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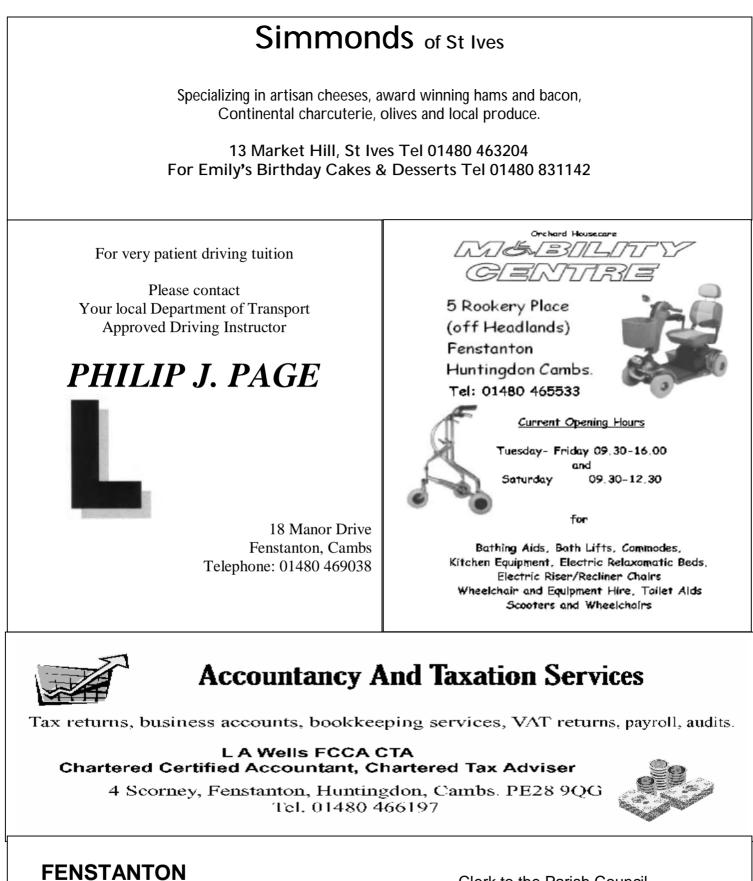
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Letters & Notices

In Sympathy

Arthur Lee of Hilton, passed away peacefully at Cromwell Nursing Home on February 4th at the age of 93. He lived a full life and maintained his interest in Whippet Coaches to the very end. He will be missed by us all. We would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and support at this sad time. **Peter and John Lee and family**

We would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their kindness during Alan's illness. Also for the cards and messages sent and for their presence at his funeral. Thanks for donations given to the cardiac department of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Jean Tack and Family

Well... the time has arrived for my first editor's letter. I would like to thank Pauline for all her hard work on the Spectrum over the past four and half years. I hope I can continue the brilliant editing she has done. I come to you a bit weary this month as I am in the middle of re-decorating my new house getting it ready to move into. I have to wash emulsion out of my hair most evenings and the logistics of packing has never been my strong point. Anyway, I have tried to create an edition worthy of the past team but you will have to forgive any typing mistakes or formatting errors that slip in! I also want to thank my sister, Teresa, for agreeing to be editorial assistant. I will just say that due to printing and finishing lead times I have had to move the copy deadline to the 10th of the month. I look forward to spending some considerable creative effort in enhancing the current magazine over the next few months. In the meantime... back to the sanding, painting, getting brown tape stuck between fingers...

Amanda Keel

With thanks for donations received in February:

Hilton Flower Club, Fenstanton Village Hall & Fenstanton Village Sports

Thank you to Molly Gildersleves for help distributing the Spectrum for many years.

I would just like to congratulate the author of the Hilton Cricket Club items which always appear on the inside back cover of Spectrum. He (I'm presuming it's a he) is never named, but deserves some appreciation from the villagers of Hilton and Fenstanton for the wit and humour of his writing. Long may it continue.

Elaine Withers

<u>Message from the Ambulance Service – "In case of Emergency"</u>

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE'

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Hilton Parish Council Report

Hilton Parish Council Report February 2009

The Parish Council still have two vacancies (and a further vacancy in May), if you have an interest in where we live and can offer up to 6 hours a month to attend evening meetings and read correspondence, we would like to hear from you. Anyone over the age of 21 can apply. It can be a very rewarding role, it isn't an onerous task and it doesn't have to be forever! Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Rural Exception Site

After a presentation from Hunts District Council and Cambridgeshire Acre the Parish Council will be considering at our March meeting whether Hilton can benefit from a Rural Exception Site. A Rural Exception site gives district councils authority to approve planning applications that are outside of planning regulations. The policy is designed to build affordable, shared equity, housing for local people, or people with a longstanding connection with the village or those who work in the village. If the Parish Council identify a need, Cambridgeshire Acre will survey the whole village to seek views before seeking a suitable site to build on.

