

FOXTON  
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## SHORT HISTORY OF FOXTON

The history of Foxton goes back to the Early Iron Age, as there was a settlement about 260 yards north of the railway crossing on the Foxton-Barrington road. Remains found in 1920 prove this. A very beautiful chalice of Arretin ware was found in the same area in 1852.

The district was thickly populated in Anglo-Saxon times. For many years there was a great feud between Foxton on the one side of the river and Barrington on the other, for in Saxon times the river divided the two great kingdoms of Anglia and Mercia. In 1327 the parsons of Foxton and Barrington fought it out.

About 1260 the Mortimer family started to hold land in Foxton, and the evidence of this is now to be found in the moated "Mortimer's" Farm. In 1310 Constantine de Mortimer was granted a charter for a Yearly Fair and later, from 1326, a weekly market was held in the village. Another large estate was where the Burlington Press now stands.

The church (partly dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century) has an interesting history. The beautiful silver chalice, with the date 1569 on the lid, was probably presented by Elizabeth I as a "conscience cup" to atone for her father's depredations.

The main London road did not pass through Foxton, but through Fowlmere. The railway almost gave the village a miss too. The Great Northern Company came as far as Shepreth by 1851. A rival company, the Great Eastern, secured the rights, in 1852, to build a railway from Cambridge to Shepreth, but for 14 years the Great Northern ran coaches from Shepreth to Cambridge,

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## **The South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Lifeline Service**

This enables an emergency telephone call to be made remotely by pressing a personal alarm button which is normally worn around the neck. The range of the alarm button can be up to a maximum of 70 yards from the special alarm telephone. Alarm calls go to a Control Centre, where an operator will, if necessary, contact persons you have named as holding a key and who are willing to be called out to your home.

Both the alarm button and special telephone are rented from the Council. The service costs £3.11 per week, excluding VAT. The majority of users qualify for VAT exemption. A lower charge of £1.70 per week, excluding VAT, applies to those receiving income related benefits. There is no installation charge. If any parishioner needs this service but cannot meet the full cost the Parish Council may be able to meet some of the cost.

For further information please contact:  
Mr John Tremlett, Community Lifelines Officer, ☎: 237211

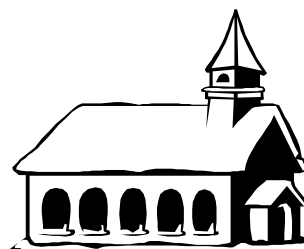
## **Foxton Web Site**

Details of this Directory, Parish Council Minutes, Events etc can be found on the Foxton Web Site at:

[www.foxtoncambs.info](http://www.foxtoncambs.info)

*Please note: All telephone numbers given in this directory are Cambridge code (01223), unless otherwise stated.*

the journey taking 40 minutes. The line was electrified in 1988.



In 1086 the Domesday Book gave the population as 237, while at the census of 1951 the figure was 567. Today it is approaching 1400.

The Bury, belonging to the Abbey of Chatteris which, according to the Domesday Book, owned about 640 acres in the village, formed, together with the Church, the centre of the village in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

The printing works were established in 1908. this proved a boon to a depressed village. Forty men and women were employed there.

Street lighting was first discussed in 1913 but was not installed until 1954.

The local development plan designates Foxton as a village where only limited small scale development will normally be permitted. In the 1960s and 1970s two new estates were built – Illingworth Way/St Laurence Road and West Hill. In 2000 work was begun on the new Whitegates development of 30 houses plus a new School/Village Hall. This is expected to be completed in 2001. The new village hall enjoyed a substantial grant from the Millennium Commission.



## NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Member of European Parliament:

Mr Robert Sturdy, 153 St Neots Road,  
Hardwick, Cambridge, CB3 7QJ.

☎ 01954 211444

Secretary: Shire Hall, Castle Hill,  
Cambridge, CB3 0AP ☎ 317672

### Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire:

Mr Andrew Lansley:

South Cambridgeshire Conservative  
Assoc., 153, St Neots Road, Hardwick,  
Cambridge CB3 7QJ. ☎ 01954 211444

Fax: 01954 212455

### Cambridgeshire County Council

Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3  
0AP. ☎ 01223 717111

Local Councillor:

(vacancy, at time of going to press)

### South Cambridgeshire District Council

South Cambridgeshire House, 9/11 Hills  
Road, Cambridge. ☎ 01223 443000.

