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LETTERS & NOTICES

It doesn't seem possible that a year has passed since we took over editing Spectrum. We would like to thank all contributors for getting material to us on time and hope that you have enjoyed the magazine. We always welcome suggestions for ways to improve both layout and content, bearing in mind there are some constraints in terms of overall size.

We are currently on holiday so a special thanks to Mickey Pallett who is producing the February and March issues.

Regards
John and Margaret

Donations

We have received a number of donations in the past few weeks, Our grateful thanks to all the organisations who have supported us in this way

FENSTANTON MORRIS BOXING DAY 2010

In spite of it being a bitterly cold day, the Fenstanton Morris side was joined at the Clocktower and at the White Swan in Conington by a good audience. It was not too cold for people to put their hands in their pockets and contribute to our collection. This, together with donations from kind neighbours who were unable to attend, amounted to £74.40. This will be added to other Fenstanton Morris contributions and sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Penny James
Fenstanton Morris

Neighbourhood Watch in Fenstanton, Hilton and the St Ives District

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We can also work with other agencies in helping to stop anti-social behaviour, something which for some people can be a nightmare. If we work together and not alone this can be reduced or even eliminated.

Graffiti, litter and fly tipping, can spoil our community, but again we can work together to eradicate these problems.

So as you can see Neighbourhood Watch is not "Peeping Toms" a saying heard many times. We are interested in making the community and our neighbourhood a better place to live and work.

If you want to know please make contact. We will be happy to visit you and answer any questions and hopefully set up a scheme in your road or area

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Contact Angie Walters, St Ives Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator on 01480 300726 or send her an e-mail angiew1@ntlworld.com.

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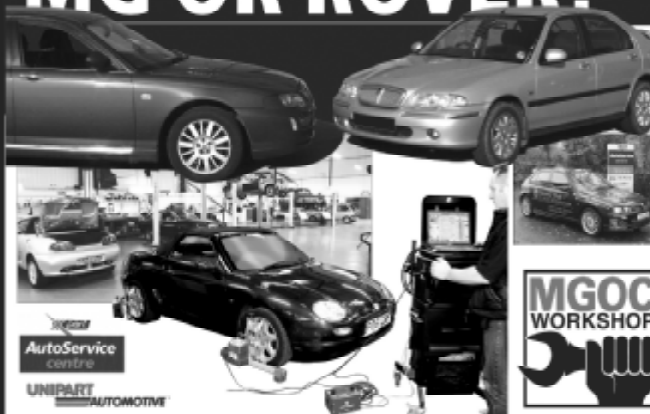
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Police report. the following incidents had been reported to the Police:- 4 incidents of criminal damage, 1 burglary, 4 incidents of breaking and entry. 1 theft from an Allotments shed, 2 thefts from vehicles, 1 incident of damage to a vehicle, 1 theft of a vehicle, 4 incidents of obtaining fuel without paying.

The report covers a 2 month period; therefore, the overall number of incidents is low, although it will be noticed that there appears to have been an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles. The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Chequer Street Car Park and Play Area. The Village Hall Committee had made a request to the Parish Council to consider relinquishing the Chequer Street car park and play area to allow the land to be used as a site for the new Village Hall. The meeting gave consideration to the importance of retaining the existing facilities afforded by the well used play area and the consequences of increased on street car parking should the car park be lost. Neighbouring residents had made representations during Public Consultation expressing their concerns of an increased risk of anti social behaviour should a new Village Hall be developed on the site. Following considerable discussion the meeting resolved not to relinquish the land but to retain the play area and car park.

Hampton Close Open Space / Football Pitch. The District Council has offered the site to the Parish Council for adoption. However, during discussion it was felt that a number of questions required further clarification and it was resolved to discuss the matter further at the next .

Parish Precept. The Finance and Constitution Committee considered the level at which the Parish Precept should be set at its meeting held 18th November 2010.

The indications from Central Government imply that Parish Council precepts will not be capped in the future although constraints will be introduced which will restrict the level of increase. Grants received by the Parish Council, for work undertaken on behalf of the County Council have already been cut, thereby reducing the Parish Council's income. It has become clear that these grants will be further reduced or removed altogether. The Committee resolved to keep the increase at the level of expected inflation and to recommend a 3% increase on the current precept to the full Parish Council for approval.

