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Hilton: www.hilton-village.com

LETTERS & COMMENTS

Help Needed Once Again.

I have recently been talking to people in the village about their wartime experiences and memories. It is apparent to me that for such a small and quiet village there was a great deal of activity both military and civilian. I think that it would be a good idea for future generations if some of these experiences and stories are written down. For example I was told that army officers were billeted in the Tudor! I would love to know why. If you or anyone that you know has anything to share I would appreciate hearing from you. If there is sufficient information I would like to write an article for the Spectrum magazine.

Please contact me on; 468718, 07748 653443, john.deeks@ntlworld.com

HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER

Peter Blake and Heather Woods wish to thanks everyone who took part in the recent Roving Supper. 90-odd people paced the streets of the village, in a joyous mood. We should particularly like to thank all the hosts and hostesses, who opened their houses and produced such wonderful food. We are very grateful to all those who gave raffle prizes. raffle and the coffee in the Methodist Hall finished the evening in great style. The Parish Church and the Methodist Church each benefited the magnificent sum of £660.

Thank you all.

Northcote House Surgery

We are pleased to report that work has now started on the new Fenstanton Surgery and it is anticipated it will be completed in 8 weeks

As soon as we have a definitive moving in date, we will be arranging the clinics and patients will be able to book appointments and experience health care provision in the newly equipped 'fit for purpose' premises. We are able to accommodate increased patient numbers and welcome new patients. Please see website for further up-dates - www.northcotehousesurgery.co.uk.

Mill Hill End, Hilton

Some of the residents of Mill Hill End are concerned about the number of children who do not live in this estate, playing in our road. Whilst it is encouraging to see young people outside enjoying themselves, we are getting more and more concerned by the fact that, despite being told, they continue to use our drives and front gardens as playgrounds. The litter they leave behind and the noise is most unwelcome. It is only a matter of time before a car collides with a discarded scooter or a distracted child. Can we please ask parents to be aware of this problem. It's not because we are grumpy or anti children, it's simply because we care about where we live. We want our own children and grand children to be able to play outside our homes, under our supervision, without feeling intimidated by groups of boys on scooters.

Thank you.

Resident of Mill Hill End

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH/APRIL

Report of the Meeting -14th March 2013.

<u>Police report:</u> During the month of January the latest month for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported:2 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 1 incident of criminal damage; 1 incident of violent crime; 1 incident of other theft.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

<u>Subway lighting:</u> Following the recent incidents of criminal damage to the lighting in the subway vandal proof LED lights have now been installed.

<u>Guided Busway lighting:</u> The County Council will be installing solar powered stud lights on the maintenance track by the guided Busway between Orchard Park and St Ives. Work started on 20th February between Oakington and Girton and Longstanton park and ride and Longstanton Village.

Report of the Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting -11th April 2013.

<u>Police report</u>: During the month of February, the latest month for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 4 incidents of burglary; 1 incident of other theft; 1 incident of violent crime; 1 incident of other crime.

It will be noticed from the above report that there has been an increase in burglaries in the Village, the Parish Council, therefore, urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Parish Council appointment and resignation. Mr. David Pask was elected and duly appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council. However, the meeting was disappointed to learn of the resignation of Cllr. Geard. The vacancy has been advertised and should an election not be called then the Parish Council will be free to fill the casual vacancy by co-option. Should this be the case any Parishioner who may wish to become a co-opted Member of the Parish Council should contact the Clerk. Telephone (01480)465300.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 9th May** 2013 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the press and public are welcome.

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL— APRIL

Burglaries - After a spate of burglaries around RAF Wyton, police arrested 2 suspects. Since then, there has been a decrease in burglaries and metal thefts.

However, the police have noted a recent rise in daytime and evening burglaries in rural villages across Huntingdonshire. Offenders have entered rear gardens and then forced rear windows or doors. In addition to reminders on household security, the police urge residents to report any unusual or suspicious activity in their neighbourhood. Posters have been placed on all notice boards in the Village.

<u>Dog Waste and Litter</u> – Once again the village has seen an increase in litter, dog waste and full dog waste bags dumped inappropriately. Please use the bins in the village or take your waste/litter home with you

The Maze – As a result of the bad weather, the Maze will remain closed until the end of April.

<u>Village Hall Car Park</u> – The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to Ben Monks who has done an excellent job on repairing the Village Hall car park.

Easter Cross – The Parish Council would also like to thank Darren Holmes and Ian Woods for making, putting up and then taking down the Easter Cross.

The new Hilton Parish Council Website - www.hilton-pc.co.uk (see below for more information).

Welcome to the new Hilton Parish Council Website Live – Wednesday 17th April 2013

You may have heard that Hilton Parish Council recently held a meeting and, with regret, took the decision to disassociate itself from the Hilton Village website.

