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### 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 during school term, 10.00 am – 12 noon



We are now back in the newly renovated Church Centre and would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

The first session is free, £3.00 thereafter..

Contact Laura Wilks 07568321505 [laurabarnett20@hotmail.com](mailto:laurabarnett20@hotmail.com) .

## LETTERS & NOTICES

### SKI BUDDIES 2018 SUPPORTING WOUNDED VETERANS

In March 2018, I will be joining around 26 Veterans and a similar number of volunteer Ski Buddies and medically trained specialists, for a ski based induction and support week in the Swiss Alps. The Ski Week is the start of the ongoing rehabilitation programme involving mentoring, pain management and the searching and securing of jobs and work placements. Every Veteran involved has sustained permanent life altering injuries - mostly from Afghanistan or Iraq. They range from severe physical injuries to combat stress (PTSD).

Please see the link below for more details. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you Victoria Earl

<https://buddies2018.everydayhero.com/uk/victoria-earl>

I know from time to time Spectrum reminds dog owners about dog fouling however the situation has recently worsened again along Cranesbrook and side paths. I know this is too much information, but it looks to be the same offender. Children walk along these routes to school which makes it even more unpleasant. Sometimes it's clear that the owner has also stood stationery and allowed their pet to foul the pavement. What sort of decent person does this and are they the type of person that reads Spectrum, probably not. Maybe the council dog warden could provide support and prosecute these individuals. Thank you

This is the state of the A14 footpath diversion from Hilton at the point of the 1198 diversion. If you are walking or have dogs or horses with you just be aware that the wires from the posts have become embedded in the grass and are quite dangerous. This has been in this state since the beginning of December. Highways England have been alerted but so far nothing has been done in the way of repairs.  
Jane Landucci



**Have you ever thought about helping with the running of YOUR village (Fenstanton and Hilton)? Now is the time to give consideration for this worthwhile role. Local Elections for Parish Councils will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2018.**

**In order to have your name put forward, you will have to obtain a NOMINATION FORM from Huntingdonshire District Council (tel: 388129) then, once completed, they need to be returned by 16.00 hrs. Friday 6th April - this being the absolute deadline - PLEASE DO IT NOW!**  
Cllr Ian Bates

# FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

*Fenstanton Pre-School*



# *All Weather Welly Walk Challenge and Obstacle Course*

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
10am-12pm*



*The welly walk starts from Fenstanton  
Preschool, The Mobile, School Lane, Fenstanton*

*Put on your waterproofs and join us for some all weather outdoor  
family fun. With an obstacle course, welly hunt and games.  
Hot drinks, bacon rolls and muffins for sale.*

*Professional photographer available to capture those muddy  
moments*

*Sponsorship forms available by emailing the Preschool on  
[fenstantonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fenstantonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk) or make a donation on the day.*

# *Everyone welcome!*



*For more information see our website  
[www.fenstantonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.fenstantonpreschool.org.uk)  
Registered Charity no. 292600*

## **HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH**

### **SERVICES FOR MARCH**

4th March. 10am Mr Don Moorman

11th March. 11.15am United Service in Methodist Church with Rev Rachel Larkinson and Rev David Busk. Holy Communion

18th March 10am Local Arrangement service

25th March 10am. Palm Sunday Rev Rachel Larkinson Holy Communion

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

This year the lunches will be raising money for the Cambridge branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Society. Suggested donation for a simple lunch of bread, cheese and fruit with a drink is £5 plus.

Come anytime between 12.30 and 2pm.

#### **Dates and Venues**

7th March. Pat Bellas, Noroc, Potton Road

14th March. Christina Shepherd, 20 Chequers Croft

21st March. Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 3rd March 10am to 12 noon

Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. We have a variety of FAIRTRADE goods on sale for you to browse through. There is coffee/tea and biscuits and we donate the proceeds to EACH. All are welcome, do come and join us.

### **HILTON CHURCHES ROVING SUPPER**

This popular event will be held on Saturday 24th March.

Contact Heather Woods 830686 or Peter Blake 830137 for information and tickets

### **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018, we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church services at Hilton Methodist Church. See page 42



## **HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING Saturday, 3rd March 10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. With goods from The Fair Trade shop in St Ives for you to browse through. We have coffee/tea and delicious biscuits and donate the proceeds to EACH.. All are welcome, give us a try!

## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - MARCH

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
<b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC with children's activities in church
<b>Weds 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	Evening	Roving supper
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday, Back to Church Sunday</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Back to Church Sunday – do please join us if you haven't been to church for a while, or even if you never have! Everyone very welcome!!
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	9.30am	Tots' Praise
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Hilton	11.15	Good Friday service
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church



## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - MARCH

### Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

We are starting a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton and would love to get more local puzzlers involved. The puzzles will be stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when completed. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations. For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)



#### Contact information:

Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms, funerals and matters of pastoral concern), Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries) or Jenny Broom 01480 830413.

