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## LETTERS & NOTICES

Peter Frazier, our web co-ordinator has relocated to Yorkshire near to his daughter and grandsons. We would like to thank Peter for his help over the years and wish him very well for the future.  
Spectrum Team

Wendy Webb

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the friends in Hilton for their kind words and support during Alan's 5 week stay in Papworth Hospital following his triple bypass.

I am glad to say that he is now home and recovering slowly  
Thank you

Deliverer required for Rookery Way and Maytrees in Fenstanton please. Contact Kay if you can help. Thanks

OK Let's see if I can get it correct this time

### Diamond Wedding

Ron and Chris Collison of Fenstanton were married in the URC Fenstanton on 23rd March 1957. Ron, from Thursford Norfolk, moved to Fenstanton in 1946. Christine was born in the Old Post Office, Fenstanton. She worked for thirty years at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School. Christine and Ron have three children—Jane, Linda and Michael and three grand children Krista, Ben and Genevieve. They will celebrate their anniversary with their family.

Apologies all-round

Mickey Pallett

Ron + Christine Collison 23 March 1957. at the URC.



## FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

We have had a busy few months at the pre-school. Behind the scenes, we have been getting our new website up and running. You can find it at [www.fenstantonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.fenstantonpreschool.org.uk). We hope it will be useful for both current and prospective parents.

In the pre-school, this term we have been exploring winter. We have been discovering what happens to water outside when it's cold, taking winter walks, matching snowflake patterns, exploring winter words, ice painting, cooking winter warmers, counting and weighing out ingredients, mark making in snow dough and practicing putting on our own winter clothing while exploring zips and buttons.

The children are really embracing the free-flow approach we have adopted in the setting, and love being able to choose whether to spend time engaged in activities inside or in our enclosed outside space. The addition of PE lessons on Mondays and Friday mornings has also proved very popular.



### **Taking registrations for the new school year now!**

With the implementation of the 30 free hours childcare scheme this coming September we are anticipating higher demand for places than usual. We take children from 2 years 9 months, so if you have a child who would be due to start with us in the next school year, we would strongly urge you to contact us now to ensure a greater chance of securing a place.

We feel that our 9am-3pm hours are a great introduction to the structure of a school day, and alongside our close links with the school, we find this all helps aid children's transitions to primary school. Friendships made in our settings often last long into school and beyond, for both children and parents!

For more information please see our website or contact us to arrange a visit. We would love to show prospective parents around.

**Phone:01480 496156 Email: [contact@fenstantonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@fenstantonpreschool.org.uk)**



## Fenstanton Lancelot Brown 300 Celebrations

The National CB300 team is still in place until the end of March and after that the celebrations can be regarded as officially over. However, they and the publicity company they use are helping us to develop a press release and donation site to assist with fund raising for the restoration of the memorial in the church while they can. The very last blog that went out on their site was about our fund raising and contained a link to our BT My donate site to which money is still trickling in. We are still waiting for the last 10% of our funding to come through although it has been applied for.

Locally the committee has very little still to do and we no longer meet although some of us have joined the Church fabric committee temporally to help with fund raising and completing the renovations of Brown's memorial in the chancel. The cost of refurbishment is likely to be in the region of £40,000, however, with money already raised from visitors last year and funding promised we are already half way there.

My thanks to everyone who has helped over the last two years we have spent planning and delivering the celebrations. Last summer it was gratifying to see so many people visiting and enjoying our village. We believe the plaque, the memorial renovations and the tree planting will leave a lasting legacy for future parishioners to enjoy and to learn about Lancelot Brown.

One last thing we have to do: We have acquired a Cedar of Lebanon sapling, Brown's favourite tree, which the author of a book on Brown, Stephie Shields will be planting for us on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We will combine this with a walk along the Fenstanton CB published walk, for those energetic enough to join in, and it will be planted on Chris Behagg's land close to the first gate on the left down the Low Road hope to see you all there.

As you will see from the picture the stone base to the Capability Brown plaque in the church yard entrance is stained in places. While it is lovely to see so many people standing by the plaque and chatting, hopefully about Brown's plan of the village we would ask that, if you have a dog with you, please try to discourage them from peeing on the stone. It's not an easy task to achieve we know but if you can the bucket and scrubbing brush brigade will be extremely grateful.



**Ray Whitby**

Chairman

Fenstanton CB300 Celebrations

[fenstantoncb300@gmail.com](mailto:fenstantoncb300@gmail.com)

## Hilton Parish Church - April

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Communion Service in Parish Church with Sunday Club
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Hilton	11.45am	Good Friday service (30 mins)
Hilton to Fenstanton	12.15ish	Easy walk across the fields & picnic
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Good Friday service (30 mins)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Holy Communion – note later time for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday service!!
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

### Contact information:

Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms, funerals and matters of pastoral concern), Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries) or Jenny Broom 01480 830413.

