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Fenstanton Pharmacy	01480495159
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Fenstanton Indoor Bowls	01480497202
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Hilton Aerobics	01480832321
Fenstanton Aerobics	07742488459
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Fenstanton Pilates	01480465117
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Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	01480831658
Fenst. Neighbourhood Watch	01480395284
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954230471
Hilton Village Hall	07922014991

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

## Fenstanton after the Romans left:



Roman rule in England began to collapse towards the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Anglo-Saxon warriors from northern Europe were hired from the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century by the Roman military, as mercenaries to help man the Roman forts dotted around the eastern and southern coasts of England. Hiring barbarian mercenaries was a common Roman imperial practice, as was paying them with land grants. These coastal Roman forts were constructed to provide some protection against attacks by sea-going marauders. It was these raiders that are believed to have been responsible for the sacking of Godmanchester

during this period. If this is correct then their ships would have passed Fenstanton on their way upstream. It is more than likely that they would have paid a very sudden and unpleasant visit to our village! In reality the Romans never really left us. Many retired legionaries had been awarded land in Britain as part of their pension; many of them would have married local Celtic women and been assimilated into the local population. In the majority of cases the occupying troops weren't originally Roman citizens or even from Rome itself, but auxiliaries recruited from all over the Roman world. With three permanent Roman military forts so close to Fenstanton, there can be little doubt that there would have been some of these 'Roman pensioners' living within what later became the parish of Fenstanton.

The official withdrawal of Roman protection did not mean that Fenstanton immediately succumbed to the invaders, nor did the local economy collapse totally. Life in Post-Roman Britain couldn't have been easy and carefree, but for a while the Romano-British way of life survived, and the Fenstanton village folk would have survived with it.

It has to be appreciated that the British tribal leaders had become Romanised, liking and appreciating the Roman way of life, the villas and baths etc. So in terms of the way people lived, nothing much would have changed. As well as this, many tribal leaders were used by the Romans to administrate and provide law in their local areas, so again this government would have continued as it had before, but on a regional basis rather than centralised. It has been written by some historians that the majority of Britons hadn't even realised that the Romans had left until they were invaded by the Anglo Saxons.

As discussed in a previous paper, the local economy was probably driven by grain production, of which a large proportion was sold to the Roman military and exported to Gaul. With the departure of the Roman army this outlet was no longer available to the local farmers. Home-grown farming products would have been for local consumption only with very little being required by nearby towns and villages. Consequently much of the rich agricultural land that had been developed by the Roman agricultural system over the past four hundred years was allowed to revert back to woodland and forest. This decline in the economy would have impoverished the two (assumed) Fenstanton Romano-British villa complexes and it was probably at this time that they were abandoned as uneconomical to run.

The thriving Romano-British economy would have allowed various non-farming activities to grow and skilled artisans to develop. Skills such as carpentry, stone masonry, leather production, scribes, mosaic makers, etc would all have been needed when the going was good. Most probably these artisans would have been living in the 'Vicus' (a civilian town outside a military fort) at Godmanchester and Cambridge, although some would have made their homes in local villages such as Fenstanton.

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With the collapse of local farming and the national economy these artisans would have found it hard if not impossible to make a living, so there would have been a mass exodus to the larger cities where they believed work could be available. Ultimately I suspect that many of these people would have left the country following the Imperial army and administrators all the way back to Rome. In doing so the skills of working in stone and tiles were lost to the English, until reintroduced during the Norman period, hundreds of years later. The east of England was settled by the Germanic tribe of Angles as opposed to the Saxons. What is now known as Huntingdonshire was incorporated into the territory of the Middle Angles, which in turn became absorbed by the Mercians before the middle of the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The [Angles](#) settled on the coastal silt lands around [the Wash](#) but did not successfully penetrate the Great Fen immediately. Therefore the people of Fenstanton were not completely separated from their post-Roman, Romano-British neighbours inland, until other Angle settlers had spread southwards from the [Humber](#) through the land bordering [the](#) Great Fen on their western side. With the easy access from the Wash via the river Great Ouse, it is likely that Fenstanton was one of these invaders earliest settlements.

By the end of the fifth century, Fenstanton had become completely under the control of these Germanic people, and the few Fenstanton Celtic Britons who did not choose to immigrate to Brittany in France or to take refuge in the mountains of Wales and Cornwall had to settle into their lives under Germanic rulers. We can be reasonably certain that Celtic life as it had been known for thousands of years ceased around this time.

