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Fenstanton's Oldest Resident

Harry Emery, 30/01/1911 – 03/11/2015

Harry passed away peacefully on the 3rd November 2015, at the good age of one hundred and four and three quarters. Harry was born in Hexham, Northumberland and he always supported Newcastle United.

He was married for 63 years. His wife Connie died a while ago. They had two children: a son John, whose wife is Hazel and a daughter Margaret, whose husband is John Ardley. There are three grand-children and six great-grand-children. He was a great family man.

He joined the RAF, then, later he worked for Thomas Cook and was also a Removals Estimator for Harrods. They retired to Fenstanton about 28 years ago and soon became good friends and neighbours to people in the village. Harry always thought he was the best washer-up in Fenstanton. His final years were spent at Hunters Down Nursing Home where the staff looked after him very well. *Donna*

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**The New Advertising Year runs from
May 1st 2016 to April 30th 2017.**

Everyone who advertises should now have received an invoice, with notes of changes for the next year.

Please renew your subscription, or tell Mrs Pulley if you no longer wish to advertise, as soon as possible, so we can plan for the May edition.

Thank you

Our grateful thanks to Maureen Tilbury who has decided to retire from her position of rounds co-coordinator in Fenstanton after more than 20 years.

Fortunately, Mr and Mrs Norman have offered to take over this position, many thanks to them also.

COME AND JOIN US

"Soup for Syria" Lunches

Thursday lunchtimes 12 – 3pm

3rd, 10th, 17th March

At 56 Church Leys, Fenstanton, PE28 9QD
(Opposite car park & Hampton Close)

With 'Bring & Buy' stall

Donations to 'Embrace the Middle East'



FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting - February 11th

Police report: During the month of, December the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 5 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 2 incidents of burglary; 1 incident of other theft.

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Dog Fouling: The Parish Council has received further complaints concerning dog fouling in the Village. The issue was raised in the last edition of Spectrum but again the Parish Council would remind those owners who do not clean up or allow their dogs to run free that they are committing an offence under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire: The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Huntingdonshire District Council.

The Commission is to carry out the review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the Huntingdonshire District. At present, some District Councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the District.

A six week public consultation commenced on 26th January, during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation closes on 4th April. The Parish Council will consider the matter at the March meeting and will reply to the consultation thereafter. Full information can be found at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Provision of defibrillators: The Parish Council has agreed to investigate the possibility of providing defibrillators in the Parish. There are a number of aspects that must be considered including the most suitable equipment, costs and suitable locations.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7:30 at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome. The minutes of previous meetings are available on the Village website or via the Clerk.

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.hilton-pc.co.uk Secretary: Mrs Jo Perez, tel: 01480 831106

Queen's 90th Birthday

"Clean for the Queen" – Please can you spare a couple of hours?

Hilton Parish Council is supporting this national event with a "village clean-up" on Saturday morning, **5th March** and would welcome your help. On the basis that "many hands make light work", we are hopeful that we can make a village-wide impression with the following tasks:

- Village Car Park - brush and rake
- Play park - clean equipment
- Around the village – litter removal
- Village Road Signs – clean
- Verges (leading to and from the village) - litter removal

We will be meeting at the Methodist Church at 10.00am to assemble the various working parties. The following is a non-exhaustive list of items that you may wish to consider bringing – Gloves, Hi-visibility wear, Buckets, Rakes and Brushes (as well as appropriate March weather gear).

We do hope that you will be able to join us and it would assist our preparations if you could let our clerk know beforehand (hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com). However "casual volunteers" on the day will be more than welcome! (Rather conveniently, Sat 5th March is a Fair Trade coffee morning at the Methodist Church (10.00am to noon)).

Commemorative Tree: The Commemorative Oak has now been planted and the Parish Council would like to thank John Carter and Kieron Dunk for kindly donating the tree.

Cricketer Pavilion: The suggested design for improving the internal layout and external appearance of the Pavilion remains available to view on our website www.hilton-pc.co.uk

Defibrillator: The Parish Council decided not to proceed with the defibrillator.

Ditch Work and Tree Maintenance: The annual ditch clearance work has again been completed to the usual high standard. The Parish Council would like to thank John Cater and Duncan McMichael for their hard work and also Mike Richards for his help in clearing the debris away. Maintenance work on one of the trees has had to be delayed until such time as it is in leaf.

Maintenance Contract: The contract for maintenance around the village is been redrafted and three tenders are being invited for this work. The current three year contract expires at the beginning of April and it is hoped that a new three year contract can be awarded before its expiry.

Hilton Village Town Trust: A reminder - one of the 2 Parish Council nominated seats on the Town Trust is due for renewal in April. Please contact Mrs Jo Perez, our Clerk, if you would like to be considered for this role.

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 29th February, 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance. Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

What a crazy winter it has been so far. I suspect that few of us would have imagined that, when the wind changed to south-westerly for the last week in October, this was to herald the start of ten weeks of virtually unbroken exceptionally mild, and in some parts of the UK exceptionally wet weather. The pattern was interrupted briefly by a three day Arctic blast in late November, which brought the first air frost of the winter on the 21st. In normal years winter is marked by the cessation of growth starting with three consecutive days when the temperature fails to exceed 5C (41F). In fact this almost happened during the short cold snap. However, as was subsequently experienced, the extreme mildness which followed threw nature's pattern into confusion with daffodils flowering by Christmas and some trees coming into blossom in December!

The mildness in December was exceptional. There was not a single ground or air frost during that month, with unbroken southerly or south-westerly winds throughout. Overall temperatures were 5C (9F) above normal making it the warmest December on record for well over 100 years, possibly going back to 1659 and easily beating the previous mildest years of 1934 and 1974. The average night time temperature was only a point of a degree lower than that in June 2015, incredible when one remembers one is comparing the two months with the longest and shortest nights! Whilst there were unprecedented floods in some parts of the UK, rainfall in our part of the country was around or even a bit below average!

Some commentators have argued that the mild weather is at least partly due to the El Nino effect on the world's climate. It is worth noting however, that when the previous El Nino occurred, in 2010, Britain experienced its coldest December on record, so it would seem that the impact of this phenomenon on global weather, is still not fully understood.

At the time I sent my last article to Spectrum, autumn had been benign. With the benefit of hindsight this was clearly tempting fate, as both November and December brought a series of fierce storms which the Met. Office decided to give names as they do in the United States.

It was not until the "winter" reached mid-January that we experienced a colder spell which finally brought a period of a week when temperatures kept below 5C (41F), and there were a couple of nights with sharp frosts when the temperature fell to -4C (25F). The mild weather has since returned as I conclude this article at the end of January.

I will finish as usual with a couple of curios, both of which relate to the wind.

As we know, this winter has so far produced seven major storms, the latest being "Gertrude" which produced winds of just over 100mph in Shetland, on 29th January. However this figure pales when compared with the holder of the world's highest wind speed of 230mph at Mount Washington, USA on 20th March 1986. Even more incredible, during a tornado which tracked through Wichita Falls, Texas on 2nd April 1958, its wind strength reached 280mph.