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - April

Contact: Sandy Monk (830273), email: [sandy.monk@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.monk@btinternet.com)  
And Heather Woods (830686), email: [ianwoods1992@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwoods1992@btinternet.com)

### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2nd April 10am.	Mrs Rosemary Marchant
9th April at 11.15	United service at Parish Church. Palm Sunday, led by Rev David Busk and Rev Rachel Larkinson
16th April at 10 am	Easter Sunday holy communion service led by Rev R. Larkinson
23rd April at 10am.	Ms Katy Salmon

### LENT LUNCHES

The last Lent Lunch will be on Wednesday 5th April at Heather Woods home, 7 Chequers Croft.

The charity this year is Parkinson's Disease Society. Suggested donations of £5 for a simple lunch of cheese, bread and chutneys.

Time 12.30 until 2.00 pm. Donations £5.00 plus. Charity in Aid of Parkinsons

### SEDICI CHOIR CONCERT

The very popular SEDICI choir who have performed twice in Hilton Methodist Church are performing in

### HUNTINGDON METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY 20th MAY AT 7.30 pm Tickets £10

More details about the concert and obtaining tickets can be obtained from Heather Woods on 830686 or Sandy Monk 830273



## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, April 1st 10.00am - 12.00noon.**

All are welcome anytime for refreshments and to browse our selection of FAIRTRADE goods. Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH. Do come and join us.



## **TOTS' PRAISE (0– 4 year olds) - HILTON**

We enjoyed our story, songs and activity last month.

Next time we will be in the Parish Church in Hilton on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Come along and join us at 1 30pm for an hour of fun, with a drink and hula hoops and tea/coffee for Mum.

For more details contact Linda on 830660 or Laura on 839110..

## **Fen Drayton Tennis Club**



### **Free Coaching**

The club has often provided professional coaching in the past but this year there will be a more sustained programme planned to commence in mid-May and to continue to the end of June. The programme will be extended if there is sufficient demand. Complete beginners and existing players will all be welcome. There will be separate sessions for juniors and seniors. The coaching will be free to members. This is a great opportunity to learn to play and a fine way to get active.

### **Membership**

The membership year commences on 1 May 2017. You can join or re-join at any time before or after that date. The current annual fees are as set out below:

Seniors - £65.00

Adult couple - £100.00

Family (up to 3 children between 5 and 18) - £100.00

Student/junior (between 5 and 18 or student card holder) - £20.00

Contact: telephone:01954 231752 email: [mwseaton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mwseaton@yahoo.co.uk)

Membership entitles you to use the courts throughout the year, subject to availability, and to play in the club sessions.

### **Future Project**

The courts are a valuable facility and provide great enjoyment, but to ensure that they continue to do so the club wishes to arrange for re-surfacing. We are in consultation with the Cambs LTA who can arrange grants for the project but this needs to be in conjunction with a substantial increase in membership and so we urge all those with an interest in tennis to join the club and assure the future of tennis in the area.

### **Open Day**

This will coincide with the Fen Drayton 10K on 30 April. If you have not already decided to join, then come along to have a word with us and test your skills against a ball machine.



## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH April

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch, Church Centre
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Baptism Georgia Dodds-Brown
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Fenstanton	9.45am	Procession from Ron's shop (bring a toy donkey!)
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion and address
<b>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Day of fasting	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion, footwashing, stripping of altars, and watch until midnight
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Fenstanton	10am-12noon	Children's Workshop
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Walk of witness via Fen Lakes to Fen Drayton and return. Meet outside Fenstanton main porch
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Good Friday service, (30minutes)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
Fenstanton	10am	Holy Communion, and Prayer for Healing
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by extension
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Fenstanton Parish Church Annual Meetings (all welcome) Lasts about 1 hour, with coffee, Church Centre

## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club

### Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (baptisms and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time though); The Vicarage, Fenstanton, just next to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park).

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; [chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk), 01480 496138.

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact



## Children's Workshop Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

From 10.00am to 12midday In  
Fenstanton Parish Church

(children aged 3 and under welcome with a carer)

Easter story, craft, make an Easter  
garden and a chocolate hunt...

To book a free space telephone Katie on 01480 465211  
or e-mail [ikhuck@virginmedia.com](mailto:ikhuck@virginmedia.com)

**Everyone welcome**  
**See you there!**

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

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 the surrounding communities**

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

**Sunday Services:** start at 10.30am,  
at 2, Burrell Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store)  
St. Ives, PE27 3LE.

Come along to our lovely new church building for some lively worship and to hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives.

We also meet together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting** and a **Men's' Prayer Meeting** early on Friday mornings.

There is: **A Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds on Friday nights in term-time, 7pm- 9pm; **Babies and Toddlers group** at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time; **Craft Clubs** meet at 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons and **A Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets on a Tuesday.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

**Children's church** at the Bridge Church is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities of a contemporary style, relevant to the culture in which today's children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15 am on a Sunday morning.

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801.