Local Councillor:

Mrs D Roberts, Amberley, Shepreth  
Road, Fowlmere ☎ 01763 208627



### Post Office and Stores

Mr and Mrs C.Black ☎ 870339

Open Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 10.00  
pm

Saturday 8.30 am – 10.00 pm

Sunday 9.00 am - 8.00 pm

Post Office and stores, photocopying/  
fax, Video, Dry Cleaning, shoe repairs,  
pick up point for prescriptions.



### The White Horse

Foxton's only Public House

Rob and Julie ☎ 871948



### Petrol Stations

Welch's Garage, Royston Road, ☎:  
870101

Foxton Service Station, Cambridge  
Road, ☎ 872231



## VILLAGE SERVICES

### Refuse Collection

Collection is made each Wednesday. Refuse should be placed in the plastic bags provided by the District Council near to, but not on, the highway early on the day of collection. The Council's tip at Thriplow is available to residents to dispose of items not taken by the regular collections. Large items can be collected by arrangement with the District Council in addition the District Council may agree to take away one bag of garden rubbish for the elderly and infirm.



### Mobile Library Service

The County Council's Mobile Library visits the village on alternate Tuesday



afternoons. Stops are made at the Village Hall and the Green.



### Newspaper Delivery

Ian Williams, 11 Champions Close,  
Fowlmere ☎ 01763 208692

## Foxton Parish Council

Chairman: Mr M Bore, ☎ 871558

V. Chairman: Mr J Callin, ☎ 870211

Members:

Mr D Boreham, ☎ 870734

Mr D Chilton, ☎ 871269

Mrs S Collins, ☎ 871321

Mr M Howard, ☎ 503377

Mrs M Pick, ☎ 872003

Mr D Pusey, ☎ 503600

Mrs J Ward, ☎ 871225

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs J Burns, ☎: 870851



The council normally meets on the first Monday in each month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend though cannot contribute to debates. A short period is allowed at all meetings, usually at about 9.30 pm, when residents may ask questions.

Residents who wish to raise matters for the Council's attention should do so in the first instance in writing to the clerk or urgent matters can be dealt with by any Councillor.



## RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

### The Parish Church of St Laurence

Priest in charge:

Revd. Mrs R Nancarrow, The Vicarage,  
7 West Hill Road, ☎870375

Churchwardens:

Mr D Boreham,  
63 High Street, ☎ 870734

Mrs B Gaskin:  
37 Fowlmere Road, ☎ 870819

Secretary to PCC:

Mrs A Spence,  
8 Malting Lane, ☎701150

Services are announced on the Church  
Notice Board or in the Parish Magazine.

### Sunday School

This is a joint Anglican and Methodist  
Sunday School. It meets each Sunday,  
in the Village School, at 9.30 a.m in  
term time except on the second Sunday  
in the month, when there is a Family  
Service.

Contact: Mrs Julie Oakley,  
15 Fowlmere Road. ☎: 872672

### The Methodist Church

Minister:

Rev Peter Jennings, ☎01763 230210

Steward:

Mr R Pepper, 23 High Street, ☎ 574327

Services on Sunday

9.30 a.m. Morning Service



### Baptist Church

Chapel Lane, Harston.

Secretary: Brian Jones, ☎871037

### United Reformed Church

Chapel Lane, Fowlmere.

Minister: Mr David Yule ☎: 01763  
260330

## LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

### The Laurentian

Published monthly by the Parish Church,  
contains news of the church, village  
activities, council news and village  
events. Price £3 for twelve issues.  
Contact Mr G Smith, 40 Illingworth Way,  
☎: 870087.

### Inform

Is published monthly by the Royston  
Section of the Methodist Church.  
Copies may be obtained from the Foxton  
distributor: Mrs J Pepper, 23 High  
Street. ☎: 574327.