Hilton Action on Traffic

Hilton Action on Traffic continue to be extremely busy on behalf of the village, focusing on all areas within the village to put a stop to speeding vehicles and HGVs.

A14 Action Group - Borrow Pits/Minerals and Waste Consultation

There is currently a consultation period in place to look at borrow pit applications for use during the construction of the A14. The proposed plans are close to Hilton, Fenstanton and Hemingfords. Parishioners are urged to make their views known and take time to look at the proposals.

Borrow pits are pits that are used for the extraction of materials - usually gravel or clay- for local construction projects - sometimes they are also then re-used to dispose of excess earth produced by the project. In this case the proposal is to open a series of extraction sites along the route of the A14 to extract gravels and clays to be used in the road construction. They will operate, more or less, for the period of the construction of the road and will, hopefully, then be restored to either farmland or some sort of combination of lakes and woodland. The big issues for the village will be the disruption - noise, traffic, dust, etc for the period of their operation and whether there will be an application to continue their use to extract more material for other projects after the road is built or to use them as waste disposal sites afterwards.



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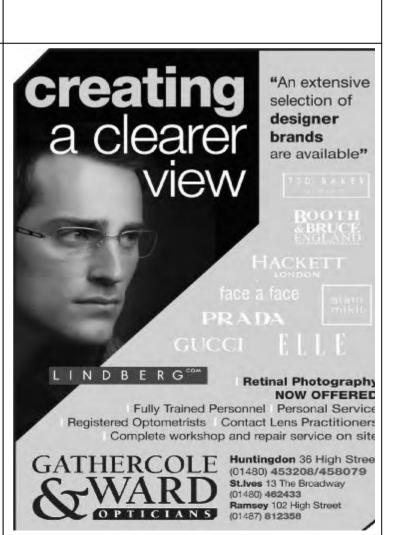
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Proposed sites are located at Galley Hill, Oxholme Farm and Woolpack Farm. (Galley Hill is the junction between the B1040 and the A14 - which most Hilton residents will use to access St Ives or to join the A14. Oxholme Farm is the farm on the Fenstanton Road where you can buy fruit. The other Farm involved is Woolpack farm which lies near the A14 on the Huntingdon side of the B1040 but the actual site involved lies nearer to Hilton and the B1040 than the actual farm).

Individual residents can comment direct - this is probably easiest via the internet, if you use the Peterborough Consultation Portal and register as a consultee (reasonably easy). Try going to http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/pc/mwpo2as/mwpo2as?pointId=553369#document-553369 and explore from there - you will need to go to the mineral section and then find the Woolpack and Oxholme sites to look at the information and then comment. Alternatively residents can send their comments to the Parish Council via the Clerk.

The Parish Council meet on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of August and January), in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards 5 days before each meeting and are now available on the village website. Planning meetings are arranged as and when required and notification of these meetings will be posted on the notice boards 5 days before the meeting date.

All Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the village website once they have been approved by the Parish Council. If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk <u>thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com</u> or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group

Farmland Birds

Farmland Birds will be the topic of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.



Tonight our guest speaker will be Paul Bellamy, who is a local ecologist and ornithologist, working at Monks Wood from 1990 to 2009. During this time Paul has looked at the effects of change in land use on biodiversity. This has included looking at the effects of habitat fragmentation on woodland birds and comparing small farm woods with larger nature reserves. Another aspect of Paul's work has centred on the effectiveness of agri-environment schemes and the effects of growing bio-mass crops.

Concentrating on the arable systems of eastern England, Paul will explain how historical changes in farming practices have affected bird populations and how current trends may affect farmland birds in the next few years.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: $\pounds 2.00$ members; $\pounds 2.50$ 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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Fenstanton Parish Council Report

Report of Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting 12th February 2009

Before the meeting commenced a minutes silence was held as mark of respect to the late Cllr. M. Runham who passed away on the night of $5^{th} / 6^{th}$ February.

Police report.

During the period 6th January 2009 to 10th February 2009 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

2 obtaining petrol without paying.

1 burglary.

1 theft of a caravan.

1 thefts a motor vehicle.

1 theft of number plates from a vehicle.

The Parish Council urges all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0845 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Speedwatch.

The Parish Council agreed to support the scheme in principal although it is felt further information is required. Consideration will be given to taking an active part in the scheme once all relevant information is received.

Village Bus Services.

A meeting is being arranged between representatives of the Parish Council and the County Council's Head of Passenger Transport Services to discuss the future of the Village's public transport and the implications of the Guided Busway.

Provision of a litter bin at the east bound Clock Tower bus stop.

