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If you have any questions, I would be very happy to help answer them.

Andy Bush – Editor, Hilton Village Website and Digital Archive  
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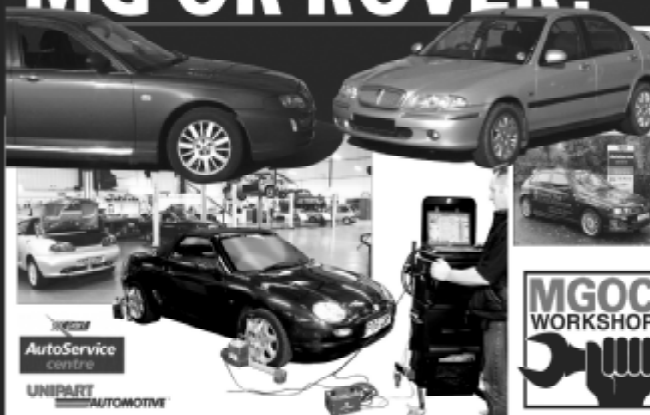
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**Fringe in the Fen.** The meeting considered the possible impact the event may have on the Village infrastructure. The Parish Council will liaise with organisers to ensure the event runs with the least disruption to Parishioners as possible.

**Dog fouling.** The Parish Council was disappointed to learn that dog faeces are being thrown onto the School playing field. As one can appreciate this is an extremely thoughtless and irresponsible act. The Parish Council would expect those individuals to consider the effects of their actions and act in the correct manner and dispose of their dog waste appropriately.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL— NOVEMBER 2010

**Annual Bonfire and Firework Event** – A very successful event, helped by the weather. Our thanks go out to Graham Barradell and his team for putting on an excellent firework display. The Parish Council would also like to thank Julie Briggs and Carl Parsons for their help on the gate, without the help of volunteers the event would not take place.

**Graveley Way – Traffic Calming** – a public consultation is currently underway regarding the proposed traffic calming scheme for Graveley Way. The deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December to respond to Highways. Thank you to everyone who took time to respond to the Highways questionnaire and to the Parish Council's own questionnaire.

**Village Ditch Maintenance** – further work will be taking place around the village to keep ditches clear. A rolling programme is in place to ensure essential maintenance is done.

**Budget Preparation** – The Parish Council have been mindful of the current economic climate and the Government cuts. The precept has been agreed for the financial year April 2011 – March 2012 and will be asking Huntingdon District Council for £20,500, this is an increase of 1% from this financial year.

**Hilton Town Trust** – a vacancy exists on the Town Trust Committee. The group meet to consider requests for funding as necessary. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Our **next meeting is Monday 6th December 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 these 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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The heart of Christmas is celebration, enjoying the joy and hope that the story of God's entrance into our world in the birth of Jesus brought to the world. It is mind boggling that the Creator of the universe should love us so much that he sent his son to identify with us humble, finite creatures and to live, serve and teach among us, and indeed offer his life for the world!

In Christian churches around the world at this time of year we recall the great message of healing and hope that Jesus' birth meant to the world. We believe that he came as the long awaited, Messiah, the anointed one, to overcome all powers of evil and darkness and to bring light and hope and peace. We know that his salvation is not yet fully realised in our world, but know also that God remains with us through his Holy Spirit until he will return again to completely transform the world into a place of harmony and wholeness.

If you would like to rediscover the message of salvation and recapture the magic and mystery of Christmas in your life, do come along to any of our Christmas services this December. We have candlelight services, carol singing and fellowship over tea and mince pies.

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# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DECEMBER 2010

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Christingle
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	6.00pm	Christmas Carols around the village – see p15
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All (Toy Service)
Hilton	11.00am	United Gift Service at Methodist Church with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol Service at Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Carol Service
Hilton	4 - 6pm	Live Nativity in front of Village Hall
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	9.30–12.30	Christmas Workshop
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>		
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	6.00pm	Crib Service
Fenstanton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Methodist Church
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>		
Hilton	10.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Worship
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Shortened Communion service
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## **HILTON CHURCHES ADVENT LUNCHES from 12.30 —2.00pm**

Our first lunch has already taken place and Christmas is round the corner. All proceeds from the lunches are going to EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice) and everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy lunch and a good chat. December dates to mark in your calendar or book in your diary are 1st December at Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road. 8th December at Linda Stott, Abbotsmede, Chapel Close. 15th December at Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close. Come and enjoy!



## **Join us for Carol Singing around Hilton**

This year's festive tour of the village will take place on the evening of Friday 10th December. We are meeting at 6pm outside the Parish church for a 6.10pm start. If you can't make it for 6pm then join us en-route .... we will be starting in Sparrow Way and then moving on to Flackdale, Mill Hill End, Rutland Green, Smeefield, Potton Road, Chapel Close, Scotts Crescent, Scotts Close, Westbrook, Chequers Croft and Tithe Close.

