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**Cover Picture – A timely reminder to start planning your entries for the 2008 Feast Week Produce Show**

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## Stop Press!

In this web edition of Spectrum there are additional notices from Hilton Feast Week and Fenstanton Pre School which are shown on pages 10 and 11.

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## Late News!

At the recent awards ceremony for Community Magazines 2007, hosted by Cambridge Building Society, *Spectrum* was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate.

We would like to thank all our columnists whose participation helps makes this happen.



# Letters & Notices

**The Spectrum Team** would like to thank the family of Mr Frank Curtis for their generous donation to the magazine.

**The** family of the late Mr Frank Curtis of Fenstanton would like to thank all the people who sent messages of sympathy or attended the church for his funeral. The family would also like to thank those people who helped Frank out in his later years (you know who you are).

**To** all my friends, colleagues and customers may I take this opportunity to say thanks to them for all their kindness while I have been laid up with my leg in plaster because I tore the ligaments? I do hope to return to work one day!

Thanks again.

**Daph (Loveday).** Post lady Fenstanton.

## Luton Flightpath proposals

**Not** content with moving the A14 closer to our villages. It now seems that NATS (formerly known as National Air Traffic Services) are considering major changes to the air routes in and out Stansted and Luton Airports. Although both of these airports are some distance away, one of the options for Luton is a hold pattern being established over this area. For anyone not familiar with what this means, aircraft approaching a busy airport often have to queue prior to making their approach and landing. Queuing is achieved by controllers ordering aircraft to fly in a predefined loop pattern at differing altitudes. The next aircraft in the queue comes off the bottom of the stack and makes its approach to the airport. NATS have published consultation documents on the subject which can be found on their website:

<http://www.consultation.nats.co.uk/>

**Mark Shuker,** Hilton

## **WI FASHION SHOW**

Clothing by M & C of St Ives

Thursday 17th April

7.00 for 7.30 pm

in the Church Centre.

£4 includes glass of wine  
or fruit juice.

Tickets from Ron  
and the Post Office  
or ring Anne 395564  
Amanda 381318

## **Art Exhibition**

In aid of  
Alzheimer's Research Trust

10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Church Centre

Fenstanton

For more details ring 395565

In aid of the Fenstanton Church Building Appeal



## **Open Gardens**

Saturday and Sunday,

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

2.00 - 5.30pm

Hilton Art Club exhibition in the church, plant stall,  
book stall and teas

Tickets and maps £4.00 (concessions £3.00)

at the church on the day

Tel: (01480) 465295/461751

# **Parish Council Report**

## **Report Of Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting Held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

*(brought over from March edition of Spectrum)*

### **Police report.**

During the period 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

1 of criminal damage, 1 of attempted burglary and 1 attempted theft from a motor vehicle. The Parish Council has been advised that PC Finney (the Parish Community Beat Manager) has transferred to the Metropolitan Police. Details of his replacement will be advised once the appointment of a new Community Beat Manager has been made.

### **Dog fouling.**

The Parish Council has been made aware that irresponsible and inconsiderate owners are allowing their dogs to foul in public areas, particularly on Headlands Park Play Area and the open space at Hampton Close. Dog owners are reminded that this practice is contrary to The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Huntingdonshire) Order 2007 and is subject to a fine. The Parish Council, therefore requests those allowing their dogs to foul in public areas and footpaths etc adopt a responsible attitude and clean up after their pets.

Whilst on the subject of dogs, there appears to be a trend in owners not keeping their dogs on leads in the Village and, indeed, a flippant attitude by some owners when confronted. This is also contrary to The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and The Dogs on Leads (Huntingdonshire) Order 2007 and is subject to a fine.

If a more responsible attitude is not taken the Parish Council will have no alternative but to pursue the matter with the Dog Warden.

### **Parking on footpaths and greens.**

The Parish Council has received complaints about the number of cars parking on footpaths. It is appreciated, with many households owning more than one vehicle, parking can be a problem to residents. However, parking on footpaths causes unnecessary problems for pedestrians particularly the disabled and parents with buggies. This is an issue that has been raised in Spectrum many times and seems to be ignored. It is requested that consideration is given to other members of the community when parking and one should not forget it is an offence to obstruct the footpath.

The greens within the Village are an integral part of the fabric of the Parish. It is, therefore, disappointing to see vehicles being parked on the greens on a more and more frequent basis. This is, of course, causing considerable damage particularly following the wet winter. Ultimately the costs for repairing the damage must be borne by the Parish Council and, therefore, Parishioners themselves through the precept.

# **Parish Council Report**

## **Hilton**

The diseased beech tree along the High Street was successfully felled and cleared by the contractor on Sunday 2 March. An amount of timber was left on site for residents.

A meeting was recently held with a number of local villages to consider the possibility of joining together to ensure adequate environmental mitigation measures are included as part of the basic design of the proposed A14 upgrade by the Highways Agency. The meeting was considered to have been successful and a draft letter to the Highways Agency was circulated amongst these communities for approval. The Highways Agency, has already informed the A14 Action Group that it would welcome an early meeting with the joint group.

The Council agreed to repeat its earlier concerns regarding proposals to build a house on land South West of Columbia to the Planning Appeal. The Council considered that the proposed house was of an inappropriate design for the location and would be out of keeping with the street scene. The proposed house was also considered to be too large for the plot and the Council was also concerned about site access as well as the impact of the proposed cellar on neighbouring properties. Changes to Columbia to accommodate the new house were also considered to be out of keeping with the immediate area.

The Council has been advised of proposals to build eight wind turbines at Graveley. Each turbine would be over 400 feet high and would be highly visible from all directions. An action group had been formed by Graveley and others to oppose the proposal. The Parish Council believed that there were too many environmental intrusions currently threatening the local area and agreed to write a letter of support to the action group with copies to MPs and District Councils.

