

Spectrum May 2008



**The Return of the Hilton Scarecrows!
See inside for details of the
Village Jamboree on May 11th**

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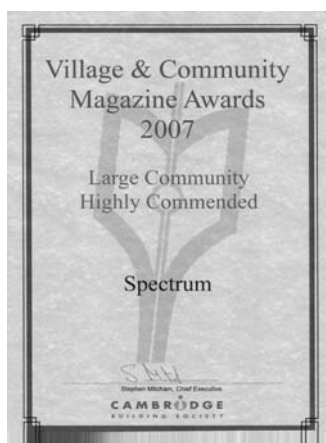
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Letters & Notices

The Spectrum Team would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following:

Hilton Flower Club for their kind donation.

Alan and Jean Tack for their long service coordinating delivery of Spectrum to a large section of Fenstanton. They are taking more of a back seat, but will continue to deliver copies to houses in their locality.

Mrs Joyce Webster, who was amongst the original team of Spectrum delivers, and is now bowing out!

From this edition you will note that we have commenced our new advertising year. Thank you to all advertisers past and present for supporting the magazine and a big welcome to those who are new to our publication. The cost of printing Spectrum is financed by these advertising funds. We try to keep our advertisers as local as we can to support those traders in our local community.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Last years crime figures have just been released and I have pleasure in announcing that Ramsey/St Ives and the surrounding villages has the lowest recorded crime in the whole of Cambridgeshire for the year 2007-2008.

This Sector had 2466 crimes recorded from April 2007 to March 2008. We have over 300 less recorded crimes, over 300 less victims of crime, than the second lowest Sector. St Neots Sector was the second

lowest with 2778, with March third lowest with 3364.

Secondly, last year saw a 4.1% reduction from the previous year in recorded crime, which means in real terms we had 106 less victims of crime last year.

These figures are very encouraging and show you live in one of the areas of Cambridgeshire which is least likely to be affected by crime. However my Team and I will not rest on our laurels: we must not become complacent. We will continue work with all our partner Agencies to reduce this figure next year as well bring more offenders to justice.

If you have any concerns about crime/anti social behaviour, please contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team for your respective area.

Mark NEWMAN, Sector Inspector

Cyclists set their sights on France.

Sue and David Martynski are cycling from Calais to the Mediterranean in late May to raise funds for The Huntingdon Society For The Blind – a charity that gives very practical support to the blind and partially sighted in the area.

They will be cycling the 850 miles from Calais to the Med in 14 days over plains and mountains at the end of May 2008.

All costs for the epic are covered by themselves so that any donation goes straight to the charity.

They are currently training every evening and weekend, so if you see them around, just give them a wave – or better still log on to www.justgiving.com/suemartynski or contact them directly on 01480 469556 for a donation!

Parish Council Report

Fenstanton

Police report.

During the period 12th March 2008 to 8th April 2008 two incidents of criminal damage were reported to the Police :-

The meeting was advised that, following the release of last years crime figures, Ramsey/St Ives and the surrounding villages had the lowest recorded crime in the whole of Cambridgeshire. The sector had some 2466 recorded crimes between April 2007 and March 2008, this, apparently, is a 4.1% reduction on the previous year. (*see also letters page - ed*)

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Mr. Chatfield from the Highways Agency and Mr. Wright from Atkins (a joint partner with Costain Skansa) gave an update on the current progress of the scheme. It was stated that it is unlikely work will start on the Fen Drayton to Histon section before 2010 and work on the section south of Huntingdon not commencing before 2011 as it was felt the proposed route would go to a public inquiry. It is expected that draft orders will be presented towards the end of the year.

A full and frank question and answer session followed and the Parish Council stressed that full consideration must be given to implementing effective sound reducing measures, reducing the visual impact and other environmental aspects.

Headlands Park play area.

The Parish Council has been unsuccessful in its request for grant funding towards the refurbishment of the Headlands Park play area from the District Council. The decision is, naturally, very disappointing but the Parish Council is committed to modernizing and improving this play area and therefore the shortfall will have to be borne by possibly curtailing other planned projects. Currently work is anticipated to start at the end of May with completion in time for the School summer holidays.

Subway – Hilton Road.

For some time the Parish Council, aided by County Councillor Bates have been pressuring both the Highways Agency and the County Council Highways Department to accept responsibility for the subway and undertake the desperately needed work to bring it up to a 21st century standard. To this end some progress appears to have been made. A site meeting has been held between representatives of the agencies, the Parish Council and Cllr Bates. Whilst at this juncture neither of the agencies accepts responsibility for the maintenance they both appreciate that a severe problem exists and to this end they have agreed to talk to each other and come to an agreement. In the mean time the County Council Highways Department have agreed to clean and repair the lights whilst the Highways Agency will clean and paint the structure. Anti graffiti paint will be provided and it is hoped this will be applied by community service workers.

Village conservation area.

The District Council are currently undertaking a review of the Village conservation area. A member of the District Council Conservation team has visited the Village and met with the Chairman and Clerk. It was agreed that there are some areas currently not in the conservation area that should be included. A draft report on any proposed changes is expected by the late summer.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th May 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

Parish Council Report

Hilton

A number of repairs and improvements have been carried out in the village including the replacement of the parish notice board at the shop with a fine new oak board constructed by a local craftsman and the repair of the fence beside the cricket pavilion.

