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## LETTERS \& NOTICES

At the beginning of another year for SPECTRUM the editorial team would like to thank all the people who deliver each month. Without you there would not be a magazine!

Good morning!
I see Spring is here again complete with horse droppings around the village, great big heaps of it. If you have a dog you have to pick it up by law, so if you ride a Horse why not pick it up. Horse droppings are much bigger and mostly in the road so how does the law stand on this? What happens if I have an accident on my bike, or worse on my motor bike? Who pays for the damage and what about injuries? Colin Stimpson

A big thank you to all the people who continue to advertise in our magazine and welcome to the new ones. Without you all (71 in total this year!) there would not be a magazine.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL ADVERTISERS

As this is the beginning of a new year, please read your advertisement carefully and make sure it says what you want it to say. Also check that telephone numbers and email addresses are correct. If there are any mistakes, please send an email to the Spectrum address on p 3 and we will sort it for next month.

We would like to thank Hilton WI for their generous donation.

## Cambridgeshire County Council's Supporting Businesses and Communities (SBC), formerly Trading Standards

We have been working with Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network Community Re-Paint scheme and we would like to offer you information about special offers and good news stories about the Community Re-Paint scheme. Cambridgeshire Community Re-Paint was launched in January 2011 and involves the collection of paint from household recycling centres which is then sorted and any reuse-able paint is offered for sale at low cost . For example, the RRP of 2.5 litres of Crown or Dulux coloured emulsion is currently $£ 17.99$, the CCORRN price for the same product is just $£ 4.00$.

The benefits of the Community RePaint scheme include:
Prevents reuse-able paint from having to be disposed of (which is expensive and not very environmentally friendly).
Low cost paint is made available to all and particularly to community groups and those on low incomes.
Provides employment and volunteering opportunities at CCORRN (developing work-related skills and boosting the confidence of the volunteers).
Community groups, charities and schools can apply for the monthly award of 'Get Painted' which gives up to 240 litres of paint to improvement projects, breathing new life into tired buildings. Community buildings and homes can be wellmaintained for less, building relationships and developing a sense of community.

You may like to visit the website www.communityrepaint.org.uk for more information.

## Fenstanton at the time of the Vikings

Modern historians refer to the 200 year period after 865 as the Late Anglo-Saxon time. This is because the year 865 heralded disaster for Anglo-Saxon England. It was the year of full scale invasion by the Great Army of the Danes.
From York the Great Army of the Danes marched into East Anglia. Fenstanton would have been in the forefront of the Viking invasion being situated so close to the motorway of the time, the river Great Ouse. The village could be reached not only by the army on horseback but, most importantly, their ships could sail into the Wash and then following the river through the Fens.

At the same time (870) the Viking host went to Peterborough, burned and demolished it, killed the abbot and monks and destroyed all that they found there. The Danes also attacked Crowland Abbey in the Fens and burned it down. The monks fled or were slain among the ruins. The 'Danelaw' was established in 886 and for the next fifty years East Anglia and therefore Fenstanton was under Viking control and from 997 to 1014 fresh Viking raids occurred every year.
In the year 880 the Viking leader Guthrum assumed the crown of East Anglia and divided the land among the soldiers of the pirate host. All of East Anglia was now subject to the Viking rule. Throughout this 'Danelaw' as it was called, the conquerors settled down among the conquered population as lords of the soil. We can be sure that this would have included Fenstanton and most probably the Viking settlers would have used the Saxon village as its base as it was the first of the high grounds up from the river. Very few Danish place names survive locally to Fenstanton but the village was part of the 'Hundreds of Toseland' (a Danish name) an administrative area set up by the Danes, so the Danish influence would probably have been strong in our area.
After his succession to the throne in 899, King Edward son of Alfred the Great gathered the strength of the Saxon territories and moved into the lands of the Great Fen between the Great Ouse and the Nene. He purged Huntingdon of Vikings and the Vikings of the Fens then submitted to the Saxon king. East Anglia was once again under English rule. There were terrible casualties to both the Danish and West Saxon aristocracies.
In the winter of 921 a large Viking host assembled in the lower reaches of the river Great Ouse at the port of Huntingdon. They lived off the land burning all the local villages and ravishing everything for miles around. There can be no doubt that Fenstanton would have suffered greatly in the invasion and the parish church would have been burned down
In 1010 a great Danish army came to the east; and the East Anglian army fled. Although Cambridgeshire stood firm, the invading army burned Cambridge to the ground. The Danes then took possession of East Anglia where they plundered and burned for three months advancing ever further into the wild fens slaying both men and cattle and burning everything. We can be sure that Fenstanton would have suffered greatly in this incursion. One has to wonder just how many times Fenstanton was burned down throughout these wars.
It is not just the burning of their homes that was so horrific but all the people's possessions would have been taken away especially anything made of iron. Rebuilding a wooden hut is not that difficult except that all the necessary tools would have been taken away. Also all the farming implements would have been taken so it would have been impossible to replant food crops. Those that survived the initial raids and managed to avoid being sold in to slavery, most probably succumbed to the weather, starvation or sickness.

