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LETTERS

Editor's Letter

Dear Villagers...

I'm afraid the time has come for me and my assistant editor, Teresa, to move on. If you would like the opportunity to continue to take the magazine forward can you please email the team. We will need at least two volunteers to come forward as editors so that we can give any necessary training. Running the Spectrum takes both time and commitment but you will be doing the community a great service by bringing news to every householder in Fenstanton and Hilton. Knowledge of MS Publisher would be an advantage as well as good computing skills. Please note working for the Spectrum is all voluntary. I will be available to answer any questions regarding the role. Please email.

We are holding a fundraising event at the Church Centre, Fenstanton on the 25th November to raise funds for increased printing costs next year. Come to the Christmas Shopping & Indulgence evening to buy designer jewellery & homewares by Psyches Bazaar, also goodies from Usbourne Books, Phoenix Cards, Virgin Vie, Pampered Chef & many more. There will also be a chance to relax with a hand massage & opportunity to discuss acupuncture. Refreshments, raffle & family games will boost the festive fun! We need some folk to help set & clear up and serve refreshments... For all you businesses out there we also need some raffle prizes, please drop off at 1 Church Street, Fenstanton— Anything will be greatly appreciated from a bottle of wine or promises. Thank you!

Amanda

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Letters from our Readers

Thank You

The Action for Children collection in Hilton during the month of September raised the fantastic amount of £400-62. Thanks must go to all the collectors (Linda, Jan, Doug & Val, Sandy, Peter, Cheska, Graeme and Esther) and to those who helped count the money (Rachel and Phil). The charity, formerly known as National Childrens Homes (NCH), has been supporting vulnerable children and young people in the UK for 140 years (founded in 1869). We do need more collectors in Hilton, so if you feel you can spare some time next September for this worthy cause, please contact me on 830991.

Richard Dunn

Dear Villagers

A big thank you to those who have sponsored me on my Nepal trek. So far I have raised £480 by my own efforts plus online sponsorship. This will go a long way in Nepal towards helping The Esther Benjamin Trust and their work with rescuing and rehabilitating children from a life of slavery. My website remains up and running for a bit longer so if you still wish to contribute go to www.justgiving.com/sandramonk1

Thanks again, Sandy Monk

Fenstanton Parochial Church Council thanks everyone who contributed in the yellow envelopes to the recent House-to-House Collection. £1,785 was raised which will go towards urgent work required on the church porch. We are extremely grateful that you continue to support the repair of this historic building.





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Dear Spectrum,

On behalf of those lucky enough to secure tickets, may I offer a big thank you to Rosemary Blake and Hilton WI, whose members hosted a memorable Harvest Supper last month. To describe it as a supper is a gross understatement – it was a veritable feast! The musical entertainment that followed added to the evening's delight. Tapestry, a local group of a cappella singers, treated us to an intriguing variety of songs, ranging from Dowland to Disney. No wonder it was a sell-out. The proceeds provided a donation to The Nightingale Trust, a recently formed charity to help with the nutritional care of seriously ill and malnourished patients.

Allan Salem

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank the 56 people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. We are grateful to Jacky's Beauty for sponsorship. You helped raise a total of £449.25 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was an excellent result from a most enjoyable event. We have also ordered some £200 of Macmillan Christmas cards and stocking fillers for you. Thank you.

Hilton Village Hall Valentine's Dinner Dance

On Saturday 13th February 2010 the Trustees of the Hilton Village Hall will be holding a Valentine's Night Dinner Dance to raise funds for the village hall. Crooner Chris Triggs is back by popular demand to wow you!!!! Please reserve your ticket or table now.

During the summer considerable refurbishment has been carried out to the hall, with more planned in the Autumn. The central heating boiler has been replaced and the interior of the building fully painted, future plans are to paint the exterior, replace the flooring in the committee room and improve the soft furnishings.

Please support your village hall by attending the Valentine's Dinner Dance and call Donna on 830770, Lesley on 831195 or any committee member to reserve your tickets.

Have you seen our cat Molly? Reward if found

We last saw her in Fen Drayton, 25th August. She's a 2 year old tortoiseshell Sia-

mese cross and was wearing a silver flea collar. If you have seen her please get in touch.

