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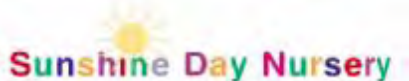
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Others are also welcome to come and see how Brownies have changed  
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DATE: 23rd June

TIME: 2-4pm

PLACE: Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Further details from: Brown Owl (01480 464939) or Barn Owl (01480  
374721) *If you are in touch with anyone on Facebook who was a Brownie  
with you, please tell them.*

## How was it in 1976?

We have been given a copy of 'Spectrum' from 1976 (a friend found it under his  
carpet when re-decorating!! We found papers from 1906 when we took up our  
lino!!). It is interesting to see what has not changed, Whippet and Ron were  
advertising, then albeit from different addresses! There were three grocery  
type stores advertising, not counting Ron's!

Hilton WI had a report, but Fenstanton seemed to concentrate on Mother's  
Union and Wives Group - there was also an Over 60's group!

The Vicar was Revd.W.N.C. Girard

The Hilton Flower Show & Fete raised £308

It was all of eight pages long, but bearing in mind the difficulties in getting  
things printed in those days, it is a very interesting publication

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**Police Report** During the months of January and February the following crimes and incidents were reported: 1 incident of anti social behaviour; 1 incident of violent crime; 2 incidents of burglary (domestic); 3 incidents of burglary (commercial); 1 incident of criminal damage; 3 incidents of other theft; Incidents of cold calling have been reported in Rookery Place, Headlands and Swan Gardens. In some incidents residents have been asked to give their bank details. If you receive any such call do not give any information and advise the Police.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4 or 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

**Village street lighting.** Following the County Council's PFI agreement as reported in the last edition of Spectrum, the Parish Council is reviewing the current level of street lighting and what the possible effect and impact a 10% reduction would have on the Parish. A 10% reduction equates to approximately a loss of 30 street lights Parish wide. The Parish Council is also investigating the possibility of taking responsibility for any lights which will not be lit under the new contract and other possibilities.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 12th April 2012 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

**The Annual Parish Assembly** will be held on **Tuesday 24th April 2012 at 7:30** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL— MARCH

Hilton residents are reminded that the quadrennial election of Parish Councillors will be held in May. Anyone considering being a Parish Councillor will be asked to submit their names to Huntingdonshire District Council by 4 April 2012.

Hilton Parish Council is made up of 9 Councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. As elected bodies parish councils are responsible to the people they represent. Anyone wishing to stand for election must complete and return election papers by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012. For further information please contact the parish Clerk or Terry Parker, Returning Officer at Huntingdon District Council.

Our next meeting is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** 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 Nadine Taylor, the Clerk [thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com](mailto:thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com) or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

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Council tax is a hot topic at the moment and as Huntingdonshire District Council's (HDC) rise of 3.5% has raised some comment, it is sensible to give some explanation. First let us put the rise in perspective; percentages are not always the best guide! Please remember that HDC has one of the lowest rates in the country; it is well within the bottom quarter for charges and the rise will not change this. Also 3.5% of a low charge is a relatively small cash increase; there are many councils where a 2% increase would cost residents more. For a Band D property the increase is £4.50 per year which is less than 9 pence per week, or a packet of crisps per month!

Many residents will have heard of central government's offer to provide cash equivalent to a 2.5% increase if councils leave their charges unchanged for 2012/13 and some wonder why HDC have not taken it up. One reason is that it is a one year only offer which will distort next year's figures, but more importantly the offer would use your money from central government taxation (income tax, VAT etc) to reduce council tax. It's not exactly robbing Peter to pay Paul, but there are similarities! A recent letter in the

Hunts Post claimed that HDC did not go above 3.5% only because that would trigger a referendum which it would not win. It is true that councillors did not want a referendum, but the reason was that a referendum would cost about £100,000 of your money. Rest assured that we have better uses for that money, uses which will benefit residents.

Councillors' allowances and expenses have also aroused comment of late. Your District Councillors, Ian Bates and Alan Williams (Hilton) and Greg Harlock (Fenstanton), will not take any increase in the current basic allowance of £283 per month after tax.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on any matter, but do not be surprised if we refer you to another of the authorities on your council tax bill. Which authority is responsible for what is sometimes confusing. The Fire and Police authorities are self-explanatory, but to give other examples: the County Council is responsible for education and roads, the District Council for bin collection and planning. Our phone numbers are: Ian Bates (01480) 830250, Greg Harlock (01480) 466692 and Alan Williams (01480) 465713.

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The Parish Council has been informed that if granted , a Zebra crossing would cost approximately £16,000 of which Hilton would be required to contribute £6,000.Any suitable suggestions as to how we could raise some funds would be appreciated .