We can only imagine how hard life would have been for the early people of Fenstanton. Nature and man combining to ensure that life would have been cold, wet, hungry and short.

John Deeks 2014, email:John.deeks24@gmail.com

## Police report.

During the month of February, the latest month for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported:
1 incident of anti-social behaviour.
5 incidents of burglary.
1 incident of shoplifting.
The Parish Council expressed concern at the number of burglaries in the Village and urges Parishioners to ensure that all doors are locked and windows are closed when properties are unoccupied and to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800555111 or in an emergency 999.

## Community / Person of the Year Award.

The Parish Council have the pleasure of making the Annual Community / Person of the Year Award which will be presented at Village Sports Day. It was the decision of the meeting that nominations should be sought from the Parishioners. To this end if you feel you know someone or a village organisation which has, in a voluntary capacity, made a contribution to the community please make your nomination to the Clerk. In doing so please ensure that you give an explanation of why you feel they should receive the award.
Submissions will be considered by the Parish Council at the June meeting.

## Wiser Electrical recycling.

The first collection of unwanted electrical items took place on Wednesday $2^{\text {nd }}$ April. Over six tonnes of various electrical items were collected which has raised $£ 221$ for the Parish. The next collection will take place on Thursday $2^{\text {nd }}$ October.

## Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton \& Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.
Members of the public and press are welcome.
The minutes of the previous meetings are available on the Village website.

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL - 7th April

Proposed Crossing on Potton Road: Work on the new crossing on Potton road is underway, we are waiting for the anti-skid approaches either side of the crossing and the road markings, work which may even be complete by the time this goes to print. In addition there is the installation of the beacons which Balfour Beatty will undertake.

## Changes to Streetlights owned by Cambridgeshire County Council:

 Many would have noticed that work has commenced by Balfour Beatty replacing some of the street lights in the village. We expect the work to complete hopefully by the $1^{\text {st }}$ May. Full details of the scheme remain on the Parish Council website www.hilton-pc.co.ukWeee Recycling: A recycling scheme has been adopted by the Parish Council which will collect from prearranged points around the village redundant electronic products normally destined for the tip. These will then be processed reclaiming much of the valuable material they contain. Collection points and times will be announced shortly.
A14: A group of Parish Councillors met with the newly appointed engineering group 'Jacobs', who have taken over from 'Atkins' to complete the final design proposals for the A14 re-route. They, in conjunction with the Highways Agency, are embarking on another round of public consultation.
You may have received a flyer from Highways Agency advising that the next round of consultations on the A14 commenced on 7 April and will run to 15th June 2014. There will be an exhibition in the Village Hall on Friday 25th April 2014 between 14.00 and 20.00 and we would urge as many villagers to attend.

Full details of the latest proposals and dates of all the local exhibitions can be found at http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme/
The Parish Council was advised that representatives of the Highways Agency would be prepared to come to an open meeting in the Village and we have invited them to come during May. As soon as we have an agreed date this will be advertised on the notice boards and on the Parish Council website
www.hilton-pc-co.uk
Play Area: We are pleased to say the play area is now repaired, cleaned and open for business. Many thanks to all those involved, particularly the volunteer workgroup who gave up their time and energy to make this happen.
Green Management Workgroup: Many thanks to those who joined us on Saturday $12^{\text {th }}$ April to undertake maintenance work around the Green, particularly the clipping of the ivy which has become prevalent on many of our trees. A good start was made all under the guidance and expertise of the village tree warden.

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ May 2014 at the Methodist Church, Potton Road, Hilton. This will also be our AGM.
Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MAY

Contact: Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com and Heather Woods (830686), email ianwoods1992@btinternet.com
4th 10.00am Mrs Margaret Harris
11th 11.15am United Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Katy Dunn
18th 10.00am Mr David Bushby
25th 10.00am Mr John Bridge

## FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday 3rd May from 10.00am until 12.00midday
We will have the usual groceries, confectionery, craft gifts, greeting cards etc. Profits to Fairtrade. Do come and see what is on sale or just join us for a coffee or tea and biscuit and a chat. It would be lovely to see some new faces as well as our regulars. Refreshment profits go to EACH children's' hospice.

## SAFARI SUPPER

On the $22^{\text {nd }}$ March another very enjoyable Safari Supper took place and our thanks for their tremendous endeavours go to all who participated in this wonderful evening. Both Churches appreciate the work and generosity of all who contributed to this very successful event. Our thanks to all - Heather and Peter

## LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to all who hosted the recent Lent Lunches and of course to our loyal supporters of these lunch time events. £448-50 was raised for the charity Headway, which supports people who have brain injuries.
A record amount this year. Sincere thanks to all. Heather


## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

Do you have a few hours to spare during the week starting $11^{\text {th }}$ May? If you live in Hilton and can help with the collection for Christian Aid in that week, please contact Heather Woods by email - ianwoods1992@btinternet.com
or Linda Stott on 830660 . We would be very grateful for any help you can offer.

