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he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him,  
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Fenstanton Church Centre	01954230471
Hilton Village Hall	07922014991
Village Cars Taxi	01954232715

If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

### **Village Websites**

**Fenstanton: [www.fenstanton-village.co.uk](http://www.fenstanton-village.co.uk)**

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

## LETTERS & COMMENTS

### Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and messages after the death of Mum (Cis Ellis) she will be missed greatly.

Thank you all.

*Pat, Rodney and all the family*

**Thank you** - to all the people in Hilton who answered Kay's plea for Spectrum deliverers

### Fenstanton Parish Church Flowers

We are desperate for helpers.

Anyone interested please ring

Angie: 01400 46739, or

Mary: 01480 468867

There is always money available for the cost of the flowers

My cat Lucy has gone missing in the Honey Hill area and I would really like to know what has happened to her. She is black with a white chest and one white paw. She was very old, I'm not sure how old as she was inherited from my parents when they went into a care home and she was old then. She was deaf and her coat was very rough looking and I suspect she went away to die as cats do sometimes, or that she has been run over and has been buried or disposed of. If you know what happened to her please phone or email me and let me know as I would just like closure for sentimental reasons. Thank you.

Helen Andrews [helen@hmact.co.uk](mailto:helen@hmact.co.uk)  
or 01480 467187

**Editors Comments** - you may have noticed how Spectrum has grown since we started having it printed on the different paper. We now have the possibility of growing even more as the need arises. This means we can take more adverts and are just about self-financing (not that we do not appreciate small donations from readers or contributors who enjoy the magazine!)

We can only put in what *YOU SEND US* if you have any comments, reports, or things you would like to advertise, please remember the deadline date each month is the 14th.

*Margaret & John*

### The White Swan Pub, Conington,

which has been tied to Greene King since the last century, has been untied and is now a Freehouse, *it has been bought by the Conington Pub Co Ltd a company set up by Coningtonians, for the benefit of the Conington community and the local area.* The existing tenant Sarah-Jane and her husband Chris Cole got married in St Mary's Church Conington in March and have extended their lease with the new company so there is no change there. According to the company, the two things that will change from March 8th is, the price of beer will go DOWN, and ADNAMS Southwold bitter, Broadside and other guest beers will be served from the barrel not from the pump. There will be additional renovations but these will be carried out gradually over time so as not to disrupt the locals' enjoyment of a pint and bar food.

The direction of the renovations will be back to the last century, not to the future, and as found in Ben Davis's book "The Traditional English Pub - a way of Drinking"

## Pre Roman Fenstanton

Recently we have looked at life in Fenstanton at the time of the Domesday Book (1086), but what was life like here in the village in the time before the Romans came? Writing history is mostly guesswork, it is a case of weighing up all the evidence available and then using the rule of probability.

We have no written records of the first inhabitants of Fenstanton. Writing was unknown and even had they been able to write, the records would probably not have survived to be read by us. Although written sources are not available we are able to take a snapshot of their times through the artefacts that they left behind. For example excavations at Church Farm, Fenstanton, revealed Neolithic to Iron Age occupation either temporary or permanent.

The first permanent inhabitants would have been Bronze Age farmers and breeders of cattle and sheep. Very few finds have been made of these early people although Jack Dady, in his book *Beyond Yesterday*, advocates that a Bronze Age round barrow (grave), droveway and crop marks to the north east suggest that there was a settlement in Fenstanton as early as 2000 BC.

Cursus was a name given by early British archaeologists to the large parallel lengths of banks with external ditches which they thought were early Roman athletic courses, hence the Latin name *cursus*, meaning "course". Cursus monuments are now understood to be Neolithic structures and represent some of the oldest prehistoric monumental structures of the British Isles. The Cursus in Fenstanton may have had a ceremonial function and it is located near the boundary with Fen Drayton.

Later, in the early days of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, it is more than likely that there would have been a significant Celtic settlement on the high ground of the old village. In those times (the 1<sup>st</sup> century) Fenstanton was in the Catuvellauni tribe sphere of influence, but most probably would have been influenced by the powerful Iceni tribe of what is now Norfolk and Suffolk. People venturing into Fenstanton from any direction would have been really out in the wilderness. The slightly upland areas such as Oaklands were still predominately densely forested and the lowland areas were part of the Great Fen and generally underwater for most of the year. The river Great Ouse ran on a different course from today and followed a line occupied by the Low Road outside Jones's Marina.

The structure of a Celtic tribe was based on a belief that everyone had to serve a practical purpose within the community. Their main concerns were feeding the tribe and defending their territory. Coupled with the inefficiency of their ways of working, in particular agriculture, most of the tribal members were put to work on the farms, raising crops and tending the livestock. It was a culture based totally on agriculture. Celtic lands were owned communally, and wealth seems to have been based largely on the size of cattle herd owned

The settlement of Fenstanton would probably have been undefended and most likely consisted of simple small farmsteads with people living in round thatched huts. Their fields would have been of the Celtic type, small square or oblong areas only a few hundred feet in dimension.

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One of the interesting innovations that the later Celts brought to Britain was the iron plough. The heavy iron plough constituted an agricultural revolution all by itself, for it made it possible for the first time to cultivate the rich valley and lowland soils. It came with a price though. It generally required a team of eight oxen to pull the plough, so to avoid the difficulty of turning that large a team, Celtic fields tended to be long and narrow.

