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Village Websites

Fenstanton: www.fenstanton-village.co.uk

Hilton: www.hilton-village.com

LETTERS & COMMENTS

CIS ELLIS: 1920 – 2013

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of the Fenstanton Women's Institute's longest ever serving member, Cis Ellis. She was born in January 1920 and died on 1st February 2013, aged 93. Cis joined our WI, with her Mum, in 1934 when she was just 14 years old. She was a paid up member from then until the day she died, totalling 79 years of continuous membership. Cis followed in her Mums footsteps by joining the WI's drama group and serving on the committee for a number of years. Cis was an extremely active member of our WI over time and she was involved with a great many things that include winning drama competitions in 1935 and 1936. Helping with a big clean-up in 1966 as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. Was a member of the committee that presented a bench to our village in 1968 in celebration of our WI's 50th anniversary and she planted an oak tree in the village in 2000 to mark the new millennium. Not only was she our most celebrated member, she was a lovely, lovely lady who will be sorely missed by us all.

Rebecca Cumbers, President
Fenstanton Women's Institute
Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation

THANK YOU

I would very much like to thank everyone who sent me all their love and best wishes during my recent operation. Without you I would not feel so well as I do now. I am very lucky to have all the support from my family and so many friends. All my cards I shall keep
Thank you Brenda (Bentley)

Thank you to people who answered our plea for help with the Greenfields round. Kay had several calls.

Now we ask for people in **Hilton** for help to deliver: a) part of Potton Road

b) High Street

c) Any one who will go on a list to help out at various times.

Please ring Kay (495306) if you can help

We have a different problem in **Fenstanton!** could you ring Kay (495306)

- if you receive two copies a month.
- if you know of neighbours, friends etc.. who are not getting copies.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in Hilton and our Vicar, David Busk, for their messages and prayers during my recent stay in hospital. The messages, texts and phone calls that Cheska received during this stressful time just go to confirm how lucky we are to live in such a wonderfully supportive community. Our thanks must also go, of course, to all those departments involved in my care, especially the staff of the Critical Care Unit and Mallard Ward who looked after me so professionally during my two week stay in Papworth Hospital and to everyone at the Surgery in Papworth for their ongoing care.

I'm happily back at home now and recuperating, albeit slowly, but extremely grateful - once again our thanks to everyone.

Richard & Cheska Hodder

Spectrum committee says **THANK YOU**, for a £10 donation from someone who enjoys reading the magazine every month!

Exciting new support service for business starters in Huntingdonshire

Have you ever had an idea for a business but were unsure of who to ask for advice? Outset Huntingdonshire has the solution.

Funded by



Outset is a FREE programme, funded by Huntingdonshire District Council, that helps people from the Huntingdonshire area to start their own business. We offer a range of options including information sessions, one-to-one advice, business start-up workshops and e-learning. This is not an academic qualification, but hands on, vocational support and guidance tailored for you.

Outset Huntingdonshire's Programme Director Stacey Pike explained:

"I am excited to offer our services to people who have got a great idea to start a business and need extra help to see it grow and become a reality. Pop along to one of our informal Information Sessions – you will have the chance to discuss your idea with our team and learn how to take the first steps to get your business off the ground." The programme has enabled more than 8,000 people to explore enterprise as an option, helping to start more than 1,300 sustainable new businesses and creating over 1,500 new jobs in the last three years alone.

One of the best examples of how Outset can change lives is Bristol resident Michael Bennett:

"I was unemployed with no obvious prospects of employment when I was told about Outset at the Jobcentre. I came to Outset because it was free and I thought I could gain more skills and knowledge as I was beginning to grow as a business. I found the Outset programme very useful and inspiring. My confidence has grown in many areas and I feel better equipped to face the multitude of problems that I know will occur in running my business."

After attending the programme, Michael registered his business Homestay Bristol and has grown it successfully to hire five staff members and acquire fifteen rooms for housing exchange students.

Outset Huntingdonshire's next Information Session will be in St Ives, The Council Chambers, Town Hall, PE27 5AL on **12 March, from 13:00-15:00**. We will also be holding events in Ramsey, Huntingdon, Yaxley and St Neots in the near future.

To find out more and book your place, visit our website www.outsethuntingdonshire.co.uk or Freephone 0800 032 7851.

HELP NEEDED.

Recently I have researched and written a history of the URC Manse in Chequer Street and my research suggested that during WW2 the building was used to house Land Army Girls. I have been informed that some of the girls married local men and that it is possible that some of these couples may still be in the village. I would like to write a short article on the Land Army Girl's time in the manse. If you are one of these people or a descendant of them please will you get in touch with me so that I can evaluate if there is sufficient information for an article.

Many thanks

John Deeks (01480 468718 or 07748 653443)

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL -

The February meeting did not take place until Thursday 14th Because it is a short month we needed to get Spectrum to the printers that weekend
- There will be 2 Parish Council Reports next month

Residents of Fenstanton and the surrounding area are being exposed to a hideously unpleasant and lingering odour emanating from the nearby Galley Hill intensive poultry farm.

This level of appalling olfactory assault has not been experienced for well over twenty years when the considerably smaller chicken farm at the opposite end of the village was finally shut down - what is now the Pitfield Close residential estate.

Recent discoveries have revealed that Boparan/2 Sisters Food Group contravened their 2009 planning consent when building the extensive Galley Hill factory and this is currently under investigation by HDC. It would appear that the whole application needs to be re-submitted, including the associated wind turbine.

In the interim, the Environment Agency are building a profile of objectionable smells and need to know where people are affected by them.

For any chicken smells, contact the Environment Agency on their free 24 hour hot line - call 0800 807060. The postcode for Galley Hill Poultry Farm is PE28 9HL

It is important that you contact the EA as many times as you smell the chicken odour and from any location - you don't just have to smell it from home. Based on the calls, the EA will build a profile of where people are most affected and the farm operator Boparan/2 Sisters Food Group will be told to do something about it.

This profile could prove to be particularly useful for Fenstanton and The Hemingfords' residents wishing to object to the new forthcoming planning application.

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WE ARE REGISTERING NEW PATIENTS

Plans are underway for the new branch surgery,

To be named **"FENSTANTON SURGERY,**
to open at the end of MARCH 2013

at **7E High Street, Fenstanton,** (Behind the Frock Exchange)

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL—

Keep Dogs on the Lead – Dogs have recently killed two hens in the village. Parishioners are requested to keep their dogs on leads when walking through the village.

Burglaries - Following a recent burglary within the village, parishioners are urged to keep their properties and cars safe and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Traffic - The HDC wheelie bin sticker trial will be going ahead county-wide and a police constable has been seconded to support the work of Speed Watch equipped with a laser speed recording device. Hilton Action on Traffic (HAT) is currently light on numbers. Anyone wishing to join should contact the clerk.

