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Thanks for the 3 donations we have received this month. They are appreciated and help to pay for colour and extra pages—although, if it gets much thicker we won't be able to fold it!!

I would like to thank all my friends and family for their help celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on 25<sup>th</sup> September. I was deeply moved that so many friends of all ages were able to come. I had a little help from my grand daughter opening the presents and some were detached from their cards so I would like to express my gratitude for all the lovely presents you gave me.

*Karen Collard*

### Hilton Village Harvest Supper

I should like to offer a big 'Thank you' to everyone who came to support our Harvest Supper and to make the evening so successful. We had a great team of cooks, helpers and hostesses. The food, and the musical entertainment by Moira and Gren, were excellent. Donations were sent to two registered charities: Magpas Emergency Medical Care £280, which included a private donation of £20, and Hilton WI £260.

*Rosemary Blake*

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank the 52 people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning in Hilton and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. We are also grateful to Jacky's Beauty for sponsorship. You helped raise a total of £469.30 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.

### History of Hilton.

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

*Contact Peter Blake, 830137.*

### The Action for Children

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*Richard Dunn, Organiser.*

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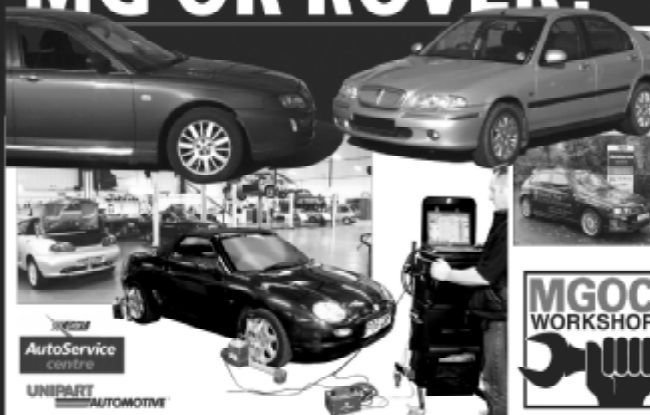
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The meeting was also advised that the theft of number plates from a van did not appear on the police report.

Although the number of reported incidents is low the Parish Council urges 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.

**Speeding.**

Speeding on the Headlands Estate is causing considerable concern with complaints being received from Parishioners. The problem on Headlands is being further exasperated with an increasing number of vehicles parking on the bend and on both sides of the road thus significantly reducing the width of the road and vision. The Police are aware of the problems but the Parish Council request all drivers observe the speed limits and drive at speeds relevant to the prevailing conditions.

**Gravel on footpaths.**

Gravel spilling from drives onto footpaths can be a hazard for the elderly and small children. The Parish Council request that residents with gravel drives ensure that any spillage is swept from the footpath.

**Dog fouling.**

Dog fouling on footpaths appears to be increasing again. Whilst it is appreciated that the majority of dog owners have a responsible attitude, the Parish Council appeals to the minority whose dogs foul the Village footpaths to ensure that they clean up. If dog owners do not wish to take the bags home they can be placed in any of the Village rubbish bins.

**Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on ***Thursday 11th November 2010 at 7:30pm*** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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**Graveley Way – Traffic Calming** - Parish Councillors are currently considering a traffic calming scheme for Graveley Way. Last year the Parish Council were successful in a bid for jointly funded minor improvement scheme – the scheme must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 to qualify for the funding. As soon as the Parish Council have approved the proposed scheme, Graveley Way residents will be consulted by Highways and we encourage all residents to respond accordingly. Updates will be available on the website and on notice boards.

**The Turf Maze** – Renovations have recently been completed by Clivedon Conservation. Here is a short report of the work undertaken.

