



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



October 2017

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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.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and would like to find out what might be involved, please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk.

Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport
Website

Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance
Strategic planning

Emily Bush

Church Community Hall liaison
Conservation
Social media and website

Felicity Bennée

Finance

Serga Collett

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport

Jennie Conroy

Cemetery
Conservation and trees
Highways and transport

Mark Easterfield

Cemetery
Marshalls Committee
Lead planning

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

District Councillor

Robert Turner
cllr.turner@scambs.gov.uk

County Councillor

Anna Bradnam
anna.bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

From the Chairman

This summer saw the most amazing FD800 celebration events in the village, including the Medieval Fair on 27th August which was much enjoyed by all – including Anna Bradnam, our new County Councillor. Huge thanks to the organising team for a splendid day.

We are sad to see two departures since the spring. Wendy Irvin-Braben was the driving force behind many fund-raising events and the installation of the new play equipment on the Rec. Although she has stepped down from the Council, fortunately she will continue helping the Trust raise funds for the Pavilion. As Tree Warden, Alan Alderson has been advising us for many years. Sincere thanks to both of you – you will be greatly missed.

Things are now moving forward with the Wing development off Newmarket Road, and Hill Residential have been appointed as the developers for the first phase. They are working up the plans for strategic infrastructure and housing, and preparing a design code to guide development across the whole site. Public consultation is expected in November and early 2018.

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was submitted in 2014 and is still being examined by the Government Inspector. In the hearings, land owners argued for large areas in Fen Ditton to be reclassified for development. The Parish Council supported SCDC's defence that they should remain as part of the Cambridge Green Belt. We now await the Inspector's decision.

Fen Ditton 800

A glorious sunny day and a cycle ride along the Cam found me time-travelling back 800 years to Fen Ditton's Medieval Fair. Welcomed by the vicar and the good folk at 'The Keep', there was elegant dancing from Capriol and stylish interpretations from King Slocombe. Beside the Viking village, skills were on display, from medieval woodworking, painting and marlinspike rope work, to lacemaking, pearlwork – and of course 'snail racing'. I racked my brain to identify the twigs provided by the Gardening Club, bought a herbal moisturiser, stroked a ferret, sniffed lavender, learned more about Denny Abbey and was thrilled by the slightly threatening green faces of the Sutton Masque Morris dancers.

Falcons flew – off, out, way beyond the trees – but happily returned to gulp down morsels from the falconer's glove. Feeling peckish, I partook of the excellent repast provided at 'St Mary's Court', whilst others enjoyed spit-roasted hog. Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine and I watched as Ordgar Vikings in chainmail and helmets pitched into battle with Fen Ditton children, who roundly trounced them. An exhibition of historic Fen Ditton drew me into the 'Leather on Willow Tavern', where the last glasses of ale were enjoyed to the accompaniment of Fen Edge Voices' madrigals.

Altogether it was a magical afternoon, thoughtfully planned and wonderfully delivered by a hard-working organising committee, helpers and the Sea Cadets. Well done to all!

Anna Bradnam, County Councillor

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As well as consultations and village news, our website contains many useful links for reporting faulty street lights, potholes etc. It is more effective to use these than to report faults by phone.

Useful Contacts

POLICE

Emergency 999
Non-emergency 101
www.cambs.police.uk
www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk

E-cops

Local crime info email list
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 3163 105

CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 0800 316 7676

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
www.traveline.info

National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50

Highways England

0300 123 5000

Cambridge Park & Rides

01223 845561

Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

CamShare

Free travel share matching
camshare.liftshare.com

Cambridge Cycling Campaign

www.camcycle.org.uk

South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500
Mon–Fri 8am–5.30pm
www.scambs.gov.uk

Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200
Mon–Fri 8am–6pm
Sat 9am–1pm
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 Community Hall

fd.hall@outlook.com

Coffee A.M.