The National Air traffic Service had recently made proposals to relocate an aircraft holding pattern to the area around Hilton. Data currently available has suggested that up to 25 flights per hour could use the holding pattern with each aircraft generating up to 60dBs. The Council agreed to research the matter further before making an input to the consultation which closes on the 22 May 08.

A number of residents had recently applied to the Parish Council for licenses to cross the Green. These were currently being assessment by the Council

Anyone interested in the position of Clerk to Hilton Parish Council should contact the outgoing Clerk on 01480 832030. This is a salaried, part time position working from home to a flexible work pattern.

Hilton residents are reminded that the quadrennial election of Parish Councillors will be held on 1 May 2008. Anyone considering being a Parish Councillor will be asked to submit their names to Huntingdonshire District Council by 4 April. Full details will appear on the Post Office notice board later in March. Further information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on 01480 832030.

# **Parish Council Report**

## **Report Of Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting Held 13th March 2008**

### **Police report.**

During the period 13th February 2008 to 11th March 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

1 of criminal damage and 1 theft of a wheelie bin.

### **Natural High / Buzz Project.**

The Buzz project for young people has worked successfully in the villages of Ramsey Heights, Earith, Wyton on the Hill and Houghton. The project is now identifying three new areas that may benefit from the scheme. Mr. Julian Ayres of Natural High Experience Ltd and a County Council Youth Worker spoke to the Council and explained the aims and ambitions of the project. Fenstanton has been selected to take the project until January/February 2009 due to the limited provision for young people in the Village. Youth workers are already in place and the project will be promoted through Swavesey Village College, the St Ivo School, publicity in the Village and a direct approach to the young people through the youth workers. The scheme interacts with young people of the ages 13 to 18 through arts, sports and recreation.

The project is funded through the District Council, County Council, The Big Lottery Fund and other grants although the Parish Council is requested to make a contribution.

### **Headlands Park play area.**

The General Purposes Committee have considered the proposals and quotations from a number of play equipment manufacturers and found the proposal submitted by Sutcliffe Play to offer the best value. The proposal includes the repositioning of the existing springies and chin up bars and replacing existing equipment with 6 new items including a modular unit, swings, a dish roundabout, trampoline and a low rotator. The Committee's recommendation was approved at the meeting of the full Council. It is expected work will commence within the next 6 to 8 weeks. A display of the refurbished play area has been exhibited in the School to gauge the comments of the users.

### **NATS proposals to create new aircraft holds.**

The proposal to create a new aircraft holding area to the South West between the Village and Hilton was discussed. The meeting agreed to consult with the District Council to ascertain the full implications.

### **Annual Parish Assembly.**

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 22nd April in the Church Centre at 7:30pm.

### **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th April 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

# Club News

*from the Villages*

## Fen Drayton Lakes,

Work has continued on the nature reserve, and in March the emphasis was on improving facilities for people. Guided busway contractors will be strengthening drain culverts over the summer months, before laying the bus tracks later in the year. Paths and bridleways may need temporary closures to enable the work to be done safely, but will re-open as soon as possible. We expect only one culvert to be worked on at any one time.

February's mild weather encouraged many of the wildfowl to depart for their northern breeding areas. Monthly wildfowl counts are done throughout the year, for many years, giving us data to see what has happened over time. In early February, 2,222 wigeons were counted, but a month later, there were only 571, and pintails dropped from 391 to just one. Goldeneye numbers were stable (76 down to 71); these birds usually stay until April, and it is worth looking for them, as courtship takes place before they leave the wintering grounds. The black-and-white drakes tip their heads backwards quite violently, displaying their white chests to the females.

Our new events programme has had to consider the closure of tracks at various times of the year, at dates that could not be set when we printed the event leaflets. You can pick up a leaflet at Ron's shop, when you are getting your fruit and vegetables in Fenstanton.

From the beginning of April, we will be charging for our events – previously, our event costs were covered by funding from EEDA and CLG. For special events, it is essential to book as we have a limited number of places. You will be told where to meet when you book. We will be running two mid-week guided walks each month, and these will begin from the small car park on the south-east corner of Elney Lake, closest to Fen Drayton village.

### • Wetland walkabout

Wednesday 2 & Thursday 17, 10am-12.30pm

We will look for spring wildlife on these walks, hoping to hear bird song on fine days and see other wildlife too. Adults £3, children £1, RSPB members half price.

Meet at Elney Lake car park

### • Photography workshop, led by Roger Slade, professional photographer

Sunday 6, 10am-1pm. This will cost £8 (£4 for RSPB members) – get tips and advice before you enter our photography competition, Fens through a Lens, which closes on 27 June. Call 01954 233260 for workshop bookings and competition entry forms.

### • Not quite the dawn chorus

Sunday 27th, 7-9am. Listen to songbirds proclaiming their territories and attracting mates. Please phone and book (01954 233260), and find out where to meet. Adults £3, children £1, RSPB members half price.

### • Healing Herbs

Sunday 27th, 1.30-3.30pm

Julie Dore, medical herbalist, will tell us about the healing powers of some of the plants we find on this guided walk. Booking essential (01954 233260). Adults £5, children £2, RSPB members half price.

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,  
T: 01954 233267, E: [neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk).  
Our address is RSPB Fens Area Office,  
The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey,  
Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

## Fenstanton Bowls Club

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
AT 14.30 THE GREEN, WEST END  
ROAD, FENSTANTON

Calling all “old” members and new alike. Come along on open day to find out all the news from the indoor season and the fixtures for this year's outdoor season. Lots of games and competitions. You could play most days if you wish! Hope to see lots of you there. This year we are determined to bring home some silverware. Remember Line, Length and Luck.



## Fenstanton Village Hall

The committee members have been working on preparing the Village Hall site for sale. As many of you may have seen in the local newspapers, we have applied for full planning permission for the demolition of the present building and the construction of two houses on the site. We have yet to hear whether this will be granted.