When the Romans left Fenstanton and the Angles arrived, a new era began in Fenland life. However Fenstanton, like other towns and villages, was a place of ruin, the ruins of the buildings the Romans left when they abandoned Britain. The incoming Anglo Saxons never liked the old Roman buildings, fearing ghosts and so they made their own homes well away from their ruins. However it appears from archaeological finds, that the Angles were quite happy to use the old villa complexes to stable their animals. Beautiful mosaic rooms would have been used as cow and pig sheds.

The Angles built their wooden hut homes, first destroying existing buildings or allowing them to decay. They absorbed or destroyed the original Celtic Britons' way of life and gave the area much of the character and, form of speech that it retained until just a few years ago. Historians say that there is practically no trace of the early British ancestry among the old Fenland families, they are most distinctively Anglo-Saxon. It was here in Anglian territory, later on, that the English language took its present shape.

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Research Source:

A History of Huntingdonshire by Michael Wickes

Beyond Yesterday by Jack Dady

Wikipedia

*The Gertrude Peet papers @ The Norris Museum*

### **Police report:**

During the months of October and November, the latest months for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported:

8 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 2 incidents of vehicle crime; 2 incidents of criminal damage; 5 incidents of burglary; 1 incident of violence.

The meeting expressed concern at the increase in the number of burglaries within the Village and also in the surrounding area. Parishioners are reminded to ensure that when properties are unattended all doors are locked and windows closed, including garages and out buildings.

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

### **Wiser Re-cycling scheme:**

A representative of Wiser Recycling attended the meeting and appraised Members of the benefits of the Parish Council partaking in the recycling scheme.

Wiser operate a kerbside collection of all unwanted electrical items including refrigerators and freezers for recycling. The Parish Council receives a sum of £40 per ton collected. Several Parish Councils locally work with Wiser and have found it profitable in these times of austerity in providing additional income which can benefit the Parish. The meeting resolved to accept the offer made. Wiser will publicise the dates when collections will take place, which are expected to be twice yearly, with posters and within Spectrum. (see p 27)

### **Precept:**

The Parish Council resolved to accept the Finance & Constitution Committee's recommendation to increase the precept by 5.5%. The recommendation was not made lightly and only after completely reviewing the draft budget and reducing expenditure in certain areas. It has been necessary to increase the precept by this amount following the District Council's decision not to pass on a grant to Parish and Town Councils from Central Government.

### **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

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

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next full meeting of Hilton Parish Council will take place at **7:30pm on Monday 3rd February 2014** at Hilton Village Hall.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) and on the village notice boards.





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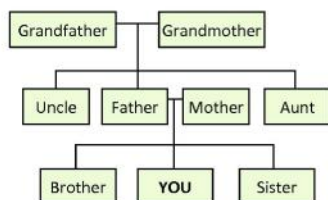
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**CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL BRANCH**  
[www.cfhs.org.uk](http://www.cfhs.org.uk)

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## DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Come along to the Central Library,  
Cambridge and find out how to discover  
your family history.

Cambridgeshire Family History Society  
will be at the library to offer advice and  
do lookups on family history websites.



There will be a different talk each  
month, from 1.30-2.30pm, that will  
explain the types of records you can  
use to trace your ancestors.

We'll also be selling a wide range of CDs of transcribed parish  
records that will help you take your research back even further.



**Third Saturday of each month,  
starting 18 January 2014, 11.00-15.00**

**Cambridgeshire Collection Rooms,  
Third Floor, Central Library, Lion Yard, Grand  
Arcade, Cambridge, CB2 3QD**

[www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS)



## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room..
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club – <b><i>Celebrating our Charities</i></b>
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	No Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by Extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Please note new date!!!</b>	
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)

**Contact information:** For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (baptism, and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com), or Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), or Rebecca Cumbers 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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

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



## TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



'TOTS PRAISE' (0-5years), are now meeting on the last Monday of the month, same time, 1.30pm - 2.30pm, in St Mary Magdalene Church. Any queries telephone, Doreen Prescott (830155) or Linda Stott (830660). We look forward to seeing you on Monday February 24th, we do hope you will find it suitable - not clashing with other things. Do come and enjoy the fun of making friends, being together for stories, songs and an activity. Coffee for grown-ups and hula hoops for tots.

### **Fenstanton Parish Church**

Thank you to everyone for their support of our special services back in December. The Christingle Service raised £225.08 for the valuable work of The Children's Society. Then just a week later we collected nearly 50 wrapped gifts of toys for the Social Services team to distribute to local families in need at Christmas. Once again "thank you" for your generosity. **Katie Hucklesby.**

## THE BRIDGE CHURCH

Serving St Ives and Local Communities

[www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)

### **Sunday Church Services:**

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

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

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

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



## **The Christmas Tree Festival at the United Reformed Church**

What a wonderful sight met you as you walked through the church doors the first weekend in December - The Christmas Tree Festival - so many different trees from the various groups and organisations in our village.