Tel: Jo 292520

Cricket Club

Tel: Adam 07708 261555
Juniors Tel: 07792 129077

Gardening Club

Tel: Pamela 292493

FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am Thursdays
toddlers@fenditton.org

Football

FDFC Tel: 07889 746000
Romsey Rangers FC
Tel: 07804 025559
Cambridge FC Veterans
Tel: 07494 199900

Friends of Ditton Meadows

friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk

Keep Fit (50+)

Tel: Wendy 293205

Morris

Tel: Ken 01353 861964

Parish Church

Tel: Alun (priest) 295927
Choir Tel: Mike 294317

Recreation Ground

fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Scottish Dancing

Tel: Pamela 292493

Stitch & Knit

Tel: Jackie 513206

Sunday Club

10–11.30am, first Sunday of every month except August
fdsundayclub@gmail.com

Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

Thank you to everyone who organised, sponsored and attended the Ceilidh held after the FD800 Medieval Fair – a very successful and enjoyable evening that raised the splendid total of £2000 towards the Pavilion Development Fund. The Trust's fund-raising committee are busy with grant applications and planning further local events.

The Trust is pleased that the Rec is being put to good use for sports throughout the year. At the end of the cricket season the first and second XIs both finished right in the middle of their respective divisions despite being without some key players for much of the time, and the juniors continue to make progress. Between now and the spring, there will be football matches on most Sunday mornings. As well as Fen Ditton FC, the Romsey Rangers and Cambridge FC Veterans will also be using the pitch for some of their matches.

We wish all the teams the best for their season.

Around the village

Two of the new noticeboards are now in place, an open one for public use near Wadloes footpath, and one outside the Church Community Hall for promoting local events and regular activities at the Hall. The third new board, which will be outside the Rec and include one bay for public use, will be arriving later in the year.

The Parish Council is now responsible for maintaining the churchyard and a preliminary survey of its wall has been done. Before further investigations can take place, the remaining ivy on the wall must be removed, and work on this will start in October. Meanwhile, we are continuing to investigate all the formalities of 'adopting' the Grade II listed red phone box in the High Street.

CYCLING SCHEMES IN FEN DITTON

Following requests from residents the Parish Council recently funded six replacement solar studs along Wadloes footpath. These are now in place, making the path much easier to follow in the dark.

We now expect the work on the Cross-City scheme in Fen Ditton to start in January 2018. The new path will extend along Ditton Lane and Horningsea Road as far as the school and will create a new crossing point there. The Highways Department will soon be holding a public consultation on double yellow lines on all four corners of the crossroads, and along two sections of High Ditch Road for improved traffic flow as previously proposed by the Parish Council.

The Greater Cambridge Greenways project aims to establish a good network of cycling routes into Cambridge from the surrounding villages. The proposed Horningsea Greenway would complete the link from the school to the existing Horningsea Road cycle path and widen Wadloes footpath. Consultation on this is expected this winter, and the public engagement events will be advertised on the website.

Helplines

www.helplines.org

Age UK Cambridgeshire

0300 666 9860

Benefits fraud hotline

Freephone 0800 854 440

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

01480 396698

Care Network Cambridgeshire

01954 211919

Child abuse – NSPCC

Freephone 0808 800 5000

ChildLine

Freephone 0800 1111

Citizens Advice

0344 848 7979

Civil Legal Advice

0345 345 4345

Consumer Advice

03454 04 05 06

Cruse Bereavement Care

01223 633536

Disability – benefits

0345 712 3456

Domestic Violence

Freephone 0808 2000 247

LitterAction

www.litteraction.org.uk

Marshalls Noise Helpline

01223 373950

Missing People

Freephone 116 000

National Debtline

Freephone 0808 808 4000

RSPCA Cruelty & Advice

0300 1234 999

Samaritans

Freephone 116 123

Victim Support

Freephone 0808 168 9111

FEN DITTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 3rd November

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

Gates open 6.30pm
Fireworks start at 7pm

Food and mulled wine on sale

There will be a collection at the entrances to the Rec



AUTUMN TIDY-UP

Saturday 28th October
Meet at the Pavilion at 10am

A variety of tasks including litter picking, sign cleaning and low-level pruning – something for everyone! Hi-vis vests etc. provided.

Everyone is welcome but it helps with planning if you let us know in advance that you intend to come and if you have any preferred task/s – please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you.