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USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency:

Police	101
Fenstanton Surgery	01480461873
Fenstanton Pharmacy	01480495159
<i>To report: water leaks</i>	08003167676
<i>street lights not working</i>	0800253529

Council:

Fenstanton Parish Council	01480465300
Hilton Parish Council	01954210241
County Councillor	01480830250
District Councillor (Fenst.)	01480466692
District Councillor (Hilton)	01480830250

Education:

Primary School	01480375055
Fenstanton Pre-School	01480496156
Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group	01480830658
Swavesey VC	01954230366
Sunshine Day Nursery Hilton	01480830351
Hilton Baby & Toddler Group	01480830658

Churches:

Fenstanton U R C Church	01480352058
Fenstanton Parish Church	01480465211
Catholic Church (St Ives)	01480462192
Hilton Methodist Chapel	01480830686
Rev. Katy Dunn	01480830314
Hilton Parish Church	01480830466/866
The Bridge (St Ives)	01480498801
Men's Christian Fellowship	01480392018

Clubs:

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	01480831715
Fenstanton Brownies	01480374721
Hilton Brownies	07808017177
Fenstanton WI	01480395564
Hilton WI	01480830358
Over 60's Fenstanton	01480493212
Hilton Art Club	01480831410
Hilton Flower Club	01480830571
Fenstanton Bowls	01480498050
Fenstanton Indoor Bowls	01480497202
Fenstanton Football Club	07786318959
Fenstanton Youth Football	01480395338
Hilton Aerobics	01480832321
Fenstanton Aerobics	07742488459
Hilton Pilates	07733307475
Fenstanton Pilates	01480465117
Fenstanton Morris	01480466448
Tai Chi for beginners	01480468701
Tennis	01954231752
Fenstanton Fishing	01480497728

Community:

Hilton Feast Week	01480831299
Fenstanton Village Sports	01480370973
Fenstanton Village Hall	01480461751
Hilton Town Trust	01480831454
Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	01480831658
Fenst. Neighbourhood Watch	01480395284
Fenstanton Church Centre	01954230471
Hilton Village Hall	07922014991

If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

LETTERS

Thank you

May I please pass on my thanks to those who have cleaned out the streams and ditches around Hilton. Not only do they look nicer, but it makes playing Pooh Sticks with the grandchildren much more fun!

Ann Phillips

Hilton Neighbourhood Watch

There was a spate of Shed/Garage Burglaries during the first 2 weeks of February. Houses in Church End, Grove End, High Street and The Green were targeted.

The police suspect that properties were visited by day before the burglaries were carried out in the small hours.

Please consider installing security lighting and remember to secure doors and gates. Be particularly alert to unexpected callers.

Contact details for the local Neighbourhood Watch are in the Useful Numbers section.

Ken Harris, 01480 831658

The Musical Evening in Fenstanton Church Centre, on Feb 1st was very enjoyable - lovely food and good entertainment. We hope it made a good amount for the Church restoration Funds.

WATERWAYS IN HILTON

I recently answered a call from a resident in Church End who asked if I could go and have a look at the culvert which goes under the road - sometimes this, naturally, overflows and causes a 'second ford'. A County Council Officer arranged for this to be jettied out and SURPRISE, SURPRISE, out popped a football!

We are all very much aware of the flooding which has hit the Country. Can I urge you all to help keep our local water-ways free-flowing. If you are aware of any potential blockage (as above) or, indeed, other natural foliage or debris, please inform any one of your local councillors. If your property adjoins one of these water-courses, please can you ensure that, if you clear away foliage, this should not be allowed to flow downstream.

REMEMBER - any blockage of our many waterways, could have catastrophic consequences!

Ian Bates

The footpath which runs from Church Lane through to Scotts Close has become a public convenience for local dogs. It seems almost every day there is a fresh deposit left. The insensitive owners may not be aware that this is a route used every day by many school children to get to the bus stop in Scotts Crescent. Please spare a thought for the bus company, the school cleaners and us parents who have to clean up the mess which is transported and spread about on shoes. It is also worth noting that this alley is not lit, so any unfortunate pedestrian who walks this way in the dark stands no chance of avoiding it. Please clean up after your dogs.

Thank you. *Mrs N Taylor*



Fenstanton at the time of the Middle Anglo Saxon's and the coming of Christianity:

The title of middle Saxon Period is assigned to the period from circa 650 to circa 850, when Christianity was being adopted by the formerly pagan Anglo Saxons. Other names for this time are Early Medieval or Christian-Saxon.

From circa 650, the Middle Angles Huntingdonshire had been incorporated into the kingdom of Mercia which then spread from Cambridgeshire to the Welsh borders. By circa 750, so had the whole the East Angles and East Saxons, but there was, no doubt, a continuation of some form of independent rule throughout the east. The clear evidence for a substantial rise in population size and density in the Middle Saxon period is not surprising as the period was one of rapid economic expansion which included the birth of towns and the need to generate agricultural surplus to support craft specialists and the needs of powerful royal dynasties. The so-called dark ages were aglow with art; gorgeous jewellery, illuminated manuscripts; and less well known, poetry. You would be very surprised at the number of their words that you would recognise.

So what was Fenstanton like in this period? We can only read the few texts that are available, look at the results of archaeological digs and for want of a better word, guess. The Middle Anglo Saxon period is noticeable for the formation of previously dispersed settlements into fixed communities that are the bases of today's rural villages. The first recorded appearance of the village name Fenstanton was in the year 1012. England was no longer a place of small insignificant kingdoms, but a part of a wider European culture. Although the ordinary freeman of Fenstanton might not have known much about luxury, it was certainly a time of prosperity for these Fenstanton people.

Although comparatively rich during the Roman period, the fens were transformed in the Anglo Saxon age, the fact is that the Anglo-Saxon Fenland showed a startling change. In the 7th century it was represented as a *"wide wilderness, an untilled waste, devoid of any settled habitation, a pestilential region clouded with moist and dark vapours' and very unhealthy"*. Our village at that time would have been very small, dirty, disease ridden and subject to raids by brigands. Life expectancy would have been very short, if he was lucky a man may live to be thirty but by then he would be considered an old man and most probably be riddled with arthritis and malaria.

In the years circa 580 to 600, a Christian missionary named Ivo and his three faithful companions came to the village of Slepe. Ivo was reputed to be from Persia and to have first visited Rome and then travelled to the fens of Huntingdonshire. Bishop Ivo (as he became) lived the remainder of his life working in and around the small settlement of Slepe. When he died he was buried in the fields outside the settlement. Ivo's mission to Slepe in particular and the Kingdom of Mercia in general, preceded the arrival of St Augustine by about half a generation.

