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whatever their situation
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If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

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LETTERS & NOTICES

Gifts for the magazine

- * A gentleman from Hilton left a very generous bequest to Spectrum Magazine 'for the general purposes of the magazine'.
- * A donation from Hilton Methodist Church.

The team are very grateful for these kind gifts.

Polite parking notice to residents

Please could consideration be given when parking on narrow lanes around the villages. If you have an empty drive please park in it. Not only do parked cars obstruct the roads and impede access for other residents, deliveries and farm vehicles they are the cause of damage to property. Please consider your neighbours and help free up our streets.

Safeguarding Adults Newsletter (Autumn 2015)

Cambridgeshire's Adult Safeguarding Board have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter which can be found on the County Council website. To download a copy go to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca and follow the link to 'Newsletters, fact sheets and resources'.

Hilton Town Charity

Some in the village may not be aware of the Hilton Town Charity which benefits from land and assets endowed generations ago, being most recently confirmed by a Deed dated 1899. The charity's details are listed in several relevant directories, and a report of the year's activities is given to the Parish Council.

The vicar and four trustees administer the Charity. They have wide discretion, the only limitation being that grants must be directly of benefit to the village of Hilton and those living therein. Villagers and supporting organisations are able to apply at any time to one of the trustees or to the clerk as listed below.

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Mrs Liz Bush, Trustee	830202
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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.



FENSTANTON PHARMACY CHRISTMAS OPENING

*The last date for patient's to order repeat prescriptions
in time for Christmas is Monday 16th December.*

NORMAL HOURS: 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-6.00pm

NORMAL HOURS: Thursday 24th December (Xmas Eve)

CLOSED: Friday 25th Dec (Xmas Day); Saturday 26th Dec (Boxing Day);
Sunday 27th Dec; Monday 28th Dec (Bank Holiday). .

NORMAL HOURS: Tues 29th Dec; Wed 30th Dec; Thurs 31st Dec (New Years Eve).

CLOSED: Friday 1st January (New Years Day)

OPEN: Saturday 2nd January 9.00am-12:30pm

CLOSED: Sunday 3rd January

Monday 4th January onwards, normal hours resume.

Christmas Shopping event

Saturday 5th December, between 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

*Santa will be in his grotto in the Pharmacy for any children
who would like to come along and see him!!*

*We will also be providing refreshments, free gift wrapping
and 20% discount on purchases of £20 or more on gifts.*

WASTE COLLECTIONS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Day Revised Day of Collection

Normal until:

Fri 25th Dec → Tue 29th Dec

Mon 28th Dec → Wed 30th Dec

Tue 29th Dec Thu 31st Dec

Wed 30th Dec Sat 2nd Jan

Thu 31st Dec Mon 4th Jan

Fri 1st Jan Tue 5th Jan

Mon 4th Jan → Wed 6th Jan

Tue 5th Jan Thu 7th Jan

Wed 6th Jan Fri 8th Jan

Thu 7th Jan Sat 9th Jan

Fri 8th Jan Mon 11th Jan

Mon 11th Jan → Tue 12th Jan

Tue 12th Jan Wed 13th Jan

Wed 13th Jan Thu 14th Jan

Thu 14th Jan Fri 15th Jan

Fri 15th Jan Sat 16th Jan

.Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin for more information

Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January.

If it is taller than your bin please chop your tree to the size of your bin.

The **Household Recycling Centre's** are only closed from: 1.00pm Christmas Eve;
Christmas Day; Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Find out more at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting - November 12th

Police report: During the month of September, the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour: 2 incidents of Violence; 1 incident of Burglary. Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Illegal road markings: Following the illegal and unauthorised actions of a person who painted road markings in the Village and Low Road, the Parish Council wishes to state it does not endorse or condone anyone from undertaking such action. There is legislation which must be complied with before working on the Public Highway. There is a requirement for the appropriate accreditation and public indemnity insurance to comply with legislation, before undertaking work on the Public Highway. Without consent from the Highway Authority it is unlawful to work on the Public Highway and criminal damage to a public asset or unsafe activity could result in action from the Police and any cost incurred may be recoverable.

Fenstanton Post Office: Negotiations are ongoing between the Parish Council, Post Office, the existing Post Master and the proprietor of the NISA store to reach a solution to maintain the continuing existence of the Village Post Office. The Chairman of the Parish Council has also written to the constituency Member of Parliament, Mr. Djanogly.

Parish Council grants and donations: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Finance & Constitution Committee's recommendations to provide grants to the following organisations: HACT (Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport), Fenstanton Parish Church, Fenstanton Football Club and the Fenstanton Friendship Club. It was also resolved to make a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

County Council Budget: The meeting was advised that the County Council will have to make further substantial savings and this will have a detrimental effect on communities. Some of the cuts being considered are the withdrawal of the mobile library service, a reduction of winter gritting and footpath maintenance and repair.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7:30 at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the public and press are welcome.

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



HILTON PARISH COUNCIL -November 2nd

www.hilton-pc.co.uk Secretary: Mrs Jo Perez, tel: 01480 831106

With this issue of Spectrum the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A14: Leading up to the completion of the examination period members of the Parish Council and work group met with Jonathan Djanogly MP who agreed to write to the examiners supporting our requests for noise mitigation including the use of very low road noise surface on the stretch of road north of the village should the scheme be recommended. The Parish Council has continued to ask the examiners to tell the contractors to put the mitigation in place given Highways England have told us they would like to do as much as possible for the village but need instructing to do so. The examination period closed on 13 November and the examiners now have a period of up to 3 months to consider the scheme in light of the information gathered over the last 6 months before having to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State. We will update on any developments. Our latest submissions to the examiners can be found in the A14 section of our website www.hilton-pc.co.uk. Please contact our Chairman Peter Balicki at balicki101@gmail.com if you would like any further information.

Beacon: Further discussion was held regarding the proposal to amend the beacon to make it more accessible for temporary events. This will mean disposing of the wooden post and replacing it with a metal tripod making it easier to transport, erect and take down. The Parish Council has received an offer of £300 for the post (the amount it paid) and the new tripod will cost a similar amount. This will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Defibrillator: The Parish Council is considering the purchase of public defibrillator and as part of the process is to hold a meeting in the Village Hall on Sunday 6 December between 3 and 5pm run by Councillors Anne Goodridge and Sara Partridge.

Please do come along and hear what it means, share your views and see how you could become involved in the ongoing running requirements should the decision be made to purchase one. The Parish Council would be grateful for your input to apply for a grant and make the decision.

Fireworks: The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved for putting on a fantastic show. It was a mild clear evening and the firework display was first class, well done Craig Fleming and his team. The takings were not great and discussions will have to be held over the coming months on the viability and future of this event.

Precept: Discussion on setting the precept for the 2015/16 financial year was put on hold to allow further analysis of the proposed cuts being considered by Cambridgeshire County Council. The County Council are considering their proposal over meetings to be held in November and we are trying to establish if any of the proposed cuts to services will have an impact on the Parish.

