, the campaign highlights the many things that Happen in Hunts.

The campaign highlights Huntingdonshire's vital role in the wider Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region. With its strategic location, strong economic footprint, and rich civic identity, the district provides a crucial link between rural and urban economies, connecting growth corridors from Peterborough to Cambridge and beyond.

Cllr Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council, said: "Centuries of rich history have shaped Huntingdonshire into the place it is today – somewhere people want to live, work, and stay. We are proud of our thriving market towns, flourishing villages, and excellent connections across the region".

The campaign launch comes as the council continues to work with partner authorities on **Local Government Reorganisation**.

Huntingdonshire is contributing to the development of Option B, which would create two new unitary councils: one covering Peterborough, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdonshire, and another covering Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. Both would also take on existing County Council services.



At the same time, the council is engaging in discussions on Option A, which proposes a different split - one council for Peterborough, Huntingdonshire and Fenland, and another for Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire - again with County Council services included.

In addition, Huntingdonshire is independently reviewing Option C, which suggests one council for Peterborough, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland, and another for Cambridge City, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire, with County Council services also incorporated.

A formal decision on the Council's preferred option is expected in the autumn, with an Extraordinary Council meeting scheduled for November. Final decisions on reorganisation will rest with the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, following government consultation.

For more information on LGR, see: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/three-options-announced-for-council-reorganisation-plans

Do you have any queries or questions?

You can contact me by: clare.tevlin@huntingdonshire.gov.uk or 07565 350 014.

Duty, Courage, Fortitude - They Came Back

Compiled by Margaret Shardlow

The sacrifices of all in wars have long been honoured and rightly so. Now, as the annual Poppy Appeal approaches, some remembrance can be given to those who were called up or volunteered to 'do their bit', later to return home to families and previous lives.

So here are just a few tragic, traumatic, amusing and courageous stories of fathers, grandfathers and uncles of present day Hilton people who saw them return to give them life. You may know some of them!

The Royal Navy - the Senior Service.

Margaret Andrew's father, David Haswell served on a destroyer on the Russian Convoys. He survived a torpedo attack when a mate standing nearby was hit on the head by their dart board and David was discharged to the deck below! His only ever comment was 'oh, it was SO cold'.

In later civilian life David worked in accounts for the Frigidaire company!

Ian Stott's grandfather James Stott and uncle Jeffery, ('Bill') both commanded Merchant Navy vessels for Ellermans Lines sailing out of Hull. 'Bill' sailed in convoy SC42 which we think also included David's fleet and that of Lesley Martin from Hilton whose ship was torpedoed on September 19th 1941. His name is listed on our Lychgate Memorial.

Jeff Shaw's uncle was torpedoed three times and he survived to live a long life in Christchurch.

Jan Booth's father, Richard, was a 1st Lieutenant on the escort destroyer HMS Wheatland which was sent to Jakisnica on the Croatian island of Pag. There, he took a contingent of men ashore to map the coastline. After the war he was drafted to

the South African Police Force in Plumtree, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Jan's mother, Margaret, joined the WRENS as a nurse from home in the Kingdom of Fife. After the war she became a house mother to orphans being sent to Rhodesia where she met Richard.

The Army.

The father of Julian Thomas served in the Royal Artillery and arrived at Tobruk during an air raid. He was a gun captain on a 25 pounder field gun. Then, as a front observer seeking targets, he was spotted, shelled and badly wounded, needing 18 months in hospital, to be invalided out in 1945 and was thus badly affected throughout his life.

Simon Perry's grandfather, Clifford Perry, was born in Leeds and was a Grenadier Guardsman with the rank of sergeant. For a time he was based in North Africa under General Montgomery's leadership, then Berlin, where he met Selma. They fell in love, in due course were married and lived in north London before they came to run Hilton's



Drawing of Sandy Monk's mother by a Prisoner of War

shop, supported later by Brian with Anne and then Simon. A romantic story maybe, but tinged with poignancy because Clifford's family were so utterly opposed to Selma's German nationality that they never again saw or spoke to them. Brian met and married Anne whose own father, Gordon, had joined the Royal Air Force and was stationed at RAF Oakington where his work involved transporting the bodies of personnel to their final resting place. Generously, he spent much time organising parties and gatherings for local troops.

Sandy Monk's father served in the Royal Artillery and, because he was unable to march due to a childhood foot injury, he was helping to look after prisoners of war, one of whom copied this beautiful picture of her mum from a photograph. Several of his friends were killed and he always felt that he had a lucky escape.

Richard Monk's father was a bomb aimer in the Royal Air Force flying from Graveley airfield.



Margaret Young



FIGHTING FOUR — Gilbert, Geoffrey, Tom and Joseph R. Sutton.

Robert Young, John Young's father, was on convoy duty with REME on a Harley Davidson. One day he was helping to load tanks onto ships and the one he was moving had explosives fixed into the tank under the seat to deter the enemy from using them. On this occasion the explosive was activated and he had to sit motionless for some considerable time while it was deactivated. As a result of this experience Robert had a nervous breakdown. Post war, Robert was a draughtsman designing cable cars for slag heaps and machines for Mr Kipling cakes factories.

John's mum, Margaret, lived in Ashton under Lyne and worked with the Pay Corps on sad events dealing with the sometimes bloodied pay books of men who had been killed in action - in order to assess the correct money due to the family left behind.

Phyllis See's husband Percy was at the battle of Tobruk when one day an explosive device killed a mate at either side of him but he was unscathed. Fate was his saviour.

Linda Stott's father, Tom Sutton was a leading aircraftman in the RAF, stationed at Manston in Kent. He was one of four brothers in the family to serve during WWII. His oldest brother, Joe, was a lance corporal

Continued overleaf

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Fenstanton Chapel Green	3.50pm – 4.20pm

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in the army; his next oldest brother, Gilbert, was a driver in the RASC and was evacuated from Dunkirk. His younger brother, Geoffrey, served in the RAF in Burma at the age of 19. Happily, they all returned home at the end of the war.

