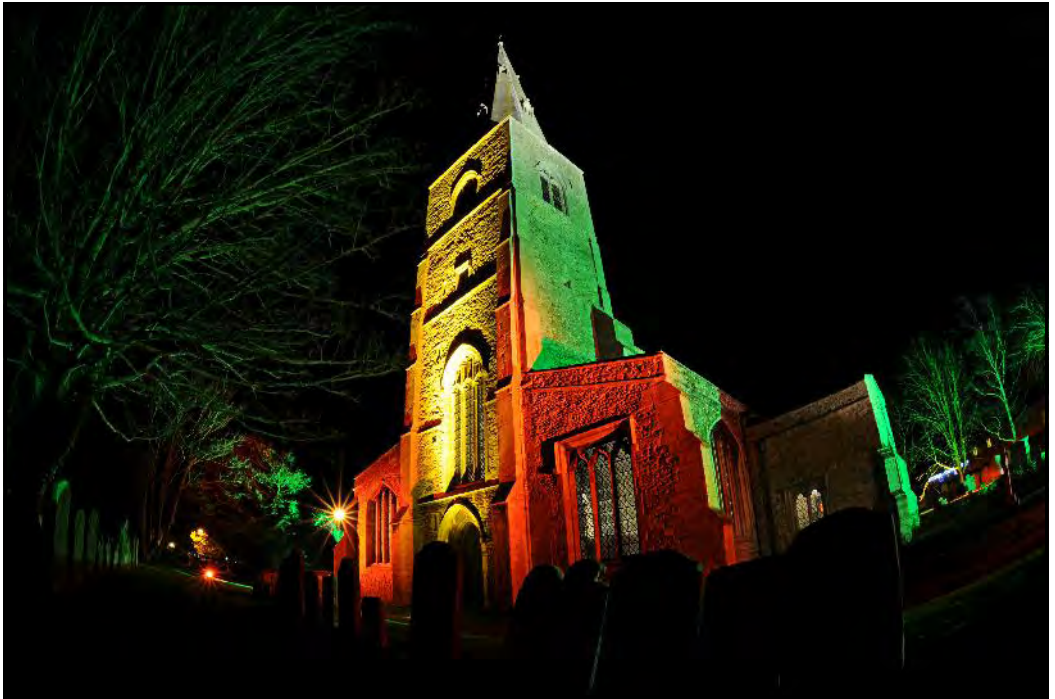


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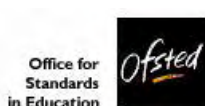
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(If anyone/organisation wishes to donate any money for the smooth running of the magazine, our treasurer's address is on page 3).

Litter and the Fenstanton Footpaths

May I suggest to all walkers/hikers that they carry a plastic bag and pick up any litter they see and place it in the nearest bin. I've been doing this for years and it really makes a difference.

My latest task was FP5 which runs from the church to the Fen Drayton Road, starting at Cranesbrook and running past the glass-houses.

Now that it is clear I hope it can be kept so - perhaps residents in the area can help too. It would be much better, of course, for people to take their rubbish home, but in reality this rarely happens.

Fenstanton Resident

Poppy Appeal 2011/2012

I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who collected and donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. Although several collectors said that they thought donations were down this year I am pleased to say that I have, so far, banked £3347.04, this being an increase of just over £300 on this time last year. Last year's total, to the end of September 2011 was £3928.86.

As those of you who attended will know, I organised a Summer Fair in The George garden (Fenstanton) last year, which was very successful and, with matched funding from the company I work for, raised over £500.

As this year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (and also Olympics year) we will be organising various events for the **Jubilee weekend (2-5 June)** and other weekends during the course of the year. These will be taking place in The George and details will follow in later Spectrum magazines and on notice boards throughout the Village so watch this space!

Again, a huge thank you to all the collectors and businesses in Fenstanton and Hilton and also to Jo and Dai Heafield of The George for their continuing support of the Poppy Appeal.

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FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - JANUARY MEETING

Police report: The most recent information available is for the months of October and November, during which the following crimes and incidents were reported:

3 incidents of burglary, 2 incidents of anti social behaviour, 7 incidents of vehicle crime, 3 incidents of violent crime, 1 incident of shoplifting, 2 incidents of criminal damage and arson, 5 incidents of other theft, 3 incidents of other crime

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

The Queens Diamond Jubilee: The Parish Council resolved to purchase two Oak tree saplings from the Queens Estate at Sandringham to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. It was felt that a suitable site to plant the saplings will be at the Church Street car park.