Gritting Team - Thank you to the Hilton gritting team, who have been out on six occasions over the winter so far, to keep our foot paths safe.

Our next meeting is **Monday 4th March at 7.30pm** 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

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Jo Saunders, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@gmail.com or write to The Hollow, Church End, Hilton



Easter Craft Fair

**Hemingford Pavilion, Manor Road,
Hemingford Grey, PE28 9BX
Sunday 24 March 2013**

11.30am to 4.30pm

Entrance Free



**Contact: Ruth Moore
01480 464266
johnruth@talktalk.net**

LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

The last three months of 2012 added a further 10.5 inches (2553 mm.) of rain to the total for the year bringing the annual total to 34.29 inches (870mm.) which is around double the total which fell during 2011. The total for 2012 was around 10 inches (254 mm.) above the current 30 year average, making it the wettest year for at least 100 years. The frequent falls of rain during November and December resulted in the Great Ouse overflowing its banks for extended periods and this was repeated during January following a rapid thaw of lying snow.

Overall, the autumn was somewhat cooler than normal though without any extreme of temperature apart from some warm days at the beginning of September. The season was largely free of gales.

The first air frost of the autumn occurred on 24th November, continuing the trend towards frost occurring later in the season than was traditionally the case. A two week cold spell heralded a prompt start to winter from the end of November to 13th December with the temperature falling to minus 6.5 degrees C (20.4 degrees F.) on the 13th and snow falling on the 5th.

Any hopes for a white Christmas were soon dispelled however, as the rains returned and mild weather predominated for the next four weeks. There was not a single frost during the twelve days of Christmas, as south-westerly winds persisted. Despite the cold start to December, with the rest of the month being mild the average temperature was above normal.

In mid January a dramatic change in conditions occurred as high pressure

over northern Europe introduced much colder conditions with frequent snow and maximum temperatures only slightly above freezing and sun in short supply. The heaviest snow fell on 20th January, around 4 to 5 inches (100 to 125 mm.). The temperature fell to minus 7.8 degrees C (18 degrees F.) on the 22nd. After this two week cold spell, mild conditions returned on 27th January causing the snow cover to melt overnight. Although the temperature records for January suggest it was a month close to average, in fact there were virtually no days with average temperature, the mild and cold conditions basically balanced one another, proving that weather records need to be read with considerable caution.

To finish this article, I thought it might be of interest to note something about rainbows. Although they appear to be an arc, they are in fact circles (so you will never find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow!) Sometimes when flying you can see the complete circle of a rainbow from an aeroplane. The brightness of the colours of a rainbow depends on the size of water droplets. Large drops give brighter colours).

Although it rained a lot in 2012 there were no thunderstorms (other than isolated flashes of lightning and claps of thunder) in our locality. However it is estimated that in severe storms around 500,000 tonnes of rain can fall during a single storm. Falling raindrops are not tear-shaped as often portrayed in cartoons/sketches. Because of their resistance to air they resemble small buns!

Patrick Landucci

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MARCH

Sunday 4th	3rd Sunday of Lent	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Wednesday 6th		
Hilton	12.30–2.30	Lent Lunch – see p19 for details
Thursday 7th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 11th	4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All, with posies
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Wednesday 13th		
Hilton	12.30–2.30	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Thursday 14th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Sunday 17th	5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 20th		
Hilton	12.30–2.30	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Thursday 21st		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 24th	Palm Sunday	
Fenstanton	9.15am	Procession from Ron's shop
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am
Tuesday 26th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy communion & address
Thursday 28th	Maundy Thursday	
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion with foot washing

Friday 29th	Good Friday	
Fenstanton	10 – Noon	Children's Workshop
Hilton	11.45am	Good Friday service (30 mins) followed by walk across the fields to Fenstanton - bring a picnic!
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Good Friday service (30 mins)
Sunday 31st	Easter Sunday	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Holy Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Fenstanton	Noon (tbc)	Baptism, Francis Denby

Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (matters of pastoral concern and for baptisms), Licensed Lay Minister Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), 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).

Some thoughts from the Vicar of Fenstanton

This year Easter comes early. Easter is the time when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you feel such a celebration is unusual or bizarre, then do come and find out more. Details of our services, and of the church in the villages and nearby, can be found here in *Spectrum*.

If you are interested in sending an Easter egg that actually has something about Easter on it, The Real Easter Egg is for you. The founding executives of the company, on talking to one of the large supermarkets, found it somewhat strange that Christianity had anything to do with Easter. The Easter egg is a representation of the stone that was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb. You may need to hurry; last year they sold out.

Springtime is a time where couples may be thinking about getting married. In the last couple of years, the Church of England has loosened the criteria about who can be married in which church, and for the better. In outline, if you can show a credible association with Fenstanton village, then we would like to see if you can be married here. The ruling applies to all Church of England churches, though each vicar has discretion as to how they are applied – if you in Hilton you will need to talk to Rachel Wood or Revd David Busk. Here speak to Anne White or myself. Details on the Fenstanton Church Website <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>.

Recently, we established a Community Fund for those in need and who are associated our community (Fenstanton). We are able to give small discretionary one-off payments following an informal discussion with members of the Community Fund team. Contact through myself, churchwardens (details here in *Spectrum*), or our dedicated email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com.

Happy Easter

Revd Dr Robin McKenzie

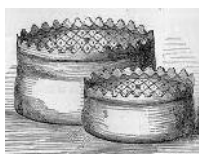


TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



So many lovely things happening including new cupboards complementing the re-decoration of the church interior. We shall be looking forward to seeing you at 'Tot's Praise' on **March 26th, 1.30pm - 2.30pm**, last Tuesday of the month. Story, songs making music, something to take home, tea, coffee, hula hoops on arrival. A good welcome awaits you all.

Fenstanton Parish Church **Mothering Sunday -- 10th March 10am**



Come to our 'Worship For All Service'
with music by the Fen Band
to celebrate Mothers Day 2013!



Flower posies for all Mums, and
simnel cake and refreshments
afterwards for everyone to share.

The Particular Baptist Chapel **Church Lane Fenstanton PE28 9JW**

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption
and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480830142)

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Sunday Church Services: We meet together at 10.30am on Sundays at Westfield School, Ramsey Road, St Ives, to worship Jesus and hear His good news. We also meet together in small groups' midweek where our church family make deep friendships and grow together in their faith.

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

Bible Study & Prayer: We have weekly bible study for women, monthly church prayer meetings and weekly men's prayer mornings.