Sidney Elliott was born in 1913. His army life involved supplies at the battle of Tobruk - a 'Desert Rat'. Later, Sidney found himself in Gibraltar, helping to care for the famous Barbary Apes and bizarrely by means of a blessing he learned of his wife's future pregnancy. That child was to be Mike Elliott, soon to celebrate a significant birthday!

Mike's mum, 'Betty' had also joined the Army, manning anti-aircraft guns around London.

Jenny Studd's cousin Dennis was in Japan and was typically ever silent about it although Jenny once overheard her father ask him if he had killed a man. His reply was 'Uncle Ted, it was either him or me'. He did return but suffered attacks of malaria all his life.



Ken Bush

The Royal Air Force, the Junior Service.

Ruth Salem's father was posted to RAF Scampton and Coningsby as a meteorologist with 617 squadron, of Barnes Wallis fame, and Wing Commander Guy Gibson and his dog became a family friend. On the night of the raid on the Dams, the Air Officer Commanding, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris urgently needed to use Ruth's father's top secret (scrambled) phone line in the Met office. The request to the connecting

telephonist was thus: 'Give me Winnie please.' Then: 'Glad to say, sir those dams have gone!' Winnie who? You know!

Andy Bush's father, Ken, joined the Royal Air Force in 1943 aged 17 ready to train as an NCO pilot. He left from Chatteris police station where his father was a police inspector. After some months of flying training, off he went to train to fly the twin-engined Mosquito aircraft, then the fastest in the world. His comment is a classic: 'can you imagine how marvellous a prospect it was as an 18 year old to play with an expensive 400 mph aircraft full of guns and bombs?'



Finally, let us reflect on the words of Duty, Courage and Fortitude with this second poignant memory from Bobbie Brown.

Bobbie Brown's father was one of eight sons, each of whom thankfully returned. Their next door neighbour had only one son and he did not return to his father and mother. What grief to endure?

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Afoot in the Garden

Autumn Lawn Care

My wife is a genius? We have a new puppy and she suggested that, as the gardener, I should be the one to show him where to wee in the garden with a demonstration!

Thankfully as a sausage dog he cannot yet (if ever) cock his leg! Which neatly leads me onto female dogs' wee burning patches in the lawn. Female dogs' wee can cause lawn burn and you can buy propriety products to add to their drinking water, or, I am told, you could add a teaspoon of white vinegar per half a litre of their drinking water. However, this can cause problems in some dogs, especially those on medication, so always check with your vet before putting any additives in their drinking water. An alternative solution is to train the dog to wee in a particular spot then water the area to dilute the urine.

Lawns are an important feature in our gardens, creating a green carpet to show off our borders. Lawn edging, pruning overhanging evergreens and weed and moss treatments carried out in the autumn (but often left till spring) will pay dividends next year. Autumn leaves are perfect for composting, to stop them clogging gutters and drains, turning paving into a slip hazard and smothering grass. Lawn mower blades should be raised a notch at this time of year.

Tasks for October

The soil is still warm enough for autumn planting of trees, shrubs, climbers, bulbs and winter bedding, including pots and tubs. Tidy and mulch your borders - less hardy plants like fuchsias and salvias benefit from a good layer around their base for winter protection. Direct sow hardy annuals and perennials to flower next year. Sow in rows, marking where you have planted them with canes or pebbles. Clean patios and paths, especially in shady areas (repoint

as necessary). Hose pipes can be drained and packed away for the winter, while taps should be isolated and wrapped to prevent them from freezing. Check fencing and timber structures, oil hinges, check latches, locks and garden lighting.

Finally, on sunny days take a moment to enjoy the autumn colour!



October Top Tips

- Weeding
- Planting
- Lift and divide herbaceous
- Trim hedges
- Sow half-hardy annuals

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Parking legally and safely

! Important notice – Parking regulations !

Please be advised that Huntingdonshire District Council will now be responsible for enforcing parking regulations in the village.

If you are parked illegally, HDC enforcement officers will issue a fine (Penalty Charge Notice).

We kindly ask all residents and visitors to park considerately and within the regulations to avoid penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Hero – Call for nominations

It is that time of year once again, and your Parish Council is looking for its next Community Hero.

If you would like to nominate a parishioner who you feel is worthy of this award and has made a major contribution to the Fenstanton Community, please contact your Parish Clerk before 31 October 2025.

Previous winners of this prestigious award include:-

2024 Roy and Heather McGee
2023 Philip and Jane Blunt
2022 Neville Nightingale
2021 Jean Ding
2019 Geoff Martin
2018 Ray Whitby
2017 Garth Turner
2016 Rosanne White, Sanda Williams
and Marion Page (preschool)
2015 Donna Butcher
2014 Deryck Burton
2013 Spectrum Team
2012 Garth Turner
2011 Ron Jacobs



To contact your Parish Council Clerk Telephone: 01480 465300

Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Website: www.fenstantonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please report anti-social behaviour

In recent weeks your Parish Council has received several complaints about anti-social behaviour in the village. The Clerk has been in contact with the relevant authorities, but it is vital that residents also report incidents directly.



The more reports that are made, the stronger the case for increased police presence – helping us to reduce and hopefully eliminate this behaviour from our village.

You can report incidents here: www.cambs.police.uk/report

Additional resources:

- **Emergency (999):** If a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger.
- **Non-Emergency (101):** To report crime or anti-social behaviour that is not urgent.
- **Crimestoppers (0800 555 111):** To report crimes anonymously.

Remember: Your safety comes first. If you ever feel threatened or in danger, call 999 immediately.

Community Group funding – apply now!

Are you part of a Fenstanton-based club or community group? Your Parish Council is now inviting applications for this year's funding awards.

Closing date: 31 October 2025

Applications considered: Early November Parish Council meeting

Grant payments: Issued shortly afterwards. This is an opportunity for the Council to support the valuable work our local groups do for the community.

For more information and to request an application form, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Councillor Saturday Surgeries continue!

Saturday surgeries will continue to take place at The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. These sessions offer an excellent opportunity for parishioners to meet with their councillors in person, raise concerns, ask questions, or discuss any local matters. We warmly encourage all residents to attend and engage with your Parish Council.