### TOTS' PRAISE (0– 4 year olds) - HILTON

We heard the story of Daniel in February and made our own lions – which weren't fierce!

We will be in the Parish church in Hilton on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9 30am for an hour of story, music, craft activity and bubbles.

You and your tots will be given a warm welcome, so please come along if you can.

Call Linda on 830660 or Laura on 839110 for more details.

### **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)



## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - MARCH

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20 pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion and Sunday Club</b> with Canon Jonathan Young
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	<b>Confirmation Service</b> taken by the Bishop of Ely
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8.45 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> (venue to be confirmed)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Mothering Sunday Worship for All</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20 pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion and Sunday Club</b> with Rev Clifford Owen
	12.30 pm	<b>Lent Lunch</b> at the Church Centre
	3.00 pm	<b>Baptism</b>
	6.00 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b> taken by Geoff Dodgson
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30-8.45 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b> taken by Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy and starting with a procession from Ron's Farm Shop at 9.15 am
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	7.30 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> with Canon Brian Atling followed by vigil to midnight
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## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - MARCH

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	12.15 pm	<b>Devotional Service</b> starting at Fen Drayton parish church followed by a walk with the cross and picnic on the way to finish with a service at Fenstanton parish church at 2.45 pm
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> with Canon Jonathan Young

### Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: There is currently no priest in Fenstanton.

Please direct all enquires to someone in the leadership team who will be happy to try and help.

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.

Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751, Ray Whitby 01480 370973 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 for baptism enquiries and general church matters.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund

[FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com)

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; [chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk), 01480 496138.

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

### FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH



Many, many people came to our Christmas Services in December, young and old, residents and visitors and it was lovely to see everyone sharing this special time of year. As is our custom, all the collections taken at these four services will be given to the Charity we have been supporting during the year. For 2017, this was the Church Urban Fund and we are delighted to have raised £853.10 through the generosity of all those who came to the Carol, Crib, Midnight and Christmas Day Services.

A huge thank you to all of you,  
Julia Mitchell

### FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH – OPEN GARDENS

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to think about our gardens. We are having an OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND this year on 23 and 24 June. If you feel you could open your garden, please contact Sylvia on 01480 465295 or Julia on 01480 301252.

We shall also be having a book stall and a plant stall so now is the time to think about those unwanted books and any plants you will have to spare.

Fenstanton Parish Church  
**Mothering  
Sunday**  
Worship for All Service  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10 am

*With distribution of flower posies and Simnel cake,  
activities for children and tea and coffee served afterwards.*

**All welcome**

*For more details please contact  
Katie on 01480 465211*



**Come and share our  
Lent Lunches!**

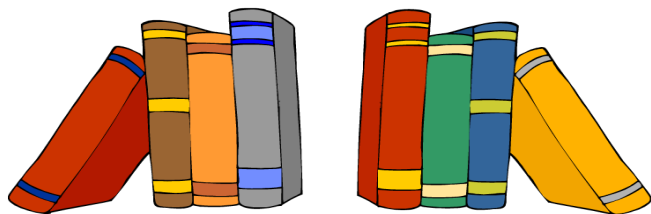
When? Thursdays in Lent  
( Feb. 15, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22 )  
12 noon - 2pm

Where? 56 Church Leys,  
Fenstanton, PE28 9QD  
( opposite Church Car Park)



For? Anyone wanting simple food and friendship with donations for the cost of lunch to go to support the work of Christian Aid.  
**(for further information contact John & Penny Leigh-Brown  
01480 464672)**

**FENSTANTON UNITED  
REFORMED CHURCH**



**CHEQUER STREET WILL BE HOLDING A  
BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY March 24th**

**9-30AM- 12-NOON**

**If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we  
have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.**

**They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.**

**Thank you.**



## **FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - MARCH**

Preachers plan March

March 4<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Derek Newton

March 11<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion Service

March 11<sup>th</sup> 6-00pm Dr Christine Mcleod

March 18<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball

March 25<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Mr Keith Cakebread

March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 2-00pm Rev Derek Newton

April 1<sup>st</sup> 9-30am Easter Sunday Rev Derek Newton

We are looking for a Keyboard organist or piano player for our Sunday morning services.

This is not for every Sunday, dates to be arranged.

There is a small remuneration for this.  
For more details please ring Jean on  
01480 498221

### **Fenstanton Knitters and Natters**

In the pasted month we have donated items to Arthur Rank Hospice for their shop.

The Rotary took lots of our knitted items overseas.

A local home had 10 lovely knitted blankets for their residents.

Also, Hinchingsbrooke SCBU had cardies hats and blankets.

At the moment we are busy knitting poppies, Innocent Smoothie Hats, also baby cardies and blankets.

We meet at the United Reformed Church every other Tuesday new member always welcome.

