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Stop Press

The entry for Fenstanton Parish Council which appears on page 8 of this web edition will appear in the paper copy of the April edition of Spectrum, along with the notes from their March meeting.

The April edition of Spectrum will also feature a full list of the Feast Week Produce Show 2008 classes.

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Letters & Notices

Our son Tim Landucci will be running in the London Marathon in April for the Alzheimers Society. If anyone would like to sponsor him we would be most grateful. We can be contacted either on 01480 832025 or at 22 Scotts Crescent Hilton from the week starting March 10th.
Jane Landucci

Some time ago, a brown coat was left at our house and I have been making enquiries ever since as to who it belongs to without success! I believe it may have been left behind after a Roving Supper, Lent Lunch or similar. If anyone has been missing a coat, could they please contact me on 831454 and I can then return it to its' rightful owner. **Christina Sheppard**

Please keep our churchyard clean

An appeal to dog owners! Over the past few weeks the number of unwanted doggie "messages" left by the side of the path through the churchyard has grown to an unacceptable level. Please remember to clean up after your dogs so that people crossing the grass to reach the graves on either side of the churchyard can do so in safety. Help us to keep our churchyard clean and attractive so that all can enjoy walking through it. Thanks!

Hilton Churches Supper

This popular village event will take place on Saturday 8th March with all proceeds shared between the Parish and Methodist churches. For information contact either Heather Woods on 830686 or Peter Blake on 830137.

Hunts Philharmonic Orchestra

Will be performing

Haydn Creation

On Saturday 15th March

7.30 pm

At Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts Centre

Tickets £10 (students £6)

Available from the box office 01480 469369 and 07711 885795

Society members or on the door

www.huntsphil.org.uk

Conductor: Christopher Jessop

Leader: Jane Footitt

Soprano: Bryony Lang

Bass: Gavin Horsley

Tenor: Kevin Kyle

Parish Council Report

HILTON

A number of residents have highlighted that Tythe Lane has flooded on several occasions over the winter. The Council has agreed to look into this matter.

The Council has received warm support from eight local communities to their proposals to jointly press the Highways Agency and its new design contractor to address common environmental issues. The A14 Action Group plans to call an early meeting with these villages to agree a common agenda for presentation to the Highways Agency.

The Parish Council hosted a very successful meeting in January to discuss items regarding management of The Green. This topic has excited considerable comment from residents. We thought that residents might like to see a summary of the meeting and this has been added at the end of this report.

The Council plans to clean the ponds at Graveley Way, the Crossroads and at Park farm in the coming autumn. In addition, there will be a programme of tree care in and around the Green over the coming weeks. Sadly the beech tree at the bend of the High Street is diseased and must be removed as part of this work.

The Council agreed to amend its investment policy for its reserve funds and details can be obtained from the Clerk.

Mr Bill Halford was recently co opted as a Parish Councillor. The Council also took the opportunity to remind residents that the Four- Yearly Parish Council Elections will be held this year, on 1 May. If you have always wanted to influence the way things work in Hilton why not put your name forward as a Councillor. Again, details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

The position of Clerk to the Hilton Parish Council
will become vacant this summer.
Anyone wishing to be considered for this position should contact
the Chairman of the Parish Council
on 01480 830577.
The post is for a flexible 40 hours per month
and further details of the hours and salary etc can be obtained from
the Clerk on 832030

Summary of the Hilton Parish Meeting Held in The Chapel on 14 January 2008 to Discuss Management of the Green

Four Parish Councillors and 26 residents attended the meeting. A brief summary of the topics discussed is as follows

Introduction

The Council explained that the aim of the meeting was to inform residents, and to gather views, about the current and future plans for managing The Green. The Green had evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of the community and the maintenance needed to reflect these changes. Management has to balance sometimes contradictory objectives such as safety, amenity-use, drainage, wildlife, visual appearance, and cost. The majority of maintenance work on the Green was financed from the Precept and took up between a third and a half of the precept each year, depending on the work needed. The Council tried to limit rises in the Precept to be broadly in line with Council Tax.

Parking.

The Council discouraged parking on the grass of the Green. However, preventing occasional and temporary parking was difficult to enforce. The Council had therefore chosen to discourage parking by liaising with local interest groups and by the use of signs. The Council had also set up a pilot scheme using stakes, ropes and raised verges , but had received comments that the stakes and ropes were unsightly. They would be removed in the spring. There was some support for further raising the verges in places. There was some debate about the use of the car park at the Village Hall for non Village Hall activities.

Grass Cutting.

The Council's approach to grass cutting was to make the area available for recreational activities whilst preserving the unique appearance of the Green and the distinct variety of plant communities built up over the centuries. Some of the Green was cut for hay at no cost or profit to either the Council or the Common Rights Owners whilst the remainder was cut by residents, the cricket club and the contractor. All are requested to work under the direction of the Council's management plan.

In 2006, the regime for cutting the football pitch was amended so as to cut alternative halves of the pitch in successive years but this had drawn adverse comment from some residents who felt that the move threatened the cowslip population. There were a variety of views on the importance of the leisure facility versus the appearance of the Green and its flora..