We will put details of the proposed cuts as supplied by the County Council on our website.

District Council Elections: Huntingdon District Council is undergoing a review of its electoral arrangements and would welcome feedback on how often elections should be held to appoint its Councillors. The consultation runs until 4 December 2015 and you can participate by completing the online survey at <https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/elections/electionReview.html>.

Community Gritting Scheme: If you would like to volunteer for the Community Gritting Scheme please contact highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0345 045 5212

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. The first meeting for next year is scheduled for Monday 1st February 2016. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards. You can contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

WEATHER WATCH

My last article ended in early September and since then into early November the autumn has been generally benign, dominated for the most part by high pressure, with no gales or air frost, though most other parts of Britain, away from coasts, have experienced the latter. The usual pattern of Atlantic depressions crossing the U.K. during autumn has been blocked this year and unusually for autumn there have been sustained periods of easterly winds, as well as a northerly spell. However, the last ten days, up to the fifth of November have brought a reversal of this pattern with light southerly breezes and temperatures well above normal.

Before this very mild spell, with wind coming from colder quarters, daytime temperatures through both September and October were, as a consequence, often chilly. This can be well demonstrated by comparing September last year with this years. Last year the temperature reached 20C (68F) or more on 20 days. This year only 3 days reached 20C or more. However, cloud cover on many nights this autumn have kept temperatures from falling too low, being generally in the range 4C to 7C (39F to 45F). Rainfall has continued to be rather less than average reflecting what has been the situation throughout 2015. 2" (50mm) of rain fell in October, nearly half that total fell on the 28th.

So does this autumn's unusual pattern of weather give any pointers as to what the forthcoming winter might bring? With easterly winds only occurring six times in the last 100 years, it is interesting to look at two of the more recent occasions, namely 1946 and 1974. 1946 was, of course, followed by the bitter winter of 1947. In 1947, October was one of the coldest on record (since 1905), but in November the weather became less cold and a mild winter followed. So the answer is probably "no", it is not a reliable pointer to the winter ahead. However, whilst I have previously resisted the temptation to enter the world of forecasting, I do feel that having gone through the last two winters without a single spell of easterly winds, the likelihood is that we will get at least one spell this winter, accompanied by snow and hard frosts.

Interestingly, the previous record for the highest November temperature in the U.K. was in 1946, (in Wales). 22C (72F) was reached on the 1st and 2nd of November this year on both days, again in Wales, setting a new record. The maximum in Hilton on both days was however just below 16C (61F).

As usual I will conclude with a couple of curios.

The first concerns the invention of the lightning conductor in the Middle Ages. It was believed that thunder could be warded off by ringing the church bells - a particularly dangerous activity, given that a wet rope was likely to be connecting the ringer to the tallest structure for miles around! The first English lightning conductor was installed at the Eddystone Lighthouse in 1760 and by 1772 after some scepticism by the Court of King George III they were installed to many of our prominent buildings such as Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral and Blenheim Palace.

Secondly, after two virtually snow-less winters, we may return to more traditional scenes this coming winter, so do you know what "snow blink" is? It is the white glare on the underside of clouds when one is moving towards a snow covered area, the clouds effectively acting a bit like a weak mirror of the terrain below them.

Our English word snow is derived directly from the Anglo Saxon word "snaw" and an old English word rarely heard of now is "flother" which means a snowflake, which somehow captures the softness of its floating to the ground. When I write my next article maybe we will have seen some.

Patrick Landucci

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - December 2015/January 2016

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

December

6th	10.00am	Mr Tony Sainsbury
13th	11.15am	UNITED GIFT SERVICE with Rev Katy Dunn and Rev David Busk. A representative from Action for Children will be in church to receive your gifts of money and or toys/gift vouchers
20th	10.00am	Local Arrangement
	5.00pm	CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE with Live Nativity. The collection is for the local branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
27th	10.00am	Mr Don Moorman

January

3rd	10.00am	Mr Derek Rutherford
10th	11.15am.	ANNUAL COVENANT SERVICE. This is a United Service with Rev Katy Dunn and Rev David Busk
17th	10.00am.	Mr David Bushby
24th	10.00am.	Mr John Green
31st	10.00am.	Mrs Leonora Charlton

HILTON CHURCHES ADVENT LUNCHES

The advent lunches will be held in the following homes

2nd December Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

9th December Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road

16th December Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close

TIME: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

DONATIONS: £3 or more

This year we will be donating the proceeds to JIMMY'S NIGHT SHELTER which provides a bed and meals for the homeless.



Carol Singing Round HILTON

The two churches will be Carol singing round the village

on **Tuesday 15th December**

in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

meet at 6.00pm outside the Parish Church.

We always need as many singers as can make it and also volunteers to collect at the doors.

TOTS PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON

We will be in the Parish Church in Hilton from 1.30pm on Monday 25th January. We hope to see Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and Tots for an hour of songs, stories and activities and drinks and hula hoops. Contact Linda (830660), Laura (839110) or Mrs P (830155)

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DEC 2015/JAN 2016

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th	For Advent Lunches please see p17	
Thursday 3rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Saturday 5th		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Mulled Wine, Hall Green, Low Road
Sunday 6th	Advent 2	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	5.00pm	Christingle with children's tea after
Thursday 10th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Friday 11th		
Fenstanton	6.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC), Carol Singing around the village
Sunday 13th	Advent 3	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All Toy Service – Please bring a wrapped present for a disadvantaged child, identifying age and gender
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC with children's activities in church
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15th		
Hilton	6.00pm	Carols around the village – starting at Parish Church. See posters for route.
Thursday 17th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club with decoration of tree
Sunday 20th	Advent 4	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & prayer for healing
Fenstanton	5.00pm	Traditional Carol Service of choir carols, congregational carols, and readings, followed by refreshments
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service & Live Nativity at MC
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve	
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service with Youth Choir
Fenstanton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
Friday 25th	Christmas Day	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Communion – bring a present to unwrap during service
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

Sunday 27th	Christmas 1 (St Luke)	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion by extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am
Thursday 31st		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)

January 2016

Sunday 3^d	Epiphany	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton		No Children's Church this month
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Baptism – Milo Lawrenson
Thursday 7th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Friday 8th		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC)
Sunday 10th	Epiphany 1	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Thursday 14th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Sunday 17th	Epiphany 2	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Ecumenical service at URC church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 21st		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa club
Friday 22nd		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC)
Sunday 24th	Epiphany 3	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Monday 25th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
Thursday 28th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)

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).

