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LETTERS & NOTICES

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all well and agree with me that I think we have turned the corner and we can now look forward to the spring and summer. Snow drops out and daffodils not far behind. As we go to press John and Margaret should be air-born and returning from their holiday.

Thanks for the donations this month and I hope I have found space for all the contributions sent.

I now hand over the reigns back to John and Margaret for April having enjoyed my two months at the helm.

Mickey Pallett

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Chris Jacob would like to say thank you to everyone for their concern and get well cards, during her recent bout of illness. Hopefully normality will return to Ron's Farm Shop in the very near future and I will once again be behind the counter.

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How will it affect me?

If you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky, Freesat or Virgin Media you don't need to do anything (but note, additional TVs in the house may be affected). If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to re-tune your television 5 times in 2011. Guidance on re-tuning can be found on Digital UK's website (below). Alternatively you can pay a trader to re-tune it each time.

If you currently have five channels or fewer, you have three options:

1: Get a digital box. If you get a good analogue picture through your aerial now, you could purchase a Freeview set top box. Other options are satellite services 'Freesat from Sky' or 'Freesat'. Once purchased, these do not have a monthly fee. For even more channels, consider a monthly subscription service from Sky, BT Vision or Top Up TV. Your existing TV should work fine with any of these, provided it has an aerial or Scart socket. Only Freeview requires an aerial, and in most cases, if your current analogue picture is OK, your aerial should work fine with Freeview. If you do need a new aerial, contact the Registered Digital Installers Licensing Body on 01353 644040 or visit www.rdi-lb.tv for a list of registered installers.

2: Buy a new Freeview recorder with twin tuners. This will receive digital television, acting as a digital box, and is also a recorder, allowing you to watch one channel while recording another. After the switchover, if you don't have a digital recorder, you will only be able to record the channel you are watching.

3: Buy a new television that has a built in digital tuner.

Where can I go for advice?

You can contact Digital UK on 08456 50 50 50 for advice or visit their website www.digitaluk.co.uk. If you have a hearing or speech impediment, contact the service on: 0845 2340380.

What is the Help Scheme?

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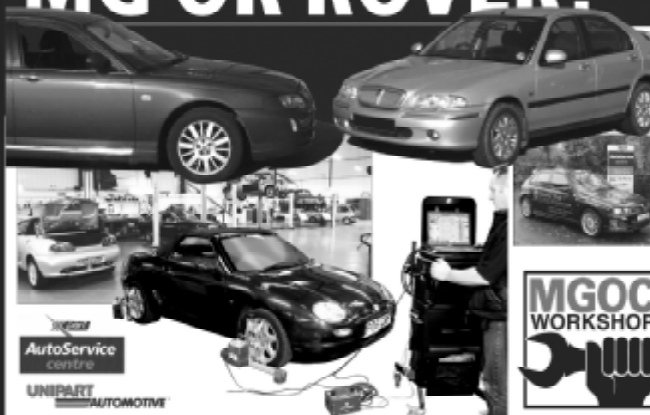
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Police report. The information has now been removed from the Cambridgeshire Police website following the introduction of the new site launched by the Home Office.

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.

Hampton Close Open Space / Football Pitch The Parish Council resolved to adopt the Open Space / Football Pitch. Whilst the District Council confirms the area is now at an adoptable standard, the Parish Council still have concerns regarding the quality of the sub soil. In view of these concerns a condition of the adoption is that the Parish Council reserves the right to return the area to the District Council.

Low Road Speed Limit The meeting felt there is justification in extending the 30mph speed limit past the bends, although there is a question of legality in extending the speed limit, and reducing the limit to 50mph on the Low Road to the Huntingdon Road 'T' junction. It was resolved to request the County Council undertake a feasibility study to determine the possibility of implementing the Parish Council's recommendations.

The Big Society & the Localism Bill The purpose of the discussion was to ensure Members of the Council are aware of the implications of the Big Society and the legislation contained within the Localism Bill. Although many aspects are still unclear it is expected that further information will be received to clarify and answer the many outstanding questions.

Dog Fouling The Parish Council have received more complaints about owners allowing their dogs to foul on the footpaths. The Parish Council expects all dog owners to act in a responsible manner. Whilst it is appreciated that the majority of owners are responsible those owners allowing their dogs to foul are reminded that it is an offence subject to a £1000 fine. Dog waste bags are available, free of charge, from the District Council offices in St Ives. Owners are also reminded that it is an offence to allow dogs to run free in the Village and should be kept under control at all times.