A14: Although no details are available at this juncture as to the form any improvement to the A14 may take, the Parish Council is concerned at the possible implications to the Village.

The Village has suffered twice from improvements to the A14 and any further expansion of the existing road is unacceptable. We currently suffer from both high levels of noise and poor air quality. It was, therefore, the Parish Council's contention that a new road should be constructed following the formerly proposed orange route. It was felt that, in the current economic situation, this should be constructed as a toll road leaving the existing A14 as a local route. A Government on line consultation is currently taking place to which the Parish Council will make a submission. Parishioners are also urged to take part in the consultation. The address is A14challenge@dft.gsi.gov.uk or Google A14 consultation.

Dog fouling: The Parish Council has received complaints from Parishioners regarding dogs fouling footpaths and pavements. Owners are reminded to clear up after their dogs, not to do so is not only an anti social act but is also an offence subject to a fine up to £2000.

Subway: Due to, at this juncture, unknown circumstances the subway became flooded at the beginning of the month leaving a thick residue of mud. Following the prompt action of our Councillors the subway was cleaned and returned to an acceptable standard by the end of the day. Parishioners can be assured that once notification of any such problem is received action will be taken.

Local minor highways improvement grant: The meeting resolved to submit an application for funding to improve, and make the Talls Lane / Swan Road / Bell Lane / Church Street crossroad safer.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 9th February 2012 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

HEMMINGFORD WIND TURBINE

The Planning Department at HDC has **REFUSED** the wind turbine application. So it does not have to go to "Panel". There were several grounds on which the turbine was rejected - there is an Officer Report available to view on the HDC planning portal if anyone would like to read it.

There is no decision yet about the 37 tonnes of LPG, but we have been sending emails and making lots of noise to the Health & Safety Executive, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Highways Agency (HA). It is hard to say whether the application will ultimately be refused by Planning, but we are hopeful that at least the HA might suggest the tanks be moved right away from the current proposed location near the A14 carriageway.

ESTHER & STEVE (esther.harrod@ntlworld.com)

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Precept - An increase of 3% was proposed to cover the rising costs of maintaining the village. It also recognises that reserves are dwindling and interest rates are low. A precept of £21,115 was approved for the budget April 2012 – March 2013.

Cambs County Council Bid – The Parish Council have submitted a bid to the County Council for £10,000 to install a crossing on Potton Road. A decision is due to be made in February and the successful bidders will be notified in due course. If successful the Parish Council must contribute financially towards the scheme.

Winter Footpath Gritting – we have a team of volunteers who have been trained and equipped by Cambridgeshire County Council to salt footpaths around the village. Two salt bins have been installed to help them with their rounds. Anyone who may be interested in helping with this should contact the Clerk.

A14 – the Parish Council are seeking volunteers who may be interested in assisting with any new Government proposals for a revised A14. Please contact the Clerk if you can help. Our next meeting is **Monday 6th 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@bopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

HILTON ACTION FOR TRAFFIC

Following an accident on the B1040 when a young boy from the village was in collision with a car, members of the group, parish councillors, Mr Ian Bates, Mr Richard Preston and Ms Emma Murden from CCC Highways together with the boy's parents met by the bus stop. The discussion covered the possibilities of making the area safer for all road users.

As an initial measure the point at which the late bus from Swavesey VC stopped was changed and Ian Bates made it plain that he wished to be informed of any bus which failed to do so. He has posted notices on the boards to this effect.

The HAT group also met to discuss and present suggestions to the next Parish Council meeting, to consult all villagers of voting age regarding either a Pelican or Zebra crossing near the bus stop, the Highway engineers confirmed this to be the most suitable location. This consultation will be carried out in January so that villager's opinions on the matter are clear. Bearing in mind a percentage of the cost will have to be met by your Council a clear mandate is needed.

CCC is conducting a survey throughout the County on HCV vehicles in order to provide a suitable route for them to use. Hilton contributed to the survey which included road width measurements and the numbers of pedestrians and various other details, the results of which identified Hilton to be in the high risk band. Something we all know to be correct without a survey. Great!

HOWEVER, the goal posts have been changed! The new results leave us in the LOW risk band. The chairman of HAT immediately challenged the legality of changing the results after a legitimate survey. The form of analysis was changed because the statisticians had not expected so many villages to have so many problems. This area suffers greatly from the effects of HCV traffic and this was reflected in the initial results but the CCC did not like this to be emphasized. So the battle continues.