## 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 Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058  
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

2 April 9.30am Rev Derek Newton  
9<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Revd Dr Catherine Ball  
9<sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm Dr Christine Macleod  
14<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday 2.00pm Rev Derek Newton  
16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 9.30am Keith Cakebread  
30<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Rev Roy Muttrum

### **OTHER EVENTS IN April**

Tuesday Lunch 4<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am serving Lunch at 12noon  
Knitters and Natters Tuesday 10.00am – 12 noon 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Coffee and Chat Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
Sewing Bee 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Meditation 2.00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Book Sale 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9.30am- 12 noon

### **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 (01480 830142)



# Welcome to Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School



## Parents' Induction Open Evening 2017

Wednesday 24 May 7.00—9.00pm

Presentation and Workshop  
School Meal Tasting  
Tour of the school

Children's' Visits to School 9.30—11.00am

Wednesday 5th July  
Wednesday 12th July  
Wednesday 19th July

**FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB -**  
[www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk)



The new season will begin with Open Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm, members and non-members are all welcome.

Last year we had our highest membership since the club was formed 78 years ago, fingers crossed we can beat this in the coming season.

We are a very busy bowls club with lots of games at different levels. Already this year we have over 120 league games, 10 friendly matches and club competitions arranged. New members are always welcome, from experienced bowlers to complete beginners.

On Thursday mornings at 10am each week we run a club morning which is open to everybody. It is free to members and £3 for non-members, which includes tea and biscuits. All you need is a pair of flat shoes, bowls are provided. Please come and join us. A qualified club coach is available for new bowlers taking up the sport.

Check out our web site for information and contact numbers.



## The Medieval Church, (the 11th century to 16<sup>th</sup> century) in Fenstanton



The church played a far greater role in medieval Fenstanton than the church does today. In medieval England, the church dominated everybody's life. All medieval people, be they village peasants or towns people, believed that God, heaven and hell all existed. From a very early age, the people were taught that the only way they could get to heaven was if the Roman Catholic Church let them. Everybody would have been terrified of hell and the people would have been told of the sheer horrors waiting for them in hell in the many weekly services they had to attend. The control the church had over the people was total. Peasants worked for free on church land.

This proved difficult for peasants as the time they spent working on church land, could have been better spent working on their own plots of land producing food for their families.

They paid 10% of what they earned in a year to the church (this tax was called tithes). Tithes could be paid in either money or in goods produced by the peasant farmers. As peasants had little money, they almost always had to pay in seeds, harvested grain, animals etc. This usually caused a peasant a lot of hardship as seeds, for example, would be needed to produce the next year's crop and therefore feed the family. What the church received in tithes was kept in a huge tithe barn; a lot of the stored grain would have been eaten by rats or poisoned by their urine. A failure to pay tithes, so the peasants were told by the church, would lead to their souls going to hell after they had died.

This is one reason why the church was so wealthy. People were too scared not to pay tithes despite the difficulties it meant for them. You also had to pay for baptisms, if you were not baptized you could not go to heaven when you died, marriages, there were no couples living together in medieval times as the church taught that this equaled sin and burials, you had to be buried on holy land if your soul was to get to heaven. Whichever way you looked, the church received money.

The church was not always used for sacred purposes; it would also be used as a meeting place, a covered market, or even an alehouse. Priests were often married with many children and quite often a mistress or two. They were little better than the lord's servants, and often were required to work in the fields when not in church. Churches did not have seating, rather the congregation stood, with the richer and more important people taking their rightful place at the front. There was one exception. People living in Alms Houses had a seat allocated to them which were attached to the wall, hence the saying 'going to the wall'.

Marriages were performed in the church porch then moved on into the church for the feasting. Baptisms and funerals were also performed in the porch which is why the font is just inside the main door. The village church was also the most substantial building in the village and most probably the only one built of stone. Not only were the churches substantial in their build but they were usually the only building of sufficient size to accommodate the entire village at religious festival or social gathering. They truly were the centre of village life, church, social centre, mortuary and record office all rolled into one.

The north side of the church was regarded as the Devil's side, therefore it was not used by the church and no burials took place there. However, it was used by the villagers for sporting activities and a form of football called 'Camping' was played there. Burials on the north side of the church only began in Victorian times. The north side was also used for buying and selling produce including locally brewed ales. Marriage feasts took place here as was any other outdoor community celebration undertaken by the villagers.

John Deeks 2017

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A poster for the Swavesey Community Choir's Spring Sing. At the top, the choir's name 'swavesey community choir' is written in a stylized font with musical notes. Below this, a yellow flower graphic serves as a background for the main text. The text 'Invite you to join us for our' is written above the flower. The main title 'SWAVESEY SPRING SING' is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, it says 'Music from Mozart to Musicals'. The event details 'St Andrews Church, Swavesey' and 'SAT 8th April at 7.30pm' are listed, followed by 'Admission FREE'. At the bottom, it mentions 'Raffle and Donations in aid of the Church Roof Fund and Swavesey Community Choir'.

**Report of the Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**Police report.**

No updated report was available from the Police prior to the meeting being held. Parishioners are reminded 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.