Anonymous Correspondence It is not the policy of the Parish Council to take action through anonymous correspondence. However, the Chairman has received an anonymous letter from 'Concerned Residents of Fenstanton'. The letter contains a number of erroneous statements, should the writer care to contact the Chairman or Clerk, by letter or telephone disclosing their identity, they will be advised of the facts.

Damage to Village Greens and Play Areas Damage has been caused to the Headlands Park and Chapel Green by the irresponsible actions of motorists driving over the areas and making ruts. As a Village we are fortunate to have a number of attractive and well cared for greens and parks. It is not acceptable that the Parish should have to pay to repair the damage caused by such inconsiderate action and would therefore suggest that those concerned make good the damage caused.

Whilst the Parish Council is aware of the parking situation, parishioners are requested not to park on verges or some of the small grassed areas in the village.

Next Meeting The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome. The Annual Parish Assembly has been arranged for Tuesday 26th April 2011, 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School.

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Neighbourhood Watch are currently seeking a deputy Coordinator. If you are interested please contact Chris Potter on 01480 831986

Firework Co-ordinator Graham Barradell has been in charge of the magnificent November 5th displays in the village for many years; however, he intends to make this year's display his last in charge. Volunteers are sought to take over and we hope new volunteers can shadow Graham this year, being involved with ordering, planning and the display itself. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Burglaries Following a recent spate of burglaries, attempted burglaries and car break ins within the village, parishioners are urged to keep their properties and cars safe and report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 0345 4564564.

Next meeting Monday 7th 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 Parish Council meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website.

www.hilton-village.com

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

This is just a quick note to introduce you to Rev'd David Busk who is the new Priest-in-Charge of Hilton. (see page 17)

Lent Concert

On Saturday 19 March at 7.30 choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in the Godmanchester parish church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent. There will be a full and varied programme, with the main item being 'The Way of the Cross', a Passiontide sequence compiled fairly recently by Peter Moger (the former Vicar of Godmanchester) and David Ogden. The concert will be conducted by the Organist and Choirmaster, Ken Diffey, with Philip Asher (Organ), Hannah Reed (Soprano) and Tony Burnley (Baritone). Tickets at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) will be available on the door on the night or at any time in advance from Ken Diffey (01480 458846, diffey@homecall.co.uk).

Mother's Day fun in Hilton

Calling all the young and the young-at-heart come and join us at the Parish Church in Hilton for an hour of fun & worship on Mother's Day! We will have stories, singing, music and crafts to celebrate the occasion - all washed down with a nice cuppa or glass of squash. Just come along to the church at 10am on Sunday 3rd April and join in the fun. For more information please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

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There is a home worship group in Fenstanton which serves both Fenstanton and Hilton.

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FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MARCH

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| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Fenstanton | 3.30pm | Jaffa Club |
| Sunday 6th | Sunday next before Lent | |
| Hilton | 8.15am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Parish Communion & Sunday Club |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Said Evensong |
| Wednesday 9th | Ash Wednesday | |
| Hilton | 7.30pm | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 10th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Saturday 12th | | |
| Hilton | evening | Roving Supper |
| Sunday 13th | 1st Sunday of Lent | |
| Fenstanton | 10.00am | Worship for All |
| Hilton | 11.15am | United Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room |
| Thursday 17th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Fenstanton | 3.30pm | Jaffa Club |
| Sunday 20th | 2nd Sunday of Lent | |
| Hilton | 8.15am | Holy Communion |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Parish Communion & Sunday Club |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Evensong |

Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (matters of pastoral concern), Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For **Hilton**: Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or dwbusk@hotmail.com (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).

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| Wednesday 23rd | | |
| Hilton | | Lent lunch (see poster for details) |
| Thursday 24th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
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| Sunday 27th | 3rd Sunday of Lent | |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Family Communion |
| Hilton | 11.15am | Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am |
| Tuesday 29th | | |
| Hilton | 1.30pm | Tot's Praise |
| Wednesday 23rd | | |
| Hilton | | Lent lunch (see poster for details) |
| Regular Weekly Events | | |
| Fridays at Fenstanton | 7.30pm | Teenage Christians |

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH

6th March 10 00am Dr. Barbara Churms

13th March 11 15am United Holy Communion Service led by Revd. Katy Dunn with Revd. David Busk preaching. Children's Sunday Club in Hall.

