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LETTERS & COMMENTS



Congratulations to our printers **XLPress** who recently won the Hunts Post 'New Business of the Year' award. The Company was only started up 20 months ago by staff made redundant from another printing company. They have invested heavily in Litho, Digital and finishing equipment and now work a 24 hour shift system which allows them to meet tight deadlines. They now have 13 staff.

The Spectrum Committee appreciate the support of the trustees of Hilton Town Trust who have recently agreed a grant of £100 to the Magazine

To all the Poppy sellers in Hilton we say a very big thank you for your time and efforts. As ever , and unlike many areas ,we had more new volunteers so Hilton has yet again countered the trend . This gives real optimism for next year's Poppy Appeal .We aim to publish the total amount collected in the next Spectrum but first wanted to express these thanks to the collectors and generosity of Hilton .
Julie Briggs and Margaret Shardlow

Macmillan Appeal.

Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. We are also grateful to Jacky's Beauty and The Big Tree Therapy Room for sponsorship. You helped raise a total of £433.37 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was an excellent result from a most enjoyable event.

You, Hilton and friends, have now raised nearly £10,000 through these Macmillan coffee mornings and, we have been told, are leading the field in

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - FENSTANTON

I would like to thank all the door to door Poppy Sellers, shops and businesses in Fenstanton who collected for the Poppy Appeal this year. The Poppy Appeal is hoping to raise £42 million this year in order to carry on the magnificent work they do for our serving and ex-service personnel and their dependants.

Due to a fall in door to door Poppy Sellers, we were unable to cover all the streets within the Village that we normally do. Donations, however, can be made at any time of the year by visiting britishlegion.org.uk or by calling on 0845 845 1945 . There is also a wide range of Poppy products for sale at our online shop at poppysshop.org.uk. The Poppy Appeal has a lottery with lots of cash prizes to be won - please visit britishlegion.org.uk/lottery.

If you wish to become a Poppy Seller for next year, please contact me on 07733065988.

Many thanks once again.

Gill Dartford

Sycamore Cottage Surgery

2-4 Bell Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JX. Tel: 01480 496243/Fax: 01480 497124

(Main Branch Northcote House Surgery, 8 Broad Leas, St Ives, PE27 5PT)

www.northcotehousesurgery.co.uk

Doctor B Boukersi (male); Dr Ibrahim Atchia (male), Dr Amilia Alifrangis (female)

Sycamore Cottage Surgery is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.00 noon and 3.30pm to 5.30pm (except Tuesdays).

We offer full range of General Medical Services, Sports Injuries, Minor Surgeries, Chronic Disease Management, Family Planning Advice, Cervical Smears Screening, Immunisations, Child Health Screening, Smoking Cessation, NHS Health Checks, Lifestyle Advice, Completion of Forms. Patients have the choice to be seen at either Sycamore Cottage in Fenstanton or our main surgery Northcote House Surgery at 8 Broad Leas, St Ives.

NEWS:

Early morning pre-bookable nursing clinics are available on Tues & Thurs from 7.30am – 8.30am. Also on Monday evening. They are pre-bookable GP appointments and are at Northcote House Surgery

Up-dated website containing full details of services available and useful health care advice
Patient Group - patients meet with the Practice to give feedback on the services provided and help us to improve – please see website for details

Flu Clinics – currently available for eligible patients – please contact Reception for details or check the website

Christmas and New Year opening – we will be open as usual except 25th, 26th December and 1st January.

We accept patients from outside Fenstanton and Hilton. Please see boundary map on our website (www.northcotehousesurgery.co.uk) for further details

WE WELCOME NEW PATIENTS

Fenstanton Pharmacy

Please note, the last date for repeat prescriptions to be ready before Christmas Eve

is **Wednesday 19th December**

We will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day

Otherwise normal opening hours will apply.



GHANA 2013



Next year I am going with 20 other students from Kimbolton

Senior School to Southern Ghana on the west coast of Africa. We will fly into Accra from Heathrow and then travel further west towards Essaman Junior High School. Kimbolton has been partnered with Essaman JHS and each of the students from Kimbolton has been assigned a 'buddy' from Ghana and we are writing to each other, so when we actually go to Ghana we will already know something about it. We will also be visiting the rainforest and getting to know the locals.

The aim of the 11 day trip is to teach us about life for children who have so much less than us and how privileged we really are. To go on this trip we have to raise as much of the £2000 as we can. I would be extremely grateful for any donations. If you would like to donate please drop it in to, 31 Hampton Close, Fenstanton PE289HB. Alternatively there is a donation box in the King William Pub.

I would be thankful for anything you can give.

Also I will be making celebration cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and truffles upon request for a small amount. Please email me if you are interested.

Ellie Peters. Email address, peters_ellie@hotmail.co.uk



FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - October

Police report: During the month of September, the latest month for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 1 incident of burglary; 2 incidents of vehicle crime; 3 incidents of other theft.

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

Fenstanton Cemetery. The Parish Council has received reports and complaints of children climbing on memorials in the Cemetery when leaving School. It has been observed that in many instances the parents are present but ignore the actions of their children. The Parish Council would, therefore, urge parents to ensure that they stop their children from this disrespectful practice.

Recently the amount of dog fouling in the cemetery has increased. It is disappointing that there are those who do not accept the responsibilities of owning a dog. As with other areas in the Village the Parish Council urges owners to ensure they act in a responsible manner and 'clean up' after their dog or dogs.