### A Guide to Foxton

Compiled and written by Rowland Parker  
is available from the Church price £1.00.

### Church History

A short history of the Parish Church by  
Rowland Parker also available from the  
Parish Church price £2.

### Printing in the Park

A history of the Burlington Press by Don  
Challis

### Schooldays in Foxton

Memories of Foxton in the 30's by Don  
Challis

### Foxton at War

Life in the village during the last war by  
Don Challis



## FOXTON TOWN LANDS CHARITY

The origins of the Charity can be traced back to 1671 when parcels of land in Cambridgeshire were granted to individuals for charitable purposes. Since the last century and probably before, Foxton's land, which is situated in Fowlmere Road, was used as allotments, the rent from which was used to provide coal for the "poor and needy of the village". In 1970 the terms of the charity were varied to include a wide range of benefits that can be provided for parishioners who, in the opinion of the trustees, qualify. The land, comprising approx. 6.5 acres, is presently cultivated by a local farmer. It is the rent from this land that finances the charity.

The trustees, who are responsible to the Charity Commissioners are:

Mr D W Challis 4 Caxton Lane  
Mrs S Collins 10 West Hill Road  
Mr D Boreham 63 High Street

## FOXTON CAR SCHEME

Volunteer drivers are available to take elderly or infirm residents to the doctor, dentist, hospital etc. More volunteers are always welcome.

Contact: Heather Neil. ☎ 572147



## Roman Catholic Church

Our Lady of Lourdes, 135 High Street, Sawston

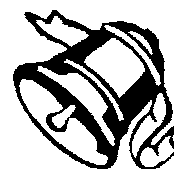
Parish Priest: Father David Hennessey, The Presbytery, 135 High Street, Sawston ☎ 832352.

More details from John and Jennifer Tudor, Mortimers Farm, Foxton. ☎870352.

## ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

### Bellringers:

Tower Captain: Mr A Ling  
31 High Street, Foxton ☎ 871097  
Practice each Wednesday at 7.30 pm.  
Ringing most Sundays at 9.30 am.



### FASST (Foxton After Sunday School Team)

A Christian Social Group for teenagers. Meets once a month in term time. Activities indoors and out including fundraising for church-related projects. Also provides musical accompaniment periodically for church services. Approx. ages 11-16 years.

Contacts: Mrs Ann Sanderson, 21 West Hill Road, ☎: 870799, Mrs Sue Collins, 10 West Hill Road ☎ 871321

### STREAM

STREAM is a charitable trust whose sole aim is to raise funds to maintain the fabric of the Parish Church of St Laurence.

Secretary: Mr A Fosbeary, 6 West Hill Road. ☎ 473460



## EDUCATION

### Local Education Authority

Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.  
☎ 317801

### Foxton Primary School

Headmistress: Mrs J Jones ☎ 712447  
Children up to 11 years of age

### Melbourn Village College

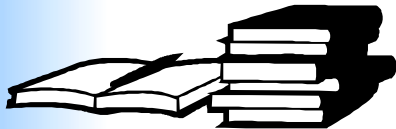
Warden: Mr R Berry. ☎ 01763 223400  
Children of 11-16 years.

### Adult evening classes:

Contact Mrs V Tooke Community Office. ☎ 01763 260566

### U3A University of the Third age

Melbourn and District U3A meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm, usually in the hall of Melbourn Village College. For more information contact Mrs Elma Forbes, 28 Fowlmere Road, Foxton, ☎ 870217.