## 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 <br> and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

## All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

## FENSTANTON 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 01480352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480468535

| 4th | 9.30 am | Rev Derek Newton |
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| 11th | 9.30 am | Rev Dr Catherine ball - HOLY COMMUNION |
|  | 3.00 pm | Let's Sing (see p20) |
| 18th | 9.30 am | United Service at the Parish Church |
| 25th | 9.30 am | Keith Cakebread |


| OTHER EVENTS IN MAY |  |  |  |
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| Tues | 6th | 10.00 am | Coffee and chat |
| Sat | 10th | 8.00am | Men's Breakfast |
| Tues | 13th \& 27th | 10.00 am | Knitters \& Natters |
| Tues | 13th | 2.30 pm | Meditation |
| Sat | 17 th | 10.00 am | Plant \& book Sale |
| Tues | 20 th | from 11.30am | Drop in for Lunch and a chat |

FENSTANTON \& HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST
The next breakfast is on Saturday 10th May,
All local men are welcome,. These breakfasts are held
in the Social Area of the URC Church in Chequer Street,
Fenstanton. Breakfast will be served at 8.30am but doors open
at 8.00 am .
Sessions last until approximately 10.00am
For catering purposes please contact John Guthrie (01480 392018),
email: john.guthrie39@gmail.com

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Ives, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.
Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota;
Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org
Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00
Papworth Everard, at the Parish Church, Saturday Mass 18.00

## FENSTANTON \& HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MAY



Contact information:
For Fenstanton: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480466162 or mckenzie robin@hotmail.com (baptism, and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com,
or Niki Whitby 01480370973 (weddings), or Harvey Marshall 01480395936 (funerals), or Rebecca Cumbers 01480496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)
Web http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/, and on Facebook
For Hilton: Rev'd David Busk on 01480436400 or dwbusk@hotmail.com (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480830466 or

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

We look forward to seeing you on Monday May 26th, 1.30pm - 2.30pm, in St Mary Magdalene Church. Older siblings are very welcome as it is half term! Coffee for grown-ups and hula hoops for tots. Last month the children enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt and Bubbles, what will they enjoy this month? Any queries telephone, Doreen (830155) or Linda (830660). things. Do come and enjoy the fun of making friends, being together for stories, songs and an activity.


## Christian Aid House to House Collection

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11^{\text {th }}-17^{\text {th }} \text { May } 2014
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The house to house envelope collection in aid of Christian Aid is $11^{\text {th }}-17^{\text {th }}$ 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

## 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 01480498801

## Fenstanton Church Centre Renovation Appeal <br> Launch Lunch <br> Sunday $11^{\text {th }}$ May <br> at the Church Centre - 12.30 pm <br> Price: $£ 10.00$ Children $£ 5.00$ with 2 -course cooked lunch

We would like to invite you to the launch lunch of our Renovation Appeal for the long overdue update of the Church Centre (former village school). This will include a 2 course lunch and you will have the opportunity to see the exciting plans we have to bring this lovely old building into the $21^{\text {st }}$ century.
If you cannot attend there will be plans in the Parish Church to view over the next few months. There will also be a leaflet coming through your door with all the information about the renovation, along with ways in which you can donate towards this exciting project - all donations however large or small are most welcome.

There will be further fund raising events throughout the year - watch this space. We look forward to seeing you soon

Tickets available from Ron's Farm Shop, or lan Hucklesby: 01480 465211, or
Niki Whitby: 01480370973 or email: churchcentre@outlook.com


## PLANTS and BOOKS on SALE

## at the United Reformed Church Fenstanton Saturday May 17th from 10.00am onwards

 COME AND BUY YOUR BOOKS and BEDDING PLANTS
## Welcome to

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School
Diary Dates for parents of children starting school September 2014

Wednesday 7th May 7.00-8.30pm<br>Parents Information Evening - Workshop and Tour of School<br>Tuesday 3rd June 7.00-8.30pm<br>New Parents Workshop and visit<br>Childrens visits to School<br>Friday 4th July 9.30-11.00am<br>Tuesday 8th July 9.30-11.00am<br>Wednesday 16th July 9.30-11.00am

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

## FENSTANTON OPEN GARDENS - 21st and 22nd June

Now that we are able to get into our gardens and clear the winter rubbish any Plants you might have to spare would be very welcome for our Plant Stall.
We will also be having a Second Hand book stall and we would be pleased to have any books you no longer wish to keep.
Contact No. Sylvia Shaylor 01480465295.


## FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB - www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

The Club will be "open" by the time you read this!!!
We have a lot of games planned, plenty of friendly's as well as the leagues to compete, in, plus the Club competitions! It's going to be a busy season.
If you would like any details of games, contacts and leagues either visit the website fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk or contact me on 01480498050
Can I THANK all those who helped over the last weekend to set up the complex ready for bowling. Hope to see you some time during the season

## REMEMBER LINE LENGH AND LUCK Daphne (Loveday), Secretary



## WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS

at Fenstanton Bowls Club
Each Thursday, 10.00am-12.30pm
Come along for a fun game.
Everyone is welcome.
$£ 3.00$ per session for non-members free for club members.

## FENSTANTON LACE MAKING CLUB

The next meeting will be on Saturday May 31st, 2.30pm at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton. Please feel free to join us, all are welcome. We can provide materials and equipment on loan for complete beginners, so don't be put off. For further information, contact Margaret Blount on 01480352724.

## FENSTANTON KNITTERS \& NATTERS

Our knitters are busy making mini tee shirts for The Sheep Shop in Cambridge , ready for them to make bunting, for the Tour De France when it comes to Cambridge on the $7^{\text {th }}$ July. Our consignment of 82 items will be sent to Kosovo this month. We meet every other Tuesday, our next meetings will be on May $13^{\text {th }}$ and $\mathbf{2 7}^{\text {th }}$ from 10.00am -12.00noon. Come along to Knit and Natter you will be made welcome.

## FENSTANTON BABY \& TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am-11.30am, at the Church Centre. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee. The first session is free, $£ 2$ thereafter. Contact Cassie on cassrose1@hotmail.co.uk for any further information.


## BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10.00am-11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

## FENSTANTON WI

Our meeting on $3^{\text {rd }}$ April was attended by 39 members.

The guest speaker was Mr Michael Knight, who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on Milestones and Turnpike roads.
He took us back to the time of Elizabeth $1^{\text {st }}$ who, in common with the earlier Tudors, went on "progresses" around the country visiting the homes of the nobility. She found the roads uncomfortable and dangerous.
They were rough cart tracks in bad repair and haunted by footpads and highwaymen.
As a result, it was decided that each village would provide a team of volunteers to maintain the roads in their area.
This practise continued for many years until it was replaced by a system of tolls. The tolls were collected at toll houses, a gate was set across the road, the top of the gate surmounted by pikes (spikes),
hence the term turnpike which actually referred to the gate. Gradually the roads improved until the original disjointed network of Tudor times became a continuous series of thoroughfares leading towards London.
Our competition was something inspired by lemons. The winning entry was two lemons decorated to look like faces!

## Future events

## May $1^{\text {st }}$

Resolutions and Craft evening speaker Lynn Davis
June $5^{\text {th }}$
Visit to Oakington Garden Centre arrive at 7.30 pm
refreshments available to
purchase.
July $3^{\text {rd }}$
The Red Balloon Learner Centre Dr Carrie Herbert

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust held its Annual General Meeting on 18th March 2014 when, along with the Annual Report and Accounts for 2013, the new Business Plan was presented. If any Fenstanton residents would like a copy to find out more about the planning and future maintenance of a new village hall please call Jane Blunt on 01480461751 or e-mail fenstantonvillagehall@google.com.
Our next fundraising event is the Summer Barn Dance on Friday, 6th June, held jointly with the Church Restoration Committee at the barn at Hall Green Farm, Low Road (see p41).
Please note that the Cycle Treasure Hunt will now be held on Sunday, 7th Sept. because there are so many other local cycling events happening in May/June.
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at both events!

## FENSTANTON OVER 60's

We meet at the United Reformed Church, fortnightly, on Wednesdays at 2.00 pm .
May $14^{\text {th }} \quad$ Beverley's flowers arrangements
May 28 ${ }^{\text {th }} \quad$ Colin Stimpson, Railways
We are a friendly group, please come and join us you will be made very welcome.


Refreshments available $\quad$ Toilets on site
No need to book - just turn up on the day
Sellers - Please arrive before 9:00am Buyers - Free parking on site

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Visit: www.fenstantonfootballclub.com
Contact: Mark Gallagher (07854 712371)
Tom Tilbury (07738 15624

## FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday, July 5th - Keep the date in mind


- get your produce growing!
- make your jams and chutneys!
- sort out your art and handicrafts!
- think about baking!


Don't forget if you would like to: run a stall; help on the day; join the committee, please email andrea.j.palmer@me.com, or phone: 01480494238

## Hilton Companion Dog Show

Hilton Village Hall team are proud to announce they will be holding a Companion Dog Show on Sunday $25^{\text {th }}$ May.
Staged beside the historic Maze, events kick off at 11.30am for Pedigree Classes and 12.30pm for Novelty Classes.
Book in at 10.00am on the day or alternatively download your entry online via the Hilton Community Village website where you will find full details on how to enter in advance.

Come on you proud dog owners! Bring along your beautiful pampered pooches and show off their waggiest tails and sausage catching skills. Many prizes to be won and the traditional tasty bacon butties and other refreshments will be available, set against the stunning backdrop of Hilton Village Green.
Come and join us in a fun day surrounded by friends, family and not forgetting man's best friend.