The Council agreed to contribute the Scotts Close Section 106 funds that were earmarked for leisure to a joint scheme with the County Council to lay a footpath from the north end of the village to the Five Arches Bridge, creating a circular walk.

The Council had asked the District Council for their guidance on the likely impact of the proposed aircraft holding patterns and their reply had given some clarity regarding the expected noise profile. In addition, a letter from Mr. Djanogly MP stated that he had taken a keen interest in the proposals and he believed that the impact on Hilton would be minimal with the greater impact being felt in areas south of the village. It was agreed that a better way of judging the likely noise profile would be for a number of Cllrs to view an existing stack and report their findings to the Council. Cllr Halford agreed to organize such a visit and to report to the May meeting of the Council which would still give time to meet the consultation deadline

The Council discussed the future of the posts and ropes that were erected along Wraggs Row in November 06 as a temporary measure to discourage parking and allow the verges to recover. The Council noted that a number of residents had objected to the posts and ropes as unsightly, whilst the Cricket Club had raised concerns about the removal of the posts and ropes in terms of increasing the potential risk to the Club of claims for damage to parked vehicles. The Club felt that if the Council did remove them, and could not commit to the erection of more permanent barriers to prevent parking in that area, it might have to re-consider the viability of continuing to play on the Green. The Council expressed a wish to see cricket retained in the village if at all possible but felt unable to discuss the insurance and liability issues for activities undertaken on the Green at this meeting and agreed to do so at later date. The Council agreed to the removal of the post and ropes as soon as the new grass had fully taken.

The Council had previously agreed to cut half the football pitch throughout the year to make it more available for village youngsters, with the half to be cut rotated on subsequent years. This practice had drawn some criticism on aesthetic grounds and because of the potential impact on flora. After discussion, the Council felt satisfied that the alternating cutting regime would protect the flora adequately and agreed that their earlier decision should be upheld.

The Council accepted quotations for the repair of the Lych Gate roof and the Cricket pavilion roof and asked that this work be started as soon as possible.

The Annual Village Meeting is to be held in the Chapel on Wednesday 30 April with the next Parish Council meeting delayed to 12 May to avoid the Bank holiday.

Part Time Clerk

Required for Hilton Parish Council

The post is for a flexible 10 hours per week working from home involving occasional work in the evenings

The essential qualities for this post include:

the ability to work unsupervised, to be organized and self motivated with good verbal and written skills and office and computer skills

For more information Please phone 01480 830577



FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Important Dates for New Reception Children September 2008
(Born between 1st Sept 2003 and 31st August 2004)

Meeting 1 (Parents Only)

Date: Tuesday 20th May Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Subject: 'Getting Ready for School'

Including a tour of the school and how the school is organised

Meeting 2 (Parents Only)

Date: Thursday 19th June Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Subject: 'How to Help your Child Settle into School'

Visits to School (Children Only)

Tuesday 24th June 9.15am – 10.15am

Tuesday 1st July 9.15am – 10.15am

Tuesday 15th July 9.15am – 10.15am

Coffee Morning (Parents Only)

Tuesday 8th July 9.15am – 10.15am

YES THOSE SCARECROWS ARE BACK!!!

To the village of Hilton – to a road, garden, house NEAR YOU.

On Sunday 11th May 2008, Hilton Feast Week will be hosting a Jamboree Day and as part of the event, the Hilton Village Hall Committee invites you to join in the fun and make a scarecrow (or two). We would love to see any scarecrow, large or small and if you're stuck for inspiration the Feast Week theme is Book Characters. More information will be available shortly on the Hilton Village Website (www.hilton-village.com) and details of how to enter are available from Deb Bridge (830157), Liz Bush (830202) and Emily Simmonds (831142).

HILTON COMPANION DOG SHOW

Hilton village hall is holding its annual Companion Dog Show on Sunday 25th May, to raise funds for the village hall.

Proud dog owners bring your pampered pouches along for the many rosettes and prizes.

Entries from 10.30am with judging starting at 12noon for pedigree classes and 1pm for novelty classes.

Refreshments: Bacon butties, homemade cakes, tea and coffee all available.

Come along for a fun day out and enjoy the canine capers!!

For enquiries please contact Lesley Fordham on 831195 or any committee member.

Hilton Feast Week

A very BIG thanks to all who set up and ran the highly successful disco evening on 23 February. It was a great night and was organised by a team who are not on the main committee (well apart from the husband of one of the members). That is such a great thing to do – it allows a fundraiser to go ahead, it allows the committee to go to an event and not be involved on the night – they can relax and join in the fun so as I repeat myself when I say thank you to Pam, Tracey, Kate & Debbi and all those that helped them.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Kids Disco on Friday 11 April. This was a new venture for us and a great time was had by all the kids who came along – approximately 60 over the course of the evening.

Below are a couple of dates for your diaries, including a date change, we do hope that you can come along and support some these events.