Dates for the diary

March 6<sup>th</sup> 12-00 for 12 30pm Tuesday Lunch

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 10-00am -12 noon Knitters and Natters

March 20<sup>th</sup> 10-00 -12 noon Coffee Morning

March 24<sup>th</sup> 9-30am -12 noon Book Sale

New members welcome

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

## Local Weather Watch

As I write this in early February, more than two thirds through the winter, the prospects for any sustained cold spell are now much reduced, especially as for the fourth consecutive winter there have been no easterly winds. The UK can be divided into two this winter, with the northern half, having several cold and snowy spells while the southern half, particularly our region, has been milder with fewer frosts, mostly slight and with any snow of the soggy wet variety which quickly thawed.

When I finished my last article in early November it was mild and this pattern predominated until the last week when it became cold. After a very mild day on the 22nd when the temperature reached 15C (59F), two days later we had the first air frost of the season and a maximum temperature of only 8C (46.4F). The minimum temperature on the 30th was -4.4C (23.8F), a shock to the system.

The colder conditions returned after a short milder interlude in December and on the 10th, there were between 3 and 4 inches of snow (75 to 100 mm), the first significant fall for nearly 5 years. Any hopes of a white Christmas were soon dispelled as, for the second year running, Christmas Day was the warmest day of the month. Colder conditions returned shortly after Christmas and the coldest night of the winter so far, occurred on the 29th when -4.5C (23.6F) was recorded. Overall, December was rather colder and wetter than normal.

January was however, milder than normal. On 22 days the maximum temperature reached at least 7C (44.6F). It was a dull month with 15 sunless days. Frost was infrequent, the lowest temperature being -0.3C (31.4F). Apart from a transient period of snow on the 21st which quickly turned to rain, there were no other days of snow. The main event of the month occurred on 18th - the storm with no name! How the Met. Office decided that a gale which caused widespread damage, disrupted travel and resulted in extensive power cuts, should not be named defies comprehension, especially as the ones which have been named had minimal impact on our area of the country.

Such has been the mildness of recent winters, weather presenters are now calling days with averages temperatures, cold, and nights with a slight frost, bitterly cold. Of course, there are other factors which can impact on the feel of the days, such as wind, lack of sun, dampness etc., but in days gone by a cold winters day was described as being between 2C and 4.5C (36-40F).

And now a couple of curios. In a previous article, I referred to the largest hailstone recorded worldwide in Bangladesh. It would seem it has competition from one in the United States in South Dakota on Interstate Highway 90 on 23 July 2010. During an intense thunderstorm a giant hailstone measuring 20.3 cm (just over 8 inches) diameter and weighing 0.87 kg. (30.7 oz.) was collected and preserved. Luckily it fell in a sparsely populated area so no-one was hurt.

We have all heard of it "raining cats and dogs", but fish and other strange objects have also been reported falling from the sky. One concerning fish occurred during the summer of 1919 when an ambulance driver in Great Yarmouth reported that his back yard was covered in tiny fish following a thunderstorm. He got his neighbors to look and some also discovered that they too had fish in their gardens. It was thought to have been caused by whirlwinds or waterspouts sucking them up from the sea or other open water.

**Patrick Landucci**

## Fenstanton Tit-Bits: By John Deeks

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(A small and particularly interesting item of gossip or information):

Last month's essay was rather heavy so for this month I thought that I would lighten the mood with some extracts from the parish register, local newspaper and Miss Peet's papers which are held at the Norris Museum



**From the Huntingdon, Bedford & Peterborough Gazette, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1835:**

*'Hereas, Mark Bunting, carpenter, has absconded and left his wife charged to the parish of Fenstanton, in the county of Huntingdonshire. If any person will apprehend the said Mark Bunting and secure him in any of his Majesty's gaols, shall receive from the Overseers of Fenstanton, ONE GUINEA REWARD. He is about 5 feet 9 inches high, shabby dressed and much addicted to **drinking and bell-ringing**'.*

I must admit that I have a problem equating drinking and bell-ringing!

**From the parish register:**

#### 1866 Marriages

June 25

**KING Isaac**, 85, widower, gentleman, of this parish, son of Isaac, a labourer

**BEARD Mary Ann**, 21, spinster, of this parish, daughter of Abraham, farmer & publican

*Isaac is a curious man who obviously had a liking for young ladies! At his wedding Isaac gave his profession as a gentleman, whereas in reality he was a retired waterman, probably working on the Great Ouse. At the time of the 1861 census he was living in the London Road three houses from the Black Bull (now the Sultan restaurant). The census shows that he had a 23 year old housekeeper! Isaac died in December 1868 and was buried in All Saints church, St Ives. His young widow moved in with his son as a housekeeper!*

#### Memorial in the church:

*To perpetuate the memory of a most amiable and affectionate child, **MARY ELIZABETH COWLING**, who died June 1st 1799, aged 10 years & 10 months. This monument has been erected in sorrow by her much afflicted parents.*