20th March 10 00am Mrs Leonore Charlton

27th March 10 00am Mrs Pauline Zahner

Discussion Group Our next meeting will be on **Monday 21st March at 7 30pm** in the Methodist Hall. Please refer to notice boards for more information.

Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who came to our February coffee morning. The one in March coincides with Fair Trade Fortnight, so please come along on **Saturday 5th March** to the Methodist Hall on Potton Road between 10 00 and 12 30 and see what goods are on offer. Money from Fair Trade goods sold goes to Just Sharing ,the Fair Trade shop in St Ives and our refreshment money to EACH, the East Anglian Childrens' Hospices. We shall be pleased to see you.

Lent Lunches

This year the churches of Hilton are holding the Lent Lunches in aid of Huntingdon Mencap. These five lunches are a great way to catching up with friends, enjoying a light lunch and supporting a worth while local charity. They start at 12.30 - 2.00p.m. and we ask for donations of at least £3.00 for lunch. Please make a note of the dates in your dairies and join us on as many as possible, everyone is welcome. Starting on

16th March at Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road

23rd March at Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close,

30th March at Visse Slayter, The Old Rectory, The Green

6th April at Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

13th April at Linda Stott, Abbotsmede, Chapel Close

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MARCH

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Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480 352058
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

SUNDAY SERVICES

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|------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| March 6th | 9:30am | Revd Derek Newton |
| March 13th | 9:30am | Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 6:00pm | Communion Course |
| March 20th | 9:30am | Mrs Maureen Kendall |
| | 6:00pm | Communion Course |
| March 27th | 9:30am | Revd Catherine Ball. |
| | 6:00pm | Communion Course |
| April 3rd | 9:30am | Revd Derek Newton. (MOTHERS' DAY) . |
| | 6:00pm | Communion Course. |

OTHER EVENTS

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| Tuesdays | March 1st, 15th and 29th | 10:00am | Open Door Coffee Morning. |
| Tuesdays | March 8th and 22nd | 10:00am | Knitters and Natters |
| Tuesday | March 8th | 2:30pm | Monthly Meditation Session. |
| Saturday | March 12th | 8:00am | Fenstanton and Hilton Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (Please call John on 468718) |
| Saturday | March 19th | 10:00am | Book Sale. |
| Tuesday | April 5th | 10.00am | Knitters and Natters. |
| Tuesday | April 5th | 10.00am to 1.00pm | |

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FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday March 12th.

The February breakfast meeting will be led by John Deeks of the Bridge Church, St Ives. We will be considering

'My Favorite Ancestor'

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 8.00 am to approximately 10.00 am. Breakfast is served from 8.30 am.

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

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com

A note from the new Priest-in-charge of St Mary Magdalene, Hilton

Firstly, I should like to say a very big thank you to all who came to my licensing service at the end of January, and especially to those who helped it all go so well – preparing delicious food, moving furniture, and other chores - and those who came to bring their kind messages of welcome. It was a lovely service, and I feel very much as if I have been invited to become part of the life of this beautiful village.

I have been Priest-in-charge of the parish church in Godmanchester since 2006, and am now also responsible for Hilton, having taken over from the Revd Robin McKenzie. Robin remains Priest-in-charge of Fenstanton parish church. The reason this has come about is essentially to do with funding, I am a full-time stipendiary priest whereas Robin receives a half stipend and the other half of his time he is a lecturer at East Anglia Ruskin University. It was felt that this new arrangement would be the best use of available resources for the wider church, and should also serve Hilton's interests well. There is no desire or intention to sever the natural links and connections that exist between Hilton and Fenstanton churches, although I hope we will also benefit from co-operation and mutual support with Godmanchester.

I am thrilled to be given the privilege of serving in Hilton. You don't need me to tell you what a delightful place it is, but what has impressed me most already is not its appearance but the warmth and energy of those who live in it and who seem determined to 'add value' to the quality of life in the village. In becoming priest-in-charge (effectively the same thing as Vicar) in Hilton, I feel as if I have been given a very valuable gift, and will do my best to add my bit of value to the life of the parish church and the wider community. Although I live in Godmanchester (The Vicarage, 59 Post Street, Godmanchester PE29 2AQ), I have found that without breaking the speed limit I can get from my house to the parish church in just over 7 minutes! So I hope you will feel I am accessible and available. My contact details are elsewhere in the magazine, but for reference they are:

Tels: 01480 436400 & 077 8636 1041. E-mail: dwbusk@hotmail.com I look forward to meeting new faces and learning more about Hilton life. May God bless us all. Revd David Busk



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For more information about Feast Week events from **24th July to 30th July 2011** please go to www.hilton-village.com and follow the Feast Week link. We will see you there.