**Police Crime Initiative To Be Undertaken.**

Following the success of an initiative to reduce crime in Hemingford Grey, which saw a reduction in the burglaries the Police are now going to extend the initiative to Fenstanton.

Subject to resources being available the initiative is expected to commence during the month of April.

**Parish Cemetery.**

The Parish Council respectfully request that all Christmas flowers and wreaths are removed from graves by Easter.

**Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council.**

Two casual vacancies now exist on the Parish Council. Eligible Parishioners are invited to apply to the Parish Council to fill the vacant seats as a co-opted Members. Nominations are to be received by the Clerk no later than 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017. All nominations will be considered by the Parish Council and the appointments made at the meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017. For further information or to apply and a Candidates Qualification form contact the Clerk as follows:

2B New Road, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE27 5BG, telephone (01480) 465300 or e-mail: [fenstantonparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:fenstantonparishcouncil@btconnect.com).

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30 at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

The minutes of previous meetings are available on the Village website or via the Clerk.

## March

Our eyes were opened to a world largely unknown to us when Nikki Lisle came to talk to us about "The Life of a Prison Officer ". She spoke with great humour about the 26 years she spent working in prisons including 10 years at Whitemoor and 14 years at Littlehey.

Her job was to look after the prisoners, not to punish them and to use pro-social modelling, acting as a good motivating role model discouraging anti-social behaviour and attitudes. This helps to bring out the best in people which hopefully lowers the rates of reoffending. The average age of a prisoner is 24. Lack of education and discipline from an early age is the main reason why many are in prison. There are many educational and training courses available to the prisoners but there is no pressure, as in the outside world, if they do not want to take the advantage.

A very informative talk from Nikki who is now working in the Probation Service having had to retire from the Prison Service on medical grounds because she was injured in a fight.

## Meetings Programme:

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Medical Detection Dogs – Jenny Cornish

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Resolutions

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Artisan Cheeses – Karen Brammer

## Fenstanton WI is counting down to its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

For more information, see [www.fenstanton-village.co.uk/wi](http://www.fenstanton-village.co.uk/wi)

Formed on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1918 we endeavour to make our meetings as enjoyable as possible promoting a wide range of topics to inspire women. There is always a warm and friendly atmosphere and new faces will be made very welcome. Why not come along and see what we do? We meet in the Church Centre at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month (except January).

You can contact us by emailing our secretary Deborah Markl - [marklquinn@gmail.com](mailto:marklquinn@gmail.com)

## Private Maths Tutoring

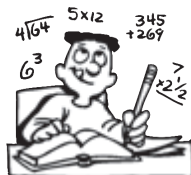


I'm offering private Maths tuition for all levels up to GCSE. I'm an A-Level student currently studying Maths, Further Maths, Geography and Chemistry, and I achieved A\*

at GCSE Maths. I'm happy to help with any ability for as long or as little as your child needs, and am available most weekday evenings and weekends.

If you want to find out more or organise a session, please get in touch:

[jamieward17@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamieward17@hotmail.co.uk).



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

# Fenstanton Garage Sale



**Sunday, 21st May 2017, from  
9am to 1pm**

Please register your garage at [fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com)  
or call 01480 461751.

Registration fee £5. Garage location maps for £1 from the Clock Tower car park from 9am onwards. (by kind permission of Fenstanton Parish Council).

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust held its Annual General Meeting on 13th March but details of the meeting will be reported in the May issue of Spectrum.

## THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

**March 1st:** - After a short review on the activities of the club in 2016 we had a flower arranging demonstration by Beverley. There were six beautiful arrangements that were raffled delighting the six winners.

**March 15th:** - Talk on piracy by John Clark.

**March 29th:** - Lunch out.

### Upcoming events:-

**April 12th:** - "Women's Refuge" a talk by Rachel Scott

**April 26th:** - Music by "Panache"

**May 10th:** - A talk by John Deeks on local history.

**May 24th:** - "House of Tartan". Learn about the making of the kilt.

**June 7th:** - Brass music by Andrew Bannister of the Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

Everyone welcome.

Questions to Marie News 01480350677

## CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDENS

### The Primula Parade



Few plants raise a gardener's spirit more than the sight of early spring flowering primroses (*Primula vulgaris*). Thriving in the dappled shade of woodlands throughout most of Europe, they mark the end of cold, bleak winter months and herald the beginning of the explosion of growth in the woodland. Primroses are one of around 600 Primulas found largely throughout the northern hemisphere. They come in a bewildering array of sizes and flower forms, and fill widely differing

ecological niches. In the Alpine House at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden, starting in February through March is the amazing *Primula allionii*. In SE France and Italy these flowers cling to life in crevices in limestone cliffs until the spring when these surprisingly small plants pack a huge floral punch, covering themselves in an array of pink to white flowers. Next to flower in the Alpine House is *Primula auricula* with elaborate flowers straight out of a catalogue of beautiful buttons. Later in the spring and summer by the stream side and Bog Garden and also this year in our Alpine House Himalayan display, we will have a range of some of the Asiatic moisture loving Primulas. These start with the purple drum sticks of *Primula denticulata* followed by a host of others until their floral peak in the summer with the tiered magenta *Primula japonica* and nodding yellow bells of *P. sikkimensis*.