Parish Council vacancies. Following the recent resignations three vacancies now exist on the Parish Council. The statutory period of advertisement has passed with no call for an election. The vacancies are now open to Co-option, should any eligible Parishioner wish to apply or require further information please contact the Clerk. Telephone (01480) 465300.

Local Highways Initiative bid. The Parish Council resolved to submit a bid under the Local Highways Initiative to fund the restoration of Chapel Green.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th January 2013 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

Fenstanton Footpaths

Fenstanton parish has a network of public and permissive footpaths which is maintained by the Parish Council with occasional grant assistance from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). The maintenance contractor employed by the Parish Council to keep the paths in walkable condition reported that the late season cut was completed in mid-October leaving the paths in reasonable order for the winter. I walked a good cross-section of the paths in early November and would agree that they are in good order but as one may expect (especially for the footpaths down towards the river) a little soggy under foot! If you think otherwise, please let me know.

A notable improvement to Footpath 1 connecting Hall Green Lane to the Low Road (now named Michael Behagg Way) is the provision of a non-slip surface to the bridge over Hall Green Brook which should make it much safer to walk across in icy conditions. Our thanks to CCC for finally making this improvement in the last three months. Credit is due to Deryck Burton (my predecessor as parish footpath coordinator) for persistent lobbying of CCC to get this work done.

If you are a footpath user and you see anything that needs attention relating to the maintenance of the public and permissive footpaths in the parish, please contact me in the first instance. I still have plenty of copies of an excellent leaflet which includes a map and descriptions of the parish footpaths. If you would like a copy, please contact me with your name and address and I will get one to you as soon as possible.

Philip Blunt (P3 coordinator for Fenstanton)

[email: philip.blunt@mypostoffice.co.uk ; phone: 461751]

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL—

New Clerk: We are pleased to welcome Ms Jo Saunders who took over as Parish Clerk on the 1st November. Ms Saunders contact details are as follows:

Email: thehiltonclerk@gmail.com

Telephone: 01480 438684

In Writing to Address: Hilton Parish Council, The Hollow, Church End, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 9NJ

Parish Councillor Vacancies; subject to fulfilling criteria set down by Huntingdon District Council, Hilton Parish Council seek to co-opt two new Councillors at their December meeting. Anyone interested should send a short paragraph about themselves to Ms Saunders at the above address.

Fireworks: Hilton Parish Council send their gratitude to Neil Sunderland, Craig Fleming, Simon Taylor and their team for an excellent firework display, an event enjoyed by many.

Highways Minor Improvement Bid: Hilton Parish Council will once again be putting in a bid to Cambridgeshire County Council for funding for a zebra crossing on the Potton Road, at the bus stop. Deadline for bids is the 21st December with decisions being made in the New Year.

Our next meetings are Monday 3rd December and Monday 4th February 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. (Please note the Parish Council do not meet in January).

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website.

www.hilton-village.com

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Jo Saunders, Clerk thehiltonclerk@gmail.com

HILTON NEWCOMERS

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish & Methodist Churches, I offer a small welcome pack to newcomers to Hilton. So, if you would like a pack or if you know someone in your area who has recently arrived in the village, please let me know. I can be contacted on 01480 830137 or

peter.blake200@btinternet.com

History of Hilton.

Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available. The book is hard-backed and costs £10. It would make a fascinating Christmas present. Contact Peter Blake, 830137.

Eat, drink and be merry this Christmas!

As the party season approaches and we stock our cupboards for the festivities, many of us are also watching the pennies. Everybody likes a bargain, especially when there are presents to be bought, journeys to be made and all sorts of other expenses chipping away at the bank balance.

With this in mind, Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the pitfalls of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers at the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources.

In recent times there has been an increase in the amount of counterfeit and fake alcohol found in the county. Counterfeit alcohol, just like any other counterfeit product, mimics a genuine branded article and tries to pass itself off as the genuine product. Usually the counterfeit product is very convincing and most consumers wouldn't notice any difference in the packaging.

As well as counterfeit alcohol there are drinks designed to look like new and appealing brands. Often these products do not meet the required legal standards of composition – either having too little or too much of certain required ingredients or featuring ingredients that shouldn't be present at all. Often these ingredients

can be harmful to health.

Indeed, both counterfeit and other fake drinks should be avoided at all costs. They may contain either much more or much less alcohol than stated on the label and than is required by law but worse than this, however, is the fact that many counterfeit and fake drinks contain chemicals that are normally used in products such as cleaning products, antifreeze and screen wash. For example methanol, isopropyl, propan-2-ol, acetone and chloroform are commonly found in illicit alcohol.

Needless to say, these products can be dangerous if consumed and pose a risk to health. For example, people have been known to be sick or suffer dizziness, breathing difficulties, kidney damage, blindness and even death after consuming fake alcohol.

Nobody can tell what's in a bottle of fake drink and so the risks are unpredictable. The simple message is to not buy or consume any drink of questionable source.

So if you choose to eat, drink and be merry this Christmas, please do so in a way that is safe and doesn't risk your health or that of your guests.

If you see any alcohol that you suspect to be counterfeit or fake, please contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

Ash Dieback Disease

Please help us survey for any diseased trees in the local area.

Recent news has highlighted the plight affecting our native ash trees, *Fraxinus excelsior*. This fungal disease has the potential to kill a large proportion of Britain's ash trees. It has already killed up to 90% of ash trees in some areas of Denmark. With their wonderful autumn colour, sooty buds and bunches of winged seeds, ash trees are embedded in our folklore and are a delight in the landscape with their sturdy and often quirky trunks and branches.