Dog Fouling. Complaints have been received about owners allowing their dogs to foul in the Church Yard and Cemetery. Please all dog owners act in a responsible manner and treat the Church Yard and Cemetery with respect. Fouling on footpaths and pavements also has increased. Whilst it is appreciated that the majority of owners are responsible those owners allowing their dogs to foul are reminded that it is an offence subject to a £1000 fine.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th February 2011 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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Dog Waste – The wilderness and green are being littered with full dog waste bags – after taking the trouble to collect the waste in your bag, dog owners are asked to use the appropriate bins to dispose of it, or take it home with you, do not leave the bags around the village

Graveley Way – at an Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting in December it was agreed to put forward the traffic calming scheme with minor modifications. The Scheme will be presented at the County Council's Area Joint Committee on 17th January for a final decision.

Grove End, Bridge Repairs – following heavy winds in November, a fallen tree damaged the footbridge at Grove End. The Council are currently arranging to have this repaired.

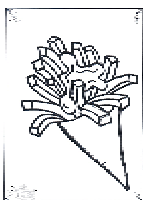
Neighbourhood Watch – are currently seeking a deputy Coordinator. If you are interested please contact Chris Potter on 01480 831986

Our next meeting is Monday 7th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for Parish Council meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

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

www.hilton-village.com

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton



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FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

A big "thank you" to everyone who supported our Christingle and Toy services last December. £171.71 was raised for the Children`s Society for vulnerable young people/children and in excess of 45 parcels of toys were collected for our local social services team for local needy children at Christmas. Many thanks to everyone for their support and generosity, Katherine Hucklesby

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FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—FEBRUARY

Thursday 3^d		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 6th	5th Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 10th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th	4th Sunday before Lent	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Thursday 17th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 20th	3rd Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Tuesday 22nd		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
Thursday 24th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th	2nd Sunday before Lent	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Regular Weekly Events		
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For **Fenstanton**: Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For **Hilton**: Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466

For matters of pastoral concern, please contact one of the vicars –

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com

For **Hilton**: Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 / 07765 851757 or dwbusk@hotmail.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

6th February 10 00am Mrs Angie Barnes

13th February 11 15am United Holy Communion Service at Parish Church with Revds. Katy Dunn and David Busk

Children's Sunday Club in Methodist hall from 11 00am.

20th February 10 00am Revd. Katy Dunn (Holy Communion)

27th February 10 00am Revd. F. Vivian

Discussion Group

After our seasonal break, we start again on Monday 21st February with a talk by Katy Dunn on the Quaker movement. We meet in the hall at 7 30pm for refreshments and anyone is welcome to come along.

Fair Trade Coffee Morning

The first coffee morning of 2011 is on Saturday 5th February at 10:00am in the Methodist Hall. Again, there will be a selection of Fair Trade foods and craft goods from Just Sharing in St Ives for sale. We will also be continuing to support EACH with the proceeds from the refreshments we sell. Come along for a chat over a cup of coffee, you will be very welcome.

Remember, our coffee mornings are always on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am - 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July.

I wish to thank all who turned out on a very very cold and icy evening to sing carols round the village. It was a bit daunting to begin with – starting with five singers and two collectors. As time passed the little band grew quite considerably and after two and a quarter hours of braving the cold, the hot chocolate was very welcome! Save the Children received a cheque for £217. Action For Children received many Christmas gifts from the United Service in December. The gifts were distributed in the East Anglia Region and further items were bought for local families with the cash donations of £240-00 also collected at the service.

Grateful thanks go to the four hostesses who prepared the Advent Lunches. A very big thank you also to all who attended them. The sum of £263-40 was raised and this was forwarded to EACH (East Anglian Childrens' Hospice), together with £150-00 which has been collected at the Fair Trade Coffee mornings – a grand total of £413-40.

The final event was the Carol service at the Methodist Church, where the collection was in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge. This charity received £170-75.

With the economic climate at its worst for some years, I can only express my gratitude to all who contributed in any way to the above events. All amounts showed a slight increase on last year's figures, which has really made it all worth while for those who have taken time to organise these events. Many thanks and I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year. *Heather Woods.*

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SUNDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Feb 6th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Feb 13th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
	6:00pm	Evening Service
Feb 20th	9:30am	Mr George Mwaura
	3.00pm	Let's Sing: Songs from our Childhood.
Feb 27th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball.

MARCH

Mar 6th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
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OTHER EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Tuesdays	Feb 1st, 15th & March 1st	10:00am Open Door Coffee Morning.
Tuesdays	Feb 8th & 22nd	10:00am Knitters and Natters
Tuesday	Feb 8th	2:30pm Monthly Meditation Session.
Saturday	Feb 12th	8:00am Fenstanton and Hilton Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (Please call John on 468718)
Saturday	Feb 19th	10:00am Book Sale.