The current testing of the effect of HCVs is being held .As part of this Hilton will have noise and air pollution measured as part f the whole programme .

Further information can be found in the Parish Council minutes on the Hilton website and for this month only on the village notice boards.

If you wish to take part in Traffic matters contact Ken Atwood : 830690 or Margaret Shardlow :831186

### Keep Britain Tidy

After the letters from Fenstanton residents last month , now there are two letters, from Hilton residents - and the comments from the end of this month's football report. We have done some research, hence the articles below.

From your editorial, I can see that you feel as strongly as we do about the litter problem. In this Diamond Jubilee and Olympic year, when we will have lots of visitors to this "green and pleasant land" would anyone like to join us in doing our little bit to help in removing the mounting piles of litter that seem to breed everywhere, in the hope that it will set an example. We regularly take "litter walks" around the village, most discarded detritus is to be found on the roads entering the village in the ditches. We know that this is only the tip of the iceberg but if we all encourage our friends and family to do their bit, we might make some small impact.

Alan & Sandy Voss 830930

We, from 1 Chequers Croft, Hilton, have been for walk this morning in the fields behind our house and we finally decided to put pen to paper. The walk, starting from Gravely Way to the bridge is almost covered with dog pooh and discarded plastic bags containing it. Some people don't care to clear up and it seems that some who do, leave the bags. With everything cut back it is now so visible. Where is your pride Hilton Residents? This is your village, you live here and your homes are here. Clean after your dog and take the bags at home. Teach your children and create a sense of pride in them too, so they don't throw their rubbish anywhere they like.

Sima and Peter Taylo

**DOG OWNERS - A REMINDER!** Fenstanton Football Club's field is privately owned and there is **NO** automatic right of access for anyone. However, an annually reviewed arrangement exists with the Parish Council to let the public have access to the field to pursue sporting and similar leisure activities. Dogs are **NOT** permitted on the football field at **ANY** time, irrespective of whether the owner is passing through. There are signs that clearly state this but it seems that people ignore them. Both adults and children have fixtures on Fenstanton Football Pitch each week and clearing up other people's dog mess is not what we want to have to be worrying about before matches take place. If dog-owners continue to ignore this, access to the field for **ALL** public use may be withdrawn.

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(The rest of the Football report is on p27)

See more p13

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## Dog Fouling

**One item keeps coming up in residents letters, Parish Council reports and notes from the Football Club. This is the problem of dog fouling on footpaths, public places and sports grounds/play areas.**

Why is this seen as so important:

1. Leaving such a mess where others may be contaminated is extremely antisocial
2. It is very unpleasant for other walkers who may get it on their shoes and, if not noticed, on to carpets and furnishings in the home.
3. It is not only unpleasant but also extremely dangerous to health, particularly to children. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocariasis.

**Toxocariasis** is an infection of the roundworm *toxocara canis*. The eggs of the parasite can be found in soil or sand contaminated with faeces and if swallowed, result in infection that lasts between six and 24 months. Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits. Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, Toxocariasis most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years. A recent case was a toddler who got dog faeces on her fingers while in a play area and then wiped them in her eye. She has now lost three quarters of her sight in one eye due the presence of toxocariasis in the faeces. This devastating permanent injury would not have happened if some dog owner had cleaned up properly. The potential for such an infection is why the Football Club is so concerned.

The responsibility for clearing up after a dog fouls is clearly stated by legislation: the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog needs to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. If you fail to clean up after your dog you can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, or, if the case goes to court, a fine of up to £1,000. The regulations state specifically, that being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up.


The Parish Council is arranging for more 'doggy bins' to be installed, particularly in the Headlands area and have also requested the area Dog Warden visits. Dog Wardens have the power to issue fixed penalty notices so beware!

We hope this summary will encourage more dog owners to take their responsibilities seriously.

For more information on litter and dog fouling see the Keep Britain Tidy website: [www.KeepBritaintidy.org](http://www.KeepBritaintidy.org)

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - APRIL

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

1st	10.00 am	Pat Paddon ---- <b>Palm Sunday</b>	
8th	11.15 am	United Service at Parish Church --- <b>Easter Sunday</b>	
15th	10.00am	Rev Tricia Williams	
22nd	10.00am	Rev Katy Dunn	
29th	10.00am	Malcolm Sharp	

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 5th April** from 10am until 12 noon in the Methodist Hall. A selection of fairtrade groceries and confectionary, gifts, crafts and greeting cards will be on sale. Please join us to see what's on offer or just come for a coffee and a chat. All profit from refreshments goes to EACH (children's hospice)

### GUITAR CONCERT

There will be a guitar concert by the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra on **Saturday 9th June** at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. This is an exciting opportunity to hear an orchestra of 20 guitars performing. The concert will include music by Ravel, Poulenc and Grieg. Tickets are £9 and will include light refreshments in the interval. Tickets are now on sale from Heather Woods (830686) or Sandy Monk (830273)

### HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER

By popular request, members of the Parish and Methodist Churches are running another Roving Supper on **Saturday, 28th April**. The all-inclusive cost will be £10 for hosts and £15 for non-hosts. The proceeds will be split evenly between the Churches. Please support us and contact Peter Blake (830137) or Heather Woods (830686) for more information.

