



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



October 2018

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Parish Council

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

Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Crime
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

Church Community Hall liaison
Social media
Welfare

Jennie Conroy

Cemetery
Conservation
Highways and transport
Tree Warden

George Devine

Church Community Hall liaison
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 Councillors

Graham Cone (Con)
Claire Daunton (Lib Dem)
John Williams (Lib Dem)

County Councillor

Anna Bradnam (Lib Dem)

From the Chairman

Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings. Hill Residential are expected to give an update on the Wing development off Newmarket Road at the November meeting, so please come along if you are interested. At the October meeting, the council agreed in principle to some widening of the Wadloes footpath, as part of the planned Greenways cycle link between Horningsea and Cambridge.

We have been asked by SCDC to formulate an Emergency Plan for the village. If you are interested in being on the committee or can offer special skills (e.g. medical, first aid, construction, amateur radio) or equipment (e.g. chain saw, inflatable boat, tractor) to become one of the key people that can be called on in an emergency, please contact the Parish Clerk.

PTE CHARLES MALLION

Charles Mallion, whose name appears on Fen Ditton's war memorial, was the 860th of 876 officers and soldiers of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who died during WW1. As part of the national centenary commemorations, a group from the Royal British Legion will be holding a short remembrance service in Fen Ditton cemetery, where he is buried, at 1pm on **Saturday 20th October**. All are invited.

MAJOR PLANNING

The South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was formally adopted by SCDC in September 2018. This preserves the Green Belt and Conservation Area in and around Fen Ditton. Further detailed planning applications have been made for the Wing development, the Chisholm Trail and the Abbey–Chesterton cycle and foot bridge. A public consultation on Waterbeach New Town closes on **Friday 26th October** and villagers are encouraged to respond; the Parish Council has previously raised the issue of the predicted increase in traffic through the village.

ROADWORKS IN FEN DITTON

Work on the Cross-City scheme along Horningsea Road and Ditton Lane is now under way and is expected to continue until early 2019. The scheme includes a new 'toucan' crossing north of the school, improved cycle ways to Horningsea and into town, and changes to the road layout at the crossroads. Fuller details of the scheme and its timetable are on the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership website. We will add details of footpath diversions etc. to our own website as and when we are told of them.

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Keep up to date with village matters by visiting our website. It also contains links for reporting faulty street lights, potholes, fly tipping 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

Freephone 0800 555 111

NHS

Emergency 999
Non life-threatening 111

GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

ELECTRICITY

Emergency 105

WATER AND SEWERS

Burst main 0800 316 7676
Sewerage 03457 145 145

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

0345 045 5213

Stagecoach East

01223 433250

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

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

Friends of Ditton Meadows
friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk

Keep Fit (50+)
Tel: Wendy 293205

Morris
Tel: coton.morris@gmx.com

Parish Church (St Mary's)
Priest Tel: Alun 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

Sadly, some of the children's play equipment on the Rec was vandalised recently but processes are in hand with the insurers for it to be repaired and brought back into use as soon as possible. Although there are no football teams booked to play on the sports field this winter season, it was put to good use by Fen Ditton Cricket Club over the summer, with all four adult and junior teams progressing well.

The Trust is grateful to everyone who has helped to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Pavilion this year and it is already planning events for 2019. Look out for the popular **Wine and Cheese** event in the spring and the **Fen Ditton River Run**, incorporating a family fun day on the Rec, on **Sunday 19th May**. It is also possible to make donations easily and securely online by searching for FDRGT on the Virgin Money Giving website.

PLASTICS AND SEWERS

We have contacted Anglian Water about problems with the sewage pump station at Osier Holt, Green End. They are looking at options to improve the performance but, as residents, there are things we should do to reduce blockages and, ultimately, help keep our rivers, beaches and oceans clean. So, avoid the FOG and keep to the three Ps. (Look it up. Visit Anglian Water's website to find out more about their Keep it Clear programme.)

COMMUNITY SCHEMES – CAN YOU HELP?

The Parish Council has been approached about two local volunteer-based schemes recently.

- The County Council's **Community Gritting Scheme** provides training for volunteers to help keep their community moving in freezing weather by clearing agreed footways and paths. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.
- The **Beaches Community Car Service** aims to provide door-to-door transport for people who do not have the use of a car and are unable to use conventional public transport, with priority given to those with medical appointments. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver please contact the Co-ordinating Team on 01223 575698.

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

Marshall's 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 2nd 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



LIGHTING UP THE TREE

Saturday 8th December

Join us at the village sign for carols around the newly lit Christmas tree

Switch on at 7pm

Enjoy some mince pies and mulled wine courtesy of St Mary's church

Please bring a torch and remember to wrap up warm!