Ditches and Borders

The Council explained that ditch maintenance work for 2008 had started. A number of residents were very concerned that enough was being done to ensure that the village drained properly and that the current cycle of ditch clearance was insufficient. The Council would consider their comments in reviewing the management plan.

Ponds.

The meeting was advised that the ponds required clearing on an 8-10 years cycle. The Council intended to clean all the ponds over the coming two years with funds drawn from reserves. Residents emphasized the need to ensure culverts and grills were kept free of debris and weed. There was agreement that some bulrushes should be retained in the Cross Roads pond to reduce blanket weed, but the coverage should be limited. The Council was also recommended to revisit the reports produced following the 2001 floods.

Trees

The Council explained that Hilton has a large number of very mature trees. These are managed so as to prolong their lives but sometimes had to be felled in the interests of safety. New trees are planted to replace those lost. The big beech on the corner of the High Street was severely infected by fungus and the Council had reluctantly decided to fell it as a safety measure. Some residents said that blackthorn was beginning to be a problem as were overhanging branches along the Wilderness.

Summary.

The Chairman thanked residents for attending and for highlighting all the various issues, all of which would receive full consideration.

Picture courtesy of Peter Frazier, Hilton village website



Hilton Maze and Green

Parish Council Report

Fenstanton

Police report.

During the period 9th January 2008 to 12th February 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

1 of criminal damage, 1 of attempted burglary and 1 attempted theft from a motor vehicle.

The Parish Council has been advised that PC Finney (the Parish Community Beat Manager) has transferred to the Metropolitan Police. Details of his replacement will be advised once the appointment of a new Community Beat Manager has been made.

Dog fouling.

The Parish Council has been made aware that irresponsible and inconsiderate owners are allowing their dogs to foul in public areas, particularly on Headlands Park Play Area and the open space at Hampton Close. Dog owners are reminded that this practice is contrary to The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Huntingdonshire) Order 2007 and is subject to a fine. The Parish Council, therefore requests those allowing their dogs to foul in public areas and footpaths etc adopt a responsible attitude and clean up after their pets.

Whilst on the subject of dogs, there appears to be a trend in owners not keeping their dogs on leads in the Village and, indeed, a flippant attitude by some owners when confronted. This is also contrary to The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and The Dogs on Leads (Huntingdonshire) Order 2007 and is subject to a fine.

If a more responsible attitude is not taken the Parish Council will have no alternative but to pursue the matter with the Dog Warden.

Parking on footpaths and greens.

The Parish Council has received complaints about the number of cars parking on footpaths. It is appreciated, with many households owning more than one vehicle, parking can be a problem to residents. However, parking on footpaths causes unnecessary problems for pedestrians particularly the disabled and parents with buggies. This is an issue that has been raised in Spectrum many times and seems to be ignored. It is requested that consideration is given to other members of the community when parking and one should not forget it is an offence to obstruct the footpath.

The greens within the Village are an integral part of the fabric of the Parish. It is, therefore, disappointing to see vehicles being parked on the greens on a more and more frequent basis. This is of, course, causing considerable damage particularly following the wet winter. Ultimately the costs for repairing the damage must be borne by the Parish Council and, therefore, Parishioners themselves through the precept.

Next Meeting.

The Annual meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13th March 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

Fenstanton Parish Church Open Gardens

May we through Spectrum alert all gardeners that this event will take place on the weekend of 7th and 8th June 2008.

We would be most grateful for plants/cuttings for the plant stall, and hope to see as many people from the village and from further afield as possible.

Please contact
Mary Henderson (468867)
or Sylvia Shaylor (465295)
for further details.

Art Exhibition

In aid of
Alzheimer's Research Trust
10 am to 4 pm
Sunday 13th April
Church Centre
Fenstanton

For more details ring 395565

TREASURER REQUIRED

Hilton Village Hall Management Committee requires a Treasurer, with financial background, for the day today keeping of the accounts for Hilton Village Hall.

If you have a few hours per month to spare and would like to assist this worthwhile local charitable organisation

please phone:

Donna Holdaway –
Chairman of Hilton Village Hall
on 01480 830770

FENSTANTON FC

ARE GOING TO THE DOGS!!

Fenstanton Football Club are holding a fund raising event at Peterborough dog racing track on Tuesday 25th March and we welcome those from the village to join in the fun. The night will involve the club competing against 5 other sports clubs on the track with the winner taking home a trophy. There will also be one race sponsored by the football club. The night will run like any other dog racing night with betting on each race.

There are 100 hundred tickets for sale at £5 each and if you want to have a few drinks there is no need to drive with a coach going from Fenstanton (18:30) and St Ives (18:20) for the extra cost of £6 per person. But hurry as there are only 50 places on this coach.

To book your place call Mark
Buckingham on 07739 964203

Come along to help your local football club and have an enjoyable night
See you there

A display of old photographs of Fenstanton

Will be held on
Friday 7th March
2.00 – 9.00 pm

At Fenstanton United Reformed
Church, Chequer Street

Photos from 1900 to 2007

Donations to church
funds, Refreshments available
Don't forget your glasses!