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FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday February 12th.

The February breakfast meeting will be led by John Deeks of the Bridge Church, St Ives. We will be considering '**What is the 'real' function of a village church in modern day life?**'

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

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

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com.

FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

**We are a friendly group that meets every other Tuesday
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If you would like to join us just turn up on the day, you will get a warm welcome.

Our next meetings will be on 22nd February

We have been given the opportunity to use the display cabinet in St Ives Library to show off some of the lovely knitting/crocheting our ladies make for the different charities, so next time you are in the Library please take a look.

The cabinet is just inside the door on the right.

We still need any spare wool you may have, thank you.

Jean



HILTON TOTS' PRAISE



We had to wrap up warm for our last meeting in January 2011. We look forward to being together again for Tot's Praise including songs, stories, activity, making friends, lovely cups of coffee & catching up on newsy bits.

We meet at St Mary Magdalene Church, Hilton on the last Tuesday of the month 1.30 - 2.30pm. Hope to see you there on 25th February 2011.

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If you would like to know more about this service or to book transport please ring **01480 301462 during office hours (12.30 to 3pm Monday to Thursday)** or leave a message on the answer phone. As all our drivers are volunteers we need to know of any difficulties you experience in getting in or out of a car and whether you need to take a wheel chair, so that we can try to find a suitable car/ driver. Please note that we normally need three days warning to arrange a lift.

At present there are no drivers living in Fenstanton or Hilton. Consequently drivers must come from St Ives or surrounding villages incurring additional costs to the passenger. If you are a car driver, particularly if you live in Fenstanton or Hilton, and could give some time to volunteer for this scheme we would love to hear from you on the above number. All our volunteer drivers find it a very worthwhile activity.

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HILTON ACTION ON TRAFFIC

There appears to have been a recent increase in the numbers of HGV's flouting the night time lorry ban on Potton Road. Residents are urged where practicable to report specific instances to the Police (and to HAT) ideally quoting time/place, vehicle registration number, vehicle type and name of operator. On 7 December 2010, a lorry shed a large pack of paving slabs on the Potton Road footpath in the centre of the village. Fortunately pedestrians were not passing by at the time, otherwise someone could have been killed. HAT reported the incident to the Police and is taking up this issue with the haulier, requesting an explanation of how it could have happened and asking that in future he uses an alternative route. At the time of writing, the local

authorities have not made a final decision on whether to go ahead with their proposal for a speed reduction traffic calming scheme along Graveley Way. It is useful if HAT can be made aware of serious traffic incidents on roads in Hilton. If you see or hear anything you think is worth noting, whether an accident, grossly excessive speed, danger, risk-taking or just sheer driver stupidity, please contact HAT as soon as possible at HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively phone Pat on 839022. Also phone Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 456 456 4 if you think police attendance or action may be appropriate. Please also make contact us if you feel you have the motivation, ideas and energy to join HAT or help in other ways. Tel. Bill Halford, 831193 or Margaret Shardlow, 831186

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FENSTANTON WI

We pampered ourselves at our meeting on December 2nd with a lovely meal provided by Caroline's Catering. It was all delicious; many particularly enjoyed the Stilton and herb cheesecake and the Chocolate Roulade. The crackers were pulled, the wine flowed and to top it all the clearing up and washing up were whisked away.

We were then entertained by Wayne the Magician who was magnificent. Trick followed trick in quick succession which left us all breathless with admiration. How did he do it? We knew it was sleight of hand; we watched carefully and we thought we knew what was going to happen next but we were wrong! How did Ruby's ring get inside his jacket hanging from a key ring? We all fell in love with Rocky, Wayne's furry pet who climbed up his arm and nestled round his neck peeping with bright eyes as if it was really alive. Pam thanked him for a wonderful evening and we finished by taking home a Christmas present from the Bran Tub. On January 11th 25 of us went to the

pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at The Urgess Hall. All the ingredients for a traditional family pantomime were there; the slapstick comedy, the larger than life Dame, the baddie Grotviler to hiss and boo, the magical moments from the fluorescent dancers, and we mustn't forget the cow Buttercup who was very clever producing not just milk but condensed and evaporated milk and cream. The performance ended happily with a dazzling wedding.

We start our New Year meetings on February 3rd with a talk about Birds in Winter by Trevor Gunton.

