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**Spring snowdrops by Peter Fraser of Hilton**

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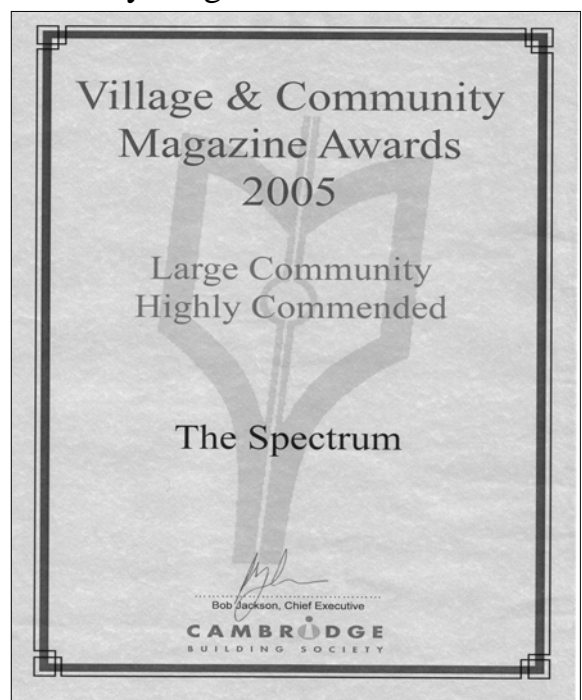
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# Letters and Notices <sup>a</sup>

## **Donation to Spectrum**

Thank you to Esther and Art Bates from Hilton for their kind donation to Spectrum funds.

## **'Music Group Rehearsal**

10am, Parish Church'

Do you enjoy singing? Well then the Music Group need you!! We sing worship songs for the 'worship for all' services at the Fenstanton Parish Church and are in desperate need of some more people to join us in leading the congregation. It would also be fantastic to get some people who can play instruments such as the saxophone, keyboard, or guitar.

For more information, or if you would like to join in, come along to one of our rehearsals; they are held at the Parish Church at 10am, usually on the first or second Saturday of each month. (Next rehearsals; 3rd March, and 7th April)

## **Bell Ringers Wanted**

Hilton Parish Church needs more bellringers. Why not come along to our practice night on the first Thursday of the month from 1930 to 2100 and find out more about this sociable hobby.

Phone Esther on 830750 or Keith on 493809

**I** would like to thank the many people who have written to me regarding the A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton consultation. The blue variation 2 route is totally unacceptable and my personal choice is the orange route, but please write to our member of parliament with your views.

**Cllr Jean Chandler.**

**I**n July three Hiltonians are taking part in a charity trek of Iceland and are organising various events to raise sponsorship funds

for Action Medical Research, who have funded research into such things as the polio vaccine, hip replacement, osteoporosis and many others. The next event is a Pudding Party to be held in Hilton Village Hall on Sunday March 25th from 2pm to 4pm. Why not come along a try as many puddings as you are able for only £5?! Further details contact Esther, Sandy or Art on 830750

## **Hilton Pre school closure**

We are extremely sad to announce that due to circumstances beyond our control, "Hilton Preschool" is to close on the 9th February 2007

The Preschool has been in the village now for 33 years and over that period of time, there has been many children and grandchildren attending the preschool from Hilton and the surrounding villages.

We know that many of you will be saddened to learn of the closure but hope you all have happy memories of the Preschool.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members and the parents for all their support and giving us their valuable time to fund raise and assist in the class room.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication and we wish them the very best in finding alternative employment. **Hilton Preschool**

**Hilton Pilates Classes,**  
9.30 Thursday Mornings,  
Hilton Village Hall.  
Commence March 8th. Tel: 07733 307475

# **Parish Council Report**

## **FENSTANTON,**

Held 8th February 2007

### **Police Report.**

During the period 10th January 2007 to 2nd February 2007 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-1 dwelling burglary.

1 non dwelling burglary.1 non payment of petrol.

### **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway.**

Mr Menzies, Head of Delivery – Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, attended the meeting and gave a comprehensive report on progress to date.