Visit the Forestry Commission's website for the most up-to-date information, identification and image panels on the disease www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DEC 2012/JAN 2013

Saturday Dec 1st		
Fenstanton Manor	7.30pm	Mulled Wine – Social event for church restoration appeal
Sunday 2nd		
Advent 1		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Christingle
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 6th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 9th		
Advent 2		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All (Toy Service)
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC with children's activities in church
Thursday 13th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Friday 14th		
Hilton	6.00pm	Christmas Carols around the village
Sunday 16th		
Advent 3		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Carol Service
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Carol Service (for Magpas)
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol Service at Methodist Chapel
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 20th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club & dressing of tree
Sunday 23rd		
Advent 4		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Parish carol service
Monday 24th		
Christmas Eve		
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service with Nativity Tableau
Fenstanton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
Tuesday 25th		
Christmas Day		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Worship
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Sunday 30th		
Christmas 1		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion by extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship

Sunday Jan 6th		
Epiphany		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 10th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Sunday 13th		
Epiphany 2		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All – Invitation to all couples who have been married in Fenstanton church
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Thursday 17th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 18th		
Fenstanton	11.00am	Prayers for, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity , at the Parish Church (15 mins)
Sunday 20th		
Epiphany 3		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion, Ecumenical service with United Reformed Church at the Parish Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 24th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	11.00am	Prayers for, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity , at United Reformed Church (15 mins)
Sunday 27th		
Epiphany 4		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Tuesday 29th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise

Contact information:

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

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





TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



As we always meet on the last Tuesday of the month and that will be Christmas day, we will hope you have a lovely day and look forward to seeing you on the last Tuesday in January (29th) at Hilton Parish Church, 1.30pm - 2.30pm for stories, songs, activity picture to take home, coffee or tea on arrival and hula Hoops - come and share our friendship. See you soon - A Happy New Year!

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH -

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

December

2nd 10.00am Rev Vivian
9th 11.15am **United Gift Service** with gifts or vouchers for local underprivileged children being received by a representative of Action for Children. Children's activities in church.

16th 10.00am Mr John Green

23rd 10.00am Mr Colin Webber

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☆ Monday 24th 11.30pm ☆
☆ **Christmas Eve** ☆
☆ **Midnight Holy Communion** ☆
☆ led by Rev Katy Dunn ☆
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☆ Sunday 16th December at 5.00pm ☆
☆ **Candlelit Carol Service** ☆
☆ with the **GREEN RIBBON CHOIR** ☆
☆ collection for the charity ☆
☆ Jimmy's Night Shelter ☆
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January

6th 10.00am Mrs Pauline Zahner
13th 11.15am **United Covenant Service with Holy communion**
led by Rev Katy Dunn. Children's Sunday Club
20th 10.00am Mrs Barbara Churms
27th 10.00am Mr Don Moorman

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNINGS: on **December 1st & January 5th**, from 10am to 12 noon. There will be the usual array of gifts, crafts, greetings cards and groceries all in aid of Fairtrade goods. There will also be a **CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP** in the church from 10am until approx 11am on December 1st, when we will be finishing off the Christmas frieze which we will use to decorate the church. Children will be most welcome to help with this. Profits from refreshments go to East Anglian Childrens Hospice, we have recently sent them a cheque for £100. Thank you to all who have supported us. Please join us for a coffee or tea/biscuits and see what we have for sale at the same time.

HILTON CHURCHES ADVENT LUNCHES

The venues for the advent lunches are as follows:

Wednesday 5th December Hilary Holmes, Park Farm, The Green

Wednesday 12th December Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

Wednesday 19th December Muriel Bell, 6 tithe Close

The lunches are held between 12.30 and 2pm and everyone is very welcome to attend any or all of the venues. An enjoyable light lunch is provided for a donation of £3 or more and all profit is to support The Huntingdon Women's Refuge which is a very worthwhile cause. Hope to see you all again. For any further information please contact Heather Woods 830686

WANTED SINGERS AND COLLECTORS. Carols round Hilton Village will take place on Friday 14th December. Assembly at the Parish Church for 6.00pm prompt. We need all available voices for the event along with as many collectors as possible collection for the charity Save the Children. For those who are unable to join us at 6.00pm the route will be:- Parish Church, Sparrow Way, Flackdale Road, Mill Hill End, Rutland Green, Smeethfield, Potton Road (Pub), Chapel Close, Kidman Close, College Farm, Chequers Croft, Westbrook Close, Westbrook, Tithe Close, Scotts Crescent, Scotts Close, and ending at the other end of Scotts Crescent. We would love to make this a fun evening with as many people as possible. Please try and support this event.