Primulas all have in common a crafty way of ensuring they are cross pollinated. They have two flower forms – either 'pin' or 'thrum'. 'Pin' plants have their stigma (receptive tip of the female part of the flower) sticking out of the petal tube and their stamens (male pollen bearing parts) held deep inside. With 'thrum'



plants it is the other way round. This helps to make sure that pollen transferred by an insect onto the receptive stigma must come from a primula flower of the opposite form. Only the pollen from a 'pin' flower will reach down far enough into the petal tube for a 'thrum' flower and only the pollen from the raised up 'thrum' stamens will reach the similarly raised 'pin' stigma.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am - 4pm in January, 10am - 5pm February & March, 7 days a week. Please check the website at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk) for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk) for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.



## Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 12.00noon.

We are now back in the newly renovated Church Centre and would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.



The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Sarah on [Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk) for any further

## THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Who are the Fen Shanty Folk?

We are a new group singing a mixture of shanties, folk and popular songs purely for the pleasure of being able to do it.

We meet every Thursday night in the newly refurbished Church Centre for two hours from 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in why not come along? If you can play a folk related instrument and would like to join in we would love to see you. You can find out details from Ray on 01480 370973 or email [ray@srobb.co.uk](mailto:ray@srobb.co.uk)

## THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE and THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks  
(new 18 mile walk added for 2017)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017** from The Over Day Centre  
1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18).

(Further information, [amandamonks42@gmail.com](mailto:amandamonks42@gmail.com) or 07891 890302)



## Cambridge Past, Present and Future

### Get cracking this Easter with Cambridge Past, Present & Future (Cambridge PPF)

We might not be able to guarantee good weather for the British Easter, but whether we're bathed in sunshine or zipping up waterproofs, April is always a great time to get the family together to enjoy the outdoors. Come rain or shine, this month CambridgePPF will be hosting a range of exciting events to keep young minds occupied during the school holidays – from unique creative theatre workshops for children with Vital Spark Theatre, to hunting for clues at Wandlebury with the family at our Easter Fun Day. Younger children will have a hoot orienteering around a string course, and you can drop off the kids for a day of survival skills at the Bushcraft activity for unaccompanied children. After all that, surely, you'll deserve those extra few chocolates?

**Vital Spark Theatre – Theatre workshops at Wandlebury Country Park**

**Wednesday 5 April: 10am, 11am and 12pm start**

**Healthy Walking Every Thursday: 10am or 10.30am to 11am**

**Beginners Orienteering – holiday activity for accompanied children**

**Tuesday 11 April: 11am to 1pm**

**Bushcraft at Wandlebury – holiday activity for unaccompanied children**

**Wednesday 12 April: 10am to 4pm**

**Family Easter Fun Day**

**Saturday 15 April: 11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm**

Venues vary so please check the web site.

**For more information:** email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)

## Mobile Library



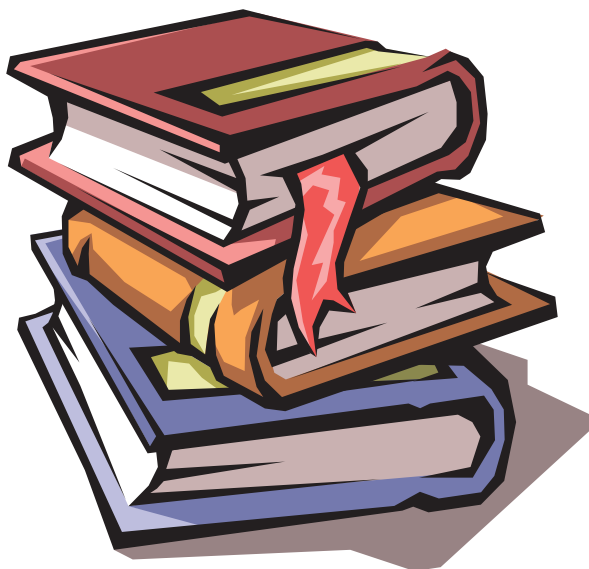
**DON'T FORGET** that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm. It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

**TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF**

**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED  
CHURCH  
CHEQUER STREET**

**WILL BE HOLDING A**

**BOOK SALE**



**SATURDAY April 22nd**

**9-30AM- 12-NOON**

If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.  
They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.  
Thank you.

# FENSTANTON FORES GOLF SOCIETY



Fenstanton Fores are looking for new members of all standards male/female to join our friendly golf society.

If you are interested in playing golf and making new friends, it would be good to hear from you.