Any suggestions and/or comments are always welcome.

If anyone would like any more information about any of the above matters, please contact Ken Attwood Tel. 830690 or Margaret Shardlow Tel.831186

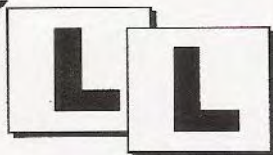
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Mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is a Traditional Christmas plant, but this spring, Dr Tim Upson, Curator and Acting Director at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden is urging us to take a closer look at these fascinating plants. The globes of these semi-parasites are very obvious high up in many of the trees surrounding the Systematic Beds at the Garden, sometimes topped with a Mistlethrush ardently protecting its crop of white berries. So often out of reach, the plant has spread locally in recent decades to colonise the smaller hawthorn and crab apple trees, even hedges, giving a rare opportunity to see this plant at close quarters.

You may be familiar with the white berries, but have you ever stopped to seek the flowers? From February to April, look closely at the end of the wishbone-like branches to spot the minute green flowers, each with four triangular petal-like structures. Unusually, Mistletoe plants are either male or female. The male flowers have four pollen-producing anthers borne singly on the petal-like structures; the flowers of female plants have a single rounded stigma (pollen receiving structure) at the centre.

Of course, it is the female plants that will eventually bear the white berries in time for the following Christmas. It is thought these diminutive flowers are pollinated by flies.

Squeeze the berries and you will find them incredibly sticky. This makes the seeds difficult for birds to swallow, inciting them to wipe their beaks clean on branches, thus spreading the seeds and you can sometimes spot the sticky strings of seeds dangling from the branch. As a semi-parasite, Mistletoes plumb into the host plant taking nutrients and water, but the green leaves mean they are still able to photosynthesise and produce sugars. The point of infection is marked by an egg-shaped swelling, a structure known as the haustorium. Mistletoe won't kill a tree but can reduce its vigour and the branch beyond the haustorium is notably less vigorous.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 5pm during February and March 2012. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.



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Sunday 3rd June

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Monday 4th June

Diamond Dog Show, Hilton's Beacon

Events over the whole Bank Holiday weekend also include: Hilton Flower Festival and Festival of Flags. These are just some of the events we have planned. Much more information will be available shortly on the village website www.hilton-village.com) and in Spectrum over the coming months. Please contact Liz Bush 830202 or email liz.bush@btinternet.com if you would like to be involved in the organisation of any of the celebrations.

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We pray for those who think too little of themselves, who have no sense of their own worth, especially when demeaned and humiliated.

May the self-important learn humility and may the humbled learn their true stature. Come deep into the wells of our being, that we may be healed and made holy.

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Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 9th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th 2nd Sunday before Lent		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at PC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Thursday 16th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th Sunday next before Lent		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 23rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th 1st Sunday of Lent		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Tuesday 28th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
Thursday 1st Mar		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Regular Weekly Events		
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

Contact information: For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie (01480 466162) or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (matters of pastoral concern), Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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

Fenstanton Parish Church

Thank you to everyone who came to our special services held during Advent and Christmas. Our Christingle raised just over £200 for The Children's Society important work with vulnerable children and Social Services collected over 40 lovely presents of toys for local needy children at our Toy Service.

All the money collected during our Christmas Services was given to Magpas (our nominated charity). These collections totalled £531-86. A fantastic amount.

Once again thank you very much.

Katie and Ian Hucklesby



TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



We hoped to see some new faces in January - if you didn't remember to come and see us then put the date in your diary for this month. February 28th in Hilton Church from 1.30 - 2.30. Always coffee or tea before singing songs, hearing a story, activity to take home, something special, music on parade. Do join us, we look forward to welcoming you and Tots.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

Contact: Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com

5th	10am	Mrs Angie Barnes
12th	11.15am	United Service at Parish Church with Rev Katy Dunn and Rev David Busk There will be Children's Sunday Club in Methodist Church Hall
19th	10am	Rev Pam Siddall
26th	10am	Mr Peter Adams

Fair Trade Coffee Morning in the church hall on
Saturday 4th February from 10am until 12 noon.

As usual there will be fair trade groceries, ethnic crafts, jewellery and greetings cards for sale on behalf of Fairtrade.

There will be coffee and tea and biscuits on sale, profits from refreshments goes to East Anglian Childrens Hospice. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat or to look at the Fairtrade goodies on sale or both.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks to a number of villagers who helped in many ways over the Christmas period.

