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LETTERS & NOTICES

Welcome!

This issue actually celebrates several firsts: my first edition as sole editor, a new printer and some colour. The new printer will also provide a faster turn-round, so I am pleased to allow material to be sent up to 14th of the month, but it would be helpful to have it earlier if possible. If everything comes at the last minute I will have to set an earlier deadline. I hope to have two sides of colour—the front cover and the back page plus another for your photographs so as spring and summer come let's have some good pictures of your activities.

I have been very happy to work on Spectrum with the recent cold weather—the garden can wait! However the snowdrops have decided it is time to show their heads so perhaps spring will be on its way by the time I write again.

Thank you for this month's contributions, I hope to hear about some of the other interesting things happening in Hilton and Fenstanton and the surrounding villages next month.

Margaret

Thank you

I wish to thank my family and friends for a wonderful 90th Birthday. Thank you all for the wonderful flowers and gifts. *Cis Ellis*

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Following my recent illness and hospital stay I have been overwhelmed by the number of messages, gifts and visits I received from so many of you. I am very grateful for your concern and messages of encouragement that will help me through the coming months.

How heartening it is to receive the support of this lovely community. Thank you all.

Very sincerely, *Pauline Driver*

Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who attended my coffee morning or sent donations. It was nice to meet up with friends for coffee and the bonus was that you raised £402.11 for Motor Neurone.

I will let you know how Simon gets on in the London Marathon and the final amount raised by "The Suttons" after that. *Celia Sutton*

Breakthrough—Cotswold Challenge

On 21 - 23 May this year, my daughter Katie and I are doing a 22 mile Trek in the Cotswold in association with Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Prima Magazine to raise funds for research into the prevention and treatment of Breast Cancer. Did you know that 46,000 women and 300 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in the UK each year?

To help with our fundraising target (£250 each) we would like to offer a baby sitting/granny sitting service in exchange for a donation to our charity. It doesn't matter how large or small the donation, (or how large or small the baby) every little helps. Alternatively, if you would like to organise a get together with a few friends at your home, I can offer mini massage treatments (Indian Head, Aromatherapy, Reflexology) for a donation to our fundraising.

Katie and I are both cleared by the CRB, and I am VTEC Level 3 trained in massage therapy and MFHT and MIGHT registered.

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Helen on 01480 467187 or Katie on 01480 381646 mentioning Breakthrough Cancer, or you can contact me at my home.

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Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size A4 and may be monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, address and phone number, age (over 17's may state "adult"!). A title is preferred but not compulsory. All entries and winners will be shown at the Camera Club Exhibition on **SAT 24th April in the Memorial Hall**. Maximum of 2 prints per entrant in each category. There are 3 categories in each class:

1. From my garden.

(This can be a view from your garden or a subject taken in your garden.)

2. Reflections

3. Something red.

Closing date for entries is

Friday 16th April.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates will be given for the winner and runner up in each category; from these an overall winner and runner up will be selected from each class for whom there will be a cash prize.

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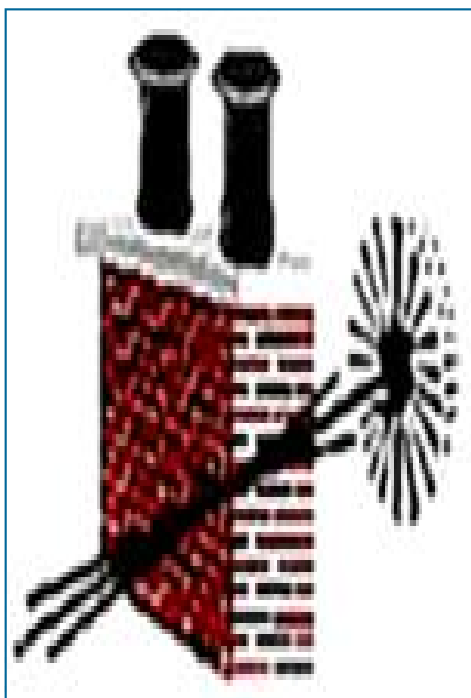
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January 14th

The meeting held a minutes silence and paid its respects to the late Cllr. Hooper.