For further information please email  
[enquiries@fenstantonfores.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fenstantonfores.co.uk)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK EASTER EGG HUNT

and Decorate an Egg\* Competition



Saturday 15th April 2017  
11am to 1pm  
Hilton Village Hall

Entry £1.50 (inc. small egg and refreshments)

Buy your tickets now to avoid  
disappointment  
from Elsa Milner  
07773 501526



PRIZE FOR THE  
WINNING ENTRY

\* Hard boiled eggs only please



## FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



Fenstanton Reserves sadly bowed out of the Hunts Lower Junior Cup on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, losing 3-0 to Peterborough based team Cardea FC in the final round.

It was a brilliant match ultimately decided by a poor first 15 minutes and the outstanding performance of the Cardea #7.

Fenstanton lined up in a 4-2-3-1 formation, with Henry Overall in goal, Andy Broadbank, Sam Burgess, David Anderson and Dean Butcher in defence, Mark Walker and David Werthmann in midfield, with Scott Wilkinson, Josh Heaford and Kieran

Heaford playing in support of striker Harry Taylor.

Floodlights, a crowd of 190 spectators and a bobbly pitch got the better of Fenny's nerves and they came undone after 5 minutes by a long ball that appeared to take an unusual bounce past Sam Burgess, and a simple through ball to Cardea's #7 resulted in an easy one-on-one that he finished coolly.

It was then 2-0, Dean Butcher was given a torrid time against 2 rapid players, and it was the #7 again that managed to get in behind him, before fizzing a cross into the 6-yard box that Sam Burgess couldn't divert away from his own net.

A substitution was made to add some pace to the back 4 with Butcher taken off for Ollie Fisher, and Fenstanton started to grow into the game, although still 2<sup>nd</sup> best for the rest of the half, a clear difference in the performance led to both teams creating chances and turning the game into a good contest.

Fenstanton came out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half a lot more fired up and in the mood to cause havoc. Scott Wilkinson was a bystander before the interval but took the game to Cardea in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with Josh and Kieran Heaford forming a terrifying team on Fenstanton's left wing, chances and pressure were building but opportunities for Harry Taylor, Josh, Kieran and Wilkinson were all smothered.

The decisive moment came with 20 minutes to go, when Cardea and their number #7 finished off the tie. Another broken ball managed to find its way to his feet and finding himself clean through on goal, he finished with a smashed volley into the top left hand corner.

Manager Dan Berrill decided to make changes bringing on Blair Reid, Conor Jones and Sam Andrews into midfield, with John Hutchison replacing an injured Andy Broadbank, that made sure everybody had the chance to enjoy the experience of a cup final, despite the impending result.

Well played to Cardea who deserved the victory. And well done to all of the lads that took part in the game. A fantastic achievement to reach the County Cup Final in their 1<sup>st</sup> season! A huge thank you to everybody that came along to watch as well!

Here are **April's home fixtures – All fixtures subject to change.**

Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at **[www.fenstantonfootball.club](http://www.fenstantonfootball.club)**

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF	COMPETITION
15/04/17	First Team	Hemingford United Reserves	3pm	League Match

**1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group presents  
Family BINGO  
Saturday 22nd April at the Church Centre, Fenstanton**



**Ticket price: Adult £10, Children £7.50, Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) £30 Children under 3 are free.**

**Bangers & Mash with Pudding + 6 games of Bingo with (non-cash) prizes.**

**Door open at 6:30, eyes down at 6:45.**

**Bring your own drinks of choice.**

**To book tickets call Rebecca Cumbers on 01480 496335 or 07949 187443  
This event is to raise funds for equipment for the 1st Fenstanton & Hilton  
Scout Group**



### **HGV's through the village**

We were joined at the meeting by Mr Mick George and the Parish Council thanked him for implementing a voluntary 20mph speed restriction on his vehicles when they pass through the village. This restriction is monitored through the company's in-vehicle systems and driver's performance is checked to ensure they are adhering to their policy.

Once again, the Parish Council would encourage all Parishioners to adopt 20mph as a voluntary speed limit when driving through Hilton.

### **A14 Construction Traffic**

Highways England have advised us that they consider any size of vehicle associated with the new A14 route as construction traffic and as such they should not be passing through the village. They would welcome reports of any vehicle not complying with this stated aim.

They suggest that times, description and registration number of any vehicle to be passed to Mrs Perez, our Clerk so that she can forward these details to them. It would also help to have details of which direction the traffic was travelling in.

### **Vehicles on the Green**

Following on from our comments last month it was agreed that the Parish would place a temporary rope around the road side of the Green in an effort to preserve the open nature, reduce the risk of joyriding and maintain the safety of everyone using the open space.

There has been evidence of joyriding with tyre marks across the open space and a couple of more specific instances where a car was abandoned in the middle of the green when it became stuck and where another car crashed in one of the ditches.

We would ask that if you witness anyone joyriding on the green that you record their details and pass them on to our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez @ [hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com)

### **Parish Plan**

The working group will have met on 21 March 2017 for a second open meeting and a third meeting has been arranged for Thursday 6 April 2017 at the Village Hall at 19:30. You should have received a flyer giving details of these dates. This flyer also lists the 28 points outstanding from when the Parish Plan was originally drawn up in 2005.