Clearance work to remove vegetation had started between Longstanton and Milton Road, Cambridge and site offices established at Longstanton. Work between Longstanton and St Ives was not expected to commence until the end of the year. Members of the Council expressed concern over a number of issues; the effect the Guided Busway would have on the traditional bus service, the possibility of providing feeder services from communities without direct access to the Busway, flooding and security. Mr Menzies advised the meeting that the bus companies currently operating through Fenstanton had given assurances that they would continue to serve Fenstanton but with a reduced service and that consideration is being given to providing feeder services to the Park and Ride sites. A flood risk assessment is being undertaken and the results will be presented to the Environment Agency. The Guided Busway team are conscious of the security issues and, although at this time undecided, a system will be incorporated to prevent motor vehicles from driving along the Busway with CCTV coverage at the junctions.

Mr Menzies agreed to keep the Parish Council fully informed of all developments and would be pleased to attend another meeting later in the year.

### **A14**

The Public Meeting on 25th January, which was organised by the Parish Council, received a very high turnout and the feedback has been beneficial in allowing the Parish Council to formulate a comprehensive response to the Highways Agency and other interested parties. The meeting overwhelmingly favoured the adoption of the Brown Route which the Parish Council have recommended to the Highways Agency. However, whilst being pro active the Parish Council is restricted in the action it can take by a legal framework within which it must operate. The feeling of the meeting was that an Action

Committee should be formed. The Parish Council have been instrumental in getting members of the community together and following a meeting held on Wednesday 7th February an Action Group was formed.

The Public Consultation period does not end until 9th March and the Parish Council would urge all Parishioners to continue writing to the following expressing your opposition to Blue Route Variation 2 :

Miss Cara Cosson, Business Manager & A14 Support, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford, MK41

Mr D Djanogly MP, HCCA, 8 Stukeley Road, Huntingdon PE29 6XG.

The Secretary of State for Transport, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Copies should also be sent to the Parish representatives on the County Council :

Cllr I Bates, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

and the District Council :

Cllr J Chandler, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN.

### **Parish Boundary Changes.**

The response from Parishioners affected by the District Council's proposed boundary changes has been most encouraging with 100% support, from those who have replied, to remain within the Parish of Fenstanton.

Taking these views into consideration the decision was taken by the Parish Council to recommend to the District Council that, following consultation with the Parishioners affected, the Parish boundaries remain unchanged.

The consultation document can be viewed at the District Council Offices, local libraries or downloaded from the District Council website : [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/Councils](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/Councils) and Democracy/Council/Parish Boundaries. The consultation period has now been extended until Friday 30th March 2007.

The Parish Council would urge all Parishioners affected by the proposed changes to express their views to the District Council.

Mrs L Jablonska, Central Services Manager, Huntingdonshire District Council, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street Huntingdon, PE29 3TN.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th March 2007 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School. All members of the press and public are welcome.

# **Parish Council Report**

## **HILTON**

**A14 Consultation** The Council had finalised its response to the Highways Agency Consultation and the letter was expected be despatched in mid February. The Council had also urged residents to make their views on the route known to the Agency before the closure date of 9 March 2007. The A14 Action Group had recently hosted a meeting of other local communities to discuss the environmental impact of the road and how best to make their concerns known. The meeting was attended by 14 other communities and it was agreed to send a joint letter of concern to the Highways Agency and other agencies and authorities detailing the common environmental impacts and urging the need to provide realistic solutions.

**Planning Matters** The Council recommended that an application for an extension at 3 Tithe Close be approved.

**Parking on the Green.** The erection of raised verges and posts along Wraggs Row had had some success in reducing the damage caused by vehicles parking on the Green. The Council agreed to continue to monitor the situation over the coming months.

**Crime** The Council noted that the incidence of minor vandalism appeared to have risen over recent months with the most recent incident being the damage caused by joy riding on the Green. Whilst a number of incidents had not been reported to the Police, damage to fencing in Kidmans Close and further damage to the telephone box had been reported. The Council agreed to ask the Community Beat officer to be more vigilant to the situation

**Closure of Pre School.** The Council noted with regret that the pre-school had decided to close after 33 years in operation. The Council thanked the Pre School for its contribution to the Hilton community over these years.