The District Council has agreed to consider the provision of a litter bin at this location.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th March 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

Visit Huntingdonshire

Economic Development invites you to come and see our new website Visit Huntingdonshire (<u>www.visithuntingdonshire.org</u>) due to be launched shortly. The website is aimed at residents and visitors to Huntingdonshire to enable them to find information on attractions, activities and accommodation in the district. The website has been developed in partnership with East of England Tourism and the other districts in Cambridgeshire that form a suite of websites including Visit Cambridgeshire. These websites are served by our new Destination Management System, which has been set up regionally as part of this EEDA funded project. A demonstration of the site will take place on Tuesday 27th January in Meeting Room 1 at lunchtime (from 12 till 1.30) and again on Jan 27th in Meeting Room 1 from 5.30pm until 6.15pm. There will be another session on Wed 28th January at 12.00 to 13.30 in the Cabinet Room. Please feel free to drop in at any of these times or log onto the site at <u>www.visithuntingdonshire.org</u>

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Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)

Efforts are continuing to try to convince County Council that they must tackle speeding through Hilton and remove HGV's from our roads. In the absence of sufficient personal accident injury statistics, there are no signs that County Highways are as yet prepared to take our problems seriously.

A group of villagers living along and close to Graveley Way has been pressing County Council to implement more effective speed reduction measures on that road. HAT is supportive of this initiative, within the context of Hilton's much wider problems with traffic, in particular on B1040.

Recent HAT activities

- Radio Cambridgeshire interviewed Hilton residents at the roadside during a live programme on the effects of HGV's using unsuitable roads through Cambridgeshire villages
- Hilton's traffic issues were taken up at St Ives Area Road Safety Committee and once again at the local Neighbourhood Policing Panel
- We received a presentation and demonstration from local Police on St Ives area "Speedwatch" volunteer scheme
- We met with Jonathan Djanogly MP to request his support for action

To contact HAT or for more information

e-mail: HAT-<u>Hilton@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Tel: Bill Halford, 831193; Margaret Shardlow, 831186; Lissie Wright, 830577

HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER

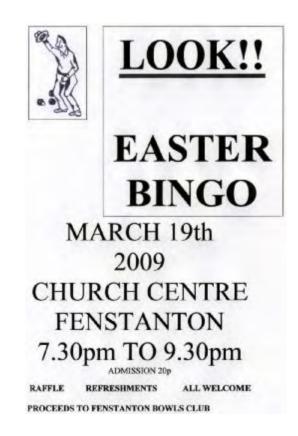
By popular request, the Parish and Methodist Churches are running another Roving Supper on Saturday, 21st March. The Ecumenical Group has agreed that, for this year, all proceeds will go towards the Parish Church's roofing fund. Please support us and contact Peter Blake (830137) or Heather Woods (830686) for more information and tickets.

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Christian Fellowship Saturday Breakfast.

The March 14th men's fellowship breakfast will be led by John Guthrie of the United Reformed Church Fenstanton, and John will be giving a presentation on the history of the Methodist church.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, from 8.30 am to approximately 10.30 am. As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Come and enjoy breakfast and some lively discussion.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com



Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Churches

March Services		
Sunday 1 st	1 st Sunday of	of Lent
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	12.00 noon	Parish Pancake Party (details from Katie on 01480 465211)
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong & 1 st Lent Sermon
Thursday 5th		
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 8th	2 nd Sunday	of Lent
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in Parish Church with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Hilton	6.00pm	Evensong & 2 nd Lent Sermon
Sunday 15 th	3 rd Sunday	of Lent
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	12.00 noon	Lent Lunch in Church Centre
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong & 3 rd Lent Sermon
Thursday 19th		
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Saturday 21st		
Hilton	7.30pm	Roving Supper
Sunday 22nd	4 th Sunday	of Lent -Mothering Sunday
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Hilton	6.00pm	Evensong & 4 th Lent Sermon
Sunday 29 th	5 th Sunday	of Lent – Passion Sunday
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong & 5 th Lent Sermon
Hilton	6.00pm	Healing Service at Methodist Church
Tuesday 31 st		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays at Hilton	10.00am 11.00am	Discussion Group Hilton Hall Morning Prayer/Communion Hilton Hall
Thursdays at Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

From the Vicar...

Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens: For *Fenstanton*, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For *Hilton*, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answerphone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie robin@hotmail.com

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Sunday 1st	9:30am	Revd 1	Derek Newton	United Reformed
Sunday 8th	9:30am	Revd	Catherine Ball	Church is part of
Sunday 8th	6.00pm	Mr Ke	eith Cakebread	the St IvesGroup
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Mr Ma	atthew Stone	of Churches
Sunday 22nd	9:30am	Revd	Catherine Ball	Contact Revd
Sunday 22nd	5:00pm	Alive	@ 5. Inspirational Café style worship for all.	
		Refres	shments.	Catherine Ball on
Sunday 29th	9:30am	Mr Ma	artin Ballard	01480- 352058 or
April				the Free Church
Sunday 5th	9:30am	Revd 1	Derek Newton	St. Ives on
Other Events	March 20	09		01480-468535
Tuesday 3rd	10.0	0am	The Open Door Coffee Morning	01400-400333
Tuesday 10th	10.0	0am	Knitters and Natters	
Saturday 14th	8:30)am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call	John 468718
Tuesday 17th	10.0	0 am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.	
Saturday 21st	10.0	0am	Book Sale	
Tuesday 24th	10.0	0am	Knitters and Natters.	
Tuesday 31st	10:0	0am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.	
April				
Tuesday 7th	10.0	0am	Knitters and Natters	
			Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.	