For further information please see our website or call us on 01480 498801

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH

Contact: Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com
and Heather Woods (830686), email ianwoods1992@btinternet.com

3rd	10.00am	Mr Colin Webber
10th	11.15am	United Service for Mothering Sunday with Rev Katy Dunn
17th	10.00am	Mr Derek Rutherford
24th	10.00am	Mr Tony Sainsbury Palm Sunday
31st	10.00am	Rev Katy Dunn EASTER DAY Holy Communion

LENT LUNCHES These will take place at the following venues:

6th March Hilary Holmes, Park Farm, The Green

13th March Vise Slayter, The Old Rectory, The Green

20th March Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road

Time:- 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Donations:- £3 Charity:- CAMBRIDGE FOOD BANK

All are welcome

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING The next coffee morning will be on 2nd March between 10am and 12 noon in the Methodist Hall. There will be the usual fairtrade groceries, confectionery, greetings cards and crafts/gifts for sale with profits going to Fairtrade. Coffee /tea and biscuits for £1 with profit going to EACHospice. Come for a chat, some refreshments, you will be most welcome

HILTON CHURCHES SAFARI

most enjoyable evening to be had on 13th April
supporting the Hilton churches.

For more information contact
Heather Woods 830686 or Peter Blake 830137

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Ives, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota; Ass.Fr. Marek Pabis;

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00 , Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00 .

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MARCH

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

3rd	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
10th	9:30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY Revd Catherine Ball. (Holy Communion)
	6:00pm	Evening Service
17th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
24th	9:30am	PALM SUNDAY Mrs Pauline Zahner
29th	2:30pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Revd Derek Newton
31st	9:30am	EASTER SUNDAY Revd Catherine Ball (Holy Communion)



OTHER EVENTS in MARCH

Tues	5th & 17th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Tues	12th & 26th	10.00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tues	12th	2.30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation
Sat	16th	6.00pm	Everyone's Birthday

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

All local men are welcome.

These breakfasts are held in the
Social Centre of the United Reformed Church
in Chequer Street, Fenstanton.

Breakfast is served at 8.30am but doors open at 8.00am.

Sessions last until approximately 10.00am.

For catering purposes or additional information please contact John Guthrie
(01480 392018 or john.guthrie39@gmail.com).

The next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13th, and the programme for the
rest of the year is: June 1st, Sept. 7th, Nov. 9th. Look forward to seeing you!



Fenstanton Footpaths



The flooded river Ouse from FP13

Fenstanton parish has a network of public and permissive footpaths which is maintained by the Parish Council with occasional grant assistance from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). There is an excellent leaflet which includes a map and descriptions of the parish footpaths. If you would like a copy, please contact me with your name

and address and I will get one to you as soon as possible.

In my last article on footpaths (Spectrum December 2012) I happened to mention that the footpaths down towards the river Great Ouse were “a little soggy underfoot”! Well, as anyone who has walked the riverside paths since then knows, there was a lot worse to come with the rain and floods of December and January. Even as I write this in mid-February, the riverside path which is the “jewel in the crown” of our parish paths was partially underwater and the river was in full spate lapping the tops of the banks and looking extremely dangerous – I stayed well away from the edge!

I know that some of you are frustrated that the paths near the river have been water-logged for so long so why not try the parish paths on the south side of the A14 accessible via the pedestrian underpass near the clock tower. Path Nr 7 starts near West End Farm and once you have cleared the field where there are usually horses grazing and clambered over the second stile, the pathway goes through a “tunnel” of blackthorn (sloe) bushes. Although leafless at the moment, these will soon be a mass of white blossom being among the first to come into flower when springtime finally arrives. As you walk on, the tunnel wall opens out to the right to give lovely views over the old gravel pits now very full of water as the groundwater table has risen so much in the last 12 months. Be sure to take a pair of binoculars with you as, at this time of year, you are very likely to see four or five species of visiting water birds in addition to the Mute Swans, Coot, Grebe and Mallard that seem to be permanent residents. Eventually you get to the Potton Road about half a mile south of Galley Hill intersection and could return to the village along the slip road. Unfortunately there is no footpath alongside the Potton Road so you may prefer to return the way you came.

If you are a footpath user and you see anything that needs attention relating to the maintenance of the public and permissive footpaths in the parish, please contact me in the first instance.

Philip Blunt (P3 coordinator for Fenstanton)

[email: philip.blunt@mypostoffice.co.uk ; phone: 461751]

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

It's back, but this time with a difference

Sunday 12th May 2013



Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk

11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre, going **clockwise** – starting at the Over Day Centre we will walk down through the orchard to the White Horse in Swavesey then enjoy **free soup and a bread roll** at the Three Tuns in Fen Drayton before heading back past the Ferry Boat in Holywell and the Pike and Eel in Needingworth to arrive at the Exhibition in Over for a **free piece of cake**. This walk will be way-marked with arrows and instructions/maps will be given.

Or THE MERIDIAN MEANDER Sponsored Charity 21 Mile Circular Walk

8.30 – 9.30 am start from The Over Day Centre, a new walk encompassing historic St Ives and beautiful local villages such as Houghton and Hemingford Grey. This 21 mile walk has start time of between 8.30 and 9.30am from the Over Day Centre and will offer many opportunities to buy food and refreshments from local pubs on the way finishing at the Exhibition in Over for a **free piece of cake**. Please be aware that this walk will NOT be way-marked but detailed instructions/map will be given. (OS Explorer Map 225 optional but not essential) – contact Allison Box on 07972 912022 for further information on this walk.

Or THE TWO SCOOP LOOP Sponsored Charity 4 Mile Circular Walk

11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre For children , **The Two Scoop Loop** is a new 4 mile walk starting from the Over Day Centre. A **free scoop of ice cream** in a cone will be on offer at 2 miles and 4 miles where it ends at the Exhibition in Over. Entry is just **£3 per child and accompanying adults are free**. This walk will be way-marked with arrows.

The Over Day Centre is a great charity to support as it provides a vital lifeline for the elderly in Over and many surrounding villages. Currently staff and volunteers are raising funds for a new kitchen and also a replacement minibus so collecting as much sponsor money as possible would be very much appreciated

Print your entry/sponsor forms now from **www.overdaycentre.co.uk**

For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302; adamonks42@gmail.com

The logo for Habitat for Humanity, featuring a stylized house with three figures inside, and the text "Habitat for Humanity" to the right.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

**VICTORIAN MUSIC HALL
& SUPPER**

20TH APRIL at 7.00PM

Tickets £10

Book the date!

More details about the charity available in the next issue



Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School Quiz and Curry Night!

Saturday 27th April 2013, 7.30pm



Tickets £10 per person

Bar Service Available

The School PTA are planning a fun evening for everyone to enjoy!

The Sultan will be providing a tasty curry while you enjoy the quiz.