25.10.2025 Matt Tandy

Simon King

29.11.2025 Tina Yates

Martin Hewitt

The Councillors attending is subject to change and we will inform you of any changes on Social media.

Your Parish Council continues to support our Age UK Community Warden



The service assists older people to continue to live independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support, either by a personal visit or telephone call, to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing.

Help available

- 💡 Listening to your concerns and linking you to helpful information and guidance
- 📄 Advice on other local community services
- 🛒 Small items of shopping
- 💊 Collecting prescriptions
- ✉ Reading post
- ☎ Making phone calls on your behalf, if requested
- 👤 Ensuring your safety and wellbeing

[Please see our service leaflet](#)

Who can receive help?

This service is for people aged 60yrs and above living in certain areas in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough.

It is important to note that the warden is not a domestic, home help or a carer providing physical care. The Community Warden is employed and paid by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and must not undertake tasks for you on a private basis.

Courtesy of your Parish Council, residents of Fenstanton can try out the Community Warden service for free for the first three months. The current charge is £15 per week for a single user or £18 for a couple.

Please contact the Warden directly Nanci DelaMare-Lyon 07816087742
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Next Parish Council meetings

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month (except in August and December). Please note that dates may occasionally change due to unforeseen circumstances, and extraordinary meetings may also be called if urgent business needs to be discussed.

In addition to our regular meetings, we also hold:

- Planning Committee meetings (when applications are submitted)
- General Purposes Committee meetings
- Finance & Constitution Committee meetings
- Burial Board meetings

Details of all upcoming meetings, along with agendas and minutes from previous meetings, can be found on the Parish Council website - www.fenstantonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Date	Meeting	Time and Location
Thursday 9 October	PC Ordinary Meeting	7pm Church Centre
Thursday 13 November	PC Ordinary Meeting	7pm Church Centre
Thursday 27 November	General Purposes Committee	7pm Church Centre

Become a Councillor


Fancy making a splash of positivity in your community?

Your Parish Council is inviting you to step up and make a difference by becoming a Parish Councillor! We currently have two vacancies for co-option and we're looking for passionate, community-minded individuals to fill them. Curious about what's involved? If you've got questions or just want to learn more, get in touch. We're happy to chat and share all the details!

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Fenstanton Ash's Store (NISA) on the High Street	pouting.cabinet.washroom
Fenstanton Church Centre on School Lane	reclusive.creeps.deleting
Fenstanton Zaza barbers on Headlands	thing.pylon.relatives
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October 2025 – Services and Events

Thursday 02	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sunday 05	10.30am Fenstanton	Holy Communion <i>with Sunday Club</i>
Thursday 09	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12	9.15am Fen Drayton	Harvest Communion
	10.30am Fenstanton	Worship For All for Harvest, followed by Harvest Lunch at the Church Centre (all welcome, drop us an email to secure your place)
Thursday 16	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Friday 17	6-8.30pm	Fen Youth (at Church Centre, Fenstanton)
Sunday 19	10.30am Fenstanton	Holy Communion <i>with Sunday Club</i>
	6pm Fenstanton	Choral Evensong
Thursday 23	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sat 25/Sun 26	<i>Clocks go back</i>	<i>Clocks go back</i>
Sunday 26	9.15am Fen Drayton	Morning Praise, St. Mary's
	10.30am Fenstanton	Family Communion

St Mary's, Fen Drayton – Questionnaire – Last Call!

St. Mary's church is in desperate need of a series of repairs and improvements and we hope that with the help of the local community, we can address the building issues and start a new chapter in the history of the church, keeping St. Mary's thriving for future generations. But we need your help. This is a last call to Fen Drayton residents to complete the questionnaire (QR code provided) so that we can hear your voice and work out a way to go forward with the project.



Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: vicar@fenchurches.org.uk
Assistant Curate: Rev Claire Brockelsby: 07769 106562 email: curate@fenchurches.org.uk
Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 07855 481697 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211



Harvest Festival

Another reminder for our Harvest Festival Services....each harvest we donate dry food items to St Ives Foodbank for distribution locally. Harvest is a time to give thanks for all that nourishes us, both physically and spiritually. Whether you visit our churches regularly or occasionally, or if you are just curious and would like to know more, you are very welcome.

Sunday 12 October 9.15am in Fen Drayton (service of 'Harvest' Holy Communion)

10.30am in Fenstanton ('Harvest' Worship For All, suitable for all ages). Followed by Parish Harvest Lunch in Fenstanton Church Centre, in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice. Contact Ian Hucklesby (email: ikhuck@virginmedia.com) for details and tickets. Everyone most welcome.

Evensong

Do join us for Choral Evensong at St. Peter and St. Paul's, Fenstanton, on Sunday 19 October, at 6pm. Is this a service you would enjoy, or would you enjoy singing with our choir? You would be made very welcome, and do contact us if you would like to join our choir.

Time to Remember Service

Advance notice for our Time to Remember Service on Saturday 1 November 11am at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton.

This is a time when we can remember our loved ones who have died, whether recently or a time ago. For some people remembering anniversaries or significant events is an important thing to do. Please do put the date in your diary. If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) read out during the service, then please do let us know:

Rev Rosie – email vicar@fenchurches.org.uk or leave a message on 01480 467393 or post a note through The Vicarage letterbox, 16 Church Street, Fenstanton. Rev Claire – email curate@fenchurches.org.uk

There will also be a list at the back of the parish church (Fenstanton), and in Fen Drayton you will find a clipboard in the porch of the church, where names can be added during October.

Remembrance Sunday services, Sunday 9 November:

The Remembrance Sunday 'Act of Remembrance' at Fen Drayton War Memorial, will remain as last year, gathering from 10.45am for a 10.50am service (junction of Horse and Gate Street and Church Street).

This year, however, we are planning to organise our service for Fenstanton a little differently. There will be a short service in St Peter & St Paul's Church Fenstanton, beginning at 10.15am. Then around 10.45am we will go to the Fenstanton War Memorial, for the 'Act of Remembrance'. The War Memorial is in the Fenstanton Parish Cemetery, which is adjacent to the churchyard and primary school. All are welcome to join us for either or both services. Afterwards in Fenstanton, refreshments will be served in the Church Centre and all are invited to join us.

