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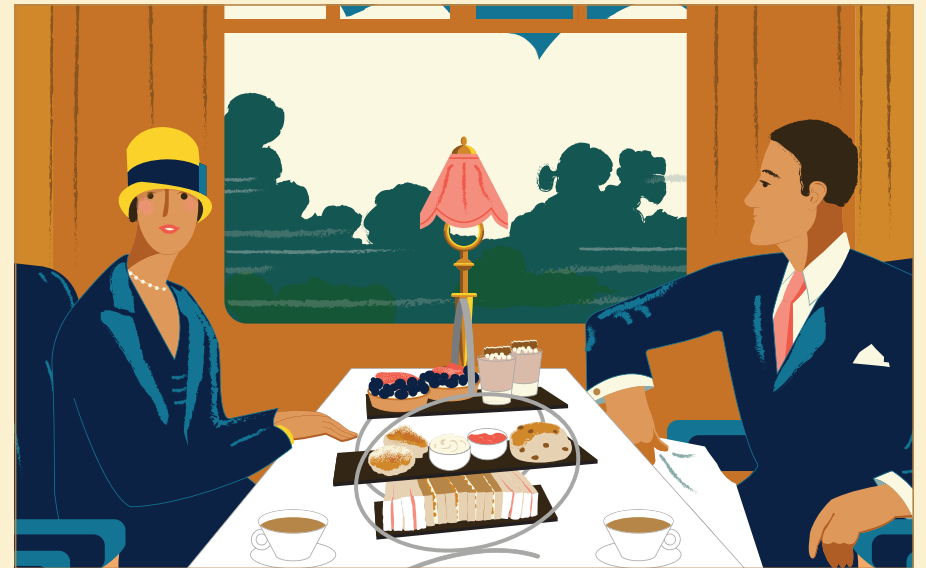


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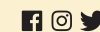


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- 08 VE Day Commemoration events
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- 10 Murder Mystery Evening with Strictly Murder
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- 17 Books, Jigsaws and Plants Sale, URC
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June 2025

- 10 Cream Teas, Welcome Space
- 19-21 Booze in Fenstanton Pews, Parish Church
- 28 Jazz in the Village, Village Hall

July 2025

- 05 BIG Village Fun Day, School field
- Camb's Open Studios, varying weekends in July, Fenstanton, Fen Drayton, Hilton
- 08 Strawberries and Cream, Welcome Space
- 25 Hilton Summer Ball
- 27-02 Aug Feast Week

August 2025

- 15 VE/VJ Commemoration Day in St Ives

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



Don't let us forget

This month we celebrate 80 years since victory in Europe which saw the end of conflict on the continent's mainland. Whilst we remember the end of WW2 we should not forget the on-going struggle Ukraine is enduring against Russia. Which, whilst not on our door step, is closer than you think and involves our European neighbours.

Besides the announcement of the many VE Day events, The Journal this month is packed full of interesting articles. Read about the original VE celebrations in Fenstanton or find out about rationing with our recipe feature.

Travel this month takes us to Pakistan with a personal insight from Sue Clark whose husband was stationed there. And then off to Africa, where we learn about the work Josie Charter is doing running the charity Support Malawi.

It's amazing the places you can get to without leaving your home when a copy of The Journal pops through your letter box.

From all at The Journal we hope you enjoy this edition

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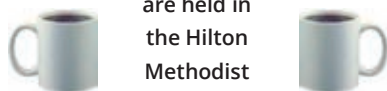
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Hilton Coffee Mornings

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As a build up to the Fun Day we are inviting Fenstanton folk to create and display a scarecrow outside your home, garden, allotment or business.

Please be as creative as you can be and join in the fun.


Scarecrows will be on display for a week from Saturday 28th June until and including Fun Day on Saturday 5th July.

We are planning to produce a map to create a scarecrow trail around the Village

If you would like to join in the Scarecrow fun please follow the link below for more information and entry details.



Find a defibrillator near you

We hope you never need a defibrillator, but if you did they are located in various places throughout our villages. The locations are below with the  what3words location references.

Fen Drayton Village Hall on Cootes Lane
Fenstanton Ash's Store (NISA) on the High Street
Fenstanton Church Centre on School Lane
Fenstanton Zaza barbers on Headlands
Hilton Prince of Wales Pub on Potton Road
Hilton Cricket Pavilion

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pouting.cabinet.washroom
reclusive.creeps.deleting
thing.pylon.relatives
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clerk.farmland.unroll

The Parc Project

In 2006, a team from the Cambridge Community Fund spent a number of weeks with a group of teenagers here in Hilton when they enjoyed various activities and organised events themselves, a number of which involved fundraising. By the time they moved on to further studies they had raised almost £900!

This fund was then entrusted to Julian Thomas, Ian Stott and Margaret Shardlow with specific instructions as to its use:-

- It must be donated only to Hilton or very local young people
- For specific projects, not just to bank accounts
- The three trustees were all to agree on each proposal

Over the ensuing 19 years the Trustees have been faithful to these stipulations.

For example, donations have been made to Hilton and Fenstanton Brownies and Guides, Young Carers in St Ives and to a young

Guider to attend a European Jamboree.

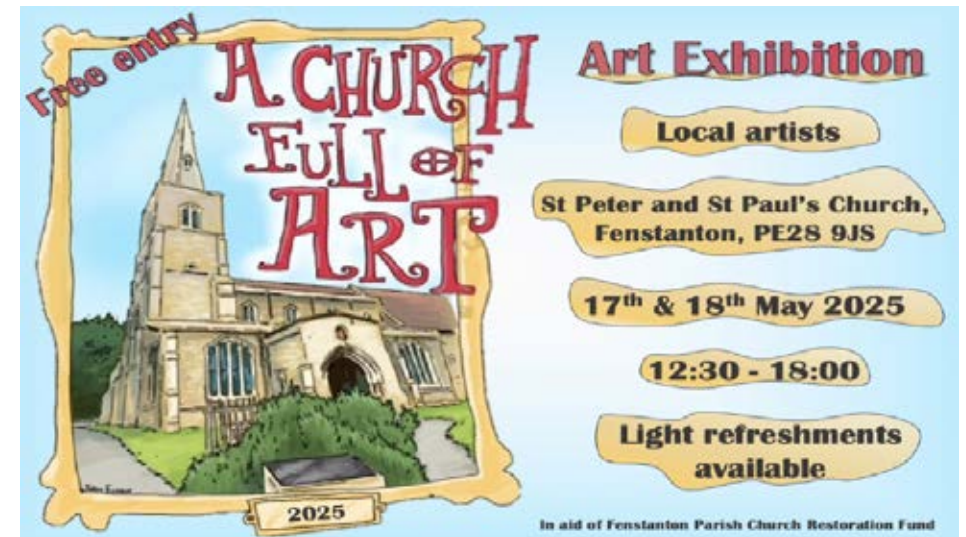
As 2025 arrived, a small amount remained in the fund and the Trustees approached the Hilton Baby and Toddler playgroup leaders who said that they needed some art materials and childproof plates for mid-morning snacks, amongst other things. As these requirements met the original remit of the fund, the Trustees were able to give them the final £164.64 and wind up the fund.

The photo shows some little Hiltonians enjoying some benefits of this donation.

Even in these days of grim events, much good by young people takes place so it is with pride that we can impart this good news!



Julian, Ian and Margaret



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**Please join us to Commemorate
the 80th Anniversary of VE Day**

Wednesday 7th May 2025

11am

The Lychgate, Hilton

**Following the commemoration, all are
welcome at the Community Hub,
in the Village Hall, for light refreshments**

Fenstanton remembers and celebrates VE Day

On Thursday 08 May a number of activities will take place throughout Fenstanton to remember VE Day (Victory in Europe) whilst raising money for Help for Heroes.

Morning manoeuvres

The action will kick off at 08.30 by the clock tower where the VE Day commemorative flag will be raised at 09.00 immediately after the reading of the VE Day Proclamation.