Sunday 11 May Village Jamboree

12.30 to 6pm

Come and join us outside Village Hall. Bring a picnic – we will be offering a bar and cream teas. The Village Hall are hoping to have another scarecrow competition and so the idea on the day would be to come along, meet up with your friends from around the village, have lunch, go out and have a look at the scarecrows. Come back and enjoy a cream tea whilst the winners of the competition are announced.

Saturday 14 June NEW DATE

Casino Evening

With no Ball in Hilton this year what about dusting off those posh frocks and DJ's and coming along to a black tie casino evening.

We have a casino operation booked and ideally need to sell tickets for this event in advance to ensure we achieve the right numbers to make it viable. Action on this will be taken through April & early May. If however you have not been contacted and would like to come along please do contact a member of the committee via the details at the end of this note.

Feast Week

Of course we have the main event. This will start on Sunday 27 July with the Produce Show and parade of Floats. There will be events during the week and again we start the festivities in the marquee on Wednesday 30 July.

The committee are already hard at work planning the events for the week and we will make announcements in later editions, as we get closer to the event.

Feast Week Theme

One of the things we thought we might release early is the theme for this years Feast Week which is to be - Book Characters. Check out photos of the first two events and look out for full updates as they become available on our web site

www.feastweek.com

It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on www.hilton-village.com

If you would like any further details on any of the events please do not hesitate to let us know.

The committee are

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| Chair | Peter Balicki | 831787 |
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| Treasurer | Graeme Gribbin | 830481 |
| Secretary | Sara Sampson | 830383 |
| Adrian Norman, Sharon Walker, Karen Walker, Adrian Snooke | | |

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a small but friendly group who meet each Wednesday in the Church Centre, Fenstanton from 10 am to 11.30 am. Prices are £2 per family and we welcome children from babies to school age. We have a wide selection of toys to suit all ages and we sometimes run a craft table which is run on a rota basis. Please feel free to come along and have a coffee whilst the children have a play or if you have any further questions feel free to contact Nicola Orchard on 01480 39997 or nicola.cary1@ntlworld.com

Fenstanton WI

On Thursday 3rd April we had a wonderful surprise when Becky and David Cumbers proudly showed off their baby son who was born on 30th March. We send them our sincere congratulations.

Gillian Ashwell gave a fascinating talk on Beads and Beadwork Jewellery together with a large display of beautiful handmade pieces. Samples of the earliest forms of jewellery were passed round. Stones with holes threaded together were thought to have magical power because early man had no way of drilling into such a hard substance. Shells, the vertebrae of animals and seeds were also used. It wasn't until the invention of the Bow drill that pearls and some precious stones could have holes drilled through them. Most of us had never heard of a Bow drill but Jane Blunt has one! The discovery of glass in 3,500 B.C. in the near east was at first a closely guarded secret. When it spread to ancient Egypt it was so highly valued that only the Pharaoh was allowed to wear glass beads. Beads are often dismissed as purely decorative but they have been used in the Abacus and in Rosaries. Beads were used as currency in some islands in the S. Pacific.

They were also used in the 13th Century in the slave trade. Men were exchanged for glass beads and later the N. American Indians exchanged land for beads.

We handled many different types of beads from some made from rolled wrapping paper to some very exquisite ones covered with enamel designs from China. There were eye beads from Turkey to ward off the evil eye, beads made from Venetian glass and beads made from amber. There are amber fakes around made of plastic. Real amber will generate static electricity and a small shaving of amber will curl while plastic will splinter. The various techniques to make jewellery were amazing. We learnt about ladder stitch, spiral staircase and brick stitch which is a method of weaving beads with fingers. We were also shown a Bead loom on which bookmarks are made. Rosamund gave the vote of thanks saying that we had no idea of the intricacy, variety and skill that went into beadwork.

Dates for Future Meetings

1st May Resolutions.

5th June Body Language 2 by

Mr. Vic Botterill

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or phone our secretary Beryl Harvey for more information (01480) 469278.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Wednesday 28th May,
Hilton Village Hall,
7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle.
ALL WELCOME

Fenstanton Parish Church

May 2008

- Thursday 1st Ascension Day**
3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at Hilton
- Sunday 4th Seventh Sunday of Easter**
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong
- Sunday 11th Pentecost.**
10.00 a.m. Worship for All
- Thursday 15th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club**
- Sunday 18th Trinity Sunday**
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong
- Sunday 25th First Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 a.m. Family Communion

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL
ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS
AND WEDDINGS SHOULD
CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO
MARTYN SAUNDERS
CHURCHWARDEN
ON 01480 301068

Works at West End of Fenstanton Parish Church

We told you last month about the works required to dig a drain along the path which runs immediately by the west end of the church. This will still happen, but we do not have precise dates yet: so if you see works along the footpath, please take all possible care negotiating them.

CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC IN HILTON?

Your views count!

Make them known at a Public Meeting to discuss the problems caused by traffic
and what we can do to improve the situation

Wednesday, 14th May 2008 at 8:00 pm
Hilton Methodist Chapel, Potton Road
HILTON ACTION ON TRAFFIC
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Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answer phone service, and email, mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relating to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or funerals – Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866). Robin, as well as Sunday, works two days a week - Thursday and one other day. He listens to and reads all messages regularly, though asks for your forbearance for any delay in replying.