Police report. During the period 11th November 2009 to 12th January 2010 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

2 theft, 1 threatening behaviour, 4 incidents of criminal damage.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

High Street traffic. Members of the Parish Council and the Parish's County Councillor held a site meeting with representatives from the County Council Highways Department to review the speed calming measures and improve safety at the High Street / Headlands and High Street / Chequer Street mini roundabouts. Following a full survey it was concluded that the existing signage met the legal requirements and the location of bus stops and drop kerbs prevented any changes being made to the road layout. As a result of the findings, the only advice that can be offered is that all road users must exercise care and vigilance at these roundabouts.

Water run off from the new A14. The Parish Council is concerned that surface water from the A14 will eventually, after initially being collected in lagoons, drain into Hall Green Brook, increasing the risk of flooding in the Village. The Parish Council's representative on the Huntingdonshire Flood Forum has raised these concerns with the Environment Agency and the Parish's County Councillor has raised the matter with the District Council on the Parish Council's behalf.

NHS – Cambridgeshire. Hearing services.— which spends £750m every year buying healthcare on behalf of 613,256 residents of the County – wants to ensure that all Direct Access Audiology (hearing aid) services are safe, effective and respond to all residents needs. They also wants to make sure that the standard and quality of Direct Access Audiology services are the same for everyone. They also constantly reviews it's contracts and is now focusing on improving and simplifying the way they organize their Audiology providers. A consultation is being undertaken between 4th January and 29th March. Copies of the consultation document are available from the Clerk.

11th February

Police report. During the period 13th January 2010 to 10th February 2010 the following incidents had been reported to the Police : 2 burglaries, 1 attempted burglary, 1 arson, 1 incident of obtaining petrol without paying.

Incidents of children placing road signs in the road and wheelie bins in front of and behind parked cars in Pitfield Close were also reported to the Police.

A Police representative will attend the April Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.



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A14 – Public inquiry. A Public Inquiry is to be held into the proposed route of the new A14. The Parish Council has written to the Highways Agency expressing its support for the route but stressing and defining the areas where additional sound reducing measures must be included. The Parish Council will consider its course of action in respect to the Public Inquiry at the next meeting.

Kerbside glass collections. The District Council has advised the Parish Council that kerbside glass collections are expected to commence from the end of March. Further information will be made available as it is received.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th March 2010 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)

Sadly, Cambridgeshire County Council's Cabinet has decided not to allocate any of its 2010/11 funds to a "medium sized" traffic management / safety scheme in Potton Road. They have decided instead to prioritise schemes elsewhere in the County. Therefore, villagers can expect that speeding through Hilton to continue. Please continue to take great care when walking, cycling or driving through the village, especially at those very dangerous junctions with Church End and Graveley Way. Graveley Way is on the Huntingdon Traffic Management Area short list of applications for 2010/11 jointly funded "minor" improvement schemes. A Graveley Way scheme would implement speed restrictions and pedestrian improvements. Initial site inspections have been carried out to assess the feasibility of a scheme. We anticipate that Highways will

consult the Parish when they have prepared a specific design proposal. It is not yet possible to guarantee the project will go ahead. Where applicable the scheme will be subject to Safety Audit and will be dependent on the County Council funding its share of the cost. The Parish Council has approved the required contribution from parish funds.

St Ives Speedwatch, augmented by volunteers from Hilton, has continued to monitor speeding vehicles on Potton Road, some racing through the village at speeds well over 50 mph. A number of drivers have been reported to the Police, and as a result we may expect further Police enforcement checks.

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HILTON PARISH COUNCIL—FEBRUARY 2010

The Parish Council are pleased to introduce Andrew Lewis as our new Tree Warden. Andrew works at Wimpole Estate as a Gardener. Prior to that he was a part time Head Gardener at a private estate in Cambridgeshire. He is qualified to HND level in Amenity Horticulture and has studied for a City and Guilds Phase 2 in Arboriculture as well as attending numerous other courses. We welcome his input into our parish and look forward to working with him. Andrew can be contacted via the Parish Clerk.

Following resignations from two Councillors, the Parish Council are now free to recruit to the vacancies. If you are interested, please submit in writing to the Clerk, giving a brief summary of yourself. We hope to recruit at our March meeting.