We can be reasonably certain that Ivo converted the pagan Anglo Saxons in Fenstanton and most probably he would have been responsible for the erection of a small wooden church on the site of the present day parish church.

It would not have been uncommon to find a mixed population of Christians and non-believers living side by side, much as we see to this day. Today nothing survives of the first Anglo Saxon church.

The Anglo-Saxons were fanatical in their belief that Fate, what they called the Wyrð, decided who would live and who would die. In their world, full of blood feuds, skirmishes, and wars, death was not uncommon. Though not uncommon, the Anglo-Saxons were not desensitized too it and deeply mourned the loss of anyone close to their hearts. Little is known about pre-Christian Anglo Saxon beliefs apart from some aspects of their burial customs.

The principal burial rite at the start of the Anglo-Saxon period was cremation. Pagan Anglo Saxon burials, often contained grave goods such as jewellery (and not just for the woman), pots and in a few cases weapons, usually a spear. It appears that spear burials were reserved for the direct decedents of the original Angles that came to this country from northern Germany. Native Celtic people were not allowed to have weapons and so throughout Huntingdonshire no weapons have been found in their graves.

The late 7th century Christian period saw the start of a widespread change in the main burial rite to inhumation. It became unusual for grave goods to be included in burials. The pre-Christian tradition of burying men and women fully clothed with weapons, dress fittings, and other equipment, had disappeared. Christianity consolidated its hold over the lives and experiences of everyone in Fenstanton and ideas and practices that have prevailed for centuries took shape in this turning point in our history. Burials are normally positioned East-West and it was rare for a body to be buried with anything but a shroud to cover it and perhaps a knife for the men.

So where in Fenstanton are these graves? My research does not indicate that any burials have been found in Fenstanton from any of the Anglo Saxon periods. It is more than likely that the burials that took place after conversion to Christianity are the bottom layer in the church yard. But where did the Pagan Angles bury their dead? I wish I knew the answer to that question; they are yet to be found. Some archaeologists believe that a few Anglo Saxon burials were placed alongside the walls of derelict Roman buildings and apparently some have even been found inside those buildings. So it is just possible that there may be burials around the 'suspected' two Roman Villars to the north and south of the village. If we visualise early Anglo Saxon Fenstanton, with the village centred on the high ground of Honey Hill, where would they have buried their dead? You folks that live around Honey Hill best keep an eye open when next you are digging your garden; you never know what lies beneath!

John Deeks

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Research sources:

The Middle Level of the Fens and its reclamation, A History of the County of Huntingdon: Volume 3 (1936),

West Stow Museum Suffolk

A History of Huntingdonshire by Michael Wickes

The Gertrude M Peet Papers @ the Norris Museum

Due to the short month, Spectrum will need to be with the printer before the February minutes are published.
February and March minutes will appear next month.

PARISH COUNCIL FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



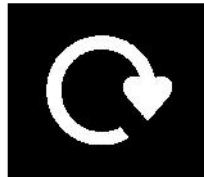
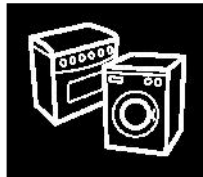
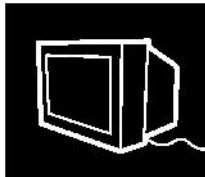
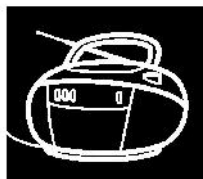
Please recycle your waste electrical items (WEEE) and help this community.

Date of collection: **Wednesday 2nd April 2014 (Fenstanton Village Only)**

Details: Please place all your electrical waste kerbside by 10am.

It will be collected and recycled. The parish council will receive revenue for all WEEE collected for use on community projects.

- ✓ WASHING MACHINES, COOKERS, FRIDGES, TELEVISIONS & IT EQUIPMENT*
- ✓ MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER TELEPHONES
- ✓ TOASTERS, KETTLES AND OTHER KITCHEN AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES
- ✓ CLOCKS, RADIOS, CAMERAS
- ✓ VIDEO RECORDERS, GAMES CONSOLES, MUSIC SYSTEMS
- ✓ DRILLS AND OTHER POWER TOOLS
- ✓ ALL TYPES OF LIGHTBULBS & TUBES



* With larger appliances we can assist with moving them from your property to our vehicle.

Please do not cause an obstruction to the pavement by leaving these large items kerbside.

WEEE Materials are accepted directly at our Re-Use & Recycling Facility at: 11 Caxton Rd, St Ives, PE27 3LS

When will winter arrive? This may seem a strange question given the gales and rain we have had to endure throughout December and January, but an important ingredient of our winter is the cessation of growth, which helps to maintain the balance of nature through the year. Growth usually stops once there are at least three succeeding days when the maximum temperature is only 5C (41F) or below. So far this winter this has not yet happened.

An unrelenting period of southerly and south westerly winds now in its tenth consecutive week, has kept temperatures both by day and night unseasonably high with several occurrences of temperatures actually rising during the night.. As a consequence air frost has been a rarity with just one in December and two in January. For the second year running no air frost occurred over the twelve days of Christmas. The lowest temperature recorded so far was on 12th January when it fell to -2.5C (27.3F). Whilst many parts of Britain have had severe gales and floods, our part of the country has fared better than most with less rain and milder temperatures. Nevertheless, measurable rain fell on 23 days in January.

In common with Britain, the whole of western Europe has also been experiencing the mild weather, though Scandinavia has seen much colder conditions since mid January which have also since spread to parts of eastern and central Europe. February is normally the month when the influence of Atlantic systems weakens, though there is little sign of this happening yet!

These extended periods of particular weather types have been a feature of our weather during the last few years, 2013 being a good example with the cold spring, especially March, the hot July and warm August and the stormy unsettled conditions during December and January. However, the Arctic surge and cold conditions on 5th December, much heralded by the Met. Office, whilst producing the worst tidal conditions along the east coast since the 1953 North Sea flood disaster, failed to produce the dramatic fall in temperatures predicted here.

My last report ended in early November. November turned out to be a rather chilly month and the first air frost of the autumn occurred on the 19th. When combined, the three autumn months were unspectacular in terms of temperature, sun and rainfall. Mist and fog occurred on just a few days.

As February starts, the unsettled and sometimes stormy weather pattern continues, following the most cyclonic January in 142 years of records.

As usual, I will end with a couple of curios relating to snow, given that we are now unlikely to see much of the white stuff this winter. The first concerns the largest snowflake reported to have been measured. It is claimed to have been 15 inches (38cm) wide and 8 inches (20cm) thick. It fell at Fort Keogh, Montana (USA) on 28th January 1887.