There are very specific guidelines within which a parish council must operate. One of these is that a council must have some degree of editorial control over parish council related content on a website with which it is formally connected, for example through sponsorship. The current Editors were approached and invited to give a degree of editorial control to the Parish Council, but unfortunately they felt unable to do so.

As a result we were left with no alternative but to withdraw our financial sponsorship of hilton-village.com and create a new and separate website. On March 28th the PC voted to take this course of action. This was not an easy decision to take. We have enjoyed a very positive and productive relationship with the people behind the village website for many years but sadly we were left with no alternative.

Please be assured that this new site has been set up at no cost other than the small charge of £35 levied for registering the domain.

We are grateful to the editors and administrators of hilton-village.com for their hard work and dedication. In May, we look forward to providing them with their much-needed hard drive for use with the digital archive and we wish them all success in the future.

The Hilton Parish Council website www.hilton-pc.co.uk has been created to provide you with information not only about the activities of the Parish Council but also on other topics of local interest.

On our website we outline the role and services provided by the Parish Council along with details of your councillors. We also provide you with dates of upcoming meetings and copies of agendas, minutes and our other publications.

Shortly you will also find a list of committees & organisations based within the Parish and their remit/activity. Our contact list is there to help you get in touch with us and includes useful contact information for other local government services providers.

We welcome your feedback on this site so we can make it more interactive, useful and a great source of information on a variety of Village and local interests. Please use the contact form to give us your comments.

Please note that this month; the April Parish Council Meeting is taking place after the publication copy deadline for Spectrum.

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Our next meeting is **Monday 13th May at 7.30 pm in** the Methodist Church. The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will also take place on **Monday 20th May** in the Methodist Church. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for Parish Council meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the Hilton Parish Council Website 5 days before each meeting.

In the future Minutes of our meetings can be found on the new Hilton Parish Council Website: www.hilton-pc.co.uk.

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council, please email Jo Saunders, the Clerk

Undemocratic Hilton Council. -- How much more can we take?

I hate the words "I told you so" but I feel they are very appropriate for what happened at the Council meeting in Hilton on Monday 15th April 2013. At that meeting 80 plus parishioners descended on the Village Hall and they all witnessed a meeting that was so undemocratic and unhelpful that a vote of no confidence was called for from the floor and the motion was carried by a very large majority of those present. The Council, of course, can and will ignore the wishes of the majority again and try to carry on as normal. This cannot be allowed to happen, terrible errors of judgement are being made by the Council and they are prepared to do almost anything to get their way, again this cannot be allowed to continue. A line has been drawn and the Council are now working without the support of the majority of the Village who they are supposed to represent, or they did when we were Councillor's. The campaign for a fair and just Council MUST continue so if you are of a like mind make contact with one of the following people.

Also, check out the Hilton Community website & the Hilton discussion forum and there you can express your views and comment on Village matters.

A general Village meeting will be called in the very near future where you will have the opportunity to express and vote on all these matters.

Ken Attwood. 830690, Andy Bush, 830202, Margaret Shardlow 831186.

All Ex Hilton Parish Councillors.

As you may know I resigned from Hilton Parish Council at the meeting on April 15^{th,} and did so with regret for several reasons.

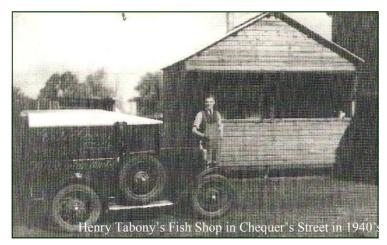
Firstly I am totally opposed to the vote on March 4th to withdraw the planning application for a permanent Beacon which had been democratically approved by a very large majority of households in the survey. 18 parishioners wrote to HDC to oppose it as is their right. However, at that meeting it was discussed again with no relevant material changes and without deciding to follow through to the previously agreed S38 procedure council voted to withdraw. This is an insult to the majority and I will not have my name associated with it. The Beacon was to be the commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, to honour her 60 years of selfless service while we have spent months bickering over the Beacon .What would she think of us when she had asked only for a year of unity and community. We should be ashamed of ourselves.

Secondly the minutes of this (and other minutes) are so brief as to prevent parishioners from learning the reasons for the decision, therefore the transparency required for council procedures is very limited indeed. The public only access is by means of the web site and all this I deplore. Thirdly I had my attendance and commitment to the council questioned. Last year I attended 7 of the 10 meetings and represented the council at 29 external meetings and of the 20 council meetings from October 2012. I missed only one due to the death of my husband. Commitment? I am proud that my husband, daughter and myself have served as councillors for an unbroken 20 years with many happy co-operations and memories. The essence of my family is courtesy and its name, resigned in order not to be part of the current animosity and inappropriate decisions.

I support and always will support all that is good in Hilton.