Meanwhile, we are looking around the village for a suitable site to purchase on which we can build a new Village Hall. We have to prepare a design brief for the chosen architect and we have to find the funds to pay for the construction of the new building. We shall be applying to as many grant-awarding bodies as possible. One of the many requirements we have to fulfil to be awarded a grant is that we have to show we have consulted every resident in the village in a survey as to what they would use a village hall for, what facilities they would like to see included, eg kitchen, committee rooms, games equipment, outside tennis courts, what ancillary offices could be attached to the hall, and which groups would use the hall once it is built.

Next month, Fenstanton residents should receive a survey form which will be delivered with their copy of Spectrum. Please would you all take a just a few minutes to answer our questions and then take the completed form to one of the collection boxes which will be at Ash's Corner Shop, Barkers' Bakery, Ron Jacob's Farm Shop and the Post Office. **This will be your Village Hall so your opinions are very important to us because on them will be based the design brief for the architect.** All completed questionnaires returned by 23<sup>rd</sup> May will be entered in a draw for a prize to the value of £100. If you cannot get to a collection box or you have difficulty in

completing the form, please telephone me on 461751 and I or one of the committee will come and help you. If you wish, you may complete the form online at the village website [www.fenstanton-village.co.uk](http://www.fenstanton-village.co.uk).

We shall then analyse all your ideas and opinions on the facilities to be included in the design brief for the groups which might use the village hall. We hope to be able to give the feedback at the AGM/open meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July in the Church Centre.

**Jane Blunt, Chairperson**  
**Fenstanton Village Hall Committee**

## Hilton Toddler Group

We meet every Thursday in the village hall at 1.45pm until 3.15pm sessions cost 2 pounds per family.

## Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a friendly group who meet each Wednesday in the Church Centre from 10am to 11.30am. Prices are £2 per family. Any questions or queries please feel free to contact Nicola 399957

## Hilton Feast Week

A very BIG thanks to all who set up and ran the highly successful disco evening on 23 February. It was a great night and was organised by a team who are not on the main committee (well apart from the husband of one of the members). That is such a great thing to do – it allows a fundraiser to go ahead, it allows the committee to go to an event and not be involved on the night – they can relax and join in the fun so as I repeat myself when I say thank you to Pam, Tracey, Kate & Debbi and all those that helped them.

A few things coming up now and below are some dates for your diaries, we do hope that you can come along and support some or all of the events.

### **Friday 11 April**

#### **Kid Disco**

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children 5.30 to 6.45

Year 3 – Year 6 Children 7 to 8.30pm

Entry £5 to include Disco, Hot Dog, Soft Drink, Entry to Raffle & Bag of Sweets.

### **Saturday 19 April**

#### **Curry and Quiz**

7 for 7.30pm start.

Hilton Village Hall

£8.50 to include Curry & Quiz!

### **Sunday 11 May**

#### **Village Jamboree**

12.30 to 6pm

Come and join us outside Village Hall.

Bring a picnic – we will be offering a bar and cream teas.

The Village Hall are hoping to have another scarecrow competition and so the idea on the day would be to come along, meet up with your friends from around the village, have lunch, go out and have a look at the scarecrows. Come back and enjoy a cream tea whilst the winners of the competition are announced.

We are working on a couple more things for the afternoon, including a competition for Feast Week around designing a logo. More details if they come off in the next Spectrum entry.

### **Saturday 21 June**

#### **Casino Royale**

With no Ball in Hilton this year what about dusting off those posh frocks and DJ's and coming along to a black tie casino evening. The planning for this event is almost

complete and full details will be out in next edition of Spectrum. It will be an all ticket event so if you would like to come along please contact a member of the committee to book your place early.

### **Feast Week**

Of course we have the main event. This will start this year on Sunday 27 July with the Produce Show and parade of Floats.

There will be events during the week and again we start the festivities in the marquee on Wednesday 30 July.

The committee are already hard at work planning the events for the week and we will make announcements in later editions, as we get closer to the event.

### **Feast Week Theme**

One of the things we thought we might release early is the theme for this years Feast Week which is to be - Book Characters.

Check out photos of the first two events and look out for full updates as they become available on our web site

[www.feastweek.com](http://www.feastweek.com)

It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on

[www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

If you would like any further details on any of the events please do not hesitate to let us know.

The committee are

Chair	Peter Balicki	831787
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Vice Chair	Justo Perez	831106
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Treasurer	Graeme Gribbin	830481
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Secretary	Sara Sampson	830383
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Adrian Norman, Sharon Walker, Karen Walker, Adrian Snooke

## Fenstanton Pre-School

We have just had some wonderful news from the King Bill pub in the village. They will be holding a 'family weekend' from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. They have organised a karaoke competition on the Friday evening and then on the Saturday a fantastic afternoon with a children's entertainer and a children's disco. Pre School will be helping with Face Painting, Hair Braiding, Tattoos plus a few 'side stalls' and for the adults they are hoping to arrange a wine tasting. On the Sunday there will be music from local bands.

The cost for the whole weekend will be £10 per family (2 adults plus children) and there will be a small charge for some of the activities (such as face painting).

The King Bill have very kindly agreed to donate the proceeds from the activities to Pre School for our new gate and fencing which we so desperately need. Please, please come and support us over the weekend at the King Bill. Our grateful thanks go to Will and his team for thinking of us and letting us get involved – it will be a great weekend. For more information visit [www.kingwilliampub.co.uk](http://www.kingwilliampub.co.uk)

Tickets available from Pre School or please contact Roz Cowburn on 46758 or Anna Gilbey on 493063.