The second concerns the world's tallest snowman or rather a woman called Olympia Snowe after a Maine senator of the same name. She was 122 feet high (37.2m), weighed nearly 6 tons and had tyres for buttons and skis for eyelashes.

Finally, snowflakes generally fall at 2-4 mph and can take about an hour to reach the ground. Heavy rain on the other hand falls at a rate of up to 18mph.

Patrick Landucci

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MARCH

Sunday 2nd	Sunday before Lent	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Baptisms – Butt, Austin, Calver
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 5th	Ash Wednesday	
Godmanchester	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Service, with ashing
Thursday 6th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 7th		
Fenstanton	3.00pm	Older People's Communion & Tea Party
Sunday 9th	Lent 1	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Pancake Party
Wednesday 12th and the following Wednesdays, 12.30–2.30pm Hilton Lent Lunches - see p19 for details		
Thursday 13th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Sunday 16th	Lent 2	
Godmanchester	9.30am	Joint communion service - note the different time
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club with talk about & prayer for Healing
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 20th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 23rd	Lent 3	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion & prayer for Healing
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served at 11.00am
Fenstanton	12.30 for 1	Lent Lunch
Thursday 27th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Sunday 30th	Mothering Sunday	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Monday 31st		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise

Contact information: For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (baptism, and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), or Rebecca Cumbers 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)
Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook

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



TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



'TOTS PRAISE' (0-5years), are now meeting on the last Monday of the month, same time, 1.30pm - 2.30pm, in St Mary Magdalene Church. Any queries telephone, Doreen Prescott (830155) or Linda Stott (830660). We look forward to seeing you on Monday March 31st, we do hope you will find it suitable - not clashing with other things. Do come and enjoy the fun of making friends, being together for stories, songs and an activity. Coffee for grown-ups and hula hoops for tots.

The Emmaus group at Fenstanton Parish Church are planning to run a Lent course every Sunday evening at 7.30pm, starting with coffee and cake. We will meet at 11a Honey Hill or in the Church Centre, depending on numbers. The series starts on **March 9th**.

We are using a book of poetry, called 'The Heart's Time' by Janet Morley. It encourages us to reflect on various Lent themes. The poems will be photocopied for us to use, but if people wish to buy their own copy, it is available on Amazon or elsewhere. We will finish the sessions by reading Compline, or using a Taize type service. All are welcome.

If you are interested please let Joy or Martyn Saunders know, on 301068.

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 (01480 830142)

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH

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

2nd	10.00am.	Mrs Rosemary Marchant
9th	11.15 am.	United service with holy communion with Rev Katy Dunn
16th	10.00am.	Mr John Green
23rd	10.00am.	Mr Laurie Horden
30th	10.00am.	Mr John Bridge

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 1st March** from 10am until midday. Come and join us for tea or coffee and a chat and see the range of goods that are on sale from the Fairtrade shop. You will be very welcome. Profits go to Fairtrade and refreshment profit to EACH (children's hospice).

HILTON CHURCHES LENT LUNCHES

12th March	Heather Woods	830686	7 Chequers Croft
19th March	Muriel Bell	830363	6 Tithe Close
26th March	Pat Bellass	839022	Noroc, Potton Road
2nd April	Linda Stott	830660	Abbotsmede, Chapel Close
9th April	Cheska Hodder	832307	15 Kidmans Close

Time: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Donation: £3.00 plus

Charity: HEADWAY (a charity that supports people with brain injuries and has a base in Huntingdon)

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

Serving St Ives and Local Communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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**

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

2nd	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
9th	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball -- HOLY COMMUNION
	6.00pm	Rev Catherine Ball
16th	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball
23rd	9.30am	Keith Cakebread
30th	9.30am	Pauline Zahner

OTHER EVENTS IN MARCH

Sat	Mar 8th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast
Sat	Mar 8th	6.00pm	Everybody's Birthday
Tues	Mar 4th & 18th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters & Jigsaw Swap
Tues	Mar 11th	10.00am	Coffee and chat
Tues	Mar 11th	2.30pm	Meditation
Tues	Mar 25th	from 11.30am	Drop in for Lunch and a chat

TWO NEW TUESDAY VENTURES at the URC



On **March 11th, 10.00am**, Chris Turner will be hosting a new 'Drop in for Coffee, etc..' and on **March 25th from 11.30am** we will be trying 'Drop in for Lunch', this first lunch venture will be 'Soup and Sandwich, coffee/tea and cake', but depending on popularity and people's wishes we could branch out to do more adventurous meals.

ALL, male and female, young and not so young, will be very welcome to both these new ventures ***do come and try us!***



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota;

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 .



Welcome to



Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

Diary Dates for Parents of children starting school September 2014

Wednesday 7th May 7.00—8.30pm

Parents Information Evening — Work-
shop and Tour of School

Tuesday 3rd June 7.00—8.30pm

New Parents Workshop and visit

Childrens visits to School

Friday 4th July 9.30—11.00 am

Tuesday 8th July 9.30—11.00 am

Wednesday 16th July 9.30—11.00 am

*There will be a staggered start for children
From Thursday 11th September 2014*

FENSTANTON FOOTPATHS

It doesn't really need me to tell you that walking the parish footpaths in the last month or so has been a pretty depressing experience so congratulations if you did manage to find a footpath that was in walkable condition. Even the paths on the south side of the A14 (away from the river) have been a challenge. Apart from the mud, there is the occasional fallen tree to contend with. In fact, Footpath No 7 (West End Farm to the Potton Road) has been blocked by a fallen willow tree for the last few weeks and is only passable if you are prepared to crawl on all fours which may not be a particularly appealing prospect! Even so, if you do make it as far as this obstruction the water in the old gravel pit is very high at the moment and there is a good population of water fowl for the bird enthusiasts.

Turning to a more administrative aspect of the parish footpaths it seems appropriate to draw your attention to a meeting of the parish footpath working group which will be held at 7.30 p.m. on **Thursday 27 March** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School. Although not a Parish Council committee, this working group meeting is a forum in which views of parishioners about the parish footpaths can be channelled to the Parish Council and/or to the County Council Rights of Way Officer. So, if you care about our parish footpaths do come along and have your say.

Happy walking (when conditions permit)!

Philip Blunt (P3 coordinator for Fenstanton)

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

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). An excellent leaflet which includes a map and descriptions of the parish footpaths was produced in 2005. Although a bit out-of-date now, the leaflet gives a good indication of the footpath network. 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.

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.

FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th March** and every other week after that 10.00am - 11.30am all new members are welcome.

We knit for charity, this month we have sent 24 knee blankets to a local care home, 2 boxes and 2 bags of jumpers hats and blankets to Kosovo, 66 items to Hinchingsbrooke Special Care Baby Unit. Our latest project is to knit Easter chicks for Arthur Rank Hospice, and Teddies for Lincolnshire Police so they can give them to distressed children. The pattern for the teddies is on the Lincolnshire police web site (add knitted teddies and it will pop up).



FENSTANTON WI

We did not meet in January; however a group of us went to see Mother Goose at the Burgess Hall in St Ives. As usual, we had a great time: "Oh No you didn't" "Oh YES WE DID"

In February, our speaker was Mrs Christine Brown, whose talk "From nits to knitting" described her career. She started work as a nurse, but took a career break to have her family, then returned to nursing as school nurse, Nitty Nora! Hence the topic of the first part of her talk. As a result, she spent some time working with a group of medical entomologists at Cambridge studying the life cycle of lice and helped to develop new treatments for infestations.

On retirement, she was a bit at a loss as to how to fill her time and rediscovered a love of knitting. Unfortunately the wool shop in Ely, her nearest shopping centre, was closing. She and a friend decided to open a wool shop and soon

discovered a whole new world of exciting yarns.

We were allowed to examine and handle a wide range of these yarns together with fashionable items made from them. This was very inspiring and I'm sure most of our audience will be thinking of knitting something new.

Future events

March 6th

Mrs Joyce Payne – My Life as a Court Dressmaker

April 3rd

Mr Michael Knight – Milestones and Turnpike Roads

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our secretary Val Spain (01480 463653)

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Committee invites all Fenstanton residents to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 18th March 2014, at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, (Bertha Pitfield Room)

Interested in completing jigsaw puzzles?

Do you enjoy doing 1000 piece jigsaws during the winter?

If so come to the United Reformed Chapel on

Tuesday 4th & 18th March between 10.00am & 12.00noon,
with a puzzle you have completed.

For 10p you can exchange your puzzle for one you can take home to do.

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The next breakfast is on **Saturday 8th March** and all local men are welcome. These breakfasts are held in the Social Area of the URC Church in Chequer Street, Fenstanton.



Breakfast will be served at 8.30am but doors open at 8.00am.

Sessions last until approximately 10.00am

For catering purposes please contact John Guthrie (01480 392018), email: john.guthrie39@gmail.com to advise attendance or obtain more details.

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.

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

Cassie on cassrose1@hotmail.co.uk

for any further information.



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, 10.00am - 11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

FENSTANTON LACE MAKING CLUB

A small group of lace makers usually meet on the last Saturday of each month at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton from 2.30 to around 5.00pm., the next meeting will be on **March 29th**. Please feel free to join us, all are welcome. We can provide materials and equipment on loan for complete beginners, so don't be put off. For Further information, contact Margaret Blount on 01480 352724.

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY



Fenstanton Village Sports will take place on

Saturday July 5th 2014

on the School Playing Fields.

Please put the date in your diary and make it as successful as last year - many more details next month.



Pitch space is a real issue for us. We are saddened that a local village club has nowhere to play football as the club grows. We currently have 2 Mini Soccer teams playing matches at Fenstanton Men's Pitch, 3 teams at Hilton Village Green (9 v 9) and one team renting an 11 v 11 pitch at the Ivo Outdoor Centre. Next season we have been told it is unlikely that we will get a second 11 v 11 pitch at the Ivo, so once again we are desperately seeking pitch space. We are in discussions with Fenstanton Parish Council about using the space at Hampton Close; we have also discussed our options with Fenstanton Men's Football Club. We believe grants may be available to us so if anyone knows of any land we can turn into a full size pitch please let us know a.s.a.p.

The last couple of months the weather has not been kind to us with flooded 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). Your first session is free and thereafter is £2 per week on a turn up and pay basis, no commitment at this stage. Come and give us a try, the coach is Kris Pether and his number is 01480 467494

Players Needed - some of our teams need extra players, please contact fyfc@btinternet.com and we will put you in touch with the relevant coach for your child's age group. Desperately seeking players for our current Under 10 team (year 5's) so they can move into the 9 v 9 Hunts Youth League, contact Kevin Smith – 07729 218805.

Floodlit Mid Week Training comes to an end in March and Coaches will organise training arrangements for their team locally.

Respect – the committee will be hosting a Respect Evening in the coming months. Alan Poulain, Development Officer from the Hunts FA will be coming to present information regarding the FA Respect Campaign. Fenstanton Youth Football Club fully supports this campaign and believes football should be fun and hostility has no place in youth football.

Our next Committee Meeting is **Tuesday 18th March 2014** at 8.00pm in the George. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hilton Reflects on 1914

Sunday August 3rd and Monday August 4th

Plans for Hilton's commemoration of the start of World War 1 are beginning to take shape as you can see from the details below:-

Floral Displays will be featured in the Church on the Sunday and Monday. There will be an exhibition of your memorabilia of the era, not exclusively the war itself, and also hopefully some examples of work your children will have produced in school.



Sunday evening in the Village Hall – come and join us for Songs of the Time – Roses of Picardy, It's a Long Way to Tipperary, etc – refreshments provided by members of the Women's Institute

We will be holding a formal and solemn candlelit vigil in our village Church - many such vigils will be held in local communities throughout the country, including Westminster Abbey and Glasgow Cathedral. They are intended to reflect the night of August 4th 1914 when vigils were held and ended at 11 pm, the precise time when war for Great Britain began. As in 1914, our vigil will come to a significant end by the extinguishing of a final candle. To start our vigil we will process from the Village Hall to our Lychgate Memorial, where we will pause to reflect on the names of the young men of Hilton who gave their lives in the war.

Please keep looking out for your exhibition contributions such as old family photos, timely recipes, inherited handicrafts, letters - not only about the conflict but life in those times. You can let any of us know about them, at any time, we already have some wonderful promises but know there are many more to come.

We thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for young and old to plant some poppy seeds in your gardens – if everyone joins in, Hilton gardens will represent the Flanders poppy fields, a fitting tribute to all the men and women who lived and died in Europe and here at home, not forgetting our Hilton boys whose names are displayed on the memorial and who have ancestors living in our village today.

L E Beck	P G Harradine	J Roslyn	B C Yates
E J Cook	F W Hurst	N B Souper	L Yates
J Ellwood	H Jennings	C H Wright-Ingle	

Did you know that every surname in Great Britain at the time of the war is recorded in the Military Cemeteries and the Memorials to the Fallen with no known graves at Thiepval and the Menin Gate?