The working group would welcome your views on what the Parish Council should concentrate on acting upon or whether these points are no longer relevant.

### **Easter Cross**

This will be put up on Good Friday and taken down on Easter Tuesday.

### **Trees**

Annual tree work will take place in March and May this year. Wood from the work will be available for Parishioners to take. As always we would ask you to only take a reasonable amount to allow others a fair share.

The Parish Council also thanks Mike Richards and Lattenbury Services for their work in removing fallen trees following the recent storm.

### **Agricultural vehicles accessing The Wilderness.**

There have been 3 trees felled along Wraggs Row in recent weeks to ensure that agricultural vehicles can use the road rather than having to drive across the Green to get to The Wilderness. The next stage of work is for the hedge on the right-hand side of the track across The Wilderness to be cut back. This work should be carried out shortly. It may look unsightly at the outset but the hedge will recover and the cutting back is needed to ensure that modern, wide agricultural vehicles can stick to the track rather than using the field.

## HILTON VILLAGE HALL

### HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE are looking for a CARETAKER/HANDYMAN

The applicant needs to be able to perform general maintenance and other duties as required.

Flexible hours to suit. Salary on application. Needs to be of a sunny disposition and have a sense of humour!

If you think you would fit the bill and would like to join our hard working, fun-loving team to maintain our village's beautiful Grade 2 listed building used for community events, please contact Mrs Lesley Fordham on 01480 831195 or 07752 678415.

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL (cont)

### **A428**

Highways England have announced the launch of consultations on proposed improvements to the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and the Black Cat roundabout. Details of the dates of proposed meetings can be found on the village notice boards or at

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet>

### **Vacancy**

Councillor Justo Perez tendered his resignation to the Parish Council who would like to thank him for his hard work and support over the last few years. Notices regarding the vacancy can be found on the Parish Council website on notice boards.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez.

### **Next Meeting**

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 3 April 2017 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) and on the village notice boards.

### **Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 May 2017 and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2017. Both meetings will be held in the Village Hall and both will commence at 19:30.

## Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group



### Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

#### Spring Flowers

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and enjoy one of the

Highlights of the English spring by joining in one of our spring flower walks at our local nature reserves.

As usual we will be visiting Brampton Wood where we hope to experience the delightful colour and scent of bluebells in this ancient woodland. We also hope to see flowers such as celandine, wood anemone and dogs mercury plus some early butterflies. We are offering two walks – one on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30 am and the second on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton. GR TL 184698.

We are also offering a walk at Portholme Meadow on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.00pm. Portholme is believed to be the largest flood plain meadow in England and has a good-sized population of snakeshead fritillaries at this time of year. Please meet at Godmanchester Lock at 7.00pm. Parking is in Godmanchester and the lock can be accessed via the Chinese Bridge.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809

### Royal British Legion in Hilton

A short reminder regarding the next Every Man Remembered ceremony in Hilton by members of the Royal British Legion in St Ives.

This will be for Ernest Cook and James Roslyn , killed in action in 1917, and will take place on Sunday May 21 st at 11.15 as part of Morning Service in our Parish Church.

At this time the Commemoration for Harry Jennings may now take place closer to the 100 th anniversary of his death in August .

## HILTON WI

On Monday 13th March Geoff Lambert arrived with his lovely dog Buddy to tell us about the fantastic job that a trained dog can do to help people with life threatening diseases to live a normal life and control their medication.

The dogs are trained to recognise the changes in their owner's condition such as low sugar levels in brittle and type 1 diabetes which if not detected can allow the person to go into a coma a have to be admitted to hospital for urgent treatment.

The charity has trained 76 dogs so far to do this and hope to train many more.

The dogs are often donated or come from rescue centres and are sent to the training centre to learn how to do their job and about 30 dogs a year are being sent to a new home to be their new owner's lifeline and also become their best friend.

A lot of illnesses give off a distinctive smell, diabetes when the sugar level drops, Addison's which has low cortisone levels and is a serious condition if not controlled and narcolepsy when a person can just collapse without warning, but the dogs can sense the changes and by doing so enable their owners to take control and live a normal life. They are trained to either lick their owners or bark so have to be able to see or be near their owner at all times especially at night when everyone else is asleep they are always on duty. A lot of them are sent to help children who cannot recognise their symptoms and need help in the day and at night so their family can relax and know their child is safe.

It costs about £13,000 to train a dog but luckily not much trouble to train their new owners!

The dogs can go anywhere as they have a passport and are allowed on trains and buses and in cafes and hotels. The charity is now doing trials for breast and prostate cancer as early detection means quicker treatment.

It was a most enlightening talk and the little dog was really lovely!

Don't forget craft club first Thursday of every month lots of interesting things to get involved in contact Donna for more details on 830770.

Our next meeting on April 10th is bound to get us excited as it will be in the form of a Pudding Club! A tasting session which is sure to be mouth-watering!!!

Be at the Village Hall at 7 30 and be prepared to enjoy the super sweets!

Kath Charter.