Firstly to the hostess's who held the Advent Lunches. £227-10 was sent to Hospice@Home from donations received. *Well done all.*

Secondly to all those who turned out on a chilled evening for Carols Round The Village. This year £177-27 was raised for Save The Children. Thanks to all and to

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Sandy and Richard for their hospitality which was very much appreciated afterwards.

Thirdly to everyone who took part at the Carol Service and Tableau. This truly was a wonderful event. Live characters, beautiful angels, great readings and poems and of course a packed Church and what fantastic voices. Crisis At Christmas received £402-00 from this Service.

Thanks to all who supported these events without you and your contributions there would be no help forwarded to the above Charity's. Their thanks I can pass on to each one of you.

Please make a note that the **Churches Roving Supper** will take place on Saturday **28th April @ 7.30pm**. Contact Heather Woods 830686 or Peter Blake 830137 for details or to confirm your availability. This is a really an enjoyable evening and everyone is invited to take part.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—FEBRUARY

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

5th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
12th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball (HOLY COMMUNION).
	6:00 pm	Mr. John Williams
19th	9:30am	Revd David Viles
22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion in the Free Church Chapel
ASH WEDNESDAY		
26th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball

OTHER EVENTS FEBRUARY 2012

Tuesdays	7th and 21st	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
Tuesdays	7th and 21st	12.00noon	Cross Stitching
Tuesday	7th	3:00pm	Service at Rheola Care Home, St Ives.
Tuesdays	14th and 28th	10.00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tuesday	14th	2:30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation.
Saturday	18th	10:00 am	Book Sale

Men's Breakfast will resume!

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 10th **March** at Fenstanton URC.
Please book the date - more details in the next issue.

Do you enjoy singing?

We wonder how many people there are in Fenstanton and Hilton who enjoy singing. If you do and would like to be involved in an occasional choir singing, for example an Easter work such as Stainer's Crucifixion or parts of Handel's Messiah. Could send me an email at jmg39@ntlworld.com giving your name, contact details and voice. Let us know if you belong to a local singing group and add suggestions of things you would like to sing. The idea is to be able to perform well known items with minimal rehearsal e.g. one before the day and then on the day followed by the performance. This means joining in should not interfere with any regular choir you may belong to.

Look forward to hearing from you – *John Guthrie/Keith Page*

Pounds for Patches

Would you like to be part of Fenstanton's social history and help Macmillan Cancer Support at the same time?

Announcing the first of our great new projects from the Fringe in the Fen team for 2012 to keep us busy until the next Fringe in the Fen festival in July 2013.

We've been watching Antiques Roadshow and Who do you think you are?, reading Kirstie's Homemade Home, blogging with the millions of crafters over the pond and making do and mending until we're all completely recycled!

And now we feel inspired!

So we'd like to put together a community Patchwork Quilt to become a piece of our village's history. The project is called **Pounds for Patches**, with simple cotton patches of fabric donated by men, women and children from the village, which will be sewn together and exhibited during the Fringe in the Fen 2013 festival for all to see.

Get involved by:

- ☐ Choosing a **6 inch square of cotton fabric** that means something to you. It could be, for example, an old blouse, shirt, apron, boxer shorts, pyjama top or a scrap of fabric from which you have made something yourself or just have lurking in the bottom of a drawer.
- ☐ Pin, staple or paperclip your name to your chosen 6" square so that you can be included as part of the village history.
- ☐ As this is a fundraising exercise as well as a community project we are asking for a donation of £1 for each square you would like to be included in the **Pounds for Patch** project. Please include your donation in the envelop with your fabric patch.
- ☐ As many members of your family can be involved as you wish. So it could be a snippet of Mum's cotton blouse, Dad's cotton shirt, little Freddie's cotton pyjamas and little Flora's cotton nighty! Get the picture? If all four members of the family were involved the total donation would be £4. Once the project is complete, all the donations will be given to Macmillan Cancer Support.

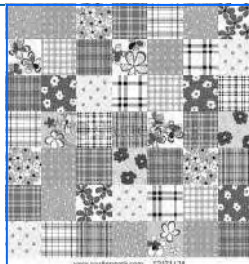
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Eileen Sullivan 40 Chequer Street, Fenstanton. Post box on the side wall as you enter the side gate

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FENSTANTON WI

At our Christmas meeting on December 1st, we had a delicious celebration meal provided by Caroline Caterers, Hemingford Grey. There was a great choice of food; many of us chose to try a little of everything! The wine flowed and crackers were pulled with everyone swapping the jokes.