Over recent months Hilton has suffered a spate of burglaries. The Police advice to stay safe is to make extra time to secure your property and make sure no valuable items can be seen or easily found. If you are going away, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property and consider using lighting on a timer. Also remember if people come to your door asking for work or trying to sell you products, ask for identification and do not let them in. If you feel their identification is not legitimate, close the door and call the police on 0345 456 4564. Elderly residents seem to be the victims of distraction burglaries, so if your neighbour is elderly please look out for them and give them this advice.

We have just been informed by Highways Department that the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government have decided to hold a Public Inquiry to consider objections to the draft orders for the proposed new A14 route. The Parish Council will continue to work in conjunction with the A14 Action Group and keep the parish informed of the process involved as soon as we know.

Our next meeting is Monday 1st March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. 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 and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

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 thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

What is seen and unseen!

Psalm 19 opens with the phrase, The heavens are telling the glory of God, set for morning prayer today as I write, and gloriously set to music by Joseph Haydn in his oratorio The Creation. In this psalm, whilst creation has neither speech nor language, its voices are heard everywhere. God is the God who is in and yet transcends all that we see and all that we have.

Yet this is not the whole reality of our existence. St Paul writes in his letters to the newly formed churches that our battle is not with what can be seen, but with what cannot be seen, powers and principalities as he calls them. These are the forces of evil, real and present, that are in our world; evil spirits, the fallen angels, were ejected from heaven following war in heaven, as it says in the Bible's last book, Revelation.

What does this mean for us? For some of my time, I lecture in engineering design at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge. I do get a thrill from understanding how things are made, and how they could be made better. Yet I am also aware in a certain sense that these things are temporary, transient, and ephemeral. Whilst God provides blessing, evil can trip us up, and can have an unseen power and influence on our lives. Whilst the heavens and nature may point to the truth, our only lasting respite is in the Creator of all that there is, seen in and through His Son, Jesus Christ.

With every blessing,

Revd Dr Robin McKenzie

The Haiti Appeal

We are grateful to all those who responded to the churches' Haiti Appeal. Between them, the Parish Church and the United Reformed Church raised a grand total of £610. Many donors gift aided their offering, and this means that the charity will be able to claim a further £107 in a tax refund. Thank you, everybody, for helping us to help others. We can now send practical help, as well as our prayers, to people in great distress.

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Thursday 4th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 7th	Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
(3rd Sunday of Lent)	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 11th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th	Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
(Mothering Sunday)	Hilton	11.15am	United Service (with Sunday Club in Methodist school room)
Thursday 18th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Saturday 20th	Hilton		Roving Supper
Sunday 21st	Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
(Passion Sunday)	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 25th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th	Fenstanton	9.15am	Procession with donkey leaves Headlands play area.
(Palm Sunday)	Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
	Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship (with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am)
Tuesday 30th	Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
	Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 1st	Hilton	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Friday 2nd	Fenstanton	10.00am	Children's Workshop
(Good Friday)	Hilton	11.45am	Devotional service (followed by walk from Hilton to Fenstanton)
Sunday 4th	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
(Easter Day)	Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays , at Hilton	10.00am	Morning Prayer/Communion at 20 Chequers Croft
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)

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I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week.

I listen to my answer-phone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th	10 00am	Mr Dennis Hutchcraft
Sunday 14th	11 15am	United Holy Communion Service at the Parish church with Revd. Katy Dunn (Children 's activity during the service)
Sunday 21st	10 00am	Revd. Katy Dunn (Holy Communion service)
Sunday 28th	10 00am	Mr John Green

TOTS' PRAISE

Which one was like a good neighbour? The Bishop, the Judge or the stranger? This was the story at January Tot's Praise, when we met on the last Tuesday of the month. Next one, March 30th, you could find out what the answer was! We shall sing some songs, take home something, hear a new story. Come at 1.30pm, have a coffee, make some new friends. Hilton Church is good fun when we march around with the band. See you soon.

EXPLORATIONS – Discussion Group.

Our Meetings have started again for this year and we shall be getting together on **Monday 29th March** to discuss Living Wills. The evening starts at 7 30pm with tea/coffee and cake, followed by our discussion. Everyone is welcome.