There were traditional trees from: The Open Door; Just Sharing; The Free Church; Ron's tree decorated with fruit and vegetables; the trees with the handmade decorations from the Cubs and Brownies; and the tree entered by the Parish Church with decorations showing the many groups and activities which are held in the Church.

Each time I walked by there seemed some decoration that I hadn't noticed before.

We then had the unusual trees: the one made of sticks from Slimming World!; the Tai Chi Group's tree made of branches and decorated with Chinese lanterns and yin yang emblems; the very unusual tree from Fringe in the Fen cleverly made of a music stand, musical instruments ivy and lights; the Pilates group one with a bauble named 'Keith'; there was a prayer tree and a memory tree with the photos of our loved ones.

The wonderful tree from the pre-school group made from all those little green hands.

And of course, our Knitters hand knitted tree with 200 hand knitted toys and 800 knitted squares, which when dismantled will be sewn together to make blankets for charity.

These are just a few of the many trees that were displayed during the weekend, there were more, which made a truly wonderful sight and went towards making the event so successful.

A brilliant total of £438 was made during the whole weekend which has been shared between the Church, The Arthur Rank Hospice and The Special Care baby Unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. (pictures p19).



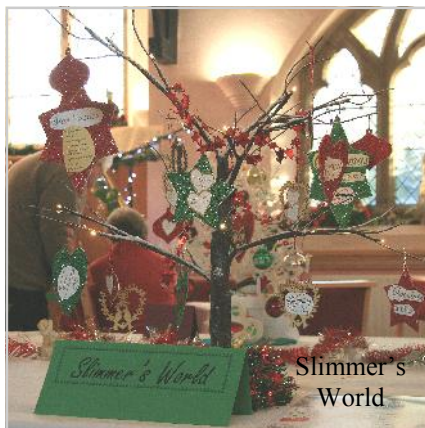
**Mrs Miriam Turner**

### **FENSTANTON OPEN DOOR.**

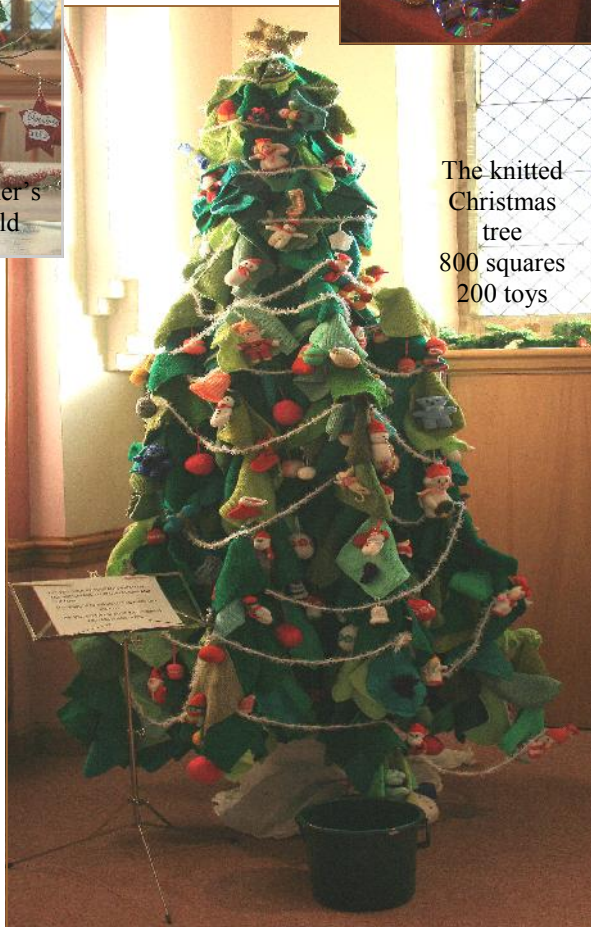
We have been meeting at the United Reformed Church alternate Tuesdays for 13 years for a coffee and a chat, before that we met in the Manse.

Formally called Open Door Centre it was run by Mrs Miriam Turner and Mrs Vera Linnell and other helpers from 1986 - 2000. When the Church was redeveloped in 2000 it was renamed Drop in and was then run by Mrs Valerie Perry and Mrs Sylvia Elliot. Sadly Val died and Sylvia took it over with Mrs Rhona Bailey and Mrs Margaret Arnold.