Accessibility in our churches: The Parish Church (Fenstanton) has a ramp which can be deployed upon request. There is a toilet, with wheelchair access. St Mary's (Fen Drayton) has a small threshold that may be possible to navigate with a wheelchair. There are no toilet facilities. Although we have fixed pews in both churches there are plenty of spaces available for wheelchairs, prams and buggies.



Hilton Methodist Church



Sunday Services in October

5 October	10:00am	Rev Pam Siddall
12 October	11:15am	United Service at the Methodist Church led by Mr. John Green
19 October	10:00am	Local Arrangements
26 October	10:00am	Ms. Neat Pellatt



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19	Revd Christine Davies
26	Revd Christine Davies

November

02	Led by Church Elders
09	Revd Christine Davies - Holy Communion
16	Led by Pauline Zahner
23	Revd Christine Davies
30	Revd Christine Davies

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News from the Pews

A view from the Old Manse

Recently I met a man whom I had heard of,
but had never met. It was only later that we
spoke on the telephone.

When we eventually met, he didn't
disappoint. Let me explain. I had heard that
he was a businessman and a philanthropist,
a rare thing nowadays, when many gather
wealth just for themselves. It had seemed
that the days of George Cadbury, Angela
Burdett-Coutts, George Peabody and Andrew
Carnegie, to name a but a few who lived in
the Victorian and Edwardian eras, were over,
as self-interest prevailed. Interestingly, not
all of the above were driven by any particular
Christian belief, but by a humanitarian
outlook.

Having shaken hands, and spoken to
the nameless man, it was obvious that
he was not wearing a façade, a cloak of
respectability. His Christian beliefs I know
not, and I don't need to know. He is a family
man, and genuinely, through his work, helps

people, looks at that those who have strayed,
and offers them a way out.

To me, Christian beliefs are not everything,
heretical thinking perhaps from a Church
Elder, but if you don't practice what you
preach, how can you call yourself a Christian?
Piousness and turning up at church on a
Sunday, but thinking only of themselves,
and how they are perceived, is not Christian
in spirit. Living a good life, one that enriches
those around us, especially those who need
our help, should be our aim.

I would rather shake the hands of those
who do good without reward, or thought for
themselves, than shake the hands of those
who wear the cloak of respectability covering
a meanness of spirit.

This will probably be my last A View from
The Old Manse, as we are hoping to have
a new minister, who will, I hope, take over
contributing to the Journal. Indeed, by the
time that you read this, the decision by the
three United Reformed Churches will have
been made.

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update



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Fen Drayton Primary School

The parish council was delighted to see the school reopen at the start of the new school year with new classrooms, equipment and materials after last year's disastrous fire. All credit goes to the tireless work of headteacher Nina and all the school staff and volunteers. You did an amazing job!

New Highways reporting system

County Councillor, Chris Poulton - Papworth and Swavesey division

The county council's new Highways asset management system, Aurora, went live on Monday 22 September.

Under the new system:

- Customer fault reports are automatically directed to the correct officer or team, ensuring they are handled by the right person first time.
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The council's road works programme can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/road-improvements

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Local developments

Clr Sue Ellington, Swavesey ward

I recently talked about the Boxworth Turn Development logistic site which could result in over 500 extra lorries a day visiting the site; potentially causing run-off water and sewage problems as well as overnight parking issues for our villages.

In September we were informed about a potential business park on the land between Bar Hill and Oakington with over a 1000 new jobs, which would again increase the number of lorries visiting the area. I have asked for a meeting with SCDC planning officers and parish councillors to understand their thinking

in relation to the emerging local plan and they have agreed to arrange one.

Plans for the new unitary authorities move forward slowly with the county councillors opting for a north/south split of Peterborough, Fenland, Huntingdon and South Cambs, East Cambs, Cambridge City. Talks are ongoing, but at the end of the day it will be down to a government decision in the new year.

If I can help, call me on 07774 146331 or email cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Community Cafe

The next cafe is Saturday 11 October 10.30 - 12.30 in Fen Drayton village hall.

Interested in becoming a parish councillor?



Fen Drayton Parish council has a vacancy for a parish councillor. The role is voluntary, but training is available. Meetings are held once a month, except during August and December.

If you care about our village and its future, we would love to hear from you. The parish council is a voice representing the village and its inhabitants to the outside world. It has no jurisdiction on planning decisions, education, road safety, etc, but does have strong powers of comment.

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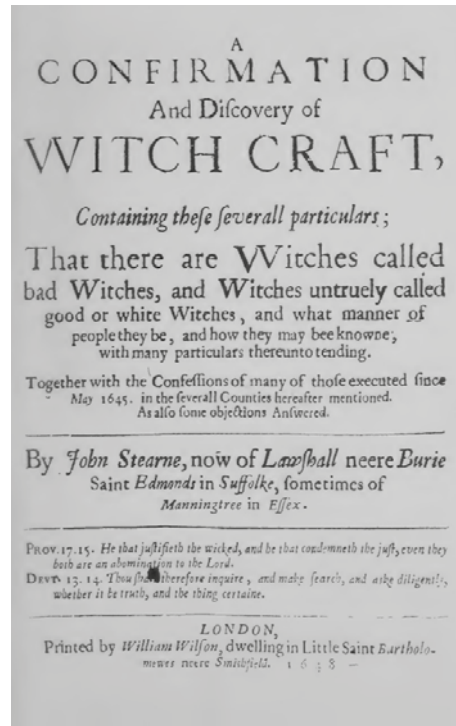
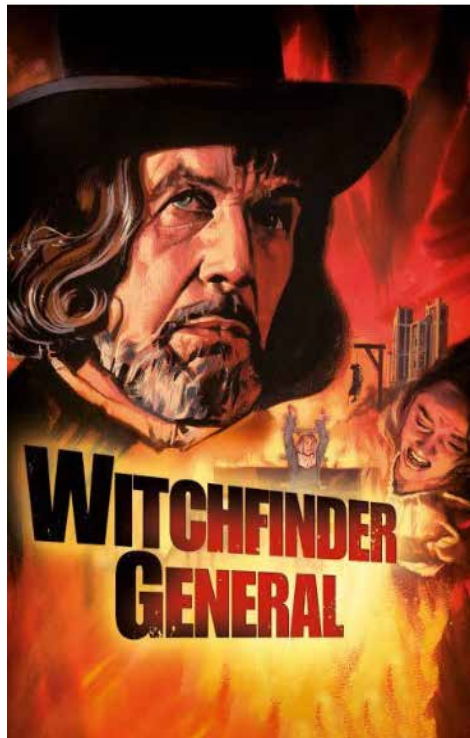
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The Witchfinder General in Fen Drayton