Please get in touch with us if you have any items of interest or would just like to be involved in the events.

Helen Attwood 830690
Liz Bush 830202
Jane Shardlow 831864

Doreen Bates 830250
Julie Briggs 830580
Margaret Shardlow 831186



HILTON CHURCHES SAFARI SUPPER

This very popular event will be held
on Saturday 22nd March this year.

Tickets are available
from Heather Woods (830686)
or Peter Blake (830137)

HILTON ART CLUB

Next meeting: 14th March – 9.30 am – 12.00 noon;

Fur And Feathers. A tutor-led workshop with popular artist Ann Biggs. New members always welcome. Non-members interested in attending this session, please contact Gina Ward, Tel. 01480 830696; or Diana Ward, Tel. 01480 831410. Booking in advance essential.

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 £2.50 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am
every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

contact Kate Middleton on ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk
for any further information.



HILTON FLOWER CLUB

At the February 3rd meeting Allie and Daphne did a wonderful demonstration on how to create gifts for family and friends. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Next Meeting: March 3rd.

Beverley and June will be doing the Flower demonstration,

We look forward to seeing you all at Hilton village hall
2.00pm - 4.00pm. Entrance £3.00 (tea & biscuits) Raffle £1.00



Our outing is on June 18th. We are going to Grimsthorpe Castle & Gardens, and also Easton Walled Gardens. We leave Hilton village hall at 9.00am arrive home at 5.30pm. Price for this outing is £28. If non flower club members would like to join us you will be very welcome.

For more information please ring: Beverley(01480830571) or June (01480830 306)..

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Burns Night on 25th January was a great success with an excellent turn out, and plenty of food for everyone with the traditional Haggis ! Our toastmaster Ronnie arrived in his kilt and Scottish attire , he then played the bagpipes to march in the Haggis before addressing it with some very amusing verse. The evening was great fun with a disco later on, after a traditional game of rolling the £1 coin towards the bottle of best whisky, the winner being the nearest! We had some serious contenders, some even laying on the floor to line up the coin! So many thanks to everyone for making it such a success and supporting Feast Week, we had some great feedback so hope to do this event again in the future. Thank-you so much to the F.W. committee, for all their hard work in the kitchen, to produce such a wonderful dinner.

Our next Quiz night will be on **22nd FEBRUARY 2014 from 7pm for 7.30pm start** in the village hall. Please contact Gill Gill by phone or email below to book your tables of 8, to ensure fair competition! The ticket price is £10 per person, which can be paid to Gill by cash or cheque, payable to Hilton Feast Week, which is superb value for a lovely chilli and rice plus a vegetarian option, there will as always be a fully stocked Bar to support Feast week, and nibbles too. With great entertainment from your quiz masters Brian and Nina.

We are offering a discount on your quiz tickets if you buy them early, one week before for only £8! So a great incentive to get your team organised now!

We are also planning an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday 19th April from 11.00am, so save the date for fun for all the family and plenty of chocolate too! There will be large pictures of Easter eggs to find around a safe route in the village, avoiding main roads so it's more fun for the children.

More dates for your diaries are as follows;

29th March Quiz night in the village hall 7pm for 7.30pm start.
19th April Family Easter Egg hunt 11am - 2pm

27th July 14th to August 2nd is **FEAST WEEK, with a theme of THE MUSICALS !**

Watch the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary, and we always welcome your support with our fundraising for the next year.

The Ball Committee are in full swing organising the Hilton Summer Ball on 25th July 2014, with the theme of Moulin Rouge, there is a maximum number of 300 people with 10 per table. So far tickets have sold rapidly with over half sold already, so please contact Peter or Ett to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £50 as before, and will be available from Peter Sampson and Ett McCarthy, with a £20 deposit per person, to secure your table.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank-you to all of the Feast Week committee who have worked hard, to pull all this together for our community. We as a village are so lucky to have such great events for everyone to enjoy, so please come along to support our **Feast Week events**. Sharon Walker.

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

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SECRETARY – EMMA STUBBS .

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ; SUZIE AND CRAIG SUTHERLAND, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE, JUDY WARD, PAUL WILLIAMSON.

HILTON WI

February fill-dyke has certainly lived up to its name this year, but Hilton WI turned out to hear Michael Burnham talk to us about motoring matters. He gave a very interesting talk reminding us that we need to keep up to date with the Highway Code and also take responsibility for our own health and wellbeing, having regular eye sight checks, making sure our medication is correct and ensuring our car is roadworthy.

He said everyone old or young needs to understand that driving today is a necessity in our lives and older people should strive to stay in the driving seat as long as possible. When you become 70 your licence has to be renewed every 3 years. DVLA can ask you to attend a Medical Assessment or go for a Driving Appraisal or if you have a serious illness issue you with a Provisional Driving Licence.

He then put a Quiz on the screen and with a lot of consultation and digging about in our minds we attempted to find some answers, with many of us

realising we did not know the Highway code as well as we thought! One answer we all remembered was MSM which is burned into all our heads as Mirror, Signal, Manoeuvre. This at least had not changed.

The aim of Michael's talk was to emphasise that growing older does not mean that you should give up driving but to do it as long as you can now and into your retirement.

The winners of the Quiz received a voucher for a refresher course but as even they did not achieve 100 percent in the Quiz we felt that there was hope for all of us. Maybe we should all consider having a one to one assessment.

Remember to ring Donna on 830770 for more information on the thriving Craft Club and do come to our next meeting on **March 10th** at 7.30 in the Village Hall when Ian Arnold will tell us about his Iceland Challenge.

Kath Charter.

January rainfall – was this a record?

For many parts of the British Isles the monthly rainfall total for January 2014 has broken all records, but here in Cambridgeshire we have not had quite such excessive rainfall. The rainfall total for Hilton was **108.5mms**, which is the highest **January** figure for the 39 years during which I have recorded rainfall on a daily basis.

My figures show that the average January rainfall in this village is **45.8mms**, but the figures for the month vary greatly from year to year. The driest January was in 1987 when only 8.0mm were recorded, and until this January the highest figure recorded was 88.4mm in the following year 1988. However January 2014 was not the wettest month I have ever experienced in Hilton, that honour goes to June 1982 when 144.6mm fell on Hilton.