## TRANSPORT

West Anglia Great Northern: ☎ 0345 226688 or ☎ 0815 748 4950

Approximately hourly service to both Cambridge and London Kings Cross  
By direct electric trains

Stagecoach Cambus

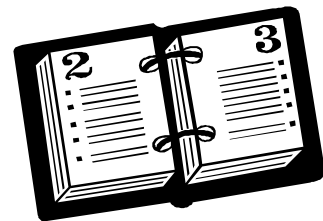
Depot HQ, 100 Cowley Road,  
☎ 423554

Details and timetables at Bus Shelter by Burlington Press



### Foxton Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire for all sorts of functions e.g. club meetings, classes, adult & children's parties, social and fundraising events. We also hire out cutlery, tables and chairs. In 2001 we will be moving into new premises containing a main hall, bar, lounge, large meeting room (can be partitioned into two smaller rooms), well equipped kitchen and sports pavilion (changing and shower rooms, club room and kitchen). Volleyball equipment is available for use by arrangement and we intend to provide flexible staging. The location adjacent to the recreation ground puts these excellent facilities within walking distance, but there are ample parking spaces. The village hall is run by a management committee composed of representatives of regular users and village representatives elected at the AGM.



For bookings & Enquiries contact Mrs T Howell ☎ 870665.



### **Gardens Association:**

President: Mr E Holmes

Chairman: Mrs R Bailey, 2

Fowlmere Road ☎: 872335

Treasurer: David Allars, 44 Illingworth Way ☎: 871480

Secretary: John Watling, 29 High Street, ☎: 872125

All residents are members of the Association. Meetings are held during the winter months, The Annual Produce Show is held in September each year.



### **Allotments**

It is hoped to provide allotments on just over 1 acre in the centre of the village in 2001. These will be managed by the Garden Association.

### **Bridge Club**

The club meets in the Village Hall on the last Friday of the month except in December and in the summer holiday season by arrangement. Play starts at 7.30 pm.

Annual Competitions:-

Foxton Gardens Trophy

Foxton Gardens Rose Bowl

Pearl Soames Memorial Vases

Contact: Tony Orchard, 77 High Street ☎: 871718

## **HEALTH SERVICE**

### **Local Doctors:**

Dr E. Haigh and Partners: The Surgery, Church Street, Harston. ☎ 870250

Drs Maxim, Easton, Watkins, Colgate, Orchard Surgery, New Road, Melbourn ☎01763 260220

### **Hospital**

Addenbrookes NHS Trust, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QQ ☎245151.  
Accident and all services



### **Community Nursing Sisters**

Miss Catherine Greenham for Harston patients, can be contacted at Harston Surgery ☎870250.

### **Child and Family Nursing Service**

Pippa Osborne, Sue Clark. 35 Orchard Road, Melbourn ☎ 01763 262861  
Combination of Health Visiting and School Nursing Services

### **Baby Clinic**

Wednesday Mornings 9.30am – 12.00 for weighing and advice

A health professional is always in attendance.

35 Orchard Road, Melbourn ☎01763 262861



## SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

### Foxton Bowls Club

Captain: Derek Clark, 55 Station Road,  
☎ 870901

Chairman: Gerry Nutcombe, 16  
Barrington Road. ☎ 516653

Treasurer: Tom Mitchell, 17  
Coombeland, Royston. ☎ 01763  
234436

The Rinks are situated on the  
Recreation Ground. The club plays  
regularly in the Cambridge, Meldreth  
and Foxton Wednesday Leagues and  
new members are always welcome.



### Foxton Football Club

Chairman: B Cooper, ☎: 871193  
Secretary: David Peel, 8 St Laurence  
Road, ☎ 501159

Treasurer: R Barnes, ☎: 872247  
The Club play on the Recreation Ground  
and compete in Division A of the  
Kershaw Premier League, and the  
Reserve Team in Division 2A of the  
Beaumont League.

### FOXTON COLTS

Foxton Colts Football Club is now in its  
5<sup>th</sup> year. It is affiliated to the  
Cambridgeshire Football Association  
and plays in the Cambridge and District  
Colts League which provides for teams  
in the 11 to 17 yrs age group.

13-16 yrs 8.15pm – 9pm  
There is snooker, table tennis, volley  
ball (when new hall available) games  
and competitions. Just turn up on  
evening at appropriate time or contact  
Joyce Ward.

### Womens Institute

Foxton W I meets on the first Tuesday of  
every month. For further details please  
contact any of the below:-

President: Jill Hockley, 6 Illingworth  
Way, ☎ 502977

Secretary: Joan Bland, 17 Caxton Lane,  
☎ 872254.

