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Letters & Notices

Spectrum would like to say thank you to **Jean Ding** for the images she has supplied us from her book about Old Fenstanton, Spectrum will be featuring these in this and future editions of the magazine.

To an Anonymous Donor

The Over 60's Club would like to thank you for the gifts you gave for prizes at our Christmas Party. They were greatly appreciated. May we offer your our heartfelt wishes belatedly for a happy 2008. **Lily Humbles** (Treasurer)

Joe Ranger - Thank you to all of the Hilton people who made our Dad's funeral so memorable late last year. When they moved to Hilton, so many years ago, it was clear to us that Joe and Mary had found a place to call home, and we are pleased that Hilton is their place of rest.

As anyone who knew Joe will be aware, losing Mary left too great a hole in his life and while the staff at Primrose Hill Nursing Home looked after him so well, it is our great hope that they are now re-united.

With best wishes, **Peter, Mark, Christine and Linda Ranger'**

SPECTRUM DELIVERY VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

To cover Pitfields Close in Fenstanton. If you are interested in helping please contact us at spectrum.news@tesco.net

I was unfortunate enough to become a victim of the ice in Hilton on the morning of 16th November. My car ended up on its roof in the water outside the village hall, and I had to swim to safety! I would like to publicly thank all those who were present and helped me in so many ways,

including taking me into the warmth of the village hall, offering me a change of clothes, hot drinks and retrieving my belongings from the upturned car. Particular thanks to Pam for taking me into her home, giving me a warm fire and calming me down! Thankfully I was unharmed, and hope no-one else suffers the same fate as I did during the bad weather.

Ian Briggs

Fenstanton Parish Church

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christingle and Toy services this year. £222.91 was raised for the Children's Society for vulnerable young children and 50 parcels of toys were collected by our local social services team for local needy children at Christmas. Many thanks for your support and generosity,

Katherine Hucklesby.

My wife sat chortling. Not unusual; she has a good sense of humour. But what she certainly does not have is a love of cricket. She is one of the many who find its rules impenetrable and can't begin to fathom the appeal of a game that may last five days yet end in a draw.

Despite that, there she was chuckling away at Spectrum's December/January issue, with its round up of the Hilton cricket team's 2007 season. Why?

Because the article was so good even a 'cricket atheist' could enjoy it.

I don't know the author but I do know that this was just the most recent of a succession of hilarious reports on the team's fortunes. Thank you and more power to your elbow - be you batsman (batswoman?) bowler, or mere scribe...

Mike Phillips

Parish Council Report

HILTON

A14. The Parish Council has received a report from a private acoustic specialist regarding the potential noise impact of the A14 on Hilton village and will use the material in further discussions with the Highways Agency. The Parish Council had written to other villages likely to be affected by the A14 asking that we join together to present common inputs to the Highways Agency where applicable.

Notice Board. A new notice board has been ordered for installation at the Post Office. The new board should be available in early March.

Removal of Beech Tree. The Parish Council tree specialist has reluctantly felt it necessary to condemn the beech tree located at the bend of the High Street. The Council expects to have to remove the tree in the near future.

Council Vacancy. The vacancy on the Parish Council has still to be filled. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor is asked to contact the Parish Clerk

Bonfire. The village bonfire this year was very successful and enjoyable and made a small profit of just over £100. Our thanks to Graham Barradell and his team for all their hard work

WANTED: HERITAGE GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Pupils at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School are about to embark upon an exciting project learning all about our famous 'grandfather' John Howland, who set sail on the Mayflower for the New World in 1620. During my research, I have made contact with an organisation called Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association, whose website has provided us with some valuable resources.

The organisation are looking for interested members of the community to form a heritage group which would research John Howland's heritage and that of the Pilgrim Fathers', as well as developing contacts with the John Howland Society in the US (members of which visited Fenstanton a few years ago). It is the vision of the Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association to bring together other communities within the UK from which noted Pilgrim Fathers originated, and to look to making the 400th anniversary of the landing in 2020 a great event.

If you would be interested in being part of this group, or could help us with our school project in any way, please contact me at school.

Michelle Rosenfeld (01480 375055)

Parish Council Report

FENSTANTON

Police report.

During the period 8th November 2007 to 8th January 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

3 of theft, 3 of criminal damage and 1 of horse rustling.

Headlands Park Play Area.

Plans, drawings and quotations have now been received from various play equipment manufacturers. These and the options they offer will now be considered. It is the Parish Council's intention to consult with the potential users of the equipment to ensure what is provided meets their ideals and is of course best value. It is hoped to start work during the Spring and be completed by early Summer.