Margaret Shardlow

Fenstanton Fish and Chips



The sale of Fish and Chips in Fenstanton back auite goes some time. The first picture shows Henry Tabony outside his fish & chip shop in the 1940's. I believe this wooden shop stood somewhere close to where Manor Drive now exits on to Chequer Street.

The second one shows the existing shop in the 1960's.

The name changed to Barry's Plaice in 1983.

To keep up this long tradition we now welcome Patrick, Maureen and their son Jordon, who have recently purchased the business, to the village. They have moved to Fenstanton from the Southampton area where they have run two award winning fish and chip shops.

Many customers found the quality and service slipping during the run of short term managers, so it is good news for the village that we now have a family who have full ownership of the business and in their words 'aim to to provide good quality fish and chips using only the best ingredients along with a friendly family service'. They also say they want to get involved in village life. There have been a few start up problems, particularly because the telephone had been cut off, but they are now fully connected and able to take orders over the phone. We wish them a long and happy stay in Fenstanton.



FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MAY

Thursday 2 nd					
Fenstanton	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer (15mins)			
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa club			
Sunday 5 th	6 th Sunday of Easter				
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion			
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church			
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong			
Thursday 9 th					
Fenstanton	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer (15mins)			
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion with rockets			
Sunday 12 th	7 th Sunday of Easter, Christian Aid				
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All			
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at Methodist Church with Sunday Club			
Thursday 16 th		,			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer (15mins)			
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa club			
Sunday 19 th	Pentecost	Pentecost			
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion			
Fenstanton	9.30am	Combined service at <i>United Reformed Church</i> , Fenstanton			
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong			
Thursday 23 rd					
Fenstanton	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer (15mins)			
Sunday 26 th	Trinity Sunday				
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion			
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am			
Tuesday 28 th					
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise			
Thursday 30 th					
Fenstanton	8.30am	Said Morning Prayer (15mins)			

Contact information:

For *Fenstanton*: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie robin@hotmail.com (baptism, and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), or Rebecca Cumbers 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or lan Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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

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



TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



Easter was very special, but seems ages ago, s we prepare for the last Tuesday of the month, May 28th when we meet at Hilton Church 1.30pm - 2.30pm for stories activities, songs, and story art work to take home. Drinks and hula hoops are a must to start!

Everyone welcome.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MAY

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

May 5th 10.00am Local Arrangement Service

May 12th 11.15am United Service with Holy Communion at Methodist Church

with Rev Katy Dunn, Children's Sunday Club

May 19th 10.30am **PENTECOST** United Service at St Ives with Rev Matt Finch

May 26th 10.00am Mrs Margaret Harris

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

We had lots of new faces at our April coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 4th May from 10am until 12 noon**. Come and join us for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat with profits going to EACH .The usual Fairtrade produce will be on sale: groceries, craft gifts, greetings cards, confectionery and jewellery.

Look forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU to all who held and supported the Lent Lunches in Hilton during February and March. A grand total of £311.20 was raised for the Cambridge Food Bank. It highlights the hard times that are being experienced by those living so close to us and hope it can bring a little relief to those who need help. **Heather Woods**

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MAY

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

5th 9.30am Rev Derek Newton

9th 10.00am Ascension day Service at THE FREE CHURCH, St Ives

12th 9.30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball, Communion

19th 9.30am PENTECOST SUNDAY United with the Parish Church at URC

Rev Dr Catherine Ball & Rev Dr Robin McKenzie

26th 9.30am Keith Cakebread

OTHER EVENTS in MAY

Tues 14th & 28th 10.00am Knitters and Natters

Tues 7th & 21st 10.00am Open Door Coffee Morning

Tues 14th 2.30pm Monthly Christian Meditation

Sat 18th 9.30am Book Sale

Christian Aid House to House Collection



12th - 18th May 2013

Bite back at Hunger

The house to house envelope collection in aid of **Christian Aid** is 12th - 18th May this year. Could you/would you like to help? I am looking for collectors to help cover each street/road in Fenstanton. It only takes a little time but you could help raise money for some of the poorest people in our world. I can deliver all the materials you need direct to your home. Please ring or e-mail me if you would like to know more or can help. There is a lot more information including inspiring films on the Christian Aid website; christianaid.org.uk

Many thanks Katie Hucklesby. Telephone 465211

or e-mail ikhuck@virginmedia.com

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

THE BRIDGE CHURCH-Serving St Ives and Local Communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

At Hilton Methodist Church, Saturday, 4th May, from 10am until 12 noon.

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480830142)

Fairtrade groceries, cards, jewellery and other crafts for sale.

Profit from sales go to Fairtrade, St Ives.

Drop in to see what is for sale - items vary from month to month or just join us for a tea/coffee/biscuits and a chat.

Profit from refreshments go to East Anglia's Children's Hospice.