Afterwards, we had great fun with party games and a Christmas quiz which was organised by Becky Cumbers and Susan Kearns. Many thanks to them for all their hard work. To round the evening off we all went home with a gift from the Bran Tub.

On January 11th, we enjoyed our annual trip to the pantomime at the Burgess Hall, St Ives. Cinderella had an intriguing twist to the tale. Before the Ball, the Prince saw Cinderella on the Village green. Longing to meet and talk with her, he swapped places with the servant Dandini. The two met and fell in love, but at the Ball, the Prince didn't recognise Cinderella because of her fine clothes and blond wig. Apart from

that, the pantomime had all the traditional ingredients. The Ugly Sisters were very funny, especially when they sang the Cheeky Girls song. A magic suitcase, a luminous headless ghost, lots of audience participation and ending with a fairytale wedding made this another great show.

Dates for future events

February 2nd

A Valentines Theme -- Artistry in Cocoa by Cheryl Brightly

March 1st

Taste of Thai by Mrs Maureen Ridley.
Cooking Demonstration with Recipes

March 29th

We will be hosting the SpringWalk

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church Centre. If you would like to make new friends and join our friendly group, please come along or phone our secretary, Val Spain for more information. (01480 463653)

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

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

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

We meet at Fenstanton United Reformed Church every other Wednesday 2-00pm

Our next meetings:

8th Feb.

A Bingo Afternoon

22nd Feb

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FENSTANTON KNITTERS, NATTERS & CROSS-STITCH GROUP

It is with great sadness that I report that Irene Betterton, one of our founder members passed away on Christmas Day, she will be greatly missed at our meeting as she was the lady that made us all laugh with her poems and jokes.

Our latest project is knitting Chicks for Velindre Cancer Centre in South Wales our target is 150 chicks. Also, we have so far made 14 cushions for the Olympic athletes.

We have extended our meeting time 10.00am - 12.00noon, Cross Stitch group is from 12.00 - 1.00pm. We are a friendly group and you would be made welcome, we meet every other Tuesday at Fenstanton United Reformed Church Chequer Street our next meeting will be 7th February.
HAPPY KNITTING.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Committee's Christmas event on Tuesday, 6th December when the Christmas tree lights at the Clock Tower were switched on by Father Christmas, we drew the tickets in the Grand Christmas Draw, we sang some carols and the Scouts sold refreshments and ran activities for the children. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves despite the drizzly rain - perhaps the mulled wine, ginger biscuits and mince pies helped!

The lucky prize-winners all received their prizes in due course though some were quite difficult to track down. We are extremely grateful to all those who donated prizes for the Christmas Draw and to the volunteers who assisted us in putting on this event, particularly

Father Christmas who inspired 38 children to write to him. If anyone took photographs during the event please do send them in to the Spectrum team who may use them later on. The profit of £1,655 goes towards raising enough money to be able to buy a site for a new village hall and then building it.

The monthly Quiz Nights continue at The George, courtesy of Dai and Jo Heafield, the next one being on **15th February**. We plan a bumper Quiz Night on **14th March** when we hope teams of up to six from the many interest groups in Fenstanton will compete for a big novelty prize - more details in the next issue of Spectrum.
Jane Blunt.

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Opportunities Available

We already appreciate all the great help and support we get, but are equally aware that many of you say you can't help as leaders - so perhaps (just like the Duchess of Cambridge has volunteered to do with her local Group) you would be able to help us tackle other things to support the Scout Group instead?

Please take a look at the list below and contact Louise Clover (scubes1@btinternet.com) if you can help in any way, or perhaps know of someone who can (no requirement to have any current or previous link with our Group):

Last year we managed to carry out a re-vamp of the limited storage in the building we rent for our meetings. This is working really well but we need 2 or 3 people to offer to just complete

the final labelling, photos etc.

At the moment most of the termly newsletters we circulate to our families are put together / written by just one person (with section reports from the 3 leaders). It could do with a new "editor", or even team, to create it each time..... It is issued 3 times a year. Full training and support can be given if required!

We are still really desperate for suitable, and more local, storage for all our main kit (everything from tents to tables and archery kit to benches) - which at present is all stored over in Needingworth. If anyone knows of any local businesses, individuals etc that may be able to help (even if it's just space for us to then put a suitable structure on) please get in touch. We need somewhere about the size of a garage or a large shipping container at least.