In Fenstanton at the time of the Iron Age, people could not understand nature as we can today and the weather was the ruling factor in their lives. It decided whether the crops succeeded or failed, how many of their people would perish in a hard winters and how many of their livestock would die in the snows. The tribes could not understand their surroundings, so they invented gods that they could worship. There were a number of Celtic Gods but the dominant religion was that of the Druids. The Druids were a separate tribe; a sort of super-class of priests, political advisors, teachers, healers, and arbitrators. They had their own 'universities', where traditional knowledge was passed on by rote.

They thought that their Gods could be pleased or annoyed by the actions of the people, which in turn had an effect on the wellbeing of the tribe. To upset the

gods, could result in a bad harvest and the tribe's people would suffer by being short of food. One thing we do know is that the Celts revered human heads. Celtic warriors would cut off the heads of their enemies in battle and display them as trophies. They mounted heads in doorposts and hung them from their belts. This might seem barbaric to us, but to the Celt the seat of spiritual power was the head, so by taking the head of a vanquished foe they were appropriating that power for themselves. It was a kind of bloody religious observance.

Celtic women had a greater freedom than women would enjoy for another 2,000 years. They could inherit both power and land; they fought beside their men in battle and worked the fields and river. Both men and woman would have tattooed their bodies and especially their faces, mostly in Blue Woad using the Celtic 'swirl' art.

Here we must leave pre-Roman Fenstanton after just a brief look through the window of time.

**Research by John Deeks**  
Fenstanton 2013

### **Sources:**

Beyond Yesterday by Jack Dady;  
Chapman, Carlysle and Leigh 2005,  
Andy Chapman, Simon Carlyle and David Leigh; Celtic Britain (The Iron Age - 600 BC - 50 AD) By David Ross



### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING**

**At Hilton Methodist Church, from 10am until 12 noon.**

Fairtrade groceries, cards, jewellery and other crafts for sale.

Profit from sales go to Fairtrade, St Ives.

Drop in to see what is for sale - items vary from month to month  
or just join us for a tea/coffee/biscuits and a chat.

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY

**Police report.** During the month of December the latest months for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 2 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 2 incidents of criminal damage; 2 incidents of violent crime.

The Police have reported that burglaries in St Ives and the surrounding villages are increasing. Whilst this trend does not seem to have affected the Village significantly at the moment, the Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

**Refuse and recycling collection changes.** Changes to the refuse and recycling collections will commence from 25<sup>th</sup> February. The District Council will notify all households of any changes which may affect the Village.

**Stagecoach service 20.** Stagecoach withdrew the service 20 which operated a circular route from the Village to the St Ives Guided Bus Way. This is a disappointment as the Parish Council campaigned for a feeder service to the Guided Bus Way. There was always a concern the service would be withdrawn if it was not supported and that regrettably is what has happened.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee oak tree.** The Parish Council have commemorated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by planting an evergreen oak at the Church Street car park. The tree and protective guard were provided free of charge by the District Council.

**Parish Council Committee appointments.** Cllrs. Kent and Pryke were appointed to the Planning Committee and the General Purposes Committee. Cllr. Kent was also appointed to the Traffic and Transport Committee and Cllr. Pryke to the Burial Board.

### **Minutes for the March meeting will appear next month**

### **The next meeting will be on April 11th**

#### **Apology**

The last edition of Spectrum featured an article concerning the Poultry Farm at Galley Hill, which gave the misleading impression that the submission had made by the Parish Council. It must be stated that the article was not submitted or is in any way attributable to the Parish Council. ***The Editors.***

### **More Choice in Social Care**

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

If you need social care the County Council will arrange your care for you, but they now have a duty to offer and provide Direct Payments. Direct Payments are an alternative way of getting the care and support you need. They are cash payments made directly into a Direct Payment bank account so that you can use the money to make your own social care arrangements.

With a Direct Payment you have more choice, control and independence about how your care is organised. If you would like to find out more about Direct Payments visit the Your Life, Your Choice website at: [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk), pick up a leaflet from your library, phone adult social care enquiries on 0345 045 5202, or contact the Cambridgeshire Direct Payment Support Service on 0845 6000 684.

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL— MARCH

**Dog Waste and Litter** – Once again the village has seen an increase in litter, dog waste and full dog waste bags. Please use the bins in the village or take your waste/litter home with you.

**Traffic** – We are pleased to announce that Hilton Action on Traffic (HAT) has a new Chairperson Justo Perez and has some new members.

**Village Hall Car Park** – A temporary measure will be carried out at the end of March (weather permitting) with a full plan currently under review.

Our next meeting is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for Parish Council meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website. [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Jo Saunders, the Clerk [thehiltonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:thehiltonclerk@gmail.com) or write to The Hollow, Church End, Hilton

**Hilton Village Hall Annual General Meeting** The Annual General Meeting of the Hilton Village Hall Management Committee will be held in the Hall on Monday 22 April 2013 at 8:00 pm. The meeting is open to residents of Hilton and anyone with an interest in the Hall.

### **Is this decision democratic.**

Your Council instigated a survey of the village last year and asked you all if you wanted the Jubilee to be commemorated by installing the Beacon on The Village Green on a permanent basis. An overwhelming majority of this village voted "Yes" to the proposal and the Council duly started the process of seeking planning permission for that to be made legal. It is my understanding that this proposal was about to be ratified on the 18<sup>th</sup> March this year.

But

All went well until the March Council Meeting. At that meeting a motion was introduced for the decision to be revisited with a view to having that motion changed and despite the best efforts of one councillor and myself, the decision was changed and the Huntingdon Planning Authority was notified that they no longer wanted to make the application.