Finally, around the world some winds are given unusual names. For example there is a wind called the "Loo" which is a hot dry wind which precedes the monsoon in Pakistan and North India. Then there is the Willy-willy which is a tropical cyclone of hurricane force in Australia, and lastly in Britain how about the Cats Nose - a cool north-westerly wind.

Patrick Landucci

OAKLANDS HOUSE - PART - TWO:

Extracts from the life and times of Oaklands House and the Coote family



In 1840 Thomas Coote came to live in Oaklands House and immediately took an interest in Fenstanton village life. In particular he took a great interest in the village school. At that time a Miss Munns was a pupil teacher and showed exceptional ability, indeed so much so that Tomas encouraged

her to go on to a larger school in London and he obtained a position for her there. She turned out to be a great success and educated herself in modern languages becoming singularly proficient in French. Ultimately, the celebrated Russian Minister Count Vladimir, asked the Russian Ambassador in London to obtain a suitable lady to teach his young daughters English and generally overlook their education. French was the chosen language of the Russian Aristocracy.

The Ambassador applied to the London School Authority and they recommended Miss Munns. Accordingly she went to Russia. The Vladimirs became greatly attached to her and several of the young Grand Dukes were sent to her for English lessons. For some reason or other she did not return to England when the Crimean War started, but remained in Russia, finally retiring about 1880 on an ample pension.

She would come to Fenstanton from time to time and stay a few days at Oaklands and look round the old village. She always spoke in the highest terms of her Russian patrons and pupils. She would say, such was their consideration and politeness, that they never mentioned the war in her presence, either to her personally or among themselves when she was there.

Although a nonconformist, Thomas Coote was, by virtue of the property that he owned, the Lay Rector and was always on good terms with the Vicar. The only duty connected with his office consisted of insuring the chancel and seeing that it was kept in proper repair. He succeeded, in getting the Vicar to deal with the question of the village school.

There were two schools in the village at that time, the church school, which had the building but few children and the nonconformist school, which had the majority of the children but a very poor building. The Vicar and Thomas Coote came to an understanding and the two schools amalgamated, the stipulation being that the schoolmaster must be a churchman but there was to be no sectarian teaching.

Mrs Orage, the widow of a Yorkshire nonconformist minister lived in Fenstanton with her three children. She earned a tough living by taking in washing. All three children attended the school and the eldest named Alfred was particularly gifted. One day Mrs Orage came to see Thomas Coote and asked for a job for Alfred as she could no longer afford to keep him at school. Thomas and his son Howard Coote and the schoolmaster all agreed it would be a pity to try to make a ploughboy of Alfred, so it was arranged to pay Mrs Orage a small weekly sum to keep the boy at school.

Alfred was a frequent visitor to Oaklands House where he was given the run of the library and here he was introduced to Ruskin, Matthew Arnold, Carlyle and Herbert Spencer. He became a most successful pupil teacher and later Thomas Coote obtained for him a good job under the Leeds School Board.

John Deeks 2015

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - March

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

6th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday. Local Arrangement service
13th	11.15am	United Service, Holy Communion with Rev Katy Dunn and Rev David Busk
20th	10.00am	Mr David Bushby
27th	10.00am	Mrs Margaret Harris - Easter Sunday



LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will be held on the following Wednesdays in Hilton from 12.30 to 2.00pm

March 2nd	Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft
March 9th	Pat and David East, Southmead, Church End
March 16th	Janet Whatley, Atticus House, Church End

Donations of £3 plus for a simple lunch of bread, cheese and chutney and the profit this year is for the charity EMMAUS.

Time: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE: 'The Sedici Choir' will be making a return visit to perform a concert in the Methodist Church on SATURDAY OCTOBER 15th at 7.30pm
Tickets will be available nearer the time from Heather Woods and Sandy Monk

Action for Children, Saturday 30th April

I am doing a bike ride in aid of 'Action for Children', starting from Hilton and covering about 57 miles in a circular route through Huntingdonshire, stopping at several Methodist churches/chapels on the way.

If you would like to sponsor me, please either contact me direct
tel: 830991, email: krdunn@waitrose.com, or go to my fundraising page
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RichardDunn7>

Richard

TOTS' PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON

***We will not be meeting in March as Tot's praise falls on Easter Monday.
See you all on Monday 25th April at 1.30pm in the Parish Church.***

All children up to school age, with mum, dad, grandma, grandad or carer, are welcome to come along for an hour of song, story and an activity. Something to eat and drink and bubbles too!

We always meet on the last Monday of the month. Please come and join us, we would love to see you. Contacts: Linda, 830660 and Laura, 839110.

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 Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

6th	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
13th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
	6.00pm	John Williams
20th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
25th	2.00pm	Rev Derek Newton - GOOD FRIDAY
27th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - EASTER DAY



OTHER EVENTS IN March

Tues	March 1st, 15th & 29th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters
Tues	March 8th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	March 8th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	March 19th	9.30am	Book Sale
Tues	March 22nd	10.00am	Coffee & Chat



A tea for the Queen's 90th Birthday - Thursday April 21st.

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)

The Bridge Church
Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities
www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Service: 10.30am at the St Ivo School, High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR.

Come for some lively worship, hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet in small groups during the week, where we can build friendships and grow together in our faith.

We hold a:

- Monthly church prayer meeting.
- Men's prayer meeting early each Friday morning.
- Youth group for 11-18 year olds, Friday nights in term-time, 7.00-9.00pm.
- Chess and Games Club, 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month.
- Babies and Toddlers group, 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time.
- Bridge and Craft Clubs meet, 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons.
- A woman's weekly bible study group meets on Tuesdays.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801 (Tuesday to Friday).

'Children's Church' at the Bridge Church is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15am on a Sunday morning at St. Ivo School?

Fenstanton Parish Church

March this year sees both Mothering Sunday and Easter fall in the same month. On 6th March we give thanks for our mothers, whether they are our biological mothers or someone else. This is a service with everyone in together, and where the traditional posies for our mothers will be distributed at the end. Holy Week, Palm Sunday, 20th March, starts with our usual procession from Ron's shop at 9.15am. Sadly we will have no donkey this year following Mrs Sally Flower's death. The service begins in church at 9.30am. We have our normal complement of services over the following week.

To point out three things in the week:

1. On Good Friday 25th March, there is a Children's Workshop in church, starting at 10.00am.
2. During the middle of the day we walk over the fields from Hilton to Fenstanton a total distance of just under 3½ miles, with a time to stop and eat the packed lunch you brought. This starts at approximately 12.15pm, once the service in Hilton church has finished. This is a lovely leisurely stroll over the fields before they are under the tarmac of the new A14.
3. You are welcome to join us at 10.00am for our Easter Day service (don't forget the clock change!), which will again be a service with everyone in together.