Dayna & Gary. 01954 232259



Christmas Fayre in Hilton

We had such a great time last year that we will be holding a Christmas Fayre again this year in Hilton Parish Church on Saturday 28th November from 1pm – 4pm. There will be stalls selling really nice Christmas Gifts and Stocking Fillers as well as Teas & Coffees, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle and plenty of things to keep the children busy. Father Christmas will hopefully also be putting in an appearance during the course of the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

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Letter from the Methodist minister

Love your neighbour

An easy way to help our neighbours in the developing world is to buy fair-trade goods. These have world wide sales of three billion pounds, which help people in fifty eight countries. Did vou know that there is a Fair-trade shop in the Free Church at Market Hill, St Ives? It is well worth a visit- it stocks food. clothes, crafts, household goods and lots of cards. Or go to www.traidcraft.co.uk. When we buy fairly traded items we directly help the growers and producers overseas, who get a guaranteed minimum price and an extra fair-trade premium. Here are some ways that fairtrade leads to better lives.

Jewellery workers at Delhi's 'Tara Projects' enjoy good working conditions and pay. Having little education many leap at the chance to get training and skills at Tara's adult education classes, vocational training centres and adult literacy centres.

In Malawi, Dorrica and Mary are sugar cane growers. The fair-trade premium paid for two water boreholes in their village, ending the three hour round trip to collect water they used to make. Tea pickers in Tanzania used their premium to build village dispensaries, schools and water pumps. Fair trade improves lives

History of Hilton. Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available. The book is a hard-backed and costs £10. It would make a fascinating Christmas present. Contact Peter Blake, 830137

Dear Editor

My name is Laura Howard. I am 14 and am a babysitter in Fenstanton and have completed a babysitting course at Huntingdon Regional College. If anyone in the village requires a babysitter I am happy to pop round to discuss. Please call 01480 381318 for a chat.

Hilton Fireworks

Hilton Parish Council will be organising this year's firework display, on Saturday 7th November with the same tried and tested format! "Gate" opens at 6pm, barbecue by Feast Week and display at 7pm prompt. We look forward to seeing you!

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Mary & Joseph back on tour in Hilton

It has become something of a tradition for our knitted Mary & Joseph and their flock of sheep to go on tour around Hilton staying with a different family every night during the run up to Christmas. Their journey through the village is intended to reflect that time, over 2000 years ago, when the real Mary & Joseph traveled all the way to Bethlehem only to find that there was no room in the inn. Fortunately for our weary pair, they have always been welcomed into people's homes and have not yet had to spend the night in a stable. For those of you who have already hosted the knitted family, you will know that when the time comes for them to move on, one of the sheep stays behind – to be reunited with the rest of the flock during the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Could you offer them a bed for the night? If you would like to take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration then please contact Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. The journey is open to everyone – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas and you would be amazed at the hundreds of games you can play with a flock of sheep!

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

Hello to you all! Well, here we are into the Autumn... whatever happened to the summer? It's been quite disappointing from the forecasts we were given. If you've been on holiday and managed to fine some "warm" sunshine then lucky you - I think I must have dozed off and missed it!

The club has been busy and quite well attended, despite it being the holiday season. We had a very interesting talk and film from Fen Drayton Wild Life Park which is developing all the time into a very worthwhile and interesting place to visit. We also went out for a pub lunch which was very pleasant indeed! We were also entertained by a very interesting couple from The Raptor Centre who brought along some of the owls. They were beautiful and very well behaved, except one who took quite a fancy to Doreen's trousers... Don't worry Doreen, it'll all come out in the wash!

It was good to see Ash's shop open at last

and with a pharmacy due to open as well, the High Street is beginning to look good and an asset to the village. Congratulations also to Ron Jacobs for winning the Independent Retailer Award in Hunts Food & Drink 2009 (also to Fenstanton Family Butchers who were shortlisted). As a village, we have all the necessary facilities on our own doorstep which makes Fenstanton a good place to live - I am glad I chose it!

Well now, as we go into Autumn with Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas to look forward to, it's time for a few reminders... Don't forget your flu jab (if you haven't already had it). Get out the thermals and bed socks and check hot water bottles. Keep warm and look after yourselves. All the very best for a healthy Winter Season. Best wishes to all.

Dates for November meetings are 4th 18th - newcomers are always welcome.



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A quick reminder to all spectators - No coaching from the side lines please, only positive encouragement to be heard.