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008

To give you time to start planning your entries for this year's produce show, here is a list of some of the categories you can consider:

Fruit Cup

1. Plate of mixed soft fruit
2. 1 eating apple
3. 1 cooking apple
4. 1 pear
5. 1 tomato
6. 1 stick of rhubarb
7. 4 sticks of rhubarb
8. 1 bunch of grapes
9. Plate of any 3 distinct fruits
10. Any fruit not named in schedule

Vegetable Cup

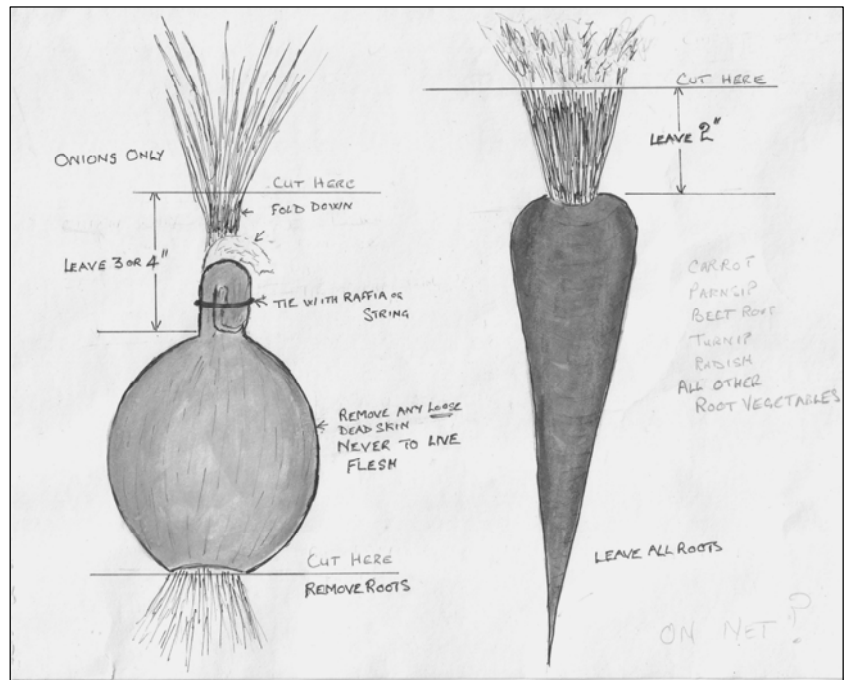
11. 4 runner beans
12. 4 French beans
13. 1 carrot
14. 4 carrots
15. 1 onion
16. 2 courgettes
17. 1 potato
18. 4 pods of peas
19. 1 beetroot
20. 4 whole garlic
21. Any vegetable not otherwise named in schedule
22. 3 sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
23. 3 distinct salad items
24. Most unusual carrot
25. Longest runner bean
26. Pair of cucumbers

Vegetable and fruit should be clean, disease and pest free as possible.

Flower Cup

36. 1 rose stem, single head
37. 1 rose stem, multi-head
38. 3 rose stems, single head
39. 1 dahlia, any form
40. 3 dahlia, any form
41. 1 stem sweet pea, perennial
42. 1 stem sweet pea, annual
43. 3 stems sweet pea, any type
44. 3 stems, mixed flowers
45. 3 stems, any one variety flowers
46. 3 stems, any shrub, mixed
47. Flowering plant in 6" or below pot
48. Foliage plant in 6" or below pot
49. Any cactus or succulent

Flowers should be clean, disease and pest free as possible and at the peak of their beauty.



Fenstanton Parish Church

March 2008

Sunday	2nd	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) 9.30 a.m. Family Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent Sermon at Fenstanton
Tuesday	4 th	7.30 p.m. Lent Course at Hilton Parish Church
Thursday	6 th	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
Sunday	9th	Fifth Sunday of Lent 10.00 a.m. Worship for All 12.30 p.m. Lent Lunch in Church Centre (entry by ticket) 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Lent Sermon at Hilton
Tuesday	11 th	7.30 p.m. Lent Course at Fenstanton Church Centre
Thursday	13 th	7.30 p.m. PCC. Church Centre
Sunday	16th	Palm Sunday 9.15 a.m. Procession with donkey leaves Headlands Play Area 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong and Lent Sermon at Fenstanton
Monday	17 th	7.30 p.m. Playing of passages from Bach's St Matthew Passion at 11a Honey Hill
Tuesday	18 th	7.30 p.m. Summary of Lent course and Holy Communion Hilton Church
Wednesday	19 th	Invitation to Fast
Thursday	20 th	Maundy Thursday. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion with footwashing at Hilton
Friday	21 st	Good Friday. 10.00 a.m. Children's Workshop 11.45 p.m. Devotional Service at Hilton 12.15 p.m. Walk with cross from Hilton to Fenstanton 2.45 p.m. Devotional Service at Fenstanton
Sunday	23rd	Easter Day. 9.30 a.m. Family Communion
Sunday	30th	Second Sunday of Easter. 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS SHOULD
CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO MARTYN SAUNDERS, CHURCHWARDEN
ON 01480 301068

Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answer phone service, and email, mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relating to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or 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.