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From a citizen of Jiroff

I'm sure many young people, and adults, often wonder why as leaders we go on about what "scouting can offer", "making the most of the opportunities", why we are a Scout Group not a youth group and how we hope that our young people learn to understand that to truly make the most of it they don't simply "come to Scouts" but become Scouts.

Here, in his own words is what one of our own Young Leaders has to say—and we couldn't have summed it up better ourselves! Please take time to share his words with those who are at an earlier stage than him in their scouting journey, as inspiration for what they too can achieve.

"It's 5:30 in the morning. Far too early to be up, even on camp, but we have our reasons. We are all shivering and in our hoodies. We are sat below the flag pole waiting for the sun to rise. It's the perfect time to think, and the perfect time to appreciate. This is why I love Africa. This is why I love Scouts.

A daily reminder to us in the Gambia was to "leave the world a little better than you found it". These ten simple yet effective words were said by Lord Baden Powell. Every time I read, this quote, I am reminded of the unwavering dedication that the adults and young people in the Scout Association, not only in the UK but across the world, give to this amazing cause. This expedition didn't start on December 2nd when we flew to the Gambia, but in late March/early April 2011. It is a long process to organise a weekend camp for Scouts to a campsite down the road. It is an even longer process to organise a three week camp for a wide age range to Africa! When I was asked to help organise the trip, I thought it would be easy so I agreed. Little did I know, I would end up organising most things for the trip, along with my own fundraising and group fundraising. Each young person who comes on one of these trips has to pay to cover plane tickets, insurance, food etc. This expedition was £1500 and to be paid mostly by fundraising, which is a mission in itself.

On December 2nd 2011 6 of us, who made up the main team, left the UK and flew to the Gambia for a 3 week expedition. The aim was to build a market garden for the women of a village called Jiroff. The land we had was a little bit over 2 acres and needed to be cleared of scrub left after burning- the local

women were amazing with their help! After the first few days spent clearing, we started to dig holes needed for fence posts, 300 holes needed to be dug, 2 feet deep. Once the holes were dug, we then made a dry mix of cement and sand; put wooden fence posts in and put the dry mix in to fill the holes. Our next tasks were to nail the fence mesh to the poles and erect the gates made by a local welder. On our last day spent on site in Jiroff, we planted 44 trees and saw the project I was part of in 2009/10.

On the last day at Jiroff, the whole team were made Citizens of Jiroff. It was a great honour, over the two expeditions there, I have made numerous amazing friends, and have left the world a little better than I found it.

Away from the project side of the expedition, we stayed at a Scout lodge in Soma (around an hour away from Jiroff) called Kaira Konko (which means "Hill of Peace" in the local tribal language). Kaira Konko was built by Hampshire Scouts and the Manager and Commissioner of the area is Mr Lamin Kinteh- or just "Kinteh" as we call him. Kinteh will be awarded an MBE in February for his services to the young people of Soma and the Gambia. Kaira Konko was our home for 3 weeks and is an amazing place to stay.

Scouting opens many doors to the young people and adults involved with it. I have opened just a few of these doors, as have many Scouters that I know. Through opening doors, you can find amazing friends, meet amazing people and have the best experiences ever.

I'm going to leave you with what we said twice each day—at flag break and flag down. Scout Promise "On my honour I promise that I will do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout law" ; Motto "Be prepared" and a slogan of "Do a good turn daily."

Alex is aged 17. He has just returned from his second African Expedition (the first one he took part in was building / converting buildings at the school so that they could have more teachers and therefore teach more pupils), and is already a great role model for those in our younger Sections in terms of what you can achieve when you become a Scout.....

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HILTON FEAST WEEK

A belated Happy New Year to one and all from your Feast Week Committee!

Thank you for your tremendous support during a busy time for us all at Christmas to support Feast Week by buying Winter Grand Draw Tickets. Our congratulations to the following lucky Hiltonians: In first place winning £100 is the Parkinson family (The Green) in second winning £50 the Norman's (Scott's Crescent) and in third winning £25 the Gribben's (Graveley Way)

The united Christmas service which took part on Sunday 18th December 2011 at the Methodist Church was a wonderful and joyous occasion. The village owes a debt of thanks to the hard work and generosity of spirit of Hilary Holmes, her family and her army of supporters for reinvigorating this lovely village tradition.

By the time this goes to press we would have had the 2nd leg of our **'Triathlon' of Quiz Nights!** Held at the Hilton Village Hall, 28th January. Neil Turner, Steve Lawton and Jon Platt have once again shown what great 'friends of Feast Week' they are by putting on another brain-teasing quiz. The curry supper was especially welcome as the winter seems to have finally shown up!

