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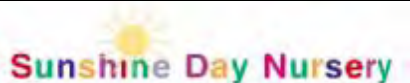
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June Tuppen

My heartfelt thanks to all those who sent cards, and attended June's funeral, for their kind thoughts and sympathy, but most of all for their support.

Also, thank you to all those who gave donations to Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire ( the Young Carers)

*Mike Tuppen*

Thank you

Thank you to all, both young and old, who attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Fenstanton Parish Church.

A total of £234.35 was given for The Royal British Legion\*. Thank you once again,

*Ian Hucklesby, (Churchwarden.)*

Royal British Legion in Hilton

Moira Bond, Michael Way, Joyce Wilson, Richard and Katy Dunn, Pat Cummings, Eileen McKurdy, Cheska Hodder, Jo Saunders, Roger Swayles, Teresa Wilkinson, Simon Perry at the Prince of Wales, Suleman at the Post office, Staff at the Sunshine Nursery, Emily Randall at Monach Farm and anyone not mentioned here.

Margaret Andrew, Julie Briggs and Margaret Shardlow thank all these people who sold Poppies in Hilton in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal .

Their generosity of time is much appreciated and underlines the strong support in the village for our armed forces especially in this 90th year of the Legion .

We have had more volunteers for next year and always welcome more help . You can contact Julie ( 830580) Margaret A (830650) or Margaret S (831186)

Again , a big thank you to you all .

Thank you to all the people who contacted me with places to dispose of used postage stamps

*Kay*

Craft and Gift Fair held in Hilton Village Hall 6th November.

I would like to thank everyone who supported this event on SUNDAY 6th November, in Hilton Village Hall, in aid of the RNIB (supporting Blind & Partially Sighted People).

We managed to raise £324.25 for the RNIB. The event was a big success with the help of a variety of stall holders selling a range of unique products, and the RNIB representative selling raffle tickets on the day.

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*Helen Parsons*

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## William (Bill) Barnett

It has been a real treat for me to have spent some time recently chatting to Mr Bill Barnett who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. Immaculately turned out each time I see him and with a memory able to recount details most of us would long forget, Bill Barnett is quite a character.

The Barnett family settled in Fenstanton over 150 years ago when Bill's Grandfather chose the village to settle in after marrying his wife who Bill remembers him saying was the prettiest girl in the whole village. Bill was born in Honey Hill on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1921. He remembers there always being horses around all through his childhood as it was the family business and one which Bill himself became known for.

It seems somewhat fitting that I am typing this a few days before Remembrance Day as Bill, along with thousands of brave young men, saw active service for our country whilst serving in the army during WW2. Mr Barnett was awarded 5 medals which he proudly wears to the Armistice Day service at church.

Lance Corporal William Barnett enlisted in the army with 2 friends as an alternative to becoming farm labourers. Bill was called into active service 1 day after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1939. During his time in the Army he was sent to many countries including Libya, Egypt and Italy.

Bill fought in the battle of El Alamein, encouraged by Montgomery's speech which, of course, led to victory over Rommel. In November, 1943, Bill was part of the guard duty for the conference between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. He also met Pope Pius XII whilst visiting Rome during a few days leave.

On returning from the war, Bill met a land army girl, Ada, who he went on to marry and they had 3 children - Chris, John and Rita.

Bill is one of the village's true characters and he was known all over the country for his skill and knowledge about horses. Some of you will remember the time Fenstanton had resident llamas in the corner field at Chequer Street, these were courtesy of Bill and his connections with the circus. One of the coloured horses that Bill and his family owned, Boxer, went on to become the Queen's Drum horse during the 1950s.



It has been a pleasure talking to Mr Barnett and learning about his life so far. He tells wonderful stories about eras long gone but definitely not forgotten.

Many congratulations on celebrating your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Bill, may you enjoy many more.

*Josie Chater*



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## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER

**Police report:** The most recent information available is for the month of September which indicated the one report of other crime.

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

**Parking on footpaths and double yellow lines:** A Police Officer attended the meeting and gave valuable advice regarding the legal situation of parking on pavements. The meeting was advised that as a 'rule of thumb' if there is enough space to allow a double buggy / wheelchair through then action will, probably, not be taken. However, this does not absolve drivers from parking on pavements and to this end the Parish Council requests that vehicles are parked on the road and not the footpath and in a responsible manner.

