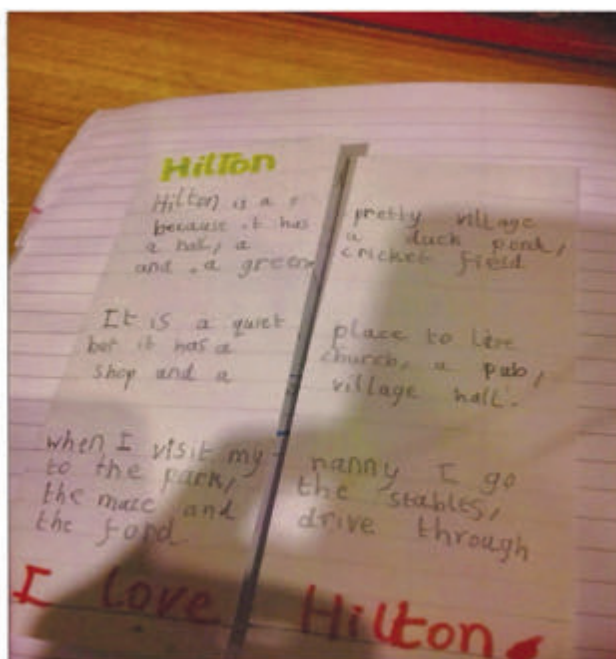


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Emergency:

Police 101

Fenstanton Surgery 01480461873

Fenstanton Pharmacy 01480495159

Out of hours doctor dial 111

To report: water leaks 08003167676

street lights not working 0800253529

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Hilton Parish Council 01480831106

County Councillor 01480830250

District Councillor (Hilton) 01480830250

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Fenstanton Parish Church 01480465211

Catholic Church (St Ives) 01480462192

Hilton Methodist Chapel 01480830686

Rev. Rachel Larkinson 01223 312184

Hilton Parish Church 01480830866 430413

Rev David Busk 01480 436400

The Bridge (St Ives) 01480498801

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Beavers, Cubs & Scouts 01480831715

Fenstanton Brownies 07730369565

Hilton Brownies 01480411408

Hilton Rainbows 01480411408

Fenstanton WI 01480395564

Hilton WI 01480830455

Fenstanton Friendship Club 01480350677

Hilton Art Club 01480831410

Hilton Flower Club 01480830571

Fenstanton Bowls 01954230471

Fenstanton Indoor Bowls 01480497202

Fenstanton Football Club 07711674591

Fenstanton Youth Football 07738 94667

Hilton Aerobics 01480832321

Fenstanton Dance Aerobics 07910600077

Fenstanton Supple Strength 07910600077

Hilton Pilates 07733307475

Fenstanton Pilates 01480465117

Fenstanton Morris 01480466448

Scottish Country Dancing 01487822989

St Ives Art Club 01480466155

Tai Chi for beginners 01480468701

Tennis 01954231752

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Hilton Feast Week 01480831299

Fenstanton Village Sports 01480370973

Fenstanton Village Hall 01480461751

Hilton Town Trust 01480830866

Hilton Neighbourhood Watch 01480831658

Fenst. Neighbourhood Watch 01480395284

Fenstanton Church Centre 01954230471

Hilton Village Hall 07752678415

St Ives RBL Women's Section 01480380882

Education:

Primary School 01480375055

Fenstanton Pre-School 01480496156

Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group 01480830658

Swavesey VC 01954230366

Sunshine Day Nursery Hilton 01480830351

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group 01480830658

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.

LETTERS & NOTICES

It is with great sadness that I ask to have this message included into Spectrum. For a good number of years we have erected a Nativity Stable at either the Parish Church or the Methodist Church in Hilton. This year it was at the Parish Church and much to our horror it was badly vandalised just before Christmas. The heads were removed and thrown to the ground. Joseph's framework had a broken arm, his staff, head wear and a lantern stolen and the frame thrown to the ground. The empty crib was also broken. Time was spent repairing the damage including the lighting which had been ripped out of the grass so that others could enjoy the Christmas message. As usual Christmas Eve had a baby placed into the crib. Once again, we were let down by someone who decided to remove the baby and dispose of it!!!! This has been a deliberate act and I would like to think that if anyone can shed any light on who would have done such an act please contact me --- it would be good to name and shame. Our village deserves better.

Heather Woods

**We pen this ode to Jo and Ash,
while queuing up to pay our cash,
to say how we appreciate
from crack of dawn to evenings late,
you're always there to serve us well,
with patience, tucked behind the till!
Once we're inside, as we advance
along those aisles, a simple glance
reveals our regular requirements,
for young and old, birth to retirement!
But if there's something we can't see
there's always opportunity
to ask, and know you'll always try
our wants and whims then to supply!**

**We send these lines, dear Ash and Jo,
with thanks for all you are and do
- your friendly words, your welcome
smiles,
for all those many extra miles
that you both travel, serving us,
so tolerant of our chat and fuss!
So now, as Christmas time comes round,
though both exhausted may be found,
the season's love and peace we bring!
Your joyful praises here we sing!
to let you know we really care!
We couldn't find a NISA pair!**

Penny and John Leigh-Brown

FENSTANTON MORRIS - BOXING DAY 2016

Fenstanton morris danced out, as they traditionally do, at the Clocktower in Fenstanton and at the White Swan in Conington. This day always involves making a collection for charity and the total collection, including Fenstanton Morris members' donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards, amounted to a rounded-up sum of £170. This sum will be donated to the local Parkinson's group. Fenstanton Morris would like to thank everyone at both venues who contributed so generously to this collection.