Unfortunately these ladies feel that they can no longer run it through health reasons, leaving the members upset as no one else in the group can take it on. So if anyone would like to take over the running please let Mrs Jean Ding know (01480 498221) Thank you



## The Christmas Tree Festival (see p24)



The knitted  
Christmas  
tree  
800 squares  
200 toys



Riding for the disabled

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

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

2nd February	10.00am	Mr Ted Garwood
9th February	11.15am	United Service at the Parish Church
16th February	10.00am	Mr John Stent
23rd February	10.00am	Mr Tony Sainsbury

### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 1st February** from 10am until 12 noon. Come and join us for refreshments and a chat and browse the goodies from the Fairtrade shop in St Ives which include groceries, gift items, greetings cards, confectionary and much more. Refreshment profits go to EACH charity.

### **THANK YOU**

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the following events:

1. Carol singing around the village had a great turn out of singers. A most enjoyable evening with good weather. The sum of £257 was raised for Save the Children. Thanks to Sandy for the warm chocolate and nibbles, they were very welcome.
2. Advent lunches raised £331 for Papworth Hospital Charity. A hearty thank you to all the hostesses and supporters of the lunches.
3. The Live Nativity Carol Service was well attended and £252 was collected for the St Ives Day Care Centre. special thanks to all who took part in the Nativity, especially our beautiful Angels.

Each year the Churches and Village organise many events and it always amazes me how people respond with their generosity.

Many thanks to all and I wish you all a very Healthy and Happy 2014.

***Heather Woods***

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—FEBRUARY

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

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

**Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058**

**or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

2nd Feb.	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
9th Feb	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
11th Feb	2.00pm	Christian Meditation
16th Feb	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
23rd Feb	9.30am	Christine Macleod

### OTHER EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Tues	Feb 11th & 25th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters
Tues	Feb 11th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	Feb 15th	9.30am	Book Sale

### THANK YOU

Over the Christmas Period, with the Christmas Tree Festival, Carol Service and Christmas Day Service, we managed to contribute:

- £146 to the Hinchingsbrooke Special care baby Unit;
- £146 to The Arthur Rank Hospice
- £254 to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm**

**and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

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

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

## Turning on the Christmas lights in Fenstanton









## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Lights event on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December held by ourselves and the Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts. We were very lucky with the weather – it was a cold clear night just right for being warmed up with mulled wine and mince pies and the Scouts' hot drinks. We are very grateful to Steve Booth and David Mead for providing the extra lights on the growing tree and on the lamp-posts and also to Chris Behagg for helping them with his cherry-picker to put the lights in place and then dismantling them all, together with the Christmas tree. Next time we hope to have more lights on the other growing tree as well!

Santa Claus had a busy time too, switching on lights, drawing tickets and talking to the children, and an even busier time afterwards replying to fifty children's letters! Thank you very much to our generous donors of prizes in the Christmas Draw. Ticket sales were slow in the run-up to the event but were hectic on the night. Please do try to buy your tickets beforehand at the Post Office, Ron's Farm Shop or from committee members to avoid disappointment when we have to stop selling. We hope the photographs (p23&24) give an idea of the different

stalls, the Christmas Draw and the carol-singing which followed. We thank Little Chef who have made us their local charity of the year for giving us space on their premises to sell surplus mince pies and biscuits on the following Saturday. We made a profit of £2,090 on the whole event which will go towards the building of a new village hall.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up the event, man the stalls and then dismantle everything. Again next time we hope to develop the Christmas market idea and have more stalls so, though it is a long time ahead, if anyone can see a gap in what we have offered so far and would like to hold a stall please do get in touch with me or one of the other committee members.

We will be holding two fundraising events in the summer:

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June** - A Barn Dance (in conjunction with the Church Appeal Committee).

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** The Cycle Treasure Hunt.

Do put these dates in your diary and we will see you there.

**Jane Blunt**

## FENSTANTON OVER 60's

We meet at the United Reformed Church alternate Wednesday 2.00pm

**5<sup>th</sup> February** A Christmas Dinner (belated) **19<sup>th</sup> February** Members to arrange

It is with great sadness we have to announce that one of our valued members, Mike Cooke, has died. He is sadly missed by us all.

### Interested in completing jigsaw puzzles?

Do you enjoy doing 1000 piece jigsaws during the winter?

If so come to the United Reformed Chapel on

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February between 10.00 &-12.00,

(and from then on fortnightly), with a puzzle you have completed.

For 10p you can exchange your puzzle for one you can take home to do.