As we approach the colder months of the year, parents are reminded to ensure their child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. The sun may be out when you leave home, but some pitches we visit can be very exposed.

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13th time lucky for Fenstanton Vets

Buckden Veterans 1 v Fenstanton Veterans 2

Fenstanton finally scored their first victory on the thirteenth time of asking since their formation in 2007. In a keenly contested contest, Fenstanton took an early lead from new signing Kevin Anderson after a weak back-pass from the Buckden defender. A similar error by the Fenstanton defence let in the Buckden forward to level the scoring before the half time break.

Fenstanton again took the lead from a speculative effort from 25 yards from their skipper Phil Stanton which saw Buckden laying siege to the Fenstanton goal. Fenstanton held out for the victory largely due to a man of the match performance from keeper Gus Haynes who pulled off a string of top quality saves.

ADVENT LUNCHES IN HILTON

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Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion and Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Said Evensong

Thursday 5th

Fenstanton 8.30am Morning Prayer Fenstanton 3.30pm Jaffa Club

Sunday 8th Remembrance Day

Fenstanton 10.00am Remembrance Service followed by Service at War Memorial

at 11.00am

Hilton 10.55am United Service starting at Lych Gate

Thursday 12th

Fenstanton 8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th 2nd before Advent

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion and Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Evensong

Thursday 19th

Fenstanton 8.30am Morning Prayer Fenstanton 3.20pm Jaffa Club

Sunday 22nd Christ the King

Fenstanton 9.30am Family Communion & Healing

Hilton 11.15am Family Workshop & Healing with coffee at 11am

Tuesday 24th

Hilton 1.30pm Tot's Praise

Thursday 26th

Fenstanton 8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 28th Advent 1

Hilton 1.00pm Christmas Fayre

Sunday 29st

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion Hilton 11.15am Family Communion

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays at Hilton 10am Discussion Group

11am Morning Prayer/Communion, both 20 Chequers Croft

Fridays at Fenstanton 7.30pm Teenage Christians

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES

From the Vicar...

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For *Fenstanton*, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For *Hilton*, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466

I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answerphone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie robin@hotmail.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - NOVEMBER SERVICES

	Sunday	1st November	10 00am	Mr Tony Sainsbury
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Sunday 8th November United Remembrance Service at the Parish Church

following the laying of Poppy wreaths at the Lych Gate-usually we assemble at 10 45? – see Parish church notices. Revd. Katy Dunn preaching.

Sunday 15th November 10 00am Revd. Katy Dunn-Holy Communion

service.(Not a United Service)

Sunday 22nd November 10 00am Mr John Green

6 00pm Healing Service

Sunday 29th November 10 00am Revd. W. Vivian

OTHER EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

'Explorations' Discussion Group.

We have two sessions planned for November. Friday 6th at 7.30pm to discuss Climate Change and Monday 30th at 7.30pm to consider the Economic Crisis.

The evening starts with home made cake and tea/coffee before our discussions get going.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1st	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton.	Holy Communion.

Sunday 8th 10.00am REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at the PARISH CHURCH

11.00am Service at the War Memorial.

Sunday 8th 6.00pm Mr Keith Clarke
Sunday 15th 9.00am Revd Derek Newton
Sunday 22nd 9:30am Revd Roy Muttram
Sunday 29th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball

Sunday 29th 2.45pm Visit of the Salvation Army Band. Singing and Refreshments.

Sunday 29th 6.00pm United Advent Service at St. Ives Free Church

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 6th 9:30am Revd Derek Newton

OTHER EVENTS NOVEMBER 2009

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am Knitters and Natters

Tuesday 10th 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (2nd Anniversary.) Call John 468718. Tuesday 17th 10.00am St John's Ambulance Big Teacozy Party. (Bring & Buy and raffle)

Saturday 21st 2.00pm NOVEMBER FAYRE

Tuesday 24th 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning

DECEMBER 2009

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am Knitters and Natters. 2nd Anniversary Bring & Share lunch

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480 352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535.

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship Saturday Breakfast

We will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday November 14th. This month the breakfast discussion will be lead by Patrick Gildea of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, St Ives.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are for Christian and non-Christian men and are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.30 am to approximately 10.00 am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting – 10th September 2009.

Police report.

During the period 7th July to 8th September 2009 the following incidents had been reported to the Police:-

1 theft from a vehicle. 1 theft. 2 breaking and entering. 2 attempted breaking and entering. 5 criminal damage. 1 arson. 1 obtaining petrol without paying.