We need both singers and collectors so do come along and join in - we can't promise as much snow as we had last year but it will certainly be fun! Alternatively, if you are planning on staying at home, please do have some cash ready when we call - **every penny goes to "Save the Children"**. For more information, please contact Rachel Wood on 830866



Fenstanton Parish Church

## **TOY SERVICE**

Sunday 12th December at 10am

Everyone is very welcome to our informal service at which gifts will be accepted by Social Services for local needy children this Christmas.

Please wrap your gift and mark it Boy/Girl/and suitable age. Refreshments afterwards.

All very welcome

**PARISH CHURCHES** **From the Vicar**—Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens: For ***Fenstanton***, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For ***Hilton***, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayer (funerals) 01480 830466 I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answer-phone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie\_robin@hotmail.com

### **From the Vicar: Thanks, and Change**

First, thanks. Thank you for all who have supported our fundraising efforts in both Fenstanton and Hilton churches over the past few years. In Hilton, we now have a South Aisle roof that is watertight. There is still some fundraising still to be done. In Fenstanton, the scaffolding is up for a variety of bits and pieces of work. Thank you again for your continuing support.

Next, change. From the beginning of next year, January 2011, I shall be giving up responsibility for Hilton church. Instead, Revd David Busk from Godmanchester will become your new vicar. The changes have come about for a number of reasons which I am happy to discuss but do not need to detain us here. What I can say is that we have consulted extensively within the churches both in Hilton and Godmanchester since April. We have been “testing the water” practically as now David is leading services in Hilton twice a month. Both churches are very enthusiastic about this proposed change, as is David himself.

In addition, it is intended that the relationship between the churches in Fenstanton and Hilton will continue: through the occasional joint services, in friendships shared, and most particularly through Harvey Marshall, who as Licensed Lay Minister will continue to serve both parishes. Harvey’s thoughtful funeral ministry is well known to many of us. The firm and warm relationship between Hilton Methodist Church and the Parish Church is unaffected.

The feelings in Fenstanton are more mixed. I shall gladly continue to be the vicar here. There is some sadness of course; this relationship has lasted for over 150 years (as far as we can make out). It is right therefore to mark this time together in an appropriate way; we shall be holding a joint service in Fenstanton on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am, when Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy will be preaching. David Busk is to be licensed (formally installed) in Hilton on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am. These are open services, and you are welcome to come.

Let me, lastly, thank you all for my own support over the past 3 years or so. It has been a time of change in Hilton - where I have seen the support scaffolding go up, remain, and come down again. We wish parish churches in Hilton and Godmanchester well as they start to work together, and for David as he takes up his new responsibilities.

Every blessing

Revd Dr Robin McKenzie

Vicar, Fenstanton and Hilton

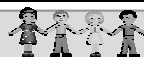


# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—JANUARY 2011

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.00am	United Covenant Service at Methodist Church with Sunday Club in the school room
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
Hilton	No Service	Joint service in Fenstanton - 10am
Fenstanton	10.00am	Parish Communion – Service of Thanksgiving for Ministry in Fenstanton & Hilton
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Joint Ecumenical service with URC
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Licensing of Rev'd David Busk as Vicar of Hilton – all welcome!
Hilton	6.00pm	United Healing Service at MC



## HILTON TOTS PRAISE



Because we meet on the last Tuesday of each month, we shall not meet in December, but look forward to a Happy New Year, meeting on 25th January 2011, 1.30 - 2.30pm at Hilton Church. We will have songs, activities, lovely coffee and generally enjoy ourselves. Don't be shy, we will welcome you. **Happy Christmas.**

## **HILTON CHURCHES' SUNDAY CLUB**

We meet once a month in the Methodist Hall while the United Service is happening either in the Chapel or in the Parish church. All children up to age 11 are very welcome to come along and join in our activities.

December we are making boxes with a surprise inside during the Toy service.

The dates when we are getting together next year are: Sunday 9th January, Sunday 13th February, Sunday 13th March, Sunday 10th April, Sunday 8th May, Sunday 12th June and Sunday 10th July - all from 11 00 till 12 noon.

We would love to see more children at our sessions, run by members of the congregations of both churches – all of whom are CRB checked.

## **Changes in Pastoral Care for Hilton**

Three years ago we went through a period of consultation about the pattern of Sunday worship in our church in Hilton. The solution we adopted was an attempt to reach a compromise between the need to reduce the number of services whilst still maintaining a balance of service styles & times. It was hoped that having just the one service on a Sunday would also create a united congregation with everyone attending the 8.15 and 11.15 services interchangeably.