With God's blessing,

RobinRevd Dr Robin McKenzie, Priest in Charge

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—March

Wednesday 2nd		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent lunch – see poster for details
Hilton	7.30pm	Lent Study Group – Methodist school room
Thursday 3rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 6th Mothering Sunday		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	All age Holy Communion & distribution of posies
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 9th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent lunch – see poster for details
Hilton	7.30pm	Lent Study Group – Methodist school room
Thursday 10th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Friday 11th		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC)
Sunday 13th Lent 5		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All. Josie Charter tells us about her recent visit to Malawi for Aquaid Lifeline
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC. Sunday Club
Wednesday 16th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Hilton	7.30pm	Lent Study Group – Methodist school room
Thursday 17th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Saturday 19th		
Hilton	7.30pm	Roving Supper
Sunday 20th Palm Sunday		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.15am	Procession from Ron's shop
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion, blessing of palms with Prayer for Healing
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Tuesday 22nd		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion and address
Thursday 24th Maundy Thursday		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 minutes)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion, foot washing and address, with stripping of the altars, followed by watch until midnight

Friday 25th		
Fenstanton	10 – 11.45	Children's Workshop
Hilton	11.45am	Good Friday service (30 mins)
Hilton to Fenstanton	12.15ish	Easy walk across the fields & picnic
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Good Friday service (30 mins)
Sunday 27th	Easter Day	
Fenstanton	10.00am	All Age Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

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).

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or email mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (baptisms, and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time though), The Vicarage, Fenstanton, just next to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park).

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings), or Josie Charter 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



Children's Workshop Good Friday 25th March

From 10.00am to 11.45am
In Fenstanton Parish Church

(under 5s welcomed with a carer)
Easter story, craft, make the Easter garden and a
chocolate hunt...

To book a free space telephone Katie on
01480 465211 or e-mail
ikhuck@virginmedia.com

**Everyone
welcome!
See you there!**



FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE

The work is well underway on the renovations and what a difference it's made already having taken out all internal walls and the ceiling!



You can follow the progress of the work on our Facebook page. You do not need to register, just go to: www.facebook.com/fenstantonchurchcentre where you will see up to date photos of the work in progress. Or alternatively we have a display board with regular photo updates, in the north isle of the church

Thanks again to everyone who has supported us in our fundraising activities and also to our regular users for their understanding during the closure. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused around the Church Centre during these renovations, which we hope will be kept to a minimum. We will be reopening soon after Easter.

As we are still fundraising towards the furniture and the kitchen, you can still donate to our appeal by contacting Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton - Tel No. 01480 465211 (or alternatively you can email us at churchcentre@outlook.com), or you can send any donations via online banking. Account No. 93186830 / Sort Code 20-43-63.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

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

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday, March 5th
10.00am until 12.00noon.**

All the usual FAIRTRADE goods will be on sale with profit for FAIRTRADE. We will be serving coffees, teas with biscuits in aid of EACH. Please come and join us for a drink and a chat and browse the goods on sale. All are welcome.

Church of S. S. Peter & Paul Fenstanton



**Sunday 6th March
at 9.30 a.m.**



**With distribution of
Flower Posies
& Simnel Cake.
Tea/Coffee afterwards**



All Ages Welcome

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

On the Pitch: Fenstanton Football Club's progress has remained steady since last month. Sadly we are no longer contenders for a league and cup treble, after being knocked out of the Cambs Creake Charity Shield at the quarter final stage, by Eaton Socon Reserves who are in the division above.



On what seemed to be one of the windiest days we've ever played in, on Saturday 6th February, we fought hard against the superior Eaton Socon team, going in at half time with the scores still level at 0-0. Eaton Socon Reserves made the breakthrough in the match on 70 minutes going 1-0 up, but top scorer Ben Hall, kept Fenstanton in the game with a 95th minute equaliser taking the tie into extra time. After the 1st period of extra time, the scores were still the same, but the 2nd period, Eaton Socon took the lead again, shortly before Captain Arran Balls made the scores level once more, taking the match into a penalty shootout. Unfortunately Adam Berrill missed the 1st penalty, but keeper Adam Buckingham saved Socon's 1st effort, to keep the scores at 0-0. With Ross Fairley, Salv Merola and Ben Hall all being matched by Eaton Socon by scoring. Midfielder Dion Lee saw his effort saved, and with Socon converting their 5th penalty, Fenny crashed out but can be proud of their efforts.

We are still in the **final of the Hunts Lower Junior Cup** however, which is being played on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at St Neots Town FC, against Hartford based team AFC Barley Mow. We hope to see as many of you there to cheer on the boys! And on top of that, we are still top of Division 2B in the Cambs League!

Off the Pitch: Our 1st fund raiser for 2016 has been announced! We have organised a golf day at Bar Hill Golf Club on Sunday 3rd April. The price per person is £40 that includes 18 holes of golf, bacon roll with tea or coffee on arrival, and a meal afterwards. All proceeds are to go to the club. More information can be found on the poster in Spectrum. Let's hope the weather is on our side for this one.

If you would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane, or travel away to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season, here are **March's fixtures**:

	Home / Away	OPPOSITION	KOT	COMPETITION
05/03	Home	Isleham United	3.00pm	League Match
09/03	St Neots Town FC	AFC Barley Mow	7.45pm	Hunts Cup Final
12/03	Away (CB23 8ST)	Bar Hill Saturday Reserves	3.00pm	League Match
19/03	Away (PE28 3LP)	Bluntisham Reserves	3.00pm	League Match
26/03	Home	Houghton & Wyton	3.00pm	League Match

All fixtures are subject to change.

For up to date news on the club, please visit www.fenstantonfootballclub.com or www.facebook.com/fenstantonfc

FENSTANTON WI

A cold damp February evening did not deter almost a full complement of members from turning out for our first meeting of 2016. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Geoff Evans, a member of Cambridge Camera Club who showed us a selection of photos taken on his extensive travels entitled 'Wet, Wild and Green', along with a light-hearted commentary.

Wet – a series of watery scenes taken on a very wet trip to Scotland.

Wild - a portrayal of a Mediæval Festival at Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex.

Green – a travelogue around Greenland showing the rugged, barren, icy landscape where nothing grows apart from beautiful delicate rock plants which appear in summer when there is 24 hours of daylight.

Future Events

March 3rd Hand Painted China
Mrs Petronella Britton

April 7th Beekeeping and the
Gardener
Mr. Stephen Poyser

May 5th Resolutions

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except January. If you would like to join us just come along to one of our meetings, currently being held in the **United Reformed Church** at 7.30pm.

For more information
contact our secretary

Deborah
Markl, 01480
831320



Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 12.00noon.***

We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

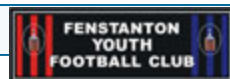
The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Sarah on Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk **for any further information.**



* We have moved to the literary institute/scout hut, Hall Green lane (next to entrance to Manor drive), temporarily for a few months while the church hall is being refurbished.

FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL



Our players, boys and girls, are mainly from Fenstanton and Hilton.

Our teams play in the Hunts League and we currently have teams for: Under 7s (school Year 1); U9s (Year 3); U11s (Year 5); U12s (Year 7); U13s (Year 8); U14s (Year 9); and U16s (Year 11).

We play at three different venues in the two villages, and at St Ivo Outdoor Centre.

Match Report Under 13's: Manager, Mark Cooper



After winning promotion to the A League at the end of last season, the team has struggled a little this season, but, recently pulled off a brilliant result, beating top of the table St Ives Rangers Blue Sox, 6-4 at home. With this latest result and a looming Cup quarter final coming up against Gransden, things are looking up for the Under 13's. The team plays most Saturday mornings within Huntingdonshire FA; home games

are at Hilton Village Green. Please come along to support the boys; hot food and refreshments at all home games. Come and have your breakfast and cheer on the lads.

Date	Opposition	Home/away	K.O.
5/3	Somersham Town	Home	10.00am
12/3	Huntingdon Town Rowdies	Home	TBC
19/3	Alconbury Colts Red	Home	10.00am

With thanks to our sponsors this season: **Xtreme Events**; **Westlands Horticulture** and **Green Valley Construction Ltd.**

Team Report Under 9's: Manager Kris Pether

Fenstanton Under 9's recently beat Needingworth at home. Teamwork combined with passion and fun, bring us together for our matches and helps us keep fit. We combine training sessions and warm up sessions to keep our technical abilities in check which gives us a good focus. We have ten players in our squad, a mixture of year 3's and 4's. If you know of any current year 3 or 4, boy or girl, who is interested in joining us, then please get in contact with Fenstanton Youth FC.



Coach Kristian Pether with Aaron Joyce, Jacob Allen, Ciaran Speed, Ray Dixon, Ben Ashman, Thomas Pether, Aaron Procter and Adam Wallis

Under 7's: We are currently seeking a new volunteer to take on our next intake of young footballers. If you are interested in running a session for under 7's, please get in touch. No qualifications required at this stage, but a DBS check will be undertaken in order to comply with FA regulations.

Contact:: fyfc@btinternet.com or Telephone 01480 830839
All Fixtures and results can be found at www.full-time.thefa.com

FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

Our chick project has gone well.
We have made 45 for us to sell for our funds. £1.00 each on the sales table.
Also we have made 50 for Arthur Rank Hospice at the time of going to press,
More to be handed in next meeting.



FENSTANTON FOOTPATHS

I confess I've been putting this article off. The prospect of walking the parish footpaths during the winter we've been having did not appeal. However I ventured out on a bright afternoon just before St Valentine's Day and walked a good cross-section of our paths. I was pleasantly surprised to find that they were not as bad as might be expected. Even the riverside path was fairly easy going although a bit sticky in places. The worst area I came across was on Fen Lane not far beyond the last houses where water was standing in large puddles. It was not too difficult to pick a way through and the going gets better as you continue on down the Fen to the guided busway.

There did not seem to be much birdlife around apart from geese which were numerous, particularly on the south side of the A14 where I saw a huge flock of a hundred or more greylag geese grazing in the field adjacent to FP 7*. I was also amused by an incident on the river where a small group of Canada geese was swimming in tight formation around two interlopers which I think were Egyptian geese. These two finally beat a retreat to the far bank and it seemed this was definitely a case of unwelcome visitors being firmly but politely escorted off the premises. By another lucky chance I had a good sighting of a barn owl hunting alongside the busway not far from the end of Fen Lane. I watched it for several minutes as it went about its business oblivious of passing buses. It's nice to know that there are a few around still and it certainly made my walk worthwhile.

Happy walking!

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 including FP numbers. 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 i the first instance.*

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Committee
invites all Fenstanton residents to attend its
Annual General Meeting
on Monday, 14th March 2016, at 7.30pm
in the United Reformed Church, Fenstanton

Did you go to the open meeting held by Kier Living about their proposed planning application for the land south of the A14 slip road known as 'The Park' on 15th February at the school?

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust members do hope that in the light of recent proposed planning developments by both Morris Homes for the old Dairy Crest site and Kier Living for 'The Park', you will come and make your views known as to which site you favour for a new village hall, bearing in mind the present condition of each site, the length of time before either site may become available and any traffic control measures required on the present A14 slip road (Cambridge Road).

We would welcome more residents to join us on the committee and anyone representing a potential user group of the new hall.

Our fundraising continues with another Village Garage Sale to be held on 8th May (more details in next month's Spectrum). However, if you would like to express an interest in registering your garage on the village map, do let us know on fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or 01480 461751.

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2nd March: We will have our AGM and Quiz. This will be a time to get to know the members and put forward ideas for this year. There are many suggestions for activities which need to be discussed so that the club can best serve the members. Please come along so that your voice can be heard.

16th March: Jacqui Huggins will present "Life, Times and Memories of a Fen Girl", she is a speaker, singer and song-writer, so we are sure to be entertained and will learn much.

30th March: Tom Kennedy, an Irish singer, we look forward to an afternoon of music.

Membership fees for the year are £10 per head and are due in March. Each meeting we pay £2.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket.

We meet: alternate Wednesdays,
at 2.00pm,
in the United Reformed Church

Any questions please call;
Marie Newns, 01480 350677

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB - www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

We will be working very hard to get the green ready. There will be working parties during the morning, on **Saturdays April 2nd and 9th from 10.00am**, this is a chance for everyone to meet up pre-season and to make sure everything is ready for the **Open Day on Saturday 16th April at 3.00pm** please come along and play, or just come for a chat!

**Yes, Fringe in the Fen is back!
Here's just a taster of what's
on offer for your enjoyment.**

Fringe in the Fen 2016

07-10 July

Proms in the Park

Grand firework finale featuring the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra, Huntingdonshire Concert Band, the Fen Massed Choir compered by David Martynski and under the baton of Graham Ross, Director of Music at Clare College, Cambridge.

An evening with Gilbert and Sullivan

From your favourite arias to fast-paced ensembles and a tongue-twisting medley, a quartet of four singers and a pianist will take you on a journey through the most sparkling light opera works. A thrilling evening!

1940's Landgirls Big Band Party Night

Dance the night away to all the old favourites with the Galaxy Big Band and the Apple Blossoms in the unique outside setting of the restored railway station at Capability Barns. Swing, jive and jazz!

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

An eclectic programme of works drawn from the great English choral tradition, from motets and anthems to madrigals and close harmony. Joined by celebrated harpist Tanya Houghton, the Choir explores works that have shaped our English landscapes, in celebration of Fenstanton's most distinguished former inhabitant, Capability Brown.

The Fringe Comedy Night

This is a hugely popular evening and we're chuckling at the prospect of introducing you all to four new top-notch comedians. Truly hilarious!