The majority of incidents of criminal damage and the incident of arson have taken place at the allotments. The incident of arson is of extreme concern to the Police and they request that if anyone has information they be contacted on numbers quoted below.

The Parish Council expressed concern at the increase in attempted and incidents of breaking and entering and urges all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Parking on greens

Parking on green areas within the Village is becoming an increasing problem in terms of the damage caused and the associated costs in restoring the green to an acceptable standard and also to the aesthetic aspect of such parking.

Walnut Tree Crescent is of particular concern. Representatives from Luminus and the District Council attended the meeting to advise on possible solutions. The meeting deferred making a decision until further consideration could be given to the subject and a consultation with the residents of Walnut Tree Crescent had taken place.

Garage repairs Walnut Tree Crescent.

The Parish Council has requested Luminus to refurbish the garages in Walnut Tree Crescent on numerous occasions. Luminus has undertaken a major programme of garage refurbishment. Due to the poor condition of these garages repainting will be brought forward and if possible included in this years budget.

Christmas decorations and illuminations

The Parish Council agreed in principle to grant permission for a permanent fixing point for a Christmas tree on Clock Tower Green. The request was made by the Village Hall Committee who have secured funding for a tree which will be in place for the Christmas period. The Parish Council agreed to assist in providing funding towards the groundworks and installation of the electricity supply as part of its commitment to improving the Christmas illuminations.Bus Users Group surgery. A member of the Parish Council and the Clerk attended the surgery held in St Ives during July. Representatives from Stagecoach, Whippet Coaches, the County and District Council were present. The Parish's concerns were put to a representative of the District Council who will raise the points with those directly responsible.

Cycling in the Churchyard

The Parish Council has received complaints about cycling through the Churchyard. In the interests of safety it is requested that cyclists dismount and walk through the Churchyard.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 7:30pm at the Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

CREATIVE CORNER

Lament of the Lone Parent

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I hugged onto my family -

what my grandparents would have done but not my parents;

Struggled with the words, "I used to be married, I used to be married"

While the bubbles went flat in the glass.

And I waited another year

A year when a second is all it takes for life to end.

My choice was to start again

not to be

lone,

lonely

or alone.

Mum

Struggling with one, two or three or more

Having to endure smiling couples: choosing a duvet cover in Dunelm or an apple tree at the garden centre or arguing in the aisles about what to cook for their peers – the men in one room and the girls in another; holding hands and whispering the same private joke of some twenty years.

The child in the middle holding a big hand in left and right.

I believe History does not exist unless someone writes it

So now you can presume to know a little

But you do not know me.

You lucky ones with all your ups and downs

Extend a hand and do not judge me for who you think I am.

I. Thompkins

HILTON TOWN CHARITY

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Sure Care Reach out to Help

By Amanda Keel

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This success is also attributed to their staff. "We are not offering a job... we are offering a career," Jorge tells me. I discover that Sure Care give training via e-learning, mentoring and in-house training programmes.

They also offer the opportunity in conjunction with Cambridge Regional College to achieve a formal qualification in Health and Social Care. Jorge told me why he choose Fenstanton, "Well, I live here," he said with a smile. "And also Fenstanton is a central to the whole of Cambridge. From here we can reach surrounding areas such as Fenland, Huntingdon, St Ives and Cambridge."

Joseph also added that they now cover 1400 hours a week of care work. This includes personal care, domestic support, social care, nutritional care as well as administration and financial assistance. Please contact Sure Care if you have any questions regarding the services they provide.

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HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the lack of rain to aid the growth of the grass seed the Playground has remained closed for longer than anticipated. We thank parishioners for their patience.

Following the resignation of our Village Tree Warden, we are currently seeking a new Warden. The job entails monitoring existing Parish owned trees in order to keep them healthy and minimise risk. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in taking on this role.

The village, in particular Tythe Lane, has seen an increase in fly tipping, parishioners are reminded that any sort of "dumping" (even grass cuttings and garden waste) in public places is illegal and we urge you to use the correct waste facilities.

Work in the parish continues and Villagers will have noticed the pathways across the Green have been resurfaced and all ponds have been cleaned. Repairs to the Lych Gate are also due to be completed this year.