**The Bell Lane / High Street** junction has been an area of concern for many years. Vehicles parking on the junction cause a serious hazard for motorists exiting Bell Lane onto the High Street. The Parish Council was instrumental in having double yellow lines laid to make the junction safer, however, the practice continues with scant regard to the measures in place. The Officer attending the meeting agreed that a problem exists, particularly at peak traffic times, and has agreed to take action against offenders by issuing a fixed penalty notice to drivers not observing the restriction. The Parish Council has agreed to assist in this action by placing warning notices on vehicles prior to formal action being taken. It is hoped that the warning notices will be sufficient for the practice to stop as it is not necessary to park on the junction. There is adequate parking in the vicinity of the shops even if it may mean walking a few yards.

**Footpaths:** Previously the Parish Council agreed to commemorate the long service of two former Councillors by dedicating footpaths 1 and 4 to them. Footpath 1 will be known as Michael Behagg Way and footpath 4 as Eric Mott Way. The meeting approved appropriate signage which should be in place in the near future

**The Queens Diamond Jubilee.** The Parish Council resolved to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in some lasting form. A decision will be taken at the next meeting as to the form the commemoration will take.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday **12th January 2012 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

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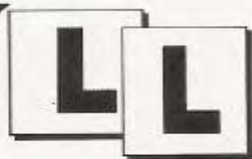
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Following an accident on the Potton Road, parents are asked to remind their children to take extra care on crossing roads. At this time of year pedestrians are particularly vulnerable in the darker evenings.

The Parish Council is discussing the options of keeping open our village Post Office and shop when the current Post Master leaves in January. If anyone is interested in taking on the lease please get in touch with the present owner.

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

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website. [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com). Please note the Parish Council do not meet in January 2012.

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

**Re-ablement** --Being independent following an operation or illness

If you, or someone you care for, requires social care support following an illness or operation, this would traditionally have been provided by a care assistant providing direct care to the person in need. Since September 2010 a new service, re-ablement, has been providing support to enable older people who have poor physical or mental health following illness or an operation to live in their own homes.

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*You can find out more about re-ablement at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social)*

### **Contracts signed in groundbreaking Hinchingsbrooke hospital franchise**

Contracts were signed recently between Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust and 'Circle', paving the way for a groundbreaking new model of management for this Huntingdonshire NHS acute hospital. Via a unique franchise, **Circle** will take over the management of the hospital from 1 February 2012. Circle was chosen as the preferred bidder to run the Trust in November 2010 following a rigorous thirteen month procurement process, which began in October 2009. To see a special edition of Next Steps News visit: [http://www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/index.php?id\\_sec=182](http://www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/index.php?id_sec=182).

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## LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

What a dramatic twelve months we have experienced.

Winter set in early and with unusual ferocity during the last ten days of November 2010, followed by the coldest December for 120 years. Although Hilton missed most of the snow, half the days were around or below freezing all day. The lowest temperature was minus 8.0C (18F). Fears of a continuation of the severe cold for the rest of the Winter soon disappeared during a very average January, to be followed by an exceptionally mild February in which only one air frost was recorded. The Winter was also notable for its lack of gales.

Spring started as Winter had ended with March being a benign month, exceptionally dry with many mild days as high pressure dominated. There was a drought throughout April, which was the warmest for 350 years. With May being another largely dry but breezy month, the three Spring months combined were the driest on record and on 10<sup>th</sup> June, Cambridgeshire together with other counties nearby was officially designated a drought region, with just 26mm (1 inch) of rain having fallen during March, April and May.

After the exceptional Spring, the Summer proved to be an anti-climax with only a few really warm days and rather less sun than normal, especially in August. Although some rain fell, generally in small amounts, the high level of evaporation in Summer meant the ground remained bone dry making it a trying time for gardeners. For the second year running no thunder storms occurred. The hottest day was on 27<sup>th</sup> June when the temperature reached 31C (88F), courtesy of a plume of warm air from Spain, making it the hottest day for five years.

September started with very windy conditions thanks to the remnants of Hurricane Katia. However, with winds predominately blowing from a southerly quarter throughout September and October, temperatures were well above average and this continued into the

start of November. Another plume of warm air made 1<sup>st</sup> October the warmest on record, at 29.5C (85F). By the end of October rainfall for the year totalled 454mm. (14.28 inches), which is 214mm. (7 inches) less than the amount at the same time in 2010, highlighting just how dry 2011 has been.