More information about Groovy Revolution on their Facebook Fan Page
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And elements of the Hilton Village Archive will be available to view – a rare treat.

Much more information will be available shortly on the village web-site (www.hilton-village.com). Please contact Deb Bridge 830157 or Liz Bush 830202 for helpful hints and tips for your scarecrows and window displays or anything else you may wish to know about this village event and most importantly if you are hoping to enter your scarecrow or window display, so we can place you on our map.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDENS

A host of golden daffodils

Carpets of spring-flowering bulbs are an exhilarating sight and this year at the Botanic Garden, we hope to see for the first time the results of a year-long project to encircle the original 1846 Garden with a spectacular show of spring bulbs.

The move of the Botanic Garden from a small city centre site to its current 40 acre site was achieved through the energies of John Stevens Henslow, Professor of both Botany and Geology, teacher and mentor of Charles Darwin. Despite Henslow's best efforts, the University sanctioned the planting up of only the western half of the site, which opened to the public in 1846. A winding peripheral path encloses a great variety of plantings and is flanked by an excellent tree collection, laid out in family groupings. This established tree cover provides the perfect light woodland conditions for our beautiful new spring bulb belt

The first phase of the project was completed in March last year when Friends of Cambridge University Botanic Garden helped plant 5000 in-the-green snowdrops. Large-flowered *Galanthus elwesii* and *Galanthus* 'S Arnott' were planted in drifts, giving way to the simple, single-flowered *Galanthus nivalis* under the Hazel and Birch collections, now festooned with catkins. These combine beautifully with bright yellow winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*) and pastel-coloured early *Crocus*.

To follow on, we have planted a spectacular show of wild daffodils, scattered and dug in last autumn in their tens of thousands. First the fresh spring grass is studded with the delicate and diminutive *Narcissus pseudonarcissus lobularis*, stars of creamy, twisted petals backing yellow trumpets. These delightful wild daffodils are followed by the old-fashioned Pheasant Eyes (*Narcissus poeticus recurvus*), a late-flowering daffodil with a small bright orange cup surrounded by reflexed, white petals. Planted *en masse*, the fresh scent will fill the air.

To mix up the colour palette, we are also establishing a large patch of inky-blue *Camassia* to complement the *Magnolia* collection, purple-chequered Snakeshead Fritillary and a trial patch of the wild yellow tulip, *Tulipa sylvestris* close to the Stream Garden. Together, these should make a show-stopping and long-lasting spring bulb display. This enchanting project was made possible through generous gifts to the Garden's Giving in Memory Fund. Do visit this spring, and let the bulb belt brighten your day!

The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 5pm in March. Admission is £4 (£3.50) or join the Friends & help the Garden grow! To join the one-hour highlights tour led by an expert Garden Guide that leaves Brookside Gate at 11am on the first Saturday of every month, telephone 01223 336265 to book a place (£7, £3 for Friends). Or bring the children along to one of our drop-in First Saturday Family Fun workshops. The elegantly appointed new Garden Café has just re-opened, and serves homemade, locally-sourced and delicious food. For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

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FENSTANTON WI

We had almost a full house at our first meeting of the year on February 3rd. It was delightful to welcome four new members.

We were very pleased to hear from Steve Dartford, Clerk to Fenstanton Parish Council that the W.I. Oak Tree is to be inspected by a tree surgeon. Subject to finding the tree healthy it will be pruned.

We had a very interesting talk with slides on Birds in Winter by Mr Trevor Gunton. He worked for the R.S.P.B. for 30 years and now works as a volunteer at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. He stressed the need to feed birds in the winter as 78% of birds in East Anglia rely on food from our gardens. Planting shrubs such as Holly and Pyracantha that produce lots of berries is also beneficial to birds.

Despite all the Starlings, Blackbirds, Robins etc. that we see, their numbers have dropped dramatically in the last five years. A lot of Green Finches died because of a throat disease but numbers are now recovering. It is important to clean feeders and to pour

boiling water over bird tables to stop diseases spreading.