The Parish Council is once again hosting its annual Firework Display on 7th November, gates open at 6 pm for fireworks at 7 pm. Please refer to separate advert in the magazine. The Parish Council thanks those involved in staging the event for their hard work.

A14 Progress Report

The Highways Agency recently published the final draft design (draft Orders) for the upgrading of the A14. Any comments and objections to the draft design must be lodged with the Highways Agency by 6 January 2010. The documents and plans covering the draft Orders are available on line and in Public Offices and libraries throughout the region. The Parish Council also has a copy of the main documentation.

Residents are urged to study these final draft proposals and to provide comment if they see fit. This will be our last chance to ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect our environment.

The Hilton A14 Action Group has been monitoring the evolving A14 scheme over the past two years and where necessary. has provided comment to the Highways Agency. Despite this pressure, the Group remains concerned that there are still some significant design deficiencies in the areas of prevention of road noise, in flood protection and for preventing additional problems in the local road network and especially for traffic through the village. The A14 Action Group has recommended that the Parish Council respond to the draft Orders by calling for a Public Inquiry where these matters can be examined in public under the judgement of a Government Inspector who has the power to demand design changes if he feels that Hilton has a sufficiently strong case. The Public Inquiry would be held later in 2010. A number of other local villages and bodies are also expected to call for a Public Inquiry. Over the past two years a major problem for the Parish Council and the A14 Action Group has been their inability to provide informed comment on some the more complex technical issues raised by the design proposals. To help better prepare the Action Group to represent the village at the Public Inquiry, the Group has also asked the Parish Council to fund the provision of technical advice from a number of topic specialists.

To give Hilton residents the opportunity to express their views and to question the Parish Council and the A14 Action Group on the further action to be taken, the Council plans to hold a public meeting in late November.

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Details of this consultation will be available nearer to the date and prior to the meeting, we expect to deliver a broadsheet to every household summarising the current position. In addition to any comments made by the Parish Council, residents are also invited to comment individually to the Highways Agency, the Secretary of State for Transport and other official bodies as they see fit. Indeed, the more we comment the more chance we have of achieving the best environmental protection for Hilton.

Finally, more information regarding the Highways Agency design can be found on http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/4211.aspx

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

All Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the village website once they have been approved by the Parish Council.

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

TOTS PRAISE

How lovely it is to be together again - also welcome to the newcomers! We meet on the last Tuesday of the month for songs, a story and activities to take home. 1.30pm - 2.30pm with coffee on arrival. See you on November 24th at St Mary Magdelene church in Hilton.

CHRISTMAS TRFF FESTIVAL

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2009 WORKSHOP



Saturday 14th November from 10am

You may remember that last year there was a Christmas Tree Festival over the first weekend of December in St. Ives Methodist Church. Each tree on display had a theme to its decoration and we decorated the tree from Hilton with Angels. The proceeds from the event were shared between the East Anglia Children's Hospice and Huntingdonshire Young Carers. A cheque for 700 pounds was sent to both organisations.

This year all the trees will have a Christmas Carol as their theme. We have chosen 'Wise Men Seeking Jesus' for our tree and will be having a workshop to decorate the wise men figures on Saturday 14th November. All children and their families are welcome to come along at 10.00am until 11.30 to help make our tree decorations. There will be refreshments to help keep you going! Please come to the Methodist Church at 10.00am.

The same organisations will benefit again this year along with The Woodlands Centre at Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be at Huntingdon Methodist Church on 4th – 6th December and will be opened by Dame Norma Major. There will be 50 differently decorated trees on view, submitted by lots of local groups.



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CLUB NEWS

FENSTANTON WI

On Thursday October 1st we had our A.G.M. followed by a talk on the History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force by Sqn. Ldr. Kevin Dalley. We were pleased to welcome Carol Crocker and Susan Kearns on to our committee and know they will be valuable assets. Claire Barrett was unanimously voted as President. Kevin then gave an interesting and informative talk together with slides. We heard about the almost primitive Bleriot aeroplanes which local men James Radley and William Moorhouse built from kits. The cockpit was very simple with a wicker seat, an on/off switch and a wooden rudder bar. However there was a joy-stick which Bleriot had patented and the design is still used today. There was neither heating nor navigational instruments. In 1916 the Royal Flying Corps was set up to teach people to fly and on the 1st April 1918 the R.A.F. came into being. Between the two World Wars the R.A.F. as well as training aircrew was used to keep the peace in Iraq. During the Second World War R.A.F. Wyton first had a squadron of Lancasters but these were soon phased out in favour of the Mosquito; by 1944 it was solely Mosquitoes. The Pathfinder force was founded in August 1942 and headed by Air Vice-Marshall Donald Bennett. Only the most experienced and competent aircrew were invited to join this elite force. Initially it was a reconnaissance force which flew over enemy territory to photograph factories, railways and other important targets. Despite having this information, our bomber crews had difficulty in accurately pin