Thanks to the hard working ladies of Feast Week for a scrumptious meal.

February is a notoriously quiet month for fundraisers so we are giving you all a month off! We will be back with more fundraising events. Watch this space!

The 3rd and **final leg** of the **Triathlon of Quizzes** will be held at the Village Hall on **March 24th 2012, 7:30 tickets £8.50 (Incl hot supper)** – Book now to avoid disappointment as these are sure to sell out FAST! By contacting the numbers below.

This year **Feast Week** runs between **Sunday 22nd – 29th July** more details will follow in due course re: Theme for Floats, Art and Produce shows etc – Keep checking the Hilton Village Website and your Spectrum for more details

Chairman: Justo Perez - 831106
Vice Chair: Sara Sampson - 830383
Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin - 830481

Other committee members:
Craig Sutherland, Gill Gill, Hilary Holmes, Sharon Walker, Richard Hunt

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!

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HILTON WI

Magistrate Eileen Gosling was our guest speaker at the first Hilton WI meeting of 2012 and she brought a light and sometimes humorous touch to what might have been a sobering subject. She had been a magistrate since 1992 and explained how the courts work, how hearings are conducted – there are always three magistrates sitting at every hearing to give a joint decision on verdicts – and gave us some outlines of unusual cases. She showed genuine sympathy for the life circumstances of some offenders but it was also obvious that she could be firm and fair. She was an excellent speaker and left us wanting to hear more so she will definitely be on our list for the future.

The new year brings a host of activities for Hilton WI, starting with our **Winter Lunch on 25th January**. The craft club is going strong and Donna has a couple of one-off projects in mind for the new year. Meetings are held on **the first Thursday of the month** at Hilton Village Hall at 1pm and new members are always welcome. Bring a sewing machine if you have one and want to get involved in one of Donna's projects – although the fabric ducks and bags she plans to work on can be made by hand too.

We are also pleased to announce that

the newest venture for Hilton WI is a reading group which got off to a flying start on Wednesday. At the time of writing it is hoped we will be able to call it Hilton Bookworms but this has to be checked with the library in case there is another group of the same name. St Ives library has been very helpful in obtaining books and giving advice and we all enjoyed the meeting and look forward to reading our first chosen book and discussing it (and no doubt many other things) at our next get-together. Membership so far is hovering around 10 which is a good number for meeting in each other's homes but there is room for one or two more so anyone interested please listen out for news at the February WI meeting.

WI meetings are held on the **2nd Monday of each month in Hilton Village Hall at 7.30** and our next meeting should be extremely interesting as we have Dr Roger Woreland of the British Antarctic Survey Team as our speaker. For this reason we are making it an open meeting when friends and non-members can attend. If you live in Hilton and are thinking of becoming a member our Secretary Ruth Salem would be very pleased to hear from you. Just give her a ring on 830358.

Carol Yarrow

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We all had a lovely time at our December meeting. Lots of us brought some really Christmassy flower arrangements, so along with some festive food & drink plus a quiz, we were soon looking forwards to Christmas itself. At our meeting **on Monday 6th Feb**. Beverley, June & Nicola will be demonstrating two arrangements each.

The next meeting on **Monday 5th March** should be very interesting as it is a talk by the head gardener at Anglesey Abbey.

Our meetings always start at 2pm & we look forward to seeing everyone as well as anyone new who would like to join us.

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FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Fenstanton Football Club started the new year on a high note!

The **1st Team** travelled to Outwell who they beat 5-2. Outwell took the lead early on but Fenstanton equalised just before half time courtesy of Dale Edwards. After the break Dan Berrill gave Fenstanton the advantage after his free kick sailed into the top corner of the net. Outwell equalised shortly after but Fenstanton responded almost straight away making it 3-2 after winger Salv Merola scored from a tight angle. Defender Stewart Phillips made it 4-2 after heading the ball in from a corner and Merola finished the game off, chipping the keeper in the last minute. Fenstanton now hold an 8 point lead at the top of the Kershaw Senior B League!

The **Reserve Team** also got back to winning ways beating Milton 'A' 2-0 at home. Craig Flavell opened the scoring and Liam Mitten who has been absent with a long term injury, made it 2-0 on his return to football. They are currently 7th in the BIS League Division 4B but are only 7 points from the top spot so promotion is more than possible before the end of the season!