We are fortunate to have a very variable climate

Gillian Sheail

Chicken Escalopes

Easy AND REALLY TASTY

- 85g white breadcrumbs.
- 15g parmesan cheese, grated.
- 1 sprig of chopped parsley (very small)
- 2 chicken breasts or turkey steaks.
- (for chicken breast you must cut it so its flat).
- Salt & pepper
- 1 egg, beaten.
- Sunflower oil for frying (will need a lot)

METHOD

1. Mix breadcrumbs parsley and parmesan.
2. If you are using chicken breast, cling film & bash with mallet until its thinner.
This makes it cook better.
3. Season meat with salt and pepper lightly and completely soak it in the egg.
4. Put the meat in breadcrumbs and mix well until covered.
5. Heat oil in large frying pan, fry meat on medium heat till fully cooked through
(usually takes 3 minutes a side).

Best served with stir fried chargrilled Med. veg (From frozen from the supermarket) and sauteed potatoes with Provence herbs, olive oil, sea salt and garlic.

DOMENICO'S RECIPE



Cambridgeshire
County Council



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Clinical Commissioning Group

Do you give unpaid care to a friend or family member?

How can we support you to stay healthy and well?

"Carers make a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of the thousands of people they support. But it is equally important for carers to stay healthy and have a good quality of life themselves. Health, social care and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire are working together to look at what support carers need to stay healthy and well. We would like to hear from anyone who looks after family, partners or friends because they are ill, frail or have a disability (or have done this in the past). If you can help and are happy to give your views please complete our survey in one of the following ways:"

On-line at www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Carers

Call Sue Hall, Public Health at Cambridgeshire County Council on 07508 916976

For advice and support available to Carers,
please call the Carers Trust Cambridgeshire,
Crossroads Carer Services on
0845 241 0954/01480 499090

or visit the website www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org



What role can a Botanic Garden have in conservation?

One thing we can do is use our horticultural skills and facilities to grow stocks of threatened plants for reintroduction into the wild. Here at the Garden, we are currently involved in two reintroduction attempts.

With many species of plant in Britain declining or under threat of extinction reintroduction may seem an attractive option, but it's not simple. All sorts of issues must be addressed before reintroducing a plant to its 'natural' site: do we know why the plant went extinct there and have things changed so that it won't just die out again? And is it *really* extinct, or have we not looked hard enough? Is what we have in cultivation the same thing that went extinct? This last, in particular, is where taxonomy – the science of classification – and the Botanic Garden comes in.

Interrupted brome, *Bromus interruptus*, is a weedy grass of farmland, endemic to Britain. Don't be put off by the 'weedy', it is actually rather attractive, especially in seed. It's a winter annual, germinating in the autumn and flowering the following summer. It is very much a Cambridgeshire plant, first recorded in 1849 at Odsey on the county border with Hertfordshire, and last seen in the wild in 1972 at Pampisford. We've been working with a farmer in Whittlesford and the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland to try to re-establish a population on a field margin. To this end we went out last autumn, watched the margin being ploughed then scattered about 5,000 seeds of interrupted brome in its wake. We went back later and were delighted to see lots of seedlings - we'll have to actually count them at some point but a rough guess would be a couple of thousand!!! Now we wait to see whether they'll grow and seed a new generation this autumn.

Our other species is the marsh pea, *Lathyrus palustris*, a delightful scrambling, perennial pea of reedy fens which is declining due to fen drainage and the loss of traditional management techniques. In the mid-1990s, the RSPB began to re-establish fen at Lakenheath, an old site for marsh pea. Now that the reeds are established and bitterns are again booming, the RSPB is looking at the rare plants which had been lost from the site. We have spent a couple of years growing marsh pea plants from seed saved from another reserve and we plan to plant them out this spring. While we have our fingers crossed for a successful reintroduction, you can come and look for the marsh pea in the Botanic Garden Fen Display.

Pete Michna, Experimental Section Supervisor and Juliet Day, Development Officer

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm through in 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, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Join Papworth Tennis Club

Papworth Tennis Club (PTC) is a small, friendly tennis club with high standards and excellent facilities. We welcome members of all ages and abilities.

PTC has four floodlit courts which are carefully maintained, a fully equipped clubhouse and an excellent Level 5 qualified and LTA-licensed coach, Diane Cobb, who delivers our in-school outreach sessions, tots tennis, private lessons and after school coaching for juniors. Members can enjoy two Club Nights a week, events throughout the year, take part in the annual AGM Wimbledon Ticket Draw (please note T&Cs on our website) and join match teams for competitive play.

The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March. Membership rates for 2014/15 are: Adult: £80; Student/Young adult (18-23 on 1st January): £52; Junior (17 or under on 1st January and student in fulltime education living away from home): £35; Family (up to 2 adults and all children under 17 years or under on 1st January living at the same address): £175; Wheelchair player: £32; Social member: £15

NEW MEMBERS ARE OFFERED 10% DISCOUNT ON THE ABOVE PRICES.

Our membership subs include the LTA Registration Fee.

Please see our website at papworthtennis.co.uk/notices/download-central/ to download a membership application form and for more information. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/papworthtennisclub>

If you have any questions about joining Papworth Tennis Club please contact Lisa, our membership secretary, at Lisa.millard1@btinternet.com or call: 01480 831161.



Kimbolton Country Fayre

An incredible £15 000 was raised last year and for the coming year the Fayre promises to be truly spectacular. Packed with events and activities for all, in addition to hundreds of classic cars, already lined up, are the Sealed Knot, Flying Ryan and dozens of other stalls and events. We look forward to seeing you again this year. The date for your diary is **Sunday 13th July**. Keep up to date by visiting our website - www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com or following us on Twitter @KimboltonFayre.

MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Every year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service raise thousands of pounds for The Fire Fighters Charity – and we couldn't do it without the support of residents so we would like to say a big thank you! This month, a number of fire stations across the county will be holding car washes so visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or our social media channels to find out what stations near you are taking part.

Registration is now open for the annual Ladies Driving Challenge on Sunday May 11th at Alconbury Airfield. More than 300 women will get behind the wheel of super-sized vehicles and if you want to take part sign up quick! For more information and to register, email ldc@bedsfire.com or call (01234) 845130.

Finally a huge thank you to all who supported our clothing bank challenge in January to see which station could collect the most unwanted textiles to raise cash for the charity – we're eagerly awaiting the results.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in March – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

Follow us: [@cambsfrs](https://twitter.com/cambsfrs) /cambsfrs

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : www.swaveseynsurgery.nhs.uk

You can use our website to; register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more...

