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### **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. The committee did a wonderful job selling tickets; it was a sell-out. I should also like to thank the helpers, cooks and hostesses. The food and the musical entertainment, by Jennifer Thompson, were excellent. Donations were sent to three registered charities: Magpas Emergency Medical Care £226, Alzheimer Research UK £226 and Hilton WI £221.

Rosemary Blake

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### **ACTION FOR CHILDREN COLLECTION**

The collection in Hilton during September raised a record-breaking £695.66, some £30 up on last year. Thanks are due to all the collectors who volunteered their time and effort to cover the whole village, as well as to all those who gave money.

Richard Dunn.

### **Macmillan Appeal.**

Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank all the 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 £429 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.**

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**Police report:** The most recent information available is for the month of August which indicated the following reported incidents: 3 incidents of anti social behaviour; 5 Vehicle crime; 2 other unspecified crimes.

The meeting was advised that a number of thefts from motor vehicles had taken place in the Fenstanton area. There was no sign of forced entry and the vehicles were not damaged which indicated that the vehicles had been left unlocked. The advice from the Police is to ensure your vehicle is locked when it is left and to check by trying the door handles and not just by relying on the key fob.

A new Police call centre is expected to commence operation in the near future which is expected to reduce the call waiting time.

A new emergency contact number of 101 has been introduced.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4 or 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

**Consultation on the review of the decision to remove all subsidised bus service funding.**

The County Council wants your views on changes and reductions being proposed to bus services which are supported by financial contributions from Council funds. The County Council has agreed that a review of last years budget decision to cut the £2.7m that is currently spent on subsidising bus journeys in Cambridgeshire over the next four years should take place. The review is being carried out as part of this years budget planning process. The consultation seeks the views on not only the principal of making cuts but also the impact of specific route changes. Feedback is being gathered on the impact on communities where routes have already been cut.

***The Parish Council urges Parishioners to take part in the consultation.***

The consultation closes at 16:00 on Friday 9th December. A questionnaire is available on the following link: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview).

**Pond cleaning.** The pond was cleaned on Saturday 1st October. With one Parishioner, three Councillors and the clerk undertaking the task with support from a District Council Countryside Ranger, it was, however, disappointing that greater support was not given by other residents of the Parish to assist in keeping one of our Village assets in good order. Thanks are extended to those who attended and also to Mr. Behagg who provided a trailer at no cost to the Parish.

**Swan Road footpath.** Following a request from the Parish Council to the County Council Highways Department with support from our District and County Councillors the footpath in Swan Road was resurfaced 4th October.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on ***Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7:30pm*** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the press and public are welcome.

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Fireworks and Bonfire Night – the Parish Council will be hosting its annual Bonfire and Firework Event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Gates open at 6 pm and fireworks starting promptly at 7 pm. Combustible donations to the bonfire can be received at the wilderness between 9 and 10 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and between 9 and 11 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Donations will be scrutinised and refused if not suitable. The Parish Council are pleased to be supporting Fenstanton and Hilton Cub Troop and will be selecting a winner to the Guy Competition.

A reminder to all Dog Owners it is a criminal offence not to clean up after your dog, please do so on all occasions.

Our next meeting is **Monday 7<sup>th</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 Parish Council 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@btopenworld.com](mailto:thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com) or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

## **HILTON TOWN CHARITY**

The Hilton Town Charity benefits from long-standing endowments reserved for the inhabitants of the village. Each year a number of grants are available towards meeting the cost of specific projects or needs; requests may be submitted at any time by or on behalf of a resident of Hilton, or by an organisation providing a service to Hilton village.

A detailed report of the charity's activities last year was given to the Parish Council on 20th April 2011, and an annual return is submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

In more recent years provisions have been distributed at Christmas to Hilton's more senior residents and to those families who are known to be ill or in need. The distribution list is updated at this time and the trustees (listed below) are ready to be informed (by formal letter please) of any person who wishes to be added or to be removed from the list.