MARCH 2008

Saturday 1st Parish “Conference” 10.00am – 12 noon Methodist Church Hall, bring lunch!

Sunday 2 nd	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service
		6.00 pm	Evensong & Lent Sermon at <i>Fenstanton</i>
Tuesday 4 th		7.30 pm	Lent Discussion Group
Sunday 9 th	<i>Lent 5</i>	11.00 am	United Communion Service at Methodist Chapel
		6.00 pm	Evensong & Lent Sermon
Tuesday 11 th		7.30 pm	Lent Discussion Group- <i>Fenstanton Church Centre</i>
Sunday 16 th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service with Baptism
		6.00 pm	Choral Evensong at <i>Fenstanton</i>
Tuesday 18 th		7.30 pm	Lent Discussion Group with Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with optional foot-washing
		8.30 pm	Easter Vigil until midnight (15 min slots).
Friday 21 st	<i>Good Friday</i>	11.45 am	Devotional Service followed by walk to <i>Fenstanton</i> and picnic
		2.45 pm	Devotional Service at <i>Fenstanton</i>
Sunday 23 rd	<i>Easter Day</i>	11.15 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 25 th		1.30 pm	Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)
Sunday 30 th	<i>Low Sunday</i>	8.15 am	No service
		11.15 am	Family Service
		6.00 pm	Healing Service (to be confirmed)

From the registers:

Funerals	30 th January	Louis King
Baptisms	20 th January	Chloe Emily Minter
	17 th February	Adam Charles Wallace

Churches in Hilton, Lent Lunches

In aid of The Stroke Association 12.30 to 2.30 on the following Wednesdays
5 March Jane Garnett, Hilton Hall

12 March Pat Bellas, "Noroc" Potton Road: (five houses up from the crossroads on the right)

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee or soft drink. Price £2.50 adults. Children free.

Donations gratefully received.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

March

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Maureen Kendal
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Rev. Derek Newton
	6.00pm	Dr. Christine Macleod Lay Preacher
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Rev. Chris Baker
Friday 21st	2.30pm	Rev. Chris Baker Good Friday Service
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Joint Service at the Parish Church
	3.00pm	Easter Praise
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Joint Elders Service at Fenstanton URC

Other Meetings

Tuesday 4th & 18th	10.00am	The Open Door
Tuesday 11th & 25th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Saturday 8th	9.00am	Mens' Breakfast Fellowship

All local men welcome. For catering reasons please ring Pete on 01480 432207 or e-mail peppianne@btinternet.com by Wed. 5th if you wish to attend.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Hilton Methodist Church

Sunday 2 nd	11.00 am	Mrs Rosemary Marchant
Sunday 9 th	11.00 am	United Holy Communion Service led by Revd Hugh Sheehan and Revd. Robin McKenzie. Children's Sunday Club in the Hall.
Sunday 16 th	11.00 am	Rev. Katy Dun
Sunday 23 rd	11.00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Leonore Charlton
Sunday 30 th	11.00 am	Rev. Hugh Sheehan
	6.00 pm	United Healing Service led by Rev. Katy Dunn.

Hilton Churches Sunday Club

February's session was during the half term, so most of our children were away. We hope you had a happy time. Those who came along talked about doing the right things, the way God wants us to, and what happens when we are selfish. We made a road map collage showing God's way to live our lives.

We meet in the Methodist Hall next on Sunday 9th March at 11.00 am

Tot's Praise

Because we meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Hilton Church 1.30 – 2.30, our next date will be March 25th, the day after Easter Monday. We realize the difficulties both the helpers and the mums with older children who are more than welcome when we will have something for them. Perhaps it would help if you wish to ring 01480 830155.

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 2nd 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.

Club News

from the Villages

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a friendly group who meet each Wednesday in the Church Centre from 10am to 11.30am. Prices are £2 per family. We welcome any age children up to school age, and are very pleased to see more and more new faces joining us each week. Please feel free to come along and join us for a chat and a coffee whilst the children have a play. We have a wide selection of toys for children of all ages and also a craft table which is run on a volunteer basis. Any questions or queries please feel free to contact Nicola Orchard on 01480 399957 or nicola.caryl@ntlworld.com.

Hilton Flower Club

Members enjoyed the slide talk by Alan Moores. He showed us wonderful pictures of wildlife and gardens around the British Isles and once again demonstrated what an artist he is with his camera.

NEXT MEETING

Monday March 3rd 2pm Village Hall
Demonstration with B Tack –
‘Goodbye Winter’

A **future date** to record for your calendar, May 21st has been booked for our summer outing to Besthorpe Hall and Bradenham Hall at a cost of £19 per person.