- Wednesday mornings 10.00am in term time – Discussion Group and Ecumenical House Communion or Morning Prayer (11.00am) at Hilton Hall. All are welcome to either or both.

MAY 2008

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| Thursday 1st <i>Ascension Day</i> | 7.30 pm | Holy Communion at Fenstanton (lifts available please speak to Churchwardens) |
| Sunday 4 th <i>Easter 7</i> | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.15 am | Family Service |
| Sunday 11 th <i>Pentecost</i> | 11.00 am | United Communion Service at Methodist Chapel |
| Sunday 18 th <i>Trinity Sunday</i> | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.15 am | Family Service (lay lead) |
| Sunday 25 th <i>Trinity 1</i> | 11.15 am | Family Communion by Extension |
| | 6.00 pm | Evensong |
| Tuesday 27 th | 1.30 pm | Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome) |

JUNE 2008

Please remember that the pattern of services in Hilton will be changing from the 1st of June. In summary the new service pattern is as follows:

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| 1 st Sunday | - | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| 2 nd Sunday | - | 11.15 /11.00am | United Communion Service (with Sunday Club) |
| 3 rd Sunday | - | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| 4 th Sunday | - | 11.15 am | Family Worship |
| 5 th Sunday | - | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |

Changes to Hilton Services

Next month, June, sees the changes to the pattern of services at Hilton on a Sunday morning, as

I wrote about in the last, April, edition of *Spectrum*.

Do look out for our entry next month, and you look forward to seeing you.

Every blessing,

Revd Dr Robin McKenzie, Vicar, Fenstanton and Hilton

01480 466162

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Fenstanton United Reformed Church

May

- 4th 09.30 am Mr Matthew Stone
6.00 pm Mr Keith Clark
11th 09.30 am Revd David Viles
18th 09.30 am Revd Chris Baker, Interim moderator,
Holy Communion
4.00 pm Induction of Revd Catherine Ball to the
St Ives Group of Churches, to be held
At the Free Church in St Ives
25th 09.30 am Revd Catherine Ball

Other Meetings

6th and 20th, 10 am, Knitters and Natters, refreshments available.

13th and 27th 10 am, The Open Door

10th 9.00 am, Men's Breakfast Fellowship. All local men welcome for the purposes of catering please phone John on 468718 or email john.deeks@ntlworld.com no later than Saturday 3rd.

17th Book Stall, refreshments available.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Hilton Methodist Church

May

- 4th 11.00 am Mr Dennis Hutchcraft
11th 11.00 am United Holy Communion Service, Revd Hugh Sheehan and Revd Robin McKenzie. Children's Sunday Club in the Hall.
18th 11.00 am Dr Barbara Churms
25th 11.00 am Revd Hugh Sheehan

Roving Supper in March

As promised in last month's Spectrum, after counting the supper raised £1,326.08. Each church in the village receives £663.04, for which they are very grateful.

Heather and Peter as representatives of each church and joint organizers of the event, give their sincere thanks to everyone who took part.

Hilton Churches Sunday Club

Will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 11th May in the Hall.

Tot's Praise

Did you remember to go into Church to see the 'CAMELS'? Thank you to all the older children for making it such a fun time, hope to see you later on when the Teddy's have a picnic. Look out for the date!

Meanwhile we meet on the last Tuesday of the month 1.30 - 2.30 for a story, songs, activity, cups of coffee, friends together in Church. Please come.

CHILDREN AT HILTON CHURCHES – Children are always welcome at the mid-morning services in both the Parish and Methodist Churches and special activities are provided for them to do. Once a month, on the 2nd Sunday, we have a United Sunday Club which begins at 10.55am in the Methodist Schoolroom. Children can be picked up at noon when the church service has ended.

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

www.scubes.co.uk

Big Breakfast 2008

On **Saturday 7th June 2008** 7.30am – 11.30am the 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group will be cooking up their annual Big Breakfast. As usual we will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton.

So bring friends and family to dine “al-fresco” for breakfast – leaving us to do the washing up and helping us raise much needed funds. Don’t fancy a delicious fry up or a bacon buttie? Then please come along see what else we have on offer – including some delicious cakes.

18 or over? Then we’d like to invite YOU to come and join the adventure..... Whether you can spare a few hours a year, a month or a week there is bound to be a way you could help us. Volunteer roles exist for those who enjoy working directly with youngsters and for those who prefer to help support the adventure with fundraising, record keeping or maintenance.

Here are just a few examples of things you might enjoy and so could help us with - sports, crafts, cooking, fundraising, computing, climbing, hill walking, astronomy, camping, DIY, event organising, publicity, training, plus much, much, more.

Why not come and have fun while you help us shape the youngsters of today into the adults of tomorrow? In return we can offer great support and training, with the chance to learn new skills and meet new people. Just a few hours of your time now could make all the difference to our local youngsters in years to come.

So what are you waiting for? Contact us to arrange to visit and see what’s involved ☺
Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Knitters and Natters

We are a friendly group that meet every other Tuesday in the United Reformed Church in Fenstanton. If you would like to join us you will be made welcome.