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

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund

FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com,

or Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings), or Josie Charter 01480 496335

(Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook

Christmas Posada in Hilton

What have 200 people, a knitted nativity set and a flock of sheep got in common? Yes, that's right, they all attend the Crib Service in Hilton every year. In the run up to the service, our knitted Mary & Joseph spent the whole of Advent travelling around the village, staying with a different family every night. Their journey was intended to reflect that time, over 2000 years ago, when the real Mary & Joseph travelled all the way to Bethlehem only to find that there was no room in the inn. Fortunately for our weary pair, they were welcomed into people's homes throughout Hilton and did not have to spend the night in a stable. Mary & Joseph travelled with a flock of knitted sheep and, each time they moved on, one of the sheep stayed behind – to be reunited with the rest of the flock during the Crib Service.

Once again this year, Mary & Joseph and their flock of sheep will be setting off around Hilton and are looking for places to stay. **Could you offer them a bed for the night?** What better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ than to welcome his parents into your own home or workplace! On the night of their visit, you could share a drink, a prayer or a meal with the previous hosts or maybe even organise a small party. We are also looking for sheep-knitting volunteers to help boost the flock numbers.

If you would like to take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration then please contact Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. The journey is open to everyone – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas!

The Fenstanton Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to everyone for their support. The retiring collection and money donated afterwards for coffee totalled £299.97 and has been duly sent to Royal British Legion. Thank you also to everyone who led and took part in the service the Act of Remembrance at the War memorial and served refreshments afterwards.

FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL

Thanks to all those who attended the Taste of India evening on Saturday 7th November. The food was absolutely wonderful, as was the company and we made £1000.30 !



Our next event is:

Saturday 5th December – Mulled Wine Evening with festive buffet

Tickets available from Ian Hucklesby (details below)

Great News! We are delighted to report that work will be starting on the renovations at the beginning of 2016, with the hall closing at Christmas. All being well we will be opening again in early Spring.

Thank you to all our regular users for their understanding during the works and we do apologise for any inconvenience caused during these renovations, which we do hope will be kept to a minimum. We obviously look forward to seeing you all next year in our beautiful new hall.

Although the work is starting we are still fund raising for the final fixtures and fittings, particularly for the kitchen. So you can still donate to our appeal by contacting Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton - Tel No. 01480 465211 (or alternatively you can email us at churchcentre@outlook.com), or you can send any donations via online banking; Account No. 93186830 / Sort Code 20-43-63.

The village school competition to design a Christmas Card for Fenstanton

(which has all the details of what is on in the Fenstanton churches this Advent and Christmas and should have been delivered with this magazine)

The joint winners were Freya Ambler, aged 5, for her local scene of the Clock Tower and Father Christmas and Rose Seear, aged 8, for her manger and gifts design. Both were presented with vouchers for W H Smiths in a school assembly recently and all entries are on display in the URC and Fenstanton Parish Church. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done to Freya and Rose.

Katie Hucklesby

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

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—DEC 2015/JAN 2016

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

6th	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
13th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Carols for EVERYONE with members of the Bury & Ramsey Band and solos by Alison & Susan (who sang at the Military Wives Concert)
20th	9.30am	Rev Chris Baker
	CHRISTMAS DAY - WORSHIP FOR ALL - AT 9.30AM	
	led by Rev Dr Catherine Ball	
27th	9.30am	Keith Cakebread

January

3rd	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
10th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	TBA
17th	9.30am	Maureen Kendall
24th	9.30am	Joint Service with the Parish Church
31st	9.30am	Rev Roy Muttrum

ADVENT COURSE

Catherine is running a course for Advent on two further Monday afternoons, December 7th and December 14th, at **2.30pm**.
Everyone is welcome to come along to both or either of these sessions.

OTHER EVENTS IN DECEMBER 2015 and JANUARY 2015

Tues	Dec 1st & 29th Jan 26th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat
Tues	Dec 8th & 22nd Jan 5th & 19th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters and Jigsaw Swop
Tues	Dec 15th & Jan 12th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	Dec 8th & Jan 12th	2.30pm	Meditation
Fri	Dec 4th	10.00am	Decorating Christmas Trees
Sat/Sun	Dec 5th & 6th	10.00am (Sat) 11.00am (Sun)	Christmas Tree Festival
Sat	Jan 16th	9.30am	Book Sale

Fenstanton Parish Church

We have lots of special activities and services in the coming weeks especially for children and families but everyone is welcome to join us.

Advent Adventure. Hidden around the village in shop, business and a cottage windows are 10 little knitted sheep like this one. As you post your Christmas cards or shop for friends can you spot them all and then come to our Crib Service (details below) and see how many little sheep are in church on that very special night.



Make sure you have signed the sheet to have our little knitted "Mary and Joseph" figures to stay overnight this Advent. Keep a sheep from the box and bring it to Crib Service, December 24th at 4.00pm

Christingle Service and Tea is on Sunday 6th December at 5.00pm. Please come along with family, friends and grandparents to this afternoon service and tea in aid of The Children's Society. This all- age service is partly candle-lit and all the children will receive a "Christingle" orange. Everyone is invited to stay for tea afterwards. Lots of information about the important work of The Children's Society at www.christingle.org



Come and join us for our annual Toy Service is on Sunday 13th December at 10.00am. Wrapped gifts of new toys will be received for local disadvantaged children this Christmas. Please mark your gift girl/boy and suitable age. Thank you.

At our Crib service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve we will hear The Christmas Story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, sing well known carols and place the figures in the Crib.



WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The Bridge Church
Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities
www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Service: 10.30am at the St Ivo School, High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR.
Come for some lively worship, hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet in small groups during the week, where we can build friendships and grow together in our faith.

We hold a:

- Monthly church prayer meeting.
- Men's prayer meeting early each Friday morning.
- Youth group for 11-18 year olds, Friday nights in term-time, 7.00-9.00pm.
- Chess and Games Club, 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month.
- Babies and Toddlers group, 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time.
- Bridge and Craft Clubs meet, 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons.
- A woman's weekly bible study group meets on Tuesdays.

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

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801 (Tuesday to Friday).

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

The Particular Baptist Chapel
Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW

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

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

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

Love in a box.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with this years 'Love in a Box' campaign.



Once again it has been very successful, with a total of 139 boxes collected by the organisers from Fen Drayton. This included the ones from Fenstanton and the surrounding villages. They also collected a large box of toys which were too big for the boxes and a cheque for £170 towards the transport.

Thank you to all who knitted hats, gloves and toys, filled boxes and bags, (some of them were just left on my doorstep and envelopes containing money just popped through my letter box). I find people so generous where children are involved.

All of these boxes will be received with delight at the orphanages in Moldova near Christmas

Thank you once again everyone

Jenny Stimpson

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our first meeting in November started with the "Last Post" played beautifully on the cornet by Andrew Bannister from the Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band. This was followed by two minutes silence. Afterwards Andrew played a variety of tunes and talked about his career in the banding world. We enjoyed this very much.

December 9th we have our Christmas meeting with Christmas flower arrangements and our secret Santa.

This will conclude a successful year. We

are looking forward to 2016 and hopefully boosting our membership with a varied programme.