**Come and join in a  
Family Fun Weekend  
At The King Bill**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

- Karaoke Competition
- Children's Entertainment
  - Wine Tasting
  - Local Bands

**Tickets £10 per family (2 adults plus children)**

**For more details see [www.kingwilliampub.co.uk](http://www.kingwilliampub.co.uk)**

**Tickets available from Pre School.**

**All proceeds from the weekend's events will be  
donated to Fenstanton Pre School**

**(Registered Charity Number 292600)**

# Fenstanton Parish Church

April 2008

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 6.00 p.m. Said Evensong
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 10.00 a.m. Worship for All
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.30 a.m. Family Communion

PLEASE NOTE THAT  
ALL ENQUIRIES FOR  
BAPTISMS AND  
WEDDINGS SHOULD  
CONTINUE TO BE  
MADE TO  
MARTYN SAUNDERS  
CHURCHWARDEN  
ON 01480 301068

## Works at West End of Fenstanton Parish Church

Work is due to start on 31 March to reorder the west end of the church not only to rearrange the vestries, but most importantly to install a WC. The objective is to make the church more user-friendly and accessible for the disabled, not only for church users but for events organised by the community as a whole.

It will be necessary to lay a new drain along the edge of the footpath connecting School Lane and Church Street. This will take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April and the contractor will fence off the side where the works are taking place, and not work during the times that children are being taken to and collected from school. The usable part of the path will run nearest to the church; the main gate will be opened, and the small gate closed to make access to the path easier. Nevertheless care must be taken when using this path, particularly during this two week period, as well as for the three month duration of the works.

The parochial church council would like to thank the local community warmly for the fund-raising efforts which have made it possible to complete this much-needed facility for the parish church.

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## A letter from the Vicar

### Thanks, Teenage Christians, & Sunday Worship in Hilton Parish Church

Let me first say how well you have made us all welcome. We have settled well here with you, and that we continue to feel called for me to be your vicar. We believe we are in the right place.

I have been looking at two issues in particular over the last nine months or so in my time here.

The first is that myself and my wife, Amanda, have started a Christian youth group, called *TC Teenage Christians* for those aged 10 (and in Year 6), to aged 14. We alternate weekly in term time between fun things in the Fenstanton Church Centre, and Christian teaching (in a fun way) in the vicarage. This is open to all our young people in this age bracket. We meet Friday 7.30-9.00pm, and start again next term on 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Vicarage. If you are interested, it would be helpful to let me know. You are welcome!

The second issue is what I have seen as an unwieldy number of services here in Hilton Parish Church. Following extensive consultation including a successful morning conference, and following agreement by the Parochial Church Council, we are pleased to announce that there will be a new pattern of services starting the beginning of June, 2008. *continued on page 17*

## Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answer phone service, and email, mckenzie\_robin@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relating to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or funerals – Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866). Robin, as well as Sunday, works two days a week - Thursday and one other day. He listens to and reads all messages regularly, though asks for your forbearance for any delay in replying.

- Wednesday mornings 10.00am in term time – Discussion Group and Ecumenical House Communion or Morning Prayer (11.00am) at Hilton Hall. All are welcome to either or both.

### APRIL 2008

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 3</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 4</i>	11.15 am	United Communion Service
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 5</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	12.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 6</i>	11.15 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)

### MAY 2008

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Ascension Day</i> _____	7.30 pm	Holy Communion at Fenstanton (lifts available please speak to Churchwardens)
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### From the registers:

Baptism	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Freya Rose Simmonds
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### *Vicar's letter continued/.....*

In essence, this new pattern:

- There will be a single focused *Family Worship* service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month,
- The existing joint, *Ecumenical*, services with the Hilton Methodist Church will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, with its existing pattern of alternating between the two churches,
- The *early morning communion* services on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays will remain unchanged,
- *Evensong*, the evening service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be retained in the summer months only.

The benefit of this pattern is that families have expressed a desire to joint the teaching of other children at Sunday Club (Sunday school) in Fenstanton. It also provides for the range of worship our congregation has become accustomed to.

The need for these changes has come about because of the need to provide a clear focus for family type worship, together with the time constraints for preparation and support by myself, being only half time vicar for both Fenstanton and Hilton. We intend to review this pattern over the next year, together with continuing discussions with both our Methodist colleagues in Hilton, and with the parish church in Fenstanton, to see how we might continue to improve what we offer.

You are welcome to any of our services. In addition, you are welcome to talk or email me, or to contact one of our churchwardens, Rachel and Ralph (details under our Church entries in *Spectrum*).

Details to follow in due course. We wish to continue and grow God's work and presence here in Fenstanton and Hilton. With every blessing. Revd Dr Robin McKenzie, Vicar, Fenstanton and Hilton ,  
01480 466162      mckenzie\_robin@hotmail.com



## Fenstanton United Reformed Church

### April

Sunday	6th	9.30am	Rev. Derek Newton
Sunday	13th	9.30am	Mr. Martin Ballard
		6.00pm	Mr. Keith Cakebread
Sunday	20th	9.30am	Rev. Chris Baker Interim Moderator Holy Communion
Sunday	27th	9.30am	Mrs. Rosemary Scarrow Lay Preacher

### Other Meetings

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	& 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Open Door
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	& 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Saturday		5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Because there is a wedding at the Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April the Men's Breakfast will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. All local men welcome. For catering reasons please ring Pete on 01480 432207 or e-mail [peppianne@btinternet.com](mailto:peppianne@btinternet.com) by Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend.

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Book Stall
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## Hilton Methodist Church

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Mrs P Zahner
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am	United Service at the Parish Church with Rev. Dr Robin McKenzie and Rev. Hugh Sheehan.
		11.00 am	Sunday Club in the Methodist Hall
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Rev. Pam Siddall
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Mrs R Marchant

Thank you – A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making the churches' supper such a successful event. Heather and Peter did a superb job with the organization of the evening and the cooks gave us some wonderful food. The total amount raised has not been finalized and will be announced in next month's Spectrum. As usual, the proceeds will be shared between the Parish and Methodist churches. Thank you all for your support.