If you would like to join our friendly group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information contact our secretary Val Spain (01480) 463653

Dates for Future Meetings

March 3rd Millinery by Abigail Crampton

April 7th The History of Diamonds by Peter Hering of Cellini's, Cambridge

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or contact Becky on 493067 for any further information. The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

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

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What an inspiration to our current boys and girls

We are **extremely** proud to say that Aimee Barkway has been asked to be the female UK scouting ambassador on an all expenses paid visit (EU funding) to Dakaar, Senegal in February 2011. She will join 2 male colleagues to represent the UK at a conference on Europe-Africa scouting relations.

Aimee joined our Troop as a Scout, then becoming a Young Leader with our Beaver Colony from the age of 14. She has always made the most of every opportunity scouting has offered, including a month spent in Ghana building facilities at a school in 2008. Since turning 18 Aimee has remained with us in an adult role, aiming to help out when she is not away at university in York. Well done Aimee, and we look forward to hearing all about Dakaar after your return!

Can you help us with any of the following?

We have some fantastic opportunities planned for all ages during 2011. To help support your local Scout Group, and to help make our limited funding stretch as far as we can, please contact Louise if you (or perhaps someone you know) can help with any of the following:

Like most us Christmas can bring some "interesting" gifts from friends and relatives, as well as meaning that we need to create space by having a clear out. If you have any items that would be suitable as tombola or other prizes please let us know.

The next Beaver Colony Sleepover will be a "Mad Hatters Tea Party", held in mid March. If anyone has any suitable items they no longer need please can we have them—examples include teapots, packs of playing cards, small glass bottles, chess pieces. Equally if anyone has any suitable items we could borrow just for the event please also get in touch—examples include croquet sets, giant chess set. And of course anything else you may think suitable would be great too!

Following on from the success of our last Group Camp this time we will be getting historical in early September with "Cromwell's Boot Camp", but with a major difference to anything we have done before we are very fortunate that Colonel Robert Hammond's Regiment of Foote (part of the Sealed Knot) have agreed to run most of the weekend's activities and it's taking place on part of the actual battlefield at Naseby!!!! We are going to need to transport a lot of kit for this one so wondered if anyone had access to a "Luton" size van or similar that might be available to help?

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HILTON WI

Our first meeting of 2011 on January 10th was a full house - and we even had a few male visitors, keen, as we were, to hear our speaker, Dr Derek Martin, physician to the UK Paralympic Swimming Team. And we were not disappointed. Dr Martin took us through the history of the Paralympics which began in 1948 with patients from Stoke Mandeville competing in paraplegic games. Since then the title has changed to Paralympics which have become what we all know them to be today, a hard-fought, competitive example of strength, courage and willpower. Dr Martin talked about the strict medical screening involved and his vital role in supporting some of the disabled athletes and was inspiring in his enthusiasm and loyalty to the British team. And he was justly proud of the many medals won by the team in Beijing in 2008.

Our diaries are already getting full with exciting activities for 2011. On 14th July there will be an outing to Caithness Crystal, followed by a tour

of Sandringham House in the afternoon; our spring lunch is on 15th April at Bourne Golf Club and our summer lunch in August. If you were not able to put your name down at the meeting for our next events but would like to go, please let Celia know as soon as possible. Payment for the spring meal will be due by the March meeting. Also, look out your photographs of Hilton in the next couple of months – the best submitted will go with our Profile in the Federation Newsletter in May.

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm at Hilton Village Hall on the 2nd Monday in the month. Next month our meeting will be on Valentine's Day, February 14th when our speaker will be Helen Floto of Paperwhite Garden Design.

If you live in Hilton but are not already a WI member and would like to know more, please give our Secretary, Ruth Salem a ring on 830358.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy! Sessions cost £2 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays. For more information call Jo on 831524.

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FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who made the effort on the first of the bitterly cold nights on Monday, 6th December 2010, to turn out for the switch-on of the Christmas Lights on the tree at the Clock Tower by Santa Claus and the drawing of the Christmas Draw. Children wrote and posted their letters to Santa and mince pies and mulled wine helped to stave off the freezing cold. We thank all the donors of prizes in the Draw, especially Dairy Crest, and also our thanks go to Santa Claus and to John Guthrie who played the keyboard out of the back of a van to lead us in the carol-singing. We thank the Scouts who joined us for the event and did well with their bacon rolls and children's treats and games. This year the outdoor PA system worked really well thanks to a Cambridgeshire Community Fund Grassroots Grant which paid for it. Funds raised at this event came to £1,330 which all goes towards paying for a new Village Hall.