Whilst politicians and others with vested interests are quick to suggest any extreme conditions are as a result of global warming, in the south-east of Britain in 1921 the lack of rainfall was even more marked with Bedford having an annual total of 11.54 inches and Southend 10.67 inches. We have, therefore, been there before and it remains to be seen for how long the present deficit of rain continues.

**Patrick Landucci**

*(we hope Patrick is going to write us a quarterly 'Weather Watch' during 2012)*

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For known a blessed Mother thou shall be, all generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favoured lady' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleases God', she said  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy 'name: most highly favoured lady' Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say most highly favoured lady'  
Gloria!



*Basque Carol paraphrased by S Baring  
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# FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—DEC/JAN

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

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**Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480 352058**

Dec 4th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Dec 11th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball (HOLY COMMUNION).
	3:00pm	<b>CHRISTMAS PRAISE</b> , complete with BAND. (see p 19)
Dec 18th	9:30am	Revd Peter Ball

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 24th	6.00pm	Family Christmas at The FREE CHURCH, St Ives
	11.30pm	Holy Communion at The FREE CHURCH, St Ives
Dec 25th	9:30am	Family Service at Fenstanton

Jan 1st	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Jan 8th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball (HOLY COMMUNION)
	6:00pm	Evening Service. Mrs Christine Curtis
Jan 15th	9:30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall
Jan 22nd	9:30am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Revd Dr R McKenzie & Revd Dr C Ball (Joint with Parish Church at United Reformed Church.)
Jan 29th	9:30am	Mr Keith Cakebread.

## OTHER EVENTS DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012

Tuesdays	Dec 6th and 20th		
	Jan 3rd, 17th and 31st	10:00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tuesdays	Dec 13th	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
	Jan 10th and 24th		and at 11:30am Cross Stitching
Tuesday	Dec 6th, Jan 3rd	3:00pm	Service at Rheola Care Home.
Tuesday	Dec 13th, Jan 10th	2:30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation.
Thursdays	Dec 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd	7:30pm.	Four Advent Studies (Joint with the Free Church, St Ives)
Saturday	Dec 10th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship (p19)
Saturday	21st Jan	10:00am	Book Sale.

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Saturday 10th December at 7.30 pm

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## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - DEC/JAN

4th	10.00am	Mrs Pat Paddon
11th	11.15am	Rev Katy Dunn -- <b>UNITED GIFT SERVICE</b> Donations of toys/gifts or monetary donations will be accepted during the service for children of all ages of families helped by Action for Children. Sunday Club will be held in the church
18th	10.00am 5.00pm	Mr John Green <b>CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE and LIVE NATIVITY TABLEAU.</b> Everyone is welcome to this Ecumenical Service. The offering will be for 'CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS'. Afterwards coffee/tea and mince pies will be served in the Hall .
24th	11.30pm	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION</b>
25th		No Service
Jan 1st	10.00am	Mrs Pat Paddon
8th	11.15am	<b>UNITED COVENANT SERVICE</b> with Holy Communion. Led by Rev Katy Dunn with Rev David Busk. Sunday Club in the School Hall
15th	10.00am	Mr Don Moorman
22nd	10.00am	Mr Michael Benneworth
29th	10.00am	Mrs Margaret Harris

### **Saturday December 3rd, 10.00am until 12 noon**

**FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING** in the Sunday School Hall &  
**CHILDRENS CRAFT WORKSHOP** in the church

Fairtrade groceries, gifts and Christmas cards will be on sale as well as refreshments. Profit from goods go to Fairtrade and refreshment monies to E. Anglian Childrens Hospice. All children are welcome to help us make our Christmas frieze for the toy/gift service.

**Friday 16th December at 6pm.** Carol singing around the village in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. Please meet at the Parish Church at 6pm. Hot drinks and nibbles will be served afterwards at 27 Scotts Crescent.

### **ADVENT LUNCHESES,** 12.30 until 2pm, at the homes of :-

Wed 7th Roy and Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road

Wed 14th Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close

Thank you to everyone who has supported the lunches in November. You are welcome to come to as many of the lunches as possible. The profits are for the charity HOSPICE AT HOME and a simple lunch is provided for a donation of not less than £3.

### **Mary, Joseph and their sheep are on the loose again!**

Our knitted nativity set had such a wonderful time visiting houses around the village of Hilton that they are planning another journey this year. There are only a limited number of "vacancies" so if you want to play host to Mary, Joseph and the sheep then do please get in touch with Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. Anyone can take part – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas!