Penny James on behalf of
Fenstanton Morris

Thank you to all the people who offered to help with the delivery of Spectrum in Church Leys, your offers were very much appreciated. Kay

Love for Hilton

Recently the six year old granddaughter (Jessica) of Diana Walsh, a Hilton resident, had to write a piece of homework about a village or town she knows. She occasionally comes to stay in Hilton and decided to write about Hilton. See front page.

Also a detailed map of her favourite village.

Glad you like Hilton Jessica



Mobile Library



DON'T FORGET that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm. It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

Hilton Parish Church - February

Sunday 5th	4th Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Saturday 11th		
Hilton	10am	Bible Study – Methodist Church
Sunday 12th	3rd Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service with children's activities in church
Sunday 19th	2nd Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service at Methodist church
Saturday 25th		
Hilton	10am	Bible Study – Methodist Church
Sunday 26th	Next before Lent	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship
Weds 1st March	Ash Wednesday	
Godmanchester	7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing
Sunday 5th March		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church

Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or dwbusk@hotmail.com (for weddings, baptisms, funerals and matters of pastoral concern), Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries) or Jenny Broom 01480 830413

TOTS' PRAISE (0– 4 year olds) - HILTON

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas time and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

By the time you read this we will have had our first session of 2017.

Hope to see some mums and tots on Monday 27th February in the Parish church at 1.30pm for some music, story and activity.

You will be made very welcome.

Contact Linda on 830660 or Laura on 839110 for details..

Fenstanton Parish Council has a vacancy for the position of Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer. The position is a full time appointment based on 37 hours per week with a salary in accordance with Local Government NJC SCP 20 – 25, subject to experience.

Applicants must be conversant with Microsoft Office and have a good working knowledge of bookkeeping.

For further information and a job description, contact: Mr S L Dartford, Clerk, Fenstanton Parish Council, 2B, New Road, St Ives, PE27 5BG. Telephone (01480) 465300, e-mail fenstanton-parishcouncil@btconnect.com

Closing date for applications is 17th February 2017.

Did you know that Fenstanton has No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) in Peartree Close, Swan Gardens, Chequers Close and Cherry Tree Way?

These zones were set up to discourage cold callers and to give residents the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited sales people – helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.



Whilst the zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, it is recognised that community-led action is much more effective in protecting local people from unscrupulous tradespeople. Indeed, the best prevention and support for residents comes from within their own community.

We can offer a range of materials for your residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls. We invite a local coordinator to disseminate this information and look after a NCCZ on behalf of its residents. This would preferably be someone living within the zone but could also be someone residing close by. Could that be you?

If you feel you can help, even if your time and ability is limited, we would love to hear from you. A NCCZ can really be reinvigorated with a little community action; just a good neighbour keeping an eye out makes all the difference.

For more information please contact Elaine Mountfort, Community Protection Officer at elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or on 01954 286006 or 07810 153604.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - February

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

5th February at 10am Mrs Pauline Zahner

12th February at 11.15am United Service at the Parish church led by Rev David Busk and Rev Rachel Larkinson

19th February at 10am Ms Sue Kinder

The Carols round the village raised £298.40 for Save the Children. Thank you to all the singers and collectors who came out to join in, it was a lot of fun for a very worthwhile cause.

At our special gift service in December for Action for Children we were able to send a cheque for £228 plus gifts of toys to the local branch of this charity. This will enable children from needy families to have a much brighter Christmas. Thank you everyone who donated.

The Advent lunches raised £383.50 and this money was sent to The Stroke Association

Our Candlelit Carol Service on 18th December had a representative from Jimmy's Night Shelter who spoke to us about his work with the homeless in Cambridge. The collection of £270 was sent to Jimmys . Thank you for your generosity.

HILTON ROVING SUPPER

This very popular event which raises money for the two churches in Hilton will be taking place on Saturday 18th March. It will follow the usual format and tickets will be available nearer the time from Heather Woods (830686) and Peter Blake (830317)



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, February 4th 10.00am - 12.00noon.

All are welcome anytime for refreshments and to browse our selection of FAIRTRADE goods. Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH. Do come and join us.