This action, in my view and of several others, is that it is not correct and it makes the wishes of THE MAJORITY of this village worthless.

Do you want this decision to stand or do you want the Council, who are supposed to represent the wishes of all in the village, to carry on making these appalling errors of judgement.

The small minority of this village who do not want this to happen have succeeded in changing a democratic decision,  
What do you think?

Ken Attwood. Former Hilton Councillor & Resident.



## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—APRIL

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, by extension
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	7.00pm	Roving Supper
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room.
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa club
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise

### Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (matters of pastoral concern and for baptisms), Licensed Lay Minister Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries).

For **Hilton**: Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466, or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).



## TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



We are really hoping to see you all on April 30th at 1.30 - 2.30pm at Hilton Church. That is where we meet on the last Thursday of the month. The next day is May Day so perhaps the weather will be kind and **warm**, *stories activites, songs, surprises...*  
**Everyone welcome.**

### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - APRIL

**Contact:** *Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com and Heather Woods (830686), email ianwoods1992@btinternet..com*

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|------|---------|--|
| 7th  | 10.00am | Mrs Margaret Harris  |
| 14th | 11.15am | United Service at the Parish church , Holy Communion<br>There will be children's Sunday Club |
| 21st | 10.00am | Mrs Pauline Zahner   |
| 28th | 10.00am | Rev Vivian   |

#### FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Our monthly Fairtrade Coffee morning is on **6th April** from 10am until 12 noon in the Methodist Church Hall. There will be the usual fairtrade groceries, crafts, greetings cards, gifts and confectionary on sale with profits to Fairtrade.

Refreshments will be on sale, in aid of EACH ( children's hospice) .

We look forward to seeing you for chat, a coffee, or just to see what's for sale.

You are invited to join in our...



### Children's Workshop on Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**from 10.00am to 11.45am  
In Fenstanton Parish Church**

(under 5's welcomed with a carer)

**Fun, craft, prayers,  
stories, hot cross buns,  
chocolate hunt...**

***See you there!***



### HILTON CHURCHES SAFARI

most enjoyable evening  
to be had on

**13th April**

supporting

the Hilton churches.

This is always a very  
popular event

so if you would like to  
participate please contact  
Heather Woods 830686  
or Peter Blake 830137

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—APRIL

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

7th	Rev Derek Newton
14th	Holy Communion with Rev Catherine Ball
21st	Rev Catherine Ball
28th	Rev Chris Baker

### OTHER EVENTS in APRIL

Tues	2nd, 16th & 30th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Tues	9th & 23rd	10.00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tues	9th	2.30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation
Sat	13th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast
Sat	20th	9.30am	Book Sale
Sat	20th	7.00pm	Supper Concert (see p20)

### FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

All local men are welcome.

These breakfasts are held in the Social Centre of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street, Fenstanton.

Breakfast is served at 8.30am but doors open at 8.00am.

Sessions last until approximately 10.00am.

For catering purposes or additional information please contact John Guthrie (01480 392018 or [john.guthrie39@gmail.com](mailto:john.guthrie39@gmail.com)).



The next breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 13th** when the discussion will be lead by John Deeks, (and the programme for the rest of the year is: June 1st, Sept. 7th, Nov. 9th). Look forward to seeing you!

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St Ives**, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota; Ass.Fr. Marek Pabis;

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00 , Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

**Papworth Everard**, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00 .

## THE BRIDGE CHURCH-Serving St Ives and Local Communities

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

**Sunday Church Services:** We meet together at 10.30am on Sundays at Westfield School, Ramsey Road, St Ives, to worship Jesus and hear His good news. We also meet together in small groups' midweek where our church family make deep friendships and grow together in their faith.

**There is a home worship group in Fenstanton which serves both Fenstanton and Hilton.**

**Bible Study & Prayer:** We have weekly bible study for women, monthly church prayer meetings and weekly men's prayer mornings.

**For further information please see our website or call us on 01480 498801**

## The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane Fenstanton PE28 9JW

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm  
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480830142)

## FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

**Our project for Christmas tree squares is doing well,  
to date we have 315 only another 685 to go!**

**We had 2 people from Arthur Rank fund raiser team come to our meeting,  
we were able to give them two big boxes of knitted and sewn  
items for their next fund raising stall.**

**Our meetings for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>, you don't have to be a knitter,  
as long as you can Natter!!**

**At Fenstanton United Reformed Church 10.00am-12.00noon**

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

## THE OUSE VALLEY MINSTRELS

present

### DOWN MELODY LANE

A sing-along concert of songs, from 'Run Rabbit Run' to 'Food Glorious Food' and lots more!!! Solos, duets etc from the minstrels

20TH APRIL at 7.00PM

**A two course supper with coffee/tea**  
**will be served in the interval**  
(bring any other drinks you want)



Tickets £10 from Ron's Shop or Jean Ding



Malawi 2013

project. HFH are working with communities to provide basic housing comprising of kiln-fired clay bricks on a solid foundation, glass windows, air vents for good ventilation and cement tile roofs. They will be joining one of these projects and will be living and working alongside the local community to build a house for a family in need. To do this each team member needs to raise around £2300 to cover the cost of their trip and to help fund the HFH programme in Malawi.