## Hilton Churches Sunday Club

At our March session we heard the story of Lazarus and worked out how we could create the scene and act out the story. We had good fun creating a cave and dressing up in the costumes our leaders brought. We will have our next Sunday Club in April, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. We hope you had good holidays over the Easter period.

## Tot's Praise

By the time you read this EASTER will have been celebrated in the joy of the Christian message and lots of chocolate eggs! Tot's Praise will have had a happy time with some of the older children making a collage to go on the church board. Do go into the church and see what the children have done. Next Tot's Praise, the last Tuesday of the month – April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

**CHILDREN AT HILTON CHURCHES** – Children are always welcome at the mid-morning services in both the Parish and Methodist Churches and special activities are provided for them to do. Once a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, we have a United Sunday Club which begins at 10.55am in the Methodist Schoolroom. Children can be picked up at noon when the church service has ended.

## Hilton Flower Club

A sunny room with lots of ladies and our own Beverley gave us our first demonstration of 2008. As ever her arrangements were delightful and great to have in the home. Her last arrangement certainly inspired us and said it all with the title of 'Goodbye Winter'. Thank you.

### Next Meeting

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm Village Hall.  
Demonstration with Monica Agness  
'Spring in the Air'.

### Future

Trip on May 21<sup>st</sup> to Besthorpe Hall and Brandenham Hall (both in Norfolk). 9am prompt at the Village Hall, £19 per person.

### Contacts

Pat 830449 and Gill 830319.

## Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

We hope you all had a good Easter. We have had a few members absent due to illness this past month. We hope you are all feeling much better and soon be able to come back amongst your friends and catch up on the news.

A memorial service was held for Doris Venables in February and was well attended by club members.

A warm welcome to all our new members. If anyone wishes to join us the time is 2.00 till 4.00 in the Church Centre every other Wednesday. Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April with a film and talk by Ted Barlow.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

[www.scubes.co.uk](http://www.scubes.co.uk)

### **Big Breakfast 2008**

As we know how popular our annual Big Breakfast is we thought we'd mention the date early this year. So if you'd like to come

along and support us in our fundraising the date this year will be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. More details nearer the time.

### **Waiting Lists**

We are delighted that so many boys and girls are keen to be part of Scouting, it might be helpful to highlight the following though:

- All families in our Group are expected to have at least 1 adult apply for CRB clearance through us, as we expect every family to help on parent rotas.
- We have a published waiting list policy on our web site. This highlights the fact that if a space does become available priority is given to the children of uniformed leaders in our Group.
- At present we already have 27 children old enough to start but for whom we have no space, so these children could be waiting a very long time ☹
- Due to the large numbers of families involved in our Group we communicate via the password area on our web site and via e-mail

### **MI5 Boot Camp**

A fantastic Group Camp is being planned for mid June and all Sections will have the chance to become trainee Secret Agents for the weekend. We need 6 briefcases as part of the fun so if anyone has an old unused ones they would be willing to donate we'd be very grateful ☺

### **Adults update**

We're pleased to announce that we have been joined by another volunteer, Jackie Parr, as an Assistant Scout Leader – welcome Jackie ☺ We're always keen to hear from anyone aged 18 or over who would be able to spare just a few hours a week, mostly term time only, to make the fun happen for over 80 local youngsters each week. If you'd like to arrange to visit and see what's involved (just like Jackie did) please get in touch

**Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715**

## **Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group**

### **The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood**

The Huntingdon Area Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 11.00 am. Admission: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/) or contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough.  
Registered Charity No: 1000412

## **Fenstanton Pre-School**

I hope you all had a great Easter, and are feeling refreshed after the break. The children had great fun before the break making lots of Easter pictures and dressing up as their favourite character from a story. There are some great pictures on display in the classroom. Our main focus at the moment is to replace the gate and fence at pre-school after the recent break-ins. We have some fund raising events planned to be able to achieve this, here are some dates for your diary.

26<sup>th</sup> April Family Fun Day at the King Wiliam pub Fenstanton.

The Saturday afternoon is family fun time. There will be a children's entertainer and activities for the children to take part in. It will be a great afternoon, with all profits coming back to Pre-school. This is a fantastic event and many thanks to the King

William for supporting us.

### **05<sup>th</sup> May – Fenstanton Car Boot Sale**

If you have any unwanted items please save them for us to sell at this event. We will give you details of when to bring your items to pre-school nearer the time. If anyone would like to help on the day please see a member of the committee.

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school.

We take children from the age of 3 years, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

## **Cat Protection League**

**CAT SPAYING/NEUTERING  
FREE OF CHARGE**

We have a limited number of spaces available, transport and cat carriers can be provided where needed.

We can cater for multi-cat households.

We are in your area and will be using a local veterinary practice.

Ring and reserve your space now.

We can also re-home unwanted cats and kittens to thoroughly vetted new and loving homes.

ST NEOTS & DISTRICT CATS PROTECTION  
01480 476696 . 07966 282005 07970 257061

## **Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society**

### **Growing for Showing**

**a talk by Mr Ray Reed**

Wednesday 23rd April,

Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME.

## Hilton WI

On a very wet and windy evening, we were pleased to see so many of our members and guests at our March meeting to hear our usual monthly report. Among the items raised, it was agreed that the Hilton WI would sponsor a class in the Dog Show to be held on Sunday 25th May.

The Resolutions to be put forward by the WI have been decided as follows:

A ban on bottom trawling

Inappropriate imprisonment of the mentally ill .

Margaret Wilkes, our Treasurer, explained Gift Aid to the members. We have learned that many WI Groups are now gift-aiding their membership fees and claiming back income tax that can benefit the group. This suggestion is being considered.

Congratulations to Di Watson, as the winner of the Denman Bursary Draw, with Maureen Vincent as reserve.

Many of our members remembered Vinny, the first "Dog for the Disabled" in East Anglia, who visited the Hilton WI. A collection of £32.00 was raised in her memory towards the cost of training of another puppy.