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH February

Thursday 2nd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.25pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 3rd		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC), Church Centre
Sunday 5th		
4 before Lent		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club
Thursday 9th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes),
Sunday 12th		
3 before Lent		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Thursday 16th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Sunday 19th		
2 before Lent		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Sunday Club and Prayer for Healing
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 23rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Friday 24th		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC), Church Centre
Saturday 25th		
Fenstanton	7.00pm	Seaside themed evening with 3 course meal (see separate advert), Church Centre
Sunday 26		
Sunday before Lent		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion, with Sunday Club

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH



Fenstanton Parish Church Advent and Christmas Family Services

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christingle service at the start of December, in aid of The Children's Society. It was a lovely occasion and the fabulous giant Christingle cake (see photo) was much enjoyed with the tea afterwards. £375.49 (plus gift aid) was raised for the work of The Children's Society.

It was great to welcome representatives of the local social services team to the Worship For All Toy service, to collect, in person, all the fantastic toy gifts for local disadvantaged children. I am delighted to say the car boot afterwards was pretty full with over 75 gifts being given. THANK YOU to everyone who came with gifts and indeed for ones left in church or given by others who couldn't attend in person.

Another thank you to everyone for their support of the Christmas Eve Crib Service. It was great to have the church so full and thank you to all our young people, musicians and readers for taking part. Thanks also to those who lit the church path with hundreds of night lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

Katie Hucklesby

Contact information:

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

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk, 01480 496138.

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

Other points of contact: for Community Fund

FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries).

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Services: start at 10.30am,
at 2, Burrell Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store)
St. Ives, PE27 3LE.

Come along to our lovely new church building for some lively worship and to hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives.

We also meet together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting** and a **Men's' Prayer Meeting** early on Friday mornings.

There is: **A Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds on Friday nights in term-time, 7pm- 9pm; **Babies and Toddlers group** at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time; **Craft Clubs** meet at 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons and **A Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets on a Tuesday.

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

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

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801.

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 Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

5TH February 9-30 AM Rev Derek Newton
12th February 9-30 AM Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
6-00pm Mr Alexander Nunn
19th February 9-30 AM Dr Rev Catherine Ball
26th February Rev Roy Muttram

OTHER EVENTS IN February

KNITTERS AND NATTERS	14th and 28th 10-00am
TUESDAY LUNCH	7th 11-30am serve lunch 12noon
COFFEE AND CHAT	21st 10-00am -11-30am
Sewing Bee	Every Thursday morning 10-00am -1-00pm
Evening Sewing Bee	First and third Thursday in the month 7-30pm
Meditation	2 nd Tuesday in the month
BOOK SALE	18h 9-30am 12-00noon

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)



FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF SEASIDE FUN
AND FROLICS
WITH A THREE COURSE SUPPER

Including Sea songs, Shanties and
Saucy Seaside Monologues with the
FEN SHANTY FOLK to entertain
and lead you through the courses

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
In the Church Centre, Fenstanton.
7pm

Tickets £12.50 each From Ron's
Farm Shop and the Post Office
Or call 01480 465211
(Please bring your own drink)

The Fenstanton Witch:

I am unable to vouch for the truth of the story of the Fenstanton witch as it is on record as being Fenstanton oral folklore. Apparently, the story is largely taken verbatim from oral Fenstanton villagers' stories. The manuscript of the complete story is in Cambridge University Library. In this essay I have taken liberties with the original so that it will fit in the space that I have in the Spectrum

Elizabeth Cotton was the widow of Thomas Gibbons. After Thomas death Elizabeth became a recluse and as was usual in those far off days, the villagers began to distrust her, suspecting her of having demonic powers. The older and uglier (probably in poor health) she became the more people thought that she was a witch. It is possible that she had some knowledge of medicines and plants with healing powers, but that would have made the villagers even more suspicious. Anything that went wrong in the village would have been blamed on her evil powers. She was described thus; "she might have sat for a portrait of the enemy as far as her eyes were concerned: they were as red as blood and the pupils like a goat's". Every boy or man in the parish was ready to swear she had signed herself away to the devil".



It has to be remembered that the people of Fenstanton in the 18th century were uneducated and full of fear of the things that they did not understand. This ignorance was further fuelled by the dogma of the church and the church leaders, especially the local parson or vicar who would have their own agenda. Things that were not understood would have to have been caused by an unseen body, usually referred to as the evil one. The Fenstanton villagers were, at the time, "fen-rustics and little but brutes".

Swimming a witch involved throwing the suspect into water, with her left hand or thumb tied to her right foot, and her right hand tied to her left foot. The guilty would float the innocent sink. The original story suggests that Mother Gibson was ducked in the village pond, not one but four times before she finally drowned.

Necromancer is a person who practices necromancy, a discipline of black magic used to communicate with the dead to foretell the future. Two young clerics studying at Cambridge decided to pay a midnight visit to the grave of Old Mother Gibson.

Their mission was to recover part of her shroud and a lock of hair for use in a magical ritual which, if successful, would bring them great wealth. Only the most 'well-off' people could afford coffins; the rest were buried coffinless in their woollen shrouds.