We do not meet in January, so our first meeting will be 17th February when we will have our seasonal lunch.

Our general meeting will take place in March when we will discuss the past and future years. Please come along with your suggestions and interests. We are a friendly group and you would be most welcome.

Marie Newns 01480 350677

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

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

We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Sarah on Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk for any further information.



BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10.00am - 11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

10:00am - 4:00pm

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

11:00am – 4:00pm

DONATIONS to share between

**The Arthur Rank Hospice, the Special Care Baby Unit
and the United Reformed Church, will be very much appreciated**

FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND NATTERS



We celebrated our 8th Birthday on November 10th with a bring and share lunch. Twenty-eight ladies enjoyed a good selection of food.

We have sent a total of 2400 items to six charities over the year. The latest charity to receive our hats is Arthur Rank Hospice.

THE MINI-ARTHUR BEARS
have got their Christmas hats on thanks
to Knitters & Natters. They are
available on the tea bar at Mill Road
for £1.75

United Remembrance Service Sunday 8th November 2015



The ceremony at the lychgate and the Service in the Parish Church were led by Reverend Katy Dunn. At the lychgate the names on the Memorials commemorating the lives of those who died, from Hilton, during the two World Wars were read out, wreaths were laid and the two minutes silence observed. The congregation then entered the Church for the Service.

We would like to thank the 1st Hilton Brownies and 2nd Hilton Rainbows who attended the Ceremony and Service for the first time accompanied by Brown Owl; Claire Pitcher and Tawny Owl; Dawn Taylor. The Brownies and Rainbows began by walking in silence from the Village Hall to the lychgate bearing the Union Flag and their own standards which were later laid at the altar by Reverend Katy Dunn. They also took part in the wreath laying, read a lesson and a prayer. It was a very moving experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to give our very grateful thanks, on behalf of the Royal British Legion to the 19 people who carried Poppy Boxes to all our doors during Remembrance Tide. We also wish to convey our gratitude to Simon Perry at the Prince of Wales, Sunil at Hilton Post Office and Shop and Emily Randall at Monach Farm for their continued support. All your generous time means that your donations support service personnel and their families when help is needed. So far your generous donations collected around Hilton are in excess of £1,000, we will publicise our final total once all monies are counted.

AND NOW:- how can sufficient thanks be said for Hilton's support of the Royal British Legion during 2014? Hilton's final and amazing total is a humbling £1428.18! We are all thanked by Ray Sheppard, Head of the National Poppy Appeal as he informs us that we are part of a record breaking National 2014 Appeal, which will be in excess of £45 million.

Very many thanks to everyone, for all your support.

Margaret Shardlow and Julie Briggs
(joint Poppy Appeal Organisers for Hilton)

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



The newly reformed Fenstanton Football Club have been on top form so far this season in both league and cup games!

A 6-0 win against Litlington Athletic in the Cambs Creak Charity Shield saw new striker **Ben Hall**, who transferred from Great Paxton during the pre-season, open his account for the club as he scored a 2nd half hat-trick, to see Fenny through to the next round. Goals in that match also came from **Salv Merola**, **Ross Fairley** and Captain **Arran Balls**. They will now face either Saffron Crocus or Fowlmere Reserves in the next round.

The following week the score line was even greater when the club hosted Mildenhall United at home and thrashed them 8-0 in a league game! **Salv Merola** scored his 2nd hat-trick of the season, full back **Paul Street** scored only his 2nd goal in 2 years for the club, **Ben Hall** added to his tally for the season and **Dan Berrill**, **Kieran Heaford** and **Scott Morrison** completed the rout with a contender for goal of the season.

An away match to March Rangers saw the club come up against their toughest game of the season so far, and went home with a more modest score line of 3-1. **Salv Merola** and **Ben Hall** were on target yet again and midfield general **Dion Lee** scored a wonder goal to claim all 3 points.

Another league match the following week against Soham United Reserves at home and another 3 points for Fenny where the result was 4-1. **Ben Hall** scored his 6th goal of the season and veteran **Ben Fuller** scored a hat-trick against his old club, making it 7 goals for him so far this season. However, the match was overshadowed by the injury of defender **Darren Bryant**, who fractured his shoulder while the game was still goalless in the opening period. He is now out of action until sometime next year.

You can read in depth match reports on our website at

www.fenstantonfootballclub.com/match-reports

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

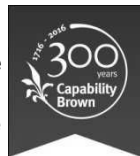
December and January's fixtures

DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	K O	COMPETITION
05/12/15	Home	Mepal Sports	2pm	League Match
12/12/15	Home	Bluntisham Rangers Reserves	2pm	League Match
19/12/15	Home	Bar Hill Saturday Reserves	2pm	League Match
02/01/16	Away	Wisbech St Mary A	2pm	League Match
09/01/16	Home	Brampton Reserves	2pm	League Match
16/01/16	Home	Cottenham United Reserves	2pm	League Match
23/01/16	Home	Little Downham Swifts	2pm	League Match
30/01/16	Away	Brampton Reserves	2pm	League Match

All fixtures are subject to change.

For up to date news on the club, please visit **www.fenstantonfootballclub.com** or **www.facebook.com/fenstantonfc**

Fenstanton Capability Brown 300 Festival



Next year marks the 300 anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown. We have a strong connection as he was Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton and he and some of his family members are buried in the churchyard.

There are extensive national celebrations running from March to October 2016 and the Fenstanton CB300 Committee are making plans for the village to take part in these celebrations, culminating during August with a flower festival, church service, afternoon tea and other events.

We are to become a key Ambassador Site and we will be given support and advice to develop and deliver a static display in the church which will focus on the awareness of the Brown elements of the village.

As part of this we are also supporting with Fenstanton Parish Church with their fundraising appeal to renovate the large Memorial in the Chancel, which is estimated will cost in excess of £50,000. Donations towards this can be made at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/fenstantoncb300memorialappeal>. This can be gift aided and obviously you can also donate using the gift aid envelopes in the church and marking it Brown Memorial.

Look out for more information on Brown, along with further information on forthcoming events, in future editions of Spectrum.

If you would like to become involved in these celebrations or need any information please contact Ray on 01480 370973 / fenstantoncb300@googlemail.com

FENSTANTON WI

We met on 5th November and in spite of missing the fireworks, we were splendidly entertained. Our speaker was Mrs Mary Blackhurst Hill and her subject was "Scarf Tying".

I was amazed at how entertaining this subject could be.

Mrs Blackhurst Hill told us that though she had over 30 ways to tie scarfs, she had come across a website that claimed to show 250 methods.

She demonstrated ways to tie square scarves, long scarves, small scarves and large scarves.

She showed us how to tame our Pashminas, converting them into elegant jackets, just by tying a couple of knots.

All the while she was telling us amusing anecdotes. She was an entertaining speaker and we had a fun filled evening. Now we are hoping she will be invited

again to speak on one of her other subjects.