***This concert is to help them raise money, all profits will go to them.***

Other donations can be made online using the following website

Phil - [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/137GBD36-86598](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/137GBD36-86598)

Rebecca - [www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/137GBD36-86675](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/137GBD36-86675)

If you would like further information please e-mail phil at: [p.harding9@btinternet.com](mailto:p.harding9@btinternet.com)

## **NORTHCOTE HOUSE SURGERY**

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### **NSPCC Cambridge Dining Club, MONDAY, 29th APRIL**

Luncheon at La Mimosa Restaurant, Thompson's Lane, Cambridge

12.00 noon for 12.30 prompt The 2-course meal with coffee costs just £16.50.

This friendly Dining Club welcomes both men and women.

Judge Isobel Plumstead, Honorary Secretary of the Council of Her Majesty's Circuit Judges, will talk on the current day Family Law.

Raising funds for the NSPCC and ChildLine. More details: phone 01954719745,

email: [cfm.armstrong@gmail.com](mailto:cfm.armstrong@gmail.com)

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### **Perfume event will bring sweet smell of fundraising success to Addenbrooke's Tuesday 23 April 2013, 11:30am, Freemasons Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge**

Ever wondered what goes into making perfume? Well now you can find out at a special fragrance event hosted by Penhaligon's perfume boutique and the Friends of Addenbrooke's – volunteer fundraising arm of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT).

There will be a buffet lunch with a glass of wine followed with a Q&A session and the chance to order products from Penhaligon's, who will be donating 10% of the value of all sales at the event to Addenbrooke's.

Raffle to win a personal fragrance profiling session at Penhaligon's Cambridge, the winner will get a 100ml fragrance and collection of luxurious bath and body products.

Tickets for this event, priced at £18 per person (including lunch), can be obtained by calling: 01223 217757 or emailing: [friends@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:friends@addenbrookes.nhs.uk).

Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

### **APRIL BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**Put a SPRING in your step:** The Fire Service has devised a simple checklist for residents to run through this Spring:

**S**Smoke alarms – Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home.

**P**Practise your Home Escape Plan if a fire were to occur at night.

**R**Ring 999 in the event of a fire – Don't attempt to tackle it yourself.

**I**nstructions – Read safety instructions for DIY tools carefully to avoid accidents.

**N**ever attempt complex DIY electrical wiring yourself.

**G**et free home fire safety advice by logging on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk).

**Be hoax aware during school holidays:** Making a hoax call to the emergency services is a criminal offence and we are asking residents, especially parents, to make young people aware of the consequences of making a hoax 999 call.

**Diary dates:** Open evening for those thinking about becoming an On-call firefighter at any station in Cambridgeshire. **St Ives Fire Station, Monday, April 15, 7-9pm**, March Fire Station, on-call firefighter recruitment day, Saturday, April 20, from 10am-3.30pm.

Log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.



## 'Next Steps in Family History' Day School

This fun day is for you if you have already done some basic research and now want to progress further.

**Huntingdon Library**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00am - 3.30pm**

For more information and to book a place contact –  
Huntingdon Library  
Princes Street, Huntingdon. PE29 3PA  
0345 045 5225

[caroline.clifford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.clifford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Cost is £25 per person (lunch not included)

### THE OVER PLAYERS



This year's Over Players' Spring Show is the ever-popular Sound of Music. This all-time favourite, family show is filled with a host of well-loved songs including *Climb every Mountain* (sung by Linda Smith), *My Favourite Things* (sung by Helen Scully), *Sixteen Going on Seventeen* (Harriet Smith and Olly Hockin) *Edelweiss* (Chas Barclay) and *Do-Re-Mi* (The von-Trapp Children) and many others.

The Sound of Music is based on the true story of the singing von Trapp family. Set in 1938, it tells the story of Maria (Helen Scully), a free-spirited nun who is hired by Captain von Trapp (Chas Barclay) to care for his seven children – but then the Nazis invade Austria on the eve of World War II .....

With a cast of nearly 40, this show is proving to be very popular, so don't leave it too late to buy your tickets.

Bookings can be made online enabling you to choose your own seats ([www.ticketsource.co.uk/overplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/overplayers)), by phone (07521 099146), or by post (see form below). There is a 10% booking fee for on-line bookings.

**BOX OFFICE OPENS FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2013 AT 9.00 A.M.**

**From Wednesday May 29th to Saturday June 1st**





# **FENSTANTON YOUTH Football Club RACE NIGHT**

**Saturday 27th April, 7 pm**  
**at Fen Drayton Village  
Hall**

**£5.00 per ticket.**

**Tickets available by emailing or Kevin Smith**

**[spursloyal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spursloyal@yahoo.co.uk) or [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com)**

**Or Telephone 01480 830839**

Whether you've been to the races before or not, you'll love this night. It's going to be an evening packed with fun and excitement and we're providing a bar. We've hired in a professional company to compere the night and we benefit from their big screen to show the races.

Do come and join us and bring your friends along too.

We are raising much needed funds to support our Club.

(Over 18's only).

Do Hurry Tickets will sell out fast.



## **TAI CHI BEGINNERS CLASS**

**Fenstanton United Reformed Church**

**Wednesdays 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

**If you need more information**

**Contact Dorothy on 01480 468701**

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We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support over the past few months -

Mo's Motors - Fenstanton

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Ron's Farm Shop - Fenstanton

Golden Ball - Boxworth

John Lewis

We are very grateful!

We are looking forward during the next term to help our school starters 2013 become more confident in their transition. We will have visits from teachers from Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, and will accompany the children into school for some first taster sessions, before they visit on their own.