Catholic Church, St Ives, Church of the Sacred Heart,19 Needingworth Rd, Parish priest Rev Paul Maddison Tel: 01480 462192,<u>www.sacredheart-stives.org</u> Mass Times:Saturday 17.00: Sunday 08.00 and 11.00 Papworth Everard, (served from Huntingdon)Methodist church Church Lane, Mass Saturday 18.00

Hilton Methodist Church

Hilton Methodist Church Services for March 2009 1st March at 11am – Miss Pat Paddon 8th March at 11.15am – United Holy Communion Service at the Parish Church with Rev Dr Robin McKenzie and Rev Katy Dunn Children's Sunday Club in Methodist Hall 15th March at 11am – Mr Andy Nicholson 6pm – Circuit Service at Warboys 22nd March at 11am – Rev W.F. Vivian 29th March at 11am – Mr David Bushby 6pm – United Healing Service with Rev Katy Dunn Meetings: Circuit meeting at Buckden on Tuesday 3rd March Church Council meeting on Tuesday 17th March at Methodist Church. Sunday School 7.30pm

Tot's Praise

At our last meeting we welcomed more new members and tots. The hour we spent together for a chat, coffee, songs and story activity is a bright happy time. Do come and join us. Last Tuesday of the month, 31st March, see you.



Club News

Fenstanton WI

Unfortunately our meeting on February 5th could not take place because of the snowy weather. We were aware it was an Open Meeting and sincerely apologise if this caused any inconvenience. However, Sqn. Ldr. Kevin Dalley is coming to our October meeting to give his talk on the History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force.

Dates for Future Meetings

 5^{th} March My Apprenticeship with the Royal School of Needlework by Mrs. Jane Hipkin. 2^{nd} April Stress, Cancer and Complimentary Therapy by Mervyn Foster If you would like to join our friendly group please come along We meet on the first Thursday of each month in

along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. If you are new to the Village this is a good opportunity to make new friends. For more information please contact our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

Fenstanton & Hilton

Toddler Group

We are a small and friendly group who meet every Wednesday in Fenstanton Church Centre from 10.00 -11-30am. £2 per family. We welcome babies to school age children and have a good selection of toys for all. We have a secure area for babies and a craft table for our budding artists which is run on a rota basis..

We had a fantastic Christmas Party and Thank You to all that made that happen and the mums had a relaxing night out at The Cock in Hemingford Grey. Despite the holiday season and bad weather we have had a good start to the New Year. We have welcomed some new mums with their little ones and some regular mums with their new additions.

We are now looking forward to the Spring with some Mother's Day and Easter crafts. Last Spring we visited Wimpole Hall and saw a number of lambs being born and it would be nice to do something similar this year.

So, if you fancy a tea or coffee while the children play please come along, first visit is free!! Alternatively, if you would like further information please contact Sarah Edwards on 01480 463933 or <u>edwardss13@sky.com</u>.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

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Starts Monday 2nd March And every Monday afterwards 10:00 – 11:00 Different Activities each week including: Art's and Craft, Messy Play, Music, Heuristic Play, Construction Toys. For more information contact Alex Rees 01480 831 423

Fenstanton Pre-School

We are very grateful to all of who responded to our request for a computer and printer. We are now fully equipped – thank you.

We were pleased that we were able to remain open throughout the very bad spell of weather – those children who managed to get here had great fun enjoying the snow.

We take children's names on our waiting list from approx 18months (this helps with forward planning) and they can join our group in the half term in which they become 3.

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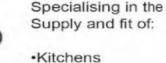
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Fen Drayton Lakes

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, for March 2009

A photographic competition, entitled Fens Through A Lens, was jointly organised by the University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge, the RSPB and the Wildlife Trust last year. Local photographers Sue Jones and Paul Hutchinson took winning images at Fen Drayton Lakes. Many of the best images have been put into a touring exhibition. If you missed it in fen Drayton before Christmas, you can catch it in Swavesey's Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew from 6 to 26 March. Do go and have a look – you may recognise some of the views or other photographers' names.