*The sunken Maze, thought to be one of only eight in the country, is approximately 17m in diameter. At the centre is a stone Monument to its creator, William Sparrow, probably erected on his death in 1729. The monument is constructed from an Oolitic limestone and consists of a plinth dais block, a square obelisk, carved cornice element, socle and ball finial. Scheduled as an ancient monument, the Maze is now the responsibility of the Parish Council and was refurbished in 1998 with a grant from*



*English Heritage. The condition of the monument raised recent concerns and with grant aid from English Heritage was stabilised, cleaned and secured with a security fixing. A stable footing of lime was laid, onto which the Monument was re-erected using lime mortar and stainless steel dowel. A light conservation clean exposed the true colour of the stone as well as uncovering a carved sundial on the orb. The stones were re-bedded in the exact position they were dismantled which may or may not be an accurate time telling position! The small retaining wall, found to be badly eroded was also restored and rebuilt where missing, in a suitable lime mortar with hazel staves armatures. The maze is unique and at possibly 350 years old, is a beautiful spectacle for people from far and wide to enjoy.*

**Burglaries** - Once again the village has experienced a spate of burglaries. Parishioners are asked to be extra vigilant and take extra security measures to ensure your home is left untouched. Neighbourhood Watch up-dates are available on the village website.

Our next meeting is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm** 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 our meetings can be found on the village website. [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk [thehiltonclerk@btpopenworld.com](mailto:thehiltonclerk@btpopenworld.com) or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

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Matt 16 v 24 Jesus said to his disciples... "Follow me"

Often the things we face in life can be quite overwhelming and we find ourselves seeking pity from someone, but this doesn't help us or even serve us very well. We simply need our Lord Jesus, all that we need is in Him.

In the true story of Corrie ten Boom's life "The Hiding Place" Corrie tells of how the Gestapo took her and her family into captivity for helping the Jews. In her story she explains how one day in prison she receives a letter. In solitary confinement she hears footsteps and cries out "Please! I have bad news - oh please, don't go away!" The footsteps retreat, the keys jingle and the cell door opens. "This letter just came" she explains "It says that my father - it says my father has died". The prison guard, standing in the doorway embarrassed at Corrie's tears, says "whatever happens... you brought it on yourself"

As the door slams Corrie then whispers "Dear Jesus how foolish of me to have called for human help when you are here. To think that Father sees You now face to face! To think that he and Mama are together again, walking those bright streets..."

I often have the idea that I ought to shield myself from some of the things God brings around me. Never, is this correct! God engineers circumstances and whatever they may be like, we have to see that we face them and at the same time dwell with Jesus. These are His tests, tests to the life of the Son of God in us. The honour of Jesus Christ is at stake in our lives. Are we remaining loyal to Jesus, our Lord? Do we continue to go with Jesus in the path that lies through our Gethsemane, the way lies alone and the way lies until there is no trace of a footstep left, only the voice "*follow me*"

*Andy Richards (The Bridge Church)*

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## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—NOVEMBER

|                                 |  |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  |  |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 8.30am                                     | Morning Prayer  |
| Fenstanton                      | 3.30pm                                     | Jaffa Club  |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> |   |
| Hilton                          | 8.15am                                     | Holy Communion (BCP)  |
| Fenstanton                      | 9.30am                                     | Parish Communion & Sunday Club  |
| Fenstanton                      | 6.00pm                                     | Said Evensong   |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b> |  |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 8.30am                                     | Morning Prayer  |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>                  |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 9.45am                                     | Remembrance service in Parish Church  |
| Hilton                          | 10.50am                                    | United Remembrance Service, starting at the Lych gate.<br>Sunday Club in Methodist school room. |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> |  |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 8.30am                                     | Morning Prayer  |
| Fenstanton                      | 3.30pm                                     | Jaffa Club  |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>Christ the King</b>                     |   |
| Hilton                          | 8.15am                                     | Holy Communion  |
| Fenstanton                      | 9.30am                                     | Parish Communion & Sunday Club  |
| Fenstanton                      | 6.00pm                                     | Evensong  |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b> |  |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 8.30am                                     | Morning Prayer  |
| <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b> |  |   |
| Hilton                          | 1.00-4.00pm                                | Christmas Fayre in church   |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Advent Sunday</b>                       |   |
| Fenstanton                      | 9.30am                                     | Family Communion  |
| Hilton                          | 11.15am                                    | Family Worship with coffee served at 11.00am  |
| <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>  |  |   |
| Hilton                          | 1.30pm                                     | Tots' Praise  |
| <b>Regular Weekly Events</b>    |  |   |
| Wednesdays at Hilton            | 10.00am                                    | Morning Prayer/Communion at 20 Chequers Croft   |
| Fridays at Fenstanton           | 7.30pm                                     | Teenage Christians  |