**Ditches.** Recent heavy rain had raised concerns that the local drainage ditches may need some attention. Work to clear vegetation from the ditch at the back of the cricket pavilion had recently been completed as part of annual maintenance. The Council agreed to inspect the remaining ditches and to address any problems found.

**Street Lighting.** The Council had recently had a large number of calls to report broken street lights. The Council urged residents to report outages directly to Cambridgeshire County Council using the telephone number and lamp post number on the post.

A Date for your diary:-  
**HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER**  
On SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
RAFFLE  
For details contact Heather Woods  
on 830686  
or Peter Blake on 830137

Hilton Feast Week  
**Murder Mystery Evening**  
24<sup>th</sup> March  
Tickets £7.50 including supper  
Available from committee members  
See village notice boards for contact  
information



# Club News

*from the Villages*

## Hilton Toddler Group

We are a small friendly group who meet every Thursday from 1.45 until 3.15 in the Village Hall, all children 0 – 5 and their carers are welcome to come along, sessions cost just £1.50 per family. We are open as usual during Half Term. Just turn up or call Emily on 831142 or Nadine on 830839.

## Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2007

PRODUCERS QUESTION TIME, Hilton Village Hall, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets in advance from Ali Dunk 831877 or Jane Hazelwood 830896.

It was difficult to give this event a name which fully describes what is planned!  
YES you will have 5 expert judges for you to "cross examine" just a short 30 to 40 minute quick fire session!  
YES there will be wine and Guinness for you to drink on St.Patrick's Day  
YES there will be exceedingly good home cooking for you to eat  
YES there will be a picture quiz for you to work out as you eat and drink  
YES there will be fun questions on food, drink and gardening  
Raffle with prizes including a luxury gardening hamper.

A few surprises, including bidding for a consultation on your garden with our resident village expert Herbie Collen.

Who is Herbie?

When asked he said "I'm the tramp who walks round the green most mornings!" In fact Herbie Collen trained at Charles Townsend Nursery, who had Royal Appointments dating back to Queen

Alexandra. Then with a wealth of experience including working for a descendent of Capability Brown he took over the running of the High Sheriff of Huntingdonshire's Nursery. Now retired and still involved with the National Trust on a voluntary basis Herbie can be seen on his way to his allotment off Hilton Village Green.

Enquires, technical to Herbie Collen, Show secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) in the events section. You can email us from this site.

## Hilton Flower Club

We greeted the New Year with Alan Moore's 'Spring to Summer', a really pleasant afternoon. As ever, his talk was most interesting and included slides of colourful spring bulbs, plants and blossoms, and wildlife, reminding us of how lucky we are to live in a seasonal country. It was an uplifting start to 2007.

Pat reported on the proposed Flower Festival to be held in early July, and an update will be given by Beverley at the next meeting. Unfortunately I was unwell in January, which is why there was no report in the last issue. Also, due to rising costs, our day admission price has risen, but where would you get such a great afternoon at this price!

### Meetings

March 5th. Demonstration "Spring Time" - Nicola Stafferton.

April 2nd. Demonstration -Julie Woods.

May 23rd. Annual outing –

Day admission £2 (incl. tea/biscuits)

Sales table, Raffle

**LOOK!!**  
**EASTER BINGO**

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>,  
CHURCH CENTRE, FENSTANTON

7.30 – 9.30PM  
ADMISSION 20p, RAFFLE  
REFRESHMENTS,  
ALL WELCOME

**Proceeds to**  
**Fenstanton Bowls Club**

## **Fenstanton Village Hall**

The Committee at Fenstanton Village Hall are still moving towards selling the property and distributing the funds amongst other charities within the Parish. We have however recently had one of our members resign as she is leaving the village and would be very interested if anyone would like to join the committee and make up the membership.

If so please contact Linda Gate on 01480 497202. **Roger Gate, Chairman**

## **Fenstanton Pre School**

Pre School has had a busy term, with the children continuing to take part in many activities around our alphabet theme. The older children enjoy bringing in their show and tell items beginning with the letter of the week. If any parents or grandparents would like to come into pre school and talk to the children about interesting jobs then please don't hesitate to contact us, we would welcome anyone who feels they could give a short, entertaining talk to the children.