Fen Drayton Lakes provide so many opportunities for artistic inspiration (and frustration) – from close-up shots of spring flowers and buds, panoramic scenes, portraits of people and birds. The birds often provide the frustration – why do they always seem too far away for your camera, or refuse to look to the camera when they are close enough? Next time you go for a walk, remember to pick up your camera.

Construction work on the guided busway through the lakes has made progress, despite the snowy conditions in early February. It is still too early for us to be able to say what impact the postponed opening will have on visitors, particularly in relation to the amount of construction traffic using the entrance road and Holywell Ferry Road, and the condition of the road surfaces. So far, our requests to have the holes filled have not been successful.

Our conservation volunteers learnt how to lay hedges last November, and have put their new skills to good use on a hedge near Springhill Lagoon. Laying involves cutting almost through the main stem of each shrub in the hedge, then bending the stem over its neighbour. The job is done in the winter, and then when spring growth begins, new shoots come from the cut. The combination of leaning stems and new growth produces a dense hedge. Traditionally, such hedges were to keep farm livestock in (or out). They have the additional benefit of providing good nesting sites for many songbirds.

The next guided walk at Fen Drayton Lakes will be on Thursday 19 March, beginning at 10am at the small Elney Lake car park and viewing screen close to Fen Drayton village – follow signs for disabled access parking. There is a charge of £3 (£1.50 for RSPB members, reductions for children). We will be hoping for fine weather, which will encourage the ducks to give their courtship displays and songbirds to sing.

Look out for our new events leaflet – the cover has a picture of children hunting bugs. It should be ready by the middle of March.



Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer, T: 01954 233267 or E: <u>neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk</u> Our address is RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

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Hilton WI

Hilton WI members were in celebratory mood at their meeting on Monday 12th January when it was announced that the Institute had been awarded £10,000 from the Awards for All Lottery grant scheme for local communities. As a result each Hilton member will be entitled to a bursary of £203 to take a residential course at the WI's own Denman College in Oxfordshire. However, the bursaries must be used within a year as any monies not spent after that have to be returned to the Lottery Fund. Ruth Salem was thanked for all her hard work in applying for and securing this award.

Plans for activities for the year were revealed including visits to a BBC TV recording; an Ice Show; arrangements for a spring supper and details of the Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation Annual Council Meeting in April.

The speaker for the evening was local garden designer, Angela Potter. Angela and a friend, who had together taken a garden design course at Capel Manor Horticultural College in Middlesex, were lucky enough to be accepted to exhibit a wildlife garden at the 2008 Chelsea Flower Show. This was their first major project since graduating.

The fact that 2008 was the centenary of Kenneth Graham's The Wind in the Willows and that government had recently made water voles a protected species formed the core idea for the garden. As Ratty was in fact a water vole and these rare creatures are still living in the banks of the brooks and streams in Hilton the idea for a peaceful garden, surrounded by nature was born and 'Ratty Goes to Chelsea' was the title.

British wildflower plants, willows, grasses, ferns, hostas with a 'river bank' complete with vole holes had to be made, bought, ordered and brought on by various suppliers and helpers, all with problems which had to be solved as the planning progressed and Alison had her audience enthralled as she described the enormous amount of work needed to bring the project to fruition. As the event got closer a number of disasters occurred which might have seen off a less intrepid bunch, including Alison breaking her ankle just before the big event. But it all came together with great success and as Alison's slides showed, many well-known celebrities paid their stand a visit, supporting their eco-friendly garden, and signing her plastered leg as she sat there in her wheelchair.

It was altogether a fascinating insight into the work involved in those famous Chelsea gardens.

February had a chilly theme to match the snowy weather when Daphne Hersey took Hilton WI on a fascinating pictorial tour of the Falkland Islands at its meeting on Monday February 9th. She had joined a bird watching group which took an RAF flight from Brize Norton, arriving on the islands in exhilarating style escorted by an RAF Tornado jet.

With her wonderful slides Daphne created a picture of life on the islands from houses in Port Stanley with their picturesque coloured roofs to penguins and cormorants; elephant seals to whales; and had her audience spellbound. Daphne had a wealth of knowledge and information on the flora and fauna and history of the Islands and always a popular speaker, she did not disappoint and left Members pondering the possibities of taking a trip down under to see the sights for themselves, but not forgetting to pack warm clothing to ward off the notorious Falklands winds.

After a break for refreshments Members were delighted to hear that Hilton Parish Council and the Town Trust had agreed to support the production of more Hilton Walk leaflets which the WI have produced for an NFWI competition. Letters of appreciation from several residents whose houses are featured in the leaflet were also read out.

For members who weren't able to get to the meeting due to the snow, plans for the coming months include a Spring Dinner on Friday 20th March at the Golden Ball, 7.00 for 7.30 and a summer outing to Belvoir Castle on Thursday 16th July. More diary dates to come next month, including a summer lunch.