At the moment we are knitting premature baby cloths, blankets and teddies for the Bonnie Babies Charity (www.bonniebabies.co.uk)

We are still making blankets etc to go over to Kosovo. Next consignment will go in September.

If you have any spare wool we would be grateful for it, please leave at 28 Bell Lane. Thank you. Our next meetings are 6th and 20th May and 3rd June.

Fenstanton Over 60s Club

Our first meeting in March was thoroughly enjoyed by all when we were treated to a wonderful display of flower arranging by Beverly from Hilton. Her arrangement as always was an inspiration and winners of our raffle were delighted when they one one each of her six displays.

Our second meeting was one to get the grey matter working with a selection of board games, enjoyed by all along with a break for tea and hot cross buns.

On April 16th we will have met up for a meal at the Dolphin, always an enjoyable event.

New members always welcome, why not come along and give us a try?

We meet every other Wednesday in the Church Centre from 2-4pm. Next meetings May 7th and 21st.

Hilton Flower Club

We welcomed back Monica with her demonstration of 'Spring in the Air'; she did more than the usual number of arrangements this time (good for the luck raffle winners!). Monica was very informative with her useful tips, which will be helpful for our Festival in June. It was left to the beholder's eye to decide on her 'South African' bunch! However, she showed us a useful way of making a trellis hoop. A very cheery and social afternoon.

Next Meeting

May 21st 9.00am prompt at the Village Hall. Outing to Besthorpe Hall and Brandenham Hall (both in Norfolk). Some seats still available.

Contact Pat or Gill.

Future

Monday June 2nd 2.00pm Village Hall.

Demo 'Summer's Here'.

May 8th is a very special date for Pat and Ken, who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding. Congratulations and love to both of them from the Flower Club and many thanks to Pat for all she has done over the years.

Contacts

Pat 830449 and Gill 830319.

Cats Protection Society

HOMES DESPARATLY NEEDED FOR ADULT CATS

St Neots and District Cats Protection are appealing for new safe and loving homes for a number of adult cats which are being cared for by the branch. The branch is under pressure as all their pens and fosterers are full and they have many more needy cats on their waiting list to come in. The advantages of adopting an older cat are numerous. Firstly all cats from Cats Protection are neutered or spayed, have had thier first vaccination, been blood tested and microchipped and are ready to go to their

new homes immediately, unlike kittens whose owners will have to pay for the various vet treatments which would be well over £100. Also an adult cat is safer on the roads and more confident in a new home. Furthermore an adult cat will only have to be kept in for 2 weeks and can then go outside, wheras kittens can not go outside at all for nearly 6 months. Another benefit of an adult cat is that a new owner who is not at home during the day need not worry as the cat is likely to settle down and sleep until the owner is home and will revolve its life around you. A kitten needs feeding every 4 hours and should have human company as much as possible in order to socialise it. The cats in the St Neots and District Branch are looking for safe loving new homes now and come in all shapes, sizes, colours and temperaments. There really will be one to suit you, so please ring us today and make an adult cat an offer of a new start.

We have many other cats on our waiting list to come into the branch. Please register your interest and details as soon as possible in order for us to find you your perfect feline pet.

PLEASE CALL US NOW SO WE CAN VISIT AND DISCUSS YOU NEEDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Tel 01480 476696 or 07966 282005 or 07900 257061 please leave a message if we do not answer, we will ring you back.

As before all donations of cat food, bric-a-brac for our charity shop etc can be taken to 22 Hilton Road, Fenastanton (Hilton Side of A14)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

HILTON CHURCH

28TH – 29TH JUNE

10AM – 5.30PM

REFRESHMENTS

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show Sunday 27th July

With only a couple of months to go here are a few ideas for items you can still grow in time:

- Carrots planted now if given water in dry times or try a few seeds in a deep pot.
- Sow dwarf beans, marrows, cucumbers, runner beans or buy a few tomato plants.
- Buy small fuchsia, geranium, begonia or even a busy lizzy to grow on for the pot plant class.

It's a good time to try out Brian's drinks recipes. Here are a couple and you will be able to access more on the Herbies tip of the month:

Classification of fruit

- Soft: Blackberries, black, red and white currants, elderberries, figs, gooseberries, grapes, loganberries, mulberries, raspberries, rhubarb, strawberries and hybrid berries such as tayberries
- Stone: Apricots, cherries, damsons, peaches, plums, greengages, sloes and nectarines.
- Hard: Apples, pears, medlars and quinces.

Enquires, technical to Herbie Collen, Show secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site www.hilton-village.com in the events section. You can email us from this site.

Drinks for the Produce Show

The following recipes are very simple to make, and you do not need to make your own wine.

The orange wine and Sangria are excellent for use at garden parties. Children will love the raspberry lemonade!

Orange Wine (for class 69)

2 Navel oranges, halved
1 Navel orange, whole
4 oz sugar
12 whole cloves
1 bottle white wine.

Squeeze the orange halves into a saucepan, add the remains of the oranges, and the sugar. Bring to the boil, and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Strain into a 2 pint jug or jar, pressing the oranges with the back of a spoon to release all the juice. Stir in the wine. Stick the cloves into the whole orange, cut in half and add to the jar. Secure the lid tightly, (or use cling film) and allow to stand in a cool dark place for at least 2 weeks.