*"She was like a fair flower, sheltered under the influence of an inclement sky, which never appears in its genuine beauty; but after having exhibited some few tints of its nature lustre, sickens droops and dies. Why weeps the parent with distraction wild, the sad bereavement of a darling child? Why seeks with busy fondness to retrace, the dear remembrance of each dawning grace? A dawn so fair! Alas oe'r cast too soon. How was her sun eclipsed before its noon? But though' thy MARY found an early tomb; weep not for her, snatched from the ills to come. Thy flower transplanted to a brighter clime. Now blooms safe-fenced beyond the wrongs of time".*

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# INTERNATIONAL PRAYER PALACE CHURCH EASTER CONVENTION 2018

## HE IS RISEN

HE is not here, HE is risen, just as HE said. Come and see the place where HE lay. Matthew 28:6

celebrate the savior with us

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Good Friday March 30th Night Vigil from 10pm  
Saturday Evening March 31st Video show from 6pm  
Sunday Resurrection Power Celebration April 1st 10am

1 WILLOW ROAD. LAKES BUSINESS PARK. FENSTANTON CAMBRIDGESHIRE. PE28 9RB.  
Tel: 44 1480 878450; Email: [ippc@prayerpalace.com](mailto:ippc@prayerpalace.com); [www.prayerpalace.com](http://www.prayerpalace.com)

Regular church services every Sunday from 10am.

God bless you richly.

Please visit our website for more information

*Pastor Simeon & Pastor Joyce*

## 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](http://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

## The Bridge Church

### Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

**Sunday Services** start at 10.30am at 2, Burrell Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store) St. Ives, PE27 3LE.

Come along to our lovely church building 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 together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting**, bi-monthly **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** and also a bi-monthly **Woman's Breakfast Fellowship**. We also hold a bi-monthly **Men's' Curry Night** at a local restaurant.

There is a **Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 to 9 pm. The **Babies and Toddlers Group** meet at 9.30am on Thursdays in term-time. A **Craft Club** meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A **Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets each Tuesday at 10am. We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

**The Separate Children's church** at the Bridge 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 style, relevant to the culture in which today's children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15 am on a Sunday morning.

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. [www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)

# The Hilton Summer Ball

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Dinner, drinks & dancing at the marquee on the green, Hilton  
**Curtain-up 6.30pm (fizz reception)**

Inspired by

*Arabiān nights*

Black tie. Tickets **£55** per person

Fine dining by the Cambridge dining company

Live music by a bird and a band

For tickets call Sharon **07984 232 424** or Pam **07920 160 439**

Email [hiltonball@outlook.com](mailto:hiltonball@outlook.com)

Charity raffle in aid of



## THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Nothing to report for January.

February activities will be reported in the next issue of Spectrum.

March 14th

We will hold our annual general meeting when yearly subscriptions of £10 will be due.

There will a discussion on past events and on future meetings.

Looking forward to lots of suggestions and ideas on how the Club will move forward so come along and join us. We will have a quiz too.

28th March

I am pleased to say that we are going to Bannold to their newly opened tea rooms for a cream tea. We will meet as usual and make our way to the tea rooms for 3.00 pm. The cost is £7.95 per person. We have looked forward to this for a while and I am sure it will be most enjoyable.

11th April

A talk by John Deeks who has a wealth of knowledge about the history of the area.

25th April

We will be entertained by Steve the Juggler with a talk about the history of the circus and a demonstration of juggling. If you would like to "spin some plates" please join us.

We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. New members will be made very welcome.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677

## THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

Who are the Fen Shanty Folk?

We are a new group singing a mixture of shanties, folk and popular songs purely for the pleasure of being able to do it.

We meet every Thursday night in the newly refurbished Church Centre for two hours from 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in why not come along? If you can play a folk related instrument and would like to join in we would love to see you. You can find out details from

Ray on 01480 370973 or email [ray@srobb.co.uk](mailto:ray@srobb.co.uk)

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Trustees invite all Fenstanton residents  
to attend the  
**Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Annual General  
Meeting**  
on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at 7.30pm  
**in the Saunders Room at the Church Centre,  
Fenstanton**

We are holding our AGM on Monday, March 19th, at 7.30pm in the upper room at the Church Centre - all Fenstanton residents are warmly invited (see poster elsewhere). If you can't make the meeting, we are delighted to report that the paperwork for transferring a portion of the Morris Homes development site to Fenstanton Village Hall Trust (FVHT) has begun and we hope that it won't be too long before the transfer is completed. FVHT applied to the Highways Agency A14 Community Fund for a grant to match-fund planning application fees, web site design fees and solicitor's fees. The application has passed Stages 1 and 2 in the process and now has to go to a panel which will meet in March. Please cross your fingers that we will have positive news in April. Meanwhile, our next fundraising event will be the Fenstanton Garage Sale on Sunday, 20th May, from 9am to 1pm (for details please see the poster elsewhere) and enjoy a walk round the village visiting all the different garages! Jane Blunt



**Fenstanton Garage Sale**  
If you would like to have your  
garage put on the Fenstanton  
map



on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, please  
register an interest at

[fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call  
007793546841,

giving your name, address and contact details.