All proceeds go towards our wonderful school so please come along and support this event!

Tickets are available from:

Louise Howard, Tel: 07843 017067, Email: loushoward20@gmail.com



TAI CHI BEGINNERS CLASS

**Fenstanton United Reformed Church
Wednesdays 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

**If you need more information
Contact Dorothy on 01480 468701
Or just come along**

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£4.00 per session – ALL WELCOME



Practising the form of Moy Lin Shin

Carnelian Artists Make Some Noise!

(three of the members live in Hilton and the fourth is the one in Elsworth)



The Carnelian group of visual and music artists are having their first Exhibition on **Saturday 23rd March, 10:00am – 4:30pm** at Carpenters, Broad End, Elsworth, Cambridge CB23 4JD.

A vibrant group of four artists, Sherry Rea, Nina Sage, Lynn Norton and Amanda Stuart present a dynamic fusion of contemporary visual art with sound installation

. Many of their compositions include experimental techniques, innovative approaches and a freedom of expression, creating exciting new works ... including printmaking, inks, pastels, mosaics, calligraphy, music, video and sonic art. Please come along.

purpleprintmakers.com lynn-norton.blogspot.co.uk amandastuart.com

Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer!

I'm Monty, I'm fifteen years old and I'm helping out in the Fringe in the Fen office for one hour a week in order to complete the volunteering section of my silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I decided to help Fringe in the Fen because the festival in 2011 was a great success and so this year I wanted to be involved to help make it even better. I also think Macmillan is a brilliant charity to support, and hope we can raise as much money as possible.

My duties are quite varied and interesting. I never quite know what I am going to be doing from week to week. Sometimes I could be doing valuable research on the Internet, working on spreadsheets or rushing about on my bike delivering posters. Not once have I made the tea.

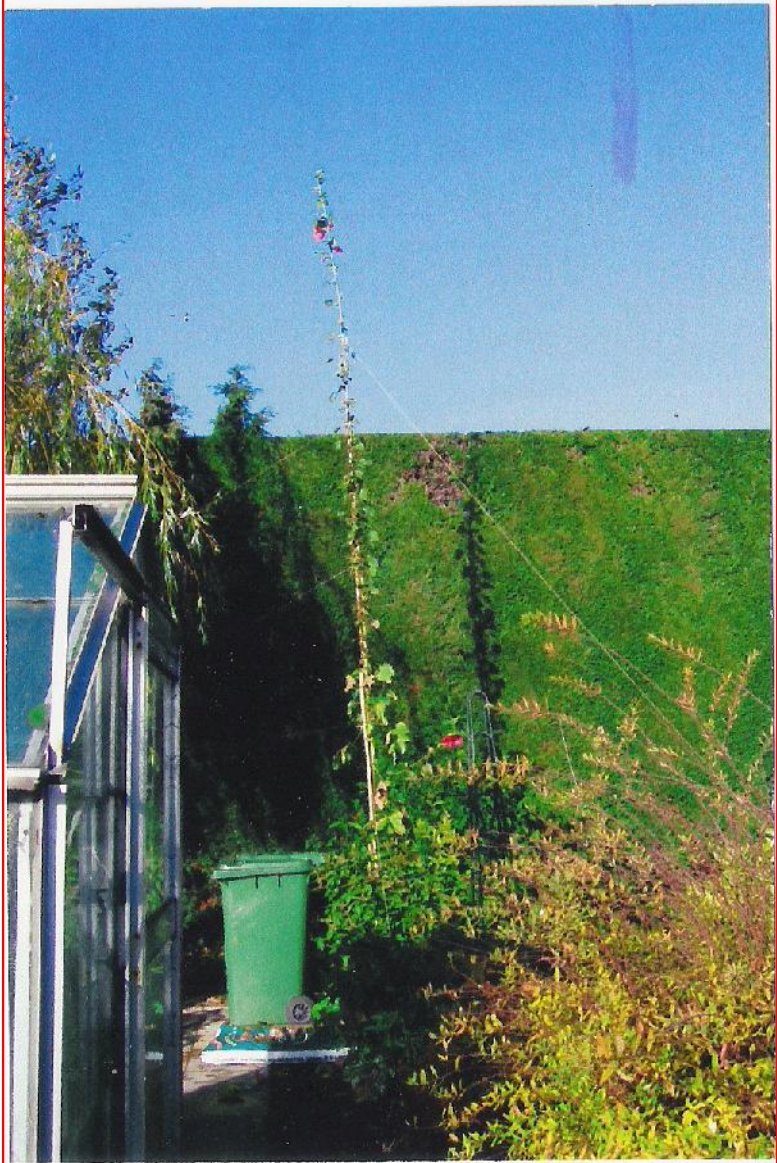
As well as helping in the office, to obtain my silver award I must complete three other sections. These are a physical section, a skills section and an expedition. The expedition will last three days, during which we will walk 20 kilometres per day, cook our own meals and sleep in tents unsupervised. Compared to this, working in the Fringe in the Fen office is a piece of cake!



**WHO CAN GROW THE TALLEST
HOLLYHOCK or SUNFLOWER?**

We were sent this picture on the 21st of November last year -
the Hollyhock measured 16ft 10ins and was still growing!

Can anyone beat it this year?



FENSTANTON WI

We got off to a great start at our first meeting of the year on 7th February where we welcomed 31 members and 5 guests.

We were entertained by Mr Chris Hall who gave a talk on the Falkland Islands which he visited on his way to the Antarctic. Apparently he only decided to go via the islands on the suggestion of a friend and he was very pleased he listened and took their advice. He gave us a brief history of the islands and told us about the wide and varied wildlife found there, such as penguins, seals and albatrosses.

He then showed us a DVD of his trip which he had edited and produced

himself to very high standard. It was a talk enjoyed by everyone present.

Dates for future events

March 7th

Mr N Callan - English Silver Hallmarks

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of each month, except in January. If you are thinking of joining or would like to see what we are about, why not come along to the church centre at 7:30pm to see for yourself where you will receive a warm welcome.

For more information please contact our secretary Val Spain (01480 463653)

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

Christmas lunch was on February 6th and on behalf of all the members I would like to thank Jenny, Jean and Colin for preparation and serving of a really delicious meal.

On **March 6th** we will hold a Bingo session, and **20th March** we are having a return visit of the two ladies from Warboys who will give a presentation of Victoriana and possibly some songs of the Victorian era.

Our meeting at held at Fenstanton United Reformed Church 2-00pm

All new members welcome.

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre**. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or **contact Becky on 493067 for any further information**.

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors now run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10 - 11am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.