Fenstanton Cemetery.

The Parish Council has identified a number of unsafe headstones which fall into a high risk category. It is imperative that the headstones are made safe at the earliest opportunity and the decision has been made to undertake the work within the next few weeks. A reputable stone mason has been engaged to make the necessary repairs. It is expected that work will start early in the New Year. On this occasion all costs will be borne by the Parish Council, however, relatives are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance of the grave and also ensuring the headstone is in a safe condition. In future relatives will be advised of any headstone found to be in an unsafe condition with the expectation that work will be undertaken promptly to remedy the situation. Should the Parish Council have to undertake the work all costs will be recharged to the relatives responsible for the upkeep on the grave.

Concern has been expressed at the amount of green waste being deposited in the far western corner of the Cemetery. This is not a recognised area for depositing waste and not only does the practice detract from the overall appearance of the Cemetery but this area is destined to be used for future burial plots. The request is made that all waste is taken from the Cemetery and disposed of in a responsible manner.

Mobile Library Schedule .

The County Council have advised of the following time changes for the mobile library :-
Headlands. Arrives 15:15. Departs 1545.

Chapel Green. Arrives 1600. Departs 1630 T. mobile library will visit the Village alternate Tuesdays commencing from 15th January 2008.

A14 – Joint Villages Initiative

The Parish Council have agreed to join with Hilton and other Parishes affected by the re-routed by the A14. The principal objective is to ensure all environmental issues are addressed at an early stage including the most effective methods of screening, sound reduction and the protection of rural footpaths.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th February 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.



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Changes to **Concessionary Fares** from April 2008.

Travel by local bus after 09:30 anywhere in England for **FREE** be it to Ely Cathedral or to Durham Cathedral.

Everyone will need to **reapply** for a new bus pass.

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Fenstanton WI

On February 7th we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary. The W.I. was formed in Stoney Creek, Canada in 1847 to give women living in isolated areas fellowship and the chance to share and pass on important skills. The first W.I. in Britain was in Anglesey in 1915.

Fenstanton W.I. was formed on 28th February 1918 and was held at the Literary Institute in Hall Green Lane. Our longest serving member of over 70 years is Cis Ellis who joined when she was 14 years. Her mother Mrs. E. Runham was a President during the 1930s.

Our archives reflect the social history and changes over the last 90 years. In 1922 the subscription for a year was 2/- (10p) and tea and biscuits cost 1d. Now the subscription is £27 and tea and biscuits cost 20p. Early speakers were often members who gave demonstrations of bed making during illness, making coconut ice and plain needlework. Later there were outside talks on interior design with the use of distemper. In the 1960s there was a talk by one of the first policewomen and a demonstration of new plastic products called Tupperware. By the 1970s the talks were about health and beauty and counting calories. During the 1980s people were travelling abroad and there were slide shows of America, Egypt, Rhodesia and Zambia. Now talks reflect the wider interests of women. Competitions in the 1920s were for the best piece of darning or the best sponge cake. By the 1950s they had changed to the prettiest brooch or the largest number of objects in a matchbox. Now because women lead busier lives the competitions are kept very simple. Last year it was a different animal each month ornament, toy or picture.

The 'Jam and Jerusalem' image probably began during the Second World War when the government did ask the W.I. to make jam, marmalade and preserves to aid the war effort. However, some of our younger members wanted to learn these skills so last year Val Rodgers gave a demonstration at her home. Homemade jam and marmalade once again appeared on our Cake Stall. Fund raising events such as coffee mornings, garden parties and cake stalls have always been part of our W.I. life. There have always been campaigns on national and local issues from being involved in the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign during the 1960s to walking footpaths to make sure they were in good condition and properly signposted. In 1970 the W.I. sent a resolution to the Ministry of Transport strongly objecting to the further division of Fenstanton village by the proposed changes to the A604. In this they were unsuccessful but they did get an underpass built under the now infamous A14 which divides the village. Over the years the W.I. have planted several trees in the village, the last one an oak tree, was planted to celebrate the millennium. The ladies of Fenstanton W.I. are not living in an isolated community but apart from friendship and fun each member knows that if they have problems or suffer ill health then they have strong support to help them.

If you would like to join our W.I. please come along to our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre. For more information please contact our secretary Beryl Harvey on (01480) 469278.

Old Fenstanton- a collection of photographs by Jean Ding

For some years I have been collecting old photos of Fenstanton and many people encouraged me to put them in a book. Unfortunately early photography and printing techniques were not as near-perfect as today and some of the photographs included were very faded, torn, wrinkled or out of focus – but as they are often the only record remaining they had to be included.