by Richard Close

Some of us may have seen the 1968 film *The Witchfinder General*, starring Vincent Price as the eponymous Witchfinder General, Mathew Hopkins, who travelled the country in the 1640s offering to identify and cleanse communities of witches. This was a sad and shameful episode, prompted by puritanical zeal, lack of understanding of medical problems, fear and malice and the willingness of towns and villages to pay for the services of a witchfinder.

Dr Malcolm Gaskill of Churchill College has written a book entitled *Witchfinders: a Seventeenth-Century English Tragedy* (2006),



which is a study of the witch hunts of 1645–1647 in East Anglia.

John Stearne (1610 -1670) was born in Long Melford and farmed near Bury St Edmunds. Based on his accusations, in July 1645 in Chelmsford, 29 people were accused of witchcraft, of which four died in prison before trial and 15 were found guilty and hanged. Mathew Hopkins (1620-1647), born in Wenham Suffolk, who had trained as a lawyer, met Stearne and offered his services. Soon the younger man took the lead and became the self-styled witchfinder general, whilst Stearne was often referred to as the witch pricker.

They operated throughout East Anglia, although very little in Cambridgeshire. Imagine my surprise then when I noted that in 1646 they visited Over and Fenny Drayton. No doubt the news had spread they were nearby and the fear of a visit must have been very real. Every village had its old lady dressed in black, a widow or spinster and someone they called their village idiot.

Just think, Vincent Price . . . sorry, Mathew Hopkins, probably visiting the Three Tuns, the Horse and Gate or the Three Horseshoes.

Dr Gaskill summarised John Stearne's diaries:

"Over is in poor condition with strife due to loss of land through drainage and loss of life due to disease. One witch had forewarning of our coming and had plucked the Devil's

mark from her body. Fenny Drayton is also struggling - the parish fighting with the tenant farmer of their absentee lord. They resent that their parsonage is in the gift of Christ's College, which appoints ministers of scandalous lives and unsound doctrine. Several poor women were examined here and made large confessions. The Devil had warned them of our arrival. The Devil was shown to have lied about providing for them in exchange for their souls. No prosecution was upheld."

Eventually the courts started to question these men and their methods (which included torture) and also similar accusers

throughout England and Scotland. It is said some magistrates concerned at the validity of the accusations had the accused dressed in different clothes and re-paraded with others and when not picked out, set them free.

When a suspect was thrown into a village pond, if the basic element, water, rejected them and they floated, that was proof they were guilty. If the water accepted them and they sank they were 'without evil', but of course may well have drowned. Altogether around 500 women and men had been put to death before this aberration ended.

Hopkins died young of natural causes and Stearne retired to his farm but kept writing about witchcraft. It is his writings that are said to have encouraged the infamous Salem witch trials of 1692/3 in America.

The most famous witch trial in this area is that of the previous century, the Warboys Witches in 1589. The last person to be convicted under the Witchcraft Act 1735 was in 1944, although it is apparent she was probably acting as a fraudulent medium.

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Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 1 September

Major Oak Assessment

The Council discussed the professional assessment report, commissioned at the July meeting, and agreed to seek further clarification from the author about the decay analysis and proposed next steps before actioning the recommendations.

Green Spaces

The Council agreed to the purchase of a new sander for use by the Maintenance Person; and further attachments to the Council's strimmer required for essential ditch work.

Reports of two fallen trees are being followed up. The Council discussed concerns about machinery needing to be taken over the Green and confirmed the safety of parishioners must take precedence which is why the fence around the Major Oak is in place, and should the fence be moved temporarily it must be returned to its current position; also, that crossing of the Green by heavy machinery should always be by using the designated rights of way.

Food Waste

The Council was informed by the District Councillor of plans to introduce food waste collection caddies during 2026.

Traffic and Speed Concerns

Following the recent consultation process, a report on proposals to introduce new speed restrictions will be shared with the County Councillor later in September; at a meeting to which the Parish Council has not been invited to attend.

Summer news

The Council heard that Cricket Courses had been very successful, a fly tip on Graveley Way had been witnessed and reported to the District Council. There has been a spate of vandalism – including of the Christmas lights and fire-related incidents. Following a recruitment process and interview, an extraordinary meeting of the Council was held in August to approve the appointment of a Deputy Clerk.

The Journal

The Council agreed to make a grant of £1000 to support the ongoing publication of The Journal; and noted similar support has been approved by Fenstanton and Fen Drayton Parish Councils.

Bonfire Night

The Council was given an update on preparations and approved an increased budget of £1800 for this event (up from £1600). It was noted the firework display will be at 6.00pm and the bonfire lit subsequently at 7.00pm, on Saturday 8th November.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th October 2025 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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Life on a Plate

Chicken in Cornflakes

Not only is this recipe gluten free, it is a very easy way of preparing delicious crispy chicken. The quantities below will give a meal for four people.

Ingredients:

- 2 large chicken breasts
- 2 soup bowls of cornflakes (approximately), add more if needed.
- 3 tablespoons cornflour
- Half a cup of milk
- Pinch of salt
- Cooking oil

Equipment needed:

Large plastic bag, rolling pin, basin, frying pan, cooking tray.