Swavesey Surgery, in conjunction with their Patient Reference Group, have recently conducted an annual patient survey. The results from the survey outlined that some patients are unaware of what the surgery can offer, or where to find the information. We have a Swavesey Surgery leaflet/ booklet which can be found in the waiting areas in the reception and dispensary. Information can also be found on the Swavesey Surgery website – www.swaveseynsurgery.nhs.uk

Our surgery and dispensary opening hours are:

Monday	08.00 – 13.00	Closed for lunch	14.00 – 17.00
Tuesday	08.00 – 13.00	daily	14.00 – 18.00
Wednesday	08.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 18.00
Thursday	08.00 – 13.00		14.00 – 17.00
Friday	08.00 – 13.00		14.00 – 16.00
Early Bird Clinic: Tuesdays– 07.00 – 08.00			

If you have an urgent medical problem when the surgery is closed at lunchtime between 1.00pm -2.00pm or before 6.00pm please call: 07928855767. After 6pm and at weekends you can contact the Out of Hours Service on: 01223 446995.

We have also been asked why certain patients cannot use our dispensary to collect their medication? Unfortunately this is not our choice. We are governed by where you live; if you live within 1 mile of another pharmacy then we are not allowed to dispense to you.



**Bedfordshire
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Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

Woolly Mowers

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present an illustrated talk on grazing for conservation on **Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm** at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Our speaker, Nick Kiddy, is the Grazing officer for the Wildlife Trust in Bedfordshire. Nick manages the Trust's flock of 175 sheep and is responsible for farmers who graze their sheep and cattle on Wildlife Trust sites.

The main objective of conservation grazing is to maintain the balance between woody plants, shrubby plants and species-rich grassland. This allows many different plants to grow side by side, thereby encouraging wildlife diversity. Flowers such as wild thyme, marjoram, lady's mantle and pyramidal orchid flourish. There are butterflies such as Chalk Hill Blue and Duke of Burgundy and reptiles such as common lizard and adder. Nick's talk entitled 'Woolly Mowers' will illustrate how this balance of nature has been achieved in Bedfordshire by establishing an environment that is dependent upon the activities of grazing sheep.

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.
Registered Charity No: 1000412

Do something special...Become a Foster Carer in 2014

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster families to help transform lives and meet the needs of local children and young people. Although the service has seen an increase in enquiries they still need to encourage more people to make that call and consider fostering. People become Foster Carers because they want to give children and young people a home for as long as they needed it. There are so many positive changes that a family's love and commitment can make and anyone who has a caring nature should consider fostering. Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you have a spare room and can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family, we want to hear from you. You might be: married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner; from an ethnic background; in work, unemployed or retired.

By recruiting local people, children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends. We offer generous allowances, including a start up package, 24 hour support and full training. Call our freephone number on **0800 052 0078** or email: **fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Spotlight on scams and mis-selling



Recently the national press have covered the story of Sylvia Kneller, a pensioner who lost over £200,000 to scam letters over the past 56 years. Friends and family warned her that these were scams, but she didn't want to believe them, ever hopeful that a big windfall would soon be hers.

At Trading Standards we sadly come across residents in Cambridgeshire who have lost significant amounts of money, or some their life savings, to such scams. These scams are operated by career criminals who use sophisticated tactics to persuade you to part with your money. **Scam letters, Telephone scams, door-to-door callers.** For further information or to report a scam, visit Action Fraud's website www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 1232040.

If you feel that you are trapped in a cycle of responding to scam letters/calls and are sending frequent payments, we can provide you with support to help you break the cycle. Please contact us via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.



(Registered Charity Number 800829)

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - **11.00 am**

THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - **8.00 am**

Sunday 11th May 2014 - more detailed description of the walks next month

The Day Centre based in Over is in desperate need of a replacement minibus to pick up our elderly from 16 surrounding villages for a home cooked meal and entertainment before taking them home again. This service is a vital lifeline for many and one we feel very important to continue offering. **The Charity Walks** this year will specifically be raising funds towards the minibus (which will cost around £60,000).

Please support this worthy cause by downloading an entry form and sponsor/donation form now at www.overdaycentre.co.uk **Pre-entry donation is just £8** (£10 on the day). For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302 or amandamonks42@gmail.com

Proposed Crossing on Potton Road: We have received a further update from Cambridge County Council confirming that the project is still on track time wise. Total projected cost is £19,900 of which Hilton Parish Council will contribute no more than £10,000. Ross Hamilton from Cambridgeshire County Council will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 3 March 2014 to provide update on progress.

Changes to streetlights owned by Cambridgeshire County Council: Cambridgeshire County Council have awarded Balfour Beatty a county wide contract to change all the streetlights it owns by either replacing just the light or both the light and post. Two representatives from Balfour Beatty attended the Parish Council meeting and advised that the work in Hilton is due to commence towards the end of March 2014. They agreed to return to Hilton at the end of February for further consultation, an update from this meeting will be posted in the March addition of Spectrum. Full details of the proposals can be found on the Parish Council website www.hilton-pc.co.uk

Removal of streetlight in Grove End: This streetlight has to be removed. The Parish Council have instructed Balfour Beatty to proceed with the work which will include re connection of the light in the Play Area.

Play Area: The Play Area is currently closed for safety reasons. With the current wet weather the surfaces remain very slippery and the Parish Council is looking at the best solution for cleaning these and for the best time to do so.

Clerk: We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jo Perez has successfully completed her probationary period with the Parish Council and we welcome her as our new Parish Clerk.

Village Ponds: A number of residents have commented on the overhanging trees to the pond in Graveley Way. The Parish Council has taken steps to rectify the problem as a matter of urgency. With the significant rainfall we have experienced recently, falling foliage could represent a potential flood risk by blocking the outflow to the main drains.

World War I Commemorative Proposals: This year we commemorate 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War. The Parish Council has agreed to take forward a proposal from a group of Parishioners to look at adding the name of S Jones to the World War 1 plaque on the Lych Gate. Able Seaman Jones is buried in Hilton churchyard, his grave has a War Graves Commission headstone but he is not named on the plaque. The same group are formulating plans to commemorate the outbreak of the war, details of these events will be publicised shortly. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on www.hilton-pc.co.uk once they have been agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Green management Policy: With the intention to conserve and protect the valuable green spaces within Hilton and to ensure a consistent maintenance regime, a new policy document has been produced and approved by the Parish Council. A copy of this document is available from the Parish Clerk; however a short form version will be delivered to all homes in the coming weeks. Complementing this document is a new Parish Council map of the village. A copy will be placed on the village notice boards shortly. In an effort to make it as accurate as possible, should anyone spot an error please contact Kieron Dunk (01480 830002, or Kieron.dunk@gmail.com).