To serve, strain over ice into a glass.

Sangria (for class 70)

1 bottle red wine
1 measure (50ml) brandy
Juice of 2 oranges
Juice of 2 lemons
2-3 slices orange
Caster sugar to taste
1 bottle soda water
6 ice cubes

Use a tall glass jug large enough to hold all the ingredients - about 2½ pints capacity.

Pour the wine into the jug and add the brandy, lemon and orange juice. Stir well, and still stirring, add the sugar, 1 teaspoon at a time, to taste. Keep the jug in a cool place and, just before serving, add the soda water and the ice cubes. Float the orange slices on top of the jug.

Raspberry Lemonade (for class 65)

7oz caster sugar
Juice of 3-4 lemons
Fine peel of 2 lemons
5oz raspberries
2 tablespoons sifted icing sugar

Put the caster sugar in a pan with 7oz water and the lemon peel. Stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil vigorously for 2 minutes without stirring. Set aside to cool. Mix in the lemon juice and strain into a large jug. Whiz the raspberries with the icing sugar in a blender and strain into the lemon mixture, discarding the seeds. Stir together and chill. To serve, dilute to taste with still or sparkling water.

Fen Drayton Lakes

Work on the replacement viewing screens and path surfaces was held up by wet conditions in late March, but by the time you are reading this, we hope that the work will have been completed without further delays.

Contractors who are creating wet patches in the areas between Ferry Lagoon and the River Great Ouse were also held up by the wet weather, but their project is expected to take much longer. These wet patches will help birds that breed in wet grassland, such as redshanks and yellow wagtails, to rear chicks in years to come. Our warden and volunteers will be kept busy installing directional signs, to help people find their way around.



Wading birds were quick to show interest in the recently bared islands on

Elney and Moore Lakes: ringed and little ringed plovers, lapwings and oystercatchers. At the time of writing, it is too early to say if they will settle down and nest, but you can visit at any time and try to spot some, or join a guided walk. The roller-coaster flight of displaying lapwings, accompanied by their whooping calls, is a joy to watch.

April and May are exciting times, as migrant birds arrive to breed here, or just stop off for a break on their journey further north. Each day seems to be different – newly arrived birds singing and trying to establish territories amongst the established ones; flowers coming into bloom, butterflies, bees and dragonflies flying on warm days, the first of the year's baby birds leaving their nests.

As we go through May, the last of the migrant birds arrive – spotted flycatchers, turtle doves



and swifts are typically the last species, and resident birds will have chicks already leaving their nests. Look out for robins and blackbirds feeding begging offspring with worms and caterpillars, while swans, geese and ducks escort their downy youngsters. Cygnets, goslings and ducklings must feed themselves, instinctively pecking at anything that might be edible, but they depend on their parents to guard them from potential predators and to brood them in cold weather.



You can help the birds nesting in your garden by making sure that food and water are always available. This means the adult birds can quickly get their own food, giving them more time to search for the caterpillars and other small creatures that the growing chicks need. Regularly watering a small patch of lawn or soil will encourage worms, and the blackbirds and thrushes that feed on them.

We have two mid-week guided walks this month, and these will begin from the small car park on the south-east corner of Elney Lake, closest to Fen Drayton village, sign-posted for disabled visitors.

Wetland walkabout Wednesday 7 and Thursday 15 10am-12.30pm

We will look for spring wildlife on these walks, hoping to hear cuckoos and seeing butterflies on fine days. Adults £3, children £1, RSPB members half price. Meet at Elney Lake car park

If your community group would like a guided visit for a summer evening, please ask.

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,
T: 01954 233267,

E: neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk.

Our address is RSPB Fens Area Office,
The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey,
Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

Fenstanton Pre-School

We would like to start by thanking all those who helped out at the fund raising weekend at the King William pub in Fenstanton. Of course a huge thanks to the pub itself for hosting and running this event. It is great to have the support of the community for Pre-school. I am sure you will agree that everyone had a great time.

Our next event will be the Car Boot Sale on 05th May at Crystal Lakes. Please bring any items for sale to pre-school in time for this event. Our project at the moment is to replace the fence surrounding the site to make it more secure, we will update you soon on progress. Hopefully the children will be able to enjoy the new play equipment this term if the weather is good.

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school. If you would like to come in and talk to the children on any interesting subjects or if you have an interesting job or profession then please contact the staff to discuss this.

We take children from the age of 3 years, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

Hilton WI

Our April meeting was well attended by members and guests to hear our usual monthly report. Among the items raised, it was agreed that the Hilton WI Spring Dinner held on April 4th at The Windmill Restaurant, Somersham, was a most successful evening with excellent food and great company. Our President, Rosemary Blake, offered thanks to Celia Sutton for arranging such an enjoyable event.