Our next fundraising event will be 'Chips 'n' Chips', an evening out at the Casino on Friday, 4th March, in the School hall when the betting will be followed by a fish and chip supper. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Quiz Nights continue at The George courtesy of Jo and Dai on Wednesday, 23rd February, and Wednesday, 23rd March. We are very grateful to them for their ongoing support in fundraising for Fenstanton Village Hall.

FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

If it is not too late we would like to wish you all a very happy 2011.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our recent events, particularly the Christmas disco and raffle which were both a huge success. Our special thanks go to our fundraising team, their helpers and particularly to Karen Minter who was such a fantastic D.J.

On a more serious note we would like to make it known to those out there who appear to have a vendetta against us that we will NOT be intimidated. In recent months we have had to endure dog mess thrown over the fence, a threatening, fraudulent poster campaign and, more recently, our gate padlock being superglued. The police are always informed of these criminal acts and an investigation is underway. It is so sad that a few selfish people who lack community spirit can spoil it for the vast majority who want to live harmoniously in our lovely village.

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Due to the popular demand of the Create A Lunch session, the Daisy Children's Centre are now running this twice a month to enable all those who wish to attend to get a place. The sessions now have a particular theme which gives the children the opportunity to explore and learn about different types of food using textures, smells and tastes. The session is then finished off with a craft activity.

In January the theme was Bananas and the children who attended enjoyed making banana muffins, banana and raisin wraps and cheese crackers with a vegetable dip. February's theme is carrots! The sessions run on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am until 11.30am and places need to be booked by calling the children's centre on 01480 831423. All children are welcome to stay after the session to eat what they have made or they are welcome to take their creations home.



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HILTON FEAST WEEK

A great night was had by all at the November 'Quiz & Curry Night'. With Quiz Master Craig Sutherland's fair and balanced quiz keeping things tight right down to the wire. A big thank you to the Hilton Feast Week ladies for an excellent supper.

Winter Grand Draw Tickets A big thank you on behalf of the Committee to all that purchased a ticket and thanks to our support network of 'Friends of Feast Week' that bravely took to those icy streets. 1st place the Fleming family 2nd the Yarrow family and 3rd the Croft family.

Feast Week Live Nativity – Sunday 19th December Once again a big success, we all hope it will become a Hilton tradition. The tableaux was charming, the Angels and Shepherds magnificent and the animals on their best behaviour, our thanks to Monarch farm for making them available and looking after them. The City of Cambridge Brass Band, poached from the door step of Tesco's Bar Hill by our intrepid Hilary were our 11th our saviours' after the original band couldn't make it due to the weather. The mulled wine warmed us all, thanks again to Gill Gill for serving up such a welcome winter warmer! Our collective thanks must go to the Holmes family of Park Farm for organizing this welcome addition to the calendar.

Saturday 29th January – Quiz & Chilli The traditional kick-start to the New Year would've given you all the chance to catch up with friends and fellow Hiltonians and prove that your success at the November quiz was no fluke! The winning team name will appear on the Hilton Village Website

Race Night on Saturday 5th of March The joint fundraiser with the cricket club, promises to be a fantastic evening.

Hilton Feast Week Family Quiz, Saturday 2nd April This family themed quiz to get the kids involved was a big hit last year, book early to avoid disappointment.

A short note to remind you that Feast Week does accumulate its share of 'lost & found' please contact a member of the committee if you've misplaced something out an event?

Feast Week Floats Theme is 'Royalty – Through the ages' our small acknowledgement to the happy Royal event in April.

Pictures and a write up on this year's events are available on the village website.

Next year's date for your village diary is Sunday July 24th – 31st July 2011 which is the date for Feast Week. Updates can be found at: www.hilton-village.com

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES

Fen Drayton Lakes set a new Cambridgeshire winter record on 7 Dec. A team of people went out to check the all the lakes simultaneously, and found that we had at least eight bitterns.

These are normally extremely shy birds, preferring to hide away in the reeds, but when the water within the reeds is frozen, the bitterns are forced out into the open as they search for food. Frozen lakes are not ideal, but if you want to see a bittern, then those are the conditions that offer the best chances. You'll probably need binoculars, though, as the bitterns will move away from the paths that the birdwatchers are on.

The extended period of snow and ice forced many birds to relocate to places where food was easier to find. Some birds, such as ducks and thrushes, may have had to move hundreds of miles, while others, such as finches, may have moved into the nearest gardens where householders provided them with seeds.