### **Christmas Fayre in Hilton Church**

Don't forget to come along to the Christmas Fayre in Hilton Parish Church on Saturday 3rd December between 1pm and 4pm. There will be stalls selling Christmas Gifts and Stocking Fillers as well as Teas & Coffees, a Raffle and activities for the children. Father Christmas will also be putting in an appearance during the course of the afternoon so come along and meet him. For further information, please contact Rachel Wood on 830866

# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DEC/JAN

<b>Thurs. 1st</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sat. 3rd</b>	Hilton	1 – 4pm	Christmas Fayre in church
<b>Sun. 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
	Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Wed. 7th</b>	Hilton		Advent lunch
<b>Thurs. 8th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All (Toy Service)
	Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC
<b>Wed. 14th</b>	Hilton		Advent lunch
<b>Thurs. 15th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Fri. 16th</b>	Hilton	6.00pm	Christmas Carols around the village (p16)
<b>Sun.18th 4th Sunday of Advent</b>	Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
	Fenstanton	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Hilton	5.00pm	Carol Service at MC with Live Nativity outside
<b>Mon.19th</b>	Fenstanton	10-12pm	Christmas Workshop
<b>Thurs. 22nd</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sat. 24th Christmas Eve</b>	Fenstanton	4.00pm	Crib Service
	Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service – note new time!
	Fenstanton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
<b>Sun. 25th Christmas Day</b>	Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Worship
	Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
<b>Sun 1st Jan 1st Sunday Of Christmas</b>	Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Thurs 5th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 8th Epiphany</b>	Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
	Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer

## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DEC/JAN (cont.)

<b>Sun 15th</b> <b>2nd Sunday</b> <b>Of Epiphany</b>	Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thurs 19th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sun 22nd</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Epiphany</b>	Fenstanton	9.30am	Joint Ecumenical service at URC
	Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Tues 24th</b>	Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
<b>Thurs 26th</b>	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
	Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion



### TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



Such fun on Hilton Firework night, the weather so kind, mild and no rain. Blessings indeed and now the month of December with even more excitement. Because the last Tuesday of the month is Dec. 27th we will not be meeting. BUT we hope to see you all on 23rd Dec. at Church, where we will have a stall & things to make. Do come & enjoy the Christmas fun ! Next Tots Praise is Tuesday January 24th. So we look forward to seeing new faces and welcoming you at St Mary Magdalene Church, Hilton between 1.30 & 2.30pm, for stories, action songs (some new ones), a picture for home, coffee and chat.

**Contact information:** For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (matters of pastoral concern), Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)  
For **Hilton:** Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).

### *Our 2011 'Love in a box' Christmas box campaign*

Jenny Stimpson and Alison Fox, on behalf of Mustard Seed Relief Missions, would like to thank all those of you in Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Hilton who have supported this year's 'Love in a Box' campaign. It was great not only to receive filled, wrapped boxes but also donations, such as toiletries, knitted items, stationery and soft toys, which allowed us to fill extra boxes. We collected 132 boxes in total and approximately £400 to help with the onward transport of the boxes as well as towards parties associated with the distribution of the boxes. These boxes and events will surely be much appreciated by the children in orphanages and children's hospitals in Romania, Moldova and the Ukraine.

In particular we thank the Brownies and Scouts in Fenstanton, the Brownies in Hilton and families and friends of Fen Drayton Primary School. The boxes have now been collected by volunteer drivers for their onward journey in order to reach children in time for Christmas.

Thank you again for your support. We intend to run the campaign again next year. As ever, it is not too soon to be saving shoeboxes and keeping an eye out for useful items.

## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

### Christmas Workshop on Monday 19th December, 10.00 -12.00noon

Come and join us in church for, crafts, games, The Christmas Story and help us decorate the Christmas tree

All children very welcome - under 3's must be accompanied by an adult

For more information contact Katie on 465211

## FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

This month's breakfast meeting will be lead by John Deeks of the Bridge Church St Ives and the subject for discussion will be; "Do we really have to spend so much money on Christmas?"

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

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## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

### TOY SERVICE

Sunday 11th December at 10.00am

Everyone is very welcome to our informal service at which gifts will be accepted by Social Service for local needy children this Christmas. Please wrap your gift and mark it Boy/Girl/and suitable age. Refreshments afterwards.



## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL



Fenstanton Village Hall committee is again arranging for Santa Claus to switch on the lights on the Christmas tree at the Clock Tower on Tuesday evening, 6th December, when we will be serving mulled wine, mince pies and ginger biscuits and there will be other Christmas goodies for sale.