So they set off from Cambridge and walked quietly on towards the sleeping village of Fenstanton. On the north side of the dark church, not more than ten yards from the new-made grave, they picked out a space where the grass was shortest and drew two large circles, one within the other. And in the space between the circles they marked out with some pains the symbols of the planets and a few Hebrew letters

They were determined to obtain the ingredient for future spells, which should enable them to command the forces of nature. They planned that they would go through certain forms of words which would have power to make the corpse of the old woman buried that day arise out of the grave and come to them. Then they would remove some hair and shroud. They were to go back to their College the next day; and in seven days' time, they hoped they would be rich and powerful.

They were reading the 91st Psalm when a blacker cloud than usual left the moon's face and one of the clerics fell like an ox at the feet of the other. Looking over at the grave, he beheld crouched upon it a shape. It was the figure of an enormous bat, with folded wings and hints of head approaching the human form. In a short moment, he caught sight of the folds of wrinkled skin that hung down from the cheeks, of the wide ears which shone transparent in the moonlight, and of the two lines of dusky red fire which marked the almost closed eyes.

Then he saw the earth heap upon which this being was crouched, stir and wave beneath it. The terrific appearance rose to its height and for a minute seemed to look about as if for a victim whom it knew to be near. The creature all of a sudden turned full in his direction and stepped swift and straight towards him, not flinching for an instant. In another moment, its talons were raised toward his face, and the cleric knew no more.

In the morning, the cleric who had not witnessed the creature took the other one back to Cambridge and it was he who, for the next twenty years, sheltered and ministered to the stricken man.

John Deeks/2017
john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Police report.

During the months of October and November, the latest information available from the Police, the following crimes were reported.

Anti-social behavior: 9. Burglary: 7. Theft from a person: 1. Criminal damage: 4. Drugs: 2. Other theft: 4. Shoplifting: 1. Violence: 3. Vehicle crime: 1.

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Closure of the Low Road.

The County Council Highways department has advised the Parish Council that major bridge works to replace Turnpike Bridge and the Low Road culvert are to be undertaken. Minor works are expected to commence on 21st January and the main works to begin on 6th February. The road and junction are expected to be closed for 3 weeks from 22nd April until 14th May as well as two weekends prior to the major works commencing. No specific dates are available at the time of writing although it is possible these will be between 25th February and 9th April and one subsequent weekend at the end of the major works which are currently expected to be 24th / 25th June. The Parish Council is advised that adequate signage will be in place well in advance of any closures.

Parking Issues.

Huntingdonshire District Council has appointed Cllr. Jim White to deal with problems associated with illegal / inconsiderate parking. Any problems should be reported to Cllr. White by e-mail (jim.white@huntingdonshire.org.uk) with accompanying photographs.

Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council.

Following the resignation of former Cllr. Place a casual vacancy now exists on the Parish Council. Eligible Parishioners are invited to apply to the Parish Council to fill the vacant seat as a co-opted Member. Nominations are to be received by the Clerk no later than 7th February 2017. All nominations will be considered by the Parish Council and the appointment made at the meeting to be held on 9th February 2017. For further information or to apply and a Candidates Qualification form contact the Clerk as follows:

2B New Road, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE27 5BG, telephone (01480) 465300 or e-mail: fenstantonparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

Vacancy for Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for the position of Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer. Details of the position appear in the advertisement on page 13 of this edition of Spectrum.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7:30 at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the public and press are welcome.

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

Richard Carter, a former policeman and now a member of staff at the Norris Museum in St. Ives, gave us an informative but entertaining talk about "Law and Order in Huntingdonshire".

He gave us several examples of crimes and punishments going back to mediaeval times and explained how the Huntingdonshire Constabulary developed.

One interesting item was the story of the Fenstanton highwaymen, who, after drinking in a local pub, took the road to Godmanchester where they spotted a carriage with 12 outriders. Thinking it might contain something valuable, they tried to hold it up. The outriders were actually bodyguards guarding Oliver Cromwell. They overpowered the highwaymen; one managed to flee and was never seen again, the other was injured and captured, taken to Cambridge and nursed back to health before being executed.

The Norris Museum is closed for redevelopment until early next year but continues to stage events.

Meetings Programme:

December 1st – Christmas Celebrations - 7pm Start

February 2nd – Life in Antarctica – Dr. Peter D. Clarkson

March 2nd – A day in the Life of a Prison Officer – Nicki Lisle

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, except January. New members will always be made welcome. Just come along to one of our meetings in the Church Centre at 7.30pm or contact our secretary Deborah Markl – Tel. 831320

Fenstanton Sewing Bee



NEW EVENING GROUP!

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Fenstanton United Reformed Church 7.30-9.30pm
You don't need to be an expert, all abilities welcome. Bring your sewing machine along and/or any project you are working on. Share ideas, expertise and sewing patterns. Have a chat and make new friends. £2.50 per session. Drinks provided.