**PARISH CHURCHES** **From the Vicar**—Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens: For ***Fenstanton***, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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### **FENSTANTON HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION**

Very many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent house-to-house collection. You will be glad to know that we raised £1800 in all. We apologise for the fact that we were unable to cover all the roads this time – if anybody still has an envelope lurking and would like to give something, we would be delighted to have it! To our delight, we are now in a position to start repairs on the church fairly soon. The porch will be underpinned and plaster, windows and gutters repaired. Over the years the generosity of the village has enabled us to repair the stonework of the east window, and instal a much-needed toilet, so making the building more accessible to the community at large, and available for a range of events. Apart from these major undertakings, regular small maintenance jobs cost something in the region of £8000 a year, so your continued support despite the recession is most welcome .

### **HILTON CHURCH ROOF IS WHOLE AGAIN!**

Those of you who live near the church in Hilton will probably have noticed that the scaffolding was removed during October. This joyous event signifies the end of the roof restoration project - hurrah!!! We still have some money left to raise to cover the work and we will have to tackle the decorating at some stage but at least the repairs have been completed and the church is now safe and watertight again. As a special THANK YOU to all of the people in both villages who contributed towards the roof appeal we would like to invite you to an Open Morning in the church on Saturday 13th November from 10am until midday. Come along, admire the roof and enjoy a complementary cuppa and piece of cake- the heating will be on and we look forward to seeing you! If you can't make the 13th then you don't have to miss out because the church is now open again every day so you can pop in and take a look whenever it suits you. For more information please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

## **HILTON TOTS PRAISE**

Hilton has lots of "family fun" things going on. Halloween & then the fireworks. What will we do? There will be a welcome at the Village Church for Tot's Praise. Last Tuesday of the month will be Nov. 30th. Come for Action, the usual coffee, friendship, & something to take home. Look forward to seeing you there 1.30 -- 2.30pm.



## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - NOVEMBER

|      |         |   |
|------|---------|---|
| 7th  | 10.00am | Mr Tony Sainsbury   |
| 14th | 10.50am | Remembrance Service at Parish Church - meet at the Lych Gate for laying of Poppy wreaths. Children's Sunday Club in Methodist Hall. |
| 21st | 10.00am | Holy Communion Service with Revd. Katy Dunn   |
| 28th | 10.00am | Miss Vivien Almond  |

### Explorations Discussion Group.

We have decided to incorporate some Bible Study into our meetings, which will be on the third Monday in the month. The first of our new format sessions will be on Monday November 15th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING.

Please make a note of the date of our next coffee morning – Saturday 6th November at 10.00 am. As usual, we will have a selection of Fair Trade foods and craft items for sale from Just Sharing in St Ives. Proceeds from the refreshments go to EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice). **L Stott**

### HILTON CHURCHES ADVENT LUNCHESES.—from 12.30 until 2.00pm

This year we are suggesting donations of £3.00 or above for this very fine lunch. All proceeds will go to the charity EACH. (East Anglia Children's Hospice) Let's make it a good Christmas gift for them by supporting these lunches. Everyone is welcome, so please book the following dates in your diary: The lunches start on Wednesday 24th November at the home of Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft. (Then on 1st December, Pat Bellass; 8th December, Linda Stott; 15th December, Muriel Bell)

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# FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—NOVEMBER

7th 9:30am Revd Derek Newton. HOLY COMMUNION



**REMEMBRANCE DAY—** Sunday, 14th  
9.45am at the Parish Church  
Revd Catherine Ball.

14th 6:00pm Mr Keith Cakebread  
21st 9:30am Mr George Mwaura  
28th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball.