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



Fenstanton Capability Brown 300 Festival

How the Manor of Fenstanton & Hilton was exchanged for taste!

Lancelot's appointment as Master Gardener at Hampton Court was announced in the summer of 1764. He was 48, increasingly successful, and his gross annual income was about £6,000 from fees, though as much as half may have been disbursed to his foremen, who employed local labour. He now found himself with an additional annual pension of £2,000, which was paid quarterly by the Treasury without fail until the end of his life.

He wrote to Lord Northampton in July 1766 regarding the sale of the Huntingdon estate: "If no other person is in treaty with your Lordship I shall be glad to have refusal of it, your Lordship shall have very little trouble with me upon it. I shall give immediate answer as soon as I know the conditions and have looked it over".

He was as good as his word and paid the earl £13,000 in two instalments, allowing a deduction of some £1500 for work done at Castle Ashby. All was completed in summer 1767, the earl writing on his copy of the deed: "I take the Manor of Fen Stanton to belong to Lawrence Brown Esq. who gave Lord Northampton Taste in exchange for it".

The above is a short extract from a booklet entitled "Lancelot Brown Cambridgeshire Connections" by Jane Brown who has also written a book on Brown entitled "The Omnipotent Magician". Jane lives in the area and has kindly agreed to come and give us a talk on April 14th based around Brown's local connections.

If you feel you would like to find out more why not come along and hear what Jane has to say? We are sure she will be happy to answer any questions and members of the committee will be on hand to keep you informed of everything that is going on this year in the village. For more information see the poster (p49).

MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

DID you know that being a smoker or living with someone who smokes puts you at higher risk of having a fire in your home?

Throughout March we're raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking and we'd like you to join in.

We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly. It increases someone's chance of having a fire.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:

- * Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.
- * Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin.
- * Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep.
- * Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm.

If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home, then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support.

For more information, call 01480 444500, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

FENSTANTON LADIES CRICKET TEAM 1963

We were a group of young mums who occasionally met for a cup of tea and a chat when Hilton Ladies Cricket Team challenged us to form a Fenstanton Ladies Cricket Team. Word spread and we recruited local students and keen sportswomen to form a team.

We had a couple of practices, persuaded the men to let us use their facilities, borrowed their kit (yes, we used a hard ball) and Fenstanton Ladies Cricket Team was born. Our first match against Hilton Ladies was a complete disaster. We were all out for 11 runs and Hilton, a well practiced, keen side, won easily. We went on to play other teams - eventually beating Hilton Ladies with a bit of luck and help from the umpire!

We stayed together as a team for two seasons and had a lot of fun on the way, eventually other commitments came along and we went our separate ways.

Sadly Fenstanton Cricket Club is no more, the pitch is overgrown and the pavilion neglected and abandoned. In 1963 cricket wasn't just a game – it was a way of life, an interrupted conversation on the field, a social club in the pavilion, a focus for the community, a world full of stories, memories and characters, a reason to travel and meet people. It had a big role in making us what we are. Sad that our grandchildren will never know it.

Christine Collison



Fenstanton Ladies Cricket Team, taken on the Cricket Field, by the pavilion in 1963

We had two very successful seasons, and a lot of fun.

Back row l to r: *Christine Collison, Eileen Clifton, Audrey Hart, Jean Lavender, ???, Jean Tack*
Front row l to r: *Sandra Dawson, Janet Hannah, Meg King, Elaine King, Gillian Burgess*

How many of these ladies do you still recognise? Does anyone know who ??? is?

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HILTON NEWSFLASH!

The date for the commemoration of Cecil Hubert Wright-Ingle has had to be changed. The ceremony to honour the 100 years since he fell in battle, together with Albert Edward Golding will now take place on SUNDAY MAY 8th. The venue remains as before - St. Ives Parish Church at 10.15 am.

Cecil was the son of William Wright-Ingle, Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton and William's brother Walter was a resident here. The Wright-Ingle family had close connections with St. Ives and the Parish Church bears a stained glass window in tribute to Cecil. It would be wonderful if some of us from Hilton could attend this ceremony on May 8th in the same way that our own previous fallen in Hilton have been present so far. Another tribute under the same 'Everyman Remembered' tributes by St. Ives Royal British Legion members might be of interest here. This will take place on Sunday April 24th at 9.30 am in Fenstanton Parish Church and will honour Robert Kiddle and Harry Bowles (two local surnames again). Harry sadly drowned while stationed with the Bedfordshire Regiment in Landguard, Suffolk, which was a training and embarkation unit, he is buried in Suffolk.

Finally, an Apology. In the February Spectrum we wrongly named the Bugler at Leonard Beck's tribute in November as Keith Charter. He is of course Kevin Charter for which mistake we humbly apologise .

As always, thank you for all the support for the Legion in Hilton.

Julie (830580) and Margaret (831186)

CAMBS AND BEDS HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the society is on Saturday 5th March starting at 2.00pm when we will have as our guest speaker Fergus Garrett, head gardener/ custodian at Great Dixter. He will be speaking on "Succession Planting in the Mixed Border". Fergus will be bringing plants for sale.

Entrance for visitors £4 to include refreshments.

The society meets on the first Saturday of the month at The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 8JH

Visit our website www.hpscambsandbeds.co.uk for more details of the group and our other activities which include garden visits.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Great fun was had at our February meeting, Beverley & June did the flower demonstration so five lucky winners took an arrangement home.

We are all getting in the swing for our Flower festival in May, so we will keep Spectrum posted.

March 7th, is our workshop which will cost £3.00. Please don't forget to bring your scissors and leaves.

We meet in Hilton Village Hall at 2.00pm, entrance £4.00 (includes tea biscuits), raffle £1.00 Look forward to seeing you all.

MAY 21st - 22nd: the Flower club are holding a Flower Festival in Hilton Church to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and her 64 year reign

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Burn's night in January which was a great success with Ronnie addressing the Haggis and teaching us some Scottish country dancing too! A great start to this year's fund raising for Feast Week.

We will endeavour to put events on for the whole community to encourage you to come along, enjoy the entertainment and help raise the much needed funds for this year's Feast Week. We hope to go ahead with all these events below but maybe subject to change, so please check the website.

5th March: 7.30pm, Quiz Night with Supper

26th March: Easter Egg Hunt

23rd April: 7.30pm, Murder Mystery Night

4th June: 7.30pm, Race Night

22nd July: 7.00pm, Hilton Summer Ball, (black tie), *tickets are available, see posters around and book your places.*

24th July: Feast Week starts with Produce Show and Parade of Floats

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

The theme for Feast Week 2016 as we have the Olympics in Rio this year, will be

International Festivals and Celebrations

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.

CHAIRMAN: SHARON WALKER, 831299 / 07984232424, sharonwalker@nhs.net

CO CHAIR: LYNNE RADBONE

TREASURER: GRAEME GRIBBEN, 01480 830481

SECRETARY: JUDY WARD

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

CRAIG SUTHERLAND, GILL GILL, SARAH BLACKWELL, JOE HOLMES.