The Scouts are joining us and will be organising activities for children and serving hot drinks and bacon butties. Santa Claus will also be selecting the lucky tickets in our Grand Christmas Draw so do make sure you have bought your raffle tickets in good time from committee members or from the Post Office or Ron Jacob's Farm Shop. There are some great prizes to be won. Remember that children can write their letters to Santa and post them this evening in our posting box - he will reply! There are also prizes to be won for choosing lucky straws in the Christmas cake. We will end the evening singing Christmas carols and songs accompanied on the keyboard.

It would be lovely to have a photographic record of the evening so if you take any happy snaps of the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, etc, with which you may be especially pleased, do send them in to Spectrum and the editorial team may use them in due course.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Clock Tower at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 6th December. Jane Blunt

*(These pictures were taken at 'The Light Switching 2010')*



## Village Digital Archive: Unidentified location resolved

A number of Spectrum readers contacted us after pictures of two old houses by a pond somewhere in Hilton were published in the October issue.

We have now established that the houses were alongside the pond in Church End where Church Farm used to be. They are shown on an old map of Hilton published in

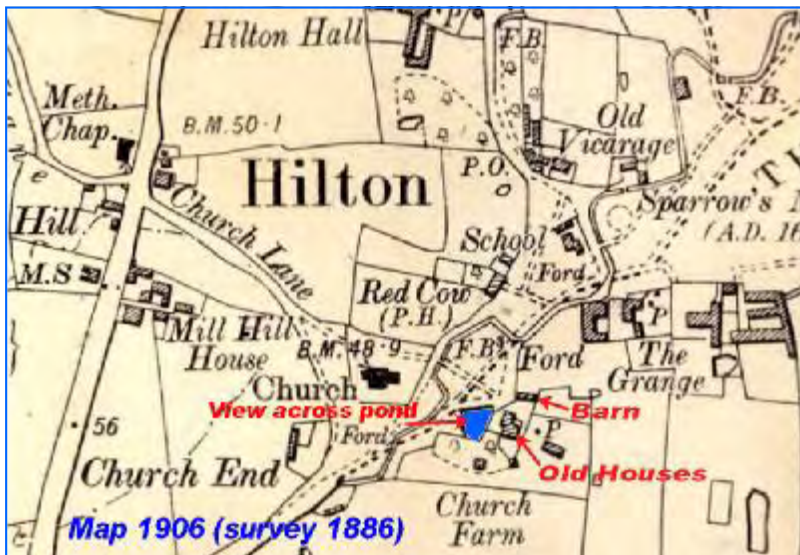
1902 from a survey in 1886-7 (see attached close-up section of map).

They are believed to have been demolished after a fire in the 1930s.

We are seeking further information on their history and who lived there.

A photo taken last month from roughly the same position is also attached.

The end wall of a building on the on the far left stands on same site as the white barn.



The remains of the brick wall at the back edge of the pond can be seen on the right. Modern houses behind the pond today, hidden by trees, are Crossbrook, Columbia, Pondside and Tanglewood. The pond is no longer easily visible from the Church End road owing to extensive growth of trees and bushes.

Andy Bush & Peter Frazier  
Editors Hilton Village Website  
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Fixtures can be found at [www.thefa.com/full-time](http://www.thefa.com/full-time) (enter Huntingdon as your league). Fixtures often change, especially Hunts Youth Matches and with winter approaching matches will be postponed, Coaches will keep you informed but please refer to the full-time website which should always be up-to-date.

**Adverse Weather** – Parents are reminded to ensure your child is dressed for the cold weather both during training and matches. Lots of layers are generally better than one thick layer.

**Under Seven Training** – Mark Burman is the Coach for this age group, he can be contacted on - 01480 493128. £2 per week on a turn up and play basis, 10 – 11 Saturday mornings at the Fenstanton Football field.

**Committee Meetings** – are held every third Monday of the month at 8 pm in the George Public House. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Merry Christmas** – We wish all our players, families, coaches and all our Sponsors and Supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Contact Details** – Charlie Darling – Head Coach 01480 395338.  
Nadine Taylor - Club Administrator 01480 830839 or email [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com)



### **Proposed Wind Turbine at Galley Hill Farm, Hemingford, near the St Ives A14 junction**

A giant wind turbine has been proposed and a final decision will be taken soon.

The applicant, Boparan, are a subsidiary of one of the biggest chicken processors in Europe supplying Sainsbury's, KFC and M&S among others.