## OTHER EVENTS

Tues. 2nd, 16th and 30th 10:00am Knitters and Natters  
Tues. 9th and 23rd 10:00am The Open Door Coffee Morning.  
9th 2:30pm The Monthly Meditation .  
Sat. 13th 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (see p 21)  
13th 2:00pm November Fayre

**DECEMBER 2010** Advent Course to be held at Fenstanton URC on Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 7:30pm. All denominations invited.

**TOOLS**—thank you to everyone who brought tools they will be well renovated and re-used. Most went to '**Tools with a Mission**', but as they did not want the gardening tools we contacted '**Workaid**' (another similar Charity) and they collected everything that had been left—so nothing was wasted.

**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**



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## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



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**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
2-00pm

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## HOBBIES CRAFTS & COLLECTIONS



It was a lovely day, the weather was good and so were the collections!

The first tractor arrived at 8.30am, then a classic car. In all we had ten tractors, four motor bikes, four land rovers and six vintage cars. Ray's Morris 8



was decorated for the wedding he was attending later. Inside we had Chris Lakeman's Penny farthing Bicycle—how do you get on that? The live bees were also popular and the spinners



mesmerised one little boy who thought they were spinning gold! The dolls prams are always admired and Lesley's

patchwork bedspread was beautiful. Along with all the other stalls there was a wonderful atmosphere.

Next year is booked for 17th September!!

Hope it's another lovely day.

(After the day a parcel of goodies were found in the Church, if you purchased things on the day and arrived home without them, Jean has them for you to collect. (28 Bell Lane)).



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NOVEMBER  
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### *BBQ Bonfire*

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## FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday November 13th. This will be our third anniversary and there will be a special celebration breakfast. The kind ladies of the United Reformed Church will be cooking us bacon and eggs.

This month's breakfast meeting will be lead by John Deeks of the Bridge Church, St Ives. There will not be any specific subject for discussion just whatever comes into our heads.

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 8.00am to approximately 10.00am. Breakfast is served from 8.30am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion. Come and help us to celebrate three years of men's breakfast fellowship.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or [john.deeks@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)



**Tuesday November 16th  
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## FENSTANTON WI

At our A.G.M. on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October Claire Barrett stood down as President after three years of sterling work. Daphne Loveday expressed the thoughts and thanks on behalf of us all and presented Claire with a basket of flowers. We have lost some members from the committee for different reasons but recognise and send our thanks to Margaret Blount, Claire Barrett, Pauline Driver, Ruby Sainty and Sylvia Shaylor for their valuable contributions. We also miss and remember our Secretary of many years Beryl Harvey who died on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

However we were delighted to welcome Becky Cumbers, Amanda Howard and Christine Rimmer to our committee. Pam Hucklesby agreed to stand as President and was unanimously elected. Mavis Sykes was presented with a flower arrangement as thanks for making the birthday poses all the year.

Claire gave us a really good end to the evening by providing us with materials and instructions to make a gift box, 2 Christmas cards and a birthday card. Amid much fun and laughter the talented and the less dextrous all produced very creditable items to take home.

We were delighted to welcome 2 visitors to our meeting and hope they will want to join us.

### Dates for Future Meetings

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** The History and Art of Knotting by Mrs Wendy Smith.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Christmas Celebrations with a magician.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Visit to Burgess Hall for the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk".

We meet on the first Thursday of each month except January, at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or phone our temporary Secretary Val Spain for more information (01480) 463653.

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or contact Becky on 493067 for any further information. The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

### **BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**

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

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**Not a computer or games console in sight.....**

The first month of the Autumn Term has seen the Scout Group out and about taking part in some great activities. The Scout Troop have had opportunities to go hill walking in Wales and to join hundreds of other Cambridgeshire Scouts at a camp at Wood Green; Cubs have travelled back in time for a Medieval Camp whilst Beavers have built dens and been exploring on a night hike.