Hilton Toddler Group

Meeting people and making friends when you are new to a village is a daunting prospect for anyone especially when you have just had a baby or spend a lot of time at home with small children. When finally I

plucked up the courage to go to Hilton Baby & Toddler group with my new 6 week old baby (Who is now 6!) I found it a friendly and welcoming group, it was so nice to have somewhere to walk to in the village where I could have a chat with other adults and the children could play. Its great to have secured my membership for a few more years with baby number 3 but I can't keep the group going on my own! I have seen a lot of new faces recently and would like to invite you to come and join us, we meet every Thursday in the village hall at 1.45pm until 3.15pm sessions cost 2 pounds per family.

Knitters and Natters Group

Our group has only being going since November and have already made 38 blankets, 13 teddies, 16 children's and babies cardigans, 7 children's jumpers, 5 hats gloves and scarves, 4 balaclavas, 5 pairs of bed socks. These items will be sent to Kosovo with the charity Hope and Aid. The coffee morning raised £110 towards transport costs.

Based at Fenstanton United Reformed Church in Chequers Street – we are a small group that meet every other Tuesday. If you would like to join us please do. if you cannot make the meetings perhaps you could knit squares at home. Size 8 (4mm) needles, with double knitting wool, cast 40 stitches and then make a square.

We need double knitting wool any colour please – it can be left at 28 Bell Lane, Fenstanton. Thank you.

Hilton Feast Week

Firstly we would like to extend a big thanks to everyone involved in helping to make the quiz held in January a great success. We would also like to thank you for the very positive feedback we have had from various people who attended. It was the first main event the new committee have put on and they were delighted to see the support we had.

This entry is being posted before the next committee meeting so there remain a couple of items to be sorted out before we can unveil our ideas around Feast Week this year. We should have more news in time for the next issue of Spectrum.

So at this time we would just remind you that the next event is
Saturday April 19th Curry and Quiz.
7 for 7.30pm start.
Hilton Village Hall

Full updates as they become available will be on our web site
www.feastweek.com

It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on
www.hilton-village.com

If you would like any further details on any of the events please do not hesitate to let us know.

The committee are

Chair	Peter Balicki	831787
Vice Chair	Justo Perez	831106
Treasurer	Graeme Gribbin	830481
Secretary	Sara Sampson	830383
Adrian Norman, Sharon Walker, Karen Walker, Adrian Snooke		

Fenstanton Pre-School

Here at Pre School we continue to improve our outside play equipment. We are delighted to say that Bannolds of Fen Drayton have donated some play sand for our new sand pits. This is much appreciated and the children will benefit greatly from this new play area.

It is with great sadness that I have to report 2 attempted break-ins on our site. We are a charity run organization and the damage caused by these actions impacts on Pre-School enormously. We will now have to replace our main gate, and with no spare cash this will not be easy. If any one has an old gate we can use, or indeed can help us with labour or materials, then please get in touch with Pre-school.

Can I also put out a plea to all dog owners. We have only one access route into pre-school, this is used by young children and their often younger siblings. In recent weeks we have been plagued by dog mess in front of and on the route into the building. It is a health risk to the children and an inconvenience for all staff and children, so please pick up after your pet.

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school.

We take children from the age of 3 years, 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.

Cat Protection League

Donations of food or cat goods etc can be taken to 22 Hilton Road, Fenstanton (Hilton side of A14) and the couple who live there will bring them down to the branch HQ.
Many thanks **Dawn Cooke**

Hilton WI

We were pleased to see so many of our members and guests at our February meeting to hear our usual monthly report. Several items of interest were raised including the suggestion that we could have “e-mail buddies” in order to notify any urgent items to our members. All those with e-mail access would be partnered with a member who does not have an e-mail address. This will be discussed further. Also the WI would be grateful for any unwanted sets of bookends for our book table.

We were later entertained by fellow Hilton resident, David Oliver, with tales of his time during 1984-1987 when he was an Accountant in Papua New Guinea, working for many varied clients including the government, gold mines, hotels, airlines, and a TV company. PNG (as it is known for short) is a group of islands north of Queensland, Australia and was named “Papua” which means “*frizzy hair*” by a Portuguese sailor who arrived in 1526. These islands belonged to many nations in the intervening years until independence was granted in 1975. There are many islands each with its own language, including Bougainville, whose language is called Rokotas and has the world’s shortest recorded alphabet - just eleven letters!

His enthusiasm for PNG was obvious as he showed us many interesting photos of the countryside, jungles, volcanoes and WW II plane wrecks! PNG has a tropical climate which is very hot and humid, it is also volcanic with earthquakes, tsunamis etc.

People have been discovered living in the remote highlands, and many are quite

primitive surviving by subsistence farming and living in grass huts. They spend much time woodcarving and he was given a Story Board when he left. This is a large wooden board carved and decorated in great detail to depict village life – David’s prized possession.

Papua New Guinea has fabulous fish and coral, and beautiful birds of paradise whose feathers are prized for use in head-dresses for tribal dances; but in contrast there are many snakes, huge spiders, crocodiles, cockroaches, etc. However, although it is a traditional, tranquil and beautiful place, a brutal savagery still exists there. The law and order problem currently prevents it being a popular tourist destination. David’s photos and amusing stories of times with expats (described as mercenaries, missionaries or misfits!) ended a fascinating insight into an unfamiliar part of the world.