**Internationally acclaimed artists
to perform in Fenstanton
as part of Fringe in the Fen**



Champagne Opera Gala Evening

Augusta Hebbert | Kate Symonds-Joy | Daniel Joy
Samuel Queen | William Vann

A glass of bubbly, canapés and familiar arias from Mozart, Handel, Puccini and Britten, in the beautiful setting of Capability Barns.

***** **'Utterly vibrant singing'** *The Times*

O Duo

Percussion like you've never heard it before straight from the BBC's Last Night of the Proms. 'Startling, cheeky but enchanting!'

***** **'Bringing style and panache'** *The Daily Telegraph*

Dmitri Ensemble

A rare opportunity to hear this much recorded string ensemble perform a varied programme including Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3.

***** **'Awe inspiring'** *Gramophone*

Solomon's Knot

No one should miss this! Italian music at its best with dance rhythms of the chaconne, folia and romanesca. Not sure? You'll be amazed! It sounds as contemporary now as it did in its day.

***** **'Sheer excitement'** *Musical Opinion*

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

More information from, as always,
www.fringeinthefen.com or our
box office **01480 352826**

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Sports Day 6th July 2013

We are still looking for volunteers to help over Sports weekend. Let us know if you can help; you don't have to mean it, just tell us you will - it keeps us happy. Or just turn up at the School Field on Thursday evening 4th July and we will give you something worthwhile to do.

Is there anybody or any business out there who would like to advertise in the programme? It goes out to all houses in the village; the rates are £25 per half page or £50 for a full page.

Let anyone on the committee know if you are interested in any of the above. If you don't know a committee member, you can contact Ray on 370973 or ray@srobb.co.uk.

Excerpts from a letter pinned to the gates of 'The Home for the Totally Bewildered' with a rusty WW2 bayonet?

"All of this nonsense has got to stop once and for all! The Home is not a prisoner of war camp and your barely literate sports reporter is definitely not an escaped RAF officer, as he is claiming to be. He is, in fact, a very, very naughty old s—d, sorry, boy. This Resistance Movement has got to stop! The occupying forces, sorry, District Council can't go on paying to protect its services and personnel against attack from gangs of locals on bicycles armed with pitchforks. Contrary to what they claim, they don't have explosives, sub machine guns or bazookas, not even a water pistol.

So far the Council has had to put: Two

shotgun riders on each guided bus, barriers at each end of the Low Road (don't be fooled by the flood signs *they are check points*) and worst of all, 24-hour foot patrols around the perimeter of the Dairy Crest site (it is not, as some people claim, a V2 rocket factory and there is absolutely no evidence of heavy water being stored there).

Also to put the record straight; I and my staff are employed to look after the poor unfortunate people such as Sports Committee members, who are unable to face the world due to their extremely stressful task of organising and putting on a village Sports Day. We are not prison guards or occupying troops. Yes, we wear jack boots but that is because we are all ex Goths and punk rockers, hence the leather jackets and peaked caps. What's more I do not wear magic knickers. In fact I wear a tasteful black leather bask with snazzy silver clips."

At this point, having read so far, our secretary started to drool and have one of his turns so we returned him to his cell sorry, room, but you get the drift of Matron's ramble. It ends thus:

"If you are harbouring our Sports Reporter or you see him and his cronies about the village, clip him around the lughole and send him home with a "go and play down your own end". It will not be the first time it's happened to him around this village. If you don't there will almost certainly be reprisals."

Signed

Her Commandant Matron

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

We are starting to think about out-door bowls again! The floods have receded and the season will soon be upon us! Fixtures for the season are done and we look like being very



busy again - we could do with a few more members. Are you interested in trying - we are very friendly.

Look out next month for all the details

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Not much to report from the last few weeks as there has only been a couple of fixtures played due to bad weather causing most matches to be postponed... again.

The First Team are currently in 4th position in the Cambs Kershaw Senior A League. Their main aim was to avoid relegation this season and they have already secured another season in Senior A as it looks like they won't finish below 6th place. Although it seems that there is no silverware in sight for Moody's men this season, a top 6 finish in this division is something to be very proud of.



The Reserves are only in 9th place of the Cambs NMC League Division 3B but they have played less games than every other team, again mainly because of bad weather. Although it's always good to have the points on the table instead of having games in hand, the fact that there is still a lot of points available for them to win means that there is a chance they could still win the league. And what do points make? PRIZES!!!

If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season here are **March's home fixtures** –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KOT	COMPETITION
02/03/13	First Team	Girton United	3pm	League Match
09/03/13	First Team	Needingworth United	3pm	League Match
16/03/13	R e s e r v e Team	Wisbech St Mary A	3pm	League Match
23/03/13	R e s e r v e Team	Benwick Athletic	3pm	League Match
30/03/13	R e s e r v e Team	Hemingford United A	3pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change.

Up to date fixtures, results and league tables can be found at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

DOG OWNERS - A REMINDER!

Dogs are NOT permitted on the football field at ANY time, irrespective of whether the owner is passing through.

Please do NOT walk your dogs on our property. Thank you.

FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL

The last couple of months the weather has not been kind to us with flooded pitches followed by ice and snow, followed by waterlogged pitches. We hope now the spring is on its way we have a chance to catch up with matches and fulfil fixtures. Thank you to our Coaches who have reversed fixtures in order to get the matches played.

Under 7 Training: is every Saturday morning from 10 am at the Fenstanton Football Field, Hall Green Lane (or off Chequer's Street Playground). You will find them in front of the pavilion and their Coach is Kris Pether. If you haven't yet come along, do come join us for an hour of football fun. Your first session is free and thereafter is £2 per week on a turn up and pay basis, no commitment at this stage.

Under 12's Need Players – Our Under 12 Team are in urgent need of more players to help them finish this season and start afresh next year. If, any current year 7 pupils are interested in playing with an established, mixed ability team, please do get in touch with their Coach, Ant Balaam on 01480 460768 or email fyfc@btinternet.com,

RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 27TH APRIL AT FEN DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL. The Committee are organising a Race Night, which everyone, not just FYFC adults, are welcome to – please come and support us for a fun evening. Tickets available from any Committee members. More details next month. Please put this date in your diary now, it will be a popular event.

Pitch space continues to be an issue as we grow; the Committee are currently exploring every thinkable possibility to find a suitable pitch for our Under 14 team for next season, who will be playing 11 v 11 in the Hunts Youth League on a full size pitch. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to help us with our dilemma please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Congratulations to our Under 10 Coach, Gareth Bridges and his wife on the birth of their 3rd Son, Zachary born in January.

And finally a thank you Andrew Smith, a 17 year old Fenstanton lad, has given up his lie in's on a Saturday morning to assist our Under 10 Coach with coaching and refereeing matches. His help is much appreciated and we are thrilled to see a different age group getting involved with the Club. If there is anyone out there, who no longer plays football and would like to get involved with helping with youth football, please get in touch.