Business start-up provider Outset Huntingdonshire gives local businesswoman a helping hand



Huntingdonshire resident Emma Duff got a welcome boost this month after Outset Huntingdonshire helped her to start a new beauty therapy business.

The free-to-use programme is funded by Huntingdonshire District Council and helps people in Huntingdonshire to start businesses by providing workshops, one-to-one advice sessions and mentoring. With no previous business experience, Emma came to Outset Huntingdonshire for advice after making the decision to start her own beauty therapy business after taking a career break to start a family.

"I took a break to have my two lovely children, but I found it very difficult to get a traditional, full-time job

doing what I enjoyed whilst juggling childcare and running the family home." she said.

After working in several jobs, Emma was made redundant which gave her the push to get back in to the industry she loved.

Emma attended an Information session and was provided with advice and guidance on her business idea. Emma said of the sessions: "The support is fantastic – I know if I have any questions or concerns, I can email my advisor and she will be there to help me." Since then, Emma has gone on to establish a successful beauty therapy business, Pretty Pamper. Speaking about her new career, Emma said: "It's great! It gives me the flexibility to work around looking after my children and earning a living in a job I love."

Find out more about Outset Huntingdonshire on their website www.outsethuntingdonshire.co.uk.

Making Fenstanton and Hilton Dementia Friendly

The Alzheimers Society are aiming to create a network of a million Dementia Friends in communities across the country. A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action. From helping someone to find the right bus to spreading the word about dementia on social media, every action counts. If you're interested in becoming a Dementia Friend, look out for posters in the village of upcoming sessions, go to dementiafriends.org.uk or contact your me, your local Dementia Friends Champion - Hayley on 07813 668 532. I'm happy to run 1 hour awareness sessions for groups of any size, young or old. It costs you nothing but an hour of your time. Let's make Fenstanton and Hilton dementia friendly! Dementia Awareness Week is the 19th-25th May

FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL



Fenstanton Youth Football club went to watch

Peterborough Phantom Ice Hockey play against Milton Keynes in Peterborough.

We had a fantastic night with over 60 children and parents from the football club.

We would truly recommend it as we all had a great time and if you book a group for over twenty people they have a special offer of £5.00 each.

Reece Parr who is goal keeper for under 9's and Adam Taylor who is a striker for the under 10's dropped the puck for the first match.

We also had a chance to meet some off the players at the end to have our photo with them.



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

A few of the many activities the Scouts enjoy









FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

End of Season, it seems to have been a very disjointed season due to the unkind weather. However, most matches have now been played and only a few remain outstanding. Coaches will be arranging their team's End of Season Event and handing out trophies to all those who have played in the league. Training will continue until your Coach decides he has a well-earned break!

Signing On: Paperwork will be issued this month to sign on for next season. If you don't already play for a team in FYFC but would like to join please get in touch email: Fyfc@btinternet.com.

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

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

Pitch space – no news yet, but we continue to review our options for our Under 14 team for next season, who will be playing 11 v 11 in the Hunts Youth League on a full size pitch.

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

For further information please contact
Nadine Taylor – Administrator – fyfc@btinternet.com
or Charlie Darling on 01480 395338



CAMBS AND BEDS HARDY PLANT SOCIETY PLANT SALE

The Hardy Plant Society are holding their annual plant sale at Stratton Upper School ,

Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade as part of Stratton School Farm open day.

WHEN: Sunday 12th May from 10.00am

Hundreds of plants at reasonable prices. Unusual hardy perennials, shrubs etc...

FENSTANTON WI

Our meeting on 4th April was well attended in spite of the bitterly cold weather. Our speaker was Mrs Jilly Maynard whose talk was entitled "From the sheep to our backs". She explained that she had always been interested in crafts and that when she "discovered" wool, she realised she had found her medium. This led to an interest in sheep and she helped out at a neighbouring farm during lambing. She became so fond of sheep she adopted a number of animals that were no longer of use to the farmer. In appreciation for her help, the farmer gave her fleeces which she soon learnt to process in order to knit, crochet and weave into garments or rugs. The fleece is very dirty when it first arrives and needs to be sorted, removing the worst before the rest is washed 4 or 5 times in lukewarm water. It is then "carded" to align the fibres. It can be used for weaving immediately after carding or spun into varn. She then passed around some examples of wool from different breeds of sheep explaining that different breeds' wool has different characteristics. She also passed around samples of Alpaca and Silk for comparison. There were examples of

items knitted, crocheted or woven from different types of wool; rugs made from wool that had been carded and not spun, through crocheted and knitted clothes and hats to very fine shawls knitted in the Shetland style. We all enjoyed this talk by someone who loves her hobby.