We are so lucky to have always had such a wonderful relationship with the school and are sure it helps make the move 'over the fence' so easy.

We still have a few places at Pre-School left, please contact us for more information. We are open 9-3, Monday to Friday, term time only. We take children into the group in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  term in which they become 3. A reminder to register your child for a place at approximately 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 years. Application forms and brochures available on request. 01480 496156

Thank you for your continued interest and support.



### THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk**

11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre, 1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

### THE TWO SCOOP LOOP

Sponsored Charity 4 Mile Circular Walk for **Children**

11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre (Free scoop of ice cream every 2 miles!!)

**Plus ... THE MERIDIAN MEANDER** 21 mile circular walk

**8.30 - 9.30 am start** from The Over Day Centre

contact Allison Box on 07972 912022 for further information on this walk.

Print your entry/sponsor forms now from **www.overdaycentre.co.uk**

For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302; adamonks42@gmail.com

## FENSTANTON WI

At our meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, attended by 40 members and guests, we celebrated our 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday with wine and gorgeous cupcakes kindly made by one of our members.

Our speaker was Mr Neil Callan who was paying us a second visit, this time to speak about English silver hallmarks.

He explained about the significance of each type of mark: the makers' mark, the assay marks, year marks and duty marks.

Makers' marks were usually stamped onto a piece of silver before it was sent to the assay office for analysis, but sometimes added after assay. Makers' marks aren't strictly Hall marks.

There were many assay offices around Britain each with its own range of marks and Mr Callan showed us illustrations of these, explaining that some of these offices were only active for a short time and therefore items bearing their marks are extremely rare. He also showed us a table of date letters which are quite difficult to interpret as the differences are quite subtle.

He reminded us of the difference between Sterling silver and Britannia silver and showed us the relevant marks for these.

At the end of the evening we were given the chance to examine a number of silver items and try to interpret the marks, this was great fun and enjoyed by all.

### Dates for future events

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> April | From the sheep to our backs, Mrs Jilly Maynard                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Resolutions and Flower Pounding by Jill Walsh, Marilyn Parsons and Anita Gale |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | Visit to Johnson's Farm at Oldhurst   |

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre at 7.30pm.

### **Fenstanton WI Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 25th April at 10.30am**

**8 Walnut Tree Crescent**



**£2.00 entrance**

**to include  
coffee & biscuit**

**Raffle, Bring & Buy Stall**

**Everyone is welcome**

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre**. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or **contact Becky on 493067 for any further information**.

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.



### **BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**

The St. Ives Health Visitors now run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10 - 11am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

**Children, families, everyone...  
we've lots on offer for  
you throughout the week!**



### **Saxophone workshops with Dan Forshaw**

Workshop 1 | How to cheat in music exams. Learn Dan's winning formula!  
Workshop 2 | Dan dissects some of the most famous saxophone solos  
and teaches you how to play them.

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### **Plums and pools... Poems and picture books**

Tony Mitton, acclaimed author and children's poet will be amusing and  
entertaining children young and old and adults too. This event will cater for  
everyone from 5 to 85.

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### **Captain Noah and his floating zoo**

The pupils of Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School perform the tale of  
Noah and his adventures when charged to build an ark in order to  
preserve all the creatures of the earth.

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### **Cautionary tales for the nice and naughty**

**A family concert for ages from 5 to 85**

This romp through the custard and conkers of childhood will tell stories in  
poetry and song of some of our favourite little terrors.

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### **From silence to sound ... step up and sing!**

Think Gareth Malone! Think Military Wives! A workshop (no solos!) starting  
from scratch and working towards a group performance. Step out of the  
shower, just come along with a little courage and have some fun. You  
don't have to be able to sing!

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**[www.fringeinthefen.com](http://www.fringeinthefen.com)** or our  
box office **01480 352826**

**Don't forget it's also SPORTS DAY on the 6th July (see p29)**

## FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL

**Under 7 Training:** is every Saturday morning from 10 am at the Fenstanton Football Field, Hall Green Lane (or off Chequer's Street Playground).

If you haven't yet come along, do come join them for an hour of football fun. Hopefully the weather will start being kinder for us which makes it more enjoyable for the younger players.. Your first session is free and thereafter its £2 per week on a turn up and pay basis, no commitment at this stage. Don't forget to bring a drink.



**Under 12's Players Needed** – Our Under 12 Team are in need of more players to help them finish this season and start afresh next. If, any current year 7 pupils are interested in playing with an established, mixed ability team, please do get in touch, tel: Ant Balaam – 01480 460768.

**Race Night – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, £5.00 per ticket at Fen Drayton Village Hall.** Tickets available from Committee members. All welcome.

The Committee meet on the first Monday of every month in Fenstanton at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and raise any relevant issues.

For further information please contact Nadine Taylor – Administrator – [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com) or Charlie Darling on 01480 01480 395338

## FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

Well here we are! SUMMER TIME starts on my birthday 31st March!!!

So it must be almost time to open up the bowls complex for a new season! I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone and some new ones I hope. AND to playing bowls in the WARM sunshine throughout the season.

**OPEN DAY IS SATURDAY 20TH APRIL AT 15.00** (3pm to you and me!) as the first ladies match is Monday 29th April 2013 and the over 60's is on May Day 1st May 2013. So us members who do not play indoors can get a bit of practise in!

We have a great round of games already organised in the ladies and men's league, Cambridge and District league, and the over 60's league, along with a good selection of friendlies.

It is also our 75th ANNIVERSARY so watch out for the souvenir!!! It, I'm sure, will become a collectors item!!!!