The Committee meet on the first Monday of every month in Fenstanton at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and raise any relevant issues.

For further information

please contact Nadine Taylor

Administrator – fyfc@btinternet.com

or Charlie Darling on 01480 395338



1st FENSTANTON & HILTON SCOUT GROUP www.scubes.co.uk

Over 33,500 boys and girls in England and Wales are keen to join scouting - and all that's needed to make it happen are more volunteer adults to join the adventure. Remember it's all about what you can do, not what you can't, so any time or skills you can offer would make a difference... <http://www.scouts.org.uk/>

"Like many voluntary Groups the current economic climate presents us with a challenge, but one we are working hard to address. Each week around 80+ boys and girls take part in a wide range of activities, mostly funded by a monthly subscription from parents. The fundraising we do helps pay for everything else - mostly equipment and to ensure all children can take part in camps etc irrespective of parental ability to pay. As we are such an active Scout Group we are always looking for new sources of funding, and new types of fundraising events. We would be delighted to hear from anyone with ideas, suggestions, contacts or opportunities that might help us secure additional funding for the year ahead. Please contact us via our website at <http://www.scubes.co.uk/>, where you can also learn so much more about the adventure scouting offers local boys and girls."

PAPWORTH ASTRONOMY CLUB

We are an informal group that meets in Papworth but has members from all over South Cambridgeshire. We always welcome visitors and prospective new members.

Wednesday 6th March: A talk by Professor Paul Hewett, Director of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge. Paul has promised more details nearer the time, but his areas of interest include cosmology and fundamental physics, galaxies and active galactic nuclei.

All meetings are at the **Vinter Room, Papworth Everard at 7:30PM.** The Vinter

Room at the entrance to Vinter Close (it is the building with the clock tower). Entering Papworth Everard from the north (Hilton direction), take the first right after the library into Elm Way, past the fire station on your left, then take the second left into Vinter Close. The meeting room is accessible to wheelchairs.

More information about the club is on our Web site (www.papworthastronomy.org). You can also email Peter Sandford on peter@cheere.demon.co.uk or phone 01480 830729.

ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

Amazingly the snow at the end of January caused relatively little disruption with the pre-school and the school only closed for one day. We were glad of our new heaters, which are not only much smaller but also much warmer and although our home-made fireplace doesn't really give off any heat it certainly makes us feel cosy! Before breaking up for half term we made Valentines cakes with the children. When we go back after half term we will start getting ready for spring with planting our seeds. We hope to grow tomatoes and sunflowers. With the daffodils already beginning to peak out of the soil it will not be long until we can start to enjoy spring and get ready for Mother's Day.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy! Sessions cost £2 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.



**For more information
call Deb on 830221.**

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

February 4th meeting, June and Beverley gave us a demonstration and showed their skills with some fabulous arrangements, which four lucky people won in the raffle.

Sadly Jill Dempster, our treasurer is leaving the club after many years. We had a tea party to thank her for all the work she has done for the flower club over the years, she will be sadly missed.

March 4th meeting will be Kathy Brown demonstrating flowers that can be eaten and used for cooking and flower arrangements. It should be very interesting and not to be missed.

April 8th meeting will be a demonstration by Forget me Not from St Ives.

We don't have a membership fee, everybody is welcome, you pay on the door. Entrance £3.00, Raffle 50p for your chance to win one of the arrangements. We look forward to seeing you all on March 4th, Hilton village hall, 2pm---4pm, tea and biscuits

HILTON WI

If you have been watching 'Call the Midwife' on television recently, you will know that times have changed rather a lot since 1950. Pat Honeybone talked to us about her life as a nurse and a midwife. She did her training at Addenbrookes hospital in general nursing and then went on to train as a midwife. When she got married both she and her husband wanted to travel, so they went off to Uganda. After quite a few challenging and sometimes scary experiences they returned to England. After a refresher course she went to Mill Road maternity hospital in Cambridge and later transferred to Hinchingsbrooke maternity unit. She went on to do 25 years of community work before retiring about 3 years ago. She still takes an active part in training future midwives and said that she has had a fantastic life helping mothers and babies to be safe, healthy and happy.

If you would like to go to the **Spring Dinner** at the Thai Restaurant at Fenstanton on **Friday 19th April**, please contact Helen Attwood on 830690 for details.

The WI Summer outing on Thursday July 11th is a visit to Bletchley Park. The cost will be £35 per person which includes lunch. Please contact Wendy Webb on 830740 if you would like to go as this is sure to be a popular venue.

Next month in the Village hall, 7.30pm, we have a Springtime Floral Demonstration by Amy Jones Carter who has her own special way of being informative and entertaining. Do come and have a relaxing evening with Amy you will enjoy it.

Kath Charter.

HILTON FEAST WEEK

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the January quiz, the winners were The Legs 11 table, who have the honour of the Golden trophy! For various reasons we needed to change the date for the last quiz to 2nd March so apologies that it was too late to amend it in the last Spectrum. Many thanks to Nina Sage and Brian Radbone for a very entertaining quiz, and a challenging set of quiz questions. Feast week events are always updated regularly on the website, with posters around the village too, so we hope to keep you informed. It is great to see so many of you coming to the quizzes they are a great fund raising event which all helps towards the cost of the Feast week in the Summer. So many thanks for all the support at these events, and to the committee for the wonderful food and drink organised.

Forthcoming events

EASTER TREASURE HUNT – SATURDAY 30th MARCH.

Meet at 11.00am at the Village Hall, a great family event for all ages. There will be various clues around a small section of the village within walking distance avoiding the main roads. There will be prizes for the correct answers found, with a small charge of £1 per person, which includes a drink and a crème egg. Refreshments such as hot dogs and hot drinks will be available. Why not decorate an Easter bonnet to wear on the day! Egg decorating and art activities will also be in the village hall.

Surrounding villagers are welcome to join us.

Please contact Emma Payne on Tel: 839123 to buy your tickets to avoid disappointment on the day.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING – SATURDAY 8th JUNE. Keep the date in your diary for an evening of fun and who-dunnit?!, as well as a lovely supper in between the acts. Surrounding villagers are welcome to join us as well as family and friends.

As a community in Hilton, we have an exceptional village with so many good committees, and events organised which bring the whole village together especially at Feast Week. Currently, we are looking to find somewhere to store all the Feast Week equipment preferably in a container somewhere within the village. At present much of the equipment is kindly stored at various locations, for which we are very grateful for all the years we have used their premises. You know who you are! A huge thank-you, from all the Feast Week committees over the years who you have helped enormously. We hope to store it all centrally in a safe secure location with easy access for the committee of course. We are currently discussing options with the Parish Council too, and would be grateful if anyone has any ideas where this storage container could be sited. Please contact me if you have any ideas, we hope to keep the costs to a minimum too.

