



# Fen Ditton

## Parish Council Newsletter



October 2016

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### Parish Council

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Street. Members of the public are welcome at meetings.

#### Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Crime and welfare  
Highways and transport  
Website

#### Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance  
Strategic planning

#### Felicity Bennée

Finance

#### Emily Bush

Church Community Hall  
liaison  
Conservation  
Social media and website

#### Serga Collett

#### Jennie Conroy

Cemetery  
Conservation  
Highways and transport

#### Mark Easterfield

Cemetery  
Marshalls Committee  
Lead Planning

#### Wendy Irvin-Braben

Church Community Hall  
liaison  
Crime and welfare

#### Laurice Suess

Newsletter and website

All parish councillors are members of the Planning Committee, and the Parish Council is Sole Trustee of the Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust (charity no. 288528)

#### Parish Clerk

Sarah Smart  
Tel: 01223 862687  
[clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk)

#### Tree Warden

Alan Alderson

#### District Councillor

Robert Turner  
[cldr.turner@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.turner@scambs.gov.uk)

#### County Councillor

John Williams  
[John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### From the Chairman

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent consultation on the maintenance of the closed churchyard. While there were not many responses, the consensus was that the Parish Council should provide sufficient funding to keep it in good upkeep.

The Boundary Commission has been carrying out reviews of boundaries within the county and district. Despite all our efforts, their recommendation for the county is that the part of the parish south of the disused railway bridge (including Wing) would stay in Fulbourn division while the rest of it would move into Waterbeach. Although Fen Ditton would stay one parish, in future it would have two wards, with most of the councillors being from the south ward. Finally, a massive thank you to Laurie and Mark Woolfenden who wish to retire from village and cemetery tidy-ups, which they have been generously supporting since 2010. The tidy-ups will carry on, meeting at the Pavilion from now on. We aim to continue the tradition of providing refreshments, but theirs will be hard to follow.

### The Chisholm Trail and other proposals

The Parish Council responded to the recent planning applications for a Chesterton–Abbey bridge and Phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail, objecting in principle to both of them because of the development on Ditton Meadows. We suggested some design improvements and asked for safeguards against extra parking in the village in case the schemes get planning approval and go ahead.

Meanwhile, the Inspector's review of the Local Plan for Cambridge and South Cambs continues, with the South Cambs part due to be examined soon. The District Council will be defending our Green Belt. Next up, the City Deal. Visit our website for updates.

## TESCO Bags of Help

The Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust is delighted that our project to update the play sports equipment on the Rec has been shortlisted for a public vote in Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. We will receive £8000, £10 000 or £12 000, depending on shoppers' votes for the three chosen projects at their larger local stores.

You will be able to vote between **31st October and 13th November**, when shoppers will be given a token with every transaction. Please use your tokens to vote for your local project and help improve the play area.

You can find out more about this scheme, in which over £12.5 million raised from the 5p charge on carrier bags will be used to help community projects across the UK, at [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp).

### THE ANCIENT SHEPHERDS

The owner has informed South Cambs District Council of their intention to sell. The pub is a nominated Asset of Community Value and the Parish Council will be submitting an 'intention to bid' to trigger the six-month moratorium period and give time for a bid to be put together that would keep it in community use. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details if you are interested.

### Useful Contacts

#### POLICE

**Emergency 999**  
Non-emergency 101  
[www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)  
[www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)  
Local PCSO Alice Tasker

#### E-cops

Local crime info email list  
[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)

#### Cambs Crimestoppers

Freefone 0800 555 111

#### NHS

**Emergency 999**  
Non life-threatening 111

#### GAS

**Emergency 0800 111 999**

#### ELECTRICITY

**Emergency 0800 316 3105**

#### CAMBRIDGE WATER

**Burst main 01223 706050**

#### HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.  
0345 045 5212

#### STREET LIGHT FAULTS

0800 7838 247

#### TRANSPORT

##### Bus passes

0345 045 1367

##### Traveline

Public transport information  
0871 200 2233

##### National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50

##### Highways England

0300 123 5000

##### Newmarket Rd Park & Ride

01223 845561

##### Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

##### CamShare

Free travel share matching  
[camshare.liftshare.com](http://camshare.liftshare.com)

##### Cambridge Cycling Campaign

[www.camcycle.org.uk](http://www.camcycle.org.uk)

##### South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500  
Mon–Fri 8am–5.30pm  
[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

##### Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200  
Mon–Fri 8am–6pm  
Sat 9am–1pm  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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## Village Groups

### Ancient Shepherds Book Club

Tel: Carol 292809

### Badminton Group

Tel: Ian 292240

### Bellringers

Tel: Laurice 292797

### Bridge

Tel: Mike 862293

### Church Choir

Tel: Mike 294317

### Church Community Hall

[fd.hall@outlook.com](mailto:fd.hall@outlook.com)