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### Faithful God

I'm considering going abroad for our family holiday next year but the last time I went abroad with a child the journey was very difficult and we ended up spending 14 hours in the international departures lounge of a tiny foreign airport (no fun with a 4 year old!) For Jesus' disciples the simple journey across Lake Galilee: 'Let us go across to the other side' (Mark 4:40) turned out to be a major trial of faith. The fishermen, who were travelling across the lake with Jesus, hit a massive storm and the fishermen were afraid for their lives. After Jesus rebuked the storm with the words 'Peace, be still' Jesus asked the question, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?' What had they to fear? The God who had said 'let there be light' had said they were to cross the lake. They didn't understand the reality of who was speaking and the implications of everything He said, in fact they even questioned what sort of being he was. Jesus, fully God and fully Man, proved to be faithful to everything he said.

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*Andy Richards (The Bridge Church)*

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

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

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - NOVEMBER

6th	10.00am	Mr David Bushby
13th	10.50am	<b>UNITED REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> at the Parish Church. Poppy wreaths will be laid at the Lynch Gate at 10.50am followed by a service of Remembrance with Rev Katy Dunn preaching.
20th	10.00am	Mr John Stent
27th	10.00am	Mr Colin Webber

### **FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 10 and 12 noon**

We will be having our regular monthly coffee morning in the Methodist Hall. There will be a selection of Fairtrade groceries, confectionery and craft goods and gifts for sale. Everyone is welcome to come just for a coffee and a chat or to see what is on sale this month from Just Sharing, the St Ives Free Church Fairtrade shop. All profit goes to Fairtrade and the refreshment money is sent to East Anglian Children's Hospices.

### **ADVENT LUNCHESES** will be held on Wednesdays from 12.30 until 2pm.

The dates and venues are as follows:

23rd November Doreen Prescott, 10 Graveley Way

30th November Heather Woods 7 Chequers Croft

7th December Pat Bellas, Noroc, Potton Road

14th December Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close

A simple lunch is provided for a donation of not less than £3 and all the money raised will be going to a local charity

## FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday November the 12<sup>th</sup>. As this will be our 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will be having a special breakfast and hopefully a fun subject to discuss.

This month's breakfast meeting will be lead by John Deeks of the Bridge Church St Ives and the subject for discussion will be; 'How well do you know the real Guy Fawkes story and, what is your earliest Bonfire Night memory?'

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 8.00 am to approximately 10.00 am. Breakfast is served from 8.30 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](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—OCTOBER

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6th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton (HOLY COMMUNION)
13th	10:00am	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> joint at Parish Church.
	6:00pm	Mrs Gerry Swain
20th	9:30am	Mrs Mary Whittle
27th	9:30am	Mr Martin Ballard ( Advent Sunday)

### OTHER EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Tuesdays	1st, 15th, 29th	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
		11:30am	Cross Stitching
	8th, 22nd	10:00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
	1st	3:00pm	Service at Rheola Care Home.
	8th	2.30pm	Monthly Christian Meditation
	15th	10am - 1pm .	HOPE SALE
Saturday	12th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship (See p14)
		2:00pm	November Fayre
Thursday	Dec 1st	7.30pm	The first of a series of 4 Advent Studies (Joint with the Free Church, St Ives)

The MacMillan Coffee Morning held at the Fenstanton URC raised £294.  
Thank you to all those who supported us and helped towards this grand total

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00 , Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

**Papworth Everard**, at the Methodist Church, Church Lane, Saturday Mass 18.00



# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—NOVEMBER

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day</b>		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Joint Remembrance Service
Hilton	10.50am	United Remembrance Service, starting at the Lych gate. Sunday Club in Methodist school room.
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Christ the King</b>		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Hilton		Advent Lunch
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday</b>		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Christingle
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton		Advent Lunch
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>		
Hilton	1 – 4pm	Christmas Fayre in Parish Church
<b>Regular Weekly Events</b>		
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

### **Contact information:**

For **Fenstanton:** Revd Dr Robin McKenzie, vicar, on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (matters of pastoral concern); Harvey Marshall, licensed lay minister, on 01480395936 or [harvey.marshall@tesco.net](mailto:harvey.marshall@tesco.net) (matters of pastoral concern & funerals); Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings, and area of cremated remains); or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries).