At our next meeting on March 10th we look forward to hearing our speaker, Geoff Evans, talk to us about “The Life of a Racehorse”.

Forthcoming events: Our WI Spring Dinner will be held on April 4th at The Windmill Restaurant, Somersham. May I remind all members who wish to attend this Dinner to bring the money to our next WI meeting.

We are also arranging trips to Southill Estate, Bedfordshire on June 5th and to Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire on July 17th. Details can be obtained from our Secretary if you are interested in any of these future events.

You are welcome to join our friendly group. To do so, please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night.

Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

Our AGM was held in the Church Hall on January 30th 2008. It was a fairly full meeting with only a few absences due to ill health.

Mrs Treeby (Chair) started proceedings by announcing that after 2 years in post she would be standing down. This was followed by the Treasurer's report (Mrs Humbles) who also announced that she would be standing down as Treasurer. A copy of the audited accounts for the past year were handed round members for them to see.

The following is a list of the new committee for the coming year as voted in:

Mrs L Humbles (Chair)
Mr D Davenport (Vice Chair)
Mr R Jacobs (Treasurer)
Mrs W Treeby (Secretary), plus
Mrs J Burnett, Mrs S Letts,
Mrs M Gildersleve, Mrs L Reily

As you will note there has been quite a reshuffle of responsibilities with Mr Richard Jacobs is a welcome addition to the team. We hope to come up with some new ideas and have a profitable and successful year.

If anyone wishes to join us the time is 2.00 till 4.00 in the Church Centre every other Tuesday. All are welcome - the more the merrier. New members are always welcome.

Fenstanton WI

On Thursday 7th February we celebrated in style our 90th Anniversary with most of the ladies dressed in 1918 costumes. The wine flowed as we enjoyed a Gala dinner of Roast Beef perfectly cooked by Pam Hucklesby. Our President, Claire Barrett, cut our special anniversary cake which was kindly donated by Carol Crocker. Claire presented a bouquet of flowers to Pam thanking her for a wonderful meal and another to Cis Ellis in

honour of her being our longest serving member of over 70 years. Pat Brooks our Federation Chairman joined in our celebrations and presented the President's Brooch to Claire.

Displayed on two tables were photographs of our members on their wedding day or during their childhood. We had to guess who they were and the year. You couldn't fool us Ruby – your face hasn't changed since you were 18 months old!

We had a slide show to finish the evening showing all the Royal Weddings since Queen Victoria. It seemed they tried to outdo each other with their wedding cakes; one was over 9 feet tall. Our thanks to Andrea for organising this.

Unfortunately one of our members Jackie Tevlin was ill and we missed hearing about 'Oriana' Wilson who was married in Hilton Church and whose husband Edward Wilson died with Scott after successfully reaching the South Pole in 1920. We wish her well and hope to hear her talk very soon.

Dates for Future Meetings

6th March The New Bridges by Mrs. Bridget Flanagan

3rd April Beads and Beadwork Jewellery by Mrs. Gillian Ashwell.

17th April W.I. Fashion. Clothing by M & C of St. Ives in the Church Centre. Time will be in the next edition of Spectrum.

We are always pleased to welcome new members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre. Please come along or ring our secretary Beryl Harvey for details (01480) 469278.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

A talk on Encliandras (fuchsias)

by Mr Paul Leatherdale

Wednesday 26th March,

Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME.

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve

Nature reserve enhancement works were held up during January's flooding. Our contractors are hopeful of completing their work to clear the self-seeded young willows from islands in Elney, Moore and Oxholme Lake soon, but that very much depends on a long spell of dry weather now.

Excavating the wader scrapes – shallow depressions - in the grassland between Ferry Mere and the River Great Ouse, has been delayed by the flooding too. There has been much interest in this area for birdwatchers, with the appearance of about 2000 black-tailed godwits, wading birds that appreciate the shallow floods and wet fields in wide, open landscapes at this time of year.

Now that we have seen for ourselves what winter flooding can be like, we can easily visualise what many people had previously told us, and we can begin to think about long-term plans for structures such as visitor centre, viewpoints and surfaced footpaths.

The Fen Drayton Lakes volunteer team has built two otter holts, which we hope will encourage these much-loved mammals to become permanent residents in the lakes. As any natural holt in the banks of a lake is liable to flooding, the new holts have been built on floating rafts. The team will also be building rafts for nesting common terns – these birds will nest on the bare islands, but those that choose to nest on the rafts will have a better chance of succeeding if summer flooding occurs.

If you would like to join the volunteer team, which meets on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of each month, please contact Allison Cushley, Warden, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, tel: 01954 233266, mobile 07921 495449, e-mail allison.cushley@rspb.org.uk.



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

The Wilderness on Your Doorstep
Conservation Travels Around Scotland

The breathtaking scenery and wildlife of Scotland form the essence of this illustrated talk to be given to the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Our speaker, Ian Rowlands, co-founded Speyside Wildlife 18 years ago after many years of RSPB and conservation work. Since then Ian has led many tours, not only across Scotland and the Isles, but also around the World.