The celebrations then move to the United Reformed Church on Chequer Street where there will be an exhibition of war time memorabilia and a talk by John Deeks on Fenstanton during the war years. Refreshments including tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

Afternoon manoeuvres

Between 15.00 and 17.00 the Church Centre will be turned into an indoor street party. War time catering will be served throughout the afternoon. Whilst the catering will be free, donations for Help for Heroes will be gratefully received. The afternoon's activities will be rounded off with renderings of favourite war time songs. So be prepared for 'Blue birds over the white cliffs' and 'Hang out your washing'.

Evening manoeuvres

At 18.30 the Parish Church will come alive as the village joins with other cathedrals and churches throughout the nation with a united celebration of bell

HELP for HEROES

ringing. This will be followed by a different type of bell ringing as our local Morris Dancers add to the celebrations.

From 19.30 the activity moves back into the Church Centre with performances from the Swavesey Community Choir and the Five Shades of Grey band. There will be a licensed bar and free fish and chips for all those attending. Again, donations gratefully received.

A beacon will be lit by the War Memorial in the cemetery at 21.30 along with a tribute reading and a performance of 'I Vow to Thee My Country' by the choir. The celebrations will come to a close at 22.30 after another set from the band.

Entry to all of the events will be free and period dress is strongly encouraged. All profits and collections will go to Help for Heroes.



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Future use of Hilton churchyard for burials

You may be aware that the area of the churchyard currently used for burials is getting near to being full. While it is of course impossible to say exactly when that area will no longer be available, it is probably a matter of not much more than a decade, perhaps less. Since the churchyard is the village burial ground and this is therefore something that concerns the village as a whole, not just the church community, I am writing to you to let you know what action could be taken to address the problem.

After considering other options, and following discussion with the Parish Council, the PCC (Parish Church Council) has decided to pursue the possibility of re-opening the older part of the churchyard for burials. This seems preferable to looking for a site for a new cemetery (which would probably have to be outside the village), and expanding the present churchyard appears to be impossible. The section we propose to re-open is on the same side of the pathway through the churchyard as the church building itself, in other words to the south of the path. (I'll refer to it as the south section from here on.) Here I must emphasise that at the moment this is only a decision to explore this possibility, and it is a long way from becoming reality. One of the things we are obliged to do – and in any case would certainly want to do – is to consult the whole village community before any action is taken, and this is the purpose of this letter.



There are a number of points to make that may answer some questions and concerns:

- The south section has had no burials for over a century. This means that it is legally possible to re-open it. Re-opening old sections of churchyards does happen from time to time – the PCC is following an established precedent.
- We might need to move some of the headstones in the south section to the north-west side of the church. These headstones have already been moved within living memory – they do not mark known graves, and the location of any burials in that section is unknown. In moving them, we would not be disturbing any marked burials.
- This is a proposal. The final plan will have to be approved by the Diocese of Ely before any re-opening becomes a possibility, and this will probably take some time. We will keep you informed of developments.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any concerns, questions or comments about this matter. We would be glad to supply you on request with copies of the detailed proposal we will submit to the Diocese, including aerial photographs marked with the area we hope to re-open.

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Hilton Feast Week



Feast week 2025 is fast approaching and we are excited to share the fantastic lineup of events soon!

Make sure the dates are in your calendars, Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August – get ready for a fun-filled week of heroes, villains and plenty of village spirit!

In the meantime please do support our fundraising efforts, this fundraising enables us to put on the events during Feast Week to

ensure we have a week full of activities, free to access, for everyone in the community to enjoy. Please support us by joining the Feast Week Lottery and attending fundraising events where you can, don't miss our next fundraiser;

Murder Mystery Evening with Strictly Murder, Saturday 10 May



“Rose Soles has been the treasurer of her local amateur Dramatic Society for many years. She is now retiring and moving to the south of France with her husband, Reg. Her ‘friends’ in the society

have decided to put on a special leaving tribute for her. But all is not what it seems and foul play is afoot!”

Come along and enjoy a fun evening and see if you can find out whodunnit!

Gather your team of up to 8 people, or come along solo and join a team on the night, for an evening of suspense and intrigue! Watch the play unfold, uncover clues, and question the suspects to crack the case.

Tickets are £15 each and include a jacket potato and chilli/vegetarian chilli/baked beans supper, with a licensed bar available

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VE Day 80

Thursday 8 May 2025

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at 8.30am at Fenstanton
Clock Tower.

Refreshments afterwards at
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Village News

The Royal British Legion in Hilton



In a world of stress and strain it is so good to have reason to smile, however short or sweet and we can do this. Firstly we were all excited in April when our dear friend Ed Kelly attended Windsor Castle with his family where His Majesty the King awarded Ed an MBE for 40 years of support to the Legion and for his amazing war service.

The King spoke with him for many minutes, Ed probably even more because he enjoyed informing his monarch that he had once led a Buckingham Palace Fly Past when the King was just a boy! At the age of 101 you can be cheeky, surely? Two days later the nation learned of the King's health blip but here are two stalwart, courageous Gentlemen combining 177 years of living!

The VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations are continuing but there are more to come with VJ Day so the Legion team in St Ives have organised a great party.

An 80th Anniversary VE Day
and VJ Day Celebration

Friday 15 August 2025
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Buffet

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Get making!

We hope you are busy preparing your entries for the Produce and Craft competition at Fenstanton's Big Village Fun Day on Saturday 05 July. This year there is no excuse not to enter and the organising team are really hoping for a bumper entry. Judges for the competition will be announced nearer the time. So get making!

Produce

1. Home Grown Produce – Basket of Seasonal Produce
2. Wonkiest Fruit & Veg. Two categories – Heaviest and Wonkiest
3. Floral arrangement – best flower arrangement celebrating summer in a wine or beer glass.
4. Children's entry Growing a sunflower plant from seed. Biggest/Tallest on day of show. (Collect pots and seeds from Ron's Farm Shop, and/or School planting event.)

Adult class, 14 years and above

Child Class, under 14 years

Judges' award and People's choice

Craft

1. Crafts – Anything you have made personally e.g. painting, sewing, knitting, jewellery, pottery.
2. Photography – Animal theme
3. Lego creation – Celebrating the Great Outdoors theme
4. Savoury Baking – Your best air fryer creation.
5. Bread – Your favourite recipe for a loaf of bread.
6. Sweet Baking - Biscuits – Four biscuits on a plate.
7. Sweet Baking - Cupcakes – Four decorated cupcakes on a plate
8. Mini Scarecrow

Adult class, 14 years and above

Child Class, under 14 years

Judges' award and People's choice



Updates from Clare Tevlin, your District Councillor



In Focus: Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Returns

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has announced the return of community grants through the Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy. Local organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to fund projects that celebrate Huntingdonshire's heritage, culture, and identity as part of our Pride in Place journey.

Last year, HDC awarded £40,000 in grants to 28 charities, community groups, and Town & Parish Councils, supporting events and activities that brought people together and strengthened connections across our district.

To apply and find out more, see: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/huntingdonshire-futures-grant-scheme-returns/>



Over £257,000 Granted to Rural Communities for Net Zero villages initiative

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has awarded a total of £257,376.60 to rural community groups. The Net Zero Villages initiative encourages climate action and is funded by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA). The successful projects, including the *Connecting Fenstanton* project, are to cover a wide range of technologies. The projects aim to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainability, build nature-based solutions and encourage behaviour change. Villagers volunteering their time on all projects will help speed Huntingdonshire's wider sustainability goals. At the same time, local people will enjoy improvements to their village halls, green spaces and footpaths.



New electrical waste bins installed by Church Street Car Park, Fenstanton for all residents.

By participating in this new collection service, residents will be helping to reduce the environmental impact of e-waste and contributing to a safer, cleaner community. This new service accepts small electrical items such as mobile phones, remote controls, and small kitchen appliances such as kettles and toasters, but does not accept large electrical items or hazardous waste. Larger items can still be taken to the nearest recycling centre for proper disposal.

Do you have any queries or questions?

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

The importance of history: the return of the Fen Drayton Local History Society

I never really liked history at school. What changed for me, much later, was inheriting a large print of a game of cricket being played in the 1840s, with the knowledge that it featured a relative of ours.