If you are interested in joining Hilton WI please contact the Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358. The next meeting will be on 9th March when Sue Stephenson will be talking about the Swinging Sixties.

Carol Yarrow Hilton WI Press Officer 01480 839945

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Many cats have been bought into the branch which have been traced through their microchips and some have travelled huge distances, Norwich and Chatteris being the most recent cases and one cat had been missing for 4 years. A cat can easily get into a vehicle and be transported out of their area and without a microchip would never be returned home. We offer a microchipping service in Eynesbury (minimum suggested donation is £12). Contact us now and ensure your cat can be traced should it go missing.

We always have a number of adult cats and cats with special needs who need loving new homes so if you are thinking of getting a cat or kitten contact us now.

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Fenstanton over 60's

Christmas is now a distant memory, but I hope you all had a good one. The club enjoyed a pre-Christmas buffet party and we exchanged presents. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Our Christmas dinner at the Golden Lion was enjoyed by all even though in was held in January.

On a more somber note, our chairman Lily Humbee was admitted to hospital just before Christmas and is still there. We hope and pray she will show signs of improvement soon. Francis Troll is also in hospital after a fall and Hilda is still not mobile – so get well soon all of you. The club needs you and sends their best wishes.

Our last meeting was the AGM. It was decided to keep the club alive with everyone's help. After all it's our Sixtieth anniversary year! New members always welcome so why don't you come along and give it try. After sixty years we must have something to offer and are pleased to welcome fresh ideas. We meet every other Wednesday 2pm – 4pm at the Church Hall. **Wyn Treeby**

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Hilton Produce Show 2009

Hilton Produce Show 2009 Herbie Collen's Tips for the month

If you have a 'moth' orchid (Phalaenopsis) remember that in the jungle it grows on tree branches so in a pot it needs to be grown in bark with very good drainage and light – but not in direct sun. Water and feed only when almost dry with slightly warm water over the bark and allow it to drain thoroughly. Do not remove old flower stems after flowering as further flowers may be produced. If you have cloches or polytunnels it's now time to put them in position to start warming the soil.

Junior Corner

There will be a 'Best Single Sunflower on the Day' competition in the show so start looking for the seeds – but don't forget to be careful. Follow the instructions on the packet.

If you look at plants and their leaves in the wild you can see clues as to how much light and water they need and what temperatures they like. Silver leaves, for instance, reflect the sun and thick fleshy ones store water. Cacti store water in the body of the plant and need good drainage and plenty of light. For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 01480 830838.

For organizational advice email Jane Hazlewood on jane.ernie@talk.net c.c.

<u>cheska.longwick@btinternet.com</u> or 01480 83016, and you can also find us in the events section on the village website – <u>www.hilton-village.com</u>

Hilton Feast Week

Here's the Produce Show classes for Sunday 19th July so get planning now.

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

Fruit Cup

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

Vegetable Cup

- 11. 4 runner beans12. 4 French beans
- 12. 4 French b
- 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 garlics
- 21. Any vegetable not named on schedule
- 22. 3 sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
- 23. 3 distinct salad items
- 24. Most unusual carrot
- 25. Longest runner bean
- 26. Largest Marrow
- 27. 1 cucumber

Flower Arrangement Cup

- 28. F.W. theme. Flowers foliage & sundries. No size limit
- 29. Tall & thin flowers 6" wide x 24" high max. Foliage & oasis can be used
- 30. Arrangement in a box. Live material and oasis may be used, no sundries viewed From above
- Table decoration of you choice using 1 colour. Flowers, foliage, seeds & oasis may be used. No sundries
- 32. Table decoration... no size limit. Flowers, foliage, seeds & oasis may be used
- 33. Table decoration in a wine glass. Oasis, pebbles etc may be used
- 34. Dried flowers and foliage arrangement. No sundries. No size limit
- 35. Any arrangement using candle/s, overall max height not to exceed 18"

Flower Cup

- 36. 1 rose stem single head
- 37. 1 rose stem multi head
- 38. 3 rose stem 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 1 variety flowers
- 46. 3 stems any shrub mixed
- 47. Flowering plant in 7" or below pot
- 48. Foliage plant in 7" or below pot
- 49. Any cactus or succulent

Hilton Womens Institute Baking & Preserves Salver

- 50. Semi-rich fruit cake to show recipe
- 51. Savoury quiche/flan
- 52. 5 cheese scones 2.5" cutter
- 53. 5 fruit scones 2.5" cutter
- 54. 5 homemade cookies
- 55. Victoria sandwich cake to show recipe
- 56. 1 loaf, machine made bread
- 57. 5 chocolate muffins. Cases from Maureen phone 831776
- 58. 1 jar soft fruit jam
- 59. 1 jar any fruit marmalade
- 60. 1 jar of any stoned fruit jam
- 61. 1 jar of any fruit curd
- 62. 1 jar of any chutney (2 entries allowed is different types)
- 63. 1 jar of any pickles
- 64. 3 chicken eggs