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**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**

# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—APRIL

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.15am	Procession with donkey, starting at Ron's shop
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	
Fenstanton	8.00pm	Music from Bach's Passions 11a Honey Hill
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion with footwashing
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Children's Workshop
Hilton	11.45am	Devotional Service followed by walk to Fenstanton with picnic
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Devotional Service at Fenstanton
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Parish Communion
Hilton	11.15am	United Communion Service
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Service with coffee served from 11.00am
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

Regular Weekly Events		
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

**Contact information:** For Fenstanton: Revd Dr Robin McKenzie (01480 466162) or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (matters of pastoral concern and baptisms), Anne White (01480 382370) or [whiteanne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:whiteanne@hotmail.co.uk) (weddings);; Harvey Marshall (01480 395936) or [harvey.marshall@tesco.net](mailto:harvey.marshall@tesco.net) (funerals)  
 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).

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PALM SUNDAY

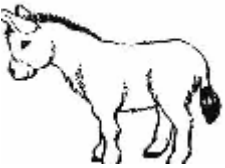
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TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



Tots soon grow up, some of our children HAD to go to school! We miss them. Would you like to join us having a good time?  
 We meet at St Mary Magdalene, Hilton Village Church on the last Tuesday of the month at 1.30-2.30.  
 We sing songs, some with actions, always a story and activity to take home. We will be waiting to greet you with a lovely cup of tea or coffee, drinks for the children & hula hoops.



**Christian Aid House to House**  
**Collection 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

The house to house envelope collection in aid of **Christian Aid** is 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May this year. Could you/would you like to help? I am looking for collectors to help cover each street/road in Fenstanton. It only takes a little time but you could help raise money for some of the poorest people in our world. I can deliver all the materials you need direct to your home. Please ring me if you would like to know more or can help. There is a lot more information on the Christian Aid website;  
[Christian aid.org.uk](http://Christianaid.org.uk)     Many thanks Katie Hucklesby. Telephone 465211.



## 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



1st 9:30am **PALM SUNDAY**

Revd Derek Newton .

6th 2:30pm **GOOD FRIDAY**

Revd Derek Newton



8th 9:30am **EASTER SUNDAY**

Revd Catherine Ball . (HOLY COMMUNION).

15th	9:30am	Mrs Drina Hampson
22nd	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
29th	9:30am	Mrs Pauline Zahner

### **OTHER EVENTS DURING APRIL**

Tues	3rd	3.00pm	Service at Rheola Care Home, St Ives.
Tues	3rd and 17th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Tues	3rd and 17th	12.00noon	Cross Stitchers
Tues	10th and 24th	10.00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tues	10th	2.30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation
Sat	21st	10.00am	Book Sale

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## Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt 2012



Sunday 13th May at 10.30am

**Sunday 13th May at 10.30am**

Come along and join in one of the three routes

2 miles - Fun for all the family

5 miles - Intermediate route

10 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 food from 12.00noon  
Fenstanton Village hall Committee



**Big Breakfast 2011 is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – please put the date in your diary now!**

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.

**Good News – thank you everyone J**

We are extremely fortunate to have a great deal of wonderful support from the families of those in our Scout Group, those who have children in our Scout Group and numerous other members of our local community. This means that we can offer the huge range of opportunities we do, making us one of the largest and most active Scout Groups in the area. So a big **thank you** to each and every one of you that supports us in any way - we really couldn't do it without you!!!

**But we are not there yet.....**

Despite the fact we have around 80 to 90 young people in our Group and are grateful for all that everyone already does we still need more help please, in a variety of ways:

Across England and Wales there are still 33, 500 boys and girls waiting to join the fun, of those 900 are in Cambridgeshire alone. As of today we still have another 26 boys and girls old enough to start who we simply do not have spaces for – a fact of which we are not proud. The solution is “easy” – more adults, especially for our Scout Troop - and contrary to popular belief that does not mean you have to be there each week! **Any volunteers?**

Being such a large and active Scout Group, with keen supporters, means we have a huge amount of kit. This includes things such as our archery kit (purchased thanks to a generous donation from the Hilton Town Charity), all our camping gear (from small hike tents to our big Mess tents, gazebos, tables, benches, stoves and...) through to smaller items such as lots of pots and pans.