**For a fee of £6 you won't have the bother of  
transporting your items. Fenstanton maps of  
garage locations for £2 from 9am to 1pm.**

Enjoy your garage shopping !



## FENSTANTON WI



Our **100th Birthday Party** was a very good way to cheer us up on a cold wet February evening.

Some members even came in period costume and others turned up wearing fancy hats to mark the event. We were also very pleased to be joined by Anna Bradley-Dorman the Vice Chairman of the Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation of WIs.

The celebratory meal was followed by speeches and our singing of *Jerusalem* was truly enhanced by the *St Ives Uke Troupe* who then continued to entertain us for the rest of the evening.

A thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all and Fenstanton WI continues to look forward to many more interesting years.



**Earlier in the day**, five members met with Sue Marchant from BBC Radio Cambridgeshire to record an item for her programme "*Run Around Sue*" which can be heard on the village website. See the WI section for more details.

### Meetings Programme:

1st March The History of Elgood's Brewery - Alan Pateman

5th April Cook with Amanda - Amanda Hoskins

3rd May Resolutions

Why not come and join us?

We would be very pleased to see you - just turn up!



We meet in the Church Centre on the first Thursday of the month [except

January] at 7:30 pm. For more information please email our Secretary, Deborah Markl [marklquinn@gmail.com](mailto:marklquinn@gmail.com)



## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

**UPDATE FROM FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL February 2018 (Full Council meeting took place 8.2.2018)**

### **\*\* VILLAGE MEETING\*\* - another call for topics please**

The Parish Council would like to arrange a village meeting to which representatives from CCC, HDC, the local police, development companies with a presence in the village, transport companies and others as felt appropriate would be invited to present updates for parishioners and give them an opportunity to voice any concerns or ask any questions they may have about their community. It would be very useful if residents could get in touch with the Clerk (details below) with a note of their THREE MAIN CONCERNS or general comments about any aspect of the village so we can ensure all the relevant topics are covered. More information will be circulated later in the year but we look forward to welcoming many of you.

### ***Planning - Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036***

This is being examined in detail by the Parish Council as some concerns have been identified and a meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee has been called for Thursday 1 March 2018 to be held, as all our meetings are, at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School starting at 19.30.

### ***Inconsiderate parking and driving***

There is a continuing problem with this issue in the village. The Parish Council is limited as to how it can help therefore residents are asked to report this to the police. If you can include a photograph of the offending vehicles that would be appreciated. Please feel free to copy in the Clerk who can monitor things.

### ***Parking spaces***

The Parish Council is very aware of the lack of parking spaces within the village; whilst, again, there is limited action to take, this is an ongoing discussion. Comments as always are welcome on this and any other topic.

### ***Village noticeboards***

The Parish Council will be replacing the noticeboards at Greenfields and Headlands and installing new ones at Ash's Shop and at the Church Rooms.

### ***Rubbish bins – Hampton Open Space and Clock Tower***

HDC have informed the Parish Council it is of the opinion that the village has sufficient rubbish bins in these locations. The Clerk is looking into costs for new and second hand bins.

### ***Fences***

It has been noted that some fences in the village are in need of repair; this is being addressed.

### ***Chequer Street car park faulty lights***

These have now been repaired

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## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### ***Chequer Street Green and others***

Just a quick update on this – the Parish Council will be looking the state of repair of all of the greens in due course.

### **Kier Living Day in the Community**

At a date to be decided but scheduled for March/April – a team of staff from Kier Living will be helping with tasks in the village likely to include repainting of the village benches.

### ***Police report***

A full report is available from the Clerk but the latest report showed a marked decline in offences. Most incidents were vehicle related.

*Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to the police T 101*

*Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.*

### **Next meetings**

**Thursday 1 March – Planning; Thursday 8 March – Full Council.**

Annette Eggett – Parish Clerk

E : [clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk)

T : 01480 465 300\_www.fenstanton-village.co.uk/  
parish\_council.php

## FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

### **Fenstanton Football Club**

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



DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF	COMPETITION
03/03	Reserve Team	Little Downham Swifts Reserves	3pm	League Match
24/03	Reserve Team	Benwick Athletic Reserves	3pm	League Match

***All fixtures subject to change.*** Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at **[www.fenstantonfootball.club](http://www.fenstantonfootball.club)**

### **Cricket Pavilion**

The Parish Council will be holding an open meeting at the village hall on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 7pm at which the plans for the potential renovation of the cricket pavilion will be on display. Please do come along and take a look at what is proposed.

### **Dog Fouling**

The Parish Council has received comments from villagers that there has been an increase in dog fouling in the village. The Parish Council would ask that dog owners please clean up after their pets.

### **Easter Cross**

This will be erected in the normal place on the Green on Good Friday and taken down on Easter Tuesday.