For further information email Sarah: fenstantonsewingbee@yahoo.co.uk

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Very many thanks to all of you who supported FVHT at the Christmas Lights and Christmas Draw event on Tuesday, 6th December, by sponsoring the purchase of the splendid tree and donating prizes, by buying Draw tickets and by attending on the night. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves! Many, many thanks also to the volunteers who helped to erect the tree and decorate it with lights and who helped to set up and dismantle the whole event. Without you this community event would not happen and it is all for such a good cause: to raise funds to build a new village hall and for everyone to enjoy the fantastic lights on the Christmas tree for a whole month. We also thank the Fen Shanty Folk for giving stirring renditions of shanties, songs and carols to kick off the festive season. We were lucky with the weather, the stallholders were pleased, Father Christmas replied to 36 letters from local children and in the end we cleared £2,576 which is about £50 down on last year. Here are some photos to remind you of the evening. Thank you all very much.

The best news of all is that we now have outline planning permission for a new village hall on a portion of land on the old Dairy Crest site. Currently we are waiting for the land to be transferred to FVHT and we are working on a design brief to pass on to architects, pre-feasibility grants and the possibility of holding another Village Garage Sale on a Sunday in May. Would you like another Garage Sale? Let us know on fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com.



Fen Shanty Folk

A Convivial Time



CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDENS

Caring for Orchids



It's that time of the year again, the heady days of summer seem so far gone and Spring is still a couple of months away. The garden is short on flowers, but for a couple of winter staples. This is when house plants step into the fold to provide some much needed winter colour. Amongst these is the moth orchid (Phalaenopsis) which has saturated the market with its exotic blooms and affordable price. It does, however, remain an enigma to many when it comes to watering regime and re-flowering. This is one of the most common questions I get asked, so here is a quick guide

to orchid care.

Phalaenopsis is a mainly tropical genus, so these orchids are best grown at temperatures above 18°C. In their natural habitat, they grow on trunks and limbs of rainforest trees, in medium to low light and so when kept as houseplants, they are best kept on an east facing window sill, which receives the gentle rays of the morning sun. They should be potted in a coarse bark and watered with a wet-dry cycle allowing the roots to dry, but not desiccate, before re-watering. The key to keeping orchids healthy is to avoid overwatering them. Between Halloween and Valentine's Day watering should be reduced considerably, with moisture being added a couple of times during this period. And finally re-flowering: you can initiate this by a drop in temperature of 2-3°C for a couple of weeks. Do this during the winter period when you reduce the watering, or move the orchid to a cooler location in your house. It should then be a matter of weeks before you see a new flower stalk emerge. Watering should remain as per above and this is also governed by light and temperature.

If this has whetted your appetite for a bit of winter colour, then why not visit the Garden, where our Orchid Festival will run from 12 February to 12 March in the warmth of our Glasshouse Range. This year's theme is India and will showcase an array of South Asian orchids, many drawn from the Garden's reserve collections, to provide a colourful taste of the Subcontinent – enough to brighten up any dreary winter day.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am - 4pm in January, 10am - 5pm February & March, 7 days a week. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

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 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

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

We are now back in the newly renovated Church Centre and would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.



The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

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

THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Who are the Fen Shanty Folk?

We are a new group singing a mixture of shanties, folk and popular songs purely for the pleasure of being able to do it.

We meet every Thursday night in the newly refurbished Church Centre for two hours from 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in why not come along? If you can play a folk related instrument and would like to join in we would love to see you. You can find out details from

Ray on 01480 370973 or email ray@srobb.co.uk



Cambridge Past, Present and Future

We made it – spring is just around the corner! The countryside is about to stir into life once again, and Cambridge PPF has plenty of fun things to do to get you energised for the new season. Don't worry if you've lapsed a little during the colder months – join the regular healthy walking for the perfect way to ease yourself back into the outdoors. If you fancy getting some fresh air and doing your bit for the environment there's a coppicing event at Wandlebury, as well as a chance for novice basket makers to build on their previous experience with an advanced course for adults. Have fun and get fit this February with Cambridge PPF!

Healthy Walking 2,9,16,23 February: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Advanced Basket Making Saturday 4 February: 10am to 4pm

Conservation Volunteer Activity – Coppicing and Coppice Products
Saturday 4 February: 11am to 3.30pm

Venues differ so please check web site.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org,

Or call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE and THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks
(new 18 mile walk added for 2017)

Sunday 14th May 2017 from The Over Day Centre
1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

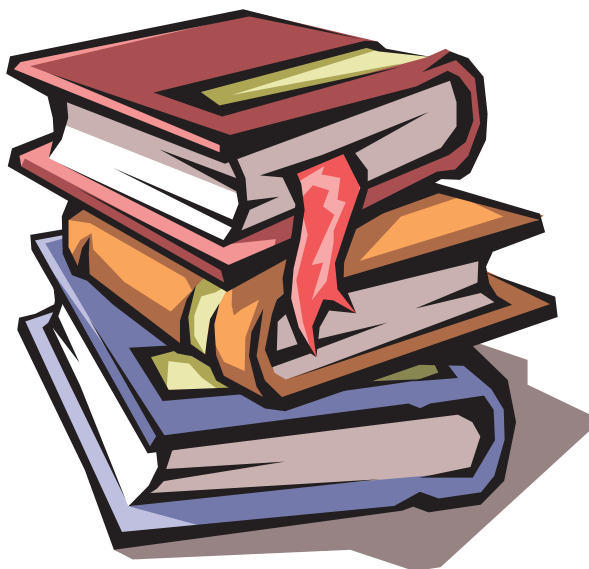
Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18).