Several members attended the Annual Council Meeting in St Ives on April 1st and Donna Holdaway gave her report on an interesting day with over 400 members attending from the local area. After general WI business in the morning, and then a speech from N F W I Chairman Fay Mansell, there was a highly entertaining and amusing talk by Miss Ann Widdecombe M.P. on her life as a politician, a successful author and a TV personality. There was a presentation of the VCO Bell, to Hilton WI for an outstanding programme of entertainment organised by Doreen Bates, Ruth Salem and Di Watson.

The Resolutions to be put forward by the WI, which will be discussed at the Resolution Evening, have been decided as follows: (1) A ban on bottom trawling and (2) Inappropriate imprisonment of the mentally ill.

Margaret Wilkes, our Treasurer, explained Gift Aid to the members and a letter of explanation, together with a form for completion if required, will be sent to all our members.

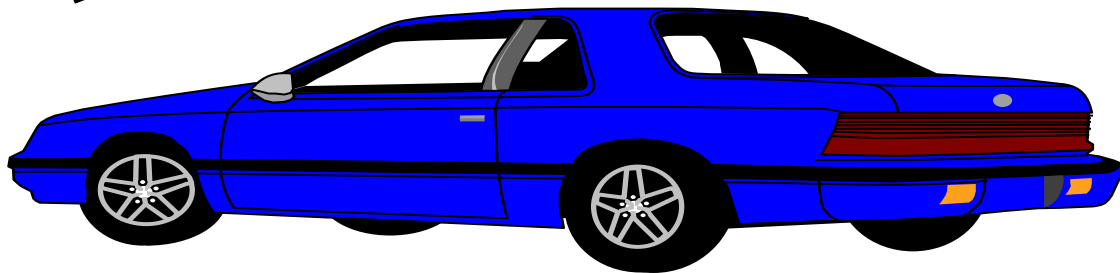
Our entertainment this evening by Christopher and Janet South was entitled "Snap, Out of it!" In these days of easy photography, you can be let down by photographs. Previous generations relied upon their senses and the atmosphere created there, to form the pictures that would be stored in their memory. Heather Woods offered our thanks to Christopher and Janet South for their highly entertaining collection of "pictures without a camera".

Forthcoming events:

We are arranging trips to Southill Estate, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire on June 5th and to Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne, Lincolnshire on July 17th. The Summer Lunch will be held on August 12th at Mill Hill View, 18 Potton Road. Our Thursford visit will take place on November 23rd. Details can be obtained from our Secretary if you are interested in any of these future events.

You are welcome to join our friendly group. To do so, please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night.

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENTS
THE CAR BOOT SALE



Fenstanton on A14

Cambridge 10 Miles/Huntingdon 6 Miles/St Ives 2 Miles

Year 2008 Dates

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Bowls Club event for details phone

Joan Weston 01480 – 465369

Daphne Loveday 01480 - 498050

Bank Holiday Monday 26th May

Bank Holiday Monday 25th August

**Should any of these events be cancelled please see
local press for re-arranged dates**

PITCHES £6.00

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Gates open 7:30 am)

FOOTBALL FIELD HALL GREEN LANE

FENSTANTON

NO COUNTERFEIT GOODS ALLOWED

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100's of pitches No need to book – Just turn up on the day

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For Further Details contact :-

Mark Buckingham 07739 964203

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VISIT: www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

Fenstanton Sports Day – 5th July

Thank you to those of you who have come forward to help set up and help out on the day, we still need a few more of you on the 4th July evening, 5th July during the day to help on a stall, or on the 6th July morning to help clear up. If you are willing to help please call myself - Andrea 494238 or call in and see Ron at the farm shop.

We would also like nominations for the Community Award 2008, if there is someone that you feel deserves recognition in the community please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Fenstanton Youth Football

February Hunts Mini Soccer League Results (Under 8s):

Somersham Oranges(0) Fenstanton Blues 2)

MOTM: Oliver Hirst

Fenstanton Reds (7)Somersham Oranges (1)

MOTM: Blair Reid

Under 8's Friendly Results

Fenstanton Red (0) Ramsey A (7)

Fenstanton Red (5) Ramsey B (4)

Under Seven Friendly Results:

Bluntisham (10) Fenstanton (6)

MOTM: Cameron Reid

Fenstanton Red Match Report – 12/4/08

Fenstanton Youth (Red) (7) v Somersham Town Youth (Orange) (1)

MOTM Blair Reid

Under Sevens News:

If you haven't yet been to training now is the time to come and see if you enjoy it. Do come along and join us, 10 – 11.15 most Saturdays (£2.00 per session). Phone Chris Malley on 839228 for more info.

Under Sevens are seeking a sponsor of their kit for next season. If your company can help please get in touch.

This month brings registration into the Hunts Mini Soccer League, Under Sevens, for next season. We need a form completed and a £10 fee to secure your place. Next season we stop collecting subs weekly and ask for £17.50 in September and £17.50 in February to cover the whole year's football.

Under Sixes

If there are any keen Dads, or Mums or older brothers or sisters who would like to become involved in training the next intake of Under Sevens (especially those boys and girls who will be in Year One in September) please get in touch or come along to the football field to see what goes on. (CRBs will be undertaken for coaches and F.A. training as appropriate).