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

April's meeting was most interesting, Simon from Peter Beale's Roses gave us a slide show and a talk on the A-Z of roses. It was a very enjoyable afternoon giving encouragement to start to enjoy the roses in our gardens.
May 12th our demonstrator will be Lesley Beeton , we know we are in for a entertaining afternoon with her wonderful arrangements.
We look forward to seeing you all.
Everybody is welcome to come to Hilton village hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm Entrance $£ 3.00$ (tea and biscuits)
Raffle $£ 1.00$, your chance to win a wonderful arrangement.
June 18th is our outing to Grimsthorpe castle and gardens also Easton walled gardens, price $£ 28.00$. We have a few places left so if anybody would like to join us please ring Beverley (01480 830571) or June (01480 830306) for more information. .You don't have to be a flower club member.

Feast Week Songs of Praise -Sunday 27th July Hilton Youth Choir<br>Rehearsals in the Parish Church on Sundays, July 13th and 20th and Saturday July 26th, all from $2.00 \mathrm{pm}-3.00 \mathrm{pm}$ Contact Ali Dunk Tel: 830002 or text: 0745428421<br>Email: Alison.audica@hotmail.co.uk (more details next month)

## HILTON WI

The Reverend Hilary Cheng gave us an illustrated talk about the work of the charity Mercy Ships in countries which have no health service and often no clean water supplies. Hilary and her husband, who is a surgeon, and their two daughters all volunteer to spend their 'holiday' working on the hospital ship.
Mercy Ships uses a hospital ship and land-based programmes with multinational crew and staff to bring worldclass medical assistance and long-term sustainable development to some of the world's poorest regions and has focused on the massive need found in West Africa spending nine months at a time in the Republic of the Congo and Liberia. At the moment they have just one ship, Africa Mercy, another ship is being built which will be ready in 2017.
Cleft lip and/or palate is a condition easily repaired in the developed world, but cleft lip babies born in developing countries are often malnourished because they cannot feed properly. Children who do survive are often rejected because of their deformity. Disfiguring tumours often begin as small growths, but when left untreated, grow to the point of being life threatening as a person struggles to breathe or eat, and render their victims social outcasts. Congenital Orthopaedic Abnormalities children in developing nations born with conditions such as clubfeet have little or
no opportunity for corrective surgery.
Mercy Ships aims to reduce the effects of neglected trauma, disease and congenital conditions by providing specialised surgical treatment and community development services to the poor.
Mercy Ships partners with the local medical community in each country to identify surgical candidates. In onboard operating theatres, highly skilled surgeons perform thousands of free maxillo-facial, orthopaedic and reconstructive operations, transforming faces and saving lives.
Patients recuperate under world-class care in the ship's hospital ward, where they are also provided with opportunity for moral and spiritual support. Mercy Ships aims to provide a caring, holistic environment to help patient recovery.
By the end of the talk we all felt very grateful that we live in a country where healthcare is easily available.

Our next meeting is a Social Evening on May $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. We will be discussing this year's Resolution and we will also have a sales table, so please bring your 'Handmade or Hand Grown' produce.
If you would like to join Hilton WI please ring our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358 who will be happy to hear from you.

## HILTON BABY \& TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages.
We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!
Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 10.00-11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.
contact Kate Middleton on ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk for any further information.


## HILTON FEAST WEEK

For the second year running the Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday 19th April was a great success with plenty of children and families taking part. There were large pictures of Easter eggs to find and record on the map, with a reward for the children who completed the hunt. The families had lots of fun and finished with a well earned cuppa and hotdogs!
Thank-you to everyone who attended the last quiz, it was a great evening with plenty of lovely food and drink to keep everyone's energy levels up for the excellent quiz questions by Craig and Emma. We all had a trip back in time with the music round of T.V. intro's to remember such as Z-cars!

On Saturday 31st May at 7.30 pm we are inviting the compere who entertained us at the Burns Night, Ronnie, back to host a RACE NIGHT in the village hall, with a fish and chip supper, all for $£ 10$ a head. There will be a veggie option. Please contact Gill Gill to book your tickets by $\mathbf{2 7}^{\text {th }}$ May, to secure your supper! All surrounding villages are welcome to come along to any of our events.
$27^{\text {th }}$ July $-\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ August is FEAST WEEK, with a theme of THE MUSICALS!
The Float Carnival Day on 27th July, will be a great start to Feast Week with the PRODUCE SHOW, please see the schedule (March Spectrum and again next month) to enter as many classes as you can.
Also get your friends and neighbours together as now is the time to start planning a float with any type of vehicle on wheels, dressed in the theme of the Musicals! We will be holding a Classic car display too, so please contact myself or Bernie to register your car for the show.
After the parade of floats, the Songs of Praise service will be held in the marquee, led by David Busk and Katy Dunn.
There will be a Bar and BBQ during the afternoon.
Watch the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary, and we always welcome your support with our fundraising for Feast Week.
Lastly, l'd like to say thank-you to all of the Feast Week committee who have worked hard, to pull all this together for our community. We as a village are so lucky to have such a great events for everyone to enjoy from all the local villages, so please come along to support our Feast Week events.