(Further information, amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET**

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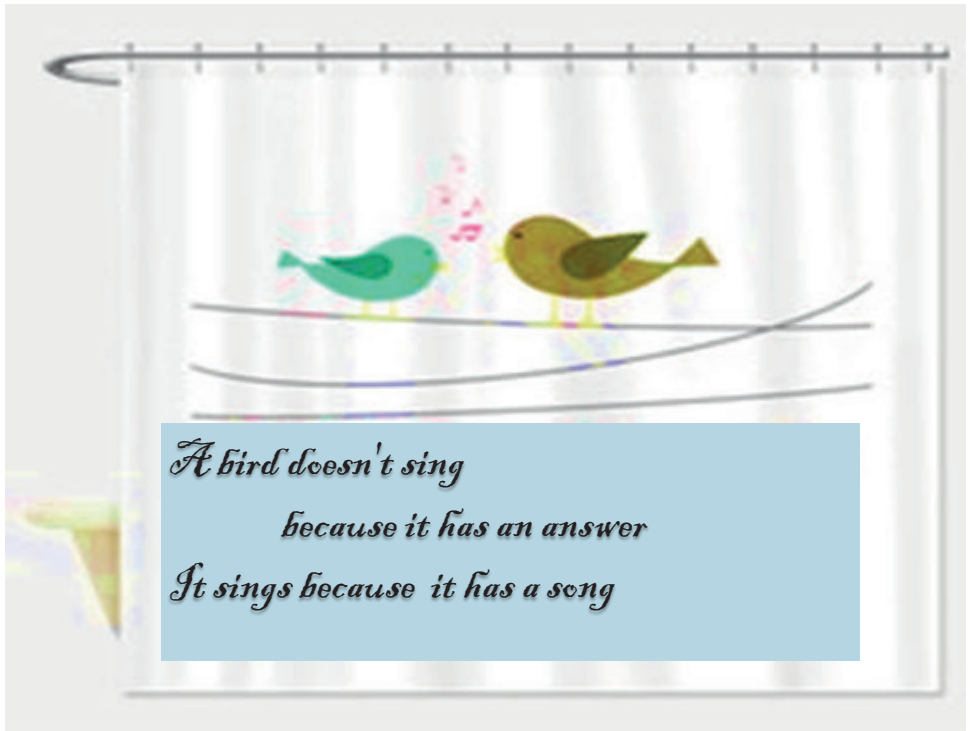
BOOK SALE



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

9-30AM- 12-NOON

If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.
They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.
Thank you.



*A bird doesn't sing
because it has an answer
It sings because it has a song*

Always enjoyed singing?

Whether it is in the shower, in the car or just once a year at the Christmas carol service, why not join our Community choir and have the joy of singing every week!

We meet every Wednesday evening (during term time) at Swavesey Village College!

No auditions or previous experience required, just enthusiasm!

Please use the contact details below to check
Out starting dates and for more information:

Email: swavesey.community.choir@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk/>



FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The newly formed Fenstanton Reserves are within touching distance of their first piece of silverware, securing their place in the final of the Hunts Lower Junior Cup after beating AFC Stanground Sports 'A' at the beginning of January.

The Reserves, assembled by Manager **Dan Berrill** after the previous Reserve Team disbanded in 2015, booked their place in the final in a dramatic match away to Peterborough based AFC Stanground 'A'. The yellow and greens couldn't have got off to a worse start however, giving away a penalty after just 7 minutes. Fortunately, the conversion went wide clipping the post and this sparked the team into action, winning a penalty of their own in the 13th minute. Some great close control in the box by **Josh Heaford** resulted with him being tripped by the defender. The youngster stepped up to convert the penalty himself, hammering the ball down the middle of the goal.

Things got even better just before half time, when striker **Harry Taylor** latched onto a through ball, skipped around the keeper and settled a very nervous first half performance with a cool finish into the empty goal. 2-0 to Fenny at half time.

The game opened up in the second half as both teams created chances, arguably Fenstanton having the better opportunities, but in the 90th minute the home team scrambled a goal back to put them back in the game. Panic followed and after managing another chance or two, Stanground put the ball in the net again in the 93rd minute. However, to the relief of everyone, the linesman had raised his flag to save Fenny from a penalty shoot-out and ensure a cup final in the debut season of the team being reformed!

They will now play another Peterborough based team, Cardea FC, in the final on Wednesday 8th March 2017. Venue to be confirmed.

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
04/02/17	First Team	Alconbury	2pm	League Match
18/02/17	First Team	Chatteris Town Reserves	2pm	League Match
25/02/17	Reserve Team	Wicken	2pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change.

Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at **www.fenstantonfootball.club**

Also if anyone would like to join Fenstanton Football club, please get in touch with us via the website. Alternatively, you can come along to one of our training sessions which takes place at the St Ivo Outdoor Recreation Centre, California Road, St Ives on Wednesday evenings 8pm – 9pm.

Royal British Legion in Hilton

Good News!

A late donation has rounded up the total for last year's Poppy Appeal to a magnificent £1,200.00! This takes Hilton's total monies raised for the Royal British Legion, from 2012 to 2016 to £5,743.47. We live in an amazing, generous village, so sincere thanks go to all donors and voluntary collectors on behalf of all who will be supported by the Royal British Legion.

We can also say that every house in Hilton was visited at least once, it is difficult always to find people at home when we all such busy lives.

2017 will bring us three Everyman Remembered ceremonies – dates to be confirmed. They will be for James Roslyn in May, Ernest James Cook in June and Harry Jennings in August. Do any of their descendants live locally? Please contact us if you know of any.

Finally, there will be local and national ceremonies on July 31st to commemorate the start of the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917.

If you have any queries please contact: Margaret Shardlow 831 186 or Julie Briggs 830 580. Thank you.

Rotary Club of St Ives Inter-pub quiz

You may be aware that twice a year the Rotary Club of St Ives organise an inter-pub quiz around our district. The latest one was held on Thursday 6th October and the competition was won by our own King Bill pub in Fenstanton. For the second Quiz in a row, The King William IV in Fenstanton were crowned Charity Pub Quiz champions. The Quiz, organised by the Rotary Club of St. Ives, attracted 43 pubs and clubs from all over Cambridgeshire and raised more than £2,400 towards Rotary charities and other good causes. In all some 650 quizzers took part in the fifteenth running of this bi-annual event.

They scored 185 points out of a maximum of 195 beating 43 other teams who entered this fifteenth holding of the event. They won a prize cheque of £250 for their chosen charity EACH together with the Top Team Trophy and a case of 12 bottles of wine, sponsored by Peter Lane and Partners, Estate Agents.

Quiz organiser Adrian Acton was absolutely delighted with the amazing number of teams taking part and wished to thank them all for their enthusiasm, together with the Rotary clubs of Huntingdon, Huntingdon Cromwell, Ramsey and Rushden Chichele, and St. Ives Inner Wheel Club, plus everyone who performed as

Quizmasters. In particular, Adrian also thanked the sponsors Peter Lane and Partners, Estate Agents, for their valuable support.

Anyone wishing to join in the next Quiz, on Thursday 30th March 2017, can get more details from Adrian on Tel 07850 898684 or e mail him on 'adrian@acton99.freemove.co.uk' or contact any member of St Ives Rotary club.

Hilton Parish Council

The Parish Council trusts you had a good Christmas and wishes you a very Happy New Year.

Dates of next meetings

Please note that the dates for the next 2 meetings are

Monday 23 January 2017

Monday 6 March 2017

Ditch Work and Tree Maintenance

A dead Ash tree had to be felled at the northern end of The Green just before Christmas. This tree was found to be in a poor condition, in danger of falling down and so was removed on an urgent basis.

Parish Plan

The working group presses forward in reviewing the actions of the last plan. If you have any comment to make on the outstanding points, which can be found on the Parish Council website please contact our clerk, Mrs Jo Perez @ hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

Precept

An application has been made for a precept of £27,570.00 for the financial year 2017/18, an increase of £500 on the previous year.

Next Meeting

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.



4th	FYFC U12 vs Needingworth Colts U12 FYFC U15 vs St Ives Rangers U15 Blue Sox	Hilton Village Green
11th	FYFC U12 vs Bluntisham Blasters U12 Red FYFC U14 vs Papworth Blasters U14 FYFC U15 vs Warboys Colts U15	Hilton Village Green
18th	FYFC U13 vs Warboys Colts U13 Red FYFC U14 vs Priory Parkside Colts U14 White	Hilton Village Green
25th	FYFC U13 vs KC Cougars U13 FYFC U14 vs Alconbury Colts U14 Red	Hilton Village Green

HILTON WI

Two new members and a visitor joined us on our first meeting of the year on January 9th in the Village Hall. The business was soon dealt with and after tea, coffee and biscuits were served the speaker for the evening was introduced. Vicky Everall had come ready to show us six different ways to tie a scarf. This may sound quite a straightforward thing to do but watching the expert and then doing it ourselves was a completely different thing!

After much hilarity we managed to copy her instructions reasonably well and were quite pleased with the results.

She demonstrated a simple knot, a slip knot, a no knot, a neat knot, a cowl and a circlet. All of them were decorative and suitable for different occasions.

Facial shape and bone structure has to be taken into account and length of neck plays a big part too as they all require different 'ties'.

A very entertaining and instructive evening.

Remember craft club is starting a new year and new members are always welcome on the first Thursday of every month. Also, book club is continuing so for more information ring Jackie on 830455.

Our meeting on February 13th is of great interest as it will be about the Family of Capability Brown when David Cozens will certainly be able to tell us a great deal about our links with the very famous local celebrity. So, come to the Village Hall at 7 30 and learn more about him.