Once a fortnight, starting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Tuesday 10am -12 noon



## FENSTANTON WI

Our Christmas meeting was attended by 45 members and guests. After a short business meeting, we shared a delicious meal prepared by Pam Hucklesby. The scrummy desserts were all provided by members. After the meal, we were entertained by Mr James Lebec who sang a variety of popular songs ranging from the 40's to the present and included some Christmas favourites. Of course we all joined in the choruses. He kept us entertained with his jokes in between times. The evening ended with dancing

to songs from Abba and finally the Hokey Kokey! All enjoyed the chance to burn off some of the calories from an excellent meal.

After a most enjoyable evening everyone went home singing!

### Future events

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** Mrs Christine Brown – “From Nits to Knitting”

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Mrs Joyce Payne – “My Life as a Court Dressmaker

## 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.

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

Cassie on [cassrose1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cassrose1@hotmail.co.uk)

**for any further information.**



### 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 LACE MAKING CLUB

A small group of lace makers usually meet on the last Saturday of each month at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton from 2.30 to around 5.00pm., the next meeting will be on **February 22nd**. Please feel free to join us, all are welcome. We can provide materials and equipment on loan for complete beginners, so don't be put off. For Further information, contact Margaret Blount on 01480 352724.

## FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

Thank you for every one who knitted squares for the Christmas Tree, which was stunning when on show, but now we need people to sew up the squares to make them into blankets for the Care Homes. If you would like to have ago at this please ring me on 01480 498221

Jean

### New Brownie Leader needed for Fenstanton Brownies



As many of you know there has been a Brownie Pack in Fenstanton for many years and for the past 27 years this has been run by Jenny Stimpson. However, in February she will be retiring and we desperately need someone to take over and run the unit. You do not need to have any guiding experience but enthusiasm and a love of working with children. There will be experienced guiders on hand to help you. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and try out new skills as well as be part of Girl Guiding UK. Maybe you were once a Brownie or a Guide and remember all the things you took part in and learnt and enjoyed as a guiding member.

We are therefore asking if anyone would be interested in taking on this role or knows anyone else who would like to take up this challenge.

If you feel this is of interest to you or you would like to know more about what is involved please contact one of the following:

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**From 11 pm on August 4 1914**  
**a state of war existed between Great Britain and Germany**

As I am sure many of you will know, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014, this country will commemorate the centenary of the start of World War 1 and a truly momentous event in our nation's history.

The village of Hilton cannot let this anniversary pass without due remembrance, respect, humility and grateful thanks to those brave young men, who gave their lives for our future freedom.

Fitting tributes are still in the planning stages, but we wanted you all to mark the date in your calendar and come along and commemorate this historical milestone with friends and neighbours.

As always, our local church will be a focus of our commemoration, hosting a display of local memorabilia; with music and floral displays on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August. On the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> August we plan to have a special tea in the Village Hall with music of the era, the Hilton Archive, a change in mood as the evening progresses with a candlelit procession, a special commemorative peal of bells and a somber bell toll as we reach 11 pm. 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](http://www.hilton-village.com)) and in Spectrum over the coming months.

We are gathering stories and mementoes from our village community – have you got something hidden up in your loft or the cupboard under the stairs; a box under the bed or loved one's letters tied up with a ribbon. If so, please contact Margaret Shardlow on 01480 831186, who would love to hear from you. If you would like to find out more, or help with the events, please contact one of the team:

Margaret Shardlow	01480 831186	Jane Shardlow	01480 831864
Doreen Bates	01480 830250	Helen Attwood	01480 830690
Liz Bush	01480 830202		

**ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL**

We have all had a lovely break over Christmas and are happy to be back at pre-school for the new Spring term. The children all seem to have had a very exciting time over the holidays. They have been keen to share stories about what they have been up to and the presents that they received. We are also lucky enough to have some new families bringing their children to join us. We would like to give them a warm welcome and we're sure that they will be settled in and making lots of new friends in no time.

This term our theme will be SPACE, which is always a topic that the children can get very enthusiastic about. We will be doing all kinds of space related activities, using our imagination, making spaceships and sparkly stars. We'll be zooming around outside a bit more once the weather starts to improve too. In the meantime, we have made a start on our indoor rocket, with lots of help from the children with sticking down the silver foil 'heat shield'. We're hoping it'll take us off for some adventures on other planets - the fun should be out of this world!