COFFEE MORNING.

We are going to have a monthly coffee morning in the Methodist Hall, on the first Saturday of each month – starting on Saturday 6th March. We will have Fair Trade products available to buy – foodstuffs, cards and other goods – and there will be coffee, tea and cakes for refreshments. Come along and enjoy these and see what Fair Trade has to offer. We look forward to seeing you on the **6th March – 10 00am until 1 00pm.**

HILTON LENT LUNCHES

<u>3rd March:</u>	Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road
<u>10th March:</u>	Doreen Prescott, 10 Graveley Way
<u>17th March:</u>	Cheska Hodder, 15 Kidman's Close
<u>24th March:</u>	Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

Lunches are held on Wednesdays- 12 30 – 2 00pm. Cost is £2 for bread, cheese and fruit and a drink. This year the chosen charity is the Hunts Parent Carer Forum. Everyone is welcome to one or all venues.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MARCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

Mar 7th	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
Mar 14th—Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball (Holy Communion)
	6.00pm	Rev Catherine Ball
Mar 21st	9.30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall
Mar 28th— Palm Sunday	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball
Apr 2nd—GOOD FRIDAY	2.30pm	Rev Derek Newton
Apr 4th —EASTER DAY	9.30pm	Rev Catherine Ball
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Saturday 20th	10.00am	BOOK SALE

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or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be meeting for breakfast on **Saturday March the 13th**. This month the breakfast discussion will be lead by John Deeks and we will be looking at the role of woman in the modern church!

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are for Christian and non-Christian men and are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in

Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.30am to approximately 10.00am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

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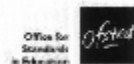
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The crayons will also enable us to draw up a couple of lists:- One will be of volunteers (yes that means you lot out there in Fenstanton land) willing to help out on Sports day by manning stalls. This is an easy and rewarding job lasting just two to three hours and will result in you making lots of new friends and going home with a really warm feeling inside. Yes you get a free cup of tea as well! So why not give us a call now on 01480 370973 or let Ron know at the farm shop or any committee member and be one of the first to get your name down as places will be in great demand nearer the day you may also qualify for a free gift, but don't hold your breath.

The other is for people willing to marshal the races and record the winners, now this needs a little more

skill and may be a bit beyond the scope of the average Fenstantoner but you can still apply and who knows you may be bright enough for the job although I doubt it.

We are in the process of collating information for the programme and if anybody wishes to take out an advertisement the price is £25 per half page (cheaper than Spectrum) and it goes out to every home in the village. Contact Paul on 01480 380979.

Any non perishable donations for the Tombola can be dropped into the box at Ron's and will be most welcome. Who knows, the tin of game soup may turn up again although it has been a few years since anybody has laid eyes on it, perhaps some idiot has eaten it.

Don't forget, get those names down early! **Your village needs you. We need your help**, (well, we need help) And don't be alarmed if you are passing by the home for the totally bewildered and a flying half brick hits you round the ear hole followed by a shout of "**don't forget sports day 3rd July**". It's only one of the committee trying to do their job as best they know how.

Ray Whitby

HILTON VILLAGE BALL

Following the phenomenal success of the last village ball there will be a Venetian themed ball on the green, on Friday 23 July 2010. Entertainment will be provided by a band and disco, drinks on the green will be followed by a sit-down meal. There will be a raffle for charity and additional surprise attractions. Tickets £50 each.

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Congratulations to our Under Ten Blue Team who are through to the 3rd round of the Under 10 cup.

If you would like any further information please contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338 or email our Administrator: Helen Rodriguez – Helen.rodriquez@ntlworld.com

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Good day to all old bowlers and new ones as well! Hope you all had a good start to 2010 and are looking 4wood to the start of the new season which is on open day on:

Saturday 24th April at 3 00pm.

We have a lot of games arranged and have entered:

2 Ladies teams,

1 Mens team,

1 team in the Cambs & District

2 teams in the Over 60's League

along with a good selection of 'friendly's' and our own club and county competitions.

So plenty of opportunity to play bowls! Please also note that the club will need to be up and running by 24th April so we are having 2 "work" days on **Friday April 2nd and Saturday 3rd April** at the club complex from 10.30am each day. Please bring a spade!