We were surprised to hear how many different species now come to suburbia. For instance there are large numbers of Wax Wings in the car park near Staples in Huntingdon and at Tesco car park in St. Neots.

I think we surprised Trevor with our knowledge of birds. He showed us a slide and asked what we thought it was. Margaret correctly said it was the footprints of a Moorhen. It was the first correct answer he had had during his many talks. Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks.

Dates for Future Meetings

March 3rd Millinery by Abigail Crampton
March 9th Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Susan Kearns 10.30 am.

April 7th The History of Diamonds by Peter Hering of Cellini's, Cambridge
We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30pm. If you would like to join our friendly group and meet new people please come along or contact our secretary Val Spain for more information (01480) 463653

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We run a friendly, informal group where children can play and adults can enjoy a drink and a chat. We would love to welcome some new faces to our group, including expectant mothers and parents/carers of young babies. It's a great way to get out of the house and to get to know other people. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am at the Church Centre. Sessions cost £2. Dates for your diary: On 23rd March Usborne Books will be coming along, giving us all the opportunity to buy their very popular children's books. On 6th April we will be holding a children's fancy dress Easter party. More details available nearer the time. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Becky on 493067.

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We are pleased to confirm that we have another adult leader for our Cub Pack, Jonathan Radbone. What is extra special is that he has been with our Scout Group more or less constantly since joining as a Beaver Scout aged 6 so is the first to have been “home grown” from such a young age in our Group. As a Young Leader he was one of very few to complete all the training and work required, which in turn has made his transition to Assistant Cub Scout Leader very easy. In an era when so many young people seem so keen to “take” from society we are proud that here is one young man who is also prepared to “give”.

So where are the “missing” Scout Leaders then...?

Following on from the dedication of youth (above) we are still seeking willing adults to volunteer to become Assistant Scout Leaders, to secure the long term future of the current Troop and allow for a second night so we can take the 17 boys and girls all waiting to join the adventure. With a growing population it would be good if the number of leaders would grow too... J

Changing Sections

Just to clarify that for a variety of reasons movement of boys and girls between Sections normally only takes place at the start of each term. Details confirming such changes are normally sent out by e-mail in the week or two following half term directly to the families involved, after consultation with the 3 Section Leaders. 3-6 times a year (so at least at the start of each term) the 3 Section Leaders also receive a full membership list, which contains likely dates of future changes but these are subject to confirmation. If anyone is unsure of possible dates please just ask.

Fenstanton Youth Football Club

Club Information: Our website www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk is now in full operation and all club information and communications can be found there. For results and fixtures please look at the www.thefa.com/full-time or www.huntsminisoccer.com.

Congratulations to our Under 11 Team who have got through to the next round of the Under 11 Cup. They play Brampton Spartans Red in the quarter finals on the 5th March at their home ground, Hilton village green, kick off 10.30. Supporters welcome.

Training is available for all boys and girls, aged 5 – 7 (those in Reception, year One and Year Two) on a turn up and pay basis. Sessions cost just £2 per week and there is no commitment at this stage.

Players needed - We are still searching for more players who are in Year 5 for our Under Ten Team. If your child is keen to join a club then please don't hesitate to call Charlie on 395338.

Thank you to Hilton Town Trust for their donation, we are extremely grateful.

Committee Meetings – are held every third Monday of the month in The George Public House from 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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HILTON WI

Helen Floto from Elsworth was our guest speaker this month, bringing with her some willow 'whips' and hazel 'hurdles' which she transformed into several wonderful structures for gardens; some as plant supports; some purely decorative but her demonstration of these simple but effective items left us all clamouring for a hands-on workshop later in the year. Helen loves to spend time in her garden and did an RHS course in garden design, followed by an apprenticeship at Middlefields, a listed house and garden outside Cambridge, and a course in flower arranging and she now designs gardens and borders and makes wedding bouquets and seasonal arrangements from flowers grown in her own garden.

Members were reminded about the spring dinner (my apologies for last month saying it was a spring lunch!) which is on Friday 15th April. Please let Celia know if you want to go and haven't put your name down yet. Also the outing to Sandringham in July. Our summer lunch date has been set for 9th August and the next Craft Club meeting will be 1pm on 3rd March in Hilton Village Hall.