Drink Cup

- 65. Bottle of citrus based drink
- 66. Bottle of cordial
- 67. Jug of fruit smoothie
- 68. Bottle of fortified wine
- 69. Bottle of spirit based drink (sloe gin, orange gin etc...)
- 70. Wine based drink to show recipe
- 71. Bottle of any drink not named in schedule

Children's Classes

Alice Collen Cup under 5's

- 72. Saucer of cress
- 73. Jam jar of flowers
- 74. Eggcup of flowers
- 75. Decorated hens egg
- 76. Packet mix fairy cakes x 3

Thomas Collen Cup age 5 – 8 years

- 77. 1 carrot
- 78. Eggcup of flowers
- 79. Jam jar of flowers
- 80. Planted shoe/boot
- 81. Garden in a seed tray
- 82. Model of a celebrity made of veg & fruit
- 83. 5 cheese straws to show recipe
- 84. 5 fairy cakes decorated
- 85. 3 muffins
- 86. Best cress caterpillar

87. Best single sunflower

Jacob Collen Cup 9 – 16 years

- 88. 1 carrot
- 89. Eggcup of flowers
- 90. Jam jar of flowers
- 91. Planted shoe/boot
- 92. Garden in a seed tray
- 93. Model of a celebrity made of veg & fruit
- 94. 5 cheese straws show recipe

- 95. 5 fairy cakes decorated
- 96. 3 muffins
- 97. Best cress caterpillar
- 98. Best single sunflower

Hilton Feast Week 2009

We would like to thank everyone for the fantastic support we received in making the quiz at the end of January a complete sell out. Our apologies also go to those of you who could not get a ticket. Our thanks also go to Neil Turner, Steve Lawton, Rachel Lawton and Jon Platt who between them wrote, presented, and scored the quiz. No comments about the chair being on the winning team this time, but I did get a couple of questions right as well!

Up coming events

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Saturday 16 May 2009

As mentioned last time we are looking to run a joint quiz with the Church to help raise funds for the Church roof and Feast Week. Full details will follow.

Sunday 7 June 2009 Village Jamboree

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again and we can enjoy a Sunday afternoon down on the green by the Village Hall. We are looking at an event we could put on this day and in line with this report, more details will follow.

Feast Week

The marquee has been booked, the entertainment is being sourced and the main event is falling into place.

This summer Feast Week will commence on Sunday 19 July with the parade of floats and the produce show. This year the theme is to be 'Great Britons'.

So make a note in your diaries, start planning the art show entries, read up about the produce show and, heaven forbid, starting planning your floats. More details of the week will be advised in Spectrum and on the web site as we put them together.

Don't forget you can check for updates as they become available 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 please do not hesitate to let us know.

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Finally the committee would like to express our thanks to Pauline and Duncan the previous editorial team for helping to publicise the Feast Week events over the last few years. We look forward to working with the new editorial team.

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Hilton Flower Club

The weather really was a problem for our first meeting of 2009. It was disappointing so many ladies missed Angela Potter's talk and slides on ' A day at Chelsea', or rather 'Ratty goes to Chelsea'. We had the background on this garden and listening and looking at Angela's slides made us realize what a terrific undertaking it all was. It took a year of hard planning in all aspects such as site, building, plants, willows. 'Ratty's Hole', and finance. It was not without problems on the way: Angela broke her ankle. However success and a bronze medal and acclaim from many notable figures of the gardening world made it all worthwhile. We, in Hilton, were thrilled for her and enjoyed the afternoon. Next meeting Monday 2nd March, 2pm Village Hall. Demonstration 'Flowers from Amsterdam' with Denise. Future meetings. April 6th. Demonstration 'Easter Tidings'

Day Admission £2. Sales table and raffle. May Outing 21st May 10am Village Hall. £22 1. Hatfield House (Guided tour incl) 2. Pelham House

Hilton Village Hall Committee

We would like to thank everyone who supported their Valentine Dinner Dance on Friday, 13th February. The evening was a great success with the Hall beautifully decorated, wonderful food, convivial company, romantic music and dancing late into the night. We hope you all had an evening to remember.

We would like to take this opportunity to 'wake-up' your creative and competitive talents - those wonderfully cheeky **SCARECROWS** are heading back to Hilton – we will be holding an Open Garden and Village Scarecrow event in June so start thinking how you can do even better than last year. More details and helpful hints to follow in next month's Spectrum.

Fenstanton Village Sports

Still no volunteers! Maybe that's because I forgot to include the telephone number of the people who are taking messages for us while we are incapacitated, and of course you lot out there are too lazy to look it up from the last issue, it's **370973**, ok?