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013 in Hilton**

The final total forwarded to the Royal British Legion from us in Hilton was a truly magnificent £862.64 This includes the house-to-house collections, the collection from the Service of Remembrance on November 10th, the boxes in Monach Farm, the Prince of Wales and the Shop, also including the year-long boxes in the pub and the shop. Incidentally the current total for the East stands at £5,768,413 - amazing!. Thank you again everyone for your generosity and to all the good people who worked so hard to raise so much. Margaret Shardlow (831186) and Julie Briggs (830580)

### **HILTON CHURCHES SAFARI SUPPER**

This very popular event will be held  
on Saturday 22nd March this year.  
Tickets will be available soon  
from Heather Woods (830686) or Peter Blake (830137)

### **HILTON FLOWER CLUB**

We had a wonderful Christmas party in December. It was great to see all your wonderful table arrangements, well done.

We also had special guests (Chris and Roy) Two's Company Guitar duo, playing Carols and 50s 60s music. Everybody joined in with the singing and had an enjoyable time.

Hope you had a great Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

**February 3rd** A Demonstration by Alle Dunk and friend.

**March 3rd** A Demonstration by Beverley and June.

Meetings are in Hilton village hall, 2.00pm--4.00pm.

Entrance £3.00 includes tea and biscuits

Raffle £1.00, your chance to win an arrangement to take home.

Look forward to seeing you all.

### **HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

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

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

**contact** Kate Middleton on [ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk)  
**for any further information.**



## HILTON WI

**December** is party month and we had ours on December 9th in the Village Hall. A good excuse to wear our best party clothes and some brave members wore hats with very imaginative and varied decorations.

After our President, Wendy, had delivered the shortest business report ever, she asked us all to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Wendy usually reads a little poem or story at the start of our meeting but as it is member's night I was recruited to do the job. I read a story by Gervaise Quinn, a school inspector who has written a book of stories about the Nativity. It seemed to meet with everyone's approval and then we moved on to help ourselves to the usual delicious food prepared by our members: savouries, sweets and of course wine and soft drinks.

After we had eaten and caught up on each other's news, Chris Bylett came in with his 'Friends' Charlie the puppet and Desmond the duck. As most of us had seen him before we knew what to expect but this time he surprised us, as well as performing with Charlie and Desmond, he sang lovely carols, played his guitar and also an auto-harp when he sang "Silent Night", which was really beautiful. Last of all he recited a poem he had written called Gabriel, an up to date version, it was very amusing but reached the same conclusion as the original version so it ended our evening in a really Christmassy way.

**January**, our New year, we started with a most informative talk by local County Councillor Ian Bates, a resident of Hilton. He explained to us how the diverse needs of our community are met. Ian is a member of a Cabinet of nine people, all represent different departments such as schools, welfare, infra-structure and planning.

There are about 621,000 people in Cambridgeshire all with different needs. Schools take a large amount of their funding. Welfare and the care of vulnerable children is very high on the list. Environmental projects need careful planning, the list of projects and responsibilities is virtually endless. As we know the A14 will hopefully be upgraded soon, and a new station near the Science Park will be implemented so that there will be access for us and the new town of Northstowe when the building starts there.

Ian also told us a little known fact, that part of his remit is archaeology and that quite a lot of historical remains and old records are stored in an old salt mine in Cheshire as the cold, dry temperature makes it ideal for keeping things free from damp and mould, 'salted away' for future generations.

Our next meeting is on **February 10th** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when Michael Burnham will keep us updated on motoring matters.

So come along all you lady motorists and hear what he has to say. For any other information ring Ruth on 830358.

## HILTON ART CLUB

Next session: February 14th, 9.30am – 12.00noon,  
in Hilton Village Hall. Subject: SHELLS.  
Please bring your own to share.



**Fundraising update** We feel it's really important to try and involve all our youngsters in fundraising, so that they understand you get out of life what you put in. At the end of the day no matter what we spend the money on every single child in our Group benefits in some way – we're sure those who have helped raise money sleep better in our tents knowing they helped pay for them

Late Autumn was a busy time and we had a target to raise the major cost of the second hand shipping container we had been fortunate enough to be able to purchase (solving our desperate storage issues for camp kit etc). We packed bags at Huntingdon Garden and Leisure, our Cub Pack Sixers and Seconders did a great job (with a little help...) at the Fenstanton Christmas Lights event and we raised more by holding a photo fundraiser. And that was the target reached!

Thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and families who helped with all their hard work – and to all of you who supported us at one or more event.

Needless to say that, like all active Scout Groups, we have a never ending "wish list" so the next lot of fundraising is being planned already.