Like all works of this type, it isn't just the author who is responsible for its creation and I would like to thank the following persons for their kind assistance guidance and opinions and especially to those kind persons who have loaned me photographs in the past, who invariably are too many to mention;

The Cambridgeshire Collection, Huntingdon County Records Office,
Norris Museum, Allan Mott/Nunn Collection, Bob Burn-Murdoch, Jack Dady,
Robin Kiddle, Nigel Penton Tilbury, Garth Turner



37. Cherry Tree Way - Women's Institute Seat 1968

L-R: Mrs Hawksford, Mrs Williams, Mr Richards, Mrs Young, Mrs Whitby, Mrs Hodge,
Mrs E Smith, Mrs D Tack, Mrs C Ellis, Mrs Frear, Mrs B Barnet, Mrs Frear, Mr Earl

Seated: Miss Hunt & Mrs Royston. [The seat was eventually removed due to vandalism]

Fenstanton Parish Church

February 2008

Sunday	3rd	Sunday next before Lent. Candlemas. 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Traditional) 6.00 p.m. Said Evensong
Wednesday	6th	Ash Wednesday. 7.45 p.m. Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	7th	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
Sunday	10th	First Sunday of Lent. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. Worship for All 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent sermon (at Hilton Church)
Tuesday	12th	Evening Lent Course (alternating Fenstanton Church Centre and Hilton Church – watch local announcements)
Sunday	17th	Second Sunday of Lent. 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Contemporary) 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent sermon
Tuesday	19th	Evening Lent Course (alternating Fenstanton Church Centre and Hilton Church – watch local announcements)
Thursday	21st	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
Sunday	24th	Third Sunday of Lent. 9.30 a.m. Family Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent sermon (at Hilton Church)
Tuesday	26th	Evening Lent Course (alternating Fenstanton Church Centre and Hilton Church – watch local announcements)

March 2008

Sunday	2nd	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) 9.30 a.m. Family Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent Sermon
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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO MARTYN SAUNDERS, CHURCHWARDEN ON 01480 301068

Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answer phone service, and email, mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relating to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or funerals – Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866). Robin, as well as Sunday, works two days a week - Thursday and one other day. He listens to and reads all messages regularly, though asks for your forbearance for any delay in replying.

- Wednesday mornings 10.00am in term time – Discussion Group and Ecumenical House Communion (11.00am) at Hilton Hall. All are welcome to either or both.
- What is Christianity about? What do I really believe? Emmaus study group starting on Sunday 20th January, please contact Rachel Wood for details

FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday 3 rd	<i>Transfiguration</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service
Weds 6 th	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7.45 pm	United Service at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 10 th	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15 am	United Communion Service
Sunday 17 th	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service with Baptism
Sunday 24 th	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 26 th		1.30 pm	Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)

Hilton Churches Supper

This popular village event will take place on Saturday 8th March with all proceeds shared between the Parish and Methodist churches. For information contact either Heather Woods on 830686 or Peter Blake on 830137.

Churches in Hilton, Lent Lunches

In aid of The Stroke Association 12.30 to 2.30 on the following Wednesdays

13 February Vissé Slayter, The Old Rectory

20 February Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

27 February Christina Sheppard, 20 Chequers Croft

5 March Jane Garnett, Hilton Hall

12 March Pat Bellas, "Noroc" Potton Road: (five houses up from the crossroads on the right)

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee or soft drink. Price £2.50 adults. Children free.

Donations gratefully received.

CHILDREN AT HILTON CHURCHES – Children are always welcome at the mid-morning services in both the Parish and Methodist Churches and special activities are provided for them to do. Once a month, on the 2nd Sunday, we have a United Sunday Club which begins at 10.55am in the Methodist Schoolroom. Children can be picked up at noon when the church service has ended.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

February

Sundays 3rd 9.30 Keith Cakebread
 10th 9.30 Revd Derek Newton
 6.00 Sunday Evening Service
 17th 9.30 Martin Ballard
 24th 9.30 Revd Roy Mottram
Tuesdays 5th and 19th. 10.00 Open Door
 12th and 26th 10.00 Knitters and Natters
Saturday 9th 9.00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship: All local men
welcome, Please ring Pete on 01480 432207 by Wed 6th if you would like to attend.
Saturday 16th 10.00 Book Sale

Fenstanton United
Reformed Church
is part of the
St Ives Group
of Churches
Contact the
Free Church
St Ives
on 01480 468535

Hilton Methodist Church

February

3rd 11.00 am Mr John Garner
10th 11.15 am United Holy Communion Service at the Parish Church led by Revd Dr
Robin McKenzie with Revd Hugh Sheehan preaching
17th 11.00 am Mrs Pauline Zähler
24th 11.00 am Revd Hugh Sheehan

There will be a Church Council meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 pm.