Speyside is particularly renowned for its Caledonian pine forest and can boast a diversity of rare species such as osprey, crested tit, capercaillie, red squirrel, ptarmigan, dotterel and golden eagle. Ian will use his extensive knowledge of the Scottish wildernesses, together with his love of photography, to share some of these natural wonders with us.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information: www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

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Scout Group helps RSPB at Fen Drayton Lakes

Youngsters, with their families, made the most of the great weather on Saturday 9th February as they helped with important work at Fen Drayton Lakes. Mixed teams of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts aged 6 to 14 worked hard to help with the preservation of new trees planted all around the main nature walk. This work involved the removal of the plastic "rabbit guards" from the trunks of new trees that are now established in their growth. This is all part of a programme of joint activities and events with the RSPB to help the youngsters potentially earn several badges, including their Environment Partnership Award.

Neil Renwick (RSPB) – " When you plan for a work party in early February, you think **cold** and **wet** and **miserable**. I wish all our days could be like it was that day - t-shirt weather and lots of happy young people (and some not quite so young), working hard and well, enjoying what they were doing, and doing more than we expected to be done. We're in the happy position of having tidy piles of tree guards at the side of the track, waiting for bags to take them away in, plus one big full bag that wouldn't go into the truck with the others. The nature reserve visitors who walked by looked on with approval, and I'm sure many more will see what has been done today. And (perhaps best of all) several of the youngsters were asking when they could come back and do some more!"

Lynne Radbone (Scout Leader) - "We had a good turn out of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. These children are now well on

their way to obtaining their Group Environment Award and Community Challenge Badges. Neil was very impressed not only with the volume of work completed but he was also by all the children's attitude and enthusiasm for the job. In fact so many children asked him if they could have another go at the work that he has suggested another session in the Autumn when all the birds have nested. So a big "well done" to all concerned, parents included. It makes us very proud to see our Scout Group so well supported and to hear our children praised for their behaviour and commitment. "

Cub Pack aboard HMS Belfast

The entire Cub Pack visited London for an adventure during February half term. The two day visit included a ride on the London Eye, a visit to the Tower Bridge Experience, a tour of the Clink Museum, a hike Photo Trail along the Thames and the excitement of train and tube travel. The highlight of the trip was sleeping on board HMS Belfast on one of the Mess Decks! The Cubs would like to thank the adults and Young Leaders who gave up their time to take them on such a brilliant adventure.

Adults update

We're pleased to announce that we have been joined by another volunteer, Helen Williamson, as an Assistant Scout Leader – welcome Helen ☺

We're always keen to hear from anyone aged 18 or over who would be able to spare just a few hours a week, mostly term time only, to make the fun (like that above) happen for over 80 local youngsters each week. If you'd like to arrange to visit and see what's involved (just like Helen did) please get in touch ☺ It's a great way to meet other people, learn new skills and support the local community.

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Hilton A14 Action Group

By the time this issue of Spectrum has been delivered a meeting will have been held between Hilton Parish Council and representatives from a number of our neighbouring Parishes.

The idea behind this meeting was to look at common ground to put forward to the Highways Agency and the contractors regarding minimising the impact of the proposed route on the environment in the area.

We will continue to look at the best ways this could be achieved and will continue to follow the developments of this new route in an effort to put the voice of the village forward and advise villagers through Spectrum of any significant developments in the project.

If you have any feedback or would like any information whatsoever please contact Peter Balicki on 831787 Lissie Wright 830577 or Jon Dooley 07885 636745 to discuss further.

Fenstanton Youth Football

February Hunts Mini Soccer League

Results:

Fenstanton Blues (9) (0) KC Cougars

MOTM: Andrew Darling

Cambourne Rovers (0) (17) Fenstanton Reds

MOTM: Conor Jones

March Fixtures:

1/3/08 – Reds v Bluntisham (re-scheduled from Feb)

Both Teams will be playing Friendlies to fill the gap in fixtures

Blue Match Report Fenstanton Blues v K C Cougars

Man of the Match Andrew Darling hit 5 as Fenstanton Blues faced KC

Cougars on a bitterly cold February morning. The final score of 9-0 didn't reflect how hard a young Cougars side worked to try and contain the Blues. The score line was only 1-0 after the first 15 with a scrappy goal from Jordan Heaford separating the two sides. The second period saw the Blues cut loose with Darling's first goal, an individual effort that burst the net. Oliver Hurst quickly followed with a good finish. Before Darling scored twice more. Only some great work from the Cougars keeper stopped the gap from getting wider. The final 15 saw 4 more goals for the Blues, 2 for Darling, one for Daniel Malley and a fine curling corner from Bailey Parr that somehow went straight in. Solid performances from Andrew Shuker in defence, Luke Davis and Tom Rodriguez contributed towards the Blues domination of a battling Cougars. Final Score 9 - 0

Under Sevens:

Do come along and join us, 10 – 11.15 most Saturdays (£2.00 per session with no commitment at this stage just turn up and play). We do need more players from Years one and two from Fenstanton and neighbouring areas. Phone Chris Malley on 839228 for more info or just turn up.