The new committee had their first meeting at the beginning of February. The meeting was well attended and we have put together some exciting fundraising events for you all to enjoy, so watch this space. We will have our annual Easter egg stall outside the Primary School, and the Fundraising Committee is busy arranging another

fashion show for June. Our aim is to raise money towards new outside play equipment and a sand pit, so please come along and give your support.

We take children from the age of 2 years 9 months, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

## **Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society**

**Three Decades of Growing Pelies**  
**a talk by Bernard Revans**

Wednesday 28th March,  
Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm  
Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME

## **Fenstanton Over 60's Club**

You are welcome to join us and make new friends or meet up with old ones. We meet every other Wednesday in the Church Centre between 2pm and 4pm.

**Forthcoming meetings:** March 14th, 28th.

## **Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group**

We hold our meetings every Wednesday in Fenstanton Church Centre from 10.00 - 11.30am. All parents and carers with children up to school age are welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat while the children play, it is a good way to meet other parents with children in the village. We are currently looking for a new Chairperson and Treasurer to help continue the running of the group as the current committee will be standing down towards the Summer after 2 years of running the group, the posts are not very time consuming but we need volunteers for the group to continue running smoothly. So come along and join us if you can. Each session costs £1.50 per family.

For details call Simone 01954 230136



# Fenstanton Parish Church

## March 2007

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club in church

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent.**  
9.30 Parish Communion (traditional).  
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 12.30 for 1 p.m. Lent Lunch in Church Centre

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.**  
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.00 Worship for All

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club in Church  
7.45 p.m. PCC in Church Centre

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday).**  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary).  
The Bishop of Huntingdon to preside and preach. 6.00 p.m.  
Evensong.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday).**  
Clocks go back.  
9.30 a.m. Family Communion.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Palm Sunday.**  
9.15 a.m. Assemble in Headlands play area for procession to church with donkey.  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (traditional).  
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 'INTERREGNUM' PLEASE REFER ANY MATTER CONCERNING THE PARISH CHURCH IN FENSTANTON (Baptisms, Weddings etc) to THE CHURCHWARDENS (Martyn Saunders on 301068 and Ian Hucklesby on 465211)

The Parish Churches now have an e-mail list, which sends out notices of general interest to parishioners. If you would like to be on this list, please send your e-mail address to [hilfens@btinternet.com](mailto:hilfens@btinternet.com)

# Hilton Parish Church

March 2007

We currently do not have a vicar in this parish. Until a new vicar is appointed, please contact one of the Churchwardens for all matters relating to the church, services, weddings, baptisms and funerals - Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866)

- Wednesday mornings 10.00am in term time – Discussion Group and Ecumenical House Communion (11.00am) at Hilton Hall. All are welcome to either or both.
- Please ask one of the Churchwardens about other Bible Study and Discussion Groups

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8.15 am Holy Communion

Derek Billings

11.15 am Family Service

Harvey Marshall

6.00 pm Lent Evensong at Fenstanton

Fr Raphael Armor

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.00 am United Communion Service  
(at the Methodist Chapel)

H-N Sheehan

6.00pm Lent Evensong

Dr Roland Randall

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.30 am Family communion at Fenstanton

Bishop John of Huntingdon

6.00pm Lent Evensong at Fenstanton

TBC

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.15 am Family Communion

Peter Hill

6.00 pm Lent Evensong

TBC

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Roving Supper around Hilton

## The Churches in Hilton

### Lent Lunches In aid of The Parkinson's Disease Society

Will be held at 12.30 to 2.30 on the following Wednesdays:

7 March Doreen Prescott, 10 Graveley Way

14 March Christina Sheppard, 20 Chequer's Croft

21 March Angela Potter, The Garden House, High Street

28 March Heather Woods, 7 Chequer's Croft

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee or soft drink. Price 2 adults, children free.

Donations gratefully received.