See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest events.

CHAIRMAN – SHARON WALKER - 831299 / 07984232424. sharonwalker@nhs.net

VICE CHAIR – GILL GILL - 07793248287

TREASURER – GRAEME GRIBBEN – 01480 830481

SECRETARY – SARA SAMPSON – 01480 830383

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: HILARY HOLMES, SUZIE AND CRAIG SUTHERLAND, RICHARD HUNT, BECCA GRAVELING, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW 20 JULY 2013

PRODUCE SHOW CLASSES

1 entry per class except for classes 61-66 where 2 varieties per class may be entered. Vegetables, fruit & flowers should be clean, disease & pest free. All home baking (Adults' & Children's) to be covered with cling film.

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
- 7 Plate of any distinct fruits
- 8 Plate of 7 strawberries
- 9 3 Chillies

Plate for the above items should not exceed 6" diameter

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 Any other vegetable not named in schedule
- 24 3 Sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
- 25 1 Cucumber
- 26 A collection of 6 varieties of vegetables in a container not exceeding 12" x 8"

- 27 Small bucket of sieved compost (plus photo of compost heap, if possible)

NOVELTY VEGETABLE CLASSES

- 28 Most unusual carrot
- 29 Longest runner bean
- 30 Heaviest marrow

Classes 28-30 are light-hearted and do not contribute towards the Vegetable Cup.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP

- 31 FW Theme. Flowers, foliage & sundries. No size limit.
- 32 Tall & thin flowers, 9" wide x 24" high max. Foliage & oasis can be used.
- 33 Fake Cake made of plant material. Sundries may be used
- 34 Table decoration USING YOUR OWN GARDEN FLOWER & FOLIAGE. No sundries. No size limit. Oasis may be used.
- 35 Decorated Willow Wreath. Sundries may be used
- 36 Arrangement using candle/s, overall max height not to exceed 18".
- 37 Arrangement in a cup & saucer. Flowers & foliage, no sundries. Oasis may be used.
- 38 Flower arrangement in an unusual container.

Flowers can be either purchased or from your own garden with the exception of Class 34

- 39 1 Rose stem, single head
- 40 1 Rose Stem, multi head
- 41 Best perfumed rose (does not have to be perfect as scent is most important)
- 42 3 Stems of pinks/carnations
- 43 1 Dahlia, any form
- 44 3 Dahlias, any form
- 45 3 Sweet peas stems, annual

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| 46 | 3 Sweet peas stems, perennial |
| 47 | 3 Stems, mixed flowers |
| 48 | 3 Stems of one named flower |
| 49 | 3 Stems of one named shrub in flower eg fuschia, hydrangea |
| 50 | 3 Stems, one each of any foliage shrub |

Flowers should be from your own garden

NEW CLASS

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| 51 | Garden in a wheelbarrow |
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HILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BAKING & PRESERVES SALVER

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| 52 | Carrot cake |
| 53 | Battenburg cake |
| 54 | 5 Fruit scones |
| 55 | 5 Cheese scones |
| 56 | 5 Shortbread pieces |
| 57 | Chocolate sandwich (no fresh cream) |
| 58 | 5 Decorated cup cakes |
| 59 | Wholemeal loaf |
| 60 | Vegetarian pasty (please name ingredients) |
| 61 | Jar soft fruit jam eg strawberry/raspberry |
| 62 | Jar of any fruit jam eg plum/apricot |
| 63 | Jar of any fruit marmalade |
| 64 | Jar of any fruit curd |
| 65 | Jar of any fruit jelly |
| 66 | Jar of any chutney |
| 67 | 'Eggciting class' – 3 fresh hen's eggs plus photo of your favourite feathered bird! |

All classes to own chosen recipe.

Classes 61-66 to be labelled with full date of making and main fruit used.

Please state if spicy.

DRINK CUP

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| 68 | Bottle of sloe gin |
| 69 | Bottle of cordial |

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ALICE COLLEN CUP (Under 5s)

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| 70 | Saucer of cress |
| 71 | Jam jar of flowers |
| 72 | Egg cup of flowers |
| 73 | Decorated hen's egg |
| 74 | 5 Jam tarts |

THOMAS COLLEN CUP (Ages 5 to 8)

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| 75 | 1 carrot |
| 76 | Egg cup of flowers |
| 77 | Jam jar of flowers |
| 78 | Planted shoe/boot |
| 79 | Beach theme in a seed tray – backdrop optional |
| 80 | Pirate made of fruit & vegetables max height 12" |
| 81 | Best cress caterpillar |
| 82 | 5 Fairy cakes, decorated |
| 83 | 5 Jam tarts |
| 84 | 3 Cheese scones |

Classes 82-84 to own chosen recipe

JACOB COLLEN CUP (Ages 9 to 16)

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| 85 | Tied bunch of 3 carrots |
| 86 | Jam jar of flowers |
| 87 | Arrangement of flowers in a cup & saucer |
| 88 | Planted shoe/boot |
| 89 | Beach theme in a seed tray – backdrop optional |
| 90 | Pirate made of fruit & vegetables max height 12" |
| 91 | 5 Fairy cakes, decorated |
| 92 | 5 Jam tarts |
| 93 | 3 Cheese scones |
| 94 | Small box of home-made sweets |

Classes 91-94 to own chosen recipe

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW 20 JULY 2013

Well, we've managed to weather January's snow and with Spring on the way those of us, like me, who are fair weather gardeners, are all hoping to get out in the garden again. So with that in mind we have prepared the Schedule for the 2013 Hilton Produce Show which is printed here for you to peruse at your leisure and make plans for your entries.

You will see that there are a couple of new challenges, but the classes remain the same and we hope for a much better summer than 2012 and a record number of entries.

Please look out for more Produce Show news in future editions of Spectrum.

If you are looking for horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

Hilton Produce Show Committee

Take on a new challenge in 2013 **and raise money for a local disability charity**

Are you looking for a new and life changing experience with a feel good factor?

If so, there are a variety of exciting challenge events that you can take part in to raise money for local disability charity Papworth Trust.

You could try a sponsored run, bike, ride, trek or sky dive – perhaps you fancy climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, cycling from London to Cambridge, or taking part in the scenic Thames Path Challenge walk.

Papworth Trust's experienced fundraising team will be on hand to support you all the way. All money raised through challenge events will go towards helping local disabled people. The Trust offers essential support and advice for disabled people, families and carers.

'Rest assured you will have a real adventure - whether you choose a challenge hiking in the mountains, trekking through a jungle or cycling from London towards beautiful Paris. You'll also be helping others at the same time,' said Andrea Chupacova, Community Fundraiser at Papworth Trust.