Future events

December 3rd: Christmas meeting We are to be entertained by Polish Dancers

January: No meeting

Please Note: Owing to the renovation work in the Church Centre, our meetings from February 2016 will be held in the URC Church, Chequer Street.

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our Secretary Deborah Markl on 01480 831320.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Plans for the Christmas Lights event and Christmas Draw on Tuesday, 8th December, are on course and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Clock Tower at 6.30pm (see poster elsewhere in this issue). May I remind you that we would really appreciate it if the car parking area round the Clock Tower is kept free of cars on that day only and that the road closure in front of Barry's Plaice from 4.00pm to 9.00pm requires us to keep the road flanking the pond absolutely clear and car-free for residents to access their homes.

We have had talks with a Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Manager and have been greatly reassured to hear that the provision of two sites for a community/village hall as detailed in the Local Development Framework to 2036 still stands.

The Design Brief set out by HDC for any developer of the Dairy Crest site included the provision of an area for a village hall. We understand that the current planning application by Morris Homes for the development of this site is at a very early stage and we can only hope that the developer will amend his original application to conform to the brief.

The more people who write in to support the need for a village hall site at Dairy Crest the more likely this is to happen. Everyone can write in with their comments right up until the final decision day; so please do have your say either by going on to the website www.huntingdon.gov.uk/planning or by writing a letter. To reinforce our case for the need for a site for a new village hall on Dairy Crest land we are going to start a petition which we hope all residents of Fenstanton will sign.

Committee members will be calling on you in order to sell Christmas Draw tickets and will ask for your signature for the petition at the same time or you can sign the petition at the Post Office.

We are looking for storage space for our gazebos and equipment after the Christmas Lights event and wondered whether any Fenstanton resident is not using his or her garage or might have sufficient spare garage space to hold our stuff (Luminus has said all its garages in Fenstanton are rented out). Please do get in touch if you can help us out at fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or on 01480 461751. Thank you.

**IN FENSTANTON ON
MONDAY JANUARY 6TH
Please place all electrical
waste kerbside by 10.00am**

**PARISH COUNCIL FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION
OF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**



Please recycle your waste electrical items (WEEE) and help this community.

It will be collected and recycled. The Parish Council will receive revenue for all WEEE collected for use in community projects.

WASHING MACHINES, COOKERS, FRIDGES*, TVs & EQUIPMENT, MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER TELEPHONES, TOASTERS, KETTLES AND OTHER KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, CLOCKS, RADIOS, CAMERAS, VIDEO RECORDERS, GAMES CONSOLES, MUSIC SYSTEMS, DRILLS & OTHER POWER TOOLS, ALL TYPES OF LIGHT BULBS & TUBES...

* with larger appliances we can assist with moving them from your property to our vehicle.

**WEEE materials are accepted at our
recycle facility at: 11 Caxton Rd,
St Ives, PE27 3LS, Tel: 0845 894 9979
www.wiserre-cycling.co.uk**



1st Fenstanton & Hilton Cubs

Would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Family Bingo Night held on 17th October. This was a fundraising event raising money for Cubjam 2016, to be held at Gilwell Park in Essex, from 27th May to 3rd June 2016.

Over 70 people attended the Bingo night and a great night of food, fun and family time was had by all. Special thanks go to Rebecca Cumbers for co-ordinating the event, Poppy Gowler for donating the sack of potatoes and Amanda & Phil Martin and Katie Hucklesby for producing a great meal of Bangers & Mash. Also to Guy McCulloch for being our bingo caller for the evening - some new 'Bingo lingo' was enjoyed by all - although we are not sure if some of these were made up by Guy on the night!!

Also thanks must go to everyone who kindly donated food, prizes and the time and effort needed to carry off such a successful event - everything was greatly appreciated.

Many of our lovely local businesses including: MO'S MOTORS; QUIRKY BOUTIQUE; BARRY'S PLAICE; ASHES AT NISA; FENSTANTON POST OFFICE; KING WILLIAM IV; RON'S FARM SHOP and PERFECT BEAUTY who donated some fantastic prizes.

We are thrilled to say that, after expenses, we have raised a total of £532.03 which will help send our children to Cubjam 2016.

The aim of Cubjam is to offer Cub Scouts from across the UK the opportunity to join together for a week of "jamboree" style fun, reminding them that they have much in common with each other – no matter what their background or where they are from. Cubjam aims to give them a taste of the adventure that lies ahead in years to come.

Many thanks Erika

Hilton Christmas Youth Choir

Join us for fun rehearsals of carols and early Christmas cheer on Sundays in December, leading up to the Christmas Eve Crib Service at Hilton Parish Church.

All welcome - ages 0-18 - you don't have to live in Hilton or be an expert singer. We'd love to have some more secondary school children this year so we can really impress on Christmas Eve!

Sunday 6th December at 11.15am

Sunday 13th & 20th December at 10.00am

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Call Becca for more info on 831288

HILTON UKULELE GROUP (HUG)

Are having their Christmas Party on the **18th December**
at the Village Hall, Hilton from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Ticket price includes: entertainment including traditional
Christmas songs to sing along to; hot and cold beverages;
mince pies and home made cakes!

There will also be a festive raffle.

All the money raised will be split between HUG
and the wonderful shoe box appeal.

Adult Tickets: £3.00, Concession Tickets: £2.00

Call 07527 520038 or email 08jgingell@gmail.com
for tickets and information.

Come and have some Christmas fun – wear something Christmassy.



HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Greetings from the Hilton Produce Show Committee. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner again and although we have enjoyed fairly mild weather during October, early November has brought quite a bit of rain to make the leaves even harder to shift. I suppose we are never satisfied. But as we inevitably approach winter this is an ideal time to make plans for next year.

As always the Produce Show Committee, with its enthusiastic new members, is thinking ahead and getting ideas and will be meeting in January to start making plans with a view to publishing the new schedule for the 2016 show. So do remember to check your copies of Spectrum in March and start planning.

In the meantime the Committee would like to wish all Hilton producers, supporters, friends and helpers a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and productive 2016.



PIE & MASH EVENING

Before we knew it, the Village Hall Committee had sold out for this event as, when the numbers quickly reached 100, we realised we couldn't fit any more into the Hall!

Grateful thanks to all those who turned out during an extremely wild night (weather-wise) to support our Village Hall. This time, monies raised will go towards doors in the newly widened space between the 'old' and the 'new' areas in the Hall.

It WAS a lot of hard work but many thanks must go to:

Steve and his team for giving us a fun quiz, which ran between courses; all our husbands along with the chairman's wife, Ann, who acted as waiters and 'gofers'; the lovely raffle sellers and last, but not least, our lovely friends who always step forward, this time to produce an impressive array of steamed puddings yes, even 'spotted Dick'! Truly, without such willing help, we couldn't have done it without you - many, many thanks.