Many thanks Sharon Walker.
See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest details.
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OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ; SUZIE AND CRAIG SUTHERLAND, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE, JUDY WARD, PAUL WILLIAMSON.

## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

CALLING ALL PRODUCE SHOW PRODUCERS: Be sure to look in the June edition of Spectrum for your entry forms and further information regarding the Produce Show at the end of July. The team are working hard in the background to make sure all is prepared but as always it is down to you, the hard-working gardeners and producers, to make the Produce Show a success. Let's make 2014 the best year yet! Good luck!

## Hilton Reflects on 1914

## Sunday August $3^{\text {rd }}$ and Monday August $4^{\text {th }}$

The team are working hard behind the scenes to put together a fitting tribute to commemorate the start of World War 1 for Great Britain and especially our village.
We need your help and support in many ways to make this a memorable village occasion:


- Most importantly, please contact us if you have any items of interest that you are willing to have displayed - not just of the conflict but life generally in 1914.
- To help us 'set the scene' outside the Village Hall does anyone have a pre-1920's vehicle, bicycle, or any farm implements that they would be able to lend us - if so, we would love to hear from you.
- If you would really like to enter into the authentic spirit of Monday evening by dressing in the style of the day - ladies can you find a bonnet or hat, a shawl or apron and gentleman a bowler hat, cap or waistcoat?
- Poppy seeds should be planted by now - but it's not too late to fill a pot or scatter some in your flower beds.
Jim and Lesley Pullen recently visited both the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres and the Thiepval Memorial where the names of over 117,000 soldiers are displayed with honour all the soldiers named have no known graves. Jim and Lesley left a British Legion wooden cross at both sites on behalf of the village of Hilton and for this we thank them.
Did you know that during the First World War, 12 million letters were sorted at a depot in Regents Park and sent to soldiers at the Front every week.
Please get in touch with us if you have any items of interest or would just like to be involved in the events. Please look on the village website www.hilton-village.com for more information on the proposed events. We update the site regularly and you will find some interesting village WW1 archive information available to view as we move ever closer to August $4^{\text {th }}$.


## Programme of Events

## Sunday August 3rd - times to be confirmed

St Mary Magdalene Church - Floral displays and memorabilia

## Monday August $4^{\text {th }}$ - times to be confirmed <br> St Mary Magdalene Church - Floral displays and memorabilia

7.00pm for 7.30pm Hilton Village 'Music Hall' Days (Music, Children’s Choir, Recitations)
8.30pm - 9.15 pm Refreshments
9.15pm - 9.45 pm
9.45 pm
10.00 pm Proceed to Church to commence Vigil
11.00 pm Final flame extinguished

Times of events subject to change and the final programme may differ slightly to the above.

Helen Attwood 830690
Liz Bush 830202
Jane Shardlow 831864

Doreen Bates 830250
Julie Briggs 830580
Pauline Reynolds 830216
Margaret Shardlow 831186

## PARISH COUNCIL FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



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

Thursday, July 17th in Hilton Thursday, October 2nd in Fenstanton

Details: Please place all your electrical waste kerbside by 10am. It will be collected and recycled. The parish council will receive revenue for all WEEE collected for use on community projects.
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( ALL TYPES OF LIGHTBULES \& TUBES


* With larger appliances we can assist with mowing them from your property to our vehicle. Please do not cause an obstruction to the pavement by laving these large items kerbside. WEEE Matarials are accepted directly at our Re-Use \& Recycling Facility at: 11 Caxton Rd, St lves, PE27 3 LS


## Swavesey \& Over Conservation Society Spring-Summer Programme 2014

| WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY | VISIT TO RSPB OUSE FEN - OVER |
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| SATURDAY 31ST MAY | SUMMER COFFEE MORNING |
| SATURDAY 14TH JUNE | VISIT TO FLOWER MEADOWS - OVER |
| FRIDAY 4TH JULY |  |
|  | SHARE SALAD SUPPER IN THE BARN AT |
|  | STRIPLANDS FARM, LONGSTANTON |
| THURSDAY 10TH JULY | GUIDED WALK CAMBOURNE |

## Lifts available if required - PLEASE PHONE: <br> Trevor Grange: 01954230119 or Pat Miles: 01954780485 <br> GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! <br> PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MAILING DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.