'You will meet likeminded people, see beautiful places and get to know new cultures if you choose a challenge abroad. It will be tough at times, but that's what makes it so worthwhile and memorable!'

To find out more, please contact Andrea Chupacova on 07764 784463 or email andrea.chupacova@papworth.org.uk



FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

At Hilton Methodist Church, March 2nd from 10am until 12 noon.

Fairtrade groceries, cards, jewellery and other crafts for sale. Profit from sales go to Fairtrade, St Ives. Drop in to see what is for sale - items vary from month to month or just join us for a tea/coffee/biscuits and a chat. Profit from refreshments go to East Anglian Children's Hospice.



All About Bats

These intriguing small mammals will be the focus of the next meeting of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust, on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight Antony Mould, from the Cambridgeshire Bat Group, will discuss the ecology and behaviour of bats in a wide range of habitats. He will explain why they are of interest to conservationists and why they should be protected. Antony will also outline his particular interest in research in the bats of Australia and the Philippines.

The Cambridgeshire Bat Group study and monitor bat populations and have records of 12 of the 17 species of bat known to be resident in Britain, including Pipistrelles, Noctule, Leisler's, Daubenton's and Brown Long-eared bats. They also care for injured bats and advise those who find bats on their property.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested Donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please contact Phil on 01487 822835 for further information.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

There are a few messages the Service wants to remind residents of as we leave the winter months behind.

Get sweeping: Chimney's should be professionally swept and brickwork inspected at least once a year to prevent chimney fires. Our advice is to check yours before and after the winter period.

As the clocks go forward, push the button: Everyone should have a correctly fitted, working smoke alarm in their home. You should test it at least once a week by pushing the button. If you have forgotten to do yours recently, why not test it when you turn your clocks forward?

Easter school holidays: Arson can often increase during the school holidays. Stay vigilant, call 999 if you see a crime taking place and do not attempt to put the fire out yourself. If you are a parent, speak to your child about the dangers of playing with fire.

It's DIY time: We frequently receive an increase in calls relating to homeowners getting into accidents associated with DIY. These can involve electrical equipment which has been stored in a damp shed over the winter and heavy-duty garden equipment. Be careful, read the instructions and take expert advice from a DIY store.

For free home fire safety advice, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 91799 94.

Springing in to life



This month, there is an explosion of colour and activity in our gardens as plants respond to the lengthening and warming days – seeds germinate, and mature plants paint the land a welcome rainbow with a rush of bud break and leaf break.

Many northern hemisphere plants have survived the winter in a dormant state brought on by chemical changes within plant cells. These chemical changes are triggered by the drop in temperature and shorter day lengths of autumn and essentially plant growth is shut down. Antifreeze proteins in many plants inhibit the growth of ice crystals that would damage the plant tissue in the winter months (snowdrops are particularly rich in antifreeze!) and the miniature, tightly-packed leaves and flowers that formed at the end of last summer are encased in a great array of protective bud scales, often additionally protected by sticky resin to deter grazers – think of horse chestnuts – or even thermal vests – think of the suede-textured wraps on the Magnolia buds. It is the combination of prolonged winter cold followed by subsequent

spring warmth that triggers a physiological response in trees particularly, altering the chemical balance of hormones and enzymes in favour of resuming growth and promoting bud break.

This exposure to seasonal change is also essential for the germination from seed of many plants, which is why the Botanic Garden team could be seen sowing into the snow in January! We are delighted that James Hitchmough, Professor of Horticultural Ecology at the University of Sheffield and the plant architect co-responsible with Nigel Dunnett for the globally acclaimed wildflower meadows at the Olympic Park, has developed a new drought-tolerant perennial meadow planting for us at the Garden, with a long flowering season from April to October. He has selected a global mix with a strong emphasis on Mediterranean and steppe environments from the Colorado plateau through to central Europe and Asia, but with elements from the dryer parts of the North American prairies and the summer rainfall regions of South Africa – the great majority need a period of cold to promote growth, a process known as stratification. We first laid a 7.5cm layer of sand – that's 60 tonnes all shifted and spread by tractor and spade – to create a sterile barrier to prevent weeds coming through and act also as a perfectly free-draining seed bed. Professor Hitchmough then hand mixed the seed into nuanced combinations to suit the varying shaded and exposed conditions, mixed with sawdust to help achieve an even spread and scattered the mix into the very cold seed bed (we had scraped away the January snow). While we won't have the instant flowering gratification of an annual meadow to enjoy this summer, it will be very rewarding to see how this experiment in growing a global drought-tolerant perennial meadow from seed develops, both from the visual and horticultural point of view.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm through February and March and 10am – 6pm April - September. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! 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

KIMBOLTON COUNTRY FAYRE SUNDAY JULY 14TH

Predicted hottest summer yet...

With the 2012 summer a 'one-off' disappointing wash-out in the history of the Fayre. From our perspective, it was the children's charities that suffered because, of course, we were not able to donate the money which we would have raised from holding The Country Fayre. However, from other fund raising events held by The Rotary Club of Kimbolton Castle, our nominated charities were given something – albeit, not as much as we would have liked.

It wasn't just the cancellation of last year's Kimbolton Country Fayre (due to the venue being completely water logged), I think many of us had other plans thwarted by the dreadful weather of 2012.

On a brighter note, the Rotary and Sporting Bears Motor Clubs' committee, with their optimistic enthusiasm, are pleased to let you know that they already have advanced plans in place for this year's Fayre. Once again, it will be held in the beautiful grounds of Kimbolton Castle and the date for your diary is Sunday 14 July.

In the meantime, why not have a look at our website www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com for all the latest updates on the Fayre

SWAVESEY SURGERY NEWS

Easter Holidays

We will operate normal opening hours except for Friday 29th March & Monday 1st April - when we will be **CLOSED**

We are happy to welcome new patients registering with us and can offer you a friendly, professional service.

Swavesey Surgery are pleased to announce they now have their own website, which can be found at www.swavesey surgery.nhs.uk. You will be able to find details of our opening times, clinics and services, out of hours contacts, how to order prescriptions and much more..... Please take a look and let us know if you have any suggestions or feedback.

Travel Advice and Immunisations Holiday season is fast approaching; if you need advice regarding vaccinations for travelling abroad then please ask at reception for a 'travel questionnaire'. Once you have completed this you should book a double appointment with one of our Practice Nurses. They will then discuss the recommended vaccinations for you to consider and book as early as you can before your trip.

We are able to provide : hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccinations and malaria tablets.

You will find that there is a charge for : Hepatitis B (single), rabies and malaria tablets as these are non-nhs. Our receptionists will be happy to provide you with the prices for these upon request.

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