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

# Fenstanton United Reformed Church

## March

4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Revd Roy Muttram
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Lent Bible Studies
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Open Door
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Revd Bill Mahood-Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evening Service-Ms Ann Sheldon.
12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Lent Bible Studies
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ms Ann Sheldon-Mothering Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Lent Bible Studies
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Open Door
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Revd Bill Mahood
26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Lent Bible Studies
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Beetle Drive

## April

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton-Palm Sunday
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	The Open Door
6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Good Friday, Service at the Free Church

# Hilton Methodist Church

## March

4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Revd. Vivian from Ramsey
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	United Holy Communion service led by Revd. Hugh Sheehan Children's Sunday Club in the Methodist Hall. At the service, Martin Harker, the student jointly sponsored by both churches will tell us about his experiences abroad.
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Mothering Sunday service with Revd. Pam Siddall.
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Revd. Hugh Sheehan.

## Meetings

6 <sup>th</sup>	Ecumenical meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>	Circuit meeting

## Tots Praise in Hilton

A big thanks to all those who helped launch the 1<sup>st</sup> Tots Praise at Hilton Parish Church in January. Let me reassure you how warm it was both in the building, meeting & greeting. After coffee we had a story, sang songs, enjoyed the freedom of having fun being together.

The theme flowing through a Tots Praise is that children and families matter.

The churches here in Hilton embrace this wholeheartedly, both for those with or without a faith.

So, at each Tots Praise – held at Hilton Parish Church 1.30 – 2.30 on the last Tuesday of each month, we look forward to seeing you. Parents, Grandparents, carers and pre-school children from ages 0 – 5. Please come.

## Fenstanton WI

We were delighted to welcome some new members at our first meeting of the year on Thursday 1st February. Appropriately our first talk was all about holidays, something we look forward to at this time of the year. Les, a driver with Shaws Coach Holidays, Peterborough told us how Edwin Shaw started the business in 1922. He was a washing machine engineer in the days when you had to turn a handle to make it work. He bought a lorry to carry heavy equipment and then people started asking him for help in transporting furniture, pigs and cattle. Then they started asking for lifts. He had a bus body built to fit on his lorry and everything grew from there.

Les and Graham then showed us some slides of destinations in the U.K. and Europe. As well as long holidays we were told of Weekend breaks to London, Blackpool and German Christmas markets. They also offer many great day trips to see shows such as The Sound of Music in London and 'The Good Old Days' in Leeds. Other day trips are to stately homes, air shows and exhibitions such as the Ideal Home Exhibition and The Chelsea Flower Show. Janette and Doreen both won travel alarm clocks when they were first to identify The Brandenburg Gate in Berlin and St. Peter's Square in Venice. Ruby gave the vote of thanks for a very entertaining evening.

### Dates for Future Meetings.

March 1st The Secret Life of a Freelance Reporter – David Self

April 5th The Work of the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity by Christopher Donaldson.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. For more information about our friendly group contact our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

## Fenstanton A14 Action Group

**Background:** The latest plans from the Highways Agency for upgrading the A14 from Fen Drayton to Ellington now include an alternative route (known as Blue Variation 2) to widen the existing A14 through Fenstanton to six lanes, versus the original preferred option which bypasses the village to the south.

The Highways Agency has offered this alternative route within two of the six scheme options in its Consultation Document calling these options Blue Variation 2 and Blue Variation 1 + 2.

The Action Group was formed following a well-attended Public Meeting called by Fenstanton Parish Council to consider these proposals. The Meeting strongly rejected any option which included Blue Route Variation 2 on local environmental grounds. The Action Group was formed to co-ordinate and pursue the rejection of this option during the Highways Agency's Consultation Process.

### Purpose of the Fenstanton A14 Action Group:

- To ensure all Fenstanton residents are aware of the implications of the proposed A14 widening through Fenstanton
- To assemble the arguments against the option of Blue Route Variation 2 which will be formally submitted as part of the Highways Agency's Consultation Process
- To urge and assist all Fenstanton residents to reply to the Consultation, rejecting any option which includes Blue Route Variation 2, by the 9th March deadline.

## 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

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

### Centenary Challenges

As we celebrate the centenary of Scouting this year our fantastic team of Young Leaders have set a challenge for all our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts to complete at least 100 challenges off a list of 150! They recognise that 100 years of Scouting is a truly memorable occasion and want each and every one of our Members to look back at 2007 as a year of adventure, opportunity and achievement. It's a year to encourage everyone to "make a difference" to someone else and share the best that Scouting has to offer. To see what's involved and how the youngsters are doing simply visit our web site.