IN ORDER TO SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE DIARY OF EVENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCS BY EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT: frparish@ntlworld.com
Admission Free unless otherwise stated; however a donation of $£ 2$ per indoor meeting towards overheads \& refreshments would be much appreciated OUR AUTUMN MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AT OVER TOWN HALL AT 7.3OPM

## MAY BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

THE fire service needs volunteers in your village!
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Champions scheme has been running for two years and now more volunteers are being recruited.
The Champions promote fire safety in their communities by attending local events to promote fire safety, talk to local groups and organisations, and also refer vulnerable people to CFRS for home fire safety visits.
So could you help your community stay fire safe?
Find out more by contacting Rachael Brown on 01353865037 or email
Rachael.brown@cambsacre.org.uk.
Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in May - and don't forget to test your smoke alarm and the smoke alarms of the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood.
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## Separating together - your options for separation and divorce

When a couple separates, one of the issues is how to divide the finances and property. Choosing the right process in the beginning could save you time, money and anxiety in the long term.
There are 4 main choices for dealing with a divorce or separation. These are:
Around the Kitchen Table - Negotiating your own agreement can be the cheapest and easiest way to reach a settlement. It isn't suitable for everyone, but may work well if you have reached a mutual decision to separate, remain on good terms and broadly agree on issues relating to your property and any children you may have. Even if you agree, it is important to take legal advice to make sure you understand the implications of the agreement and to ensure what you have agreed with your spouse is legally binding.
Collaboratively - Collaborative law lets you talk through the issues to solve, with you and your spouse each having a specially trained solicitor by your side at each meeting. Using collaborative law is an attempt to solve problems without going to Court To keep focused on this, everyone signs an agreement that commits you to trying to resolve the issues without going to Court and your collaborative lawyer will not be able to represent you in court should negotiations break down. This means that all are absolutely committed to finding the best solutions by agreement.
Mediation - Family mediation allows you to directly negotiate with your spouse with the help of a family mediator. It is an alternative to solicitors negotiating for you or having decisions made for you by the Courts. As the mediator is impartial then you would still need to seek legal advice and to make sure that any agreements are made into legal binding settlements.
Solicitor negotiations or going to Court - if none of the above options are for you, you can appoint a family solicitor to negotiate an agreement on your behalf at arm's length. If an agreement cannot be reached, a judge will be asked to make a decision although this involves a 3 stage court process before it reaches the point where a judge will make a binding decision on what he or she thinks fair. Often, couples want to avoid conflict, court costs, delay and the risk of an unfavourable decision so it is common for an agreement to be reached before a final hearing.
Whichever of the above options works best for you, by adopting an open approach to discussions, rather than a hostile one, will help to minimise legal fees and avoid the necessity of going to court to reach a settlement.
If you or someone you know are going through a difficult relationship breakdown and would like to speak to someone about what options there are to resolve children and financial matters, then please give the family team at Leeds Day a call on 01480474661 or send an email to family@leedsday.co.uk.
We have offices in St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives. (more details in ad on next page)

# A DISPLAY of OLD PHOTOGRAPHS of FENSTANTON FROM 1900-2013 

## Will be held on

## FRIDAY 20th JUNE, 1.00pm - 5.00pm SATURDAY 21st JUNE, 10.00am - 4.00pm FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET

Donations to Church Funds - There's a lot to see - Don't forget your specs!!

## The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in one of two guided walks that we are offering this year at Brampton Wood. The first is on Sunday $27^{\text {th }}$ April and the second Saturday $\mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }}$ May; both starting at 10.30 am .
George Cottam, who has been Warden of Brampton Wood for 10 years, will lead the walks. The centerpiece of the walks will be the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring. We also expect to see other woodland flora such as wood anemone, primrose and dogs mercury; early butterflies such as speckled wood, brimstone and orange tip; and we will also listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am, GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. Suggested donation: adults $£ 2.00$, children free. For more information please contact George on 01480450809.

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


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(Registered Charity Number 800829)

## THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - 11.00 am

## THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - 8.00 am Sunday 11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ May 2014
The Day Centre based in Over is in desperate need of a replacement minibus to pick up our elderly from 16 surrounding villages for a home cooked meal and entertainment before taking them home again. This service is a vital lifeline for many and one we feel very important to continue offering. The Charity Walks this year will specifically be raising funds towards the minibus (which will cost around $£ 60,000$ ).
Please support this worthy cause by downloading an entry form and sponsor/ donation form at www.overdaycentre.co.uk Pre-entry donation is just $£ 8$ ( $£ 10$ on the day).
For any further information contact Amanda on 07891890302 or amandamonks42@gmail.com

## Happy Birthday Sing Papworth!

Sing Papworth!, the community choir, is one year old. Choir organiser Becky Dyball says: "When we started we didn't know whether it would last a month, a year, or longer, but we've been overjoyed and heartened by all the fun we've had and the music we've made since first coming together last winter"
The choir is a real cross-section of local people. The point is to make music as well as we can, but at the same time have fun, and meet new people. At the outset we made a decision to sing a mixture of pop, traditional, and classical favorites, in order to appeal to broad tastes. Patrick Dailly, the musical director, seems equally at home singing Bach or Burt Bacharach, and regularly starts off rehearsals with a well-known popular gem, just to get the choir in the mood. Right now we're getting to grips with new repertoire for our Summer Concert which will be at Eltisley on July $4^{\text {th }}$. Part of the
 concert will have an American theme, but we'll bring forward one or two classical items that we've had on the back-burner. If you're interested in joining us you are guaranteed a warm welcome. There are no auditions. All you need to do is come to a rehearsal on Monday evenings at 8.00pm, at St Peter's Church, Papworth. We start our summer programme $n$ April $28^{\text {th }}$. Alternatively, have a chat with Patrick on 01480839148.