The **SOCIAL BOWLS** starts on **Thursday 2nd May** 10am. till 12.30pm and will carry on throughout the season on a Thursday morning, WEATHER PERMITTING!!

This is open to ANYONE who wants to TRY, it costs £3 which includes refreshments. *ALL MEMBERS are also welcome at no cost.*

I shall be running the sessions along with the other Daphne and its always FUN!!

Look forward to seeing you all on Open Day.

Please look on the web site [fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk) for all the information on this years fixtures and last years winners of the Club competitions.

REMEMBER LINE LENGTH AND LUCK

Daphne (Loveday), Secretary, email [merlotwine@live.co.uk](mailto:merlotwine@live.co.uk), tel:01480 498050

## FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Your barely literate sports reporter writes by candle light from solitary confinement in the coal hole.

Well! Thanks very much Fenstanton, for a while there we had a good resistance movement going then bosh! Some blighter snitched on us to the occupying forces and bang, here we are back in the choky. Not only has one or more of you out there turned us in to the authorities but also nobody has volunteered for anything, and it's no good saying that nobody reads this drivel because if that were true then how would they know about turning us in? Sometimes I have my doubts as to whether you lot out there are worth trying to save, I've a good mind to let Matron's mob take over the world as they intend, and then you will all be sorry.

Especially if they cancel **Sports Day (6<sup>th</sup> July)**.

I have to admit that it's not been easy these past few months living on what wits we have left between us, amongst the mud and the blood and the bullets, but we managed as much disruption as could be expected from half a dozen 60+ year olds. The barbed wire

is the worst; you have only got to lift your rear half an inch whilst crawling through a perimeter fence and bang goes the backside out of your best trousers. Still it's warm and dry in the coal hole, and safe, cos' when the first V2 rocket lifts off from its hidden launch pad in the Dairy Crest site it won't be heading for me incarcerated as I am in the middle of Matron's HQ. We can only hope that it falls on the house of the quisling who turned us in, that will wipe the grin of his face.

**Sports news, if you want to volunteer etc. you know what to do. (call 370973)**

Oh and by the way will someone tell Matron it's a basque not a bask and yes it's true, it is black leather with silver snaps *and* its vast enough to house the R102. I know because I have seen it, but not as many times as our secretary has, perhaps that explains the smirk on his face, **or is it that he snitched on us?** If that is the case he had better watch out because I still have some plastic explosives in my back pocket, if only I could remember which bit of barbed wire it's under.

## FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

As previously mentioned the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February was on the subject of wills, and was quite well attended.

The 6<sup>th</sup> March meeting was a social afternoon with a Quiz and Bingo. On the 20<sup>th</sup> March the 2 ladies from Warboys gave a talk on Victoriana.

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** will be a social afternoon.

**17<sup>th</sup> April** we have a member of the John Lewis Partnership giving a talk on the foundation and make up of the partnership.

New members will be welcomed at the Fenstanton United Reformed Church Chequer Street.

**We start at 2-00pm.**

**Big Breakfast 2013 is on Saturday 8th June – please put the date in your diary now!**

Please come along to help us raise much needed funds at one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Our Scouts will be cooking up the annual Big Breakfast, well supported in various tasks by our Beavers and Cubs. As usual we will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton, food ready from 8.30am onwards.

So bring friends and family to dine “al-fresco” for breakfast – leaving us to do the washing up and helping us raise much needed funds. Don't fancy a delicious fry up or a bacon buttie? Then please come along and see what else we have on offer – including some delicious cakes.

**My how we've grown**

Thanks to the wonderful support of our local community the Group has continued to go from strength to strength over the last decade. Each year we have to take a census in January (all youth and adult members), which shows that back in 2003 we had a total membership of 60 and now in 2013 that's reached 91 – a wonderful increase of 52%!

**The waiting game**

Despite our continued success in recruiting adult volunteers we still need more, as like many youth organisations across the UK we have huge waiting lists (The Scout Association alone has over 33,500, of which 900 are in Cambridgeshire). As of January we still had 27 boys and girls all keen to make the most of the scouting adventure, all old enough to join – but who we simply don't have the space for.

**The good news!**

We have numerous opportunities for adults to volunteer to have a role working directly with the young people, which in turn will eventually allow us to increase our numbers. Scouting is great fun for adults too, we offer full training and support, volunteer roles such as these enhance any CV and you do not need to be able to turn up every week.

So, if you would like to make difference to the local community, help shape the next generation and join the scouting adventure please get in touch!

Louise Clover  
01480 831715

## HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP



We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of

all ages.

We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.

**For more information**

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

March meeting was a great success, Kathy Brown from Stevington gave us a slide show and talk on containers and hanging baskets, using edible plants and flowers, also showing us that we could use plants that we hadn't thought of using in containers. We also had cake with our tea that was made from Kathy's recipe using edible flowers, thanks to Rosie and Jill.

**April 8th** meeting is a demonstration by Forget Me Not from St Ives.

Entrance £3.00 tea & biscuits, 50p raffle, your chance to win an arrangement to take home.

**May 22nd** is our outing to Coton Manor and Cottesbrooke Hall, near Northampton, We will be leaving Village Hall at 9.30. If you would like to join us please ring Beverley on 830571.