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Hilton Flower Club ladies had a wonderful afternoon at our March Workshop, 36 ladies took home a beautiful arrangement which they did themselves. a great lot of fun was had by all.

APRIL 3rd our demonstrator will be Lesley Beeton, we always look forward to Lesley, she will be doing 5 arrangements putting us in the mood for Spring and Easter, her arrangements will be raffled off so 5 lucky winners will take an arrangement home. It will be an entertaining afternoon, not to be missed.

JUNE 7th is our yearly outing, we are going to a private Garden in the morning, then on to Deene Park near Corby looking round the house and gardens. If you would like to join us and want to find out more about the outing, please ring.

June 830306 or Beverley 830571

Hilton Village Hall 2pm --4pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea / biscuits)

## HILTON ART CLUB

Our February session was a challenge from Joanne to paint a landscape chosen by her and not seen beforehand, in a medium of our choice. We did find the subject very challenging, but by the end of the morning, it seemed that members had certainly risen to the challenge and all the pictures were displayed together. Thanks to Kathy and Jo for the cakes and as ever, Andrea for supplying the beverages. The committee met afterwards and decided on the new programme, which commences this month.

**21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Adventures, Fairy tales and Legends.** Let your imagination inspire you. Please bring your own pictures / props.

Gina

## 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 £2.50 and run from 10.00am -11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact Nicola Webster on [nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.  
Find Us on Facebook

## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017

Dear Growers,

A recent Defra report found, nationwide, “a steep rise” in the amount of fruit and vegetables we grow ourselves. It said that food consumed from allotments and gardens rose by a quarter between 2014 and 2015 and now accounts for 3.8% of all the fruit and vegetables we eat. We hope that Hilton follows the national trend. Perhaps you already have potatoes, chitting out on window ledges, flanked by tomato plants and seed trays of vegetables to exhibit in July?

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July is the target day for harvesting and displaying home-grown fruit, flowers, vegetables and for exhibiting your preserves, bakeries and novelty items. We look forward to a bumper crop of entries!

The 2017 schedule and actual entry form will, as usual, be in the June edition.

On Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> June there will be a plant stall at the Village Dog Show where you can pick up some bargains for your summer garden. Any contributions from gardeners with plants to spare would be most welcome.

Members of the committee would be happy to receive offers of help on the day. If you have any rosettes from last year we would be pleased to have them back again. Please give them to any member of the committee: *Claire Sarkies, Lynn Amos, Helen Attwood, Liz Bush, Julie Sant, Pauline Reynolds*

Good luck! See you in the marquee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and may your seeds flourish!

## Hilton Feast Week

So, the planning for Hilton Feast Week 2017 is progressing well, with big ideas given that this is Feast Weeks 40th Anniversary. Keep an eye open on Facebook (Hilton Feast Week) and our website ([www.hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk](http://www.hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk)) for future updates. This year's theme is "The 70's" so start planning your float designs, getting the psychedelic materials ready and book the dates in your diary with Feast Week starting on 23rd July 2017.

In the meantime, we've got two Eggselement (sorry we couldn't resist a yoke) fundraising events planned, with a focus on hunting. First the one for the kids (both big and little) with the **Easter Egg Hunt and Decorate an Egg Competition** (hard boiled only, as we want a face on the egg not egg on our faces!) taking place on **Saturday April 15th** between 11am and 1pm starting from Hilton Village Hall. **Book your tickets now (£1.50) from Elsa Milner (07773 501526)** to avoid disappointment.

The next hunt is one for the grownups with our annual Murder Mystery to Solve whilst enjoying a three-course meal. The **Murder Mystery Evening** will take place on **Saturday 20th May** but no clues are needed on how to get tickets as it couldn't be easier. Simply call **Jenny Hartwell (07968 564407)** or alternatively we've gone digital and you can choose to **book online and pay by card**, visit [www.hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk](http://www.hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk) for full details and links.

As we've said before Feast Week is all about the community, so if there is anything you want to say or have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us at [hiltonvillage.feastweek@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonvillage.feastweek@gmail.com).

Chairman: Craig Sutherland, Co-Chair: Lynne Radbone, Treasurer: Joe Holmes, Co-Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin, Secretary: Judy Ward, Other Committee Members: Jenny Hartwell, Elsa Milner, Rob Milner, Alison Traub, Jim Traub, Charlie Warboys and Hannah Warboys.

### HILTON FEAST WEEK

**Saturday 20th May @ 7pm**

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

*By Strictly Murder*

**Includes 3 Course Meal**

**Hilton Village Hall**

**Tickets £15 Book online - visit <http://hiltonfeastweek.btck.co.uk>**

**or call Jenny Hartwell on 07866 564407**

***Please purchase tickets by 13th May***





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 Sunday 21st May, Every Man Remembered ceremony, Royal British Legion (p43)  
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 Saturday 17th June Barn Dance at Hall Green Farm, Low Road  
 organised by Fenstanton Village Hall Trust & Fenstanton Parish Church  
 Sunday 10th September Pimms & Pate event organised by Fenstanton Parish Church