### **Donations or sponsorship – can anyone help?**

Whilst we will be fundraising, and contacting relevant grant bodies etc, we are always keen to secure other financial support to help us make limited funds stretch even further. Here are just a few examples of how you, perhaps someone you know and / or local businesses could help:

- The one major remaining storage issue is that of the gas we need to have available. We need to purchase a new larger gas cage, and then find somewhere safe and secure locally for it to be sited.
- We are looking to revamp our current website and make increasing use of services for handling photographs, deal with contacts etc so are seeking sponsorship or donations to cover the annual cost for period of years.
- Whilst the Group pays for a set of uniform for all leaders (which gets recycled if people leave) we also have fleeces that have our Group logo on but are currently paid for by each individual leader. Perhaps a company might sponsor a supply of them going forward, and if appropriate their logo could be added in return.
- Many companies offer paid leave in return for volunteering, or matched funding where their employee helps at a fundraiser.

### **Adult volunteers needed to help make the fun happen**

Whilst we continue to grow, and welcome new adults to the team, others are always moving on (some of the younger adults head off to university for example) and we are keen to actually open a second of each Section so the need to recruit volunteers is never ending! We need sufficient adults committed for at least a few years to join the fun so that we can wipe out those waiting lists.

Remember you don't have to have any experience as full training and support will be given, we work as a team (so you don't have to attend every week), scouting can enhance everything from college applications to a CV and best of all – it's great fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So if you are aged 18 or over and would like to find out more about the adventure you can help make happen for local boys and girls please take a look at our website

[www.scubes.org.uk](http://www.scubes.org.uk) and get in touch.

Louise Clover  
Group Scout Leader

[www.scubes.co.uk](http://www.scubes.co.uk)

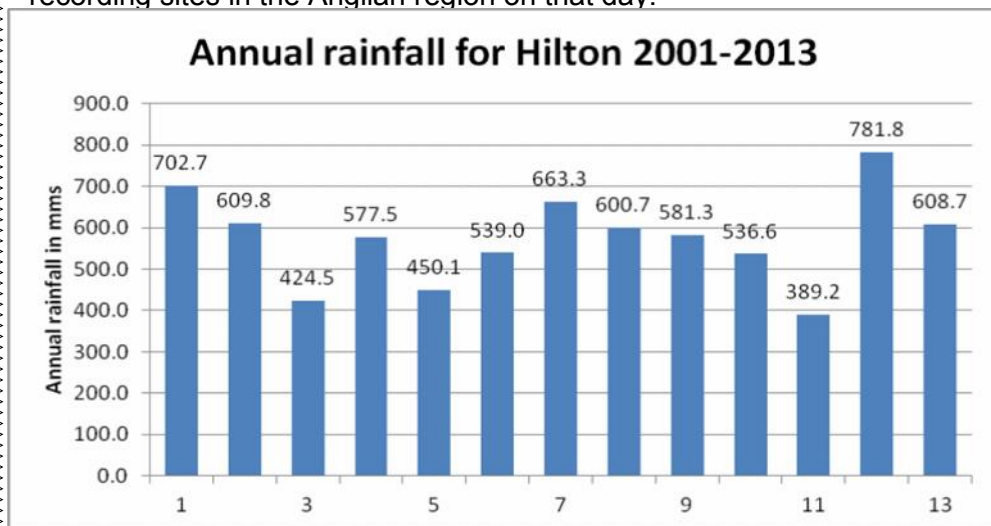
## The 2013 rainfall record for Hilton

Following the note in the February issue of *Spectrum* last year on the rainfall figures for 37 years in Hilton, the recorded rainfall total for 2013 was 608.7mms. This figure is in excess of the average rainfall total for the past years which is 550mms per annum, but is not unduly high, as the graph below shows. While the monthly rainfall for June was low, the amount recorded in July was very high, but this was due mainly to exceptional rainfall on 23<sup>rd</sup> July (as indicated in a short note in the September issue of *Spectrum*).

Readers may be interested to hear that this daily reading was mentioned in the annual letter to rainfall recorders from the Environment Agency. Referring to the thunderstorms and intense rain of July 23<sup>rd</sup> it notes:

***“Some downpours were particularly intense, with the highest recorded daily total made by the rainfall observer in Hilton of 73mms, the equivalent of 6 weeks of rain falling within one day.”***

So Hilton really did top all other Met Office and Environment Agency recording sites in the Anglian region on that day!



**Sky Blue Theatre Company** is accepting one act play submissions for the Cambridge Theatre Challenge 2014. Up to 10 plays will be shortlisted. All shortlisted plays will be performed at London's Courtyard Theatre, filmed, assessed and considered for publication.

Follow the link for the rules <http://www.skybluetheatre.com/newplays.php>

Shortlisted plays from 2013 can be seen <http://www.skybluetheatre.com/Photos>.