The club is open to everyone and if you would like to know where it is and how to get there, please ring me on 01480 498050 or email merlotwine@live.co.uk Look 4wood to seeing you on open day and here's to a good season and hopefully a sunny and warm summer.

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Ad-hoc Support Opportunities

Whilst we do have opportunities for uniformed leaders (mainly in our Scout Troop) we are also looking for adults who could perhaps help on ad-hoc basis with certain events and activities for the Group, without needing to become a leader or committing to weekly meetings. Where appropriate we can arrange suitable training and qualifications, for which we pay. So if you can't help on a regular basis but could help with either weekend events or perhaps a few evenings each year and have skills or hobbies you would be willing to share please get in touch. Or perhaps you would be happy to have some of our boys and girls visit your place of work for a "behind the scenes" tour or somewhere you

volunteer, or perhaps you could come and tell us about your occupation.

Here's just a few ideas of how you could help us on an ad-hoc basis – aeronautics, archery, astronautics, aviation, astronomy, canoeing, caving, camping, circus skills, electronics, film making, gliding, hiking, hill walking, kayaking, mechanics, orienteering, parascending, photography, pioneering, rock climbing, rowing, sailing, scuba diving, shooting, survival skills, wind surfing.....

And here's a few ideas about places – airport, ambulance station, bank, dentist, football club, garage, hospital, hotel, library, museum, radio station, railway station, recording studio, supermarket.....

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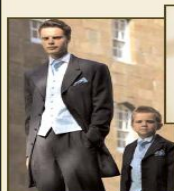
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For further information, please contact:

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We had a brilliant start to our year at our meeting on Thursday February 4th. We were absorbed by Angela Potter's talk with slides as she took us step by step on her journey with her friend Ann Robinson from 'Let's do our own garden at Chelsea' to its culmination 'The theme for the garden, Ratty's Refuge' was born when the Parish Council in Hilton set about helping the endangered water vole by encouraging people to have ponds in their gardens with hedges for easy access.

The garden was mainly planted with shades of green in different textures together with blue and yellow which are good colours for a damp area. The decking and galvanised grid were permeable to prevent flooding and the pond with a grassy bank for the water vole's burrow completed the picture.

Getting accepted by Chelsea was a great achievement as there were nine applications for each small plot. Then the hard work continued and the ups and downs began. The headache of getting sponsors was helped when the government gave orders that the water vole should become a protected species.

There were many phone calls to both home and abroad in search of some of their plants as well as driving all over the country to find exactly what they needed for their garden. One item was an iron chain fence and quick growing ivy to cover it which Angela pointed out would be virtually vandal proof. It soon became clear they needed more help so two others joined the team. Just as everything seemed to be falling into place and the great day was almost upon them more problems arose. Three pollarded willows that they had had much difficulty in finding started to die off so had to be replaced with hazels. The firm making the decking went into liquidation so they had to find another that could make one in a hurry. With only days to go Angela fell and broke her ankle so to her immense frustration was in hospital when the garden was being constructed. Students from Capel Manor where Angela and Ann trained came to help and it was all completed in time for the judges who awarded them a bronze medal.

Angela was able to be in the garden albeit in a wheelchair when the Royal Family visited. The Duke of Edinburgh remarked "I hope you've got a flashing red light for the end of your foot!" Celebrities such as Martin Clunes, Anneka Rice and Susan Hampshire visited the garden. Many such as Alan Titchmarsh signed her plaster cast. Because it was the only wildlife garden in the show Chris Beardshaw was televised giving a talk about the water vole and Joe Swift was there to talk about moisture-loving plants.

All the gardens have to be dismantled but one of her sponsors 'Rivers and Rowing' who hold the copyright to Kenneth Graham's 'Wind in the Willows' asked Angela to create a wildlife garden by its newly opened museum. This had carved wooden figures of Ratty, Toad, Mole and Badger. Alan Titchmarsh said he was very impressed with the planting and to complete her pride she joined Alan on a Radio Garden phone-in.

Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks.

Dates for Future Meetings

March 4th Huntingdon in Bloom by Mr Paul Smith

March 18th Coffee morning at the home of Susan Kearns.