Thank yous

We received a letter of thanks from Lorna Burroughes of NCH, who came to our gift service on 9th December. She was grateful for our gifts of toys and the monetary donations of £192, which were used to make a difference to the Christmases of many children. Thank you all who contributed. We sent a cheque for £128 to Age Concern, Cambridgeshire, which was collected at the Candlelit Carol Service. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Hilton Churches Sunday Club

We hope you all had a happy Christmas. At the toy and gift service, we filled little boxes with chocolate and a prayer and gave each person in the congregation a gift to take home.

In January, while the adults were in the chapel for the covenant service, we made a collage of a big rainbow, the sign of God's promise to us.

Tot's Praise

A new year resolution – putting a date in your diaries for the last Tuesday of the month to come and have a happy time at Tot's Praise – 1330-1430, for stories and singing and activity. See you, mums, grandmas, carers with children 0-5 years, on Tuesday February 26th at Hilton Church.



**KNITTERS AND NATTERS
GROUP**
Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Invite you to a
COFFEE MORNING
ON
TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

10-00 – 11-30AM

To raise money to send our knitted
items overseas.
Wanted double knitting wool any colour.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Club News

from the Villages

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a small, but friendly group who meet each Wednesday in the Church Centre. Sessions run from 10 am - 11.30 am and cost £2 per family. We have had lots of new people joining us over the past few months and its always lovely to see new faces. Please feel free to drop in for a coffee and a chat whilst the children have a play. We welcome children from babies up to school age. For more information please contact Nicola Orchard on 01480 399957 or nicola.caryl@ntlworld.com

Hilton Flower Club

Welcome to 2008 and good wishes to everybody from the Flower Club.

NEXT MEETING

Monday February 4th, 2pm Village Hall.
'Autumn to Winter' –

slide and talk show with Alan Moores.
Day Admissions £2 (including tea and biscuits). Raffle, Sales Table.

FUTURE MEETING

Monday March 3rd 2pm Village Hall
Demonstration with B Tack –
'Goodbye Winter'

Hilton Toddler Group

We are seeking, a new Chairperson if you are interested in taking over the reigns from Emily, who has done a magnificent job over several years do let us know.

If you are new to the village or surrounding areas why not come along and join us, it's a great way to make friends and the kids love

it. We are a small friendly group who meet every Thursday 1.45 till 3.15 in Hilton Village Hall, all children 0 – school age are welcome to come along. Just turn up, sessions cost just £2.00 per family or call Emily on 831142.

Fenstanton Church Appeal Committee presents



Irish Evening with Supper

Irish music and singing by
The Toft Session

Saturday, 9th February 2008
at 7.30pm in

Fenstanton Church Centre

Tickets £10 including supper

Bring your own drinks

Tickets: (01480) 301068/461751
Ron Jacob's Farm Shop, Fenstanton Post Office

Knitters and Natters Group

Based at Fenstanton United Reformed Church in Chequers Street – we are a small group that meet every other Tuesday from 10.00 am to 11.30 am to knit squares or (strips of 5 squares) to make into blankets for the charity Hope and Aid.

If you would like to join us please do. Our next meeting will be 12th February – if you cannot make that perhaps you could knit squares at home. Size 8 (4mm) needles, with double knitting wool, cast 40 stitches and then make a square.

We need double knitting wool any colour please – it can be left at 28 Bell Lane, Fenstanton. Thank you.

Fenstanton Pre-School

We ended last term with some fantastic news. After our recent Ofsted inspection we were graded as Outstanding. This is a great achievement and well deserved, it is great to see the Pre school staff being recognized for their fantastic work, this grading is very rare and we are lucky to have such an excellent pre school within the village.

The children have settled in well after the Christmas break and we have resumed our alphabet theme every week. Please see the notice in the cloakroom area for the letter of the week.

We have some exciting fund raising ideas coming up this term so watch out for our news letter which will give you more details soon. If any one has any ideas for fundraising please speak to a member of the fundraising committee.

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school. We take children from the age of 3 years, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

Hilton Feast Week

Many thanks to every one who purchased a raffle ticket for the 2 draws before Christmas. Your support for Feast Week is very much appreciated. The new committee are still just finalising a couple of possible events but please note in your diaries the following events:-

[Saturday February 23rd Feast Week Disco Party at 8.00pm](#)

Saturday April 19th Curry and Quiz 7 for 7.30pm start.