*Is there something on your heart that you would like to share with somebody? Do you feel burdened by something and you are not sure what to do? Both myself and Harvey are available to talk and pray with you. We are not counsellors and neither are we doctors. Often, though, it can be difficult to know who to turn to in the first instance. We are able to listen to your concern. You do not have to be a member of the church congregation to ask for time with us. Please be in contact, and we will find such a suitable time. We can meet, or have a conversation by phone or email. Contact details for both of us as above. Robin*

For **Hilton:** Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals)



### **TOTS PRAISE - HILTON**



Now would be a good time to see what we do at Tot's Praise, which takes place on the last Tuesday of the month at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Hilton between 1.30 & 2.30pm. Action songs, story with pictures, something to take home.

Come for fun & happiness. We start with a nice coffee, "hula hoops" & chat.

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

Get your Christmas shopping done early! Join us on Saturday 3rd December from 1pm - 4pm. There will be stalls selling Christmas Gifts and Stocking Fillers as well as Teas & Coffees, a Raffle and lots of activities for the children. Father Christmas will also be putting in an appearance during the course of the afternoon so come along and meet him. We also have a couple of spaces left for anyone interested in having a stall.

For further information, please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP**

We are holding a couple of craft sessions during November to make decorations for our Christmas tree.

The first is on Saturday 5th November from 10 00am till 12 noon.

Any children (and adults) in the village are invited to come along to our hall and create their own Christmas decoration for the tree.

If you would like to know more please contact 830660 or 830686

## FENSTANTON KNITTERS, NATTERS & CROSS-STITCH GROUP

**We celebrate our 4th Birthday in November,**  
this year we have sent off **2030+** items to 20 different charities.

- ◆ We have sent 10 cushions to the Woolsack charity , these cushions will be given to the athletes at the Olympics made from British wool and stuffed with British sheep' s wool.
- ◆ 7 Care Home's locally have received our blankets.
- ◆ Gambia and Kosovo have had lots of jumper's and hats also blankets.
- ◆ Small bobble hats have gone to Innocent Smoothie's and will be sold in Sainsbury's and Boot's in November for Age UK.
- ◆ Jimmies' Night shelter have received hats and gloves.
- ◆ Addenbrookes, Peterborough and Hinchinbrooke Special Care Baby Units and delivery suite have been given blankets hats and cardie's.

***As you can see our ladies have been very busy.***

***Happy knitting for 2012.***

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## FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

Fenstanton Cricket Club is seriously on its knees at this point in time. The club was delighted and extremely grateful for the generosity shown by friends and villagers in contributing to last winter's 200 Club Draw and solving its financial crisis, at least in the short-term. What had not been foreseen, however, was the player shortage both in terms of actual bodies and the consistent availability of said bodies. The lack of players available plus an increase in people's Saturday commitments to areas other than cricket forced five games to be forfeited and triggered an automatic relegation. It must be admitted, however, that on-pitch results would have had the same effect.

Notes from the Club's AGM on September 29th are below, but the Cricket Club cannot continue without a Cricket Team - please help us if you can. E-mail [r.corbett1@ntlworld.com](mailto:r.corbett1@ntlworld.com) or call 01480 374858