Heather Woods

THE BRIDGE CHURCH-Serving St Ives and Local Communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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

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

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

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

The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane Fenstanton PE28 9JW

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

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

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480830142)

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—DEC2012/JAN2013

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

December

- 2nd 9:30am Revd Derek Newton
- 9th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball .HOLY COMMUNION
- 16th 9:30am Revd Peter Ball
3:00pm **Carol Service with part of the City of Cambridge Band.**
- 23rd 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball

Tues Dec 25th 9:30am --- Revd Catherine Ball

CHRISTMAS DAY

(at Fenstanton, united service with the Free Church, St Ives)

- 30th 9:30am Revd Chris Baker

January

- 6th 9:30am Revd Derek Newton (EPIPHANY)
- 13th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball HOLY COMMUNION
6:00pm Evening Service
- Fri. 18th at 11.00am Prayers for, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Parish Church**, (15 mins)
- 20th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball (United Servtce at the parish Church)
- Thurs.24th 11.00am Prayers for, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, at the URC Church(15 mins)
- 27th 9:30am Revd Roy Muttram

OTHER EVENTS in December/January

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| Mon | Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th | 7.15pm | ALPHA COURSE |
| Tues | Dec 4th and 18th
Jan 15th and 29th | 10.00am | Open Door Coffee Morning |
| Tues | Dec 11th
Jan 8th and 22nd | 10.00am | Knitters and Natters |
| Tues | Dec 11th
Jan 8th | 2.30pm | Monthly Christian Meditation |
| Thurs | Dec 6th, 13th and 20th | 7:00pm | Advent Course |
| Sat | Jan 19th | 9.30am | Book Sale |

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00 , Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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



Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Christmas Praise

With a section of the
City of Cambridge Brass Band

Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm

Join us for all the usual carols! - Refreshments afterwards
Collection for the East Anglian Children's Hospice

Joyous Christmas Greetings!

How do we rediscover the wonder and mystery of Christmas? Each year we buy gifts, decorate our homes, send Christmas cards or e-letters and celebrate with a turkey dinner. But do we stop to acknowledge what it's all about? Is it simply a winter holiday that includes the giving and receiving of gifts, whether they are useful, or not? Or is there something more to it? We prepare ourselves for this special occasion, but are our hearts in it, or are we simply going through the motions because we have always done so?

This year we from the Fenstanton Churches invite everyone in the village to join us for a reflective pause in the midst of the shopping and partying, to remind ourselves how it all started and recall why we celebrate Christmas each year. Yes, the date of December 25th was picked because it was a happy celebration of light and warmth in winter. But the event that is commemorated is the birth of Jesus, the long awaited Messiah, over two thousand years ago. It is a story filled with suspense, intrigue, miracle and revelation. It's a story where the unexpected happens: the poor are lifted up and social and cultural barriers broken down; love triumphs over all the odds and good triumphs over evil. Although it is from ancient times it has meaning and relevance for us today.

Do come to any of our Christmas services to find out how! You are welcome to come to a Christingle Service, where symbols are used to remember that Jesus came as 'light of the world', or to any of our Carol Services, where presentations, readings and familiar Christmas carols re-tell the Nativity Story.

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Revd Dr Catherine Ball

Minister, Fenstanton United Reformed Church



HILTON SUMMER BALL COMMITTEE

With your kind generosity, we raised £1,000 to donate to The Hilton Town Trust . As the photo shows, we even managed to have a 'large' cheque beautifully hand written to present to The Hilton Town Trust, with thanks to Graeme!

(Many thanks to the Hilton Town Trust for their generous donation towards the production of Spectrum!)



Love in a Box scheme 2012

Thank you to all those who supported the Love in a Box scheme run by the charity Mustard Seed Relief Missions this Autumn.



One hundred boxes have now been sent, from Bar Hill, Fenstanton and Fen Drayton, to start on their journey to children in

M o l d o v a , Romania and the Ukraine, along with three bags of additional items to help make up further boxes.



I am sure all the children will be thrilled when they receive the boxes. We will be supporting this charity again this time next year. See you then...

Local co-ordinators:
Alison Fox
(Fen Drayton) and
Jenny Stimpson

FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL



THOMAS MORRIS
SALES & LETTINGS
www.thomasmorris.co.uk

Proud Sponsors and Supporters Of Fenstanton Youth Under 12 's Football Team

Supporters always welcome at home matches on Hilton Green, Hilton.

Fenstanton Mini Soccer under 8's football club



They are the with Mark Burman (coach) and Jo from Ash's store who have generously sponsored the team with a new kit and training jackets. We really appreciate their support.

So a BIG Thank You to Jo, Ash

FENSTANTON WI

Our meeting on 1st November was well attended. We were entertained by Mr David Parker who gave an illustrated talk on "Traditional Breeds to Tasty Pork". He went into pig rearing on his return home to Swavesey after University.

He spoke about the conditions in which pigs have been held and reared in large factory farms, often with insufficient room to turn around. The farrowing pens only allow the pig to lie down and are designed this way to prevent her from rolling onto the piglets. In contrast, animal friendly pens allow sufficient room and bedding for animal welfare and barriers are arranged so that the piglets can get away from Mum if she rolls over. Again factory farms do not provide bedding for the animals; pigs like to make a nest for their offspring.

David's pigs spend a most of their lives outside in an old orchard which is no longer commercial, but is ideal for the animals as they love to root around and they have large pig arcs for shelter.

David brought samples of his sausages, which we enjoyed over our cups of tea and coffee.

Dates for future events:

December 6th:

Christmas Celebrations

January 8th, 2013:

Pantomime Trip – Peter Pan at the Burgess Hall.

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of each month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information please contact our secretary Val Spain (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 open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre.** We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or **contact Becky on 493067 for any further information.**

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.



Our **Children's Christmas Party** will be held this year on **Wednesday 19th December, starting at 10am.** We will be holding a Christmas Raffle to raise desperately needed funds for the group (due to the heating costs over the winter the group is usually running at a loss!) and ask for any donations of raffle prizes. If you have anything suitable which could be used as a prize, please bring along to the group over the next few weeks – thank you!! There will be lots of fun and games for the children and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all there.

BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

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

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



Fenstanton Reserves were presented with a new kit and training jackets for the club by local businessman Ash Puntambekar, owner of Ash's Store, Fenstanton.

Ash is keen to do what he can to support the local community and insisted that the club source the kit and printing from local suppliers. This was fully supported by manager Mark Buckingham who said 'Ash has provided fantastic support to the club and it was obvious he wants to do what he can to help the village of Fenstanton. It's refreshing to see this sort of thing in today's economic climate'.



Fenstanton Reserves:

Back Row Left – Right: Calum Flavell, Adam Buckingham (Captain), Nick Gingell, David Moore, Ash (Sponsor), Mark Buckingham (Manager), Scott Wilson, Arran Balls, Matt Browne.

Front Row Left – Right: Lee Simpson, Craig Flavell, Adam Prior, Graeme Drewry, Mark Walker, Darren Bryant, Oliver Youd.

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

December and January's home fixtures –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	K.O.T.	COMPETITION
1/12/12	First Team	Girton United	2pm	League Match
8/12/12	Reserve Team	Cherry Hinton Reserves	1.45pm	Cup Match
15/12/12	Reserve Team	Estover Park	2pm	League Match
22/12/12	First Team	Needingworth United	2pm	League Match
12/01/13	First Team	Soham United	2pm	League Match
19/01/13	First Team	Hundon	2pm	League Match
26/01/13	First Team	Cambridge University Press Res	2pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change.

Up to date fixtures, results and league tables can be found at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

NB Dogs are NOT permitted on the football field at **ANY time**, irrespective of whether the owner is passing through.

FENSTANTON LACE CLUB

A few of us are meeting on the last Saturday of the month at 2.30pm at 37 Lancelot Way, to make lace and to learn new techniques together. If anyone is interested in trying lace making, please come along. We can lend out a pillow and bobbins so that you can try it for yourself. For more information, call Margaret on 352724.

FENSTANTON FRINGE IN THE FEN 2013

The Countdown begins...

Once again the peaceful village of Fenstanton will play host to one of Cambridgeshire's most exciting music festivals. Fringe in the Fen brings you nationally acclaimed performers as well as some of the most gifted new talent from across the country in an overwhelming array of musical genres. From choral performances to smooth jazz, rat packs and swing bands to rock and folk, there is sure to be something to get your toes tapping.



Check your friends and family are signed up for exclusive access to priority tickets, giving them the pick of the crop for the week's performances and ensuring they won't be disappointed. There is less than two months left to register so make sure your friends sign up now!

The priority box office will open on the **14th January 2013**. Becoming a priority guest will mean that you have access to the tickets a month before they are released on general sale.

Signing up for priority tickets is easy, simply visit our website www.fringeinthefen.com before January 2013.

Highlights of the week include:

- The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge;
- O Duo; Supper and Jazz; Festival pub quiz;
- Hedgepig – Folk Rock; Comedy Night;
- Superstition Rhythm and Blues;
- The Dmitri Ensemble



Cambridge Theatre Challenge

Would you like to write a one act play for the stage and enter it in a competition where short listed plays are given full performance, judged by the audience, considered for publication and given a written assessment by a publishing company?

The winning playwright will also receive a cash prize of £200

Every play will be read in its entirety by a minimum of two judges and entrants will receive two lots of feedback on request, at no extra charge!

A shortlist of up to ten plays will be drawn up and posted on the Sky Blue website. Local actors and a production team will be assembled by professional directors to rehearse the plays for performance at the Junction Theatre in Cambridge 6th and 7th July 2013 where the audience will vote for the winner.

Closing date for submissions is 30th March 2013. Plays must be submitted on line and full details can be found on our website <http://skybluetheatre.com/newplaywriting.php>

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Sports Day Saturday 6th July 2013 (Also the start of Fringe in the Fen)

We also invite nominations for the Community Award please contact a committee member or call Ray on 370973 with nominations.

For those of you who aren't aware of the award or don't know what it is, it is a trophy donated by the Parish Council in recognition of a person's contribution to an organisation or to the village within Fenstanton Parish. Nominations can be from anybody and the final decision is made by the Sports Committee and the trophy is awarded on Sports Day.

We are still looking for new committee members, it's not hard work (except on Sports Day weekend) and it's good fun, although we are all a bit loopy. If you are even a little bit interested talk to a committee member or call 370973.

Important notice:-

Your barely literate sports reporter is missing believed on the run from the authorities, if you see him wandering around the village asking the way to the Spanish border please don't ignore him. Pat him on the head, take him in for a warm in front of the fire and feed

him sloe gin and a mince pie or maybe a piece of rich fruit cake or even a sizzling sausage or three, a slice or two of ham (with pickles) and perhaps some foie gras, nothing too fancy. If he tries to get you to join the Sports Committee (or has he would have it, the escape committee) humour him, say yes, you can always change your mind after the first committee meeting. Fill his head with nice things, tell him the Olympics were a success, so was the Jubilee, the home fires are still burning, Monty has turned the tide in North Africa, Napoleon has been kicked out of Moscow, stuff like that. Then drop him a half crown and send him on his way down the Hilton road telling him that it is the way to the Spanish border.