At present much of our kit has to be stored out at Needingworth, which makes it very difficult. We are still seeking a kind individual, farmer or business (ideally in Fenstanton, Hilton, Conington, Fen Drayton or Elsworth) to let us have somewhere **suitable to store the kit** more locally (access is only required on an “ad hoc” basis). We need a dry, secure space (ideally with access to electricity and running water) equivalent to approximately a double garage in size. This might be something existing or something we could fund raise to build (anything from metal to brick). Is there anyone who could support us in this way please?

Several people currently look after kit in terms of repairs, replenishment etc but we could do with **one central person** to co-ordinate, check, manage the inventory, oversee and arrange things. This role is on an “as and when” basis so would suit anyone who could spare an average of just an hour or two a month, slightly more in the summer camping season. Is there anyone who could volunteer to help support us in this way please?

## Summer Events in Fenstanton

Sunday, 13th May,

'The Cycle Treasure Hunt', 10.30am starting from The George  
(see p 38) organised by Fenstanton Village Hall Committee

Friday, 1st June,

Jubilee Barn Dance, 8.00pm at Manor Farm Barn, off Low Road

Organised by Fenstanton Village Hall Committee and the Church Restoration Committee

Saturday, 2nd June,

'Diamond Jubilee Fete' in The George Garden  
organised by Jo Heafield and Gill Dartford for charity

Sunday, 3rd June in the afternoon,

'Cream Teas' on the Chapel Green  
organised by the United Reformed Church

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June,

'A Big Jubilee Picnic'

Is anybody interested in celebrating the Queens jubilee with a picnic on the Hampton play area. We envisage a minimum of organisation, just everyone bringing a picnic and meeting up for a few hours of eating, drinking and playing games. All ages welcome. If you are interested or you have any ideas (perhaps someone might want to organise something more?) then let's start a discussion. Call Niki on 01480 370973 or email [niki.whitby@ntlworld.com](mailto:niki.whitby@ntlworld.com)

Saturday, 30th June & Sunday July 1st, 2.00-5.30pm,

'Open Gardens',

Start at Parish Church organised by the Church Restoration Committee

Saturday, 30th June, from 5.30pm,

'Fun, Music and Food' at Fenstanton Manor  
organised by the Church Restoration Committee

Friday, 6th July in the afternoon,

'The School Fair', F&H Primary School  
organised by the Parent Teacher Association

Saturday, 7th July in the afternoon

'Village Sports Day', on the School field  
(see p29 organised by the Sports Day Committee)

## The Diamond Jubilee in Hilton

The village of Hilton is planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style. We hope you will all join with us to celebrate this moment in history, involve friends, family and neighbours to make this a weekend to remember.

### **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 11.30 am A Picnic on the Green**

Bring a delicious picnic and enjoy with friends and family. There will be a spectacular Open Air Theatre production of the Roald Dahl play 'The Twits' from 2.00 p.m. – tickets will be on sale soon. You can then enjoy a celebratory Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall from 4.00 p.m.

### **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June A Diamond Dog Show** with all the best-loved usual classes and a few new special items – further details with class entry requirements available soon.

After the Dog Show, we hope to entertain you with a BBQ and Music on The Green from approximately 6.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

We are hoping to finish off the day with an amazing Hilton Beacon – however this is proving challenging from many organisational aspects at the moment – so keep looking in Spectrum, on the village website and on our village notice boards for up-to-date information.

Now over to you – as always with this type of celebration – we need you to join in and make the weekend extra special. We would like as many of you as possible to festoon our village with flags – design one with friends, neighbours, get the children involved with their own special flag - put in your windows, in your garden, make an extra special one for your road, get together as a group – and if you can't make one – flags are readily available in many shops and on-line – join in and make our village look wonderful.

For those of you with 'green fingers' – let's make our Village Bloom in red, white and blue – a flower pot by the front door, hanging baskets, window boxes a flower bed – it's up to you, be creative – children may want to sow and grow their own – seeds and bedding plants are readily available – have a go, join in and celebrate.

Alongside our Village Bloom theme, our village church, St. Mary Magdalene, will be decorated with flowers to celebrate its importance within our village community. This part of the celebration relies on the children to get involved – can you please make the most sparkling and colourful crowns to be displayed in our church over the Diamond Jubilee weekend? All crowns will be placed in the church to view alongside the beautiful flowers – it will look spectacular.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** in the Village Hall, Hilton Village Archive will also be running slide shows during the afternoons of – so come and enjoy how Hilton used to celebrate in days gone by.