There will be approximately 320,000 broilers on an all in/all out 6 week cycle per flock with the wind turbine providing intermittent power for the intensive farming process. At times, the wind turbine will generate additional commercial power, fed back into the national grid.

There are many valid reasons why the giant wind turbine should not be located at the proposed Galley Farm site so act now before it is too late.....

The application for the wind turbine and 18 large LPG storage tanks to provide supplementary power when necessary is pending. It is not too late to protest, if you wish to object, email directly to [delevopmentcontro@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:delevopmentcontro@huntsdc.gov.uk), quoting planning application 1100567FUL.

If you wish to sign a petition please telephone 01480 392991 (Esther/Steve) or email [esther.harrod@ntlworld.com](mailto:esther.harrod@ntlworld.com)

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## FENSTANTON WI

What goes with pink?? That was our November speakers remit! 35 of us took something pink for the competition. Have you got anything pink?

I gave the minutes of the last meeting to the group and said that our last speaker was "hilarious"

Pam (who was giving this months talk) said "How can I follow that!" but she did. It was not about fashion but gardening. Pam and her husband Bill have run a nursery in Sawtry for the last 18 years and there was a lady who came in at all times of the day dressed immaculately and as always asked Pam "what goes with pink?" She replied Purple, white and green!! The talk progressed in the same uplifting manner. Tina Pedlar gave the vote of thanks and we all gave Pam a great round of applause. The competition was won by Susan Rolph and I came 3rd with my fuchsia pink mobile phone holder.

**The next meeting is the "Christmas celebrations" on 1st December 2011 starting at 7.00p.m.**

We still have some tickets left for the panto on 10th January at the Burgess Hall. Please ask at the next meeting or contact me Daphne (Loveday) on 01480 498050.

Some of us are off to the 'O la la Supper' at H.Q later this month!

We meet on the first Thursday of the month (except January) in the Church Centre at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or phone our secretary Val Spain for more information (01480 463653)

I hope you all have seen our CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL STEVE DARTFORD in his starring role on the James May Man Lab on BBC 2 on Tuesday 15th November 2011!!

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### **Executive Committee**

The opportunities we offer the boys and girls are only possible thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our leadership team, but it is the role of the Executive Committee to ensure the leaders have the resources needed to help make the fun happen. It is always very rewarding to see so many parents and others, come forward to take on such roles at our AGM each year – so thank you folks. The current team, in addition to leaders, are Carl Perks (Chairman), Graeme Gribbin (treasurer), Rachel Allen (Group Secretary), Brian Radbone (Membership Secretary), Ros Cowburn (Badges & Uniform Secretary), Poppy Gowler, Ami Bailey and Karen Taylor.

### **Remembrance**

In today's busy world it is always good to see that, for just a few hours on just one day a year, many of our families are able to put other activities aside for a morning – because without those who we remember the youngsters simply wouldn't have the opportunities they all take for granted today. Our participation includes reflecting on the difference Scouts of all ages have made during challenging times, and an understanding of what that means for us today. We were proud to have around 110 people take part through our Scout Group, 50 boys and girls supported by leaders and families. Thank you to everyone who took part.

### **County Champions – again!**

We are proud to be able to confirm that our Scout Troop won the County Peak Challenge earlier this term - for the second year in a row.

There were 9 teams from across Cambridgeshire who had to gain points at a series of bases as they also completed the challenge of a hike, navigating their way around Derbyshire. Examples of the bases include fruit identification, puncture repair, move a golf ball from point a to b using sections of gutter, fire lighting, listening to a story, compass bearings, First Aid, lashings, woggle making, time trail on a 5 man plank, make a hot drink – and a quiz with questions relating to the story (how some teams wish they had paid more attention!)

Winner's *Harry Ward and Joe Hegan* were also part of last year's team, and were joined this time by *Sam Durnan and Ben Hegan*. The achievement is a testament to the leadership team and the skills they try and encourage.

### **Christmas Greetings**

May we take this opportunity to thank each and every person who is involved in our Scout Group, or who supports it in some way. Whether you are a parent who simply encourages your child to make the most of the opportunities we offer, a parent who offers help and support on camps or to organise fundraisers, a local business who offers goods and services or are residents who support our fundraisers please know that **everything** you do really does make a difference. A special thanks to our fantastic leadership team (Young Leaders and adults) who do an amazing job, and equally as importantly to their families for allowing them to spend time scouting. The fact that the Scout Group continues to go from strength to strength really is something of which we can all be "Scout and proud".