### **A14 Construction traffic through the Village**

Please continue to let our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez, know details of any A14 construction vehicles seen in the village. It will be helpful to let Jo know registration numbers and time the vehicle was seen. We do continue to take these details forward with Highways England. We are advised that the recent weather conditions have made the haul road difficult but have asked that Highways England look to taking forward their commitment to reduce construction traffic in the village.

### **Local Buses**

Representatives from Hilton Parish Council attended a meeting at St Ives Town Council attended by a number of other local Parish Councils regarding local bus routes. A lot of the points discussed were shared by the local villages: little use of local routes, majority of passengers are bus pass holders, local offerings during the week taking too long and perhaps services feeding into the guided busway would be preferred.

The next stage of this process is for representatives of Cambridgeshire County Council to be invited to discuss what could be done in the area.

### **Huntingdonshire Local Plan 2036**

Thank you to everyone who attended the further meeting on this matter. The Parish Council's response can be found on our website.

### **Hilton Community Website**

It was agreed that the Parish Council will put a link to the Community Website on its website. In the meeting of 4 December 2017, it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to Mr A Bush to formally request that the Parish Council be given 24 hours' notice of the inclusion of any PC matters that are posted on the Hilton Village Website. This request will also be extended to include emails sent to Hilton residents under the guise of 'The Editor of Hilton Community Website and Digital Archive' which cover PC business. The purpose of this move is to prevent the repetition of what happened in October 2017 when incorrect information concerning the actions of the PC was published by both the above which caused Hilton residents such alarm. This letter will now be sent.

### **Trees**

The annual tree work has been attended to and the Parish Council would thank the hard work of the contractors in completing this again. The Parish council will attend to some further tree work and planting of new trees over the coming couple of months

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Next Meeting

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 5 March 2018 at 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.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) and on the village notice boards.

## Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts

# THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS...

### 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

Could you join the team that makes the fun happen?

Your local Scout Group is thriving (80 boys and girls already) and is looking for more volunteers to help us offer scouting adventure.

We have a variety of roles on offer - some working directly with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and others in support roles (like looking after our kit or helping plan fundraisers).

Our volunteers range in age from 18 to over 80 so if you would like to join the team (and you can spare a few hours a year, a month or a week) please contact us to find out more.

**Go on, why not try something new and help shape the next generation....**

Call Louise Clover on 01480 831715  
or email [scubes1@btinternet.com](mailto:scubes1@btinternet.com)

[www.scubes.co.uk](http://www.scubes.co.uk)



## HILTON BRITISH LEGION

A special date for your diary - on Saturday June 16th the Royal Air Force voluntary band will be in concert at the Free Church in St Ives. This is a fantastic band of talented musicians who have a wide repertoire which will no doubt be reflecting on this year of major centenaries, not least that of the formation of the Royal Air Force itself and the 1918 Armistice. Bandmaster Graham Sheldon and the musicians have a very full programme of events including several in London, so the area is very fortunate to be included!

Information on tickets etc will follow later.

The Hunts Post recently headlined a front page item about Leslie John Goodwin, a past member of the Royal Pioneer Corps from Great Gidding who had died aged 82 with no relatives. He was popular and much loved in the village so the Legion in Sawtry hoped his funeral could be attended by anyone with time to spare. Well, Les was given a wonderful funeral at the Peterborough Crematorium, with his hearse escorted from Great Gidding by six Royal British Legion bikers. At the crematorium the congregation totalled over 100 including members of his regiment, friends and neighbours from Great Gidding and representatives of Perkins Engineering, also nine Standard Bearers from several local branches of the Legion. So, he had a family after all.

Julie Briggs 830580 and Margaret Shardlow 831186

### Mobile Library



**DON'T FORGET** that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm. It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

**TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF**

### GOLDEN AGE GAMERS IN HILTON.

Would you like to join us on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2.30 to 400p.m.  
To play various board games.  
Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.

# **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Hilton Methodist Church Do come and join us to celebrate !**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018, we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church services at Hilton Methodist Church. The first service was on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1868. Why not come and celebrate with us? We'd be delighted to see you.



There is an exhibition in the church on Saturday and Sunday with tea, coffee and squash with delicious cakes in the schoolroom.

After the exhibition on Saturday, the Sedici Choir will be giving a concert in the church at 6.30 p.m.

There is no charge for admission to either the exhibition or the concert but donations will be gratefully received.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April there will be a joint Anglican and Methodist service at 11.15 a.m. We've invited Rev. Hugh-Nigel Sheehan to preach and there will be a celebration fruit cake and tea, coffee and squash after the service.

The exhibition will be open:-

Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon and then from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Sunday after the morning service and from 2 – 4 p.m.