Anne Bartram Artistic Director, Sky Blue Theatre Co.

Tel 01223 529491 or 07850097520 [www.skybluetheatre.com](http://www.skybluetheatre.com)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for 2014 from all the Feast week committee. We are looking forward to a busy year with plenty of fundraising events with quizzes etc. to raise the funds needed to stage the main event which is Feast week. It is in the first week of the school summer holidays, all events are free of charge. Some of the events we hold are not always primarily for fundraising, because we as a committee feel it is nice to host these events for the community and most of all the children. We held a children's Christmas party in the village hall with Santa and his helpful elves in the grotto handing out presents to every child which was wonderful. There was a disco (many thanks to Dean and Karen) playing Christmas songs and games including the Oke Cokee which the adults all enjoyed too! Many thanks for all the committee helping with the refreshments and mulled wine, and to Santa for coming at such a busy time too.

We are also planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday 19th April so save the date for fun for all the family and plenty of chocolate too!

Many thanks to everyone who attended the quiz in November, the quiz questions were entertaining and some were challenging, as always, cleverly masterminded by Emma and Craig. The teams were as competitive as ever with a lovely curry halfway through to enjoy, so many thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Our next Quiz night will be on **22nd FEBRUARY 2014, starting at 7.30pm** in the village hall. Please contact Gill Gill by phone or email below to book your tables of 8, to ensure fair competition! The ticket price is £10 per person, which can be paid to Gill by cash or cheque, which is superb value for a lovely chilli and rice plus a vegetarian option, with great entertainment from your quiz masters, Brian and Nina. We are offering a discount on your quiz tickets, only £8, if you buy them early! So there is a great incentive to get your team organised now! There will be a fully stocked Bar, profits to support Feast week, and nibbles too.

More dates for your diaries are as follows;

**22.2.14 Quiz night in the village hall.**

**29.3.14 Quiz night in the village hall.**

**19.4.14 Family Easter Egg hunt, 11 am - 2pm**

**27<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 14 is FEAST WEEK, with a theme of THE MUSICALS !**

Watch the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary and we always welcome your support with our fundraising for the next year.

The last Summer Ball Committee 2012, have approached Feast Week committee to offer to organise a Summer Ball on 25th July 2014, and tickets will be offered to residents in our villages initially, as the maximum is 300 people, with 10 per table. Tickets cost £50 as before which is great value for a Ball, and will be available from Peter Sampson and Ett McCarthy in the next few months, with a £15 deposit to secure your table.

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

*Sharon Walker.*

See the website at [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) for all the latest news.

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**SECRETARY – EMMA STUBBS .**

**OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ; SUZIE AND CRAIG SUTHERLAND, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE, JUDY WARD, PAUL WILLIAMSON.**



# Quiz & Fish n Chip Night!

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

**Fenstanton & Hilton School Hall**

**Doors Open @ 7.30pm**

**Quiz starts 8pm**

**Tickets £10 per person  
(Tables of 8 or single tickets)**



**Bar Service Available**



Put your thinking caps on and pit your wits  
against other teams in our fun quiz!!!



Barry's Plaice are providing some tasty  
fish and chips\* while you enjoy the quiz.



All proceeds go towards our wonderful  
school so please come along and support  
this event!

Tickets are available from:

Louise Howard Tel: 07843 017067

Email: [louisehoward12@btinternet.com](mailto:louisehoward12@btinternet.com)

Bev Speller Tel: 07429 323948

Email: [bev.speller@btinternet.com](mailto:bev.speller@btinternet.com)

Tickets also available from the School Office.

\*Note: Could you please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements so we can make sure you are properly catered for. Thank you

## WHAT'S ON in FEBRUARY

1st	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p20
3rd	Carer's Session	Harford Village Hall	10.00am	p14
3rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
3rd	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
4th	Jigsaw Swap	URC Church	10.00am	p24
5th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p24
6th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
10th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
12th	Wildlife meeting	Brampton	7.30pm	p41
13th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
14th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p33
15th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p21
18th	Jigsaw Swap	URC Church	10.00am	p24
19th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p24
22nd	Lace makers	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p25
22nd	Hilton Quiz	Village Hall	7.30pm	p39
Mar 1st	Quiz, Fish & Chips	School Hall	7.30pm	p42

Regular weekly meetings:  
 Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p26)  
 Hilton Baby & Toddler (p33)  
 Football Training

Regular fortnightly meetings:  
 Knitters & Natters (p22)  
 For Church services etc.  
 see (p15 - 17, 20 & 21)

Many thanks to The Fenstanton Village Hall Trust  
 for their kind donation to Spectrum