We have set up a Feast Week web site at the following address www.feastweek.com

this will be updated on a regular basis with details of events and plans for Feast Week itself. It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on www.hilton-village.com

If you would like any further details on any of the events please do not hesitate to let us know. The details of the committee are

Chair	Peter Balicki	831787
Vice Chair	Justo Perez	831106
Treasurer	Graeme Gribbin	830481
Secretary	Sara Sampson	830383
Adrian Norman, Sharon Walker, Karen Walker, Adrian Snooke		

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008

In the next edition of Spectrum we will publish a preview of the show schedule. So don't forget to look out for it and keep it for a head start!

Herbie's tip of the month:

"30 years ago we had sayings like "February fill dyke black or white" and "The March wind does blow and we shall have snow". These days have gone now, if it snows life stops! Even palms are growing well in Hilton. Now it maybe a month early but if the soil works then do get out and plant rows of onions, carrots, peas and similar vegetables. Then plant again 4 weeks later to give a supply over a longer time."

Enquiries, technical to Herbie Collen, Show secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site www.hilton-village.com in the events section. You can email us from this site.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

A talk on Pelargoniums

by Mr Graham Parnwell

Wednesday 27th February,

Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME.

Hilton WI

Our Hilton WI meeting on December 10th was also our Christmas Party and all the members and guests who attended were extremely well entertained by Jackie Tevlin and “A Christmas Cracker”. Jackie amused us with a variety of props. and numerous tales of Christmas, with carols, very funny songs and poems, including “The Night before Christmas”. Jackie then invited all those present to join with her to sing “White Christmas” as a finale.

Everyone then enjoyed some delightful traditional Christmas fare before joining together to sing carols. Our thanks to Barrie Clarke for her piano accompaniment with this.

Our Vice-President, Donna Holdaway, welcomed members to our January 14th meeting. During the usual monthly report, Donna informed us that she had attended a very interesting Resolution Selection meeting with Maggie Mulcahy, but the final selection will not be known until all the votes in the Federation are collated.

Later, several husbands joined with us to offer a warm welcome, once again, to our speaker Mr. Ian Burton who provided a riveting and fascinating talk entitled “*The History of Papworth Settlement*”. He has a personal interest in Papworth and his passion for it’s history was evident as he outlined for us how the first settler arrived around 800 B.C looking for somewhere to settle his wife and family. Then through its wealthier years with gentlemen such as Everard de Beach and Ernest Terah Hooley, the latter was a generous man who loved a

spectacle but despite his enormous wealth, subsequently was made bankrupt and imprisoned for fraud.

Early in World War I, tuberculosis was rampant and with no known cure, Cambridge Medical school was researching this. Mr Pendrill Varrier-Jones suggested that a sanatorium be established which could be run by recovering patients to provide them with jobs and medical facilities. In 1917 Papworth Hall was bought and in 1918 the first patients and staff moved in. Later, houses were built to accommodate wives and families, followed by shops and a village hall. Factories provided light work for patients as they recovered. All those in charge were tremendous pioneers in this field of treatment of TB

However, after 1948 with the arrival of mass radiography trailers and antibiotics this old treatment was no longer used. Papworth became a heart hospital with the first successful heart transplant in 1979. With its anticipated move to Addenbrookes Hospital, there will be changes in the future for Papworth, but Ian Burton’s talk certainly brought the past to life for us.

Our next meeting will be on February 11th and our speaker will be David Oliver and we look forward to his talk on his experiences as “An Accountant in Papua New Guinea”.

We are delighted that our membership is increasing. If you would like to join our friendly group, please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just come to the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night – you will be most welcome

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group



www.scubes.co.uk

2007 – what a year!

As some of you may recall 2007 saw the celebration of the first centenary of Scouting. We took the opportunity to pack in even more fun than usual (including the Beavers travelling around the world in 18 hours at a District Sleepover, Cubs spending a weekend in Great Yarmouth and Scouts spending 10 days on their Norwegian adventure) – for full details simply visit our web site.

Check your 50ps please

During 2007 some of the 50ps minted had the Scout Logo and motto on the reverse. These are only now coming into circulation and there aren't that many in total. We would be very grateful if everyone could please check any 50ps they have over the next few months and let us have them (we'll exchange for a non-Scouting one!). We'd like to use them as gifts when we go abroad gain, as a special memento for those we meet, or as small prizes.

Fund Raising

We'd like to thank everyone for their help and support (and money!) at our 2 fundraisers in December. We managed to raise £551 despite the awful weather. This has been spent on items for the Group, including helping towards the cost of some new tents.