We have enough on our plates without hand feeding you lot. **The tunnel failed!** You wouldn't believe what happened. Matron spilt some coffee in the shower block and as it soaked away down our tunnel she thought "Hey, what's this then?" and we were discovered, so we all got thrown in the cooler for 7 days. What are the chances of that happening eh?

When we were released we fired up the motor bike and tried to jump the wire. It was all very exiting! But we failed. I told them the venture was doomed from the start. Well, Steve McQueen couldn't manage it with a big powerful BMW, so what chance did we stand with the whole of the committee on a 45 year old BSA Bantam? There we lay in a tangle of barbed wire, half eaten ham sandwiches and broken bottles of Sloe gin, when matron's goons found us and marched us back. In retrospect I think we might have made it if not for the extra provisions we were carrying.

Seven more days banged up in the cooler all because you lot out there don't care about our worries over how we are going to manage on Sports Day, **Saturday 4th July**.

We were released in mid February to find that it had snowed overnight so we built a ramp of snow in the corner of the playground and just walked out, how easy was that?

We are at present hiding out in various safe houses throughout the village. You may have seen matron's goons riding around in an old detector van trying to pinpoint our position. They won't find us since the detectors only pick up short wave radio transmissions, not emails. Matron isn't very bright. The body may be well contained in magic knickers but the head is full of jolly robins.

Notices: We need your nominations for the community award, names of any deserving individual or group please to the same telephone number **that you are** going to ring to volunteer.

Watch out in the next issue for changes to the produce show.

The rest of the committee have agreed that if we have no response to my pleas and insults for volunteers this month somebody else will have to write the report. You lucky gi..... er, I mean people.

Fenstanton Youth Football

The chance of promotion is still very much alive for both teams in the club. Both teams have seen some good wins but some recent poor results have damaged the title hopes.

The club is now on a search for their next secretary as Mark Buckingham is stepping down after 5 years service. He is looking to work with the new secretary towards the end of this season and the start of next season. If you are enthusiastic about football and interested in helping your local club developing for the future then please e-mail Mark at <u>mbuckingham55@hotmail.com</u>.

Anyone interested in watching their local side can come support Fenny who play there home games at Fenstanton football field at 2pm.

For further updates on the club please go to www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

Hilton Cricket Club

All the usual signs are to be seen of a new cricket season just around the corner: half the square is underwater, grooves have been gouged out of the outfield by a joyriding vandal and England have crashed to a humiliating defeat in the first Test in the Caribbean. Nevertheless, the sense of anticipation among our adoring community is typified by a postbag bursting with a letter from our supporter, apologising that he might miss some of our matches this year, but just to make sure could we please let him know where we will be playing. We are delighted to inform him that he will succeed in avoiding the sight of Hilton CC playing cricket unless he happens to find himself at the following locations on the stated dates:

When	Time	Why	Who	Where
3 May	13.30	League	Orton Park II	Α
10 May	13.30	League	Alconbury II	Α
17 May	13.30	League	Great Staughton	Α
31 May	13.30	League	Hampton	Α
7 Jun	13.30	League	Sawtry II	Н
14 Jun	13.30	League	Ramsey III	Н
21 Jun	13.30	League	Eaton Socon III	Α
28 Jun	13.30	League	Sawtry II	Α
5 Jul	13.30	League	Great Staughton	Н
12 Jul	13.30	League	Alconbury II	Н
20 Jul	18.00	Feast Week	Hunts DC	Н
21 Jul	18.00	Feast Week	Fenstanton	Н
22 Jul	18.00	Feast Week	Ivor & Friends	Н
26 Jul	13.30	League	St Neots	Α
2 Aug	13.30	League	Warboys II	Н
9 Aug	13.30	League	Orton Park II	Н
15 Aug	13.00	League	Warboys II	Α
16 Aug	13.00	League	Ramsey III	Α
23 Aug	13.00	League	Hampton	Н
30 Aug	13.00	League	Eaton Socon III	Н
6 Sep	13.00	League	St Neots	Н

Owing to the pressure of public opinion, we shall not be paying our players their usual multimillion pound bonuses this year, though the prospect of vast financial rewards available from competing in the Huntingdonshire Super league may well tempt members of our team to offer themselves for auction at the Club's AGM next month.

What's On

March

Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm			
Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 pm			
Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm			
Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm			
Huntingdonshire Wildlife	Brampton Memorial Hall	7.30 pm			
Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm			
Wetland Walkabout	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.00 am			
Easter Bingo	Church Centre	7.30pm			
Spring Dinner	Golden Ball	7.00 pm			
Roving Supper	Contact Peter Blake (830137)	TBA			
For Lent Services please see Church pages 16-17 April					
Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm			
Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	TBA			
Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 pm			
Hawaiian Cocktail Evening	Hilton Village Hall	7.30 pm			
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