In reply to Hilton Feast Week in February's Spectrum.

I appreciate all the hard work and organization that goes into the running of Feast week, but was saddened to read, that if their events over the months leading up to Feast week are not well attended they will not guarantee that the Produce show, Art Show and Sports Day will continue in the same format. These events started Feast Week many years ago, and Hilton children and adults really enjoy and can get involved in. We are asked, as villagers, to support events through the year to raise money for Feast Week. It seems that quite a bit of the money raised goes towards big bands, which outsiders, who have not contributed to can listen to for free. If costs are to be cut, perhaps it would be best to cut some of the big bands, which are open to all. I know you are always asking people to join the committee, but would it be better also to ask us what events we would like HILTON Feast Week to stage. It seems that the meaning of Feast week is being lost. It would be a sad day if children and adults of Hilton cannot participate in their own Feast Week. *Beverly Tack*

HILTON WI

On February 6th we had a very special workshop when Rosie Hughes came to talk about and demonstrate to us the posies she makes for the ceremony of the Queen presenting Maundy money to nominated people in cathedrals including Ely, Westminster and this year St George's Chapel Windsor. Rosie has a Royal Warrant to make these posies which are approved by the Queen and have to conform to tradition. She used yellow, white and mauve flowers and ivy leaves which must all be the same size and held in place by fifteen doilies glued together to keep the posies in shape. They were originally carried to ward off offensive smells but are now purely decorative. She also brought some Maundy money which is very small and made of silver. A very good workshop given by a very modest lady.

At our meeting on February 8th our President reminded us of the passing of Doreen Prescott. We had a one minute silence and then sang Jerusalem in her memory. After the business was concluded we were given a wonderful

digital picture display of birds and animals found in Florida and Wyoming in the USA. Barrie and Liz Hatten had taken fantastic photographs and told us a fantastic story about their travels. The birds were so beautiful and the pictures showed them in their best plumage. Blue herons, bald eagles, cranes, ducks, egrets and many more. They filmed over two seasons of Spring in Florida's scrubland and the everglades. Then in Wyoming, in the Autumn. In Yellowstone Park they saw black bears, moose and the famous geysers. Including 'Old Faithfull'. It was a most inspiring and really colourful presentation. One we shall remember for a long time.

We have an outing planned to Boughton House on July 14th. Please ring Wendy, 830740 for further details.

Our next meeting on **Monday March 14th** will be 'True tales of a lorry driver' - should be quite interesting! Be there in the Village Hall at 7.30pm to hear all his stories.

Kath Charter.

HILTON FEAST WEEK FUNDRAISER
Saturday 23rd April 2016 - Hilton Village Hall - doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

WHODUNNIT?

By STRICTLY MURDER

Tickets - £15 - 3 course meal—to include Fish 'n Chips.
Tickets available - Lynne Radbone—07855 033639
Sharon Walker—07984 232424

Please purchase tickets by Monday 18th April 2016

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

The Hilton Village Hall Committee are in the early stages of planning a special event to commemorate and celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. In line with some of the national events planned we are hoping to have our own Village Street Party on Sunday 12th June so please put the date in your calendar and get ready to party in true Hilton style.

The day's events currently being considered are:

Scarecrows, by Royal Invitation; Themed floral displays; Fancy Dress Parade; young and old; Bruce's real steam train rides; Bring & Share Picnic/Afternoon Tea on the Green; Teas & soft drinks available; Activities for the children; Music; Illuminations and Evening fireworks.

The final plan for the day has not yet been finalised but we wanted to give you all enough warning to start thinking about your floral displays/scarecrows/fancy dress costumes/illuminations – that's got you wondering! Further information will be available shortly on the village website (www.hilton-village.com) and in future editions of Spectrum.

HILTON ART CLUB

In January, the Club started the new year with 'Mastering the Art'. People brought along pictures of works by artists such as Degas, Klimt, Turner and Georgia O'Keefe and some of the brilliant results can be seen on our Facebook page. Thanks go to Kaye and Judy for the gorgeous cakes, which were certainly appreciated!

18th March, 9.30am – 12.00 noon. As previously announced, our next session is a tutor-led watercolour workshop with David Hyde. Booking is essential. Contact Gina, 830696 or Diana, 831410 to book your place.

Hilton arts and craft show 2016

Don't just **Party**, Lets get **Arty @ Feast Week 2016**.

We need everyone boys, girls, brothers, sisters, mums dads and grandparents too. So lets get **Drawn** into the event and make this the best show ever.

Information available from Helen Attwood, 830690.

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 further information.**



Chocolate unwrapped

With Easter fast approaching, so too is the opportunity to indulge in a chocolate egg or two. Chocolate is such a familiar part of our diets, that it seems surprising to think that its origins lie many thousands of miles away in the tropical forests of Mexico and the Amazon basin. Chocolate is made from the roasted and ground seeds of *Theobroma cacao*, an understorey tree, domesticated by the meso-americans as early as 1900BC. Originally it would have been consumed as a bitter, fermented beverage, rather than the sweet solid we are familiar with today.

At the Garden, *Theobroma cacao* can be found in the Main Tropics, a two metre shrub in the shady understorey of the canopy. If you look carefully you will see tiny flowers, borne directly from its woody stems. These are pollinated by midges. From this they develop into large ribbed pods, which contain many seeds surrounded by a white pulp. The plant in the Garden's Glasshouse is yet to produce a mature pod, having only achieved a number of aborted attempts to date. However, a couple of young specimens have been planted alongside it recently for cross pollination, so look out for chocolate pods in the coming years.

While the University is not actively involved in research on this species at the moment, the Garden continually seeks to expand its collection of crop species and their wild relatives to increase the research potential of the collections for the future. They are also key to our public education programmes, to introduce the source of many foods and commodities. So when reading the ingredients on the back of your chocolate egg, why not explore some of these further with a trip to the Botanic Garden this Easter?

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10.00am – 5.00pm, in March; 10.00am – 6.00pm, April – September. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show

A record £17000 was raised last year, distributed to a range of charities including the Burns Camp, Sailability, EACH, The Samuel Pepys School and East Anglian Ambulance.

This year, to mark the 25th anniversary, we are planning an even more spectacular event packed with new activities for all. In addition to hundreds of classic cars, already lined up, are Camel Racing, the Sealed Knot, Galaxy Swing Band.

Knowles Dairy, incredible inflatables and dozens of other stalls and events.

We look forward to seeing you again this year.

The date for your diary is Sunday 10th July.

Keep up to date by visiting our website - www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com

The Five Pub Challenge

2016 edition!

Sunday 8th May

Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and an 11am start, then walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, then **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), and on to **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at **The Admiral Vernon**. £8 entry fee in advance, or £10 entry on the day from 10.00am. Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from www.overdaycentre.co.uk or telephoning 01954 231807. Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

Event kindly supported by Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks and Ash Croft Veterinary Practice

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!