Our Speaker this evening was Geoff Evans, who gave us a very interesting and at times extremely funny talk about "The Life of a Racehorse", illustrated by colour slides.

He was very enthusiastic about his involvement in his work connected with the breeding of racehorses where the main purpose is to breed horses to make lots of money for their owners. Clearly much money is needed to ensure that each breeding mare is put to a stallion with an excellent racing pedigree. The costs of covering a mare ranges from £10,000 - £40,000 and success cannot be guaranteed. However, the foal of one horse covered for just £10,000 was sold for over 200,000 guineas.

The "maternity" care for the pregnant horse is very comprehensive, with scans taking place all through their time. Geoff told us that no horse is allowed to carry twins due to size constraints, but one foal was born weighing over 60 kilos! Most new-born foals are able to stand after five minutes and we saw

some lovely colour slides showing very unsteady equine "babies".

We learned details of the training of the young foals, how they become accustomed to riders and racing; how current medical knowledge can repair many injuries, including inserting pins to allow broken bones to heal. Very impressive was the swimming pool built especially for horses, to aid their recovery.

All racehorses have a birthday of 1st January, so even if a foal is born in the latter part of the year, from 1st January next, it is a yearling. Yearlings are sold at the sales, where they are picked by various trainers or their agents, and after undergoing considerable training, then they race. Anyone can go along to watch the sales at Tattersalls, but be very careful not to wave your newspaper! Who knows what you may have bid for, if you do.

Geoff showed us some lovely winter photographs taken during his holidays in Scotland, and also pictures of brown bears from Alaska. But the final slides showed children from a special needs school in Cambridge, obviously enjoying the opportunity to ride. Geoff keenly supports The Riding for the Disabled Association and proceeds from his talks go to the local RDA.

This talk was following by several questions from our members and our thanks were offered by Anne Jones.

Forthcoming events:

Our WI Spring Dinner will be held on April 4th at The Windmill Restaurant, Somersham.

The date for our proposed visit to Thursford has now been confirmed as November 23rd.

We are also arranging trips to Southill Estate, Bedfordshire on June 5th and to Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire on July 17th. Details can be obtained from our Secretary if you are interested in any of these future events.

You are welcome to join our friendly group. To do so, please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night.

## **Fenstanton WI**

On Thursday March 6th we had a very interesting talk on The New Bridges in St Ives by Mrs Bridget Flanagan. The New Bridges is in fact The Causeway which links to the medieval bridge. Bridget started to research its history 4 years ago because it was badly in need of repair. She couldn't find any records but there was a plaque on the bridge with the date 1822. She then looked through the local newspapers for that year and found that it was opened in September 1822. Before this date there was only a raised bank which was often swept away by floods. It also formed part of the Bury-Stratton Turnpike Road and its owners were responsible for its upkeep and repairs. The owners wanted a more substantial structure. A raised road would only form a dam in times of flooding so they decided on a structure with 55 arches which was built by John Turner. St Ives Golf Club used to be the site of a brick works so the bridges were built from local bricks. Work was started in April 1822 and finished in September at a cost of £4,345 7s 6d. The owners of the Turnpike asked the Duke of Manchester who owned the Manor of St Ives to help with the cost but he refused. He also demanded that once finished the bridge should belong to him. However he did not keep the bridge in good repair. The arrival of the railway in 1847 ended the need for stage coaches and the turnpikes went bankrupt as did the Duke of Manchester. St Ives Council purchased the New Bridges. Although the New Bridges were Grade II listed Bridget sent all of her research to English Heritage and it was upgraded to Grade II\*. The County Council in view of this has agreed to repair the bridge but it will now cost 4 million pounds

Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks saying that although she has lived here for 30 years she hadn't realised the Causeway was in fact 55 bridges.

### **Dates for Future Meetings**

3rd April Beads and Beadwork Jewellery by Mrs. Gillian Ashwell.

17th April W.I. Fashion Show. Clothing by M & C of St. Ives. 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Church Centre. £4 includes a glass of wine.

1st May Resolutions.

If you would like to join our friendly group please come along to the Church Centre at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month. For more information contact our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

## **Hilton Village Hall**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Management Committee for Hilton Village Hall invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8pm at Hilton Village Hall. Please come along and hear how the village hall is funded and run. The village hall, together with both churches, is at the hub of village life, therefore, we need input for new ideas and improvements towards its running.

A warm welcome together with a glass of wine awaits. Further information contact Donna Holdaway, Chairman, on 830770

## **Welsh Society**

As a newcomer to the village - I have met many Welsh people and I feel that there may be some mileage in setting up an ad hoc Welsh society. We may meet to (say) celebrate St. David's Day, Dylan Thomas' birthday, and perhaps watch some key sporting events (at the George eh Dai?). Interested parties should contact Phil Stanton on (01480 394894



# **Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008**

A preview of the proposed show schedule. For some advanced planning!

## **FRUIT CUP**

1. Plate of mixed soft fruit
2. 1 eating apple
3. 1 cooking apple
4. 1 pear
5. 1 tomato
6. 1 stick rhubarb
7. 4 sticks rhubarb
8. 1 bunch of grapes
9. Plate of any 3 distinct fruits
10. Any fruit not named in schedule

## **VEGETABLE CUP**

11. 4 runner beans
  12. 4 French beans
  13. 1 carrot
  14. 4 carrots
  15. 1 onion
  16. 2 courgettes
  17. 1 potato
  18. 4 pods of peas
  19. 1 beetroot
  20. 4 whole garlic
  21. Any vegetable not otherwise named in schedule
  22. 3 sprigs of 3 varieties herbs
  23. 3 distinct salad items
  24. Most unusual carrot
  25. Longest runner bean
  26. Pair of cucumbers
- Vegetable and fruit should be clean, disease and pest free as possible

## **FLOWER**

### **ARRANGEMENT CUP**

27. Arrangement F.W. theme, flowers, foliage and sundries. No size limit.
28. Tall & thin, three flowers 6" wide and 24" high maximum size. Foliage and oasis may be used.
29. Hilton's farming past. Size ,flowers and sundries to your choice.
30. In basket with handle, arrangement, any live plant material and oasis may be used.
31. Table decoration of your choice using one colour. Flowers, foliage, seeds and oasis may be used. No sundries.
32. Table decoration Flowers, foliage, seeds and oasis. No sundries. No size limit.
33. Table decoration 4" maximum size Flowers only and oasis may be used.
34. Dried flower arrangements, dried foliage and seeds, no sundries. No size limits.
35. Any arrangement not in the schedule. Size , flowers and sundries to your choice.