Several members are attending the Federation Annual Council Meeting in St Ives on 20th April when the speakers will include Adam Henson, farmer and presenter of BBC TV's Countryfile.

Next month at our meeting on 14th March we are having a wine tasting evening (with cheese) with Stuart Watson. If you are interested in coming along and are not already a member, please contact our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358.

Carol Yarrow

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Our last meeting took place on 7th Feb. Beverley announced that Muriel Bell & Pat Tuft have stood down from the committee after many years & she thanked them for all they had done. Lily, Val & Jane have now offered to help out. Help is still needed to run the sales table. Our next meeting will be a joint demonstration by June, Nicola & Beverley.

In April we will have a DIY afternoon & a charge for the afternoon will be £3.00 to help with the cost of flowers. Our last DIY meeting was great fun so come & have a go !

The outing on 26th May will be to Lexham Hall, near Swaffam & Houghton Hall, where there is a lovely walled garden, which was named "Garden of the Year" in 2009. Cost will be £25. Please let Gill or Val know if you wish to go - guests welcome so that we fill the coach.

We watched Beverley produce six lovely arrangements which will hopefully give us ideas for Spring. Next meeting 1st Monday in the month at 2pm in the Village Hall.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Hilton Brownies and Rainbows

We have a very enthusiastic bunch of Brownies and Rainbows in Hilton but are keen to recruit more adult volunteers to help with all the activities we do. We are particularly looking for a new leader for Rainbows from September so if you might be interested just come and visit us– the training for this is quite straightforward and mainly done 'on the job' with experienced guiders to help you. Only requirements are enthusiasm and to enjoy working with children.

We are also in need of unit helpers - no need to do any training or go into uniform, just turn up each week. Girls aged 14 -18 may become Young Leaders, this looks great on a CV and you will learn lots of new skills as well as gain experience with children.

If you have ever been part of the girlguiding organization you will know how much the girls get out of it so why not give some of your time back to the current generation of 5 – 10 year olds.

Please contact Karen Baker, District Commissioner and Brownie Leader for more information with no obligation on 01480 830156 or email: girlguidinghilton@gmail.com.

At the Daisy Children's Centre

The Daisy Children's Centre held its 'Drumming Dads Day' on the 29th January 2011 at Fenstanton Church Centre. We had a great turnout with around 30 Dads that came along to the session and over 30 children.

All the children and Dads enjoyed joining in with the drums and doing different rhythms to make their music! Activities the children also explored were; musical instrument making, colouring, tunnels and physical play, songs and instruments and a Baby area. We had some really positive feedback from the Dad's and would like to thank everyone that came along.

Find out through The Daisy Children's Centre about free sessions and activities throughout the week and future Dad's days and Family Fun days on 01480 831423 or email Kayleigh.armes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Fenstanton Village Hall News

Following the refusal of the Parish Council to consider selling the Children's Play Area on Chequer Street as a site for a new Village Hall, we continue to liaise with Huntingdonshire District Council on the possibilities of other suitable sites.

Meanwhile we continue with our fundraising with 'Chips 'n' Chips', an evening at the Casino on Friday, 4th March, in the School hall, which includes a fish and chip supper and betting chips. Come 'Dressed to impress' and win a magnum of Champagne! Tickets, £12.50 each, are available at the Post Office and Ron's Farm Shop or you can telephone 01480 467187. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Cycle Treasure Hunt will be on Sunday, 22nd May, and this year we will have a hog roast to satisfy the hunger after all that cycling

Fenstanton Football Club

Fenstanton Football Club are looking to recruit new players for both their 1st and Reserve teams that play in Cambs BIS Divisions 1B and 3B. Training is at the St Ives Outdoor Centre on Tuesday evenings, 8pm - 9pm. For more information please email dp_moody@yahoo.co.uk



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HILTON FEAST WEEK

Saturday 29th January – Quiz & Chili – A full house turned out to welcome in the New Year fundraising season with one of Neil & Steve's formidable quizzes. Big thanks must go to Jon Platt, Neil Turner, Rachel, Steve & George. The chili was superb as ever and received many plaudits and a steady queue for seconds! Thanks to everyone that came along and worked to make another great night.

By the time that this goes to press we would have had our joint fundraiser with the Hilton Cricket Club **Saturday 5th March – Race Night** I hope to report in more detail in April's edition of Spectrum. I hope many of you had the chance to attend and support Hilton's very own Cricket Club.