Faced with what to do in my retirement, I began to explore who this Frank Fenner was. Yes, he was responsible for creating a cricket ground in Cambridge, still named after him, but what really captivated me was exploring aspects of his everyday life. For example, he married Mary from Chatteris, and they had 12 children, with only seven surviving into adulthood. Whilst he worked primarily as a tobacconist, he also opened a gym ('on' Cambridge Market), and had various voluntary roles including church warden, sergeant in the Volunteer Rifles, and local constable. This was at a time (in the middle of the nineteenth century) when the relationship between Cambridge University and the town was probably the worst it's ever been, with regular riots and fights.

Whilst I used newspaper reports, history books and internet sources to write up and publish Frank's story, it only truly came to life, when standing next to the building, or on the street, or playing field, where it took place – prompting me to also lead walking tours. According to research by the National Trust, this can lead, as it did in my case, to *"experiencing a strong sense of place, often becoming mixed with [my] sense of identity and an understanding of belonging."*

It strikes me that the topics presented and explored by a local history society (LHS) might have the same sort of impact, which is why there are plans for the Fen Drayton LHS to be resurrected, after



a gap of a few years since Richard Treeby led it with exceptional local knowledge and passion. Richard will still be involved, however the format will change – to having a range of different speakers talking about local issues (not just restricted to the village only). Francis has also generously offered his Hunters Lodge room at the Three Tuns for the LHS to use regularly on Wednesday evenings, probably every other month.

We have the following talks in the pipeline, but would love to hear from local people what topics and/or speakers they want on the programme:

- St Ives to Cambridge railway line – Roy Stoner
- Pub crawl through Fen Drayton visiting the seven known sites of previous pubs/drinking houses.
- Fen Skating and bandy (ice hockey) – Nigel Fenner

Other ideas include: the Crouch family van round in Fen Drayton; local farming 50+ years ago; maypoles, mazes, local folk football – and Oliver Cromwell; the River Great Ouse; Capability Brown; the only known crucifixion in England.

Have you any other suggestions, or want to be informed of the programme/dates? If so, contact Nigel Fenner at nigel.fenner@ntlworld.com



The Duchess



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Quiz Night



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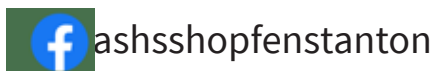


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Fenstanton In WW2

The Victory Celebrations 1945 & 1946

By John Deeks

The Second World War in Europe was officially declared over on the 08 May 1945 and immediately the Fenstanton parish council set about organising a victory celebration. On Tuesday 08 May 1945 a parish committee meeting was called at Swan Cottage to consider the best way of celebrating the victory in Europe.

The vicar Rev P Smith and twelve others were in attendance. It was decided that sports would be held on 09 May in the afternoon for the children and, if sufficient funds were available, some sports for adults in the evening.

A local landowner kindly offered the use of Hall Green for the event. It was agreed

that a house to house collection would be made to provide funds. Summary of planned events: children's sports 3.30pm to 5.00pm, children's tea at 5.00pm, parade 5.30pm, adult sports 6.30pm and then a bonfire at the conclusion. The committee met again at 6.30 pm on 08 May to open the collection tins. A total sum of £26-12s-6d had been collected. It was agreed to carry on with the arrangements the following morning. It was agreed that a torchlight procession would become a bonfire where an effigy of Hitler would be placed on top of the bonfire!

Two local people who attended the celebration remember it as follows. "Tables were set up in Chequer Street with lots of bunting and flags. Sandwiches and cakes were provided for all the children in the village, there must have been a drink but we can't remember what! At some point later all the children joined the adults for a bonfire on Hall Green where refreshments and beer were provided. We can remember it being a lovely party for all, with lots of singing and merriment which I am sure went on long after we went to bed".

A parish council committee meeting was called for at the church hall on the morning of 15 August 1945, sixteen members attended. After some discussion it was agreed that a tea should be held in Chequer Street on Thursday 16 August. All village children were to be invited to tea, the adults were to be asked to bring their own food (food rationing was still in place) but they would be supplied with tea. Sports were to be organised as was a dance if music could be obtained. This would take place in Chequer Street. Summary of events: tea 5.00pm, sports 6.00pm to 8.00pm, dancing 8.00pm to 10.30pm and a bonfire at 10.30pm. The committee agreed to do a house to house collection for gifts of

food or money for the day.

A further committee meeting took place at 9.30pm on 15 August. It was agreed that the celebrations would go ahead as planned with the addition of an open-air Thanksgiving service. It was decided to hold the service in Chequer Street and that the Rev P Smith would conduct it at 7.45pm. The treasurer stated that the fund now stood at £17-2s-0d, A final victory committee meeting was held in the church hall on 05 September 1945. The Rev P Smith and thirteen other members were present. The treasurer stated that there was a balance in hand of £15-9s-0d. It was proposed and agreed that this sum be handed over to the 'Welcome Home' (returning village soldiers' fund). A vote of thanks was given to helpers who made both days such a success.

In 1946 all our village soldiers had returned home and the parish council felt that the village should celebrate their safe return. A meeting of the victory celebration committee was held in the church hall at 8.30pm on 08 May 1946. The Rev P Smith and eighteen other members attended. After some discussion it was decided to run the celebrations on the same lines as the VE and VJ days although the actual date was not noted in the minute book.



The following programme was agreed upon. From 2.00pm a fancy dress parade, a display by the Girls Life Brigade, a display by school children, ladies football and a donkey derby. After a 4.30pm tea, there would be boxing, children's sports, a united service of thanksgiving, adult sports, dancing and finally a bonfire. Again a house to house collection would be made for money or goods, together with collection boxes in the shops.

The next committee meeting was held in the church hall on 29 May 1946. Again the Rev P Smith and eighteen other members attended. The collection tins were opened and the sum of £16-16s-3d was counted. Some collections were not yet completed and these would be added later. Due to an

inability to obtain materials for a bonfire it was agreed to delete this item. Owing to the failure of obtaining sufficient ladies for the football and the donkey derby, it was agreed to substitute a pillow-fight in their place. It was agreed that all who could, would meet on Thursday June 6th at 7pm to do the necessary preparation.

And there it ends. The following minute book is not available in the Huntingdon archives. I can only surmise that the event took place on or around 07 June 1946.





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Choosing a small furry friend

Following on from our recent articles on choosing puppies, kittens, and rabbits, this month I'd like to turn the spotlight onto our smaller furry friends—pets such as guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, gerbils, and rats. These charming animals can make wonderful companions, especially for those with limited space or time. However, just like any pet, they require commitment, understanding, and the right environment to thrive.

Species matters

First, it's important to choose the right species for your household. Hamsters, for example, are solitary by nature and generally prefer to live alone. In contrast, guinea pigs are highly social animals and should always be kept in pairs or small groups. Rats are intelligent, affectionate, and enjoy human interaction—but they need daily mental stimulation and companionship, ideally from another rat. Consider your lifestyle and how much time you're able to spend interacting with your pet. A pet that needs less handling might suit a busy household, while a more interactive species can be very rewarding for someone able to invest more time.

Health check at purchase

Wherever you choose to get your pet—be it a rescue centre, breeder, or reputable pet shop—there are a few health signs to look out for. The eyes should be bright and clear with no discharge. Noses should be clean, and breathing should be quiet and unlaboured. Check for any bald patches, lumps, or signs of scratching which could indicate parasites or skin conditions. Healthy small furrries are alert and active, though they may be shy initially.

Handling temperament

It's worth asking to see how the animals are handled. Are they used to human contact? Are they relaxed when picked up, or do they panic?

While young animals may be a little nervous, a well-socialised pet will become comfortable with gentle, consistent handling over time. If you have children, especially younger ones, consider how tolerant and robust the species is—guinea pigs, for instance, tend to be a little easier for children to interact with than the speedier hamster.



Lifespan and long-term care

Small pets have varying lifespans—hamsters may live 2-3 years, while rats and mice live around 2-3 years as well. Guinea pigs often live 5-7 years. It's essential to be realistic about the time commitment involved. Also consider that some of these pets, especially rats and guinea pigs, may need veterinary care for respiratory or dental issues during their lifetime.