Doreen Bates

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For further information contact:

Mrs P Hucklesby, 51 Middleton Way, Fen Drayton,
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DAY, EVENING, CONTRACT BOOKINGS.

Single Function Fees

Before 7.00pm £14.00 per hour

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Contract Bookings

(Committee Room only)

Before 7.00pm £8.00 per hour

After 7.00pm £12.00 per hour

Letting Officer: Lesley Fordham,
7, Tithe Close, Hilton

TELEPHONE NUMBER TO BOOK HALL
07752 678415

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week committee have made it our priority to plan the Feast week fundraising events for the forthcoming year to encourage villagers to attend so pop them in your diaries now. We look forward to seeing you there!

Feast week, as you know, costs a great deal of money to run and is entirely dependent on the money we raise throughout the year at our fund raising events. The attendance's at this year's events was lower than normal, and as a result we started the Feast Week entertainment programme with a shortfall.

We as a committee are concerned that, should this pattern continue, we will not be able to guarantee Feast Week will continue in the format we all have come to expect and enjoy. Feast week is for the village and has been running for over 30 years, so please put these dates in your diary and plan your social calendar ahead (they will also always be at the back of Spectrum for reference).

The Feast week committee would like to thank the firework committee and the Parish Council for putting on a fantastic display at the Bonfire night in Hilton.

We endeavour to put events on for the whole community to encourage you to come along, so come enjoy and help raise the much needed funds for next year's Feast Week.

These events may be subject to change, so please check the website.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank-you to all of the Feast Week committee who have worked hard, to pull all this together for our community. We as a village are so lucky to have such a great events for everyone to enjoy.

5th December 2015: 7.30pm, Quiz and Curry Night

13th December 2015: 12.00noon - 4.00pm, Children's Christmas Party

30th January 2016: 7.30pm, Burns Night with Haggis Supper

5th March 2016: 7.30pm, Quiz Night with Supper

26th March 2016: Easter Egg Hunt.

23rd April 2016: 7.30pm, Murder Mystery Night

4th June 2016: 7.30pm, Race Night

22nd July 2016: 7.00pm, Hilton Summer Ball, (black tie)

24th July 2016: Feast Week starts with Produce Show and Parade of Floats

See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest events.

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SECRETARY: JUDY WARD

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

CRAIG SUTHERLAND, GILL GILL, SARAH BLACKWELL, JOE HOLMES.

We had the most entertaining and informative life story we could possibly imagine when Tracy Mackness came to our November meeting to tell us her life story.

When she was young her parents ran a fruit and vegetable stall and she and her brother had to help them. She soon learned how to encourage people to buy their fruit and this knowledge was to help her when she grew older, rebelled against her life and frequently skipped school.

With no formal qualifications she bravely managed to find a job at Fords in Dagenham. Life improved but then she was involved with a group of people who, unbeknown to her, were involved with drugs. She was unfortunate to be caught by the police and with several others taken to court.

A sentence of 10 years was devastating but she decided to use the time to improve her education. She took 52 course and trained as a Gym Instructor. When after 5 years she asked to go to an Open Prison she was sent to one which had a pig farm. Although she had never done anything like this before she really loved the job. The Governor was helpful and sent her on more courses to the local college.

When she got parole she went out into the surrounding villages and she spotted a butcher's shop wanting an assistant. Tracy talked the butcher into letting her work with him and her future changed. He had some land which he used to keep pigs on and when he was

no longer able to cope Tracy took it over, built new pens, bought some pigs from the prison and set up her own business.

She has: sold some pigs to Jimmie's Farm; appeared on TV; given talks in schools; talked on the radio and written a book about her life.

She has four dogs named Sausage, Mash, Gravy and Chips and has achieved her dream of becoming a pig farmer. Many of us bought her gorgeous sausages and bacon and her book.

Carol Bowles and I went on the federation weekend to Denman College where we spent our time making silver jewellery. It was quite challenging but very enjoyable, we came home with our works of art (well we think they are!). We used a syringe, moulds and painted a leaf with silver, quite a busy weekend.

Don't forget!

December 3rd

Craft Club, 1.30pm - 4.00pm

December 14th, our next meeting, will be our Christmas Party. Remember to bring a plate of either savoury or sweet party food. As it is a Bring and Share party bring yourself and share in the fun.

December 18th

Book Club Lunch at the Prince of Wales on, 12.30pm.

The next workshop on February 6th will be a demonstration by Rosemary Hughes on how to make a floral nosegay.

Kath Charter



HILTON ART CLUB

On 18th December, the Club are celebrating our annual Christmas Lunch, so there will be no session at the village hall.

15th January 2016 9.30 am – 12.00 We start the new year with 'Mastering The Art – painting in the style of your favourite artist'

Other news: Hilton Art Club had been selected to attend the SAA Headquarters in Newark, Notts., which is a supplier of art materials on-line and very popular with professional and amateur artists alike. This was for our club entry to their sketchbook 'Layflat Challenge', when members used their supplied book to draw or paint across 2 pages and send it back for judging. At the time of going to press we are anticipating a fun day there on 13th November. More details in the next issue!

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

On November 7th everybody enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with our demonstrator Lesley Beeton. Lesley did five Christmas arrangements. So five lucky winners took one home.

December 7th is our Christmas party so we are looking forward to seeing you all, don't forget to bring your Christmas arrangement.

February 1st is our first meeting in the new year, when Beverley and June will be doing the Flower demonstration, so the lucky winners will take an arrangement home.

May 21st - 22nd we are having a flower festival in Hilton church to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday and 64 year's reign. The flower club will be keeping you all up to date with our progress.

Meetings are in Hilton Village Hall, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea & biscuits), Raffle £1.00

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our ladies.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

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

Contact Kate Middleton on ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk



Story tellings at Hemingford Manor

An evening of ghost stories from M R James.

"I could have sworn I heard a thin metallic voice laughing high up in the tower. I darted an inquiring glance at my sacristan. He was white to the lips. "It is he – that is – it is no one; the door is locked," was all he said, and we looked at each other for a full minute."

Though I only heard an impression of the thin metallic laugh, I felt the same chill of worry. I recently had the pleasure of a few evenings of storytelling in the music room of Hemingford Grey Manor. It is a wonderful place to hear the ghost stories of M R James that were written to be read aloud by candlelight: Which is just how Robert Lloyd Parry performs them, using the guttering shadows to full effect and drawing the small audience in with his every word.

There were perhaps 15 of us in total, and at least two in the front row jumped clear out of their chairs with the delivery of the line "he flew out of his chair with deadly, inconceivable terror clutching at his heart." At other times there were hushed silences and outright laughter. M R James stories each have a spooky tale to tell, but are told with humour or wonderful cameos of doddering academics and excellent descriptions of the wonderful countryside and coast of this region.