April 1st Snap out of it by Mr and Mrs Christopher South

We were delighted to welcome three new ladies and to see Pauline Driver at our meeting. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. For more information please ring our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.



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HILTON WI

What a blow! Chocolate was off! Our speaker was unavoidably indisposed so those taste-buds were disappointed. However, all was not lost as four WI members each shared with members some fascinating highlights of their lives, including adventures in South America; high jinks during European professional golf tours; a mammoth mountain climbing experience in China and an unforgettable walk with wolves in Canada. Each one vividly transported us from a cold winter evening into far more exotic climes and got us into the holiday mood, even making some of us forget the chocolate!

As usual there is a lot going on in Hilton WI in the coming months: our art and craft work is decorating the Federation office foyer in Huntingdon at the moment and a new venture, a WI Craft Club, is being organised by Donna which will meet on the 1st Thursday in each month from 12.30pm to 3.30pm in the village hall. Any member interested please ring Ruth our Secretary for information. Cost will be £2 per head to cover hall expenses. In June more walkers will be seen around our lovely village, following the Hilton Walk leaflet and we are providing cream teas or light refreshments when requested. A recent Ice Show trip was enjoyed by all who went - thanks as always to Celia for organising it - and there is to be a summer coach outing to Woburn Abbey and Safari park on Thursday 15th July. Let Celia know if you didn't make the meeting and would like to go.

Other plans are afoot for further trips or outings later in the year and next year's programme is being planned already with Gabriella the Yukelele Lady, one of our favourites, already booked for July 2011.

If you are interested in coming along to WI, please contact our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358. Next month our speaker on **8th March** will be Geoff Evans telling us about bear watching in Canada.

Carol Yarrow

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Greetings to all for 2010.

For our first meeting we had Beverley giving us her lovely style of arranging flowers. It was **"Winter into Spring"** and to see all the cheerful colours in the arrangements, it really cheered the afternoon. The "thoughts" of "Valentines Day" with such lovely red roses and gerbera on to a basket filled with foliage, bulbs and carnations reminding us of the joys of our gardens as they come into life in the spring time.

For your diaries.

Wednesday 26th May - £20.

May outing -Leaving from the Village Hall at 9am. visiting

"Olivers" and Beth Chatto Gardens both near to each other in Essex.

Gill 830319 or Pat 830449 to reserve places.

Next Meetings in the Village hall

Monday. March 1st – 2pm "Gardens" talk and film, with Alan Moores

Monday April 12th - 2pm.

Demonstration with Denise.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again all you gardeners and already we're in March - how time flies!. The 'New' Produce Show schedule has been laboured over by your committee and is now available so remember to keep your copy safe for planning and future reference. You will see that there are some extra classes and alterations to the more familiar classes. You will find your copy in this month's Spectrum.

Assuming that the weather treats us kindly with warmer and drier conditions, there will be plenty to do in the garden this month with mulching, pruning, reseeding the lawn and dividing perennials. It's time to start planting sweet peas outside together with summer flowering bulbs, hardy annuals, some vegetables and early potatoes.

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

If you haven't planned your planting or organised your seed buying -do it. Don't forget that Summer Time starts on the 28th so remember to put your clocks and watches an hour FORWARD and enjoy the lighter evenings!.

PRODUCE SHOW CLASSES 2010

FRUIT CUP

- 1 Plate of mixed soft fruit
- 2 1 Eating apple
- 3 1 Cooking apple
- 4 3 Sticks of rhubarb
- 5 3 Tomatoes
- 6 3 Peppers or 3 Chillies
- 7 Plate of any distinct fruits
- 8 Plate of 7 strawberries
- 9 Plate of 7 plums

Plate for the above items should not exceed 6"

VEGETABLE CUP

- 10 4 Runner beans
- 11 4 French beans
- 12 4 Broad beans
- 13 3 Carrots
- 14 3 Onions
- 15 2 Courgettes
- 16 3 White potatoes
- 17 3 Red potatoes
- 18 4 Pods of peas
- 19 3 Beetroot
- 20 3 Whole garlic
- 21 6 Radishes
- 22 6 Salad Onions
- 23 3 Shallots
- 24 Any other vegetable not named in schedule
- 25 3 Sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
- 26 3 Distinct salad items
- 27 1 Cucumber
- 28 A collection of 6 varieties of vegetables in a container not exceeding 12" x 8"
- 29 Small bucket of sieved compost(plus photo of compost heap, if possible)