Housing and diet

Proper housing is essential for their wellbeing. A cage should be spacious, escape-proof, well-ventilated, and enriched with hiding spaces, tunnels, and chew toys. Flooring should be safe and comfortable—avoid wire mesh floors. Each species has specific dietary needs, so be sure to research or ask your vet about appropriate nutrition.

Final thoughts

Small furrries may be tiny, but they have big personalities and needs. Choosing the right one requires thoughtful planning, just like with any pet. If in doubt, speak to your vet—we're always happy to advise. With the right choice and care, these delightful creatures can bring years of joy to your home

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Life in the North-West Frontier

by Sue Clark

In March 1972 my world turned upside down. My husband Peter was a Qualified Flying Instructor in the RAF and was due a new tour of duty. Our children were aged two and a half years and five months and we'd decided it was the ideal time to ask for an "overseas" posting as it would be completed before the children started school. "Overseas" at that time usually meant Malta or Cyprus or maybe Germany at a push so imagine my shock/horror when he came home to say we were going to Pakistan for two years!!!!



There was no easy means of research for us to find out what life would be like... the culture, the customs... no internet, no social media, and a very limited briefing in London for Peter... probably because sending our little family out to the North West Frontier Province was "an experiment". Since partition from India in 1947 only "unaccompanied" officers had been sent to the PAF Academy in Risalpur, and they went for just one year... any longer and it would be too much of a challenge. Good to know it was no challenge for us then... especially when the only advice from on high was to take "toilet rolls and baked beans" and we did think that advice could have been a bit more helpful!!

Three months later, in June 1972, we took off from Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. To cut costs for the RAF on the first leg of the 3,750 mile journey we travelled to Cyprus in an extremely noisy Hercules transport aircraft... then next day travelled from Cyprus to Beirut, next day Beirut to Kabul in Afghanistan, and next day onwards to Islamabad via a touchdown in Peshawar where the temperature on the tarmac was 122°F (50°C) and leaving the aircraft felt like heat from a very hot oven hitting us in the face... that

four day epic journey would now take approximately eight hours non stop!

Once in Islamabad, the children and I stayed at the empty Air Attache's house while Peter travelled back to the base at Risalpur to learn more about his job and set up home for us. He moved mountains and created miracles so that I could arrive to a detached concrete bungalow rather than a noisy barrack flat but we still had no hot water, no cooker, no curtains or blinds, no air conditioning and wood framed "charpoy" beds with ropes strung across in a lattice pattern to support a thin cotton stuffed mattress.



All water had to be boiled before drinking and the cooking would be done on an open fire using dried buffalo dung for fuel... fortunately that wouldn't be my problem as we, like everyone else, had to have servants in order to maintain the status quo of the caste system as well as supporting the economy.

We had several house servants who had to be paid the going local rate even though that was a pittance and we were benefitting from overseas allowances... to pay more would potentially have caused other servants to be dissatisfied and lead to unrest. We had to find other ways to support the servants, with little gifts... and by ignoring the increasingly light coloured whisky in a bottle that never seemed to empty... the cook liked his whisky!!

Status was everything, and there was a hierarchy of castes...in descending order we had a cook Abdul (who was paid the most at £2.00 per month) who bossed Gul our ayah and Shafi, a "sweeper"... the lowest of the

low... who wafted a dirty rag around and used a brush made of long twigs to "sweep" the floor. Then there was the "chowkidar" or night watchman, the "mali"... our gardener who cut the scratchy grass by steering a lawnmower pulled by two buffalo (see photo) and finally the "dhobi" who collected and returned our laundry amazingly clean and immaculately ironed... despite having been washed by trampling underfoot and then laid out on bushes to dry.

Risalpur was a small village in what was then called the North-West Frontier Province, in the north of Pakistan quite near the Khyber Pass and the Hindu Kush mountain range which border Afghanistan and China. It was a lonely life for me... a white female was a curiosity in a male dominated world and even when I went into our garden I'd soon have a row of Pashtuns squatting the other side of our hedge and peering through to watch me and the children.

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whisky from the distillery in Lahore and hold social evenings where they could get drunk while I stayed out of sight. When we went for a Chinese meal in Peshawar with the “British spies” we were amused to be told to take canned beer with us in a cool bag. The bag was then whisked away to the restaurant kitchen and the beer arrived back at our table inside tea pots and we drank it from dainty cups. There was a small enclave of Brits living thirty miles away in Peshawar.

I did very occasionally cycle on the airbase to go to the hospital to collect my calcium tablets which were conveniently wrapped in newspaper or visit the English missionary doctor and his wife who were the only other westerners for 30 miles... but I couldn't drive or go anywhere alone. I'd arrived naively expecting to “learn the language” so I could communicate... but a mixture of languages were spoken, Urdu, Pushtu and Punjabi and there was no hope of doing anything other than smiling and using hand gestures.

Although nominally they worked for the British Council they also tracked messages via masts up in the Hindu Kush range of mountains. A hundred miles in the other direction, to the east, lay Rawalpindi and Islamabad... the two cities being in extreme contrast to each other. Rawalpindi was traditional with busy narrow streets and bazaars lining every alley way whereas the new city of Islamabad was prosperous with wide tree lined avenues and beautiful spacious mansions and embassies, made of marble. Great wealth, great poverty.

The other wives on the base were usually well educated and able to speak English but, understandably, they chose not to... perhaps too embarrassed to try or maybe just didn't like having a European stranger in their midst. The protocol was to wait for an invitation for coffee or tea and then return the invite... you didn't visit uninvited. The whole area was “dry” and drinking alcohol was forbidden but we found that Peter's fellow officers expected him to smuggle



The Air Attache lived in one such house, his support staff were housed in lovely modern houses in the British compound... we stayed in one of the compound houses there a couple of times when the occupants were back in the UK on leave. The heaven of familiar gadgets and furniture, tasty treats from the shop or a dip in the pool... such a contrast from where we were living but the hundred mile journey in intense heat with two, then three, young children was too much to undergo regularly. We were so fortunate very early on to be befriended by Peter's Flight Commander Saleem and his wife Rose. They had two children of similar ages to ours and through being Christians in a Muslim world, they could understand the feeling of isolation; they lived on the base and we visited a lot.

We were also invited to the villages of our servants, Abdul showed us the way to the mali's village and I remember him carrying our son Rob, in his arms and teaching him to scoop up curry with a chapati. The mali's village was similar to all others, comprising four high walls made of mud and straw around an open courtyard with individual rooms, their homes attached to the inner wall. Peter was led away to meet the menfolk and I was ushered behind a curtain to meet around 20 women and their children who patted our heads and pinched our cheeks and offered us chai. How far smiles, nods and tea are a universal language of goodwill.

In Abdul's village we were saddened to see a “lunatic” tethered to a tree out in the open, villagers threw food for him to eat... it appeared he was probably suffering from

epilepsy. Gul lived with her mother and three younger brothers in a room less than 12 feet square which housed two charpoy beds and some basic cooking tins... they didn't consider themselves poor as they had a roof over their heads. Peter's student,



Javed Khan, took us to his village where our both our daughter and myself were shaken to find hundreds of spiders scurrying away when I lifted the keyhole shaped lid resting on a block of concrete with a deep black hole beneath... that was the toilet.

Javed also took Peter and I out for walk late at night. In single file he led the way on a narrow track carrying a rifle over his shoulder... it was hard to imagine what he was taking us to see and we both thought we were to be executed!!! Imagine our relief when he proudly showed us moonlight glistening on a lovely reservoir. There were several frightening adventures, made more so by lack of knowledge about the country.