Method:

1. Put the cornflakes in a large plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin.
2. Add salt to the cornflakes
3. Cut the chicken breast into even sized pieces.
4. Mix the cornflour with the milk to make a 'gooey' mix.
5. Dip the chicken pieces in the cornflour mix.
6. Then straight into the crushed cornflakes.
7. Heat cooking oil in a frying pan and fry to a light golden.
8. Place the coated chicken pieces on a baking tray and cook at 160 degrees until cooked thoroughly,
9. Enjoy from the oven, with your favourite vegetables/salad, or good on a mixed buffet table.



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Family Law update - Protecting what's yours: The impact of Standish v Standish

On 02 July 2025 the UK Supreme Court made a decision in the case of *Standish v. Standish*. Put simply, just because something is in your spouse's name or even transferred during the marriage, does not automatically mean it is subject to division on a divorce. In this case Clive Standish, a retired banker, moved around £80 million to his wife, Anna, back in 2017. It was not intended as a windfall for her but part of a tax plan for their children. Fast forward to their divorce, and the transfer became the area of dispute. The High Court originally gave the wife a £45 million settlement but after appeals and finally the Supreme Court's decision, the wife received closer to £25 million. This is reported to be the largest reduction ever made to a financial settlement awarded on divorce.

What the Judges decided

The ruling makes three key points:

- Where money comes from matters - Assets brought into the marriage or received as gift or inheritance, are usually viewed as non-matrimonial. This means that they do not automatically fall to a 50/50 division sharing pot.
- Sharing only applies to shared assets - the sharing principle only applies to matrimonial property e.g. wealth built together during the marriage, for example savings or a family home. Pre-marriage or gifted wealth does not go into the same category.
- Treatment counts - If a couple clearly treats something as joint, then it may become matrimonial property. However, in the current case shifting money for tax purposes was insufficient to turn it into joint marital wealth.

Why this matters for families

You do not need a £130 million estate to be impacted by the Judgement. The case of *Standish* sets a precedent that could affect anyone who comes into a marriage with assets,

whether it's a property, an inheritance or shares in a business.

Planning ahead

This case highlights why planning is so important:

- Pre and Post Nuptial Agreements – can protect parties and make things clear from the outset.
- Keeping records – of where assets come from can save a lot of heartache later.
- Getting advice early – means you know where you stand before problems arise.

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Who's lived here?

This is the fourth essay in a short series of famous Fenstanton residents. With all the new housing erected in the village over the past few years it is more than likely that many of the people new to the village will not have heard of these people.

Royalty in Fenstanton: Joan, Queen of Scotland and Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton

By John Deeks

Joan was the wife of Alexander II of Scotland and she was also known as Joanna. She was born 22 July 1210 and died 04 March 1238. She was the Queen consort of Scotland until her death. Joan was the eldest legitimate daughter and third child of King John of England and Countess Isabella of Angouleme. She was the sister of King Henry III and the lord of the manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton.



Joan's wedding took place in York Minster on 19 June 1221. At that time Joan was not quite twelve years old and Alexander was twenty one. King Henry III attended the wedding and the royal dynasties of Scotland and England were united in the person of the new Scottish queen, a queen who had been born to a reigning English king.

By October 1234 King Henry III had granted

to Joan for life the manor of Fenstanton cum Hilton. At that time Fenstanton was not a particularly valuable manor, but Henry granted Joan privileges (income from local taxes and tolls) that made it more lucrative, including provision to build a house here.

In 1235 the queen built herself a house here in Fenstanton and the king gave her twenty oaks and other timber from the Forests of Weybridge and Sapley (Huntingdon) for the purpose. The building took the form of a mighty timber built medieval hall befitting a lord of the manor, a queen and a sister of a king. The hall was surrounded by a large moat of which today only the village pond remains. What remained of this timber building was demolished in 1701 to make way for the present Grove House.

Although Queen Joan was the lord of the manor of Fenstanton she did not live here in the village and the manor house would not have been her home. Rather it would have been a nice place for her steward to live in but with luxury apartments for the queen and her husband when on their way to and from Scotland.

The couple regularly visited the English courts in and around London and Joan remained there through the autumn and early winter of 1237 after making an earlier pilgrimage to Canterbury. Early in 1238 she was taken ill at Havering Atte Bower (Romford) a favourite royal residence and on 04 March she died, still childless, cradled in her brother's arms (King Henry III). It is recorded that 'her death was grievous'.

When Queen Elizabeth I Visited Fenstanton in 1564:

Queen Elizabeth I was fond of escaping from London and visiting different parts of the country. Wealthy friends and relations



Queen Elizabeth I

were just told to expect a visit from the queen. Every summer the queen would leave her great palaces, which were 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!

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 London 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.

Bishop Richard Cox had palaces in Ely, Holborn Place in London and a deer park and hunting box at Somersham. For some unknown reason he leased a very large house in Fenstanton. This was a substantial manor house with formal Tudor gardens dating back to the 12th century replacing an earlier Saxon hall.

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 (as it was then called) was seated at the east end of the Fenstanton village church yard and consisted of ten 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 there for four days and she then left for Fenstanton where she had lunch with Bishop Cox and then on to Hinchinbrooke House where she was entertained by Sir Henry Cromwell.



Richard Cox Bishop of Ely

Fen Drayton Primary School: a fresh start after the fire



After the devastating fire last summer, we're thrilled to share that Fen Drayton Primary School has returned home — and with a beautiful new look!

Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to prepare the school for our children's return. While a few finishing touches remain, the building is already buzzing with excitement and activity — and we couldn't be happier to be back.

Life in our classrooms

Fen Drayton is home to four classes:

- **Dormice Class** – Our Reception and Year 1 children enjoy a bright, spacious classroom with direct access to a dedicated outdoor area, allowing them to flow freely between indoor and outdoor learning all day long.



- **Rabbits Class** – Year 2 children form our smallest class and are based in our newest classroom. They benefit from a blend

of structured learning and continuous provision throughout the day.

- **Foxes Class** – Children in Years 3 and 4 make up our Foxes class, located at the front of the school with views overlooking what the children fondly call "The Meadow."



- **Badgers Class** – Our oldest pupils in Years 5 and 6 are back in their beautifully restored classroom, which suffered some of the worst damage in the fire. Now fully refurbished, it's once again a bright and welcoming space for learning.