Saturday 2nd April – Family Quiz - 5pm – 8pm - £10 for a family ticket (incl Mum, Dad, however many kids and the Grandparents!) This event proved very popular last year and gave the younger supporters of Feast Week their very own event. Craig will be firing up the BBQ for the first time this year. So come down and have your 'family tea' with us while competing to win the prestigious 'Hilton Feast Week Family Quiz Cup' Sweet stall, raffle and bar for the grown ups. Put it in your diary now!

Saturday 7th of May - Salsa & Paella Night' – 7.30pm - £8.50 a ticket. Calling all you closet Fred Astaire's and Ginger Rogers. Last year this event was the surprise hit of the year. Not least because of the great coaching and banter style of 'Salsa Steve and his dance partner'. We've been able to book him again! Expect another hip-swivelling night of fun and dance. You won't believe you had it in you until those Salsa rhythms let the dancer in you loose.

Next year's all important date for your village diary is **Sunday July 24th** 31st July 2011 which of course is the date for Feast Week.

We are working much more closely with the Village Website to can bring you updates on how preparations and fundraising for Feast Week is progressing. See www.hilton-village.com

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Craig Sutherland, Gill Gill, Hilary Holmes, Keith Miller, Adrian Snooke, Ett McCarthy, Sharon Walker

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again after the Christmas and New Year breaks. It is so good to see the first signs of Spring emerging after the cold of winter. We are starting to think about the Produce Show on Sunday July 24th and will be publishing the schedule in the April Spectrum so that you can start planning your entries. Please note that although there are some changes from previous years the majority of the classes remain unchanged. The schedule will also be included, together with the entry form, in the Feast Week programme, which will be available nearer the time, as well as on the village website.

We hope you are on track with the plans for your gardens and have already managed to find this season's seeds, particularly as some local garden centres have had some splendid offers from reputable suppliers.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

For organizational 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

We're changing the way we promote our events. From April, we will put simple black-and-white listings in the leaflet dispensers. These will only cover a short period of time, but this allows us more flexibility for arranging events. We'll

continue to display posters on local notice boards, list events on our web site, and tell readers about them in the village magazines.

I took a group of parishioners from St Andrew's Church, Swavesey, for a walk around some of the Fen Drayton Lakes in late January. We had a cold, but dry morning, saw a lot of wildlife, and stopped for soup or coffee and biscuits part way around. It was a very sociable event too. We are always happy to take private tours for community groups. We can work out something to suit each group. These can be arranged for any day of the week, and at times that suit the group. Some groups like to round off with a trip to a pub!

We've set up an extra evening event for **15 March 7.30pm** – something different to other events we've organised in the past. Join us and our guest astronomer for some star-gazing from the Holywell Lake car park. It is likely to get quite chilly, so bring plenty of warm clothing, and perhaps a hot drink too. There's no need to book.

Events in March, all begin at Holywell Lake car park, with a charge of £1 for children, £2 for RSPB members, £4 for others. **Sunday 6th, 10am-1pm-Courting Ducks Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm onwards-Star gazing with astronomer Neil Parker. Wednesday 30th, 10am-1pm-Has Spring Arrived?**

Lakes Watch Regular visitors to Fen Drayton Lakes, whether you are walking the dog, getting some fresh air, or watching wildlife, are invited to join Lakes Watch. There's an information pack that includes useful telephone numbers and a map, showing lake names and where angling is permitted, so if you find anything that concerns you, the pack will tell you how you can help us. Examples include a fallen branch across a path, sheep or motorbikes where they shouldn't be, fly-tipping.

Our local PCSO will send occasional e-mails to everyone who joins, keeping supporters up to date.. You can join by sending an e-mail to request your information pack, to either fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or kerrie.macinnnes@cambs.pnn.police.uk. Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer 01954 233267 or E: neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk Our address is RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



Life on the Fens: Eels, Punts and Poaching

Life on the Fens will be the topic of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight our guest speaker will be Peter Carter who, following a long line in his family, uses traditional methods to maintain reed beds in the Fens. Peter is an expert in the life cycle of eels and describes how they have traditionally been caught using wicker traps. He will relate how recent changes in catching practices have greatly affected eel populations and how these trends are a threat to the continued existence of the eel. Peter will also show us the different types of punt and gun and how they were used in the past to shoot duck on the Fens.