### AGM minutes

1. Secretary's Report: Ronnie reported on the about-turn in the club's fortunes - now solvent but bereft of players. Thanks expressed to Tatt, Jason and particularly Harry for the pitch, Steve and Sean for the outfield.
2. Captain's Report: Mike reported the season's difficulties - promotion plus reduced playing strength led to all matches lost. Mike thanked those who had played including Geoff and James who had come in late in the day. Brett congratulated for wickets taken, but team's batting was very much under-par. Mike confirmed his decision to step down as captain. Mike was thanked for his efforts.
3. Treasurer's Report: Roger presented a healthy set of accounts. Thanks were expressed to Chris and Steve for the success of the 200 Club Draw and re-negotiation of Insurance premiums. Match ball sponsors including Ron Jacobs and Sara Webster were also thanked. The accounts were unanimously accepted by the committee. Roger was thanked for his efforts in this regard.
4. Season 2012: A lengthy discussion took place as to the club's ability to continue into the next season with its current playing staff, realistically less than half of what it should be. A proposal by Steve and seconded by Bruce that the Club pay the league entry and affiliation fees was accepted. Efforts will now be made to see if the club can attract any of the players from clubs in a similar position of struggle. The opportunity to captain the team may also be seen as a recruitment incentive. It was acknowledged that ultimately nothing may come from these efforts and the Club's league candidature may be withdrawn later on. A club EGM will take place in March 2012 to render a final decision.
5. Election of Officers: Decisions on this were postponed pending a final decision on League entry for 2012. The current incumbents agreed to continue in office until EGM March 2012

**President:** Chris Behagg; **Vice-president:** Mick Curtis; **Chairman:** Bruce Gifford

**Vice-Chairman:** Steve Treeby; **Treasurer:** Roger Mitchell

**Secretary, Fixture Secretary & Club Welfare Officer:** Richard Corbett

**Team Captain:** Mike Piaggese (but see items 2 and 4)

**Team Vice-Captain:** Mahmood Yakub

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.41

## FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

What a great night out. Our trip to the dogs on 8th October. Although it rained all the time we were under cover and the cost of the ticket included scampi and chips and two pints!! I personally did not win any money but I believe some of our group did. My thanks to Steve who did all the running around organising it. we will have to do it again next year (or perhaps a trip to Newmarket for the horse racing which I'm a little bit better at getting a winner!)

THE PRESENTATION DINNER is on Saturday 12th November at the Bourn Golf and Leisure Centre in Toft details from me at the usual phone number or my email (merlotwine@live.co.uk).

May I also take this opportunity to thank Janet for her bonfire skills and Frank and Myra and Steve for getting rid of all the car boot "stuff".

Good bowling to those indoors Remember LINE LENGTH AND LUCK

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## FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

September was a relatively quite month due to late holidays and some unavoidable absences, the same, however cannot be said of the period from now until the end of the year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Deana Hayson will be our speaker, giving one of her interesting talks on the Past. No doubt bringing back memories of our own past.

Linda Page from Age Concern will be with us.

**16<sup>th</sup> November:** talking on many of the aspects of life for the Over 60s

**30<sup>th</sup> November:** Hank Smyth of Farm Foods will be the speaker,

**Wednesday 16th December:** we will have our Christmas party on at which we will be entertained by Doug Westbridge.

Why not give us a try? We will welcome new member at our meetings, held on alternate Wednesdays at the Fenstanton United Reformed Church at 2-00pm.

### Elsworth Pre-School Christmas Shopping Evening,

Thursday 17th November,

7.30pm- 9.30pm at Elsworth School Hall.

Tickets £3.00

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Under Seven Training – Mark Burman is the Lead Coach for the Under Sevens this season. Training is on Saturdays from 10 am at the Football field off Hall Green Lane. Subs are £2.00 per week on a turn up and play, no commitment basis. We welcome children from School Years One and Two. Younger children can attend, but must be supervised at all times and parents should bear in mind that they will be playing with older, often more physical, children. Shin pads and a drink essential.

The Club will also be seeking a new Coach who can take on the younger players as Mark takes the Year 2's into the Under 8 League in 2012. Volunteering to help is great fun and much appreciated and can always be shared. Mark can be contacted on: 01480 493128.

Under 9's – players needed, if your son or daughter is in school year 4 and would like to join a team, please get in touch.