Outdoor Developments

Over the summer, the temporary mobile classrooms that served us so well last year were removed, and our much-loved school field has been reseeded and turfed. We're looking forward to seeing children running around on it again very soon. In the meantime, the views over the parish council



field and the park beyond are a welcome sight.

We're incredibly proud of our ever-growing **vegetable garden**, which is lovingly tended by a team of fantastic volunteers — a mix of staff, parents, and of course, the children themselves. What began as a few small beds has blossomed into a thriving garden full of vegetables, flowers, and plants. The produce is used in school, with any surplus often sold to local villagers. It's become a much-loved space during playtimes and lunchtimes.

A highlight of the summer term was our new **sunflower seating area** where each child and staff member planted a sunflower seed to create a stunning natural space for reflection and relaxation.

And there's more to come! We've got exciting outdoor projects planned over the coming months — stay tuned for updates!

Starting school in 2026?

If your child was born between **September 2021 and August 2022**, they'll be due to start school in **September 2026**. Applications must be submitted by **15th January 2026** via Cambridgeshire County Council.

Apply for a school place | Cambridgeshire County Council

To help families get to know us, we're hosting two **Stay and Play** sessions in our Dormice classroom and outdoor area:

- **Wednesday 15th October – 3:30 to 4:00pm**
- **Wednesday 12th November – 3:30 to 4:00pm**

To book a spot at one or both sessions, please contact the school office by phone or email.

Join our school family

We currently have places available across all year groups. If you're looking for a warm and welcoming school community, we'd love to hear from you. Come and see what makes Fen Drayton Primary such a special place to learn and grow.

Nina McQueen
Headteacher

School contact details

Email: office@fendrayton.cambs.sch.uk
Phone: 01954 273346
Website: Fen Drayton Primary School

What you're Missing

Fenstanton Friendship Club

Autumn is upon us after some lovely sunshine and we look forward to enjoying the rest of 2025. We were founded in 1949 by a dedicated group of villagers and the Club has gone on in different forms, evolving into our present group. We would love to welcome new members or visitors to enjoy the things that we do. Please come along, meet new friends and bring your ideas for meetings to the table. 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.

We look forward to seeing you.

13 August A small group of members had a day out at Bletchley Park. It was very interesting, educational and emotional to learn of the work that took place there during WWII. The mansion is a wonderful building too, the grounds beautiful, especially with the sunshine we were blessed with. From a personal level I enjoyed



finding out more about my cousin Harriet Breckon who was a decoder at Bletchley. The food in Hut4 was very good, all in all a great outing.

27 August We had a delightful afternoon listening to the wonderful voice of Caroline Foster. She sang songs from the shows beautifully, we were all enthralled by her performance. We look forward to a return visit.



Upcoming meetings

8 October Lunch at the Hartford Mill.

22 October A talk from about "Electric River Boat Company"

Any questions or problems please contact me. Marie Newns bubblenewns@gmail.com 01480 350119

Hilton Flower Club

1 September Steffie Shield gave us a very interesting talk and slide show on the techniques of taking pictures of stunning flowers and wonderful gardens around the country, she gave us a lot of ideas how to take our own garden photos.

6 October is our workshop we will all be having great fun doing an arrangement to take home. DON'T FORGET YOUR SCISSORS.

3 November Elizabeth Robertson will be our demonstrator, we haven't met her before, so we are looking forward to meeting her.

1 December is our end of year Christmas Party. Beverley and June will be your demonstrators.

Look forward to seeing at the workshop.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

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Look forward to seeing you all, Beverley.



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Fen Drayton Tennis Club news



The club held its annual tournament on Sunday 22 June. This year there were 18 players competing in a round robin stage with the four highest game-scoring teams going through to a semi final knockout. The final was a closely-fought contest with Matt and Carole narrowly defeating Darren and Gary. Thanks to both the organisers and the players for making this such an enjoyable day.

The club has run another successful coaching programme for juniors, as well as seniors, this year. We are lucky to have Diane Cobb coaching at our club and many members have enjoyed improving their tennis with Diane and really value her expertise.

Following its success last year, we have run another tennis ladder singles competition for club members. This enables members to arrange competitive matches against each other throughout the summer season, with the aim of reaching the top of the ladder.



There have been several players competing for the top spot!

Don't forget the courts are also available for non members to book all year round using the pay and play system. Please see our website for details: www.fendraytontc.co.uk

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Hilton Community Hub

Hello everyone, we're back from our holiday!

No, we didn't go away, although we did have four lovely Wednesdays together, two pretending to be artists on the Green but actually summing up the state of the world and where did all those wasps come from to attack Ann's cake and us?

The following week Ann kindly invited us to her house for more cake and on the final Wednesday we enjoyed an afternoon of more cakes with Jan - always home-made - and avoiding the rain showers. These lovely days



Community Hub members "deep in chat, just pretending to be serious artists"

were organised for us by Ken, thank you, good friend.

At the VJ event in the village hall on 30 August we are both proud and grateful to Jan and her fantastic team for raising £600 of which over £400 will support the Hub, the remainder for the Village Hall. A humble thank you to everyone involved because these events always involve much preparation and hard work.

Back again on 3 September, just like school, it was the usual smiles and how are yous and that fiendish quiz, this week on the subject of Bacon!

Question:- what is the record American number of rashers eaten in five minutes by one person (streaky, back, gammon, long, short, thick, thin, one asks?) **Answer:- 183!**

And as ever there's a warm welcome in Hilton Village Hall on any Wednesday morning after 10ish with endless tea and coffee, and ending with a free light lunch.

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What you're Missing

Fenstanton Bowls Club

It's so hard to believe another bowls season has come to an end. We have had a fantastic summer which has enabled us to play many matches in all our leagues, as well as social bowls on Sundays and Thursdays, and we have welcomed lots of new members.

We held our own in the various leagues we play in. Our C&D first team were newly promoted to division one and managed to finish the season in the top half of their league, and our Over 60's first team narrowly missed out on promotion by half a point! We are looking forward to resuming these leagues next season and let's see if we can do even better!