Leader update☺

We are pleased to confirm that Anne-Marie Hindson is joining the Cub Pack – and her daughter Kimberlee has helped her choose her Jungle Book name of “Kaa”. Welcome

We are still keen to find more leaders for all Sections so that we can find room for the 25

youngsters on our waiting lists. So if you'd like to see what Scouting can offer you (new experiences, skills, friends, fun and adventure) please get in touch

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

We enjoyed our social afternoon on December 19th when we all ate, drank and were merry with an exchange of Christmas cards and parcels for all. On January 9th we will have had our Christmas dinner at the Dolphin Hotel which I'm sure we will enjoy and bring to an end our Christmas festivities for 2007!

Sadly over the Christmas and New Year period we lost two of our valued members. Namely, Frank Curtis and Doris Venables. As friends of the club we extend our sincere condolences to family and friends of Frank and Doris – they will be sadly missed, but kindly remembered by all their friends at Fenstanton Over 60s Club.

Our first meeting of 2008 was on January 16th January when we had an entertaining who I'm sure we all appreciated.

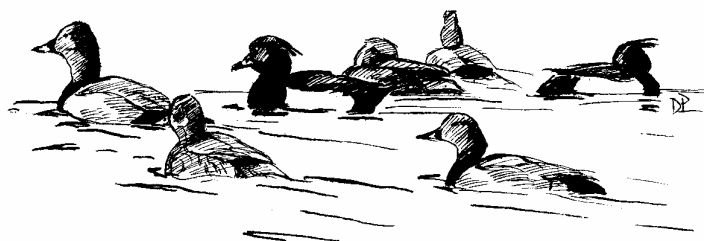
Our meeting on 30th January will be our AGM, when we will review the past year's events and elect a committee for 2008, and promote ideas and suggestions for the year ahead.

If anyone wishes to join us the time is 2.00 till 4.00 in the Church Centre every other Tuesday. All are welcome - the more the merrier. New members are always welcome – why not come along and make new friends in the new year or meet up with 'old ones'! A happy new year to all!

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve

I see many people carrying cameras on the nature reserve – could you be taking a winning photograph? We are participating in a photography competition, called Fens through a Lens, which closes on 27 June 2008. Photographs must be taken on a fenland nature reserve, including RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes. .

To help you, we are running a photography workshop on Sunday 6 April, led by a professional photographer. This will cost £8, but half price if you are a RSPB member. If you would like an entry form, or to book a place on the workshop, please contact Neil – details at the end.



Here is the programme for February– all are planned to start in the RSPB car park (with the wooden information board) at the northern end of Holywell Ferry Road, almost a mile north of Fen Drayton village. If flooding prevents access to the car park, signs will be put out to direct you to a new starting point when necessary. The leader will check what is around and plan the route as late as possible. The guided walks will last between 2 and 2.5 hours, and are free of charge. Come prepared for cold weather and muddy paths.

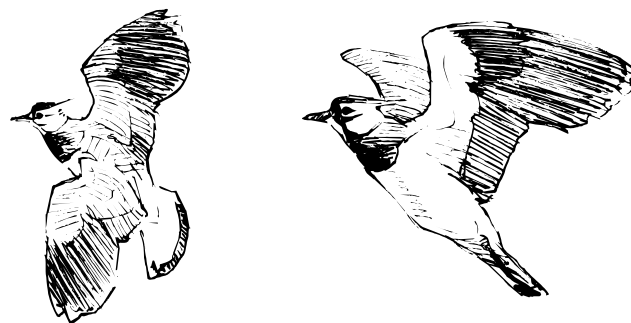
February	Ducks galore – guided walk
Sunday 10	1.30–3.30 pm
Tuesday 12	1.30–3.30 pm
Sunday 24	10am - noon

Ducks will be at their most colourful now, and as days begin to lengthen, some will begin their courtship displays. This is a good time to learn to identify the different ducks.

A trail guide, showing all the paths, should be with us in February, and the next programme of guided walks is due to be delivered from the printers in March. If you would like copies, please contact Neil. (Contact details at end).

The RSPB has planning permission for a programme of wetland enhancement work to be done between the River Great Ouse and Ferry Lagoon and Mere. Some areas of ground will be lowered, so that they remain wet through the spring into early summer, and offer feeding areas for lapwing and redshank chicks. These wading birds nest on the ground in wet grassland, and from the day they hatch, the chicks feed themselves. They eat small insects that they find in wet grass or on mud, so, by deepening some areas, we should always have areas that are wet enough for the insects that the chicks eat, even in dry years.