## HILTON WI

Spring had certainly 'sprung' at our March meeting. Amy Jones entertained us with her colourful spring arrangements, interspersed with tales from both sides of her busy life. As a florist she can show her expertise and technique in many ways, both celebration and consolation, expressed in her individual and imaginative way. Her first arrangement was a short, hand-tied, with red theme roses and greenery enveloped in red and black cellophane.

The next was a tribute to Easter, two delicate egg shapes holding yellow tulips and daffodils.

The next was a taller hand-tie, with the flowers threaded through a green sisal frame to give it a more stable shape, then placed in a green vase.

The final one was called 'A walk in the woods', a long piece of wicker in brown sisal was planted with beautifully scented pink hyacinths and roses with imitation mushrooms all peeping out of low foliage.

All the above was carried out with Amy's running commentary on her life as a florist, with her own business, to helping on her parent's farm. One day flowers, the next day lambing or driving a tractor! Certainly a very entertaining way to celebrate spring.

Our next meeting, on **Monday, April 8th**, will be an open meeting, this means you can bring friends and partners along if they are interested in discovering how Gary O'Shea of UN Search and Rescue and his team go searching through the rubble when a disaster, either natural or man made, has occurred. So come along, with your friends, at 7.30pm to the Village Hall.

**For more information, ring Ruth on 830358**

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

**It is with great sadness to announce that Hilary one of our most treasured committee members, passed away suddenly at home on Saturday 9th March 2013. Hilary was a wonderful, generous woman who loved village life and was known and loved by many.**

**She will be sadly missed by us all.**

### Forthcoming events :

## EASTER TREASURE HUNT – SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013.

Meet at 11.00am at the Village Hall , a great family event for all ages. There will be various clues around a small section of the village within walking distance avoiding the main roads. There will be prizes for the correct answers found, with a small charge of £1 per entry, which includes a drink and a crème egg. Refreshments such as hot dogs and hot drinks will be available. Why not decorate an Easter bonnet to wear on the day! Egg decorating and art activities will also be in the village hall.

Surrounding villagers are welcome to join us.

Please contact Emma Payne on Tel 839123 to buy your tickets to avoid disappointment on the day.

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING – SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2013.**

Keep the date in your diary for an evening of fun and who-dunnit??, as well as a lovely supper in between the acts. Surrounding villagers are welcome to join us as well as family and friends.

**THE ART SHOW** – Please if anyone could offer to help run the Art Show during Feast week can you contact myself or any other committee member.

See the website at [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) for all the latest events.

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RICHARD HUNT, BECCA GRAVELING, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE

## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

## CORRECTION OF DATE IN LAST ISSUE

***Date for Hilton Produce Show is***

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July and not 20<sup>th</sup> July as incorrectly stated on the Schedule in the last issue.**

**Apologies to everyone from the Committee.**



## HILTON ART CLUB

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 – 12.00 at Hilton Village Hall

The next Club session is a workshop on the subject of 'Butterflies and Buddleia', in watercolour or acrylic paints. We are very fortunate to have Chris Lockwood, a well-known artist, to lead this. Non-members are welcome to attend for a small charge of £5, to include refreshments. Please bring your own painting materials. For further information, please contact

Diana Walsh, Tel: 01480 831410

or Gina Ward, Tel: 01480 830696, or e-mail: [ward@wynchmore.com](mailto:ward@wynchmore.com).

## ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

As we enter spring the children have been busy baking and making cards for Mother's Day. All the mums received a small box of jam tarts and a heart card from the children (being woken up at 6am on Mother's Day to appreciate the card was less enjoyable!). On 15th March the children wore their pyjamas for Comic Relief and collected coins. As the weather warms up we will be in the garden more; playing with the outdoor toys, growing plants and using the play equipment. We will also be busy getting ready for Easter.



## PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

### Anyone for Tennis?

Spring is here so why not enjoy some outside exercise and join Papworth Tennis Club? If you are joining for the first time, we are offering a 10 per cent discount for membership paid by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our friendly, family club offers four floodlit courts, clubhouse, junior coaching programme, social tennis evenings, team tennis and club tournaments.

Take a look at our website at [papworthtennis.co.uk](http://papworthtennis.co.uk), or call membership secretary Lisa Seeley for more details on: 01480 831161.

Annual membership rates are: Adult, £78, Junior, £34, Family (two adults and all children under 17), £170, Student, £50, Student (living away from home), £34.

### Papworth Tennis Club Coaching Sessions for Children

Our Mini & Raw Tennis coaching sessions for children are taught by PTC Level 3 coach, Terry Stenchen. The hour-long sessions are structured to be fun while teaching tennis skills to children from four years old, of all abilities. Sessions run from 9am to 1.30pm. We also run Summer Tennis Camps in the summer holidays. To find out more details, which session is suitable for your child and to book, contact Caroline Douglas on: 01480 831070. Tennis rackets can be provided.



### The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to come and enjoy this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep. This guided walk will take place at **Brampton Wood on Sunday 28th April**.

George Cottam, warden of Brampton Wood, will lead the walk with local botanist, Lynne Farrell. George and Lynn will be delighted to lead us through this ancient woodland where a rich variety of flora can be seen. Their aim will be to highlight the changes that have occurred since our winter walk and will include the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am, GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. Suggested donation: 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 Phil on 01487 822835.

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### Fantastic Fibonacci

In late spring the Garden is bursting with life – you can practically watch the hop shoots lengthen, the chestnut leaves unfurl, the wildflowers expand in the long grass areas.