More adult volunteers are always welcome to help make the fun happen so to find out more simply visit the website and get in touch.

Louise Clover (Chairman)

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## HILTON WI

Our President Doreen Bates welcomed members to the AGM on Monday 11th October and gave her annual report, thanking the committee for their support and friendship. She then went on to say how pleased she was to have welcomed nine new members during the year, bringing membership up to 62. Ruth Salem our Secretary then gave her report outlining the speakers, outings, classes, clubs, lunches and attendances at our WI Denman College.

We are now looking forward to a theatre trip to see Calendar Girls, the re-start of our winter lunches and our trips to the spectacular Christmas Show at Thursford in November and Holiday on Ice in February.

The whole committee was happy to be re-elected and this was done en bloc. Celia gave a vote of thanks to the President and Heather added thanks on behalf of WI members to the committee for all their hard work and commitment. We ended the evening with social time and drinks and nibbles. Our next meeting in the hall is on 8th November, the speaker, Claire Nicholson, giving a talk about the Bloomsbury Group, some of whom used to 'hang out' at Hilton Hall.

If you are interested in joining Hilton WI please contact the Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358.

**Carol Yarrow**

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

A report from the Chairman, Beverley, saying a wonderful time and lots of fun at the last meeting was had by all.

Everybody brought their foliage and Beverley and June (thank you June) gave the ideas for both a tall arrangement as well as a table arrangement in the prepared saucers. The ladies were given their flowers and so started the afternoon!

It was interesting to see the way different arrangements were emerging!

Tea was served at the tables so that made it a relaxed time for all.

It was agreed to have a repeat of this next year since it was so enjoyable.

Also a big birthday for Lily so we all enjoyed the chocolates she brought.

**Next Meeting —2pm Village Hall  
Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

"Christmas" —demonstration by Leslie Beaton.

**Future**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December,

## HILTON TOWN CHARITY

Some in the village may not be aware of the Hilton Town Charity which benefits from land and assets endowed generations ago, most recently confirmed by a Deed dated 1899.

The charity's details are listed in several relevant Directories, and a report of the year's activities is given at the Parish Council Annual Open Meeting. The following approximations give an indication of allocations in recent times;

|                    |  |                          |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Village Hall, 30%; | Christmas Parcels (to the Elderly and Infirm ), 18%; |                          |
| Education, 13%;    | Sports, 11%;   | Village Activities, 12%; |
| Scouts, 11%;       | Other Charities, 4%;                                 | Administration 1%.       |

The vicar and four trustees administer the Charity . They have wide discretion, the only limitation being that grants must be directly of benefit to the village of Hilton and those living therein. Villagers and village organisations are able to apply at any time to one of the trustees or to the clerk as listed below;

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## HILTON FEAST WEEK HOSTS:

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or email [matfel@aol.com](mailto:matfel@aol.com)

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### **Christmas Fayre in Hilton Church**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
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### **News from HiltonAction on Traffic Group (HAT)**

County Highways Engineers have proposed a design for traffic calming in Graveley Way. This is due to be installed by April 2011, subject to approval and funding.

*The HAT working group was set up at the request of the Parish Council in response to residents' ongoing concerns about the effects on their lives of the high volumes, nature and speed of through traffic. It campaigns and works for solutions to problems this traffic causes such as road safety and environmental impact.*

Our present challenge is the reduction and eventual complete elimination of the large numbers of HGV's passing through the village.

Please make contact if you feel you have the motivation, ideas and energy to help.

e-mail: [HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk)

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## HILTON FEAST WEEK

By the time that this goes to press we would have had our first 'Feast Week Committee' meeting to start the 2010/2011 Feast Week ball rolling— The event calendar will soon start filling up, so please keep an eye on the Hilton Website and in Spectrum.