*Finally, if you attended Sunday School at Hilton Methodist Church, were a member at Hilton Methodist Church or know anything at all about the Methodist Church at Hilton, we'd love you to share this with us if you haven't done so already.*

**Please put Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April in your diary now.**

## HILTON VILLAGE HALL

### HILTON VILLAGE HALL - ILYRIA PERFORMING 'Dr. DOOTLITTLE'

Do you remember coming to The Green, 6 years ago now, to watch the hilarious performance of 'The Twits' ? Well, we have begun planning for a return visit on 30th June 2018. We think it would be nice for you to come along and erect your gazebo (if you have one), have a nice picnic then, enjoy the play. At the time of this article, (9th Feb) we think the performance will commence at around 16.00 hrs. And we are very shortly having a further meeting to firm up on ticket prices/ how and where to buy and all the one hundred and other things which have to be done to ensure this event runs smoothly, successfully, and safely! Your support is very much needed as this will (hopefully) give us a good boost for our funds which will be going towards essential maintenance for The Hall.

Keep a check in 'Spectrum'/Village noticeboards/Village Hall Facebook page. We also plan to pop a 'flyer' through your door.

We would really appreciate it if there is ANYONE out there who would be willing to offer help in any way you are able.

Please phone: Doreen Bates (830250); Lesley Fordham (831195)

Doreen Bates, Village Hall C'tee

### HILTON ART CLUB

January's session was 'Man-made objects' and it certainly proved a good one! Everything from buildings, a boat, a statue and a few still life studies, too, all done with a variety of media. Thanks go to Fran and Jill for the scrumptious cakes.

16th March            9.30 am – 12.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall  
Sunlight and Shade, Colour and Light. Please bring your own props.

23rd March            10.00 am – 4 pm at Hilton Village Hall  
Full day's workshop with SAA favourite tutor Vic Bearcroft.

## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

### Hilton Produce Show

**SOW!**

**GROW!**

**SHOW!**

AS well as the fantastic floral displays, wonderful children's entries, tasty bakes and preserves, we would love to see some PRIME vegetables on display on the first Sunday of FEAST WEEK, the 29<sup>th</sup> July. NOW is the time to open those seed packets and put them in trays in a greenhouse, conservatory or sunny window-ledge. You can start spinach, carrots, parsnips, or tomatoes in seed trays choosing varieties that suit your garden and your taste buds. French beans do best grown in individual pots; they sometimes sulk a little at first, but generally produce a really good crop. Kohl-rahbi, celeriac and pak-choi are less commonly grown, but worth a try.

The potatoes that have been chitting out indoors over the last few weeks can be planted out later this month along with shallots, broad beans and garlic. What a feast!

Annuals such as Cosmos, Sweet Peas, Nigella, Oriental Poppies, Heliotrope, are easily grown from seed and great for younger gardeners. They fill spaces with colour and scent, as well as helping to decorate tables and win prizes in shows.



Give it a GO: sow, grow and .....SHOW!

### **The Poppy Project**

This is a community project with so far over 40 individual ladies and groups in St Ives, Hilton, Fenstanton, Papworth and other villages all knitting Poppies which will be mounted and displayed, probably on St Ives Town Hall, during the November Poppy Appeal (possibly a little longer) both this year and major events beyond. So far over 400 poppies have been finished since Christmas and there is enough red wool and enthusiasm to achieve over 1,600.

This is a big thank you to everyone who is already clicking away like the ladies in the French Revolution (without the unpleasantness!) but is not in any way exclusive so anyone who would like to contribute can contact us below for wool, needles and a very simple pattern. One 100g ball at £1 can create up to 15 poppies and take as little as 45 minutes - but that's not a target!

Monica Thompson 01480 395552 or [mimar.tygwyn@ntlworld.com](mailto:mimar.tygwyn@ntlworld.com) and Margaret Shardlow 01480 831186 or [marshar17@btinternet.com](mailto:marshar17@btinternet.com)



# Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : [www.swaveseyurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.swaveseyurgery.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.....**

## **Patient Reference Group**

**We are delighted that we are celebrating the  
5 year anniversary  
of the Swavesey Surgery Patient Reference Group**

I joined Swavesey as practice manager in July 2012 and the reference group formed shortly after in September 2012 with ten members. Some of our members are still regularly meeting with us today!

The group meet every 3 months on a Friday at 4pm for an hour, to discuss what developments are happening in the practice and to offer suggestions and ideas.

One of our members attends the regional patient group meeting to make sure that our voice is heard.

Since the start of the group some of the changes that have been implemented with the support of the group are:

- Annual patient survey – the group have been key in the format and content included in the survey.
- All outcomes and actions from the surveys have been discussed with them and implemented with their approval.
- Staff picture board re-instated at their request.
- Reviewed the appointments system
- Assisted with the design of the new surgery signage.
- Involved in the CQC inspection – providing feedback on behalf of the patients.
- Members consulted over the re-design of reception area.