Kath Charter.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

FEBRUARY 6th June & Beverley will be doing the flower demonstration to bring the new year in, look forward to seeing you all.

MARCH 6th is our workshop so will need your names and money at the February meeting, workshop cost £4.00

Hilton Village Hall 2pm ---4pm

Entrance £4.00 (includes tea / biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

If you would like to join our friendly group there is no membership fee, you just pay on the door as and when you come. We meet on the first Monday of the Month. Notices are on the village notice boards eight month of the year.

If you need more information please ring,
Beverley 830571

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 10.00am -11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact Kate Middleton on ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk for further information.



HILTON ART CLUB

Report on Workshop with Denise Spalding by Joanne:

Denise started with a brief explanation of what abstract art actually is and how it uses the language of shape, form, colour and line to create a composition with a degree of independence from visual references. She then explained how structure was very important in renaissance art and how abstract art also follows this structural 'rule' as well as colour and tone in order to create a pleasing piece of work. Lots of explanation and examples which was very interesting.

Then it was on to the 'hands on' part of the workshop which was when a lot of us discovered that what we'd thought would be relatively easy and straightforward wasn't! Some of us used the vases of flowers and fruit that Denise had kindly provided for inspiration, others brought their own references. I think it would be fair to say that it was fun, enjoyable and interesting yet required a lot of concentration and thought!

Advance Notice

3rd Feb 10am – 4pm Hilton Village Hall - WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP.

Full day tutor-led workshop with Ian McManus.

See : www.ianmichaelmcmanus.com.

24th Feb 9.30am – 12.30pm PAINTING CHALLENGE. Everyone will be given a copy of the same picture to paint in any style or medium liked. Paintings to be admired at the end of the session.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW 2016

Thanks to all our contributors whether bakers, flower arrangers, vegetable growers or inspired producers of novelty entries, the Produce Show was full of colour, taste and bounty, as the wonderful photographs on the village web site prove.

Although we have put our gardens to bed for the winter we will soon be able to browse through the new seed catalogues to plan our exhibits for 2017.

Meanwhile the Produce Show Committee would like to wish all our exhibitors, helpers and supporters a Happy Christmas and a productive horticultural New Year!

The committee is always ready to welcome new members. If you are interested in helping with the show please contact Claire Sarkies on 01480 830412.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

Once again there was a 'full house' turn-out for our recent Pie & Mash + mini quiz evening, there was a good, happy atmosphere with lots of chat and laughter.

As to be expected, the pies were well received followed by a superb selection of home-made steamed puddings.

Thank you to all our friends for coming along to support us again, also thanks to those who were kind enough to donate - both money and gifts - for our raffle, and stayed to help clear up afterwards.

On another note: - we know that some of you reading Spectrum to-day will be disappointed to have missed out on the above event. As you know, we advertise in Spectrum also on Village Community web, Village notice boards, Village Hall Facebook page and (sometimes) flyers through doors. However, the notice for Spectrum has to be given by the 14th of the preceding month and quite often, whilst awaiting the next month's issue, we sell out - as happened with the Pie evening.

We are also controlled (health & safety) as to how many people are permitted during any particular event, standing, sitting, sitting/eating, or all of the above with dancing! So, we are not able to "just squeeze in" extras if we have already reached our cut-off point.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - at which point, we then start planning yet ANOTHER year ahead!

Doreen

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP

Registered Charity No. 1154071

HEARING HELP SESSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2017

ST. IVES

*St Ives Library, 4 Station Road, St Ives PE27 5BW
(Next door to Waitrose)*

**THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 10.00 A.M. TO 12 NOON**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire,
Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.
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NEWS RELEASE

What Nature Does For Britain

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Tony Juniper who will present an illustrated talk entitled What Nature Does For Britain. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Tony Juniper is a well known Environmentalist and has been President of the Wildlife Trusts since December 2015. For more than 25 years Tony has worked for change towards a more sustainable environment at local, national and international levels. Tony has written books such as 'What Nature Does for Britain' and 'What is Really Happening to Our Planet'.

Tonight, Tony will tell us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce the food we eat. Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend.

Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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4th	Conservation Volunteer Activity	Cambridge, past, present and future	11.00am	31
6 th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2.00pm	45
6th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7.30 pm	45
9th	Mobile Library	Hilton Village Hall	2.05pm	10
9th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30pm	25
18th	Book Sale	United Reformed Church Fenstanton	09.30am	33
24th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9.30am	46
25th	Fenstanton Shanty Folk	Church Centre	7.00 pm	21
27th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Parish Church	1.30pm	12
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Dates of future events:

March 2nd – A day in the Life of a Prison Officer – Nicki Lisle (p26)
 March 6th, Hilton Flower Club (p43)
 March 6th Hilton Parish Council (p43)
 March 8th Wildlife Trust -Talk– Brampton Memorial Center (P49)
 Sunday 14th May 5 Pub Challenge and Meridian Meander, (P31)

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