These changes have unfortunately not had the positive effect we had hoped and, having stuck with it for a period of time, the PCC moved to consider alternatives. Our deliberations were coloured by the knowledge that the Deanery had already decided that Robin will not be replaced when it comes time for him to move on. When that happens Hilton and Fenstanton would no longer have their own priest and would need to join another group of parishes, either jointly or singularly.

Although reluctant to break the formal pastoral ties with Fenstanton, the PCC felt that a link with Godmanchester would be the best option to inject new life into our service pattern and revive our flagging congregation. We have also had the opportunity to "try things out" with the Godmanchester team (they have been

leading one or two services a month since April) before making any firm commitments. We reached the end of this "trial" in October and, based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the congregation, the PCC have since voted to formalise the relationship with Godmanchester. Rev'd David Busk and his team in Godmanchester are very keen to take on the responsibility for Hilton and it is planned that he do so from January 2011.

There will inevitably be lots of questions, and possibly some anxieties, from those of you who have not been directly involved in these discussions so we would encourage you to speak to any of the churchwardens (Rachel Wood or Ralph Slayter in Hilton / Martyn Saunders or Ian Hucklesby in Fenstanton) to set your minds at rest.

Both the PCC and the congregation in Hilton are keen to maintain informal links with the parish church in Fenstanton - particularly in the areas of children's activities, joint services on special occasions and social events. Harvey Marshall would also continue to minister in both villages. The Godmanchester team will be leading the Crib Service on Christmas Eve so do come along to sample a taste of things to come!

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - DECEMBER 2010/JANUARY 2011

5th Dec 10.00am Mr Don Moorman  
12th Dec 11.00am United Toy and Gift Service for Action For Children Charity.  
Please bring a wrapped gift or a donation so the charity  
can buy suitable presents for the children they help.  
Sunday Club Children's activity in the service. —No Holy Communion.

### **SATURDAY, 18th Dec., 5 00pm CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

Traditional service of Lessons and Carols - All ages are welcome at this service.

Please note change of Day from usual Sunday service.

The collection at the service will be for the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge.

Tea/coffee and mince pies served afterwards in the hall.

19th Dec 10 00am Mr Laurie Horden

### **CHRISTMAS EVE- Friday 24th Dec., 11.30pm MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION**

26th Dec (Boxing Day) No service.

*Details of all services at Christmas can be found in the Christmas card  
which is delivered to all houses in Hilton*

*by members of the Parish church and Methodist church early in December.*

2nd Jan 10 00am Mr Derek Rutherford  
9th Jan 11 00am United Covenant Service and Holy Communion  
with Revd. Katy Dunn and Revd. David Busk.  
Childrens' Sunday Club in Hall  
16th Jan 10 00am Miss Pat Paddon  
23rd Jan 10 00am Revd. Pam Siddall  
30th Jan 10 00am Student from Wesley House in Cambridge.  
6 00 pm Healing Service with Revd. Katy Dunn

**Meetings** There will not be a Bible and Discussion group meeting in December but we will meet on Monday 17th January at 7 30pm in the Hall.

### **FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNINGS.**

We shall be holding our December coffee morning on Saturday 4th December from 10 00am until 12 30pm. There will be a selection of food and craft goods to buy - with some Christmas specials!

Come and see what is on offer and enjoy a coffee and chat.

**Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.**

**Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.**  
**Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Dec 5th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton.
12th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
	3:00pm	Carol Service
19th	9:30am	Revd David Viles

### **CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY**

Sat Dec 25th and Sun Dec 26th at 9:30am

Revd Catherine Ball

Jan 2nd	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton.
9th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
	6:00pm	Mr Keith Cakebread
16th	9:30am	Revd Peter Ball

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January**

United Service at Fenstanton Parish Church January 23rd,

9:30am .Revd Robin McKenzie and Revd Catherine Ball

30th	9:30am	Mr Keith Cakebread
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### **OTHER EVENTS**

**Thursday,** Dec 2nd, 9th and 16th

7:30pm Advent Course.

***All denominations invited.***

**Tuesday,** Dec 7th and 21st

10:00 am Open Door Coffee Morning.

**Tuesday,** Dec 14th

10:00am Knitters and Natters

**Saturday,** Dec 11th

8:00am Fenstanton and Hilton

Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (p21)

**Tuesday,** Jan 4th, 18th and 1 Feb.

10:00am Open Door Coffee Morning

**Tuesday,** Jan 11th and 25th

10:00am Knitters and Natters

**Saturday,** Jan 8th

8.00am Fenstanton and Hilton

Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (p21)

**Saturday,** Jan 15th

10.00am Book Sale.

## FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on the following Saturdays, December 11<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The December breakfast meeting will be led by Ray Conder of the Bridge Church, St Ives and Ray will be giving a presentation on his work in the Gambia. In

January we will be led by John Deeks and on this occasion we will be discussing our own plans for the New Year.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are for Christian and non-Christian men and are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.00 am to approximately 10.00 am. Breakfast is served from 8.30 am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or [john.deeks@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)

## **FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND NATTERS.**

We celebrated our 3rd birthday on 2nd November with a bring and share lunch, 33 ladies and 1 child sat down to an assortment of delicious food.



We have knitted/crochet 2001 items for 20 different charities, ranging from Easter chicks to blankets.

Our meeting are alternate Tuesdays at the United Reformed Church  
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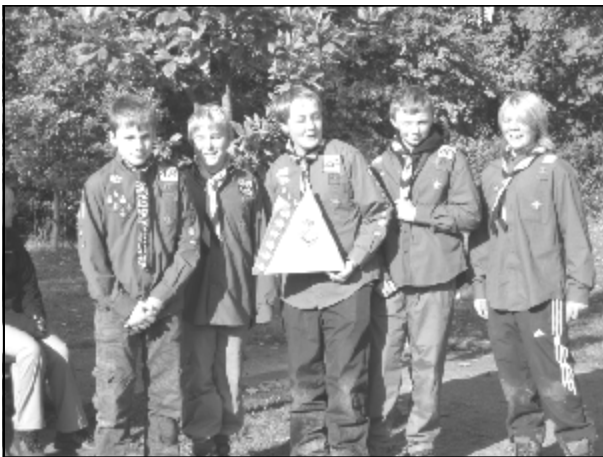
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### **Thinking of others**

As the Scout Group has been celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year the Group agreed that it would be fitting to help raise funds for another good cause, as a way of acknowledging how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful supportive community around us. The chosen good cause was Shelter Box. The Cub Pack completed a sponsored event that raised £409. The Scouts were all challenged to find a personal way to raise funds and 13 of them have done so already, raising £557. This means, with Beavers yet to complete their fundraising we should be able to cover the cost of at least 2 Shelter Boxes – which will ultimately help make such a difference to around 20 people somewhere in the world where disaster strikes. We are **very** proud of the youngsters, and grateful for everyone's support. More details of how the funds were raised are in the Scout Group section on our web site.

### **County Champions**

We are proud to be able to confirm that a team from our Scout Troop won the County Peak Challenge earlier this term. This event took place in and around Hope Valley in Derbyshire and the team consisted of 5 Scouts aged 11 to 13; they were competing



against 9 other teams from across Cambridgeshire. Each stage over the two-day competition required skills in communication, team work, endurance, self awareness and the team's determined approach resulted in their success. Congratulations to Elliot Hawitt Palmer (11), Harry Ward (12) Joe Hegan (12), Chris Radbone (13) and Sam Nicholson (13) for winning on our first attempt! Thanks to Sonia Hegan and Trish Hawitt Palmer for giving the team the chance to take part by taking them to the competition, and no doubt encouraging them when times got tough!

### **Beaver Colony Waiting List**

If you have a son or daughter aged 4 to 5 ½ don't forget to add them to our waiting list – please see details of how to do so in the "How to Join" section of our website.

***Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715***

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## **'Love in a box' thank you**

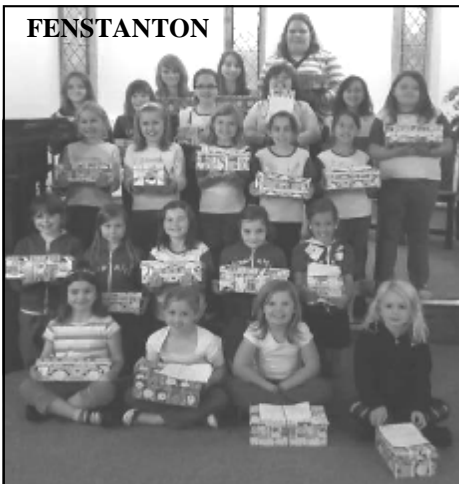
Thank you to all those of you in the local community who have provided gifts, wrapped boxes and otherwise helped the 'Love in a box' appeal.

We have had so many carefully thought out knitted items and you have been so generous.

In October the local Rainbow and Brownie groups in

Fenstanton and Hilton were busy putting together boxes using items

### **FENSTANTON**



### **RAINBOWS**



that their families and many more of you had donated.

We have, at the time of writing this, 104 complete boxes from the two villages, which is fantastic.

Fen Drayton School were still collecting up until the end of half term and we will be sending around 140 in total.