Future events:

May 2nd
Resolutions for AGM and Flower Pounding with Jill Walsh, Marilyn Parsons and Anita Gale

June 6th Visit to Johnson's Farm, Oldhurst

o la l'al

July 4th Line Dancing with Lorraine Dubose and

Dawn Morgan

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

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday** (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or contact Aileen on 830349 for any further information. The first session is free, £2 thereafter.



BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

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

Like to get into the groove? We've lots on offer for you throughout the week!



78RPM Big Band Swing

Their showmanship and energetic style will take you back in time to the luscious big band tones of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. They'll have you out of your seats in no time.

Rhythm and Booze with Superstition

This dynamic eight-piece band play the very best in blues, soul and funk with a whole host of classic hits from James Brown, The Four Seasons, Wilson Pickett, Barry White, Stevie Wonder, and not forgetting Frank Sinatra.

Hedgepig

Giving a modern twist to traditional folk songs with their own rocked up style. Hedgepig draw on their roots of both Scottish and English folk rock and seamlessly incorporate Irish Celtic melodies ensuring you'll be up on your feet in no time.

Jackie Barnett entertains

Slip into the groove with our very own charismatic country singer and let the rhythm flow. So in true Jools Holland style, Jackie will be introducing some of her musical friends as well as captivating the audience with her remarkable musicality.

Fred's House and friends

Close and tranquil harmonies reminiscent of Simon and Garfunkel, Fairport Convention and Fleetwood Mac. Fred's House are joined by From the Sticks.



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

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

By the time you read this the bowls club should be up and running.

I am looking forward to this season as always but especially to welcome some new members

We have a great round of matches to play and **DON'T FORGET it is our 75th anniversary** this year and the club has come on leaps and bounds since them. ALSO DON'T FORGET **THE PAY AND PLAY SESSIONS ON EVERY THURSDAY MORNING 10 -12.30a.m. STARTING ON MAY 2ND.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME INCLUDING CLUB MEMBERS (A good chance to get some practice in as I do!!!)

Check the web site for all the fixtures and club news. You will also find all the contacts for various leagues. www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the season

REMEMBER LINE LENGTH AND LUCK

Daphne Loveday, Secretary, 01480 498050 email merlotwine@live.co.uk

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY JULY 6TH 2013 SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

All Committee members have been declared fit to organise and run the event this year with the exception of our secretary and your barely literate sports reporter who will both undergo a risk assessment nearer the day. You are all asked to be vigilant while helping over the weekend and make sure that neither of them is given access to sharp or pointed objects, drink or starter pistols and most definitely don't let them handle any money. If we all keep an eye on them while enjoying the fete, races, food and drink etc. then we should just about get through the weekend without too much fuss. Just remember while giving us a hand to clear up if they start arguing or one of them has one of his funny turns, don't make eye contact, turn away and run like the wind for the hills.

Can we please have trophies back before 18th June. Drop them into Ron's Farm Shop or give them to a committee member, then come back and try to win them again on July 6th.

Also, any unwanted gifts that you think would make a raffle prize or would go into the tombola can be dropped off at Ron's between now and Sports day.

Thank you to those who nominated people for the Villager of the year award, we will have a hard time deciding this year.

Look out for details of the produce show next month and in your free programs along with race details delivered to your door in June.

See what can be achieved by closely supervising a very heavily sedated sports reporter? No mention of Matron's nether garments, resistance movements or V2 rockets, although the drugs are beginning to wear off and the old red mist is rising and why am I wearing handcuffs and NO! PLEASE I BEG OF YOU NOT THE COAL HOLE, AGAIN!

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

We continue our meetings with a varied programme of interesting talks on our afternoon meetings.

On **May 1st and 15th** we will be enjoying social afternoons and during the period we will depart from our normal format and go 10 pin bowling in St Ives, this will not be on one of our normal club days, and it is hoped that this may be an additional source of entertainment for some of us.

On **May 29th** Beatrice Brown will talk about the care network and what we can expect from it.

Our meeting are held at Fenstanton United Reformed Church Chequer Street starting at 2-00pm

The darling buds of May

After one of the coldest springs for decades, never has the phrase 'ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out' been more apposite, even when pulling apart the adage reveals ambivalent meanings. 'Clout' is an Old English word variously meaning a clot of earth or clothing. Thus it can be taken as advice not to work the earth until it has warmed by the end of May, but also as a warning not to put away winter clothing too soon. Either would seem to work well this year! The double meanings extend also to May – does it simply refer to the month, or could it be urging us to wait for the queen of the may or may blossom of the hawthorn, to be 'out' and in full bloom before daring to hope that summer is on the way?