pointing particular targets. To solve this problem the Pathfinder Force used Mosquitoes which were made of wood, had two Rolls Royce Merlin engines but carried no armaments or bombs. They could fly faster than other fighters including Spitfires and flew ahead of the bombers to pinpoint the targets with flares. During the Cold War, R.A.F. Wyton was involved in strategic reconnaissance. Nowadays it is used solely as a Flying Training School for Cambridge and London University students.

Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks saying that Kevin must have held us spell-bound as she had never heard the W.I. be so quiet for so long.

Dates for Future Events

5th November The Life of a Racehorse by Mr. Geoff Evans.

3rd December Christmas Celebrations

Again we were delighted to have two more new members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or phone our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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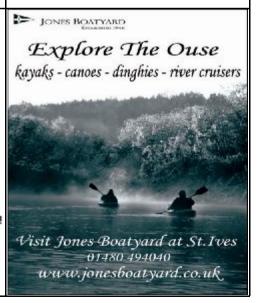
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For us to gain though you must make sure you go in via that url above. So please - spread the word (as anyone can use that link / url) and support our Scout Group if shopping on-line.



Let there be light

On Tuesday 8th December we will be joining in the early evening fun (6.30pm to 8.00pm) at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton as the lights are turned on. We will be offering hot drinks, squash, biscuits plus some fun activities.

Christmas Post

Here's a reminder that we will once again be taking part in the Cromwell District Scout Christmas Post, at just 20p per letter / card. This year, thanks to The George, we will not have to brave the cold but will instead be able to sell stamps and collect post in the warm from their back room — on the morning of Saturday 12th December. We will also be offering mouth watering cakes for you to buy and take home. Posters confirming details and where stamps can be bought / letters posted will displayed in local villages from 1st December.

Bag Packing

We have been offered the chance to pack customer bags at Waitrose in St Ives in return for donations, on Wednesday 23rd December (It's ok – we do "train" the youngsters first!!). Funds raised will be spent on camps and our 40th birthday celebrations during 2010.

Louise Clover, Chairman

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again! Firstly we have an apology to make to Catriona Croft who won the Dorothy King Trophy this year for the best flower overall. Unfortunately we omitted her name from the list of Produce Show winners so a belated 'well done' to Cat. This month is mainly a housekeeping time in the garden so:-

Lift dahlias, cutting stems to approx 10 cm from ground level before storing in a dry, frost-free place. If leaving them insitu. cover with a good layer of mulch for protection. Protect any pots left out for the winter. Continue to collect fallen leaves from the lawn to prevent damage to the grass and from paths to prevent slippery surfaces, adding them to your leaf pile. If frosty try not to walk on the lawn. And finally.....for next year, plant tulips and (if you like it) garlic.

Herbie Collen's Tips for the month:

Finish digging - weather and back permitting!

Although a little early to prune apple and pear trees for growth, fruit buds can now be trimmed if needed. Finish fixing posts, trellis and fencing. Ensure any paving is level and safe. Sort out the tool shed, clean the mower etc...

PLAN next year's colour schemes, beds and borders. Reshape beds and lawns that are not 'quite right'.

Please note: In September's Spectrum 'Herbie at Home' – an activity day of pot painting and planting was mentioned. Although I would assist at such an event I am not planning one myself.

*For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice email Jane on jane.ernie@talktalk.net or 830896, and you can also find us in the events section on the village website:-

www.hilton-village.com

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee met on the 24th of September at the Village Hall to discuss amongst other things, forth coming fundraising events and to set the date for Feast week 2010.

I invite you all on behalf of the committee to pencil into your diaries Sunday 25th July 2010 – Saturday 31st July 2010 as the date for next years Feast Week.