Merry Christmas everyone

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Hello again after an Autumn break in which we have enjoyed mild weather and some much-needed rain to refill the water butts. Trees and shrubs have heralded the cooler temperatures with a wonderful show of colour before the wind has blown the leaves onto the ground – but don't forget to collect them as they make excellent compost for next year. These last few weeks have also been good for tidying up the garden in readiness for the winter, so get your seed and plant catalogues out and start planning for next year's gardening and, of course, the 2012 Feast Week Produce Show.

We have to bid a fond farewell to Jane Roberts. She and Ernie are moving in

the near future to close to the lovely New Forest. The committee will miss Jane greatly as she has been a main player in organising the Produce Show over the last few years and would like to say a big 'Thank You' to her. We hope that they will come back to Hilton for next year's show, the schedule for which will be published in the March Spectrum. Meanwhile we hope that you will have a very happy Christmas and New Year.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice email Deb Bridge at: [debleebridge@aol.com](mailto:debleebridge@aol.com) or call 830157 - and you can of course also find us in the events section on the village website - [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

Your committee is 'back in the saddle! Having safely negotiated another great Bonfire Night We sold out of Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soup, Mulled Wine and Sweets! A huge thank you to the Zarno family for the use of their power, and to Suzie Sutherland for the yummy soup.

By the time this goes to press we would have had the 1st leg of our 'Triathlon' of Quiz Nights! Held at the Hilton Village Hall, 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**2nd leg of the quiz will be held at the Village Hall on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final leg on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Book now to avoid disappointment as these are sure to sell out FAST!**

**UNITED CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Sunday 18th December 2011, 5pm,** The Methodist Church Please come and join with us in our village Family United Service with Carols, Readings, Nativity Tableau and refreshments. No charge, a collection will be made for 'Crisis at Christmas'

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the Winter Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from November. We really need this vital source of revenue. So if you can't make a fundraising event? Please consider buying a ticket or two by way of a contribution to help support your Feast Week.

A very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from your Feast Week Committee

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Our speaker didn't turn up to our November meeting so we were treated to a demonstration of Indian Head Massage by one of our members, Helen Attwood. Several volunteer 'guinea pigs' were worked on by 'masseuse' volunteers, instructed by Helen, as the rest of us looked on, watching the guinea pigs becoming more and more laid-back as their heads and shoulders were kneaded and they relaxed into the experience - although many a hairdo had gone a bit awry by the time the session was over!

It was certainly a highly entertaining alternative to the Christmas craft demonstration we had been expecting.

But that wasn't all, because after a quick phone call to her husband, Michelle, one of our younger members, showed us some wonderful slides of her picnic-weekend-style wedding held last July in Walcot Hall in Shropshire. It was certainly an unusual occasion – the bride looked beautiful of course and the setting was spectacular. It all looked wonderfully relaxed and unstuffy but with a bit of tradition thrown in for good measure, and Michelle explained that the groom had even been prevailed upon to rise to the occasion and wear a suit, but he made a stand (excuse the pun) for male authority by insisting on wearing trainers on his feet. Everyone agreed that this had been a very successful evening.

Next month we are all looking forward to our Christmas party and plans are afoot for the launch in the new year of a WI Book Group where members meet once a month for tea and a chat and discuss a book which we will all have read.

Places are always snapped up quickly for a trip to Thursford and there is already a waiting list for next year's trip. Celia will be bowing out from organising outings in 2012 and our new Vice-President, Wendy Webb, will be taking over. We all wish her good luck in both roles and look forward to some interesting trips next year to blow away the winter blues.

Our Secretary Ruth Salem would be pleased to hear from you (830358) if you would like to know more about WI.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party on  
**12 December – Hilton Village Hall – 7.30pm**

*Carol Yarrow*

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Flower Club is really flourishing with more new members joining us at our November meeting. It was good to have Beverley back with us & to hear that Chris is making progress.

Our demonstrator, Lesley Beaton treated us to some lovely arrangements to get us into the Christmas spirit. Lots of colourful foliage, berries, fir cones, robins & a reindeer!

We were reminded that at our meeting at **2pm on Monday 5th December** – our Christmas party -- we must all try to bring our own arrangement, small or large. There will be plenty of room!

Maybe Father Christmas might put in an appearance, although we all know he's pretty busy.

We do not meet in January so will get together again on the 6th February.