### **FLOWER CUP**

36. 1 rose stem, single head
37. 1 rose stem, multi head
38. 3 rose stems, single head
39. 1 dahlia, any form
40. 3 Dahlia, any form
41. 1 stem sweet pea, perennial
42. 1 stem sweet pea, annual
43. 3 stems sweet pea, any type
44. 3 stems, mixed flowers

45. 3 stems, any one variety flowers
  46. 3 stems, any shrub mixed
  47. Flowering plant in 6" or below pot
  48. Foliage plant in 6" or below pot
  49. Any cactus or succulent
- Flowers should be clean, disease and pest free as possible and at the peak of their beauty.

## **HILTON WOMENS INSTITUTE BAKING AND PRESERVES SALVER**

50. Semi rich fruit cake to show recipe
51. Fruit pie, pastry top and bottom
52. 5 cheese scones, 2.5" cutter
53. 5 fruit scones, 2.5" cutter
54. 5 home made cookies
55. Victoria sandwich cake to show recipe
56. Loaf, machine made bread
57. Bread rolls x 5
58. Jar soft fruit jam
59. Jar any stone fruit jam
60. Jar any fruit marmalade
61. Jar any fruit curd
62. Jar of any chutney
63. Jar of any pickles (no weight specified for any jars)
64. 3 chicken eggs

## **DRINK**

- Produce Show Committee Cup
65. Bottle of citrus based drink
  66. Bottle of cordial

67. Bottle of table wine, all types
68. Bottle of fortified wine and spirit based drinks (sloe gin etc)
69. Wine based drink to show recipe
70. Bottle of any drink not named in schedule

### CHILDRENS CLASSES

Alice Collen Cup, under 5's

71. Saucer of cress
72. Jam jar of flowers
73. Egg cup of flowers
74. Decorated hen's egg
75. Packet mix fairy cakes x 3 (You may want to eat the rest!)

Thomas Collen Cup, age 5 but under 9

76. 1 carrot
77. Egg cup of flowers
78. Jam jar of flowers

79. Planted shoe/boot
80. Garden in seed tray
81. Model from fruit, veg, seeds, flowers
82. Jewellery from fruit and veg
83. 5 melting moments to show recipe
84. 5 jam tart
85. 5 fairy cakes, decorated
86. 5 fairy cakes, undecorated
87. Any non art item not named in the schedule.

Jacob Collen Cup, 9 to 16 years

88. 1 carrot
89. Egg cup of flowers
90. Jam jar of flowers
91. Planted shoe/boot
92. Garden in seed tray
93. Model from fruit, veg, seeds, flowers
94. Jewellery from fruit and veg

95. 5 melting moments to show recipe
96. 5 jam tart
97. 5 fairy cakes, decorated
98. 5 fairy cakes, undecorated
99. Any non art item not named in the schedule.

Children may also enter any of the other classes. However they must be placed in the correct cup group and not with the other children's exhibits. Enquires, technical to Herbie Collen, Show Secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) in the events section. You can email us from this site

## Fenstanton Veterans Football

The return fixture against Over veterans will take place on Sunday 6th April at Fenstanton football club with a 10.30 kick off. Any veterans wanting to play should contact Phil Stanton on 01480394694. Any commercial organizations wanting to help us out with the purchase of a new (generous fit) kit in exchange for patronage of their organization (pubs for example - football can be very thirsty work) should also contact Phil

## Fenstanton Cricket Club

The Pre-season Hype Starts Here: As the mild winter gives way to wet and windy Spring, that must mean that cricket is back on the agenda. Time to get out the sun-block and image-intensifying sun-glasses, gaze at

them wistfully, then put them away again and dig out that extra-thick jumper.

A particularly eventful close-season for Fenstanton saw them relegated, promoted and relegated again within the space of two weeks as some frantic league re-organisation took place.

A fixture list for Division 3A of the Junior (have these people seen how old we are!?) Cambs League will see us visiting many of the local metropolises such as Ely, March, Somersham and Doddington taking our brand of reasonably competitive, gentlemanly cricket with us. But even as opposing batsmen lick their lips and eye their suffering averages with hope re-kindled they should fear the danger men of the Fenstanton attack:

- Mike - he doesn't know the meaning of the word "defeat" (or "line", or "length")
- Andy - medium-paced right hander - good bowler too.

- Sean - ideal man for that awkward post-tea session as he'll eat up anything that's left
- Meanwhile there are the hardened pros who will evade bouncers, sneak singles and find truly original ways to run themselves out as we exclusively reveal the batting top-order
- Roger – ultra-professional who worked hard on a persistent LBW weakness and now allows himself to be clean-bowled to avoid controversy
- Mick – left-handed opener, nicknamed “The Cutter” (as he cuts the wicket. A lot!)
- Moody - he's also Mean and Magnificent (except when he's fielding – then he's Extravagant and Average)

That still leaves plenty of gaps to be filled by you, gentle reader. Can you bat, bowl, or catch? Never mind, we can still find a place for you. Try us – we don't bite. Call Ronnie on 374858.

Indoor nets are at the St.Ivo Indoor Recreation Centre-

6<sup>th</sup> April 12-30pm - 2-00pm

20<sup>th</sup> April 12-30pm - 2-00pm

All are welcome.