Thank you on behalf of the orphans in Moldova, the Ukraine and Romania who will receive these boxes.

*Jenny Stimpson  
& Alison Fox*

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## FENSTANTON WI

On Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> Wendy Smith gave us an enthusiastic, funny and informative talk on the 'History and Art of Knotting'. Wendy admits that she has been a self-taught knot addict for over 30 years. The knots are still tied by hand as they were centuries ago and all her designs are original and made without the use of patterns.

Wendy works as a volunteer at Flag Fen and runs workshops to demonstrate how people of the Bronze Age made their clothes. In one 'dig' the body of a woman was unearthed and fragments of clothes were found intact. Wendy was gratified to find that they were made by knotting in the way that she had imagined. As in Wendy's work only reef knots and half-hitches were used. She uses natural fibres e.g. wool, flax and stinging nettles as much as possible, washing them by hand to make them soft and pliable. We tried on some of these 'Bronze Age' garments; loose jackets, a very see-through short shirt and a fetching hat. The clothes made from stinging nettles were rather rough and scratchy!

Reef knots have been used for centuries and were regarded to have magical properties to cast spells for good and evil purposes and to cure illnesses. In the Middle Ages knotted cords were used under clothes to ward off evil spirits and Roman women had knotted girdles for fertility. The reef knot was known as the Knot of Hercules in Ancient Greece. Look

carefully at Grecian pots depicting Olympic Games to see how they were used! In Ancient Egypt it was known as the Knot of Isis or the Blood Knot. Examples were found in the tomb of Tutankhamun as a passport for him to reach the Underworld. The Ancient Incas of Peru made an elaborate system of knotted cords called a Quipu to send and record messages. The Spanish invaders burnt most of these but a priest managed to save some and we're still trying to decode them to this day. So when you 'Tie the Knot', 'Get tied up in Knots', or 'Tie a knot in your Handkerchief' these are all part of the world's cultural history.

Wendy also makes jewellery and she displayed a wonderful selection which was on sale, tempting us to start our Christmas shopping.

Mavis Sykes gave the vote of thanks.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Meeting on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** when we will be served a meal by an outside caterer and entertained by a magician.

We don't meet in January but are looking forward to our trip on January 11<sup>th</sup> to the Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

We meet on the first **Thursday of each month starting the 2011 programme on February 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Church Centre at 7.30pm. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or phone our Secretary Val Spain for more details (01480) 463653.

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

**We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are holding our Christmas party for the children on 8th December. The session will run from 10am - 12pm and will cost £3. Further details will be available at Toddlers or contact Becky on 493067. Please note that we will be open during the school holidays as usual on Wednesdays (10am - 11.30am, £2 entry). We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**—The St. Ives Health Visitors run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will usually take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre 10 - 11am. However, please note that the next clinic will be on 15th December. Please drop in or contact your health visitor if you would like further details.

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**Training** is available for all boys and girls, aged 5 – 7 (those in Reception, year One and Year Two) on a turn up and pay basis. Sessions cost just £2 per week and there is no commitment at this stage.

**Players needed** - We are still searching for more players who are in Year 5 for our Under Ten Team. If your child is keen to join a club then please don't hesitate to call Charlie on 395338.

**Xmas Party – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 – 8.30 pm** – all registered players (including those in the Under 7's group) are invited to join us free of charge at Big Sky, Peterborough for our Christmas Party, siblings are welcome at £3 per head. Please watch out for email communication about this event as numbers need to be confirmed.

**Players** – Congratulations to all teams, training is going well and results are good, keep up the hard work. Please can we remind parents that to ensure your child is kept warm during these winter months, players need extra layers and should keep them off the ground when not in use.

**Happy Christmas** – the Committee would like to wish all players, families, Coaches and supporters a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all for supporting our Club.

If you would like any further information please contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338 or email our Administrator: Helen Rodriguez – [Helen.rodriguez@ntlworld.com](mailto:Helen.rodriguez@ntlworld.com)

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Your barely literate sports reporter writes in charcoal on a brick which I will throw at some passing village idiot in the hope that it gets through to the Spectrum team.

Yes matron has confiscated all sharp objects again, well, she insisted on waving her b-button piercing in front of us and someone was bound to have a go at flicking it out with a pencil. It didn't half go a long way! If anybody comes across a stud in the shape of a pink bunny in jackboots drop it into the gate house at the home for the totally bewildered. We can't get to grip with this new matron yet, one minute our treatment is all yogurt and sensory rooms and the next its back to the cold baths, all because we made a small bonfire on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The sensory room went up like a giant roman candle and the gym burnt for 4 days it was really nice. I think she must be hormonal.