Feast Week Committees continues to commit to providing a range of fundraising events to cater for as many Hiltonians as we can. Pictures and a write up on this year's events will be available on the village website (see link below)

Next year's all important date for your village diary is **Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011** which of course is the date for Feast Week.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 'Hilton Bonfire Night'** the FWC will be supporting the Parish Council during their tremendous Firework display by providing refreshments. Craig will be firing up his BBQ so burgers and hotdogs will be the order of the day as will a cup of Suzie's home-made soup which was such a hit last year. Gill's mulled wine to warm the cockles and sweet to keep the kids happy. It's a great event please come down and enjoy the evening with friends and family.

The first opportunity to 'match your wills' with your peers takes place on Saturday **27<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall with Feast Week's first Quiz of the year.** Just £8 pounds grants you access to a fun and challenging evening with a bar and curry supper. Places have historically sold out quickly so please contact committee members as soon as possible to secure your place. Bragging rights for the rest of the year are up for grabs, so don't miss out!

Due to popular demand we will once again be holding the '**Feast Week Nativity**' last years' most charming of events was a huge success and embodied that Hilton Village spirit we all hold so dear. So please make a note in your festive diary for the **19<sup>th</sup> December.** More details will follow nearer the time, so keep reading your Spectrum for details.

Peter Sampson and the rest of Sports Day committee having done such a great job last year are kindly offering to take on the challenge of running 'Sports Day again in 2011. However, many hands make light work, so 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](mailto:maftel@aol.com)

We are working much more closely with the Village Website to can bring you updates on how preparations and fundraising for Feast Week is progressing. These will be found at: [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

### Committee details are:

**Chairman:** Justo Perez 831106  
**Vice Chair:** Sara Sampson 830383  
**Treasurer:** Graeme Gribbin 830481  
**Marketing:** Tracy Wilkinson 831302

### Other committee members:

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

### HILTON VILLAGE CHARITY BALL 2010

#### **Wow! What a Night !**

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped at our Hilton Village Charity Ball on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010. It was lovely to see so many friends and families attending the ball suitably dressed in their finery on a perfect summer evening.

We were able to enjoy a photo opportunity in our own Venetian Gondola. This set the scene for our Venetian themed Ball. The champagne flowed and the canapés were served on the maze. We then enjoyed a sit down meal provided by our caterers with the added attraction of Icicle Tricycle serving delicious Italian ice cream. We then danced the night away to the sound of Funk Federation. Hilton rocked !!!!

Thank you to every one who bought raffle tickets. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give a donation of £500 to the Hilton Church Roof Appeal which was our nominated charity for 2010. We also made a donation of £1200 to Feast Week for the use of the Marquee for the night.

We are a very small committee which we stress is independent of Feast Week. Make a note in your diaries for 2012 for a future Charity Ball we will look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you again to everyone who supported and helped to make this Charity Ball a huge success.

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A lovely still, sunny morning brought out a lot of people for a guided walk on 7<sup>th</sup> October, we enjoyed seeing butterflies and dragonflies as well as good numbers of birds that had already arrived to spend the winter here. The water was so still that we could see a reflection under each swimming bird.

The most numerous duck species was wigeon, although most of the drakes hadn't reached their full plumage. By November, we'd expect them to be looking their best, with bright chestnut heads and a creamy-yellow stripe on the forehead. They also make a distinctive, far-carrying whistling call.

The crop of berries – hawthorn and guelder rose – look good again, we can look forward to flocks of redwings and fieldfares in the hedges when they arrive from their Scandinavian breeding areas.

These flocks are generally nervous, and therefore difficult for people to get very close to, so binoculars are useful for getting good views. They aren't essential, however, as you can get good views just by standing very still and giving the birds time to relax, get used to you being there and continue feeding.

The starling roost already had a couple of thousand birds by early October, and we can expect numbers to increase by the start of November. You can watch the spectacular aerial flights from the main car park, overlooking Holywell Lake, where they will normally settle for the night. Generally, the main activity starts a little more than an hour before it gets dark, and can last about half an hour. Wait a while longer, and you can then watch the jackdaws and rooks going to their roost in the nearby willow woodland as darkness falls.