## **Fenstanton Youth Football**

### **February Hunts Mini Soccer League Results (Under 8s):**

Fenstanton Blues (2) Huntingdon Rowdies (4)

MOTM: Andrew Shuker

Fenstanton Reds (15) Bluntisham (0)

MOTM: Jake Balaam

### **Under 8's Friendly Results**

Ramsey (9) Fenstanton Blue (3)

Reds (2) Buckden (5)

Somersham Blue (1) Fenstanton (2)

*Against Somersham Blue, due to sickness, we played a combined Team made up of Blues and Reds and one under seven, Szymon Binko, who had a great game – well done Szymon.*

### **Under Seven Friendly Results:**

U7's (2) Papworth (4)

MOTM Ireland O'Connell

### **April Fixtures:**

12/4/08 Reds v Somersham Oranges

? Somersham Oranges v Blues

26/04/08 Blues v Bluntisham

26/4/08 Reds v K C Cougars

### **Under Sevens:**

**Match Report 15/2/08 Fenstanton 2 – 4**

#### **Papworth**

“A great effort from Fenstanton Under 7's against an older Papworth Under 8's team. Man of the match was Ireland O'Connell who performed well throughout and made some decisive tackles. Well done everyone.”

Advance warning next month is “registration time” if your child is committed to play next season for the club we will be asking for a small fee and a form completed. More details nearer the time.

If you haven't yet been to training now is the time to come and see if you enjoy it. Do come along and join us, 10 – 11.15 most Saturdays (£2.00 per session. Phone Chris Malley on 839228 for more info.

### **Under Sixes**

We know its only April but the start of the new season is just around the corner. If there are any keen Dads, or Mums or older brothers or sisters who would like to become involved in training the next intake of Under Sevens (especially those boys and girls who will be in Year One in September) please get in touch or come along to the football field to see what goes on. (CRBs will be undertaken for coaches and F.A. training as appropriate).

### **Committee Meeting**

Due to F.A. meetings our scheduled Committee Meetings are out of synch. Our latest meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March which will be reported in next months Spectrum.

### **Pitch Space**

We are running out of space on the football field to accommodate all our teams. Some of

you may have seen us training on the piece of land adjacent to Pre-school, accessed through Hampton Close. We are currently exploring lots of ideas, but if you can help or have any ideas please do get in touch.

### **Thank you**

As we near the end of the season, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has baked for, shopped for and manned the refreshment stand on match days. Of course, we must also thank all the home and away supporters who have bought refreshments and raffle tickets. We have, so far, on the pitch, made a very handsome £350.00 profit, a great boost for club funds.

For further information contact **Charlie Darling on 01480 395338** after 6 pm (or Nadine Taylor 830839)

## **Fenstanton Sports Day**

### **July 2008 – Update and Help**

We are all really looking forward to the 2008 sports day and hope that it will be just as successful as it was last year. It was great to see everyone enjoying the sports and activities with their friends and families. As you know we recognise outstanding members of the community by giving them the community award, if you would like to nominate someone please contact the people below.

### **This year we really need your help.**

Please, please, if you are able to help out on sports day can you let myself know or Ron and the Fruit and Veg shop.

We desperately need the following people:

- A treasurer
- Committee members – to help with the running and organising
- Help to set up on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> July and clear up on the 6<sup>th</sup> July (lifting and carrying mainly)
- People to run the stall, between 2 and 4pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Just a few hours of your time could really make a difference, so please don't hesitate to call. If you can do any of these, please contact Andrea – 494238 or see Ron Jacob.

## **Hilton Cricket Club**

It's almost time to banish those winter blues and forget about the "credit crunch". This month heralds the Cricket Crunch. There will be no place for sub-prime performances. Everything is coming together in time for the start of the season; the Chancellor forgot to put a tax on cricket and then they opened Terminal 5, so that millions of Hilton fans coming in from all parts of the planet can have the experience of losing their baggage in the most modern facility the country can offer.

Soon, the blades of the mower will be caressing the sward on the Green, and if that cuddly, furry mole chanced to poke his fluffy little head through the ground, he would be chips. As the effulgent rays of the afternoon sun draw drops of moisture from the ground, the gentle, sonorous throbbing of a 10-ton Mighty Mammoth road-roller will be heard around the square as it desperately tries to even out the bulges and fissures left by the earthquake of 29<sup>th</sup> February (*or, more likely, by months of neglect – Ed.*).

The groundsman will flavour the air with soft, watery jets of noxious herbicides, lest any green-leafed plant should even for a moment contemplate growing on his beloved wicket. Such are the preparations to convert a simple village green into a stage on which battles will be played out between country gentlefolk whose only weapon is a hard, leather-clad ball against which the principal shield is a narrow willow blade. Are they crazy? You can break several fingers doing that.

The new season begins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April with an outing to Castor & Ailsworth CC.

# What's On

## April

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton WI Spring Dinner	Windmill restaurant	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Veterans Football	Fenstanton	10.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Cricket Indoor Net	Ivo Outdoor Centre	12.30 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Photography Workshop	Fendrayton Lakes	10.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Art Exhibition	Church Centre	10.00 am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Feast Week Kids Disco	Village Hall	5.30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton WI Fashion Show	Church Centre,	7.00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Feast Week Curry & Quiz	Village Hall	7.00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Bowls Open Day	Bowling Green	14.30 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Cricket Indoor Net	Ivo Outdoor Centre	12.30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Village Hall Committee AGM	Hilton Village Hall	8.00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fenstanton Annual Parish Assembly,	Church Centre	7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hunts Geranium & Fuscia	Village Hall	7.45 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Pre School family fun day at The George		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Brampton Wood Bluebell Walk	Brampton Wood	11.00 am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Cricket Club away match at Caster & Ailsworth		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Not quite the Dawn Chorus	Fendrayton Lakes	7.00 am
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