'Haw' is derived from 'hage', an Old English word for hedge, and the abundant hawthorn and its wealth of poetical and proverbial references occupies a central place country lore. Since the Middle Ages, the end of winter has been celebrated by the crowning of the May Queen with may blossom and dancing in a weave to decorate a maypole with ribbons. The song, *Here we go gathering nuts in May*, in fact refers to 'knots' or posies of may blossom. Yet it has always been unlucky to bring may blossom into the house, quite probably because the flowers give off a slightly curdled fragrance due to the presence of trimethylamine, a chemical also formed when body tissue starts to decay.

Both cherry and hawthorn belong to the Rose family, along with many other spring favourites such as rowan, apple, pear and almond. If we are lucky with our blossom forecasts, many will be in bloom for our own flower celebration, a **Festival of Plants**, **on 18 May**. During this day dedicated to bringing plants into focus, there'll be drop-in ask the gardener sessions, pop-up plant science, fantasy flowers and the Fairyland Trust for younger visitors, independent local nurseries offering choice plants for sale, tours, meet the experts and 'grow your own' giveaways. So whether it's getting advice on which plant goes where, discovering the inner workings of flowers, a bit of garden retail therapy or simply having a fun day out with the family, there'll be something for everyone at our celebratory Festival of Plants.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 6pm April - September. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission

Please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

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

Big Breakfast 2013 is on Saturday 8th June please put the date in your diary now!

Please come along to help us raise much needed funds at one our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Our Scouts will be cooking up the annual Big Breakfast, well supported in various tasks by our Beavers and Cubs. As usual we will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton, food ready from 8.30am onwards.

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 and see what else we have on offer – including some delicious cakes.

Jamboree fun

In addition to the many more "home" area sleepovers and camps our young people enjoy each year this term sees both our Cub Pack and Scout troop off on week-long adventures, often known in scouting as "jamborees" where large numbers are involved.

May half term sees many of our Cub Scouts (boys and girl aged 8 to 10.5) off to become pirates for a week aboard the good ship "Cubjam2013" at Gilwell Park, near Chingford in Essex, with around 1100 Cubs from across the UK. This week of pirate themed fun will give them the opportunity to take part in everything from climbing to zorbing, a day out in London as well as enjoy Birds of Prey flying displays, magic shows and Cubjam's Got Talent! To see more of the adventure in store, and indeed to follow the fun live once camp starts, visit www.cubjam.org.uk

Towards the start of the summer holidays we see many of our Scout Troop (boys and girls aged 10.5 to 14) off to spend a week at the Kent International Jamboree (known as KIJ), near Maidstone in Kent. Thousands of Scouts from around the world will enjoy a week of exciting opportunities aimed at their own age group. To see more of the adventure in store for our Scouts visit www.kij13.org.uk

We still need more adult volunteers (aged 18+, no previous experience required) to work directly with the young people so if the details above inspire you to join the adventure too please just get in touch J Remember voluntary work often helps adults stand out from the crowd when applying for college places or jobs – so if scouting is not for you why not support another of our wonderful local groups or clubs instead?

Louise Clover (01480 831715)

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

May 22nd is our outing to Coton Manor and Cottesbrooke Hall, near Northampton, We will be leaving Village Hall at 9.30am. If you would like to join us please ring Beverley on 830571.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP



We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.

For more information call Deb on 830221.

HILTON WI

The old saying "A volunteer is worth ten pressed men" was certainly proved to be true when Gary O'Shea, a project manager for an American company came to our April meeting to tell us about his unusual hobby. We have all seen the United Nations Search and Rescue team go to extreme lengths to pull people from the rubble left by an earthquake, send in helicopters to airlift people stranded by floods and also go into war zones to deliver food and vital medical supplies. He has done this fantastic job which he calls his "hobby" for many years and to hear him speak about it and to see the hazardous conditions as he described some of the dangerous situations in which he and his team found was really absorbing. The team never know where they are going until the call comes and then the well oiled system falls into place. Team leaders organise transport, supplies, call other agencies for backup and also translators when needed. Cultural differences have to be taken into account as one good deed backfired when the team helped to put new water pipes from a well into a building, added sinks and taps to make the lives of the women easier but they were amazed to find that the facility was systematically damaged, taps ripped out, sinks smashed. After some careful enquiries they discovered that the only chance the

women there had to talk and exchange ideas was on the way to the well! Gary has been in many dangerous situations and still retains an enormous enthusiasm for his most unusual but rewarding hobby, helping to save lives not only in Afghanistan by acting as a mediator with the Taliban, in India to help with air rescue from floods but also in the UK from the recent floods in the winter.

After about 27 years of this stressful but satisfying hobby, he is considering whether to leave before he is injured and unable to finds it too difficult to fit it around his work and his family.

He showed this quote on the screen written by Mark Twain. "Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for getting into the habit of doing your duty.

Our next meeting, on **Monday May 13th** is the WI Resolutions and Social evening so here is your chance to do your duty by voting and then relaxing afterwards with all your friends.