Each evening has two storytellings. Diana (the daughter in law of Lucy Boston, the author) sets the mood with a brief history of the house and a recital on the wind up gramophone. This most historic house; the setting of the Children of Green Knowe stories has no doubt seen its own ghosts. In the interval there is a welcome glass of hot mulled wine (the music room is quite chilly). My companion took the opportunity to wander up to the haunted children's bedroom to make use of the bathroom facilities, and just check that the rocking horse wasn't rocking by itself.

The only thing I would change is to remember next time that the nearby Cock Inn in Hemingford Grey opens at 6pm on story evenings. A good meal of sausage and mash would have helped keep out the chills.

Robert Lloyd Parry (of Nunkie Theatre) performs five different evenings of stories throughout the dark months of the year at various venues – see <http://www.nunkie.co.uk/> or email roblloydparry@hotmail.com.

Hemingford Grey Manor itself is open for garden and house tours by arrangement with Diana as well as a number of special events such as the ghost story evenings – see <http://www.greenknowe.co.uk/> or call 01480 463134.

The Cock Inn won Cambridgeshire Dining Pub of the year 2015; bookings can be made at <http://www.cambscuisine.com/the-cock-hemingford>.

Sue Jones

Christmas in Saxon Fenstanton

Christmas will soon be here and for many of us it is the most important festival and holiday of the year. Families get together, give and receive presents, eat and drink and have a good time. In celebrating this time of year we are in fact recreating a festival that predates the coming of Christianity to Anglo-Saxon Fenstanton.



If we were living in Fenstanton during Saxon times, we would find the winter months particularly difficult to cope with. It was a time of long nights and short days with only a small fire to give light. Huddled in damp and draughty wattle and daub homes, our ancestors must have longed for the coming of spring and the warming sun. It was, therefore, the perfect time to feast and create artificial light and warmth.

The pre-Christian Anglo-Saxons called the months that overlapped winter, (December and January), 'Yule'. Yuletide, the ancient festival that occupied midwinter, was celebrated for a number of days running on from December 25th. We are given a clue as to how the early Anglo Saxons celebrated Yuletide thanks to the 8th century scholar, Bede, who tells us: *"They (The Anglo Saxons) began the year with December 25th, the day we now celebrate as Christmas."* By the second half of the 7th century, thanks to the teachings of St Ivo, Fenstanton people would have begun celebrating the Christian festival of 'Christ's Mass'.

All work stopped except looking after animals. People would visit friends and it was seen as very much a community celebration. The centerpiece of the Saxon Christmas day would be much the same as today, Christmas dinner. The centre of the Lord's hall (which would have been somewhere near to the present church site) would have been dominated by a large log fire, which supplied warmth and over which the food was cooked. A hole in the roof served as an inefficient chimney, and the single room would soon have filled with smoke.

Turkey was unheard of at that time, as were potatoes and many other fruit and vegetables that we take for granted today. Meat, of course, was in plentiful supply. Hunting was a favourite pastime of Saxon men. Sheep, cattle and poultry were reared, but at the Lord's feast most people would have tucked into boar, venison or pork that had been roasted on a spit over the open fire. The smell would have whetted the appetites of everyone in the packed room and great slabs of meat would be sliced or torn off the carcass.

Hygiene was not high on the agenda, and the intestines and other unusable waste from the animals would simply be tossed onto the floor for the dogs to consume. What they left behind would attract the mice, rats and other vermin. Table manners would have been non-existent, but musicians would no doubt be present as singing and drinking was indulged with great enthusiasm.

There would have been a number of courses with herbs and seasoning used in abundance, along with onions and garlic to enhance the taste. Cereals made a substantial contribution to the Saxon diet. Wheat would be used for making bread, oats for making porridge and barley for brewing beer. Honey was used for sweetening and for brewing mead, apples and pears for brewing cider. Carrots, parsnips, peas and cabbage would probably have been on the menu, along with a variety of wildfowl. Aromatic plants were widely used in the cooking, dill, thyme, opium poppy and coriander, to name just a few. As the assembled guests found a cozy corner in which to collapse, the servants (most probably slaves) would doubtless have scooped up whatever was left over.



A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM JOHN DEEKS

Stay well this winter

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy – get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Look after others – check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- Be prepared – get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- Choose the right service – your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

For help with finding local NHS services visit

<http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturdays, December 5th & January 2nd
10.00am until 12.00noon.**



We will have all the usual FAIRTRADE goods on sale and we will be serving coffee or tea and biscuits. Do come and join us for a chat and browse the goods on sale.

Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH

DECEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs.

Northcote House & Fenstanton Surgeries

Patient Newsletter

SMS Text Messaging: We are pleased to say that we now have the facility to send SMS text messages to our patients via their mobile phones. Currently we are using this to send an immediate confirmation of a booked appointment with one of our clinicians, followed by a reminder message the day prior to the appointment. We hope that this will help both our patients and us to manage our appointments more effectively. To help us with this please let us have a note of your up-to-date mobile phone number as soon as possible—thank you

On line access: If you have internet access at home you can make appointments, order repeat prescriptions and access some details of your medical record on line. To do this you just need to bring in proof of identity to our reception team and they will talk you through the process and arrange a password for you. From next April more details from your records will be made available to you.

We especially encourage using the on-line prescription ordering service as the request goes directly into your record. We are discouraging ordering by telephone as this is very time consuming for us and can lead to misunderstandings, so we ask that you please use the on-line or written/postal methods whenever possible.

Surgery Equipment Fund: Currently we need to purchase a set of baby scales for our Fenstanton surgery, we would like to purchase our own Doppler machine for measuring blood flow and aiding the treatment of leg ulcers (currently we have to borrow one, when available, from the district nursing team). We also wish to upgrade the seating for patients in our waiting areas to make it Care Quality Commission compliant. None of these items are provided for us by the NHS and we therefore have to find alternative funding for them. If you feel that you could help us to obtain these items, we have a "Northcote House Equipment" account set up to which any donations can be made. Both we, and all our patients would be very grateful—thank you

Minor Illness and Minor Injury services

The local Accident and Emergency Departments at both Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Addenbrookes in Cambridge are both under enormous pressure. At the practice we can deal with many minor illnesses and minor injury conditions, for example minor head injuries, coughs, colds, strains and sprains can all be dealt with here. Please call us before contacting the hospital whenever possible and help us to help you.

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : www.swavesey surgery.nhs.uk

You can use our website to; register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more.....

FLU Vaccination - REMINDER

The influenza vaccination is offered to all those aged 65 and over and those considered in an 'at risk' group, including carers. If you are unsure whether you are eligible please ask at reception.

Please phone the surgery to book an appointment

When to use your local pharmacy.....

All common conditions can be treated with a medication that is available to buy over the counter from your local pharmacy, such as:

coughs, colds, sore throats, hayfever, allergies, skin rashes, upset stomach, diarrhoea, constipation, colic, piles, headache/migraine, toothache, eczema, threadworm, lice, scabies, athletes foot, cold sores, ringworm, fungal nail infections, conjunctivitis

Antibiotics do not work against infections such as coughs and colds caused by viruses. Viral infections are much more common than bacterial infections.