The diversity and rate can appear joyously chaotic, but a closer look at many plants reveals pattern and order. One of the most prevalent mathematical manifestations in nature is the Fibonacci sequence, named after Leonard of Pisa, known as Fibonacci, whose 1202 book introduced from earlier Indian mathematics a number sequence 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21 and so on – the next number in the sequence is the sum of the previous two.

When these sequence numbers are used as the side lengths of squares which are then tiled together and the corners of each square connected by a continuous arc, a spiral shape emerges. This spiral pattern is seen in plants in all sorts of ways: tree branching, the plated armour of a pineapple, the arrangement of scales in a pinecone. At this time of year, the sequence can be seen in whorled leaf arrangements as they develop around a stem. If you look down a plant such as a sunflower from above, as a bird, you can see the leaves spirally arranged so that each gets maximum exposure to sunlight and to water. This spiral arrangement is seen too in the sunflower itself which is made up of hundreds of florets arcing out from a central point. Later in the year when the seeds develop, this arrangement provides optimal packing of the seeds – they are all uniformly packed and of an even size, not crowded in the centre and inefficiently spaced at the edges.

Looking at plants this closely will be the theme of our Festival of Plants at the Garden on **18 May**. As well as the Talking Plants Tent where you will be able to bring along your gardening dilemmas to ask our experts for help, a marquee devoted to the latest in plant science, Guides throughout the Glasshouse Range with prop boxes chock-full with things like the biggest seed in the world (the vast Coco de Mer), a plant promenade along our Main Walk featuring a boutique selection of local, independent nurseries, our Systematic Beds will be the focus for a range of activities, tours and talks designed to encourage you to look more closely at the structures and the mathematical beauty of plants and flowers. **The event runs from 10am-4pm on Saturday 18 May**, and we'd love to see you there. Normal Garden admission applies.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm in March and 10am – 6pm April - September.  
Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission.



Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School

# Quiz and Curry Night!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 per person

Bar Service Available

The School PTA are planning a fun evening for everyone to enjoy!



The Sultan will be providing a tasty curry while you enjoy the quiz.

All proceeds go towards our wonderful school so please come along and support this event!

Tickets are available from:  
Louise Howard, Tel: 07843 017067,  
Email: [loushoward20@gmail.com](mailto:loushoward20@gmail.com)

## SWAVESEY SURGERY NEWS

We are sad to announce that Dr Leventhorpe will not be returning to Swavesey Surgery as he is enjoying his time in Australia and has taken the decision to stay. We are, however, very pleased to welcome Dr Jain as a partner. He has already been working with us as a locum doctor and will be excellent support to Dr Schreiber.

**Patient Survey – Action Plan** The patient survey results and action plan for the have now been published and can be found on the Swavesey Surgery website – [www.swaveseyurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.swaveseyurgery.nhs.uk).

**Smoking Cessation** All of our nurses are now fully trained to give smoking cessation advice and support to patients,

**15 years+ Booster** From age 15 years a combined tetanus/polio/diphtheria booster vaccine is due for all patients. This is the final vaccination in the childhood immunisation schedule and is as important as previous vaccinations.

**Repeat Prescriptions Management** In order to help patients that do not use the 'Online Prescription Ordering' with the management of their repeat monthly prescription ordering, from early April we will be offering you the option of leaving your repeat prescription with us when you collect your medication. We will then be able to prepare your medications ready for you to collect the following month; you will be given a slip as a reminder showing the date that you will be able to collect from.

If you would prefer to register for 'Online Prescription ordering' then please ask at reception for login details.

The dispensers will be happy to discuss these options with you when you collect your next prescription.



# FENSTANTON CYCLE TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 12th May at 10.30am

£6 per adult

Come along and join in one of the  
three routes:

£4 per child  
(under 16)

2 miles - Fun for all the Family  
(Must include a child of 5 or under)

£15 per family  
ticket (2 adults  
+ 3 children)

8 miles - Intermediate route

15 miles - Challenge route

Start and finish at The George

Answer a series of questions on the route  
and get back to the finish line as soon as possible -  
10 minute penalty for each wrong answer.

Refreshments and hot dogs  
ready on your return

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee

## WHAT'S ON in APRIL

Mar 29	Good Friday WS for children	Fenstanton Church	10.00am	p17
Mar 30	Easter Egg Hunt	Start at Village hall	11.00am	p35
3rd	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p29
4th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
6th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p11
8th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p33
8th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
11th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p13
13th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p18
13th	Hilton Safari Supper			p17
15th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p15
15th	St Ives Fire Station Open Evening		7.00pm	p21
17th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p29
19th	Hilton Art Club	Village hall	9.30am	p37
20th	Family History Day	Huntingdon	10.00am	p22
20th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p18
20th	Opening of The Green	Bowls Club	3.00pm	p27
20th	Down Melody Lane	URC Church	7.00pm	p20
22nd	Hilton Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm	p15
23rd	Perfume Event	Cambridge	11.30am	p21
25th	Fen. WI Coffee Morning	8 Walnut Tree Close	10.00am	p25
27th	YF Race Night	Fen Drayton Village Hall	7.00pm	p23
27th	Quiz & Curry Night	School Hall	7.30pm	p41
28th	Wildlife Trust (Bluebells)	Brampton	7.30pm	p39
29th	NSPCC Lunch	Cambridge	12.00noon	p21

For church services etc. see p16-19

Regular weekly meetings: Fenstanton baby & Toddler(p25); Hilton Baby & Toddler(p33); Tai Chi(p23); Social Bowls, from May 2nd(p27)

Fortnightly: Knitters & Natters(p19)