Alder trees attract siskins and redpolls to feed on their tiny seeds, and these small finches regularly feed alongside the commoner, resident goldfinches. Watch out for them around Elney Lake.

Winter habitat management work will depend very much on the weather conditions. Our volunteers work in all weathers, but flooding can be the biggest barrier to getting a particular job done.

The volunteers really enjoy hedge-laying, and are hoping to get more done on the hedge between Moore Lake and the Guided Busway. That area was flooded for part of last winter, but only time will tell how much flooding will happen in the next few months.

Join us for a guided walk (or two) in November, beginning from the Holywell Lake car park. We'll concentrate on ducks on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**, starting at 10am. The walk on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** begins at 1.30pm, and we'll return to the car park in time to watch the roosting birds.

Please note that our Willow Weaving Workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> is fully booked, but we'll run more next year. We'll be harvesting willow over the winter months for next year's workshops, so long as the areas aren't flooded!

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,

T: 01954 233267 or E: [neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk)

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This will be given by Laura Watson, who is The Wildlife Trust's Community Conservation Officer for our area. Laura's particular interest in amphibians and reptiles began as an undergraduate when she used to volunteer with local groups, and today much of Laura's time is spent assisting community groups with planning and implementing projects such as creating or enhancing appropriate habitats, plus surveying for signs of success.

As Laura says, these animals often go unnoticed in our countryside and lack the 'cute' appeal of dormice. However, Laura will seek to inspire us with their appealing attributes and show us many ways in which we can help them to thrive.

Anyone interested is very welcome to attend. Admission £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm. For further details contact: George Cottam on 01480 450809 or email [georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com)

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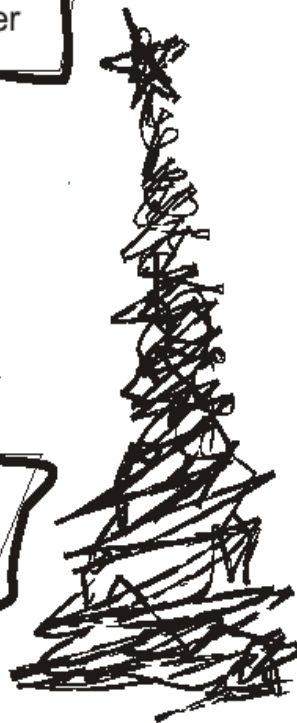
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| 1st                                       | Hilton PC               | Village Hall      | 7.30pm  | p11 |
| 3rd                                       | RSPB Walk               | Holywell Car Park | 10.00am | p33 |
| 4th                                       | Fenstanton WI           | Church Centre     | 7.30pm  | p23 |
| 6th                                       | Coffee Morning          | Methodist Church  | 10.00am | p16 |
| 6th                                       | Hemmingford Bonfire     |                   | 5.00pm  | p19 |
| 6th                                       | Hilton Bonfire          |                   | 6.00pm  | p19 |
| 8th                                       | Hilton WI               | Village Hall      | 7.30pm  | p27 |
| 10th                                      | Wildlife Trust          | Brampton          | 7.30pm  | p33 |
| 13th                                      | Men's Breakfast         | URC Church        | 8.00am  | p21 |
| 13th                                      | November Fayre          | URC Church        | 2.00pm  | p17 |
| 16th                                      | HOPE Sale               | URC Church        | 10.00am | p21 |
| 17th                                      | Village hall Quiz Night | The George        | 8.00pm  |     |
| 23rd                                      | RSPB Walk               | Holywell Car Park | 1.30pm  | p33 |
| 24th                                      | Coffee Morning          | 6 Chequer Street  | 10.00am | p7  |
| 27th                                      | Hilton Christmas Fayre  | Hilton Church     | 1.00pm  | p29 |
| 27th                                      | Quiz & Curry Night      | Village hall      | 7.00pm  | p29 |
| For Church Services & meetings see p13—17 |                         |                   |         |     |

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