He is harmless really, well mostly harmless, in fact he is about as harmless as a rabid dog in a cat's home. If he asks just don't give him anything with a point, matches, explosives, anti tank guns or ground to air missiles. In fact it's probably best to tell him you will join the committee and I get out of his vicinity as quickly as possible, the phrase 'like a rocket sled on wheels' springs to mind. Let's hope it's the last we see of him.

Merry Christmas and Join the Committee for the New Year.

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH RESTORATION FUND



You are invited to:-

"Fen Felony"

A murder mystery supper

Saturday 23rd February 2013

In the Church Centre

For more details
and tickets look out
for posters and
February Spectrum

Set in 1969, the hippy, drugs, flower power, Rolling Stones and free love era. The event is to launch of a band's first album. The guests are invited journalists, friends and groupies.

Christmas Lights Fundraiser - Tues 4th Dec

We join with other local community groups at this annual village fundraiser to celebrate the run up to Christmas as the lights are turned on at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton High Street this evening. Another family fun event so please bring your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to join the fun. Donations of tombola prizes also needed.

Photography Day Fundraiser - Sun 9th Dec

As before a day where families can arrange to have a sitting in our Scout HQ (with white back drop) , photos / frames etc ordered and back for the following week end so ideal Christmas gifts. Sitting fee £5 and % to Group funds. Excellent value for money for some fantastic products (a sitting fee alone is normally £25). Open to anyone, no connection with Scout Group required (so please spread the word through contacts / school gate etc). 6 slots still available to book on our web site, select "on-line bookings" from the top menu , password scubes2012.

Scout and proud!

It was wonderful to note that the Church was full for Remembrance Day - and that of the congregation 76 were all youth or adult members of our Scout Group, supported so well by around another 15 siblings (not Brownies or in Scouting) and a further 50 or so adults. A special well done to the siblings because they were all very well behaved on the whole, so hopefully a good sign of things to come for those too young yet to join scouting officially!

Congratulations to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders who yet again have made the leadership team so very proud - they came and looked so smart in their full uniform and behaved so well, knowing that literally the eyes of the community are upon them as they represent the youth of today. Well done too for those that played a specific role - wreath layer, flag bearers, colour party and those who delivered their readings so brilliantly as part of the service. We know how scary such responsibility can be, even as an adult, on such an important occasion and they all did themselves, and scouting, proud.

We had lots of people come up to us after the service to pass on kind words which are always gratefully received - these included "It was lovely to see so many young people there", "Having the young people do the readings was wonderful, it brought a tear to my eye" and "Goodness I hadn't realised how young some of them were, they were all very good".

So what age are they....?

We thought it might help to explain to the wider community the structure of the uniformed Sections in our Scout Group, and as a reminder that we have boys and girls (our Group has had girls since 1990) throughout!

Beaver Scouts have to be at least 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ years old, remain until in the Colony until they are 8 and wear a bright blue sweatshirt;

Cub Scouts are from age 8 onwards, remain in the Pack until they are 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old and wear a dark green sweatshirt;

Scouts are from aged 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ onwards, remain in the Troop until they are 14 and wear a teal green shirt;

Explorer Scouts are aged from 14 to 17, belong to the local Unit (St Ives) and / or be Young Leaders with our Scout Group and wear dark beige shirts;

Adult leaders are aged from 18 onwards and wear a light beige shirt.

Boys and girls can be added to our waiting lists once they have turned 4, and more adult volunteers are always very welcome

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 Deb on 830221.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

At our November meeting we had Amy Jones from Cottenham, for our Christmas demonstration.

Amy did 5 splendid arrangements depicting Christmas carols.

She also told us of her life helping out on the family farm, which made it an hilarious and entertaining

December 3rd is our Christmas party, don't forget to bring your Christmas arrangements (big or small).

Look forward to seeing you all.

Hilton village Hall, 2pm - 4pm.

HILTON WI

Our November meeting was really hilarious!

President Wendy Webb introduced Chris Bylett, a very talented entertainer. He began his varied career by singing in his school choirs, drama groups and playing the guitar in a small group, himself and two ladies. He was fascinated by ventriloquism from seeing artistes like Peter Brough and Archie Andrews on T.V. and decided to have a go himself. He acquired Desmond Duck and his new career took off.

He has been abroad to entertain the troops, appeared on stage with many famous comedians including Ken Dodd and his Diddymen and Charlie Williams.

His interaction between his characters was excellent, as conversations flowed from Chris to Stan, Charlie and back to Desmond who helped him perform some magic tricks.

Some singing, some jokes lots of laughter, a really "fun" evening. His agent's description of him was very apt as 'A man who gets paid to talk to himself' sums him up brilliantly.

If you have not been to our Craft Club do give it a try you might just surprise yourself! Give us ring on 830770 to find out more.

Remember it is the Christmas Party on **December 10th** so come along for nibbles, drinks ,carols and a chat with friends.

Ring Ruth Salem on 830358 for any other information.

See you there!

Kath Charter.

Hilton Village Harvest Supper

We should like to offer a big 'Thank you' to everyone who came to support our Harvest Supper and to make the evening so successful.

The committee did a wonderful job selling tickets; it was a sell-out. I should also like to thank the helpers, those who provided the apples, the cooks & bar staff and the hostesses. The food and the musical entertainment, by Karen Collard and members of CIMA, were excellent.

Donations were sent to three registered charities:

The Stroke Association £227
Papworth Hospital Charity £228;
and Hilton WI £227.