All activities have been curtailed until after Christmas but I'm not sure that belly dancing classes were a good idea anyway

although some of the committee were better at it than others, no names but our secretary has put on a bit of weight round the middle recently.

### **Sports News —The great day next year is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Some of the trophies are looking a bit tired so if anyone wishes to donate one for whatever reason please contact Janet on 462189. By the way the deadline for free engraving this year is over so if you take any trophies in to Terry's Heel Bar now you will have to pay.

Since some of you, dear people, out there in Fenstanton land seem to have trouble in picking up a phone. Next year you will be able to volunteer by filling your name in on a board at Ron's, do you think some of you could manage that?

More next year

Happy Christmas

P.S. please send us any unwanted gifts for the tombola.

## FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Fenstanton Cricket Club took place at the Pavilion on the evening of the 14th October. After the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and accepted Secretary Ronnie called for a vote of thanks to all those who had kept the club running over the last year, particularly Harry, Tatt and Andy for the pitch, and Sean and Steve for the outfield. Steve, Chris and Bob Cousins were also thanked for prompt repairs carried out to the Pavilion after the vandalism there. The revised Constitution was agreed unanimously by the members

On the playing-side Captain Mike reported that a good start to the year was followed by a mid-season slump, but final wins saw us promoted from Cambs Junior League Division 4B in second place by the narrowest of margins. Everyone played a part, although individual accolades went to Moody's batting, Andy's economical bowling and Brett's haul of wickets and high batting average. Also worthy of note was the fact that we put out eleven players for all matches though the drive to recruit more players will continue (contact Ronnie on 374858 if interested! Please!!)

Mike has also declared our entry for the Cranfield Cup Twenty/20 competition organized by the Hunts Post over three Sundays (one at home) next September. A vote of thanks was given to Mike for his efforts.

Treasurer Roger reported on a difficult financial year. The club spent more than it earned due to higher spending on

water after a very dry May, the loss of revenue caused by five cancelled fixtures, and the extra expense incurred by the afore-mentioned vandalism in July. The balance sheet was accepted unanimously. A vote of thanks was given to Roger for his efforts.

In order to off-set some of the running costs it was decided to offer individuals the chance to sponsor match balls for the 2011 season; four of these have already been sponsored for 2011, two by Bruce Gifford, one by Ron Jacobs, and one by Sara Webster. Thanks were offered to these supporters. Further sponsorships at £10 would be welcomed.

The 200 Club raffle has been a success with virtually every ticket sold. Thanks were expressed to Steve for organising this and all club members for selling their allocation. Other fundraising ideas are to be discussed in the New Year. The draws will be made on Wednesdays from 20th October up to and including the final Grand Draw (First Prize £500, Second Prize £250) on Wed 15th December at the George

With the exception of President (a non-elected position) the following officers were duly elected unanimously after being proposed and seconded:  
President: Chris Behagg, Vice-president: Mick Curtis, Chairman: Bruce Gifford  
Vice-Chairman: Steve Treeby, Treasurer: Roger Mitchell, Secretary, Fixture Secretary & Club Welfare Officer: Richard Corbett, Team Captain: Mike Piaggese, Vice-Captain: Andy Taylor  
 There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20.56

**Hilton Baby and Toddler Group** are having a Christmas party on the **14th December** . As part of the festive fun we are planning to have a bouncy castle and a visit from Father Christmas.

**Also**, A lot of under fives from Hllton go to Elsworth Pre-school and Elsworth Pre-school are holding a **Christmas Craft event for children**, in Hilton village hall on Saturday 4th December 10 to 12am. **Please see posters for more detail.**

## HILTON WI

Why was Virginia Woolf so notorious; who were the Bloomsbury Group; what connections have they with Cambridge? These and many other questions were answered and enlarged upon in an absorbing 'Introduction to the Bloomsbury Group' by Claire Nicholson, a lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University, when she came to Hilton WI in November. Hilton's own connection with the Garnett family, descendants of Virginia Woolf's sister Vanessa Bell, were also touched upon and Claire went on to explain the Group's contribution to cultural life in the early years of the 20th century; their involvement in art, literature and politics and their much talked-about romantic entanglements. The Group, which included such names as John Maynard Keynes, E.M. Forster, Duncan Grant, Roger Fry and many others, had begun meeting in the home in Gordon Square, Bloomsbury, of Virginia and her siblings, and Claire referred to an often quoted summary of their sometimes avant-garde activities as, 'a circle of friends who lived in squares and loved in triangles'. We were left fascinated but wanting to know even more and hope that Claire will take us through the next chapter of the Bloomsbury Group's exciting but sometimes tragic lives at some future date.