In addition, Peter works for the Woodland Trust making fences and hedge laying and demonstrates the craft of willow weaving at local schools.

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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Fenstanton Cricket Club

Fenstanton Cricket Club Committee met on Wednesday 2nd February. Amongst the matters under discussion were...

Water Leak: the water leak at the ground was estimated at 153 cubic metres which will lead to a bill similar to our summer one at a time when water expenditure should be minimum. Thanks to those passers-by who alerted us and Harry and others for their prompt action on stopping this before it became even more calamitous.

Equipment: some damage to the gang-mowers will be straightened out; two replacement tyres for the tractor have been found in Rochdale(!); maintenance on the mowers has been carried out. Thanks to Chris, Steve and Tatt.

Nets and pre-season: Mike has booked 90-minute indoor nets at the Ivo indoor centre on...20th March (11.30), 3rd April (11.30) - 17th April (11.00) First league game is May 7th with a possible friendly on April 23rd. New players welcome: contact Ronnie on 374858.

Finances: Roger reported on a slightly healthier balance thanks mainly to the money raised by Steve's 200 Club Draw. Two insurance renewals have been received and, after much discussion, Steve kindly volunteered to investigate reducing and/or combining the two sums. Ten match balls - all sponsored - have been ordered.

Camps Cricket AGM: Ronnie to attend on February 16th.

As ever, the Club remains wide-open to volunteers for players for the new campaign. The reward will be good olde-fashionde Village Crickete at home and a chance to visit all sorts of interesting locations when playing away, including Elsworth, Romsey, Harlton and Fen Ditton (Bring the Family!!)

Fenstanton Village Sports

Your barely literate sports reporter writes under strict censorship by the rest of the committee. Apparently because I have been putting the Sports Day news at the end of my piece there is a danger that some of you out there in Fenstanton land will not read it, they seem to think that many of you have the attention span of a goldfish. I don't agree with this, dear reader, I think they are overestimating you, I am sure that many of you would kill for an attention span as good as a goldfish. What was I saying? Oh yes!

Sports Day 2nd July Any nominations for the Community award individuals or groups please contact a committee member. We are looking for specific volunteers to help with the barbeque. That sounds like a good job, don't all rush at once. If you wish to help on a stall all afternoon or just for a short while we will have a list up by the end of April in Ron's shop of existing stalls and new ones we have yet to invent. So if you fancy helping out please call in and have a look. Any clubs or organisation can man one of our stalls or bring their own along, all you have to do is contact us and let us know in advance (this includes those who already have stalls on Sports Day) all we ask is that you share the profits with us or make a donation to funds. We are changing some of the produce categories this year so we may be looking for donations of trophies, anybody interested please contact Jan on 462189.

Other news We are in the process of trying to arrange a single storage facility for our equipment instead of various locations around the village; this will hopefully be a container on the football field. For those of you who are not aware, we have marquees, gazebos, tables and chairs etc and they are available for hire within the village for a small donation to funds. To volunteer or ask about any of the above contact a committee member Or call Ray on 01480 370973

WHAT'S ON MARCH 2011

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|------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----|
| 3rd | Mother's Day Fun | Parish Church Hilton | 10.00am | P13 |
| 3rd | Fenstanton WI | Church Centre | 7.30pm | P23 |
| 4th | Village Hall Chips and Chips Night | School Hall | 7:30pm | P29 |
| 5th | Fair Trade Coffee Morning | Methodist Hall, Hilton | 10.00am | P15 |
| 7th | Hilton Flower Club | Village Hall | 2.00pm | P27 |
| 7th | Hilton PC | Village Hall | 7.30pm | P11 |
| 9th | Wildlife Trust | Brampton | 7.30pm | P33 |
| 10th | Fenstanton Parish Council | Primary School | 7:30pm | P9 |
| 12th | Men's Breakfast | URC Church | 8.00am | P17 |
| 14th | Hilton WI | Village Hall | 7.30pm | P27 |
| 19th | Lent Concert | Gomanchester Parish Church | 7.30pm | P13 |
| 23rd | Village hall Quiz Night | The George | 8.00pm | P29 |
| | Various RSPB Walks | Holywell Lake car park | | P33 |
| 27th | Clocks go forward | | 2.00am | |
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| 5th | Hope Sale | UCR Church | 10.00am | P11 |
| 6th | Fenstanton Over 55's | URC Church | 2.00pm | P5 |

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