Treasurer: Marge Sutton 2 West Hill  
Road, ☎ 870721



### Survivors (formerly Ladies Group)

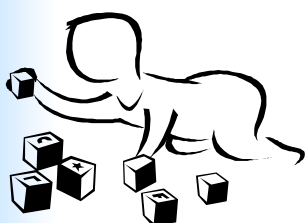
An informal group who meet in the  
Methodist Vestry at 8.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday of each month to hear a  
range of interesting speakers.  
Co-ordinator: Mrs Christine Mead  
☎ 01223 871046



## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Little Foxes Toddler Group

Meet every Tuesday morning in the school term. Can be found in Foxton Village Hall from 9.30 am – 11.30 am. Come and meet other mums and children. We welcome everyone mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas, carers. Come and have a chat while your children play. The age range for children is babies to 5 years old. To find out more, please contact Kerry Williams ☎. 502895.



### Foxton Pre-School

Leader:

Mrs P Deas, 35 Illingworth Way,  
☎ 872779

Assistants:

Mrs M Mead, Bleak House, ☎872039

Mrs J Wilkins, 26 Illingworth Way,  
☎ 872170

Children of 2½ years and above attend on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays between 09.30 and 1200 hours in the Village Hall.

We have close connections with the Primary school.

### Foxton Youth Club

Youth Leader: Mrs Joyce Ward, 14 Fowlmere Road, ☎ 871225

Helpers: Val Halbert, Lynn Ross, Jim Kimber and Jack Cox

Foxton Youth Club meets on Thursday evenings at the Village Hall from 7 pm – 9 pm

Age Groups divided 10-13 yrs 7 pm onwards

The Club draws its members from Foxton and the surrounding villages, and is finding a growing desire amongst younger children to play football. For the future the club is planning to create a mini-soccer team (8-a-side) to play in a separate Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League which is for children in the 8 to 11 yrs age group. There will be an additional football pitch in Foxton next year which will be part of a new village primary school and this will increase opportunities for further teams in both leagues.

All enquiries are welcomed.

Contact: Mr D Wilkins,  
26 Illingworth Way. ☎ 872170



### Foxton Ferrets

Secretary: Andy Spry ☎ 502952

Fun football coaching for 6-10 yr olds. Training takes place on Foxton Rec on Sunday mornings 10.45am - 12.15 pm.



## FOXTON TENNIS CLUB

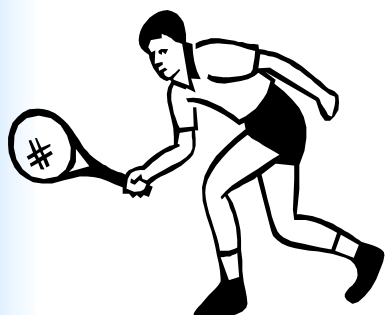
Chairman: Mrs Julia McLellan,  
18 Barrington Road, ☎ 874017  
Secretary Mrs Linda Allars,  
44 Illingworth Way, ☎ 871480  
Junior Organiser: Mrs Heather Neill,  
4 Fowlmere Road, ☎ 572147

The club is situated on the recreation ground, next to the Bowls Club. It has two all weather courts and a clubhouse with toilets, ladies and gents changing rooms and a kitchen with disabled access. The club runs regular social events and tournaments and enters mens, ladies and mixed teams in the Cambridgeshire summer and Winter Leagues. There are classes for juniors aged 8-13 yrs every Saturday morning during term time.

### Short Tennis

Organiser & Teacher: Mrs Heather Neil,  
4 Fowlmere Road, ☎ 572147

Classes are held on Monday afternoons in the Village Hall during the school term, for children aged 5-9yrs.



## FOXTON CRICKET CLUB

Chairman: Mr Colin Grindley, 7  
Fowlmere Road, Foxton 520703  
Treasurer: Mrs J Fiddy, Janlea, West Hill  
Road, Tel No: 871117  
Secretary: Mr N Sirett, 10 Whitecroft  
Road, Meldreth 01763 261583

The Club plays on the Recreation Ground on Saturdays and Sundays. We also run two Junior teams.