While you have them to hand I have another couple for you. Don't forget that Saturday the 7th of November is the wonderful Village Bonfire Night event. Once again Hilton's Feast Week Committee is proud to play our part by providing refreshments for the event. Craig and his BBQ Pit Crew will be serving up warm and tasty Hot Dogs, Burgers and Soup. Their will also be a sweets stall and glow-sticks for the children.

Your continued support of the various fund raising events that will take place over the coming year is essential and they don't come better attended or more popular than our 'Quiz Nights. So, that's what we're kicking off with!

I'm throwing down the challenge to the best, the brightest and most quick witted amongst you, our fellow Hiltonians to come to our first 'Quiz Night' on Saturday 28th November at the Village Hall to compete for the trophy, bragging rights and have a jolly good time.

I would like to take this opportunity to echo Peter Balicki's thanks and add mine to the 'Friends of Feast Week' and everyone who has been involved in helping Feast Week throughout the last 12 months ensuring that Feast Week and the fund raising events were so successful. We as a committee look forward to enjoying your continued support over the coming year.

HILTON FEAST WEEK CONT.

Peter Sampson has kindly offered to take on the challenge of running 'Sports Day.' If you would like to get involved? or help out on the day? Please contact Peter via Sara Sampson on 830383 or Justo on 831106 or by email at maftel@aol.com The committee would like to extend the deadline for entries to the photo competition. Please could we have your photos encapsulating the spirit of Feast Week sent to Justo at maftel@aol.com and if yours is the winner it can grace the cover of next years Feast Week Programme. We hope to work much more closely with the Village Website so we can bring you updates on how preparations and fundraising for Feast Week is progressing. These will be found at:

www.hilton-village.com

The new committee details are Chairman: Justo Perez 831106 Vice Chair: Sara Sampson 830383 Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin 830481 Secretary: Tracy Wilkinson 831302

Other committee members:

Craig Sutherland, Gill Gill, Hilary Holmes, Keith Miller, Adrian Snooke, Ett McCarthy, Sharon Walker

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER

We are a friendly group which meets every Wednesday in Fenstanton Church Centre from 10 - 11.30am. We welcome children from birth to school age and have a good selection of toys for all as well as a secure area for babies. If you fancy a tea or coffee while the children play please come along. Sessions cost £2 - first visit is free! On 18th November we will be joined by a photographer from Evolution Photos who will be taking natural black and white photographs of the children while they play. Please feel free to come along. If you would like any further information please contact Becky on 01480 493067 or email rebecca.reynolds76@btconnect.com.



Are planning a Christmas shopping trip by coach to Milton Keynes on either Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd November.

Please contact Scott or Dawn Lowrie on 463799 or email

Lowrie.scott@googlemail.com if you would be interested in joining us or want to find out more.



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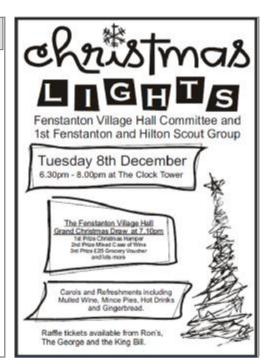
HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Our October meeting was FUN! It was a D.I.Y. afternoon. The idea was using a piece of oasis on a saucer making a table arrangement depicting a variety of themes (set by Beverley) e.g. anniversaries, Harvest, Christmas etc. The results were most pleasing and attractive in style and colour. It made the Britten Room shine!

We enjoyed tea and biscuits and plenty of chat!

Next Meeting: Monday Nov. 2nd 2p.m. Village Hall. "Christmas Joy" demo by Lesley Beeton.

Future Meeting: Monday Dec. 7th 2p.m. Village Hall Christmas Party with Members' arrangements.



HILTON WI

Did you know that the willow pattern is not a Japanese or Chinese design but was devised and designed by the Spode factory in England in 1750? Also that the lighter the colour of your piece of willow pattern, the older it is? Pat Callaghan was full of such gems of information when she brought along some of her favourite pieces of china to Hilton WI's September meeting and talked us through the various ways to identify and date our own heirlooms which some members had brought along for identification.