Some elements of the weekend may change, timings may alter slightly and new events may be added – up-to-date information will be available on the village website ([www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)), in Spectrum and on village notice boards.

To make this a memorable weekend – we need as many of you as possible to join in, be creative and most importantly, have fun.

**For more information, helpful tips and advice please contact  
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## FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

### THE OUTDOOR SEASON STARTS SATURDAY 21st APRIL 2012 at 3pm. AT THE BOWLS GREEN

BUT before we can have any bowling we have to get the complex "up and running"

To this end there will working weekend over EASTER Friday 6th April Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th, and Monday 9th if needed.

We start 10am, but you are welcome to come at any time as "many hands make light work"

There is a lot to do in the club house the green, and surrounding area. There will be a list on the notice board of things to be done and someone will be there to oversee it'

Joan (Weston) was to have been the Lady President for the Huntingdon Women's Bowling Federation for 2012 but, as you know, she died suddenly last year, however, as a club we are still going to host the President's Church Service at St. Peter and Paul's church in Fenstanton on Sunday 6th May at 3pm..

All are welcome. It will be followed by tea and

cake. at the church centre

The day after is **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** and with the kind permission of the football club we are holding our **ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE** on the football field. We need helpers from 7am and throughout the morning. If you can help please ring Gill Burgess on 01480 466929.

**Congratulations** go to Janice White, Pat Porter and Janet Lamb who won the ladies indoor triples competition at the Huntingdon Indoor Bowls Club and will now be representing Huntingdon at the Inter County finals at Newark this month.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB IS JUST £37!! I look forward to seeing you at OPEN DAY or at the Church Service.

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME  
REMEMBER, LINE LENGTH AND LUCK**  
Daphne (Loveday), Secretary 01480 498050

### Social Bowls - Each Thursday from 17th May, 10.00 - 12.30 at Fenstanton outdoor Bowls Club

Contact Carole Hickey for more details on 01480494085 or [c-hickey@sky.com](mailto:c-hickey@sky.com)



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All skill levels welcome

Rink fee £3 to include tea or coffee & biscuits

## FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Corrine King gave a talk illustrated with slides on her visit to Tibet.

This was a particularly interesting subject most of us had very little idea of what went on in this rather mysterious country and also the scenic views were beautiful.

The next meeting, on the 7<sup>th</sup> March was given over to news of fore coming talks and events, amongst which were a return visit of Peter Jackson of Scotdales Nursery, a fashion show, courtesy of

Edinburgh Woollen Mill. and a talk on Card and Jewellery, Further talks in the pipeline, but not yet confirmed are by a lady butcher, one on the Village of Warboys .

Remember our next meeting will be on **4<sup>th</sup> April 2-00pm** at The United Reformed Church.

New members will be welcome from Fenstanton and surrounding areas – pay us a visit and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.



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## FENSTANTON WI



We were treated to our very own version of Master Chef with a

demonstration of Thai cooking at our meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Maureen and her helper Angela piled up two large tables with exotic vegetables; herbs and fruits together with pots and jars of curries and spices. Just as they do in Thailand markets Maureen cooked the dishes as we watched. As Maureen worked she gave us hints and tips and information about where to buy the ingredients. Coconut milk is not the liquid you get when you split one open but is from the flesh. This is scraped and squeezed three times, the richest milk is from the first squeeze. The Vegetarian Green Curry was the hottest, the heat coming from the lemon grass and herbs. Maureen provided chopped cucumber which took the heat off as we ate it. The Massaman Curry with Chicken

contained Tamarind paste. Maureen had seen the pods growing on the trees when she visited Thailand. The pork mince in the Spicy Pork Salad is dry fried and the toasted rice is ground up with a pestle and mortar. It's hard work but it can be done in a coffee bean grinder!

Abbie Roddich gave the vote of thanks.

### Dates for Future Meetings:

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Fenstanton Spring Walk

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Falklands by Mrs Daphne Hersey

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Resolutions.

We were delighted to welcome 7 guests to our last meeting and hope they will become members. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7:30pm. For more information phone our secretary Val Spain (01480) 463653

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## FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

As the Spring approaches and the season comes to a close, **Fenstanton Football Club's** progress begins to blossom!