Committee Meetings – are held every third Monday of the month at 8 pm in the George Public House. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contact Details – Charlie Darling – Head Coach 01480 395338.  
Nadine Taylor - Club Administrator 01480 830839 or email [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com)

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The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 4pm November – January 2012

(Closed, 24 December – 02 January inclusive) .

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## FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Your barely literate Sports reporter writes, in a confused state from a darkened room in Home for the Totally Bewildered:

Apparently, according to our esteemed secretary, I am “completely fixated on the plots of Second World War films and have no grasp of what currently passes for ‘normal’ life in Fenstanton”, as well as being “paranoid”. Me? Paranoid? I am not sure I believe him coz he tells me fibs, and anyway the Committee all have it in for me because they are jealous of my skills at organising escape plots! He also told me that we are free to walk out of the gates anytime we like and we can have visitors whenever we are up to it, but if that were the case, how come nobody out there in Fenstanton-land ever pops in to volunteer to help on Sports Day, unless **you** are all against me as well? He even took me for a walk out of the gates to show me but Matron and her goons (sorry, assistants) soon came and got us back, so what does that prove eh? Mind you we were still in our jimjams or in his case baby doll nightie - **don't ask!**

So that was inconclusive and just to prove him wrong could some of you

smuggle in some Red Cross parcels (sorry, early Christmas gifts) please? Nothing too over the top, just chocolate, cakes, jam tarts, Swiss rolls, etc. - and a spot of drink, nothing special; 2 cases of red, 2 of white, 1 of rosé and half a dozen bottles of champers will do. Oh, and some sloe gin to finish off with! That should see us through till Christmas. By then the tunnel will be finished and we should be on our way back to Blighty.

OK! OK! He has just told me I am doing it again! Alright, I apologise for that last bit. Perhaps it was a bit over the top. You can forget the case of rosé.

I had better behave or he may turn me into the authorities!

**SPORTS NEWS:** There is none, except to say that financially Sports Day just about broke even this year. **Yippee!** That means we have to do it all again next year! No wonder we are all still stuck in this place. Please look out for the date next time then you can all book holidays or something, and we can have the day off.

(And anyway, if he is right, how come when Matron arrested us outside the gates she said quietly to me “for you Tommy the war is over”. Ah ha!)

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee or **contact 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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## FENSTANTON WI

At our A.G.M. on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed Claire Barrett, Margaret Blount and Shirley Oliver as new members to our Committee. Sadly, Anne Groome stepped down. We thank her for all the energy and enthusiasm that she contributed both as a committee Member and as a former President.

Pam Hucklesby was unanimously voted in again as President. We sent our Congratulations and a card to Pam and Graham who will soon be celebrating their Golden Wedding.

We then had an hilarious talk by Mr Len Priestly on 'The True Tales of a long Distance Lorry Driver and Furniture Removal Man'. The talk was full of anecdotes and funny stories from the time he drove for Smedleys complete with a smart blue uniform and peaked cap to the days when he set up on his own delivering flowers from local

farmers and then into the furniture removal business. He had obviously enjoyed his working life and couldn't quite give up altogether as he now drives a 16 seater minibus. He has taken W.I. members to various shows and gardens and also helps with weddings.

Shirley Oliver gave the vote of thanks.

### Dates for Future Meetings

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011:** What Goes with Pink?

By Mrs. Pam Tuplin

**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011:** Christmas Celebrations

**January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012:** the pantomime

'Cinderella' at The Burgess Hall, St. Ives

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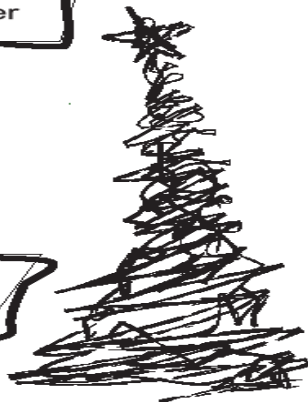
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### **Spooky Disco**

There will be a fun packed spooky disco taking place early evening on Saturday 29th October at Fen Drayton Village Hall. More details to follow so watch for posters around the villages in due course (and tickets will be sold on the door) but if you have / know of children aged 6 to 10 make sure it's in their diary - the event is open to all in that age group so feel free to spread the word!