### Coffee A.M.

Tel: Jo 292520

### Coffee Pot

Tel: Elizabeth 292697

### Cricket Club

Tel: Adam 07708 261555  
Juniors Tel: 07792 129077

### Gardening Club

Tel: Brenda 293705

### FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am Thursdays  
[toddlers@fenditton.org](mailto:toddlers@fenditton.org)

### Football

FD FC Tel: Peter 293829

### Friends of Ditton Meadows

[friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk](http://friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk)

### Keep Fit (50+)

Tel: Wendy 293205

### Morris

[coton.morris@gmx.com](mailto:coton.morris@gmx.com)

### Parish Church

All enquiries Tel: 441900

### Recreation Ground

[fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk)

### Scottish Dancing

Tel: Pamela 292493

### Sunday Club

10–11.30am, first Sunday of every month except August  
[fdsundayclub@gmail.com](mailto:fdsundayclub@gmail.com)

## New noticeboards – have your say

Since the closure of the post office, where notices used to be displayed, there has been a lack of public noticeboard space in the village, and for some time there has been an element of 'fly posting', albeit promoting local community and worthy fund-raising activities. The Parish Council is considering purchasing one or more new noticeboards. It has obtained a community chest grant of £1500 from the District Council towards the cost, and other funds are available. It is considered important that any new boards are accessible and close to popular posting sites, and that their style and materials enhance the character of the village.

The Parish Council welcomes your views on this. Do you think this would be a good way to use community funds and improve village communication? If so, how many new boards might be needed, and where should they be placed? Please let us know what you think through our consultation at [www.fenditton-pc.org.uk](http://www.fenditton-pc.org.uk). There are links to it under both Parish Council and Local News on the home page. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

This summer has seen a good start to the Trust's fund-raising activities for the planned improvements to the Pavilion and recreation ground. The ceilidh was a particular highlight, raising £1850 and much enjoyed by the people who took part. The sunny weather meant that both the Mays and the Town Bumps were very busy this year, with parking for them raising £2455 and £1285; parking for the dragon boat races on 10th September also brought in £600. Thank you to everyone who helped in organising or supporting these events and, of course, to all those who attended. We have also been successful in our application for a Tesco Bags of Help community award – see the separate article – and, looking to the future, will be making further grant applications as new schemes open again in the autumn.

## BUS SERVICES AROUND FEN DITTON

The Whippet 115 is a recent addition to the bus services around the village, providing a direct link between Newmarket Road Park & Ride and Addenbrooke's. It is running roughly hourly during the daytime on Mondays to Saturdays for a six-month trial period. A timetable is on the noticeboard near the village sign.

The 196 continues to run three times each weekday between Fen Ditton and Cambridge. Please consider this bus (a double decker) when parking in the narrow village streets, as people depend on it. Its route passes along High Street and Church Street to Green End and Wright's Close, where it needs to be able to turn.

## Helplines

[www.helplines.org](http://www.helplines.org)

**Age UK Cambridgeshire**  
0300 666 9860

**Benefits fraud hotline**  
Freefone 0800 854 440

**Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**  
020 7981 2800

**Care Network Cambridgeshire**  
01954 212100

**Child abuse – NSPCC**  
Freefone 0808 800 5000

**ChildLine**  
Freefone 0800 1111

**Citizens Advice**  
0344 848 7979

**Civil Legal Advice**  
0345 345 4 345

**Consumer Advice**  
03454 04 05 06

**Cruse Bereavement Care**  
01223 633536

**Disability – benefits**  
0345 712 3456

**Domestic Violence**  
Freefone 0808 2000 247

**LitterAction**  
[www.litteraction.org.uk](http://www.litteraction.org.uk)

**Marshall's Noise Helpline**  
01223 373950

**Missing People**  
Freefone 116 000

**National Debtline**  
Freefone 0808 808 4000

**RSPCA Cruelty & Advice**  
0300 1234 999

**Samaritans**  
01223 364455

**Victim Support Line**  
0808 168 9111

## FEN DITTON BONFIRE NIGHT

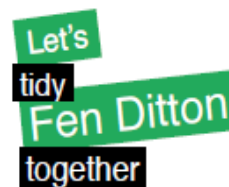
Friday 4th November

Come and join in the fun on the Recreation Ground, Church Street

Gates open 6.30pm  
Fireworks start at 7pm

**Refreshments!**

There will be a collection towards the cost of the fireworks



**Saturday 15th October**

**Meet at the Pavilion at 10am**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE**

A variety of tasks – hopefully something for everyone!  
Hi-vis vests etc. provided.

Everyone is welcome but it helps with planning if you are able to let us know in advance that you intend to come – please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you.