On the social calendar, several WIs in the area have visited Hilton thanks to the circulation of our One Step Further winning walk leaflet. The last walk of the season was a group from Glinton WI on 15th September, who enthused over the peaceful delights of Hilton and were very appreciative of the cream tea provided by Hilton WI. An outing to Belvoir Castle, another to Peterborough for a dog-racing evening and an al fresco August lunch were highlights of the WI summer season. October saw much merrymaking at the Harvest Supper with delicious food followed by entertainment by the singing group, Tapestry, from St Ives. The proceeds from the Harvest Supper this year were di

vided between the WI and the Nightingale Trust, a locally-based charity which gives help to patients on intravenous and naso-gastric nutrition therapy. We very much enjoyed sharing our good cheer in this way with those less fortunate than ourselves.

At the WI Annual Meeting on Monday 12th October members were sorry to lose Margaret Wilkes from the committee due to her impending house move, and Rosemary Blake stepped down as President. Both were thanked for their hard work and dedication during their time in office. Doreen Bates will take on the role of President for the ensuing year. Sally Barnes was welcomed on to the committee. Otherwise all stays the same. The evening was rounded off by a quiz and social time with drinks and nibbles, and was very much enjoyed by all.

Future activities include a Federation craft day next month and trip to Lincoln's Christmas Market on 4th December and as Christmas approaches, at our next meeting on 9 November we will welcome Frances Ashfield who will teach us how to make crackers! If you are interested in coming along please contact our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358.

CAROL YARROW

FEN DRAYTON LAKES

The 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts had another productive work party at the Lakes in early October, removing tree guards from the plantation around Elney Lake. The weather wasn't perfect for them, but they worked hard and enthusiastically — our grateful thanks to them and their families who joined in.

We had scheduled a fungus foray for the following day — when the weather was gorgeous. Sadly, the drought throughout September had an impact, as wet, cooler weather promotes many fungus species to reproduce in the autumn. This is when the caps appear on the ground or on dead wood. We did find 13 different species, including one uncommon one.

The best grassland areas for wildlife are those that are grazed. Cattle, sheep, ponies and rabbits all have different effects - for example, cattle tend to avoid flower heads, which will be beneficial to nectarfeeding insects such as butterflies. Sheep usually nibble plants much closer to soil level than cattle do, benefiting plants that don't like to be crowded by long grass. In the winter months, wetland birds such as wigeons, lapwings and snipe will feed in the short turf. Sheep have been grazing the shores of Moore and Elney Lakes this summer, although some of them have become experienced escape artists - the grass on the paths must have looked greener to them. Thank you to those readers who have contacted us when they've found sheep on the paths and busway. We expect the biggest event in November will be the launch of the Cambridgeshire Guided Bus at the end of the month, although we don't know yet which date the service will begin. I hope that by the time Spectrum is delivered,

timetables will be published and local news bulletins will be keeping us informed. We have just two guided walks in November, both beginning at the Holywell Lake car park. Charges are £4 per person (£2 RSPB members, £1 children).

4th 10am-12.30pm Dabbling and diving We'll concentrate on ducks today, looking at how they find their food and why they like to spend the winter here.

26th 10am-12.30pm Mystery Tour The current weather will influence our route today.

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

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2nd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2pm
4th	Fenstanton over 60's	Please call 384977 for details	
4th	Dabbling & Diving	Fen Drayton Lakes	10am-12.30pm
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm
6th	Exploration Discussion Group	Hilton Methodist Church	7.30pm
7th	Fireworks @ Hemingford	London Rd, Nr St Ives Bridge	5pm
7th	Hilton Firework Display	Hilton	
9th	Pharmacy Opening	Fenstanton	
12th	Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting	Primary School	7.30pm
14th	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	URC	8.30am
14th	Christmas Tree Festival Workshop	Hilton Methodist Church	10-11.30pm
18th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Please call 384977 for details	
24th	Tot's Praise	Hiton Parish Church	1.30pm
25th	Spectrum Fundraiser	Church Centre, Fenstanton	7-9pm
25th	Advent Lunch	The Old Rectory, Hilton	
26th	Mystery Tour	Fen Drayton Lakes	10am- 12.30pm
28th	Hilton Christmas Fayre	Hilton Parish Church	1-4pm
30th	Exploration Discussion Group	Hilton Methodist Church	7.30pm

December 2009

3rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm
5th-6th	Christmas Tree Festival	Huntingdon Methodist Church	
7th	Hilton Flower Club Christmas Party	Village Hall	TBA
8th	Christmas Lights	Clock Tower, Fenstanton	6.30pm
12th	Scout Christmas Post & Cakes	George Pub, Fenstanton	TBA
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