Thursday July 11th, The coach will leave at 9.30 from the Village Hall for Bletchley Park. Please ring Wendy on 830740 to check details or for cancellations.

Kath Charter.

HILTON FEAST WEEK

Many thanks to everyone who joined in with the Easter Egg Hunt on 30th March 2013, it was a huge success with all ages taking part from toddlers to Grandparents all eager to find the eggs. The treasure to be found was in the form of large egg pictures kindly displayed by about 40 homes around the village. The weather was sunny but cold with even a few snow flurries! Once they returned with their completed maps, the children then were happily occupied doing various craft activities such as making Easter chicks, Easter masks, cards and colouring Easter pictures in the village hall. All the children who entered won a small chocolate egg and free drinks of juice were provided for all of them. There were 10 children who correctly found all 44 eggs which they marked on the treasure map, so a very big well done to those children. The tombola was great fun with children winning with a number 5 or 0 on the ticket, some families very lucky in winning several large Easter eggs!

The refreshments went well with hot chocolate and coffee to warm up the parents, and the hotdogs were a sell out!

Many thanks to Emma and Becca who organised the treasure hunt, and of course all the committee for helping to make this a great event for all ages in the community, lots of lovely feedback from all the villagers was much appreciated by the committee.

Forthcoming events:

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 7pm for 7.30 pm start.

Keep the date in your diary for an evening of fun and who-dunnit? ?, as well as a lovely 3 course meal in between the acts.

There will be a Hog Roast, with salads and wonderful home- made desserts served during the interval. Ideally you can book a table of 8 to 10, but if you have less than 8 please do book a table, and we can always add some together. Surrounding villagers are welcome to join us as well as family and friends. Full Bar with waitress service too, so you can enjoy the show. The Murder Mystery production is by the Strictly Panto group, who have done many of these events, which are always very entertaining and great fun.

Please contact Sara Sampson for tickets at £15 on Tel; 830383.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT IN, PARISH CHURCH - SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 7.30PM.

Join us in the Parish Church for a lovely summer's evening of classical music provided by PRIME BRASS, a great quintet and pianist group from Cambridge to play a variety of music for all tastes. Cheese and wine is included in your ticket price for £10. Prime Brass is highly recommended by musicians and composers with quotes such as;

"I very much enjoy working with Prime Brass, they are a great team of wonderful musicians. Their dedication to the music is excellent, they have a huge sound and their performances are stunning!" (Paul Patterson, Composer).

Please contact Sharon Walker 831299 or Becca Graveling or Sara Sampson for tickets or more information.

These are both fund- raisers for Feast Week itself, so hope you can all support these events.

<u>FEAST WEEK</u> – The theme is Planes, Trains and Automobiles. 28/7/13 - 3/8/13 Sunday 28 th July 2013.

Float Carnival Day; with classic car display (please contact Sharon if you have a classic car you would like to display). Float parade, Produce show, Songs of Praise, funfair rides, and bar and Barbeque. More details to follow in due course, and any help to run the Art show would be great. See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest events.

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ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

We are now all now going back to pre-school after a chilly Easter holidays. This term is always one of our favourites. As the weather warms up we will be able to play in the yard and plant our own strawberries and tomatoes. One project this term is to use old tractor tyres to make our own dinosaur and fairy gardens for the children to play with. Later in the term we will, of course, organise or own sports day and picnic!

Are you registered for FREE & local activities for you and your under 5's?



Cambridgeshire Children's Centres provide a one-stop shop for families with children under five, a place where lots of different things happen under one roof.

Your local Children's Centre is *Daisy Children's Centre*, *Pendragon Primary School Site*, *Varrier Jones Drive*, *Papworth Everard*, *Cambridgeshire*, *CB23 3XO*

Daisy Children's Centre offers:

- A families support service trained staff who can support you if you need help or want some advice
- family activities information lots of events and activities for you and your family to get involved in
- early years education / child care advice
- employment, training and benefits advice
- information for parents/carers and families

Here are just some of the activities you will find happening at

Daisy Children's Centre

- Play & Learn sessions
- young parents' groups
- positive parenting support
- parenting courses
- baby and toddler activities
- a meeting place for childminders
- healthy eating activities
- speech and language sessions and additional needs support

What you can do

Register at your local Children's Centre so that you can be kept up to date with what's going on in your area. All information provided will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

Or pop along to *Daisy Children's Centre, Pendragon Primary School Site, Varrier Jones Drive, Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire, CB23 3XQ* to find out what's happening and how you can get involved, or call: *01480 831423*

WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



Cooper's Hill Nature Reserve

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to a guided walk at Cooper's Hill Nature Reserve, Ampthill, Bedfordshire, on Sunday 19th May.