If you've been feeding birds in your garden, I hope you've enjoyed watching them. Perhaps you also took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch on the last weekend of January.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has given us planning permission for an education area on the southern side of Ferry Lagoon. This means we can install a pond-dipping platform and other facilities, and create a parking area for coaches, so that we can host school visits. We hope that everything will be ready for us to use this summer.

The same planning consent allows us to build three shelters, to overlook three different lake areas. They'll be similar to bus shelters – offering seats and some protection from the weather. These will be built after the education area.

February 2nd is World Wetlands Day, and this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, when many countries signed an agreement to protect their most important wetlands. We'll celebrate at Fen Drayton Lakes with a guided walk, beginning at 10am at the Holywell Lake car park.

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,

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WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP

Life on the Fens: Eels, Punts and Poaching



Life on the Fens will be the topic of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight our guest speaker will be Peter Carter who, following a long line in his family, uses traditional methods to maintain reed beds in the Fens. Peter is an expert in the life cycle of eels and describes how they have traditionally been caught using wicker traps. He will relate how recent changes in catching practices have greatly affected eel populations and how these trends are a threat to the continued existence of the eel. Peter will also show us the different types of punt and gun and how they were used in the past to shoot duck on the Fens.

In addition, Peter works for the Woodland Trust making fences and hedge laying and demonstrates the craft of willow weaving at local schools.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information:

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

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FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

With temperatures now regularly edging above freezing, that can only mean that the new cricket season is just around the metaphorical corner. Those wishing to re-enact England's Ashes triumph can live out their fantasies courtesy of your local cricket club on nearly every Saturday from May to early September. Please contact Ronnie on 374858 if you wish to do so.

Two events of note have taken place over the close-season. Andy – Vice-Captain, Star Bowler, Batsman and Pitch Mower – has upped sticks and followed his heart to Doncaster(!); this leaves a chasm at the heart of the club that will be impossible to fill, but cricketing life must go on and, occasional guest appearances notwithstanding, the chance is there for someone to bowl some more overs, hit a few runs, drop a few catches and roll a few grassy strips.

Secondly, thanks mainly to the efforts of Steve, the Fenstanton Cricket Club 200 Draw took place with virtually all tickets sold. First prize of £500 was won by Bronwyn Taylor with the £250 second prize going to Richard Johnson. Monthly £20 winners were Roger Mitchell, Gordon Piaggese, Alison Walrond, Linda Gifford, Cliff Tattersall, Caroline Crisp, Joe Clarke and Graham Horn. £10 winners were Sara Webster, Richard Horner, Jean Tack, Mick Greenaway, Beccy Dawber, Mary Skinner, Will Webster, and Sadie Bassett.

The Club would like to thank most sincerely all those who purchased tickets and hope that those people can take some consolation from the fact that they have helped the club out of a most tricky financial situation.

FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Club Information: Our website www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk is now in full operation and all club information and communications can be found there. For results and fixtures please look at the www.thefa.com/full-time or www.huntsminisoccer.com.

Administrator Volunteers Required: We are currently seeking two Administrators, If you are interested please email Helen Rodriguez who can give you more details.

Linesman Volunteers: Is there anyone out there who has hung up their football boots but still loves the game. If you are interested and can spare an hour and half on some Saturdays please contact Charlie Darling on 395338.

Training is available for all boys and girls, aged 5 – 7 (those in Reception, year One and Year Two) on a turn up and pay basis. Sessions cost just £2 per week.

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

Adverse Weather Parents are reminded to ensure your child is dressed for the cold weather both during training and matches. Lots of layers.

Resignation: It is with much regret that we report the resignation Helen Rodriguez. Helen has been with the Club since the start and has implemented all the necessary procedures and attended all relevant FA meetings required to keep us going and be compliant with the FA. The Committee are extremely grateful to Helen for her dedication and hard work to the club.

Committee Meetings – are held every third Monday in The George Public House from 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

WHAT'S ON — FEBRUARY 2011

2nd	RSPB Walk	Holywell Lake Car Park	10.00am	
3rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	
7th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	
10th	Fenstanton PC	Primary School	7:30pm	
12th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	
23rd	Village hall Quiz Night	The George	8.00pm	
25th	Hilton WI 'Tots Praise'	St Mary Magdalene Church	1:30pm	
	MARCH			
4th March	Village Hall Chips and Chips Night	School Hall	7:30pm	
5th March	Hilton Feast Week Race Night			
9th March	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	
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