As the year draws to a close Hilton WI Members look forward to our Christmas Party next month and another year of outstanding activities and speakers in 2011.

If you live in Hilton and are not already a WI member and feel like finding out more, give Ruth Salem our secretary a ring on 830358.

**Carol Yarrow**

### HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2 and run from:

10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.

For more information call Jo on 831524.

**PLEASE NOTE EXTRA INFORMATION ON BOTTOM OF p30**

### HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We were eagerly awaiting Lesley Beaton's demonstration for Christmas, and it was two hours of delight.

She did arrangements in exciting containers (lots of ideas here!) with beautiful flowers and foliage, enhanced with tasteful artificial accessories.

Throughout Lesley kept us well informed of "hows" and "whys" of her styles, plus her amusing chat and jokes!

She also involved members' "on stage" learning to make stars and bows – all good fun.

We ended up with marvellous raffle prizes and a very happy afternoon.

***Next Meeting.***

***Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Village Hall.***

***"Christmas Arrangements" "Christmas Party"***

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## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

The Committee sends all our readers the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We hope you have enjoyed the mainly good weather this autumn to prepare your garden for the winter. Remember to make sure that all your nest-boxes are securely back in place after cleaning out and ensure that food and water are available for the birds. We're sure that you're already looking at seed and plant catalogues for next year, planning for next Spring/Summer and, of course, the Produce Show! We will be publishing the schedule for next year's show in the April 2011 Spectrum.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice email Jane on jane.ernie@talktalk.net or 830896, and you can also find us in the events section on the village website - [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

By the time this goes to press we would have had our first 'Feast Week Fundraiser' to start the 2010/2011 Feast Week ball rolling– The November 'Quiz & Curry Night' will be, I am sure, as ever, very well attended and will be as competitive and good humoured as ever!

**Winter Grand Draw Tickets**– Will be on sale 'door to door' by your Feast Week Committee and those magnificent 'Friends of Feast Week' – This is a vital way to raise funds so that we can keep your 'Feast Week' running – So please buy a ticket or two and give your self a chance to win some welcome cash just before Christmas. The draw will be held at the 'Feast Week Live Nativity' on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Feast Week Committee** continues to commit to providing a range of fundraising events to cater for as many Hiltonians as we can. Pictures and a write up on this year's events will be available on the village website (see link below)

**Next year's all important date for your village diary is 'Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011' which of course is the date for Feast Week.**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Hilton Bonfire Night - FWC had a great time supporting the tremendous Firework display. We sold out of burgers and Gill's wonderfully warming mulled wine by the end. Thanks must go to Suzie's home-made spicy lentil soup which was once again a huge hit. Further thanks must go to the Zarno family for once again graciously providing access to their utilities.

Feast week Committee would like to invite you and all your family and friends to:

**Feast Week Live Nativity – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** pause to sing carols and celebrate with friends and family alike the meaning of Christmas, a truly magical event and 'peace on earth'. Do join us at **4pm**, refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall, No charge, a collection will be made. For further information or if you would like to help or take part in anyway. Please do contact Hilary on 07710019250

Or Email [park-farm@hotmail.com](mailto:park-farm@hotmail.com)

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Quiz & Chilli - 7:30pm, Tickets £8.50.** . This traditional 'kick-start' to the New Year will give you all the chance to catch up with friends and fellow Hiltonians and prove that your success at the November quiz was no fluke!

It just remains for me on behalf of your 'Feast Week Committee' to wish you, your families and friends the warmest of season's greetings and health and prosperity for the New Year. We are working much more closely with the Village Website to can bring you updates on how preparations and fundraising for Feast Week is progressing. These will be found at: [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

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# South Pacific

The **OVER PLAYERS** are pleased to announce their Spring Show 2011 will be *South Pacific*. After waiting several weeks to hear from the USA where the licence for this iconic musical is held, we are thrilled to announce that we have been given permission to stage the musical at The Over Community Centre from **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.

*South Pacific* is considered by some to be one of the greatest Broadway musicals. Several of its songs, including "Bali Ha'i", "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair", and "Nothing Like a Dame" etc, have become worldwide standards. It won ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Libretto. It is the only musical production ever to have won all four Tony Awards for acting. The show was a box office hit and has since enjoyed many successful revivals and tours.

If you would like to join us in staging this fantastic show, why not come along to the readthrough of the script on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011** in St Mary's Church Hall, Over at 7.45pm where you will be made very welcome. Auditions (only for the principal characters) will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011**.

If you have any further questions or would like to get involved in any other capacity, please contact either Christine Turner on 01954 201218 or Olive Swain on 01954 232985.

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## FEN DRAYTON LAKES

We're getting to the time of year when it seems a better idea to stay indoors than go for a walk, but I think I feel better for having gone out – especially on a crisp, sunny day.