Pat Bellass
and Rosemary Blake

HILTON FEAST WEEK

Many of you attended the Hilton Summer Ball in July 2012, it was a wonderful event and even the rain held off as we all arrived, and the fizz flowed! It was a fantastic success, with a great band "Party Up", who played a good selection of music, after a sumptuous meal served beautifully by The Cambridge Dining Company. We maintained good value with the ticket price to cover the costs, and had books of Raffle tickets printed for each table. With your kind generosity, we raised £1,000 to donate to The Hilton Town Trust who help or support people in need in the village and support projects such as The Christmas Boxes too. As the photo shows, we even managed to have a 'large' cheque beautifully hand written to present to The Hilton Town Trust, with thanks to Graeme! We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who helped in organising this event too, from Dean for all the lighting, music, and flame boxes, Nina and Maria for all the art work, the Bar Staff team who kept the drinks flowing, to little Sophie and Rosie Snooke who folded napkins for hours with Helen and Gill ! Everyone who helped out are too numerous to list, but i would like to personally thank Dave Ruddy, Peter Sampson, Dave Moreau, and Graeme Gribben, for being a great team to work with. Lastly a huge thank-you to you all, for coming to the Hilton Summer Ball to make it such a success. (see picture on p22) many thanks Sharon Walker.

We will be dropping a leaflet through each door in the village, explaining the ethos of Feast Week, and a list of dates for your diary as below for fund raising events in 2013. Also check the website at <http://ww.hilton-village.com/>

24/12/12 - NATIVITY with the Crib Service in the church.

26/01/13 - QUIZ NIGHT

16/03/13 - QUIZ NIGHT

29/03/12 - FAMILY EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT

08/06/13 - MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT ... more details to follow !

Keep checking the Hilton Village Website and your Spectrum for more detail.

Hope to see you all soon,

Sharon Walker.

Chair : Sharon Walker – 07984232424 / sharonwalker@nhs.net

Vice Chair: Gill Gill - 07793248287

Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin - 01480 830481

Secretary : Sara Sampson - 01480 830383

Other committee members:

Hilary Holmes, Richard Hunt, Craig and Suzie Sutherland, Lynne Radbone, Becca Graveling, and Emma Payne .



FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

At Hilton Methodist Church, Saturday Dec 1st
& Saturday January 5th from 10am until 12 noon.

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

Profit from sales go to Fairtrade, St Ives

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

Profit from refreshments go to East Anglian Children's Hospice.



Due to the success from last year, we will be hosting another Children's Christmas Disco at the Daisy Children's Centre which has happened again due to the support from our Parents. Come along on Friday 21st December 2012 from 2-4pm and enjoy a boogie in the disco and also Party games and activities throughout. This is for all children aged 0-5years, siblings under 8 years welcome. Booking is required so please contact Victoria

at the Daisy Centre for more information or to book, 01480 831423. Why not also come along to our other Christmas themed activities such as our Christmas Cooking, Crafts and Carols.

The Children's Centre is also a hub for other fantastic groups such as Cooking, Clap and sing, Play and learn and a Bumps to babies group where we welcome new families and our regulars! Want to come along and have a look around or find out more about the Centre? - Pop along we are based on the Pendragon Primary School site, or give us a call. As well as our groups we provide families with information on Childcare options, Benefits, Behaviour management and much more, just ask to speak with Kayleigh Armes or Samantha Warman the Family Workers for more information.

Do your bit to bring better broadband for all



Have you registered for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring better broadband access for everyone across the county?

Time is running out and we need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins.

It only takes a minute to go online at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices.

All we need is your postcode and a landline phone number, and whether you are a home or business user – and we will only use this information for the campaign.

The more registrations we get, the more likely we are to get the investment needed to install better broadband connections for all (2 Mbps minimum) with superfast speeds (25mbps minimum) for at least 90% of premises by 2015.

Latest figures show that over 18,000 homes and businesses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have already registered their demand for better broadband making our campaign one of the fastest growing in the country.

Much of the support is being generated through the fantastic efforts of more than 80 Broadband Champions, who are busy promoting the campaign locally through leaflets, posters, events, and community websites.

Many parish councils and local councillors are also backing the campaign because good broadband connections are vital for our businesses and communities to thrive, particularly in rural areas, with benefits for health and education too.

So, why not do your bit so that more people can benefit from better broadband?

To find out more, visit www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk, email contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or call 0345 045 5200



Christmas Special

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, welcomes you to our Christmas Special on **Wednesday 12th December 2012**. This year Pat Doody will give an overview of the reserves of Huntingdonshire and George Cottam will focus on Brampton Wood. Pat has a long association with the Wildlife Trust and is Chairman of our Local Group. He has worked for the Nature Conservancy Council and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. George has been Warden of Brampton Wood for many years, liaising with the Wildlife Trust in the management of the wood and organizing work parties and guided walks on a regular basis. George is also a leading member of the local group.

As usual at our Christmas meeting we will provide mince pies and wine and there will be a Christmas raffle. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Suggested donation £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm. Further details from Phil Clark on 01487 822835 or phil@philandruth.plus.com

100 Years of the Wildlife Trusts

The history of the Wildlife Trusts is the topic of this month's meeting of the Huntingdonshire Local Group, on **Wednesday 9th January 2013** at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Brian Eversham will present a DVD exploring the development of the WLT from the early 20th century when Charles Rothschild recognized the danger to Woodwalton Fen, to the establishment of nature reserves at the end of WWII, and later the development of the national body and the local Trusts, to today's Living Landscapes report that aims to restore nature and enable wildlife to extend its range in the UK. Brian, who is the Chief Executive of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire branch of the WLT, has an extensive knowledge of natural history from invertebrates to plants, birds and conservation.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggestion donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact Phil on 01487 822835 or Philip@philandruth.plus.com

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough.
Registered Charity No: 1000412

ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

As winter approaches, the children are building their own winter wonderland in the pre-school. We have already made a fireplace for a roaring (tissue paper) fire with sticks we have found in our garden. We are also building an igloo and making penguins. Thanks to our new heaters the building will be cosier than an igloo! Outside there is still an autumnal feel and the children have been playing in the leaves.