This project links with the work that was done in the area in late 2007, to clear young willows and pollard the old ones – lapwings and redshanks avoid nesting in areas with trees. They know that nest predators, such as crows, sit in the trees and look for nests to raid.



Lapwings often start nesting in March, performing tumbling, wheeling display

flights over their territories. Please let us know if you see lapwings or redshanks displaying on the nature reserve.

Other areas of ground will be lowered, to enable the reed beds to extend. This will help birds such as nesting ducks and reed warblers, and bitterns, water rails and roosting starlings in winter.

Look out for drakes displaying to ducks, particularly on fine days. Many ducks form pairs in the late winter, before flying north to their breeding grounds – which may be in Scandinavia or the Russian tundra.

Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts will be helping us in early February, when we plan to spend a morning removing tree guards from the belt of young trees that was planted around the Elney Lake track in the 1990s. The trees no longer need the guards' protection; many are bursting out of the guards, while other guards are breaking. The children's work will prevent further damage to bark, and help to tidy up this area. There is a lot to be done, and I think it will take more than a morning's work to do it all.

Do you organise meetings for a local community group? I can bring a PowerPoint presentation about Fen Drayton Lakes to your meeting, and I'm happy to stand in at short notice if your speaker has to cancel. I can host a group visit to the nature reserve at any time of the year. If you lead a group for young people, can I help you with meetings themed on wildlife? Why not give me a call to discuss your requirements?

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

Fenstanton Veterans Football

Over Veterans 8 - Fenstanton Veterans 2

Fenstanton Veterans completed their first ever fixture in a keenly contested affair hosted at Over Football club. Although taking a surprise lead through Phil Stanton, the Fenstanton team needed to defend stoutly to repel the Over offensive forays and Over went into the turn-around with a 2-1 advantage. The second half was again evenly contested for much of the game, but Over's superior technique and fitness told in the end as they ran out comfortable winners. Over's goals came from Andy Carman (2), Gary Miller (3), Angus Clow, Chris Chowins and Danny Ivan. Fenstanton's other reply came from a 20 yard thunderbolt from Sean.

The return fixture is scheduled for April 6th anyone interested in playing should contact Phil Stanton.

Any veterans teams (over 35s) willing to give Fenstanton a fixture should contact Phil Stanton on 01480 394894



WANTED
ENCLOSED CAT BEDS
UNUSED CAT CARRIERS
CAT FOOD



We at St Neots & District have just undertaken a rescue and management operation for a large feral colony in the local area. There are at least 60 cats and kittens of various ages living in old cars and outbuildings and sometimes in the open. Our volunteers will trap, spay/neuter, blood test and medically treat all the animals and as most are unhomeable they will be returned. We need igloo style cat beds, unused cat baskets and carriers or similar which will be lined with old towels etc and placed inside the outbuildings to provide warm dry shelter. This is one of a number of such colonies which we manage. There is an ongoing feeding program of 200+ feral cats and any cat food that you can donate is crucial to the success of our feral programs. Contact us on 01480 476696 or 07966 282005 if you are able to help.

Fenstanton Youth Football

February League Fixtures:

2/2/08

Fenstanton Blues v KC Cougars (Home)

Fenstanton Reds v Cambourne Rovers
(Away)

23/2/08

Fenstanton Blues v Huntingdon Rowdies
(Home)

November, December and January League Results:

24/11/07

Fenstanton Red (13) – (2) K C Cougars

MOTM: Harry Taylor

Bluntisham (0) - Fenstanton Blue (19)

MOTM: Thomas Rodriguez

8/12/07

Fenstanton Blue (11) - (0) Cambourne
Rovers

MOTM: Andrew Darling

Huntingdon Rowdies (4) – (1) Fenstanton
Reds

MOTM: Travis Hinds

22/12/07

Fenstanton Reds (2) - (4) Huntingdon
Rowdies

MOTM: Felix Perez

Cambourne (2) - (10) Fenstanton Blues

MOTM: Daniel Malley

5/1/08

Fenstanton Blues (1) - (2) Fenstanton Reds

MOTM: Elliott Taylor (Red); Andrew
Shuker (Blue)

Under Sevens: We are seeking
sponsorship for training suits for this age
group, if you, or your company, would like
to sponsor them (approx £200) and have
your logo on their suits we would love to
hear from you. Chris has arranged some
friendly matches for the coming months,
good luck all. If your child is interested do
come along and join us, 10 – 11.30 every
Saturday (£2.00 per session with no
commitment at this stage just turn up and
play). We do need more players from Years
one and two. Phone Chris Malley on
839228 for more info.