NOVELTY VEGETABLE CLASSES

- 30 Most unusual carrot
- 31 Longest runner bean
- 32 Heaviest marrow

Vegetables & fruit should be clean, disease & pest free. Classes 30-32 are light-hearted classes which do not contribute towards the Vegetable Cup.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP

- 33 FW Theme. Flowers, foliage & sundries. No size limit.
- 34 Tall & thin flowers, 6" wide x 24" high max. Foliage & oasis can be used.
- 35 Arrangement in a box. Live material & oasis may be used, no sundries.
- 36 Table decoration of your choice using one colour. Flowers, foliage, seeds & oasis may be used. No sundries.
- 37 Table decoration using your own garden flowers & foliage. No sundries. No size limit. Oasis may be used.
- 38 Table decoration in a wine glass. Oasis & sundries may be used
- 39 Arrangement using candle/s, overall max height not to exceed 18".
- 40 Arrangement in a cup & saucer. Flowers & foliage, no sundries. Oasis may be used.

FLOWER CUP

- 41 1 Rose stem, single head
- 42 1 Rose Stem, multi head
- 43 3 Rose stems
- 44 3 Stems of pinks/carnations
- 45 1 Dahlia, any form
- 46 3 Dahlia, any form
- 47 3 Sweet peas stems, annual
- 48 3 Sweet peas stems, perennial
- 49 3 Stems, mixed flowers
- 50 3 Stem, any one variety flower
- 51 3 Stems, any shrub, mixed
- 52 3 Stems of fuschia, any variety
- 53 Flowering plant in 7" or below pot
- 54 Foliage plant in 7" or below pot
- 55 Any cactus or succulent

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

HILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BAKING & PRESERVES SALVER

- 56 Cherry cake
- 57 5 Flapjacks
- 58 5 Fruit scones - using a 2.5" cutter
- 59 5 Cheese straws
- 60 5 Cookies
- 61 Victoria Sandwich (no fresh cream)
- 62 5 Chocolate muffins
- 63 Loaf of bread, any method
- 64 Loaf of Continental bread, including flat bread
- 65 Jar soft fruit jam
- 66 Jar of any stone fruit jam
- 67 Jar of any fruit marmalade
- 68 Jar of any fruit curd
- 69 Jar of any chutney
- 70 Jar of any pickles eg onions, walnuts, beetroot

All classes to own chosen recipe. Classes 65-69 to be labelled with full date of making and main fruit used. Please state if spicy.

DRINK

- 71 Bottle of soft drink eg lemonade, ginger beer, barley drinks
- 72 Bottle of cordial
- 73 Bottle of spirit-based drink eg sloe gin, orange gin etc
- 74 Jug of fruit smoothie
- 75 Punch, alcoholic, to be presented in a small bowl with a glass
- 76 Punch, non-alcoholic, to be presented in a small bowl with a glass

NOVELTY DRINKS CLASS

- 77 Bottle of your favourite wine purchased for £5 or under, including receipt & completed comments sheet (available from Produce Show Committee)

Presentation of drinks will be taken into account. As class 77 is a novelty one, it does not contribute towards the Drink Cup

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ALICE COLLEN CUP (Under 5s)

- 78 Saucer of cress
- 79 Jam jar of flowers
- 80 Egg cup of flowers
- 81 Decorated hen's egg
- 82 5 Fairy cakes, decorated – a packet mix may be used

THOMAS COLLEN CUP (Ages 5 to 8)

- 83 1 carrot
- 84 Egg cup of flowers
- 85 Jam jar of flowers
- 86 Planted shoe/boot
- 87 Garden in a seed tray
- 88 Crown made of fruit & vegetables
- 89 Best cress caterpillar
- 90 5 Cheese straws
- 91 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 92 3 Muffins

Classes 90-92 to own chosen recipe

JACOB COLLEN CUP (Ages 9 to 16)