The Over Day Centre

1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 8th May 2016

Fancy upping the 'Challenge' a bit? Then join us for The Meridian Meander Walk, which is 26 miles!

The route follows the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and the picturesque villages of Houghton and the Hemingfords.

Start between 8.00 and 9.00am from The Over Day Centre, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

There are two checkpoints on the route where light refreshments will be provided. Finish at The Admiral Vernon in Over for a free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events.html

Closing date 3rd May. NO ENTRY ON DAY

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdb@yahoo.co.uk

Event kindly supported by Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks and Ash Croft Veterinary Practice

The Over Day Centre

1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Registered Charity No: 800829

A basket full of Easter excitement

with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)

Easter is approaching and whatever the weather there will be an exciting family activity for you that's perfect for blowing away the winter cobwebs.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members.

Slippery Slimy Science: Sunday 20th March: 11.00am to 4.00pm. Enter into the world of our small, slimy friends at this free event, which is part of the Cambridge Science Festival. Take a close-up look at slugs, snails and worms, as well as the other slippery guests of Wandlebury. No need to book but children must be accompanied throughout. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Easter Fun Day: Saturday 26th March: Choose from a 10.30am or 1.00pm start

It wouldn't be Easter without chocolate, but at least here you can get crafty and active as you seek out your reward. Have fun with indoor crafts using natural materials, then prowl around outdoors as you set off on the hunt for clues around the park. You might find something sweet at the end!

NB: Aimed at ages 5+, children must remain accompanied throughout. Pre-booking essential.

There are two sessions to choose from: 10.30am or 1.00pm start. £8 per child (£6 members), adults free. Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Other events during the Easter Holidays will appear in the April edition of Spectrum

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Twitter: @CambridgePPF or www.twitter.com/cambridgeppf

Facebook: [Cambridge Past Present & Future](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgePastPresentFuture)

COTTENHAM YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN, IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH **SUNDAY 24TH APRIL**

The annual procession of vintage and classic vehicles starting from Cottenham at 10.00am draws entrants from places far and wide. From Kings Lynn to Royston. Military vehicles, classic cars and motor bikes, tractors and commercial vehicles, and a 1945 bicycle.

The procession travels through villages around the Cottenham area, raising money for Cancer Research UK, on the Addenbrookes site, helping to pay for the research into many types of cancer.

We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease and we are doing our best to help eradicate it from affecting anyone else.

More information, and entry form, can be found on our website

www.yesteryearroadrun.co.uk

Have a look at the photographs of many of last years' entrants.

It is a lot of work to put this event on and any help you can give us to raise our profile would be great. Please lend a hand no matter how small.

It is a fun day for all, entrants and spectators.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

The Produce Show Committee would like to thank everyone for their wonderful entries in our 2015 show. We have reviewed the various categories and made some changes to incorporate feedback from you and acknowledge the Queen's 90th birthday year, the 2016 Rio Olympics and the Feast Week theme. We now have the pleasure of presenting the 2016 Produce Show Schedule in this issue of Spectrum (p47 & p48).

The Produce Show 2016 date is Sunday 24th July and we look forward to welcoming our long standing competitors as well as lots of new entries. Everyone is very welcome to take part in our wonderfully British event.

As usual we will be holding our plant stall and raffle on Produce Show Day, as well as at other village functions during the year, when possible. These contribute much needed funds to enable us to uphold the standard of the show.

If you have any unwanted gifts or new and unused items that might be suitable for our raffle: **garden, indulgence, food and drink and creative**, or any donations outside of these categories, all would be gratefully received. In addition, we urge any keen green-fingered folk to grow a few extra plants to donate to our plant stall.

There will be further updates in Spectrum in the next couple of months but if you have any queries on the schedule, or want to offer help, or items for the raffle or plant stall please contact our committee members.

Finally, if you have winners' rosettes from last year, we would welcome their return for reuse. With very best wishes and happy planning to our Hilton producers.

Hilton Produce Show Committee 2016 contacts are: *Cheska Hodder, Claire Sarkies, Lynn Amos, Anne Westrope, Claire Sunderland, Helen Attwood, Liz Bush, Julie Sant.*

PRODUCE SHOW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016

1 entry per class except for classes 62-67 where 2 varieties per class may be entered. Vegetables, fruit & flowers should be clean, disease & pest free. All home baking (Adults & Childrens) 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 Plate for the above items should not exceed 6" diameter

VEGETABLE CUP

- 10 5 Runner beans
- 11 5 French beans
- 12 5 Broad beans
- 13 3 Carrots
- 14 3 Onions
- 15 2 Courgettes, max 6" length
- 16 3 New potatoes
- 17 3 potatoes of the same variety
- 18 5 Pods of mangetout
- 19 3 Beetroot
- 20 3 Whole garlic
- 21 5 Radishes
- 22 5 Salad Onions
- 23 Any other vegetable not named in schedule
- 24 3 Sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
- 25 1 Cucumber
- 23 A container with collection of 6 varieties of vegetables (container not exceeding 12" x 8")
- 24 1 Vegetable Marrow
- 25 1 Cucumber

- 26 A container with collection of 6 varieties of vegetables (container not exceeding 12" x 8")
- 27 1 Vegetable Marrow
- 28 Small bucket of homemade compost

NOVELTY CLASSES

- 29 Most unusual flower
- 30 Most unusual fruit
- 31 Most unusual vegetable

Classes 29-31 are light hearted and do not contribute to overall points

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP

- 32 FW Theme. Flowers, foliage & sundries. No size limit.
- 33 Tall & thin flowers, 9" wide x 24" high max. Foliage & oasis can be used.
- 34 1 buttonhole arrangement
- 35 Table decoration USING YOUR OWN GARDEN FLOWERS & FOLIAGE. No sundries. No size limit. Oasis may be used.
- 36 A tied posy for the Queen
- 37 Arrangement using candle/s, overall max height not to exceed 18".
- 38 Arrangement in a cup & saucer. Flowers & foliage, no sundries. Oasis may be used.
- 39 Flower arrangement in a kitchen container.

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

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FLOWER CUP

- 40 1 Rose stem, single head
- 41 1 Rose Stem, multi head
- 42 Best perfumed rose (does not have to be perfect as scent is most important)
- 43 3 Stems of pinks/carnations
- 44 1 Dahlia, any form
- 45 3 Dahlias, any form
- 46 3 Sweet peas stems, annual
- 47 3 Sweet peas stems, perennial
- 48 3 Stems, mixed flowers
- 49 3 Stems of one named flower
- 50 3 Stems of one named shrub in flower eg fuschia, hydrangea
- 51 3 Stems, one each of any foliage shrub

Flowers should be from your own garden

HILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BAKING & PRESERVES SALVER

- 52 Edible Palace
- 53 1 Dundee cake
- 54 1 plate fruit pie e.g. plums, apricots, apples
- 55 5 Fruit scones
- 56 5 Cheese scones
- 57 5 Uniform biscuits
- 58 5 Chocolate brownies
- 59 5 Decorated cup cakes
- 60 1 handmade loaf
- 61 1 tea loaf
- 62 Jar soft fruit jam eg strawberry/ raspberry
- 63 Jar of any fruit jam eg plum/ apricot
- 64 Jar of any fruit marmalade
- 65 Jar of any fruit curd
- 66 Jar of any fruit jelly
- 67 Jar of any chutney
- 68 'Eggciting class' – 3 fresh hen's eggs plus photo of your favourite feathered bird!