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

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF TIME	COMPETITION
4/2/12	First	West Row Gunners	2pm	League Match
11/2/12	Reserve	Wisbech St Mary 'B'	2pm	League Match
18/2/12	Reserve	Willingham Wolves	2pm	League Match
25/2/12	First	West Wrattling Reserves	1.45pm	Cup Semi Final

All fixtures subject to change.

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

DOG OWNERS - A REMINDER!

Fenstanton Football Club's field is privately owned and there is **NO** automatic right of access for anyone.

However, an annually reviewed arrangement exists with the Parish Council to let the public have access to the field to pursue sporting and similar leisure activities.

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

There are signs that clearly state this but it seems that people ignore them. Both adults and children have fixtures on Fenstanton Football Pitch each week and clearing up other people's dog mess is not what we want to have to be worrying about before matches take place.

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES



Readers who walk at Fen Drayton Lakes may well be used to seeing barn owls hunting areas of rough grass and reeds. I was lucky enough to see one in early January as it hunted between Moore Lake and the Busway – a lovely end to my day as I cycled home after work.

A different kind of owl has been the highlight of a visit for a number of people this winter. Up to three short-eared owls have regularly been seen in the late afternoons, hunting farmland to the south of Far Fen Lake. Short-eared owls breed on our heather moors, and they typically spend the winter on coastal marshes, where hunting for rodents is easier than on the moors. These owls also breed in Scandinavia, and large numbers migrated to eastern England in the autumn (2011), and many of them have settled in The Fens. So long as there are enough voles and mice in our grasslands, these large owls may stay with us until spring – they're worth looking out for if you walk down The Fen towards the Busway, as the fields on the left (St Ives side) look ideal for them.

Many of our garden birds will be establishing their breeding territories during February. You'll probably hear robins and blackbirds singing in the mornings, perhaps even throughout the day if the weather is fine. Keep an eye on nest boxes too – blue tits and great tits will be claiming "ownership". I have a starling nest box, and it was being defended in early January. The birds probably won't lay eggs for many weeks yet, but if they don't make an early claim on their "des res", they could lose it to another pair.

We'll be launching our own children's wildlife explorer club in April, meeting on the third Saturday of each month. If you know interested children who are between 8 and 12 years old, please get in touch with me. We'll be running a tester event in half-term, on Friday 17th February, when there will be a number of different activities to try. All accompanied children will be welcome, and they can decide afterwards if they'd like to join the club.

If you'd like to join us on a guided walk, you'll be very welcome. All walks start from the guided bus stop and at Holywell Lake car park – with a leader at each place. Adults £4, RSPB members £2, children £1.

Short walks (about 1.5 hours):

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Tonight we are pleased to welcome Edward Mayer. Ed has recently taken early retirement, and has used his time to set up the local 'London Swifts' and international 'Swift Conservation' websites. He also provides advice on swift conservation to the government, building professionals and public.

Ed has had a lifelong love of swifts and noticed their severe decline in the 1990s. He realized that re-roofing of Edwardian properties was blocking swifts from returning to their homes. As Ed says 'swifts are on the brink of disappearing and we need to build new nests and protect existing ones to ensure their survival'.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £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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Your barely literate sports reporter writes in haste having missed the deadline yet again. Yes I know you think we have it easy here in the Home for the totally bewildered, or as we know it Stalag Luft 3, but you must understand that, what with escape committees, tunnel digging and avoiding Matrons goons, it's very difficult to fit in sports meetings. The upshot of all this is that we haven't had any chance to discuss sports day for this year yet. However we do have a date and, hold on to your hats, it's not the first Saturday in July, shock horror! We just don't care who we upset or at least I don't after all why should I worry about you lot out there in Fenstanton land when not one of you sent us a red cross parcel in our hour of need? Still, I suppose it would be churlish of me not to make an effort so, dear reader. And the date you have all been waiting for in this very special Olympic and Jubilee year is:-

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2nd	Hilton Craft Group	Village Hall	1.00pm	p27
4th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p15
6th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p27
6th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p9
7th	Knitters & Natters & Cross stitch	URC Church	10.00am	p21
8th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p19
8th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p33
9th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p7
13th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p27
15th	Fenstanton Village Hall Quiz	The George	8.00pm	p21
18th	Book Sale	URC Church	10.00am	p16
21st	Knitters & Natters & Cross stitch	URC Church	10.00am	p21
PANCAKE TUESDAY - 22nd FEB				
22nd	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p19
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