A FUND RAISING EVENT
PACKED WITH FUN

## From: Classic Cars to Ferris Wheel rides

From: Daredevil Motorcycle Stunts to Pet Animals Zoo
From: Hurricane Flypast to Bouncy Castles


This will be a great day out for the whole family - the organisers have arranged a wealth of other attractions/activities too, not only in the two show rings but throughout the beautiful castle grounds.
The Kimbolton Country Fayre is a non-profit making event with all proceeds supporting local and national children's charities.
This year's charities will be: The Burns Camp (for children who have suffered severe burn injuries); Samuel Pepys School (for children with special needs); Hemi Help (for children with Hemiplegia); East Anglia's Children’s Hospices (EACH); Cancer Research UK and the East Anglia Air Ambulance.
So please come along on Sunday $13^{\text {th }}$ July and have a wonderful day...
In the meantime, why not have a look at our website www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com for all the latest updates on the Fayre, or follow us on Twitter @KimboltonFayre.


## Dates of future events:

June 3rd
Fenstanton \& Hilton School, New Parents WS (p21)
June 6th
Fenstanton barn Dance (p41)
June 14th
The Bury and Ramsey Concert Band, with Cream Teas at the URC (p21)
June 18th
Hilton Flower Club Outing (p25)
June 20th/21st
Jean's pictures of Historic Fenstanton at URC (p35)
June 21st/22nd Fenstanton Open Gardens
June 22nd

July 5th
Bongos and Bar-B-Q
at Fenstanton Manor, Huntingdon Road

July 4th/8th/16th Fenstanton \& Hilton School, New children's visits (p21)
July 13th
Kimbolton Country Fayre (p39))
July 17th
Hilton Parish Council WEEE Collection Event (p31)
July 25th
July 27th
Hilton Summer Ball
Hilton Produce Show
July 27th Hilton Feast Week, Songs of Praise(p25)
July 27th-Aug 2nd Hilton Feast Week (p27)
Aug 3rd/4th
Aug 28th
Sept 7th
Sept 20th
Oct 2nd

Car Boot Sale (p24)
Fenstanton Cycle treasure Hunt (p23)
Hobbies, Crafts \& Collections at the URC
Fenstanton Parish Council WEEE Collection Event (p31)
(If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it.)

Regular weekly meetings:

Fenstanton Baby \& Toddler (p22)
Hilton Baby \& Toddler (p26)
Social Bowls (p22)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters \& Natters (p22)
Fenstanton Over 60's (p23)

For Church services etc. see (p15-19)

## WHAT'S ON in MAY

| 1st | Fenstanton WI | Church Centre | 7.30pm | p23 |
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| 3rd | Hilton Coffee Morning | Methodist Church | 10.00 am | p15 |
| 6th | Drop in for Coffee | URC Church | 10.00 am | p17 |
| 7th | School Info. Evening | School Hall | 7.00 pm | p21 |
| 8th | Fenstanton PC | School Hall | 7.30 pm | p11 |
| 10th | Men's Breakfast | URC Church | 8.00 am | p17 |
| 10th | Wildlife meeting | Brampton | 10.00 am | p37 |
| 11 th | Five Pub Challenge - Over | Start at Over | $8 \mathrm{am} / 11 \mathrm{am}$ | p37 |
| 11 th | Cambs \& beds Plant Sale | Biggleswade | 10.00 am | p33 |
| 11th | 'Launch Lunch' | Church Centre | 12.30 pm | p20 |

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK -11TH - 18TH MAY

| 12th | Hilton Flower Club | Village Hall | 2.00 pm | p25 |
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| 12 th | Hilton PC | Methodist Church | 7.30 pm | p13 |
| 12 th | Hilton WI | Village Hall | 7.30 pm | p26 |
| 17 th | Plant \& Book Sale | URC Church | 10.00 am | p20 |
| 20 th | Drop in for Lunch | URC Church | from 11.30am | p17 |
| 25 th | Hilton Dog Show | Beside the maze | from 10.00am | p25 |
| $26 t h$ | Car Boot Sale | Football Field | 9.00 am | p24 |
| 31st | Lace makers | Lancelot Way | 2.30 pm | p22 |
| 31 st | Hilton Race Night | Village Hall | 7.30 pm | p27 |