All classes to own chosen recipe.

Classes 62-67 to be labelled with full date of making and main fruit used.

Please state if spicy.

DRINK CUP

- 69 Bottle of fruity spirit
- 70 Bottle of cordial
- 71 Bottle of wine (red or white)
- 72 Bottle of beer
- 73 Bottle of cider

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ALICE COLLEN CUP (Under 5s)

- 74 Saucer of cress
- 75 Jam jar of flowers
- 76 Egg cup of flowers
- 77 Decorated hen's egg
- 78 5 Jam tarts

THOMAS COLLEN CUP (Ages 5 to 8)

- 79 Bunch of 3 carrots
- 80 Egg cup of flowers
- 81 Small glass bottle of flowers
- 82 Royal garden in a seed tray – backdrop optional
- 84 Sporting hero made of fruit & vegetables max height 12"
- 85 Best cress caterpillar
- 86 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 87 Gingerbread family – up to 5 characters/animals
- 88 5 Iced and decorated biscuits

Classes 86-88 to own chosen recipe

JACOB COLLEN CUP (Ages 9 to 16)

- 89 Tied bunch of 3 carrots
- 90 Small glass bottle of flowers
- 91 Arrangement of flowers in a cup & saucer
- 92 Planted shoe
- 93 Royal Garden in a seed tray – backdrop optional
- 94 Sporting Hero made of fruit & vegetables max height 12"
- 95 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 96 Gingerbread family - up to 5 characters/ animals
- 97 3 Cheese scones
- 98 Small box of homemade sweet

Classes 95-98 to own chosen recipe

Special Extra Challenge Class for MEN ONLY

Show-Stopper!

- 99 A celebration cake on a sporting theme

Hilton Feast Week needs your support

Please join us for a

Mexican Quiz Night

Saturday 5th March 2016

7pm for 7.30pm start
Hilton Village Hall

Tickets £10 in advance to include Mexican supper
Licensed bar

Sharon Walker 07984 232424
Lynne Radbone 07855 033639



Fenstanton Football Club Golf Day

Full handicap stableford competition
Sunday 3rd April 2016
Bar Hill Golf Club, Cambs.

£40 per player includes:

Bacon roll and tea or coffee before first tee
Ham, egg and chips after
Fantastic prizes for the top 3 places
Start 11am, first tee @ 11:45am



All proceeds go to Fenstanton Football Club
Golf club hire available

For more information contact:
Tom Tilbury: info@fenstantonfootballclub.com
www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

Hilton Feast Week Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 26th March 2016 Hilton Village Hall

Entry fee £1.50 per child (inc.refreshments)

Buy your tickets to avoid disappointment
from Sara Blackwell—07572 460795

Easter Egg Colouring



Prize for the winning Entry

LANCELOT BROWN: CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONNECTIONS AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY

JANE BROWN

A chance to find out more about Capability Brown and
his connection with Fenstanton & Hilton

7.30pm on Thursday 14th April

In
Fenstanton Parish Church

Refreshments including wine, coffee/tea on sale

Tickets £5

To find out more or book tickets in advance
Contact:

fenstantoncb300@gmail.com
Or Telephone 01480 370973



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local

Are New Developments

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire
and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412

Ever Good for Wildlife?

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present an illustrated talk entitled 'Are New Developments Ever Good for Wildlife'. This will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

The talk will be given by Martin Baker, who is The Wildlife Trust's Conservation Manager for Cambridgeshire. Martin will explain that Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties in England, with plans for many new towns and extensions to our existing towns. Martin advises us that a development planned in the wrong way will result in further losses of wildlife, but planned in the right way, it can protect and even enhance wildlife and its habitats. Using the experience gained by the Wildlife Trust with the Trumpington and Cambourne developments, Martin will explore what must be done if wildlife is to thrive alongside our expanding population.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. No Need to book. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 07941 261346 for further information.details.

Dates of future events:

Apr 3rd	Football Club Golf day (p49)
Apr 14th	Lancelot Brown by Jane Brown (p29)
Apr 21st	Queen's 90th Birthday
Apr 23rd	Hilton Murder Mystery night (p37)
Apr 24th	Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run (p43)
May 1st	Bluebell walk
May 8th	Over day centre fund raising walks (p43)
May 8th	Fenstanton Village Garage Sales
May 12th - 15th	Queen's 90th Birthday Weekend http://www.hmq90.co.uk/
May 21-22nd	Hilton Flower Festival
May 22nd	Meadow magic walk
June 4th	Hilton Race night (p35)
June 12th	Queen's birthday celebrations at Hilton (p38)
July 2nd	Fenstanton Sports Day
July 7-10th	Fenstanton Fringe in the Fen (p29)
July 10th	Kimbolton Country Fayre (p41)
July 22nd	Hilton Summer Ball - Black tie (p35)
July 24th	Hilton Feast Week starts (p35)
July 24th	Hilton Produce Show (p45)
August ?	End of capability Brown Celebrations
Aug 5th-21st	Rio Olympics - http://www.rio2016.com/en
Sept 17th	Fenstanton Hobbies Crafts & Collections
Oct 15th	Sedici Choir at Hilton Methodist Church

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 'Dates of Future Events')

WHAT'S on in March

29 Feb	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
3/10/1	Soup for Syria	56 Church Leys	12.00noon	p7
3rd	Fenstanton WI	URC Church	7.30pm	p25
5th	Clean up Hilton	Methodist Church	10.00am	p11
5th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p18
5th	Cambs & Beds Plant Society	Biggleswade	2.00pm	p32
5th	Hilton Quiz night with supper	Village Hall	7.30pm	p49
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p32
9th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p50
12th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p9
14th	Fenstanton Village hall trust	URC Church	7.30pm	p28
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p36
18th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p30
19th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p18
19th	Hilton Churches Roving Supper			
22nd	Coffee & Chat	URC Church	10.00am	p18
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26th	Hilton Easter Egg Hunt	From the Village Hall		p49

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p25)
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p39)
Football (p24)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p 27)
Sewing Bee at URC
Friendship Club (p28)

LIBRARY VAN

2nd Thursday each month
Hilton, Village hall 2.05pm
Fenstanton, Headlands, 3.15pm
Chapel Green 3.35pm

For Church services etc. see (p17-23)