On the first weekend of September we held our finals, with more matches this year, as we introduced a new singles and pairs competition. The singles final was a very tightly fought match which swapped the lead a few times, however Rob Dulstone managed to

pull away against Sarah Cook to win. Rob then went on to play in the pairs competition final with Stuart Bloor against Sarah Cook and Daphne Hillam and once again managed to pull off a win! Finally, in the Hetherton Trophy, Mark Singleton, a new member to the club this year, beat Martin Richardson in a game that was very close all the way through. Congratulations to all the players and well done. Trophies will be presented at our annual dinner in November.

So now is the time to start to close up our clubhouse for the winter, but before that we will be holding a social Bingo Night for all club members for a bit of end of season fun! April will soon come round for the start of a new season. We will hold our open days in May, so why not come down and find out more about us – you may find a new sport/hobby you can really enjoy!



Fenstanton Saturday Christmas Market
November 29 Big Lights & Switch On
2pm to 6pm **2025**

Call for Stall Holders

If you are a craftsperson, or small business looking to take part in a magical Christmas event, please contact:
Roy McGee 07949 453767 volunteer-roy@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Hilton Women's Institute

First of all we say a huge thank you to Ruth for her fascinating history of Hilton WI in last month's edition and for the amount of time she will have spent on the research. We have every reason to be very proud of all these years since that day trip in a 'charabanc' in 1924 and indeed our supporting times during the war and until now.

What of today? We were recently pleased to arrange a Saturday Workshop- free to all - run by two members of St John Ambulance who taught us rather more than the rudiments of CPR and some first aid. Hoping never to need it, we can now face an emergency with some confidence to save a life. (For further information please contact Tina.Finn@sja.org.uk)

For our September meeting, Dee Loakes was unable to talk about Mindfulness so Mel invited Bobbie Lockaday to put us through the paces of Walkeoke, thinking perhaps that it would be gentle exercise in our chairs. Oh, no. Oh, no. We had coloured lighting, great music and were shocked straight to non-stop high activity and will be much better for it, surely, when we have recovered. Actually, Danceoke might be a more warning title.



So, with bodies nicely toned we will next be sending four teams to the annual quiz organised by Hemingford WI which is always challenging and very competitive. Shall we do well? Wait and see!

October's meeting offers us 'British Women in Aviation', so pride and challenge will no doubt be in abundance there. Ponder this: for women, there has been a momentous century from an adventure in a charabanc, make do and mend, then to women pilots and even space travel.

Mel had started the evening with a few beautiful thoughts on autumn being the 'Season of Letting Go'. With mince pies already in the supermarkets, is it really a letting go time of year Mel, we are still in harness!



Finally, some Hilton WI ladies are supporting the Poppy Appeal Open Day with their time, and collection of cakes and raffle prizes any of which would be much appreciated.

Offers of prizes please to Jan Whatley and donations of cakes to Sue Clark. (For information please see poster elsewhere in this issue)

New members are always given our friendly welcome.
hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

Hilton Community Garden

The Garden Party...

On August Bank Holiday in brilliant sunshine community gardeners celebrated five successful years of happy team work, shaping a former corner of a field into a restful, attractive haven for all.

Friends and supporters of the garden enjoyed delicious food and refreshing drinks either basking in the heat of the sun or sheltering under the protective roof of our splendid new gazebo. A great time was had by all!

A most welcome addition...

This summer a year 10 student from Swavesey Village College joined us for the Saturday morning working parties. Community service is a component of the demanding Duke of Edinburgh Award and Annabel is working towards her silver medal. We were delighted to have such a responsive, hardworking and reliable addition to the team who was also comfortable working with other, much older volunteers.

She wrote about her time as follows:-

"For my volunteering section, I helped out at the community garden. From this experience, I

have learned the basics of caring for a healthy garden and a high yield of crops such as tomatoes, sweetcorn, summer fruits and other vegetables. Some of the regularly occurring tasks included weeding, chopping and watering the compost, refilling the bird feeders and pruning lots of different shrubs and trees.

As part of a grant the garden received, hedgehog houses and bird box flat packs were made and constructed as events for the village to partake in. This helped raise awareness of different wildlife living in the village and how to help it thrive. My favourite part was learning how to care for a thriving garden so I am able to input this into my own garden in the future."



If you have a car and are happy to help for an hour or so 10 times a year The Journal would love your help.



We need someone to join the team distributing packs of magazines to the amazing people who tramp the streets putting them through our letterboxes.

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Welcome to the FPC Welcome Space

"There are no strangers here, only friends who haven't yet met."

That is the spirit behind the FPC Welcome Space—a vibrant, volunteer-run community hub based at the Fenstanton Church Centre

Funded by Fenstanton Parish Council and supported by the Church Centre, the Welcome Space is completely free to attend (donations are always appreciated) and open to all. Whether you're looking for a friendly face, a warm drink, or a place to connect, we've got something for everyone.

Monday Mornings: Movement & Mugs

Open from 10am to 12pm, we kick off the week with a gentle chair and standing exercise class (10–11am), followed by hot drinks, toast, and biscuits. It is a great way to stay active and social



Tuesday Mornings: Little Feet, Big Smiles

From 9am to 11.45am, our Baby & Toddler Group welcomes families with free drinks, toast, and snacks. It's a lively, laughter-filled morning where little ones play, and grown-ups connect.

Tuesday Afternoons: Tea, Cake & Companionship

From 2pm to 4pm, we host a relaxed get-together with free tea and cake. Whether you come with friends or on your own, you will leave with a smile.

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for friendly faces to help run sessions. If you would like to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Roy McGee 07949 453767
roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Hilton Art Club

In August, the subject of 'In Cold Blood – Reptiles' was an unusual and absorbing one for us and resulted in beautiful artwork by everyone:- everything from a dinosaur to chameleons, a tortoise and turtles.

Next, was the en plein air painting session at The Ferryboat Inn, Holywell, which was enjoyed by all that attended. Thankfully, the weather was better this time.

We can't wait to see the photos on the Facebook page!

17 October 10.00am – 3.00pm. Tutor-led 'all day' workshop. Details to follow.





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