Dates for your Diaries:

Tournament at Sawtry (under 8's) – Saturday 7th June

Tournament at Somersham (U8's and U7's) – Sunday 31st August

For further information contact Charlie Darling on 01480 395338 after 6 pm (or Nadine Taylor 830839 daytime)

Hilton Cricket Club

Unfortunately, it's a sombre report, this month. Hilton Parish Council (HPC) is placing us in a difficult position as regards future cricket in Hilton and its action is leading us to arrange our "home" matches elsewhere. For the last 17 months, a line of posts and ropes has kept vehicles off the Green in the area behind our short boundary. HPC had put them there in response to representations by some residents and visible evidence that the Green was being damaged by a growing number of visitors driving on to the grass and parking there. Very few of these visitors had come to use the Green itself. Understandably, the visual appearance of these tall posts, linked by thin ropes, has drawn almost universal criticism and will shortly be removed. At the same time, as announced in a recent meeting, HPC will adopt a hands-off approach to parking in this area, citing its understanding that the Law permits parking up to 15 metres from the highway (Wraggs Row). This change of approach contrasts with the Council's acknowledgement hitherto that there is a problem over the control of vehicles on this section of the Green that must be dealt with. Most importantly, HPC has made no undertaking to replace the present, unsightly barrier to vehicles by a less obtrusive one which is more acceptable to everyone – as you would find protecting many other village greens from errant drivers.

Regrettably, this now presents the Cricket Club with the prospect of cars being parked close enough to the field of play to leave us with a serious additional risk of damaging those vehicles. The financial consequences to the Club could be fatal very quickly. Our liability insurance would protect us, except for the first £100 of each claim (the "excess"). It would probably take very few claims for the insurer to decide that we were not a good risk and apply a punitive hike in our premiums or even to refuse to insure us.

We have rather less than £100 in the bank at the start of the season. The Club is self-financing by means of an annual subscription and match fees collected from players, though has to be supplemented by some fundraising and personal donations. We cannot expect the members, donors or fundraisers to watch their hard-earned money go in insurance pay-outs while the Club has nothing left to buy kit or treat the wicket. HPC's suggestion is "to seek funding from village sources and beyond". It might be a tall order to ask a sponsor to hand over money so that we can pay out insurance "excesses".

Our membership is small and it is not reasonable to make additional financial demands on the players, some of whom will have paid up to £100 during the season. Nearly half of our membership is made up of keen youngsters, with a few now occupying regular places in the side.

It is undisputable that the post-and-rope barrier, for all its ugliness, has kept vehicles away from the danger zone. In our opinion, a line of low posts set in the ground, just as you find protecting other village greens from unwanted parking, would solve the problem. In a recent meeting between representatives of the Cricket Club and of HPC, we were told that the Council has had to weigh up pressures from various interest groups and individuals in the village and strike a balance. We were informed that, unsurprisingly, not everyone wants to see posts or bollards, however attractive they might be, but it was not made clear whether those people would rather see a line of cars instead.



On Wednesday evening, 30th April, a Parish Meeting is to be held in the Methodist Chapel. It is a timely opportunity for residents to air their views. Do you think that the Village Green is for cricket and other sport and leisure activities to be practised with minimal risk to property and people? Do you want to see it as a car parking area for the convenience of visitors whose purpose is quite possibly unconnected with any use of the Green? The Parish Council believes that when the barrier is taken away, it will be impracticable to enforce any restriction on parking, even if it damages the Green. See <http://www.hilton-village.com/content/view/662/822/>. The way things are heading, 150 years of cricket on the Green could be about to make way for 150 years of car parking.

Let's hope that we can make better news next month.

What's On

| May | | | |
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| 1 st | Fenstanton WI | Church Centre | 7.30 pm |
| 5 th | Car Boot Sale | Fenstanton Football Club | 9.00 am |
| 6 th | Knitters and Natters | United Reformed Church | 10.00 am |
| 7 th | Wetland Walkabout | Fen Drayton Lakes | 10.00 am |
| 7 th | Fenstanton Over 60s | Church Centre | 2.00 pm |
| 8 th | Fenstanton Parish Council | Primary School | 7.30 pm |
| 11 th | Hilton Village Jamboree | The Green | 12.30 pm |
| 14 th | Hilton Action on Traffic | Methodist Chapel | 8.00 pm |
| 15 th | Wetland Walkabout | Fen Drayton Lakes | 10.00 am |
| 20 th | Knitters and Natters | United Reformed Church | 10.00 am |
| 20 th | Starters Parent's meeting | Primary School | 7.00 pm |
| 21 st | Hilton Flower Club outing | Meet Village Hall | 9.00 am |
| 21 st | Fenstanton Over 60s | Church Centre | 2.00 pm |
| 25 th | Hilton Village Hall Companion Dog Show | | 10.30 am |
| 27 th | Tot's Praise | Hilton Church | 1.30 pm |
| 28 th | Hunts Geranium & Fuschia Soc | Village Hall | 7.45 pm |
| 30 th | Parish Meeting | Hilton Methodist Chapel | 7.30 pm |

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

The Big Breakfast

Saturday 7th June 2008

Fenstanton Clock Tower

7.30 am to 11.00am

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