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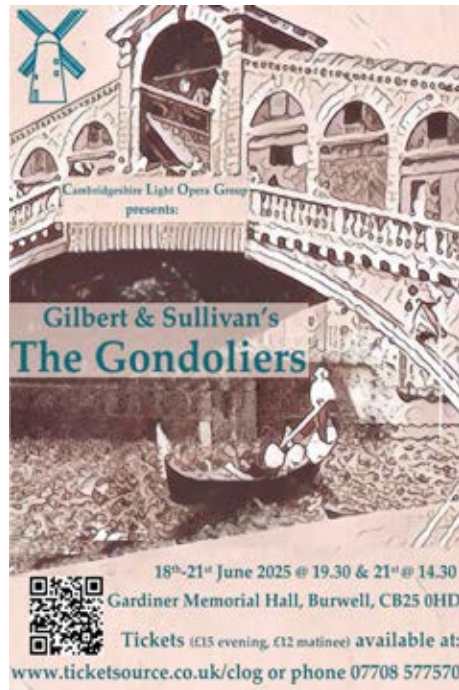
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By Roland Randall



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Most mornings we have heard Greater Spotted Woodpeckers drumming in some

dead elms and slightly less frequently, Green Woodpeckers have called at the same time. Collared Dove and Stock Dove also are frequently heard.



In our taller trees, we have heard and seen Mistle Thrush. We frequently see Moorhen and Mallard in the ditches and ponds and occasionally the remains of a Mallard that a fox has caught on the ditch bank!

After Easterly winds we quite often see Black Headed Gulls and sometimes Common Gulls searching for insects in the cow pats. For two days in late February, we had a Hooded Crow (possibly migrating) along with Carrion Crows and on a couple of occasions after heavy rain we have seen a pair of Northern Shoveller on the pond.

Our muck heap is a firm favourite with a Linnet flock on cold mornings and Starlings also make good use of it though, sadly, they have been much less in evidence in the latter part of this winter.

We quite often see Kestrel either sitting on a fence post or hovering over taller pasture on the lookout for field voles and Red Kite and Buzzard fly overhead making use of the thermals. Occasionally we see a Sparrowhawk scouting the hedges.

The arrival of the first migrants: Blackcap, Willow Warbler and Siskin, in early March reminded me that Spring was just round the corner! It will be interesting to see what other changes Spring and Summer bring to the bird life of the farm.



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Sunday 11	9.15am Fen Drayton 10.30am Fenstanton	Holy Communion, St Mary's Worship For All - launch service for Christian Aid Week, all welcome
Thursday 15	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Friday 16	6-8.30pm	Fen Youth Group meet
Saturday 17	12.30-6pm	Church Full of Art, parish church, Fenstanton
Sunday 18	1-5.30pm	Fenstanton Open Gardens (see adverts)
Sunday 18	10.30am *Fen Drayton	Holy Communion, St Mary's *Please note change of church and time <i>No service in Fenstanton parish church today</i>
Thursday 22	8.30am on Zoom	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25	9.15am Fen Drayton 10.30am Fenstanton	Morning Prayer, St Mary's Family Communion with guest speaker, Josie
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St Mary's has a small threshold that may be possible to navigate with a wheelchair. There are no toilet facilities, yet (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

Rev Rosie writes

The internet tells me that Emily Bronte is quoted as saying:

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

Emily especially loved this time, a time that traditionally heralds rebirth of nature, a time to leave sorrows behind and rouse our spirits, writes the author of a Bronte sisters'

website focussed on the sisters and their lives and writings. Perhaps then, you might meander around the Open Gardens this month, or visit the parish church during the same weekend, to view the art on display? Indeed, where might you find signs of hope? In the garden? In the church? Or where will you find that special place of connection where all feels well or right the world? Will you take a moment this month and reflect on your own expectations, wishes and hopes?



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Hilton Methodist Church

On May 7th 1945, the Nazi government unconditionally surrendered, bringing to an end a conflict which had its roots in Hitler's appointment as Germany's Chancellor a decade earlier. It took Hitler only 6 years to bring about Nazi dictatorship and to invade Poland, thereby starting WW2.

The atrocities committed and the pain and lost are remembered as we fall silent each year to commemorate. One phrase echoes..... 'never again'.

Right now, we all need to act if 'never again' and values of justice and peace are not to be totally trampled over in the ways we are all witnessing.

Although not quite on our doorstep, – remember; ignoring both leads to complicity as well as risks a visit.

This is not a time for more and more words. Action is required.

May I suggest taking a moment in this space - here and now - to consider how you might take a stand.

It's not rocket science but if you need some ideas I suggest '20 Lessons on Tyranny' by Timothy Snyder, available via You Tube.



Take a moment.....
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Revd.Sue Baker-Maher
You can contact Revd.Sue by email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk or by phone: 07483 153948

Services in May

4 May	10:00am	Mrs. L. Charlton
11 May	11:15am	United Service at the Methodist Church
18 May	10:00am	Mr. J. Green
25 May	10:00am	Local Arrangements

Minister: Rev Sue Baker-Maher email: sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk

Hilton Parish Church



Dear Friends,

May is Mary's month. In the Catholic tradition, special ceremonies are held and prayers offered to honour Mary, mother of Jesus. In homes and out-doors as well as in churches, a statue of Mary may be crowned with a garland. It is not clear why May has become associated with Mary, but the poet-priest Gerard Manly Hopkins offered in his poem 'The May Magnificat' his explanation.

He first describes the month of May. The nesting thrush, lying on her

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathizing
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to mind
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.

May is the month of nurture, growth, life. Mary harboured the Life of the World within her body for nearly ten months. In our churches, we don't tend to make much of the month of May, but we can each and all witness the tender glory of this month and allow it to speak to us of the Lord of Life.

With love,

David
Revd David Busk (01480 436400)

Services in May

Sunday	4 May	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	11 May	11:15am United Service in the Parish Church (Palm Sunday)
Sunday	18 May	8:00am Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday	25 May	11:15am Coffee, Cake and Church in the Village Hall
Sunday	1 June	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Friday	9 May	5:30pm Friday Feast (Messy Church)

Weekly Online Services (Via Zoom)

Holy Communion Wednesdays (2:00pm) Bible Study Fridays (10:00am)

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) for Zoom access details

A view from the Old Manse

Christian Aid week is 11–17 May. O.K., another charity envelope landing on the mat, urging us to give money; but why, and what for? A little history to begin with. Christian Aid emerged in 1945 as a response to violence and conflict following the aftermath of World War II. It was formed as the Christian Reconciliation in Europe, and in 1949 became the British Council of Churches' Department for Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service. This year will be its 80th anniversary of fighting poverty and responding to humanitarian emergencies worldwide.

The 'why' is to fight injustice and poverty. We are privileged in this country to have healthcare and education available to us. Others are less fortunate. Not having the basics cripples a country. When we are concerning ourselves about climate change, poor countries have no such option, and must suffer the consequences of not being able to harness the power of renewable energy projects,

which would benefit their farming, and in turn enable them to produce the products that we consume, such as cocoa products, tea, coffee, and fruits such as bananas and oranges.

The 'what for' is to help poorer countries help themselves out of poverty, and in turn help the world. Money raised through Christian Aid goes to fund projects to fight injustice and poverty, surely something that we all want to eliminate in our own lives.

Christian Aid week will see churches from many faiths come together with one aim, to help those less fortunate than ourselves. It could be said that we should look after our own; and we do. There are many charities in this country dedicated to doing just that. It is not much to ask however, that for one week of the year we think of others who are suffering unimaginable living conditions; people we rely upon to provide the raw ingredients for chocolate and skin care products, tea, coffee and fruits. In its 80th year, please think of the work that Christian Aid does, and don't just throw the envelope in the recycle bin.

Geoff Hawkins
Fenstanton URC Secretary
fenstantonurc@stivesfreechurch.org



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Chequer Street, Fenstanton

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2025 Services

May

- 04 Revd Christine Davies
- 11 Revd Chris Baker – **Holy Communion**
- 18 Revd Christine Davies
- 25 Machrina Ejaz - Student Minister

June

- 01 Alison Jiggins
- 08 Revd Christine Davies – Pentecost – **Holy Communion**
- 15 Vacant – Trinity Sunday
- 22 Revd Christine Davies
- 29 Revd Chris Baker

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

- Tuesday 13 May 2.30–4pm – Led by John Williams
- Tuesday 10 June 2.30–4pm – Led by John Williams

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Mama Jo's Mischief

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!

Flower Experiment

This May, why not try an experiment with your little ones? This affordable, simple experiment will bring your children closer to nature and can be a great learning opportunity about the life cycle of a flower, what plants need to grow and how a small change can make a big difference. We chose to use chrysanthemums, however gerberas and generic daisies found in most green spaces tend to work best, just make sure you pick ones with longer stems (about 5cm).