It is tough for our birds now, as there is so little daylight for them to search for enough food to keep them warm in the long, cold nights. We can all help by making sure we have food and water available for them in our gardens. High-calorie foods will help them build up fat reserves that are essential for the birds to stay warm. Sunflower hearts, peanuts and fat blocks are the best sources of calories, but some birds prefer other types of food: seeds, dried fruit, apples, even grated cheese. The wider the range you offer, the more birds you are likely to attract.

Having said that, it is often better to provide small amounts at a time, particularly when the weather is wet, as the food we put out can spoil when it gets wet. Look out for black moulds on nuts, or seed feeders getting clogged up by damp food. Water is important too – birds eating dry seeds need to drink to aid their digestion. Bathing is very important too – clean feathers are more efficient than dirty ones, both for flight and for insulation. That is why you often see blackbirds and robins bathing, just as darkness falls.

Bird baths don't have to be ornate – any shallow bowl or plant pot saucer will do. If the water has frozen, put out some fresh (but don't add anti-freeze or salt, which will do more harm than good).

The annual Big Garden Bird watch comes up at the end of January – look out for details in the New Year. Anyone can take part, you only need to spend one hour watching birds in a garden. For most, that means from inside a warm house, with hot drinks and snacks.

Join us for a guided walk, on Thursday 9 December (1.30pm) or Thursday 6 January (10.00am). Meet at Holywell Lake car park, and will try to find as many birds as possible, but the route may depend on the weather and how much mud, ice or flooding we have!

Season's greetings

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,

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## WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



### Hungary for Wildlife

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, welcomes you to a fascinating talk on the Wildlife of Hungary on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

This talk will be given by George Cottam, who is the Chairman of our Local Group and also Warden of Brampton Wood, where he regularly leads parties of volunteers in habitat management.

George travelled to Hungary in 2008 as conservation volunteer and worked on the Aggtelek National Nature Reserve. He will give us a vivid account of his trip, highlighting the incredible variety of wildlife in this beautiful country. George tells us that Hungary has a vastly superior number of different species of wildlife than we have in Great Britain, despite it being only one third the size. He will also show us the challenges they are facing due to lack of funding and appreciation.

Anyone interested is very welcome to attend. Admission £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm. For further details contact: George Cottam on 01480 450809 or email [georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com)

# Swavesey Village College

NEWS AUTUMN 2010

The start of this academic year has been focused upon the completion of the school's New Hall, Reception and associated music and conference rooms, with a festival of celebration to mark both the Hall's opening and promote this new performance venue. The celebrations included:

- Formal opening and inaugural performance by the world-renowned percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie
- Combined performance by the students from SVC, the Saturday Music School and the British Symphonia, conducted by Fraser Trainer
- Student fundraising event including guest appearance by, and interview with, actor Warwick Davis
- The Alumni Show featuring David Birch, an ex pupil who will shortly be performing in London's West End

Students finally had access to the Hall for assemblies from the start of November. The total cost of the project was £2.2million with the building project funded by the County Council and the excellent performance facilities funded through contributions from the school, South Cambs District Council, the Arts Council and other corporate or private sponsorship.

At the Opening, the principal Martin Bacon welcomed the new facility as a suitable venue to enjoy and celebrate the achievement of the school.

The fund-raising continues for the retractable seating with further details available from

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## WHAT'S ON — DECEMBER 2010/JANUARY 2011

2nd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
6th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
6th	Fenstanton Christmas Lights	Clock Tower	6.00pm	p5
6th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
6th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p9
8th	Fenstanton Toddlers Party	Church Centre	10.00am	p27
8th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p37
9th	RSPB Walk	Holywell Car Park	1.30pm	p37
10th	Hilton Carol Singing		6.00pm	p15
11th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p21
11th	Youth Football Party		6.30pm	p29
14th	Knitters & Natters	URC Church	10.00am	p20
14th	Hilton Toddlers Party	Village Hall	10.00am	p30
15th	Village hall Quiz Night	The George	8.00pm	
19th	Feast Week Live Nativity	Village Hall	4.00pm	p33

**A very happy Christmas & A Peaceful 2011 to Everyone**

3rd	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
6th	RSPB Walk	Holywell Car Park	10.00am	p37
8th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p21
11th	Knitters & Natters	URC Church	10.00am	p20
11th	Fenstanton WI trip to the Panto			p27
13th	Fenstanton PC	Primary School	7.30pm	99
15th	Book Sale	URC Church	10.00am	p20
20th	Hilton Quiz & Chilli Night	Village hall	7.30pm	p33
25th	Knitters & Natters	URC Church	10.00am	p20

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