Match Report: Friendly - Fenstanton U7's v Whittlesford 10/2/08

Fenstanton Under 7's hosted the return match to Whittlesford having beaten them away 2 -1 back in January. This time Whittlesford narrowly won 6 -5. The whole Fenstanton team played with real determination. Fenstanton managed a hat-trick from Sebastian Ward and a brace from Liam Flitton (man of the match) and were unlucky not to equalise in the last few minutes.

For further information contact **Charlie Darling on 01480 395338** after 6 pm

Hilton Cricket Club

As usual, it looks as if the Oscars will be competing with us once again for the attention of the Press and publicity media. The Academy of Box Brownie Clickers must know by now that to hold their mutual adoration extravaganza during the run-up to Hilton Cricket Club's AGM is doomed to failure. Just look through this issue of *Spectrum* to see how much space is devoted to HCC and how much to the Oscars. In case your diary didn't come with the AGM date already printed, mark it now: 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 12th March. Cancel all other engagements and prepare to spend an hour or so with us in a cold, dimly lit pavilion. Bring your own fly-spray.

In the meantime, it will be apparent to everyone passing our cricket ground that we have recently signed up an ace fielder, called *Talpa europaea*. He will appear at mid-off and seconds later he'll pop up at cover point and then at third man. This is sure to confuse our opponents when they are batting, but Talpa should be warned that his pre-season practice sessions are leaving tell-tale signs that might attract the attention of the local mole-catcher.

The recent furore over the Archbishop of Canterbury's declaration regarding the adoption of Sharia Law allowed another newsworthy clerical statement to pass almost unnoticed. In a moving sermon, the Archbishop of Hilton & Papworth Everard lamented the inadequacies of English Law and appealed to the Government to buttress our legal framework by applying the Laws of Cricket. Away would go the stuffy atmosphere of our courts, the gowns, wigs and incomprehensible language. Instead, each case would be tried by two judges, one standing at each end of the room. Each would wear a short white coat and perched on his head would be a pile of coloured caps and floppy hats, the volume of which would reflect the judge's professional rank and importance. Members of the jury would be equipped with placards showing a large "4" on one side and "6" on the reverse. The prosecution lawyers would either hurl a stream of rapid questions, or lob one or two slower, more cunning posers in the direction of the defendant. If the defendant were to handle the questions particularly skilfully, jury members would indicate their approval by holding their placards aloft showing the appropriate number. At the end of the case, a "Guilty" verdict would be indicated by each judge raising the index finger of his/her right hand. In the event of reasonable doubt, the judges would call for adjudication by a third judge, sitting in a neighbouring room watching the proceedings on TV, who would replay the key stages from twenty different camera angles and even then toss a coin to decide. The Clerk of the Court would keep a running tally of the scores displayed by the jury and any defendant who exceeded 100 would be deemed "not out" and acquitted, regardless of the evidence. Cases would last no more than five days, with breaks for orange juice, lunch and tea. Counsel for the Defence could claim an adjournment due to rain or bad light. The Justice minister, Mr Strawberry, has said that he is giving very careful consideration to the proposal.

Readers of the Letters page of the February issue of *Spectrum* will be as gratified as I am to learn that the ranks of Hilton Cricket Club Supporters Association have been expanded by the opening of the Chapel Close Branch. That brings the membership of the Association to a grand total of two. Which other cricket club can boast a 100% increase in its support in a single month? As a token of our appreciation, we shall be submitting plans to extend our present grandstand (*pictured right*).



What's On

March

3 rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
5 th	Hilton Lent Lunch	Hilton Hall	12.30 pm
6 th	Fenstanton Wi	Church Centre	7.30 pm
8 th	Hilton Churches Supper	details to be confirmed	
7 th	Old Fenstanton Photos Display	United Reformed Church	2.00 pm
10 th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm
11 th	Knitters and Knatters	United Reformed Church	10.00 am
12 th	Hilton Lent Lunch	'Noroc' Potton Road	12.30 pm
12 th	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
12 th	Hunts Wildlife Group talk	Memorial Hall, Brampton	7.30 pm
12 th	Hilton Cricket Club AGM	Cricket Pavilion	8.00 pm
15 th	Hunts Phil - Haydn's Creation	Hinchingbrooke Arts	7.30 pm
23 rd	EASTER SUNDAY		
25 th	Knitters and Knatters	United Reformed Church	10.00 am
25 th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Church	1.30 pm
25 th	Fenstanton FC trip to the Dogs	Peterborough Racetrack	6.30 pm
26 th	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
26 th	Hunts Geranium & Fuschia	Village Hall, Hilton	7.45 pm

April

3 rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
4 th	Hilton WI Spring Dinner	Windmill restaurant	
13 th	Art Exhibition	Church Centre	10.00 am
19 th	Feast Week Curry & Quiz	Village Hall	7.00 pm

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