The **1<sup>st</sup> Team** booked their place into the final of the Cambs Percy Oldham Memorial Cup beating West Wrating Reserves in a thrilling battle. **Fenstanton** took the lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> half when **Dale Edwards** opened the scoring with a 25 yard thunder-bolt. **Ollie Barnard** took the score line to 3-0 by scoring twice, heading the ball into the back of the net for both goals. West Wrating fought back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with 2 goals making it 3-2 but **Fenstanton** took the score to 4-2 when **Dan Berrill** scored. West Wrating closed the gap again making it 4-3 after converting a penalty but **Dan Berrill** scored again for **Fenstanton** taking the game away from West Wrating. Substitute **Josh Turner** made it 6-3 in the dying minutes of the game meaning it was all over for West Wrating Reserves. **Fenstanton will play Fulbourn Institute Reserves in the final, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Histon Football Club.**

A week later they travelled to Cambridge to play close rivals Cambridge University Press Reserves in an exciting top of the table clash! **Fenstanton** hit the post twice in the opening minutes of the game but CUP Reserves took the lead early on in the first half with a fantastic goal. **Fenstanton** equalised shortly after when winger **Salv Merola** outclassed CUP's left back and put a low and hard shot into the bottom corner beating their keeper. **Fenstanton** dominated the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and had plenty of opportunities to take the lead but they managed to seal the game in the dying minutes when midfielder **Chris Collett** beat the keeper from 25 yards out making the final score **2-1**. **Fenstanton now go 7 points clear at the top of the Kershaw League, Senior B Division!**

The **Reserve Team** are also on the promotion trail, especially after a run of **5 wins in a row!** Their biggest victory of the season was beating Wicken Amateurs **7-0** where top scorer **Craig Flavell** managed to get **4** of the 7 goals! With all these great wins under their belt they are now only 2 points from the top of the table! Let's hope they can stick to their winning ways and climb into the next division!

If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season here are **April's home fixtures –**

***All fixtures subject to change.***

Up to date fixtures, results and league tables can be found at [www.fenstantonfootballclub.com](http://www.fenstantonfootballclub.com)

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF TIME	COMPETITION
7/4/12	First Team	Cambridge University Press Res.	3pm	League
10/4/12	Reserves	Elsworth Sports	6.15pm	League
14/4/12	First Team	Comberton United	3pm	League
21/4/12	Reserves	Wisbech St Mary 'B'	3pm	League
25/4/12	Reserves	Longstanton Reserves	6.15pm	League
28/4/12	First Team	West Row Gunners	3pm	League
9/5/12	First Team	Fulbourn Institute Reserves (At Histon Football Club)	7.30pm	Cup Final

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## FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Your barely literate sports reporter writes in an apologetic manner, well as apologetic as I can bring myself to be as far as you lot are concerned. You will probably remember how excited you all were to learn two months ago that sports day was going to be on the last Saturday in June instead of the first Saturday in July, well forget all of that. We have changed our minds and it is now officially

### **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

If I said "don't ask me why" you would anyway so I will tell you:

We are combining with the village school and the PTA over that weekend to bring you two days of entertainment. The PTA will be running the school summer fair on the evening of **Friday 6th July on the school playing field** and we will be running the village sports on the **Saturday afternoon at the same venue.**

There will be an Olympic theme for the sports and medals to be won instead of rosettes with a Jubilee theme for the produce show.

So, change of venue, tie in with the school and Olympic and Jubilee themes let's all make it a weekend to remember. By the way we still need lots of you jolly people out there in Fenstanton land to assist us over the weekend and a big thank you to those

nice people at the school for letting us use their field and offering to dig a tunnel *into* Stalag Luft 3 to get us out. We should be free in no time.

Our secretary told me to apologise about the dates personally I wouldn't have bothered, nobody reads this drivel anyway but I am beginning to suspect that he is one of matron's moles. She appears to know all of our plans in advance which is why we laid a trap for him with the false change in dates. We may have to cut off his sloe gin supply to teach him a lesson. So in the event of the tunnel being discovered we won't tell him about the plan for a squadron of mosquito bombers to blow a hole in the wall under cover of raiding Fenstanton. Well it's worked before! And if you all hide under the table with your fingers in your ears we should keep casualties to a minimum.

News just in **someone has called to volunteer as a helper!** It may be that the lady is confused and just got us by mistake but even so, after all these years of pleading with you lot out there someone has made contact. **I am so blinking happy.**



**FENSTANTON  
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JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

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## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL

A very big thank-you to everyone who came to the Big Quiz Night held by Dai and Jo at The George on 14th March in aid of Village Hall funds. A dozen or so teams took part and with the proceeds of the raffle £266.00 was raised - great stuff! Thank you again.