As we move into December the children will get more and more excited about Christmas. We have already designed Christmas cards, which are being professionally printed to be used by parents this year! We will also be performing a Christmas singing concert on 18th December for the parents to come and see. The children will be learning the songs and making their christ-massy headbands to wear!

To find out more about us; try our website on: www.elsworthpreschool.org.uk

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

**IS COMING TO OVER!
WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US?**

Following it's very successful run in the West End, The Over Players have been extremely lucky in obtaining the licence to perform "this best loved musical" as their Spring Show 2013, which will be staged at The Over Community Centre from Wednesday 29th May – Saturday 1st June 2013.

Everyone would be welcome to come to the read-through of the script on

WEDNESDAY 16th January in St. Mary's Church Hall, Over at 7.45 pm.

WEDNESDAY 23rd January: Auditions for everyone over 18 (only for principal parts) 7.45 pm. in the Church Hall

SUNDAY 27th January: Auditions for the Von Trapp children aged 5 – 18, 4 - 6 pm.

Rehearsals for the children will be on **SUNDAYS 4 – 6 pm.** at the Community Centre, and for everyone else on **WEDNESDAYS 7.45 – 10 pm.**

Based on the uplifting true story of Maria and the Von Trapp family, it has become one of the most successful Oscar-winning musicals of all time. The score brims over with some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the musical stage, including My Favourite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Edelweiss, Climb Every Mountain etc., etc.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in any other capacity, please contact either Olive Swain olive123swain@yahoo.co.uk or Christine Turner c.turner1@hotmail.com.

Cambridge Re-Use Wins Community Award

Cambridge Re-Use has won the Community Support category in the Cambridge News Community Awards for 2012. The award recognises nearly 25 years of service to the local community by the charity. The award was presented to Cambridge Re-Use volunteers by Cllr Sheila Stuart, Mayor of Cambridge in a ceremony at Downing College. Cambridge Re-Use collects donations of unwanted furniture and electrical appliances from generous members of the public and sells them at affordable prices to local people on low incomes or benefits. Each week 35 volunteers give their time to help deliver the service.

Local people on low incomes of under £18,000 for an individual or under £23,000 for a couple are eligible to shop at Cambridge Re-Use. To become a customer, come to the store off Cherry Hinton Road and bring your wage slip or working tax credit if you are employed, or your benefit letters if you are on benefits.

Donations of good quality furniture and electrical goods in working order are always welcome. Donations can be collected by arrangement, or can be delivered to the store between 09.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, or between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturdays.

The Cambridge Re-Use store is at Unit H, The Paddocks, 347 Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge CB1 8DH. The team can be contacted on 01223 576535.

1st FENSTANTON & HILTON SCOUT GROUP

AND FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



Christmas 2012

Dear Boys and Girls

I will be visiting Fenstanton again this year on Tuesday 4th December when the Village Hall Committee will be switching on the Christmas tree lights at the clock tower.

I will have my special Santa Post Box with me and it would be nice to have some letters from you. I always like receiving letters from the children, and if you do write to me don't forget to add your name and address so that I can reply to you.

I will look forward to seeing you soon.

NB Cambridgeshire County Council has given permission for the 40 metres of Hilton Road which faces the Clock Tower to be closed from 5.00pm to 8.30pm on Tuesday, 4th December, for the duration of setting up, the actual event and clearing up afterwards. Pedestrian access to Barry's Plaice remains unaffected and access to the Post Office drive will remain clear until 6.00pm.

The FVH committee would be grateful if the paved parking area immediately around the Clock Tower could be kept clear on that day so that some setting up can start taking place earlier in the day. Notices to this effect will be put up in the area as a reminder.

Christmas LIGHTS

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee and
1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group

Tuesday 4th December
6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

The Fenstanton Village Hall Grand Christmas Draw at 7.10pm

- 1st Prize £250 Cash
- 2nd Digital Television
- 3rd Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper
- 4th Prize Mixed Case of Wine
- And many others

Carols and Refreshments including
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Drinks
Gingerbread Men and Christmas Market.



Raffle Tickets available from
**Ron's Farm Shop
and the Post Office**

WHAT'S ON in December 2012 & January 2013

Dec1st	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p35
3rd	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
3rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p33
4th	Fenstanton Christmas Lights	Clock Tower	6.30pm	p42
6th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
9th	Scouts Photo Day	Scout HQ		p31
10th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
10th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
12th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p39
14th	Hilton Carol Singers	Parish Church	6.00pm	p19
16th	Swavesey Community Carols	Swavesey Parish Church	7.30pm	p24
19th	Baby & Toddlers Xmas Party	Church Centre	10.00am	p25
Jan5th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p35
8th	Fenstanton WI Panto trip	Burgess Hall		p25
9th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p39
19th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p20
26th	Hilton Quiz	Village Hall		p35

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