What you will need:

- White flowers
- Food colouring
- Water
- Spoon
- A glass/cup/bowl (a vessel of your choosing)

Method:

- Fill your vessel (glass/cup etc) with water
- Add a few drops of food colouring and stir well
- Add your flower(s)
- Leave indoors on a windowsill or somewhere sunny
- Wait and watch your flowers change colour.




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Afoot in the Garden



2025 a spring to remember

As I write we are in the middle of one of the most spectacular displays of spring colour. It was a long winter which held back spring flowering. When the sun came out in mid-March, spring flowering went into hyperdrive. Tulips were in flower before the narcissi and daffodils flowers were over and all the early flowers came out in quick succession. While I cannot remember when the magnolias looked so beautiful the plants that stick in my mind are the sloes in our hedgerows. I expect a bumper crop of sloes in the autumn so 'get the gin in'!

I was given a tip recently for photographing flowers with a mobile phone camera. While macro mode is an obvious choice, portrait mode will apparently concentrate the focus on the flower. I will test this tip out when I edit my spring photos.

Spring flowering shrubs like forsythia, ribes, pieris, spirea and amelanchier can be pruned in May. As a general rule most shrubs are pruned after flowering but wait before pruning Japanese quince (chaenomeles) and camellias. They will produce more flowers next year if pruned in early June as bud set will benefit from the receding day length.

One of gardening's best jobs is planting up summer bedding plants. The shopping trip to a nursery or garden centre and the feel of friable compost in your hands when you plant. Always water your plants well in advance of planting and again once planted.



Check your hoses for leaks and replace connector washes as necessary.

Other tasks for May include - weeding feeding and mulching borders, deadheading daffodils and hellebores, tying in climbing plants and setting supports for tall and heavy headed perennials.

Flowers to look out for in May – lilacs, rhododendrons, azaleas, wisterias, iris and early roses like Canary Bird and x cantabrigiense.

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May Top Tips

- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Tie in climbers
- Weed, feed and mulch
- Plant summer pots
- Replace hose washers



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Hilton Parish Council



Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 07 April

Maintenance Contracts

The Council discussed the renewal of their open spaces maintenance contracts and agreed to increase the Maintenance Person's hours to include care for the village garden and annual ditch work. JSC Services will maintain the playground.

Internal Auditor

For the 2024/25 financial year, the Council has appointed the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) as their internal auditor.

BrightPay Payroll Software

The Council has approved the purchase of the 25/26 payroll software at a cost of £84.

CAPALC

The Council has renewed its membership of CAPALC at a cost of £427.03.

Tabletop Sale

The Council has granted permission for a tabletop sale in the car park adjacent to the village hall. Keep an eye out for more details.

Car Park Surface

Following feedback about the village hall car park surface, the Council has allocated up to £650 for repairs. Cllr Matt Stott will be organising a volunteer party to do this work.

Bus Timetable

The Council considered the correspondence regarding the new bus timetable and will display copies of the timetable on the noticeboards, website, and Facebook page.

Path at the junction of Sparrow Way and Church Lane

In support of resident efforts to improve parking, the Council will be writing to Cambridgeshire County Council regarding enhancements to the path at this junction.

Maze Interpretation Board

The Council noted that the current board cannot be repaired and requested additional quotes for a replacement.

Pavilion Broadband

After reviewing the costs, the Council has decided not to contribute to the £2,000 broadband installation at the pavilion at this time.

Annual Parish Meeting

Don't forget the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15th May at 7:30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is a yearly gathering where residents can engage with the Parish Council, discuss local issues, and hear updates on community projects. Unlike regular council meetings, this meeting provides an opportunity for parishioners to raise concerns, suggest ideas, and learn about the Council's activities over the past year. Hope to see many of you there!

VE Day

The Council has agreed to light the beacon at 9:30pm on VE Day, Thursday 8th May 2025, with the proclamation taking place at 9:20pm. District Councillor Clare Tevlin will be invited to perform the lighting ceremony. Residents are welcome to attend and take part in this commemorative event.



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2025 in Hilton Methodist Church. 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.

You never know what goes on behind closed doors!

Behind an anonymous front door in Hall Green Lane, Fenstanton is the headquarters of an international charity. Support Malawi is currently helping 3040 school children through school and 312 college students through university in this under-resourced African country.

The work of the charity is coordinated by Josie Charter who has been managing its activities for the last eight years. Josie has been visiting Malawi for over 21 years and volunteered for the role whilst working as the office manager at an IT company in Huntingdon. Now as part of her responsibilities she visits Malawi three times a year.

“Visiting Malawi and running the charity has become my life.” Josie explains, “To be able to see exactly where every penny is spent and the impact that we are making is so inspirational and rewarding. I have watched children grow into adults and become teachers, plumbers, tailors, doctors and nurses to name but a few. Those children came to us abandoned, orphaned,



neglected, starving and unloved and, together with our family of staff, we have been able to give them hope, opportunity and a bright future where they have the ability to provide for themselves and their future families. It doesn't get any better than that, what a privilege to be even a small part of their journeys.”

As the fund coordinator, she has one of the best and worst jobs in the world. Along with senior management in Malawi, she has to decide who the charity can help and, sadly, who they cannot. People walk 10 miles, and more, to chat to her, asking for the smallest amount of money to help them with school fees for their children or a small business loan to get them on their feet.

“Sometimes in Malawi I have more than 30 people every day come to see me in the house where I stay (which is in the middle of a very rural area, five miles from the nearest tarmac road) or at the office. I listen to every single one of their heart-breaking stories, give them tea and a sandwich, and try to work out how to help them without creating dependency, which is absolutely no help to anyone. Of course there's a high percentage I am unable to help but a few speak straight to my heart and I agree to assist them. Just £50 starts them in a little business, although I must confess that this is my personal money as Support Malawi has more than enough to cope with funding!”

SUPPORT malawi

“I can become very disheartened when sometimes it feels hopeless, as in February when I was most recently there. I have never seen so many malnourished children in 21 years of visiting. However, then I am greeted by the beautiful children who are under our wing of care, their smiles, requests for sweets, or to brush my hair. Something that is to be endured rather than enjoyed, gentle they are not! I can see a future for those children if we continue raising money and having faith in them and their futures.”

Support Malawi doesn't subscribe to the 'sponsor a child' movement. Josie has seen first hand how awful it can be when some children receive letters and gifts and their fellow classmates watch with such longing in their eyes. It's too sad. Instead she prefers donors to choose where their money is spent. For example, a school trip, pens and exercise books for an entire class or buying formula milk for the baby clinic. The list is really endless!

“I send between £80,000 and £120,000 every single month to support all the children and projects we are involved in and I can tell you how every single penny of that money is spent. Every penny! How many other charities can do that?”

You can donate via the website www.supportmalawi.life or you can contact Josie on josie@supportmalawi.co.uk

Besides cash donations towards the charity's ongoing work they are desperate for laptops and smartphones for their college and university students to be able to download and access their curriculum online.

Honey Hill tree carving

The stunning tree carving on Honey Hill is a true testament to artistry and creativity! What a delightful way to preserve the old cherry tree stump, now transformed into a captivating scene featuring a hive, honeycomb, bees, a hedgehog, a beetle, and, of course, a majestic owl. All these intricate details were masterfully crafted by Lisa Langley of Cambridge Chainsaw Carving. We now have a beautiful and enduring piece of art to enjoy for many years to come.

The design is based on/inspired by the name of its location, Honey Hill.

'This short hill was the border of the old village green and the early village. It is recorded that it is named after the honey from bees, which for many centuries supplied the



only means of sweetening the people's food and making mead. The bees also provided the wax that was so necessary for use in the Roman Catholic church.'

Four new benches

In response to requests from parishioners, your Parish Council has recently installed four new benches around our village. These benches offer a welcome place to pause, relax, and appreciate the beauty of our village, particularly as we enjoy the spring sunshine.

The Parish Council would like to express its sincere gratitude to the family of the late Alan Bush for their generous contribution of the bench located down The Fen, a place Mr. Bush cherished for his walks.