- 93 1 carrot
- 94 Egg cup of flowers
- 95 Jam jar of flowers
- 96 Planted shoe/boot
- 97 Garden in a seed tray
- 98 Crown made of fruit & vegetables
- 99 Best cress caterpillar
- 100 5 Cheese straws – own recipe
- 101 5 Fairy cakes, decorated – own recipe
- 102 3 Muffins—own recipe

Herbie's Hints/Tips

After the very cold weather we've had, though we've been luckier than many, don't rush out and remove anything that looks dead. Rule of thumb is that if evergreen foliage dries, and stays on the plant, it is likely to be dead. If the foliage falls off it may well regrow. In deciduous varieties if foliage does not regrow from old wood don't despair as there is a chance that the shrub may still be alive.....so sit back, and wait and see.

For any horticultural advice, call Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice email Jane on jane.ernie@talktalk.net, or 830896, and you can also find us in the events section on the village website - www.hilton-village.com

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES

A year ago, students in Year Seven at Swavesey Village College began working on an art project for us. We have wooden panels at some of the viewpoints around Elney Lake, and we wanted to make them a bit more interesting.

The students were asked to create art work that would stand up to our weather throughout the year – frosts, flooding, and direct sun. Their solution was a set of ceramic tiles, each one depicting some of the local wildlife.

We are very pleased with the work, and have installed the first few on the screen at the south-east corner of Elney Lake, close to Fen Drayton village. More tiles will be installed at various points over the next few months. Do look out for them when you go for a walk.

March is changeover month for wildlife. The flocks of wildfowl that have been with us over the winter will be leaving, to return to their distant breeding areas of northern Europe and Russia. Plants will be coming back to life – look out for catkins on willows and hazels, which provide nectar for the new season's first bumble bees. By the end of March, the first of the summer birds will be back here. Chiffchaffs will return from the Mediterranean regions, while sand martins will have been south of the Sahara Desert.

Our new events programme begins in April, and leaflets will be available from us at the Lakes, and at Ron's Farm Shop from the middle of March. (Thanks Ron!)

We have two guided walks in March. The first begins at 10.30am on the 11th when we'll be concentrating on ducks. The second, on 21st, begins at 1.30pm and will be searching for signs of spring – early flowers, leaves opening, birds singing. Charges are £4 per person (£2 RSPB members, £1 children). There is no need to book for either of these walks, which start at the car park next to Holywell Lake.

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,

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RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

WILDLIFE TRUST - HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP

At the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, on **Wednesday 10th March 2009 at 7.30pm**, Dr. Alastair Burn will present '**A Vision for the Wetlands**'.

This will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Alastair Burn is currently the Principal Specialist for Freshwater and Pollution at Natural England and chairs the Wetland Biodiversity Integration Group as well as being Natural England's representative on the Water and Wetland workstream of the England Biodiversity Strategy. He has spent many years in research and worked on pesticide policy with the National Farmers Union. In 1992, Alastair joined English Nature examining pesticides, toxic substances and pollution, before heading the freshwater team. Tonight, Alastair will focus on wetland habitat creation, explaining why it is so vital to safeguard wildlife, counteract climate change and reduce flooding, as well as providing fantastic places for people to visit and enjoy!

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.

Future Events—more details later

Sunday April 25th: 'The Bluebells of Brampton Wood'

Sunday May 23rd: 'Wonderful Wetlands of Grafham Water'

WHAT'S ON — MARCH

1st	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p29
1st	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
4th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
6th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Hall	10.00am	p15
8th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p29
10th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	
10th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p35
10th	Village Hall Quiz	The George	8.00pm	
11th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Church Centre	7.30pm	p9
11th	Drayton Lakes Walk		10.30am	p35
13th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.30am	p16
18th	Fenstanton WI Coffee Morning			p27
19th	Girls Night Out	Primary School	7.30pm	p33
20th	Book Sale	URC Church	10.00	p16
20th	Quiz Night	Primary School	7.30pm	p33
21st	Drayton Lakes Walk		1.30pm	p35
24th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	
28th	NTC Nearly new Sale	Comberton	2.30pm	p7
28th	SUMMER TIME STARTS—put your clocks forward			
Apr 1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
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