***Wishing everyone a  
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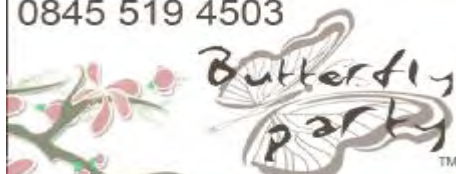
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**Jo** worked for the Wildlife Trust for 14 years, as a warden at Grafham Water and later as a business development manager, before setting up her own wildlife travel company. Tonight, Jo will take us from the Amazon, to the western Andean forested slopes and onto the high paramo grasslands, introducing us to Hoatzins (known as Stinky Turkeys), Tanagers and Tapaculos along the way. **As usual there, will be mince pies, wine and a Christmas raffle.**

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## FEN DRAYTON LAKES



Our new bird watching hide on Moore Lake is proving to be very popular, and people are getting some great views of birds from within it.

Network Rail generously funded the hide, which has been named after Iain Coucher, who retired from the post of Chief Executive of the company in 2010. The funding also gave us six picnic tables, which are in our Discovery Zone, on the southern side of Ferry Lagoon.

During November, our contractors laid a gravel path from the hide to the busway cycle track, to make the access better for anyone with a pushchair or wheelchair.

The contractors had to use The Fen for access, and I hope the additional traffic has come to an end by the time you read Spectrum.

The starling roost has been good again this autumn, although with fewer birds by early November than last year. We think this is because the weather had been so much milder, and many of our expected winter visitors were still much further to the north-east. Consequently, I'm hoping the starling roost will still be happening in December.

There are some simple steps we can take to help our garden birds through the winter, such as providing clean, fresh water every day, as well as food. Clean feathers are more effective at keeping them warm, as well as being more efficient for flying.

Birds have similarities with people – they have their favourite foods, so providing different types of food will attract different kinds of birds to your garden.

Fat-balls are a high-energy food, but some come with a risk – birds' feet occasionally become trapped in the nylon mesh bags that are around some balls. It is better to remove the mesh bags first, and use a hanging metal or plastic feeder designed to hold fat balls – these may stop starlings from eating the whole lot.

Blackbirds and thrushes will turn fallen leaves in search of worms and bugs. A layer of leaves acts like a duvet, keeping bugs active when uncovered areas are frozen. One step we can easily do for our local blackbirds and thrushes is to keep a layer of leaves on a flower border, or under some shrubs. We may need to brush the leaves back occasionally, which I like to think of as a bit of exercise for me.

Talking of exercise, if you feel the need for some fresh air or to use up a few of those extra calories you've consumed over Christmas, why not take a walk around the Fen Drayton Lakes and visit the Coucher Hide at Moore Lake?

If you'd like to join us on a guided walk, you'll be very welcome. All walks start from the guided bus stop and at Holywell Lake car park – with a leader at each place.

**Adults £4, RSPB members £2,  
children £1.**

**Short walks (about 1.5 hours):  
Saturday 3 December, start 2.30pm  
Saturday 14 January, 2pm**

**Longer walks (about 3 hours)  
Wednesday 14 December, 10am  
Friday 6 January, 1.30pm  
Wednesday 11 January, 10am  
*Season's greetings***

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# Christmas LIGHTS

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee and  
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Tuesday 6th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

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## WHAT'S ON in DECEMBER 2011 - JANUARY 2012

30th	Fenstanton Village Hall Quiz	The George	8.00pm	
1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.00pm	p25
3rd	Hilton Coffee Morning & Craft WS	Methodist Church	10.00am	p16
3rd	Christmas Fayre	Hilton Parish Church	1.00pm	p16
5th	Hilton Craft Group	Village Hall	1.00pm	p31
5th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
5th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
6th	'Christmas Lights'	Clock Tower	6.30pm	p20
9th	Xmas Bingo	Church Centre	7.00pm	p25
10th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.30am	p19
10th	'Welcome Yule'	Fenstanton Parish Church	7.30pm	p15
10th	Xmas Concert	Swavesey Parish Church	7.30pm	p35
11th	Fenstanton Parish Church Toy Service		10.00am	p19
11th	'Christmas Praise' with part of City of Cambridge Brass Band		3.00pm	p19
12th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
13th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
14th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p35
19th	Christmas Workshop	Fenstanton Parish Church		
19th	Youth Football Committee	The George	8.00pm	p23
Jan 12th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p9
11th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
19th	Men - Learn to Sing	Abington		p9
20/21st	'Cinderella'	Cambourne Church		p35
25th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
28th	2nd Triathalon Quiz	Village Hall		p29

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