Cooper's Hill is a nature reserve on the greensand ridge that stretches across from Leighton Buzzard in the south-west to Gamlingay in Cambridgeshire. Originally the site was used for grazing sheep and cattle and the heather was used for fuel, bedding and roofing.

We will be guided around the reserve today by Gwen Hitchcock, who is an Ecology Officer with the Wildlife Trust. Gwen will show us areas of heather, growing together with lime, birch, oak and gorse scrub, and also the north-west corner that supports acidic mire and ponds where willow carr is found. These diverse habitats provide homes for species such as common lizard, solitary bees and wasps, green tiger beetles, small copper butterflies and willow warblers.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at 10.30am at the layby immediately west of the entrance to the Rugby Club on Woburn road (B530), Ampthill, grid ref TL028 376. Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please contact Phil on 01487 822835.

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



THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE Sunday 12th May 2013

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk
11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre,1 Dring's Close, Over,
Cambs. CB24 5N7

THE TWO SCOOP LOOP

Sponsored Charity 4 Mile Circular Walk for **Children** 11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre(Free scoop of ice cream every 2 miles!!)

Plus ...THE MERIDIAN MEANDER 21 mile circular walk

8.30 – 9.30 am start from The Over Day Centre contact Allison Box on 07972 912022 for further information on this walk.

Print your entry/sponsor forms now from **www.overdaycentre.co.uk**For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302; adamonks42@gmail.com

MAY BULLETIN

BONFIRE SAFETY: In the lead up to summer, if you are going to have a bonfire, ensure you take care when doing so.

Before lighting, check children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away

Never leave unattended and dampen down with water if you have to leave it

Do not light in unsuitable weather – especially on windy days and take care that the smoke is not a nuisance to others, or obstructing traffic

Never burn flammable liquids or burn aerosols, paint, foam furniture or tyres

Build clear of buildings, including garden sheds and hedges.

A huge thank you to residents who attended car washes held at many of our community fire stations in March (2013). Firefighters spent many cold hours soaping up cars and raised more than £1,500 for The Fire Fighters Charity.

Community groups can now bid to secure a slice of £36,000 from the Service's new Community Fund to help tackle arson in the county. See http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/10604 for more information. Closing date June 1.

The last of the Service's six new rescue pumps will be rolled out across Cambridgeshire this month (May), providing more life-saving equipment for fire crews who are first to arrive at the scene of incidents.

The service has also welcomed 13 new on-call firefighters into its ranks at various stations across the county during March. If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, get in touch by calling 01480 444500.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

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



Saturday 18th May, 7.30 pm Joint Concert with The King John Orchestra at Swavesey Village College.

Choir and Orchestra
Schumann Mass in C Minor
Soloists:

Kate Woolf and Chris Jackson
Orchestra
Beethoven Symphony No 7 in A

Tickets £10.00, £6.00 concessions
Please see website for how to purchase tickets:

www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk



CAMBRIDGESHIRE

rocking through the '60s ...rolling through the rest!
WITH TIME MACHINE

Saturday May 18th, 7.30pm at The Comrades Club

Godmanchester

Tickets £5 on the door

in aid of Huntingdon MS Therapy Centre Your favourite music played by great musicians!





FENSTANTON CYCLE TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 12th May at 10.30am

£6 per adult

Come along and join in one of the three routes:

£4 per child (under 16)

2 miles - Fun for all the Family (Must include a child of 5 of under)

£15 per family ticket (2 adults + 3 children)

<u>8 miles - Intermediate rout</u>e

15 miles - Challenge route

Start and finish at The George

Answer a series of questions on the route and get back to the finish line as soon as possible - 10 minute penalty for each wrong answer.

Refreshments and hot dogs ready on your return

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee

WHAT'S ON in MAY								
1st	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p29				
2nd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25				
4th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p20				
6th	Youth Football Committee	The George	8.00pm	p24				
9th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	р9				
12th	Plant Sale	Biggleswade	10.00am	p37				
12th	5 Pub Challenge	Over	various	p39				
12th	Cycle Treasure Hunt	The George	10.30am	p42				
13th	Hilton PC	Methodist Church	7.30pm	p11				
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH – 18TH MAY								
13th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33				
15th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p29				
18th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p19				
18th	Festival of Plants	Cambridge Botanic Gardens		p29				
18th	Swavesey Community Choir	Swąvesey V C	7.30pm	p41				
19th	Wildlife Trust	Amphill	10.30am	p39				
20th	Hilton Annual Parish Meeting	Methodist Church	7.30pm	p13				
22nd	Hilton Flower Club Outing	Meet at Village Hall	9.30am	p37				
25th	Lace Making Club	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p28				
27th	Football Car Boot Sale	Hall Green Lane	9.00am	p28				
29th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p29				

Regular weekly meetings: Fenstanton baby & Toddler (p25) Hilton Baby & Toddler (p33) Social Bowls, (p27)

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