Thank You's: Hilton Town Trust for their
generous donation enabling us to purchase
goals, pay for training and CRB checks, we
are very grateful to you. Also to Dai, Jo and
Vicky at the George for their generous
Xmas Raffle prize.

Congratulations to Andrew Darling who has
been selected to train with Cambridge
United Youth Squad following trials in St
Ives. Well done Andrew.

Support Feast Week 2008

Feel the need to dance away the winter blues with friends?
Following the success of last year, we are offering you the opportunity to do
just that! It's not just a disco, it's a chance to enjoy the relaxed Feast Week
atmosphere early **and** support your committee.

Feast Week Disco Party **Feast Week Disco Party**

Saturday 23rd February 2008

Hilton Village Hall from 8 pm to Midnight (adults only)

Ticket prices

£10 to include a bottle of wine or four beers or four 'Alco pops'

£7 to include free soft drinks only

Please buy tickets in advance by 10 February to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available by calling
Pam (831946), Fiona (831772) or Tracy (831302)
or via email: tracywilkinson@fastmail.fm

Date of next Committee
Meeting: 19th February in
the George. (All parents
welcome).

For further information
contact **Charlie Darling on**
01480 395338 after 6 pm
(or Nadine Taylor 01480
830839). We meet at
Fenstanton Football Field,
off Chequer Street Park
every Saturday between 10
and 11.30

Hilton Cricket Club

As announced at a press conference at the beginning of December, Hilton was elevated to Division 4 of the Hunts League – the reward for having achieved in a single season a record of six matches cancelled owing to rain. Club Captain, Mark Darlow, commented to journalists on the team’s promotion: “I am under the moon. This is the start of a new Golden Age for Hilton cricket. We’re right up there with the big boys. I can’t believe that we’re actually going to be on the same cricket field as Eaton Socon Thirds. There must have been a computer error.” On the back of this uplifting news, it is rumoured that the Club will be appealing to its investors for further financial backing in 2008. Treasurer, Roger Swailes, told City reporters: “We need to buy a map with Werrington on it.”

Celebrations were marred by the revelation that a CD containing the new season’s fixture list had been stolen from the Secretary’s car the previous day. He assured the players that although their names, addresses and bank account details were visible to potential fraudsters, all inside-leg measurements were encrypted. Police later recovered the disc from the pavilion, where it was being used as a coaster.

All being well (and if the Road Manager sobers up), the team should find itself at the following locations on the dates shown:

27 April	League	Castor & Ailsworth II	A	20 July	League	Hampton	H
4 May	League	Alconbury II	A	27 July	Feast Week	Hunts DC	H
11 May	League	Werrington	A	28 July	Feast Week	Fenstanton	H
18 May	League	Buckden II	A	29 July	Feast Week	Ivor Parker’s XI	H
1 June	League	Orton Park II	A	3 August	League	Alconbury II	H
8 June	League	Hampton	A	10 August	League	Orton Park II	H
15 June	League	Werrington	H	17 August	League	Sawtry II	H
22 June	League	Buckden II	H	24 August	League	Warboys II	A
29 June	League	Sawtry II	A	31 August	League	Eaton Socon III	A
6 July	League	Castor & Ailsworth II	H	7 September	League	Warboys II	H
13 July	League	Eaton Socon III	H				

Our cricketers are currently taking their winter nap and have asked not to be woken up until mid-April. Please respect this, since there is nothing worse than a grumpy short-leg or a dozy second slip at the start of the season.

What's On

February

4 th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
7 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
9 th	Irish Evening	Church Centre	7.30 pm
10 th	RSPB Guided Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	1.30 pm
11 th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm
12 th	Knitter and Natters	UR Church Fenstanton	11.00 am
12 th	RSPB Guided Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	1.30 pm
13 th	Hilton Lent Lunch	The Old Rectory	12.30 pm
14 th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm
20 th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Church	1.30 pm
20 th	Hilton Lent Lunch	7 Chequers Croft	12.30 pm
23 rd	Feast Week Disco (adults)	Village Hall	8.00 pm
27 th	Hilton Lent Lunch	20 Chequers Croft	12.30 pm
27 th	Hunts Geranium & Fuschia Soc	Village Hall	7.45 pm

March

3 rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
8 th	Hilton Churches Supper	details to be confirmed	

As February is such a short month, we wish to remind contributors to our columns that the final copy deadline for the March (Easter) edition of the magazine is Friday 15th February.

You are welcome to send copy prior to this date, but copy received after this time will not be included.

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