Next Parish Council meetings

Parish Council meetings usually occur on the second Thursday of each month, except in August and December, unless there is pressing business to discuss.

However, please note that, because VE Day commemoration events are taking place on Thursday 8 May, your Parish Council will

meet next on Thursday 15 May, at 7.00pm in the Church Centre.

To contact your Parish Council Clerk

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Expression of thanks

Fenstanton Parish Council would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Paul Kent and Roy McGee who have stood down as councillors after many years of service on the Parish Council.

Paul was a councillor for over 15 years, including 10 years as Chairman. He has worked tirelessly in that time, to improve the village for the benefit of all. The countless hours that he gave of his time, finding funding sources, working with other communities to tackle the flooding issues, chasing the county council to fix potholes or lending a helping hand to other councillors were immeasurable. Paul has been a stalwart and has quietly achieved so much for our village. He will be greatly missed.

Roy also served on the Council for many years and was the driving force on many projects, including tree planting and implementing the 20-mph speed limit. Roy co-ordinates the village litter picking and can always be found at the Welcome Space, another initiative championed by Roy.

The Council would also like to express its thanks and gratitude to Jo Perez, who has stood down as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Jo joined the Council as Clerk and stepped up to take on the additional role of Responsible Financial Officer when the previous incumbent left. She was always willing to go the extra mile on behalf of the parish and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

What a team! THANK YOU!

Residents came out in numbers on Sunday 23 March for our 5th annual Spring Clean-up, and what a difference they made! From fields to playparks and all major roads, they covered it all. It's a massive thank you from all residents for your hard work, you are Fantastic. Other thanks go to Fenstanton Parish Council for supplying the equipment and HDC for supplying bags and making collections.

Fenstanton Litter Teams

Many of the volunteers who helped on Sunday are members of Fenstanton Litter Teams. They



have their own equipment (supplied by FPC), and litter pick independently, as and when they have the time.

If you love our village and would like to join them, to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact:

Roy McGee
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Parish Councillor Saturday Surgeries

Saturday surgeries will continue to be held at

The Hub, 6 High Street, Fenstanton, from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

We encourage all Parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with their Councillors and discuss any local issues or concerns.

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Contact Arrangements During the Summer Holidays

The summer holidays are a time of fun and relaxation for children, but for separated parents, they can also present challenges when it comes to managing contact arrangements. With schools closed and families planning holidays, it is crucial to ensure that both parents remain involved in their child's life during the long break. Establishing clear contact arrangements can help maintain a balanced routine for children and reduce potential conflicts between parents.

What are contact arrangements?

Contact arrangements refer to the schedule that determines when a child spends time with each parent. In the case of the summer holidays, contact arrangements need to be adapted for the extended break to ensure that children continue to spend meaningful time with both parents while also enjoying their summer activities.

Key considerations for summer contact arrangements

1. Length of the Holiday: The UK summer holidays usually last for six weeks, which is a significant amount of time to navigate. Parents need to decide how this time is divided, considering the needs of the child and the availability of both parents. A common approach is to alternate weeks or to split the holidays into two blocks of time, giving each parent a fair share of the holiday.
2. Holiday Plans: Many parents use the summer holidays as an opportunity to go on holiday. It is important that parents communicate their plans early with each other to avoid conflicts. For example, if one parent plans a trip abroad with the child, the other parent may need to adjust their contact arrangements. Flexibility and open communication are key to ensuring that the child's best interests are maintained.
3. Child's Wishes: As children grow older, they may have their own preferences about where and with whom they would like to spend their time. While the child's wishes are not always legally binding, older children's views should

be considered when making arrangements. Parents should have open discussions with their child about their preferences and try to accommodate them where possible.

4. Work Commitments: For many parents, work schedules can be disrupted during the summer. Parents who do not have flexible working hours may find it challenging to spend time with their child, especially if they need to arrange childcare. When planning contact arrangements, it's important for both parents to consider their work commitments and ensure that the schedule is manageable for everyone involved.

Types of contact arrangements

There are different ways that parents can arrange contact during the summer holidays. Some of the common arrangements include:

- Equal shared care: Both parents split the summer holiday equally, with alternating weeks or blocks of time.
- Alternating weekends or weeks: Parents alternate weekends or full weeks with the child, ensuring both spend quality time with them.
- Extended contact with one parent: Sometimes, the child might spend an extended period, such as four to five weeks, with one parent, especially if there are family holidays or special events.

Legal considerations

If parents cannot agree on contact arrangements, mediation or legal action may be necessary. Mediation helps parents reach a mutually agreeable solution with the help of a neutral third party. If this is not successful, parents may seek a Court Order to determine the child's contact schedule.

The summer holidays should be a time for children to enjoy themselves and create lasting memories. By working together and establishing clear, fair contact arrangements, parents can ensure that their children benefit from time with both parents while also having the opportunity to enjoy their summer break.

If you need assistance navigating contact arrangement in the Summer holidays, contact Leeds Day on 0333 577 2250, send an email to family@leedsday.co.uk or visit our website: www.leedsday.co.uk/family.

Remembering the 80 years commemoration of V.E. Day and the dark days of rationing

The Daily Mail Pictorial History of Our Times 1945 stated that the weekly ration of essential items was:

4oz. (113.4gm) Bacon
1s. 2d.'s worth Meat
8oz. (226.8gm.) Margarine/Lard
8oz. (226.8gm.) Sugar
3oz. (85.05gm.) Cheese
2oz. (56.7gm) Tea

In addition to the weekly ration other items such as tinned food, dried fruit, breakfast cereals and biscuits had a points system applied. This was not a reliable system for the customer as the points allocated changed according to availability and demand. Priority was given to pregnant mothers and children for milk and eggs; a non-priority adult could expect about 30 eggs per year, hence families took to keeping chickens.

As shortages increased, long queues became even longer, and the first in the queue could find that what they had waited for had run out.

Fruit and vegetables were never rationed but not always available especially onions, tomatoes and fruit which tended to be shipped into the country. Hence growing your own became more important, even play parks became vegetable plots. Everyone was encouraged to 'Dig For Victory'.

In 1939 petrol was rationed, trips for the family were very limited. Clothes were also rationed in 1941, so no more "glad rags".

With the influx of men and women returning from the war, the population increased dramatically, so rationing and the availability of food became more stringent, hence the rationing of flour and related products in July 1946. It was not until the 1950s that all food was de-rationed, the last to go being meat in 1954.

There was serious "Black Marketing" during the war – obtaining food and goods without coupons, usually at vastly inflated prices. By March 1941, 2,300 people had been prosecuted for fraud and dishonesty.



Typical Wartime Recipe - Toad in the Hole (To feed a family of four.)

Ingredients:
8 sausages
4oz. (113.4gm.) Plain Flour
2 eggs (In war time it could be the equivalent in dried egg)
Approximately half a pint of milk
Pinch of salt

Method:

1. Make the batter for the Toad in the Hole early, about two hours before you wish to serve the dish.
2. In a large jug/bowl whisk the eggs into the flour with salt and about half the milk. (It should be a thick creamy mixture).
3. Put the mixed batter in the fridge or cool place until you are ready to cook.
4. Pre-heat the oven at 200°C.
5. Grease the sides and base of deep metal cooking tin and put it into the oven to get really hot.
6. Add more milk to the batter, to make it like single cream.
7. Carefully place the lightly cooked sausage in the tin and immediately pour in the prepared batter.
8. Cook until well risen and golden - about 30 minutes.

Enjoy with vegetables of your choice and at least we do not have to queue all day to buy them.



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Farewell to our chair

Jackie Isden is stepping down as chair of Fen Drayton Parish Council after eight years in the role, and five more before that as a councillor.

Jackie steered the parish council through major changes affecting the village, such as the A14 upgrade.

She initiated the construction of Teal Close, 14 affordable houses for people with links to Fen Drayton, and secured grants to improve the playground and provide a zipwire for older children, and recently to build the extremely popular pump track.