(There will be another Quiz on 11th April)

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When the Eel Man, Peter Carter, turned up at our March meeting in his battered hat, looking every bit the fisherman, we feared a bag of wriggling eels would be brought out for us to handle. How wrong we were and what a delightful surprise we got. Peter is a wonderful raconteur, describing in his own unique way his family's history as eel catchers in the Fens and had us rocking in our seats with laughter at some of the tales he told. For hundreds of years his family has carried on this traditional work and he is the last Eel Catcher still making and using willow eel hives and griggs in the fens. During the winter months he uses his time making these ancient baskets, each one an intricate work of art in its own right taking up to six hours to make. He also builds punts and grows and harvests willow and has an ancient flintlock gun which he takes out in his boat, 'gunning', ie shooting ducks, all of which activities help him survive the winter when the eels have gone back to their spawning ground in the Sargasso Sea. But he is also an animal and wildlife enthusiast and had some wonderful slides to illustrate his talk. His wealth of knowledge is tremendous and it was truly an eye-opener and a privilege to hear about

such a unique way of life and to learn about the lives of and journeys made by the humble eel.

As usual we have lots going on in Hilton WI: the craft group and reading group meet once a month and are flourishing, and new members will always be made welcome; our spring dinner will be on **13<sup>th</sup> April** and our summer lunch will again be in August so look out for details of that in the coming months; a visit to Hemingford Grey Manor is planned in May/June to see Lucy Boston's patchworks as a follow-up to our next meeting which will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> April** when Diana Boston, Lucy's daughter-in-law, will be telling us a little of the history of the ancient Manor House and its lovely gardens; and in July we are looking forward to an outing and trip on the Grand Union Canal.

Several of us will be making cakes and helping serve teas with other Institutes from the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation for the Abbots Ripton Garden Show at the end of June, and look out for us too earlier in June during the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations when we will also be helping with the village activities.

If you would like to know more about Hilton WI or are thinking of joining, please contact Ruth Salem our secretary on 830358 who will be pleased to hear from you.

**Carol Yarrow**

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB - MARCH MEETING

It was lovely to see so many members of the Club enjoying the talk by Richard Todd, the head gardener of the National Trust gardens at Anglesey Abbey. He treated us to some wonderful slides of the huge variety of snowdrops growing in the gardens, as well as views of the colourful stems of the trees and shrubs in the 'Winter Walk'. We also learnt tips on how they maintained the wonderful standard of the gardens, from year to year.

Our next months demonstration will be given by Denise Flowers from St Ives on **April 2nd. 2pm**. Look forward to seeing you. -- New member are most welcome.

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## HILTON FEAST WEEK

The 2nd leg of our **'Triathlon' of Quiz Nights!** Was Held at the Hilton Village Hall, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Neil Turner, Steve Lawton have once again shown what great 'friends of Feast Week' they are by putting on another brain-teasing quiz. The curry supper was especially welcome as winter had finally shown up! Thanks to the hard working ladies of Feast Week for a scrumptious meal.

February is a notoriously quiet month for fundraisers so we gave you all a month off! The 3<sup>rd</sup> and **final leg** of the **Triathlon of Quizzes** will be held at the Village Hall on **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, 7:30 tickets £8.50 (Incl hot supper)** – I am sure it will be an exciting climax to the hard fought, mental endurance challenge! – Watch this space for the winners and check the Village Website.

Please pencil in the **5<sup>th</sup> of May**, Hilton Village Hall for our next fundraiser. We have a number of possibilities from a return of the hugely popular Casino night – Back with an 'Oompah' Bavarian night, Race Night or possibly a 'band'! Whatever it is it will be fabulous!

This year **Feast Week** runs between **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July** more details will follow in due course re: Theme for Floats, Art and Produce shows etc – Keep checking the Hilton Village Website and your Spectrum for more details

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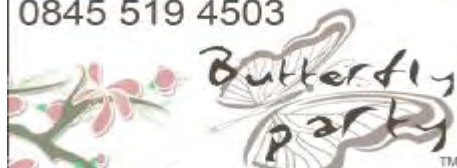
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These awards recognise those community groups and individuals who are getting together and making a real change in their community by reducing their environmental footprint.

Entries are invited under seven main categories: Best primary school

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Green volunteer of the year

Best energy saving initiative

Young green achiever of the year

Best wildlife or nature initiative

Best waste, reuse or recycling initiative

An awards ceremony will be held where four short-listed nominations for each category will be invited to attend, with winners being announced at the event.

Representatives from community groups may nominate themselves or be put forward by a third party, and anyone can enter as long as they can demonstrate that they have managed, or been involved with an environmental project that has engaged and benefited their local community

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April and May are busy months for birds in our area, when much of their daylight time is focused on breeding.