### Money, money, money

As we're sure you have realised by now we're such an active Scout Group that fund raising is vital if we are to keep the fun and adventure going. We're now starting to raise money towards the cost of replacing some of our tents (approx £1500 + in the next year or so) and helping to support the 27 Scouts, 5 Young Leaders and 6 adults off on a 10 day adventure to Norway in July.

Here's just a few ways in which you could help these local youngsters:

Visit the shopping page from our web site. Each time you shop on line through us we get money – and it won't cost you a penny. Retailers range from Amazon to Tesco and cover everything from credit cards to insurance and holidays to childrens toys. Please use the site and tell your friends ☺

Keep an eye out for more details on fund raising events coming up, and then come along to support us. For example this year there will be a Car Wash (5th May,

Wilderspin's Garage in Fen Drayton), we'll be at Elsworth Fun Day (20th May). We'll be serving up our **annual Big Breakfast (9th June Fenstanton Clock Tower)**

## Hilton A14 Action Group

If you have received your issue of Spectrum before 7th March and have not responded to the Highways Agency regarding the A14 proposals please act now.

The consultation period closes on March 9th so you must act now. Information including contact addresses and points you might like to include in your response is available on the Hilton Village website – [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

If you need any information please contact Peter Balicki on 831787, Lissie Wright 830577 or Jon Dooley 07885 636745.

## Hilton WI

The February speaker was Jo Murray who demonstrated first aid in an interesting and simple form – showing how to deal with breaks, burns, choking and putting people in the 'recovery position'. Then it was the time for the members to try it themselves – what a mess some of us got into, but with great hilarity we succeeded in the end – but let's hope members do not have to do it for real. This speaker can be highly recommended – great fun and very informative.

**Open Meeting** – Monday 12th March at 8.30 pm. Bob Burn-Murdoch on Cromwell's Local Links. The normal WI monthly meeting will start, as normal at 7.15 pm.

**Celebration Dinner** – Friday 16th March. If you would like to join our friendly group, please phone our secretary, Ruth Salem, on 830358, speak to one of the committee members, or just arrive at the village hall by 7.15 on the night – you will be made most welcome.

## **Under 7s Football Club**

We have started the year with all the children (and some adults) kitted up in Team Colours, both training suits and football kit. They look very professional and the kids are extremely proud. We must thank the following businesses for sponsoring us to make this happen: Strata 21; Telstra; Allgood Builders; Mos Motors

We have been busy behind the scenes planning for the future and we will officially launch our club at the AGM on the 12th June. We welcome your ideas and thoughts on how to run the club, information regarding this will be sent out in a newsletter. Meanwhile we will continue with Friendly matches and training. We are looking for two team names; we shall draw up a shortlist and then let the children decide (examples so far include, Fenstanton Reds and Blues, or Fenstanton Eagles and Falcons. If you have any good ideas please get in touch.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** From September our Under Sevens will officially join the Under Eights League and subsequently the Under Sevens will no longer exist. It would be a dream come true to continue with Under Sevens Football from September and subsequent years. We are looking for a committed person(s) who has the enthusiasm to train boys (and girls) every Saturday morning for 90 minutes. Maybe you have a child who will be ready to start training in September who is under seven and instead of just watching you could join in and help, or maybe you just have a passion for playing football, if so please contact us, we would love to hear from you. CRB checks will be undertaken and, if appropriate, an FA training course.

If you are interested in joining us, to play or help, we meet on the Football Field in Fenstanton (Off Chequer Street Park) every Saturday, 10 – 11.30. Coaching is professional with emphasis on taking part and fair play. During these winter months please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather conditions

For further information contact Charlie Darling on 01480 395338 after 6 pm (or Nadine Taylor 01480 830839 for admin queries)

## **Fenstanton Cricket Club**

Once again we must start to think about the coming cricket season and new players will be welcomed. Running only one side it can be a big struggle some weeks to get a team out. The majority of the team is nearing the 50 mark (not average runs, average years old!) and younger players are needed to safeguard the future of the club. Helpers are welcomed to assist in the running of the club as well. Teas, groundwork, committee. If you are interested contact us at the numbers below. We have received our fixtures for the Cambs' league and have booked some indoor nets to try and remove some of the cobwebs from our ageing bodies.