Members kept informed of the Northstowe development and how it will affect our practice.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS.....!!**

**If you have one hour a few times a year  
we would love to hear from you**

**Our next meeting is being held on:  
March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the surgery - please come along and meet us  
Lorna Gardiner, Practice Manager**

## HILTON WI

We had a very entertaining evening on Monday 12th February when Andrew Sankey came to tell us of the many ways of rethinking our gardens. He brought some slides to show us how to make the most of even a small cottage garden or to add perspective to a larger one.

He assured us we did not need a lot of equipment, only basic tools as gardens grow and evolve all the time so we will learn which plants thrive in our garden. We need to be brave and take action when plants do not cope with conditions and remove them and replant something different.

Remember when choosing plants to check if they like acid or alkaline soil or you can spend a lot of money if you choose the wrong ones for your garden. Colours are important both in large and small spaces he advised the use of pastel colours on the perimeters such as, greens, blues, pinks or white to make the garden seem bigger but nearer to the house use bright colours such as red or orange and bright yellow to add impact when sitting outside with your friends and family.

Plants like to be in drifts of white or pastels in borders such as snowdrops or achillea but the reds and bright ones like tulips or daffodils look better placed strategically at the end of straight paths. This positioning is called a vista closer as when the eyes are drawn to a certain point at the end of a path it gives perspective and depth to have a focal point such as a statue or an arbour or even just a seat to relax with a drink or two. This and repeat planting is always done in gardens that open to the public so eyes are drawn to look along paths and find a pattern which will lead you to go round a corner to see something completely different.

Borders look their best when planted in three depths ,tall plants at the back then medium then small or spreading ones at the front.

To customise your garden put pots in groups ,grow plants up walls and sheds , chat with your neighbours to trim hedges and trees and when you can swap plants with them so that everything in both your gardens will be lovely!

Remember Craft club is on 1st of March and book club date is to be arranged if possible in March so please contact Sue on 839925 for details. Our meeting on 12th March will be interesting to us all as Hannah Vanbridge will tell us about Shopping through the Ages.

## 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 10.00am -11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact Nicola Webster on [nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. Find Us on Facebook

### Dates of future events:

24 March Hilton Churches Roving Supper P10  
21 April Feast Week Quiz Night  
21 Hilton Methodist Church 150th adversary P42  
13 May Five Pub Challenge, Over  
20th May Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Garage Sale P27  
16th June Royal Air Force voluntary band concert at the Free Church in St Ives  
23rd June 1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group Big Breakfast.  
23/24 June Fenstanton Open Gardens  
29th July to 5 August Hilton Feast week  
27 July Hilton Village Summer Ball P24  
29 July Hilton Produce Show P44  
7 July Fenstanton Village Sports at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School from 2pm

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 in 'Dates of Future Events'

### Fenstanton Tit-Bits: By John Deeks

#### **From Gertrude Peet's Papers (unfortunately they are undated):**

*"When Mrs Tebbit reached the George Inn, she stopped to read the bill that was placarded up there. "A special coach will start from this hotel each day of the St Ives races, in time to see the Cock fights" in the Crown yard, at 11 o'clock, before the races, which start at 4 o'clock on St Ives Meadows, which was as good a two mile course as most in England. A regular match at cock-fighting will be fought at the Crown during the sales" Oh dear, she said and that's in August, just when the corn wants getting up.*

*Just then Mrs Tebbit caught sight of Mrs Butler's Sedan Chair, being carried from Oaklands (house), Mrs Butler not being much of a walker, always used her grandmother's Sedan Chair, she did not mind if it was fashion or not. Mrs Butler on seeing Mrs Tebbit immediately had her footmen stop and set down the chair and the Sedan door opened. She called to ask Mrs Tebbit how she was and admire Jonnie (her child). Mrs Tebbit made a curtsy and was pleased to see Mrs Butler".*

Mrs Butler did not live in Oaklands House and was probably visiting with the Coote family. The only suitable Butlers that I can find lived in St Ives. I wonder if the footmen had to carry the Sedan chair all that way!

[john.deeks@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)

## WHAT'S on in March

1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P28
3rd	Hilton Faire Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church	10:00 am	P10
3rd	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P30
5th	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P34
7th	Golden Gamers Hilton		2:30 pm	P30
12th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall		P47
13th	Fenstanton Pre School Welly Walk Challenge	School Lane Fenstanton	10:00-12:00	P9
14th	Fenstanton Friendship Club AGM	Fenstanton URC	3:00 pm	P26
17th	Spring Sing (Paddy's Day)	Swavesey Parish Church	7:30 pm	P18
19th	Fenstanton Village Hall Trust AGM	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P27
16th/23rd	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P43
24th	Hilton Church Roving Supper	Hilton		P10
24th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	12:30	P18
28th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Church Centre	3:00 pm	P26
24th	Murder Mystery Night	Fenstanton Church Centre	7:00 pm	P24

### Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p33)  
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p47)  
Shanty Folk (p26)

### Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p19)  
Coffee & chat (p19)  
Tuesday Lunch (p19)

**For For Church  
services etc. see  
pages 10 to 23**