As a keen gardener, Jackie promoted green projects, such as planting trees, installing swift boxes and using chippings and dead wood from felled trees in the village hall car park and woodland. She was also proactive in the new pavilion project and attended countless flood meetings with local authorities.

Jackie will be greatly missed by all the council members and the clerk. We wish her a relaxing and enjoyable future.

Message from the chair

As I step down from Fen Drayton Parish council I would like to pay tribute to the amazing team that makes up your parish council. A group of volunteers who give unsparingly of their time to drive projects which benefit our village and make a positive impact on our community.

Without their support my role would have been so much more difficult, so I would like to voice my appreciation of all they do and the help they have given, not only to me, but to our whole community.

Pump Track

By the time you read this we should have had some rain and reseeded the grass on the access to the pump track and where the temporary fencing was around the school in the village hall field.

Fen Drayton village hall

The village hall has been awarded a Net Zero grant to install a suspended ceiling and 52 solar panels. The grant was funded by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority with the Zero Carbon project managed by SCDC. Gas and electricity account for nearly 40% of the village hall costs, so the solar panels and suspended ceiling will reduce these considerably.

Table top sale and raffle

On Sunday 11 May from 11am to 3pm the village hall is holding a table top sale with refreshments and a raffle. It costs just £5 for a table. Carriages, Rosegate Farm, Stubbins, the Three Tuns and Wilderspin Garage have kindly donated raffle prizes and there are also hampers, half cases of wine - and more! For details see the poster in the magazine.

Community Cafe

May is the month when gardeners know that seedlings start growing with a vengeance. So it has been designated as the cafe's **plant sale/ swap month**. This is the fourth year it has run and each year has proved more successful than the last.

Come and see what's available and what you could grow on – whether vegetables or flowers. You can swap plants, or buy if you don't have anything to swap.

Don't forget, the Gardening Club has its own Facebook page and also a dedicated WhatsApp group. Gardeners are always happy to share their knowledge and experiences.

The next cafe is 10 May.

Fen Drayton village meeting

Monday 12 May | 7.30pm | Village hall

Your village meeting is a great opportunity to discover what's going on in Fen Drayton.

It is also your chance to engage with parish, district and county councillors, ask questions and express opinions about the future of Fen Drayton.

The evening will open with brief reports from councillors and local groups on matters affecting the village. Afterwards, you are invited to join the parish council for refreshments, when you will have the opportunity to chat with the speakers.





Fen Drayton Primary School

It's been a busy few months at Fen Drayton Primary School. The repairs to the main building finally started and we are excited to see the new improved building when we finally get back in!

We once again took part in the Young Voices choir at the O2. Young Voices is the largest children's choir, with thousands of children performing in large venues across the country over many weeks. We took nearly 50 from Y4-6 and had an incredible experience singing and dancing our hearts out.

Our Ducklings children enjoyed a fantastic morning at Cambridge Fire Station recently. They practised their hose skills, sat in a fire engine and tried on the uniform.

We have spaces in most year groups so please go to Fen Drayton Primary School - Admissions on our website to find out how to apply for a place. We are always happy to give tours of the school so please get in touch if you would like to look round.

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Fenstanton Friendship Club

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



12 March We had a wonderful recital of music with Rachel on the flute and Bron on the piano. The music was so relaxing, it was a "mindfulness" afternoon and we all got lost in the beautiful, varied music. Rachel also told us about the charity "Operation Smile". We learned about the causes of the disfiguring

cases of cleft palate and hare lips. Of course in this country we are fortunate to have surgery available, not so in other areas of the world, hence the need for the charity. We as a group donated in total £184 to the cause. Thank you Rachel and Bron for a great time.



26 March Twenty-seven of us went to the Hartford Mill for a carvery. As usual the staff were very helpful in ensuring we had everything we needed. The food was very good and we all had a lovely time.

Upcoming meetings

23 April Brian and Paul AKA Panache will entertain us with voice, guitars and great humour.

7 May We look forward to a trip on the river aboard "The Ladybird". We are hoping for better weather than last year when the water levels meant we had to cancel. We will stop for lunch and hopefully have fish and chips.

21 May We will have our celebration of the end of WW11 with a talk by John Deeks.

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

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Hilton Community Hub



Hilton's Community Hub meets in the Village Hall every Wednesday from 10:30 - 12:30 and it is going from strength to strength.

The photo shows some of the bakers and their hot cross buns at a hub meeting in April. Other activities include quizzes, jigsaws and Scrabble.

It is a great opportunity to make new friends or to renew old friendships.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Hilton Art Club

In March, the subject was 'Beautiful Bugs'. As finally Spring was showing itself in the flora around the village, it was a reminder that the warmer weather was around the corner, when many of these creatures would be seen again.

Lots of lovely pictures!

At the session, Kathy B asked us if we would like to change the start time to the later time of 10 am and after a show of hands, this was agreed.

16 May, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Our all day workshop with Chris Lockwood. Subject: Flowers and Plants. Mixed media, in 'concertina' books.

Members who have reserved a place only. Bring your own lunch.



Hilton Women's Institute

As we know, flowers each have their own meanings, a new one of which is that of the mimosa, or Feminine Strength and whilst the WI emblem is the Sunflower the mimosa must come close to who and what we are, it may sometimes appear delicate but is actually robust. Oh, yes we are!

Disappointingly, Annette Murphy, our April speaker, could not make it but, ever-resourceful, Mel found an interesting speaker, Colin Mitchell, from the charity SERV Blood Runners. As a complete contrast, in May we will learn about John Lewis (previously named Robert Sayle) from Alison Dickens.

Our cinema visits are thriving, particularly to the current ones in the St Ives Corn Exchange. We meet and greet in the cafe upstairs and enjoy the film in the auditorium downstairs for only £7! Our next visit will be to see Conclave and the most recent was All We Imagine as Light, a strange film, rather puzzling and better understood after being discussed later.

Some of us are looking forward to a talk and demonstration at Federation

in Huntingdon on hanging baskets, and of course the clubs are enjoyed as much for the tea, biscuits and chat. Fingers are ever busy, some of us are at Craft Club are knitting or crocheting Fiddle Muffs which are particularly beneficial for Dementia Sufferers and which we may pass to residents in the Field Lodge Care home.

The monthly recipes in the Journal are often submitted by members from their grandma's battered old recipe book with grubby pages when chutney had bubbled nearby - all those 'old favourites'. It is hoped that in due course they can be included into a book - so 'watch this space'!

New members are always welcome- come and try us . hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com



Hilton Flower Club

April 7 We had a great time with Lesley Beeton, she did the Easter workshop with us, we all had a most enjoyable afternoon and all took home an Easter table arrangement.

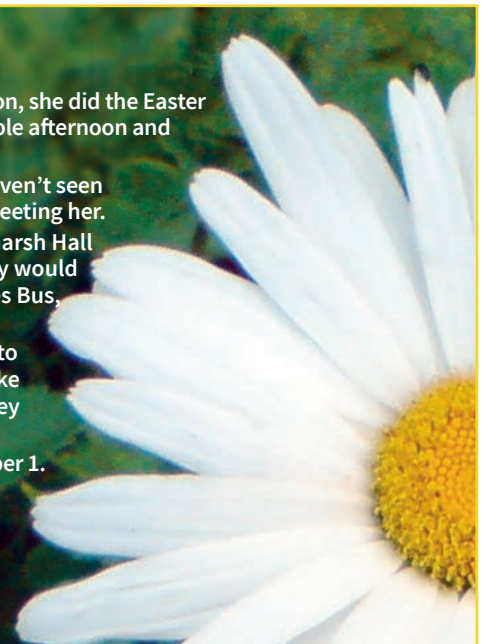
May 12 Our demonstrator is Lucy Hill; we haven't seen Lucy before, so we are looking forward to meeting her.

June 18 Is our outing; we are going to Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens near Northampton. If anybody would like to join us, the cost is £34 which includes Bus, Hall and Garden.

There is a tea room where you will be able to get light lunches, or if you wish, you can take a picnic. Ring June 01480 830306 or Beverley 01480 830571.

Our next meeting after the outing is September 1. Hilton Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

Entrance £6.00 (includes tea/biscuits). No Membership. Just pay on the door
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Beverley



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