Birds will be at different stages of their breeding cycles now. Some blackbird or wood pigeon chicks may have already hatched by the beginning of April, while birds such as swifts and spotted flycatchers won't even return from Africa until late April or even early May.

The early nesters are likely to have stayed in the area right through the winter, ready to start nesting as soon as the winter weather gives way.

Some birds rear two, three or even four broods in a year, so the sooner they start, the more chicks they can potentially rear. Robins, blackbirds, wrens and dunnocks are in this group, and typically produce three to five eggs at a time. Blue and great tits, however, put all of their eggs into one basket – they may lay up to 12 eggs in a clutch, but by the time the chicks have fledged, the adults haven't the energy to start again.

Large birds, such as swans and geese take longer to incubate their eggs, and the chicks are dependent on the parents for several weeks after hatching, so these birds only have time for one brood each year.

Around the Lakes, many birds choose to nest on the ground. Skylarks, lapwings, redshanks and oystercatchers nest in short grass; ringed and little ringed plovers nest on bare, sandy ground, where lapwings may also nest. Ducks and geese often nest in longer grass or under bushes close to the lake edges.

All of these birds have fantastic camouflage colours, so they aren't easily seen. Not seeing any doesn't mean they aren't there!

We can all help these birds breed successfully if we and our dogs stay on the paths.

Cycle racks have recently been installed beside the guided bus request stop at Fen Drayton Lakes, a convenient spot for anyone doing some of the circular walks.

We have several guided walks scheduled in the coming months, with two called "Birdsong for Beginners" on 21 and 29 April, and then we'll have our Dawn Chorus walk on 6 May. Bookings are required for the latter.

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Our address is RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

Guided walks start from Holywell Lake car park.

We collect people from the guided bus stop at the same time.

RSPB members £2; other adults £4; children £1.

**Wednesday 11 April**, 10am-1pm, Wednesday Wander

**Saturday 21 April**, 2-4pm, Birdsong for Beginners

**Sunday 29 April**, 9-11am, Birdsong for Beginners

**Sun 6 May**, 5-8.30am, Dawn Chorus –

please book on 01954 233260, costs: £3/£5/£1

### Translation of the small print!!

**SUNDAY 13TH MAY**

Join us again on our popular 11.5 mile sponsored walk via five local pubs and help us to raise much needed funds to keep the Over Day Centre thriving. Starting at 11am from **The Over day Centre**, follow a route map through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, **The Ferryboat** (for a hot dog or burger), **The Three Tuns** and then **The White Horse**.

Finish for a complimentary home-baked cake at **The Admiral Vernon** in Over.

£8 entry fee in advance, or free entry if you collect more than £20 in sponsorship.

£10 entry on the day from 10.30am. Registration and sponsorship forms from

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

or by telephoning 01954 231807.

Certificate for all finishers.

Under 18's welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



### Don't forget ... Pounds for Patches

Please can you try and help us get this project off the ground and in turn help Macmillan Cancer Support? It's quite simple, just one 6" square of cotton fabric with your name pinned on, plus £1 donation delivered to The Manor House, 46 Chequer Street, Fenstanton (post-box on the side of the porch). We will do the rest and hopefully piece together a magnificent patchwork quilt for all to see! For more information call Lynda Symonds or Eileen Sullivan on 07768 454844 or email [lynda@ferrier-pearce.co.uk](mailto:lynda@ferrier-pearce.co.uk) or [eileenbmd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eileenbmd@hotmail.co.uk)

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### **A FAMILY AFFAIR at KIMBOLTON CASTLE**

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The fayre is organised by a committee of volunteers (although it sometimes seems to be compulsory!). We are already advanced in our preparations for this year and hope there won't be too many last minute "dramas" to contend with.

This year, the main charities that we will be supporting are HemiHelp, The Burns Camp, Cancer Research UK, The Samuel Pepys School and The East Anglia Air Ambulance.

The organisers hope you will come along on the **15<sup>th</sup> July**, not only to support our very worthy causes but to have a great family day out too.

For more details, please check our website [www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com](http://www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com)

## WHAT'S ON in APRIL

1st	Palm Sunday Procession	From Ron's Shop	9.15am	p16
2nd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
2nd	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
4th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p7
4th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p23
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.00pm	p25
7th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p14
11th	Fenstanton Village Hall Quiz	The George	8.00pm	p29
12th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p7
13th	Hilton WI Spring Lunch			p31
18th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p23
21st	Opening of the Bowls Green	West End Road	3.00pm	p23
22nd	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p35
21st	Book Sale	URC Church	10.00am	p17
24th	Fenstanton Annual Parish Assembly	School Hall	7.30pm	p7
28th	Hilton Roving Supper			p14

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