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7:30 pm on **Monday 3 March 2014** at Hilton Village Hall.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

And finally, the Council would like to express our deepest sympathies to John Carter and family following the sad news of Gill's death. You are very much in our thoughts.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW - SCHEDULE

PRODUCE SHOW CLASSES SUNDAY 27 JULY 2014

1 entry per class except for classes 61-65 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 or appropriate covering.

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, max 6" length
- 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 1 Vegetable Marrow

NOVELTY CLASSES

- 28 Most surprising flower
 - 29 Most surprising fruit
 - 30 Most surprising vegetable
- Classes 28-30 are light hearted and do not contribute to a 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 Floral corsage
- 34 Table decoration USING YOUR OWN GARDEN FLOWER & FOLIAGE. No sundries. No size limit. Oasis may be used.
- 35 Decorated 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 a kitchen implement or container.

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

FLOWER CUP

- 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
- 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

**HILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BAKING
& PRESERVES SALVER**

- 51 Carrot cake
- 52 1 Family size Bakewell tart
- 53 5 Fruit scones
- 54 5 Cheese scones
- 55 5 Shortbread pieces
- 56 Victoria sandwich (no fresh cream)
- 57 5 Decorated cup cakes
- 58 1 handmade loaf
- 59 1 handmade fruit loaf
- 60 Jar soft fruit jam eg strawberry/raspberry
- 61 Jar of any fruit jam eg plum/apricot
- 62 Jar of any fruit marmalade
- 63 Jar of any fruit curd
- 64 Jar of any fruit jelly
- 65 Jar of any chutney
- 66 'Eggciting class' – 3 fresh hen's eggs
plus photo of your favourite feathered
bird!

All classes to own chosen recipe. Classes 60-66 to be labelled with full date of making and main fruit used. Please state if spicy.

DRINK CUP

- 67 Bottle of fruity spirit
- 68 Bottle of cordial

ALICE COLLEN CUP (Under 5s)

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

THOMAS COLLEN CUP (Ages 5 to 8)

- 74 Bunch of 3 carrots
- 75 Egg cup of flowers
- 76 Jam jar of flowers
- 77 Planted teapot (any size)
- 78 Garden in a seed tray on a story book
theme – backdrop optional
- 79 Superhero made of fruit & vegetables
max height 12"
- 80 Best cress caterpillar
- 81 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 82 Gingerbread family – up to 5
characters/animals
- 83 3 Cheese scones

Classes 81-83 to own chosen recipe**JACOB COLLEN CUP (Ages 9 to 16)**

- 84 Tied bunch of 3 carrots
- 85 Jam jar of flowers
- 86 Arrangement of flowers in a cup
& saucer
- 87 Planted teapot
- 88 Dream garden theme in a seed tray
– backdrop optional
- 89 Superhero made of fruit & vegetables
max height 12"
- 90 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 91 Gingerbread family -
up to 5 characters/animals
- 92 3 Cheese scones
- 93 Small box of home -made sweets

Classes 90-93 to own chosen recipe

With a challenging January, weather-wise, behind us the time has come round once again to make plans for this year's Produce Show and share with you the Produce Show Schedule which the committee has put together for your delectation.

We have tried to include a few new challenges for you but you will also find the old favourites which no doubt some of you will be anticipating. We hope you will enjoy planning your entries and look forward to seeing the results on the day.

We will be updating you about other aspects of the show in the coming months so make sure you check your copies of Spectrum regularly.

Fingers crossed for some dry weather soon, and best wishes to everyone for a productive 2014 from the Produce Show Committee.

ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL



Our space theme has given us lots of fun so far, and our indoor rocket is all ready to blast off each morning. The children have been having lots of fun travelling into space and having picnics on the red planet. They've been baking too, the space biscuits and rocket cupcakes were both great successes. The children had a very exciting time with the flooding on Broad End too, making their intrepid way through the gigantic puddles. We've been trying to make the most of the wet weather, with lots of splashing about and 'squidging' in the mud. We've made rainbow hand prints and lots of multi-coloured footprints to brighten up our new display boards, which look fantastic. The children love to paint and it's even more thrilling when they can feel it on their hands and in between their toes!

We recently gave a questionnaire to all of our parents and we had an overwhelmingly positive response. There were glowing reports of how happy and settled parents feel their children are which is exactly what we were hoping to hear.

For further information about our pre-school, please telephone Jackie on 01954 268050 or have a look at our website at <http://www.elsworthpreschool.org.uk/>



Quiz & Fish n Chip Night!

Saturday 1st March 2014

Fenstanton & Hilton School Hall

Barry's Plaice are providing some tasty fish and chips* 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: louisehoward12@btinternet.com Or Bev Speller Tel: 07429 323948

Email: bev.speller@btinternet.com Tickets also available from the School Office.

*Note: Could you please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements so we can make sure you are properly catered for. ***Thank you***

Dates of future events:

Apr 19th	Hilton Family Easter Egg Hunt, 11.00am - 2.00pm (p29)
May 5th	Fenstanton & Hilton School Info. Evening (p21)
May 25th	Five Pub Challenge - Over day Centre (p41)
June 6th	Fenstanton & Hilton School, New Parents WS (p21)
June 14th	The Bury and Ramsey Concert Band , with Cream Teas at the URC
June 20th/21st	Jean's pictures of Historic Fenstanton at URC
June 21st/22nd	Fenstanton Open Gardens
June 22nd	Bongos and Bar-B-Q at Fenstanton Manor, Huntingdon Road
June 29th	Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt
July 5th	Fenstanton Village Sports (p24)
July 4th/8th/16th	Fenstanton & Hilton School, New children's visits (p21)
July 13th	Kimbolton Country Fayre (p37)
July 25th	Hilton Summer Ball (p29)
July 27th	Hilton produce Show (p43/44)
July 27th-Aug 2nd	Hilton Feast Week (p29)
Aug 3rd/4th	Hilton remembers the First World War (p26)
Sept 20th	Hobbies, Crafts & Collections at the URC

(If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it.)

WHAT'S ON in MARCH

1st	Quiz, Fish & Chips	School Hall	7.30pm	p47
1st	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p19
3rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p27
3rd	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p42
5th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
6th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p23
8th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p24
10th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
11th	Drop in for Coffee	URC Church	10.00am	p20
12th	Wildlife meeting	Brampton	7.30pm	p39
13th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p13
14th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p27
18th	Youth Football Committee	The George	8.00pm	p25
19th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
22nd	Hilton Safari Supper			p27
25th	Drop in for Lunch	URC Church	from 11.30am	p20
29th	Lace makers	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p24
29th	Hilton Quiz	Village Hall	7.00pm	p29

Regular weekly meetings:

Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p24)

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p27)

Football Training

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Swap (p22)

For Church services etc. see (p16-20)