Equipment Fund

We have set up an equipment fund for Swavesey Surgery and will initially be raising money towards the purchase of a dermatoscope to assist in the diagnosis of skin cancer.

In order to start this off we have set up a bookcase where second hand books can be purchased for a small donation. Any books you can donate would be welcome. All donations towards the surgery fund will be greatly received.

Patient Group

The next meeting with the Swavesey Surgery patient group will be held on Friday 4th December at 4pm in the surgery.

If you have any topics you would like discuss regarding the surgery and would like to meet with Lorna Gardiner (Practice Manager) and the members of the patient group we would be pleased to welcome you.

Samples

Please note that the surgery can no longer accept urine or stool samples after 2pm in the afternoon.

Ordering prescriptions over the Christmas/New Year period

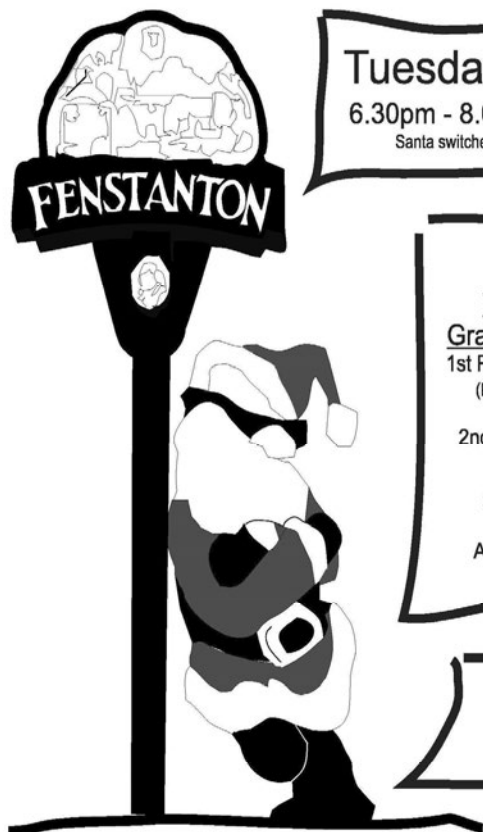
Please can we ask that you order your repeat prescriptions in good time before and during the Christmas/New Year period, to allow us plenty of time to order stock in and process the request.

The dispensary will be closed on the following days:

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>– Friday</i>	<i>25th December 2015</i>
<i>Bank holiday</i>	<i>- Monday</i>	<i>28th December 2015</i>
<i>New Years day</i>	<i>- Friday</i>	<i>1st January 2016</i>

christmas LIGHTS

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



Tuesday 8th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm

The Fenstanton Village Hall
Grand Christmas Draw at 7.10pm

1st Prize £200 worth of John Lewis vouchers
(kindly donated by Thames Laboratories)

2nd Prize £150 worth of Go Ape vouchers
(kindly donated by Inside2Outside)

3rd Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper

And many other locally-sourced prizes

Christmas Market and Carols,
Refreshments including Mulled Wine,
Mince Pies, Ginger Biscuits and
Hot and Cold Drinks .

Raffle tickets available from Ron's Farm Shop and the Post Office.



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire

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

Wardens' Tales and Quiz

For our December meeting, The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present a miscellany of two short Wardens' Tales plus a light-hearted wildlife quiz. This will be held on Wednesday **9th December** starting at 7.30pm.

Two of the Wildlife Trusts' Voluntary Wardens will tell us about the work on their reserves over the year, including the fauna, flora, history and conservation of these wildlife habitats. Kevin Doidge is Warden of Upwood Meadows National Nature Reserve, which is well known for its fascinating flora. Martin Baker is Warden of Lady's Wood, which is a little gem of ancient woodland particularly renowned for its bluebells in spring. Following the success of last year's fun wildlife quiz we will be holding another one this year, together with the usual raffle, wine and mince pies.

Fighting Wildlife Crime

At our first meeting in the New Year, on Wednesday **13th January** at 7.30pm, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk entitled 'Bird Crime - Fighting Wildlife Crime'.

Our speaker will be Bob Elliott who has been with the RSPB as Head of Investigations since the inception of the unit in 1989. His team concentrates on species of conservation concern and work closely with the police and statutory agencies to further the enforcement of the law. Bob will talk about recent cases and explain where the problems still exist today.

Both of these meetings will be held at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

Dates of future events:

Feb 6th	Hilton WI Workshop
Mar 5th	Quiz night with supper (p35)
Mar 26th	Easter Egg Hunt (p35)
Apr 23rd	Murder Mystery night (p35)
May 21-22nd	Hilton flower festival (p39)
June 4th	Race night (p35)
July 2nd	Fenstanton Sports Day
July 7-10th	Fringe in the Fen
July 22nd	Hilton Summer Ball - Black tie (p35)
July 24th	Hilton Feast Week starts (p35)
August ?	End of capability Brown Celebrations.



(If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it 'Dates of Future Events')

WHAT'S on in December 2015 & January 2016

1st	Coffee & Chat	URC Church	10.00am	p23
3rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p29
3rd	Hilton WI Craft Club	Village Hall	1.30pm	p37
5th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.30am	p45
URC CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - Dec 5th/6th (p26)				
5th	Quiz and curry night at Hilton	Village Hall	7.30pm	p35
5th	Fenstanton P C Mulled Wine Evening	Church Centre		p21
6th Hilton	Hilton Youth Choir	Hilton Parish Church	11.15am	p31
7th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p39
8th	Fenstanton Christmas tree lights	Clock Tower	6.30pm	p49
9th	Friendship Club	URC Church	2.00pm	p25
9th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p50
13th	Hilton Children's Christmas Party	Village hall	12.00noon	p35
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p37
15th	Carol singing around Hilton		6.00pm	p17
18th	Hilton Book Club Lunch	Prince of Wales	12.30pm	p37
18th	Hilton Art Club Christmas Lunch			p39
18th	Ukulele Group at Hilton	Vuillage Hall	6.00pm	p33
29th	Coffee & Chat	URC Church	10.00am	p23
Jan 2nd	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.30am	p45
6th	WEEE Collection in Fenstanton		10.00am	p30
13th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p50
14th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
15th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p39
16th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p23
26th	Coffee & Chat	URC Church	10.00am	p23
30th	Burns Night with Haggis Supper	Hilton Village Hall	7.30pm	p35

Regular Weekly Meeting:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p25)
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p39)
Football (p28)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p 27)
Sewing Bee at URC

LIBRARY VAN

2nd Thursday each month
Hilton, Village hall
Fenstanton, Headlands,
Chapel Green

2.05pm
3.15pm
3.35pm

For Church services etc. see (p17-24)