### **May fixtures..All Saturday fixtures**

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Witcham	home
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Burwell 3rds	home
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ely/Haddenham 2nds	home

Indoor Cricket Nets at St.Ivo Recreation Centre

Sunday 25 March 12.30 – 2.00

Sunday 8 April 10.30 - 12.00

Sunday 22 April 9.30 – 11.00

Secretary Richard (Ronnie) Corbett  
07766130392

Andy Taylor 07749057178

Website [www.fenstanton.play-cricket.com](http://www.fenstanton.play-cricket.com)



## Hilton Cricket Club

It's coming up to our AGM, once again. At 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, you'll find us all in the Cricket Pavilion, celebrating and generally having fun. Put the date in your diary now and be sure to arrive early. We had to take serious crowd control measures last year.

High on our agenda will be the award of the much coveted trophies. Forget the Oscars, the Baftas, the Brits and the Grammys – Helen Mirren will definitely not be walking off with one of ours. The names inside our gold envelopes will be as follows:

The AJ Oakett Memorial Trophy, for the best individual performance of the season

**Ian Jacobs.** In three consecutive appearances, Ian took 5, 6 and 5 wickets for just 49 runs.

The George Britten Cup, for the young player of the year

**Frazer Leader.** Frazer's bowling action is admired by the cricket world and he's expected to give coaching lessons to England's Steve Harmison.

The Fred Robinson Memorial Trophy, for clubman of the year

**Tony Jacobs.** Tony is "Mr Reliable". Despises quick singles and unnecessary running.

Now, those of you who accidentally switched on the radio at six o'clock in the morning on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, will have been shocked to hear that England were in danger of winning a one-day international against Australia. What is more, with it came the Three Nations Commonwealth Bank Series title. Some of you may have noticed that England were assisted by the application of the, so-called, Duckworth-Lewis method. Really, it's just a contrivance to let you know that it's been raining. Your first realisation that something strange is happening is when the TMS commentator announces that whilst England batted first and scored 245 runs, Australia only need to score 211 to win. What seems like a gross injustice is your clue that Duckworth-Lewis is in operation. People think that the calculation of the adjusted score for the second batting side is complicated, but I can reveal its secrets to *Spectrum* readers and show that it is simplicity itself. As any schoolboy knows:

$$C_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\exp(z + z/t)}{t^{n+1}} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(z(1 + \exp(-i\theta)) - ni\theta) d\theta.$$

- where  $z$  is the phase of the moon,  $t$  is the time it takes for a gerbil to smoke a cigarette,  $\theta$  is Freddie's inside leg measurement,  $i$  equals zero on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and  $n$  is the difference between a cat.

So, that's sorted it out once and for all. Let there be no more confusion.

Finally, our Club President, Robin Boyes, is now the proud owner of two new, gleaming hips. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope that his replacement suspension will have been satisfactorily run in by the time of our AGM.

# What's On

## March 2007

1 <sup>st</sup>	School PTA meeting	Primary School	7.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hilton Bell Ringing	Church	7.30 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Music Group Rehearsal	Parish Church	10.00 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Lunch	Hilton	12 noon
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Cricket Club AGM	Cricket Pavillion	8.00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Parish Council meeting	Primary School	7.30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	A14 Consultation period closes		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton WI including Open Meeting	Village Hall	7.15 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Lunch	Hilton	12 noon
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in aid of Fenstanton Bowls Club	Church Centre	7.30 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton WI Celebration Dinner	to be announced	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Feast Week Produce Show Question Time	Village Hall	7.30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Lunch	Hilton	12 noon
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Shrubs For Year Round Colour	Church Centre	tbc
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hilton Feast Week Murder Mystery	Village Hall	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Pudding Party	Village Hall	2.00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tot's Praise	Hilton Church	1.30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Lunch	Hilton	12 noon
28 <sup>th</sup>	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Hunts Geranium & Fuchsia Society	Village Hall	7.45 pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Boundary Changes Consultation ends		
31 <sup>st</sup>	Hilton Roving Supper		
<b>April</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm

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