### **Family Photographic Portraits**

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### **Christmas Lights event**

We join the rest of the village on the evening of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in celebrating as the Christmas Lights are switched on, and there is family fun. As always we set the challenge to the Cub Pack Sixers, Seconders and their families to plan and run our fundraising stalls with the support of the Exec! Please come and support them.

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## HILTON WI

At our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October we had the pleasure of welcoming Malcolm Plows, an old friend to many of our members, to our meeting and to hear about his association with the 2012 Olympics in his role as Head of Sponsorship of CocaCola Enterprises.

He has been instrumental in the planning and execution of his company's involvement in all the 2012 venues from their design upwards and his enthusiasm and excitement for the once-in-a-lifetime chance for us all to enjoy the Olympics Games in the UK was certainly very infectious. He said that every venue is on target or ahead of schedule and he assured us that the aim of the organisers for it to be the 'greenest' Games and a legacy for youth is certainly coming to life.

He talked about the Torch Relay which will be coming through Cambridge on 7<sup>th</sup> July next year and told us some interesting facts about CocaCola: that the last time the Games were held in this country in 1948, CocaCola sold 3000 soft drinks. Next year they expect to sell in excess of 25,000,000 ! How times and people have changed!

As a special finale for his talk he had brought with him the torch which set the 1948 Games alight in London. We all queued up to have photographs taken holding this unique memento with specially gloved hands.

We have two new members on the committee, Helen and Michelle, and some interesting and enjoyable activities are in the pipeline for our members in the next 12 months.

As usual we have lots happening, including a visit to Ramsay Museum and Celia is taking names for another visit to Thursford next November. Yes, next year! It is always so popular that we have to put in our application a full year in advance, so if you are interested, let Celia know.

The craft club continues to flourish and is always keen to welcome new members.

If you would like to know more about Hilton WI our Secretary Ruth Salem is just a phone call away (830358). Our next meeting will be on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** when we will be instructed on 'Papercrafts for Christmas' by Denise Heath.

**Carol Yarrow**

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We had a really enjoyable afternoon on 3rd October. A demonstration by Amy Jones, an independent florist from Cottenham, who also works on the family farm. She entertained us with tales of life working with beef cattle, whilst producing five very different arrangements using some lovely flowers. The winners of these were all delighted.

She gave us an insight into her very busy floristry life by telling us about some of the unusual requests she has done, particularly for weddings & funerals.

### Next Meetings:

Monday **November 7th**, Lesley Beeton will be our guest demonstrator.

**Monday December 5th** we will be having our Christmas party, so start planning your table arrangement.

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## HILTON FEAST WEEK

Now that we've all had a rest after another successful Feast Week our attention turns once again to next years Feast Week. The AGM was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall. The turnout was disappointingly small but enthusiastic, my thanks to one and all that turned up and contributed.

A solid core of committee members have chosen to stay on for another year. However, some well deserved rest has been earned by the following committee members: Tracy Wilkinson, Adrian Snooke, Ett McCarthy and Keith Miller that are standing down. I could easily devote an entire Spectrum update to their collective hard work, drive, generosity of spirit, creativity and good will that they have brought to Feast Week. They will have to settle for some parting gifts and my thanks on behalf of a grateful Feast Week committee and Village.

That does mean that resources are spread thin with only eight of us and the F.O.F.W (Friends of Feast Week) to stage what I am sure will be a classic Feast Week, coming as it does in not only an Olympic Year, but a Jubilee year as well! We need the help, so please consider becoming a Committee member or F.O.F.W. We need the new blood to ensure the future of Feast Week beyond this committee.

Its great fun, rewarding and helps toward making Hilton the great place to live. But don't take our word for it, please ask previous Committee members just how good it is to be a part of it. If you have any questions, please contact me or any other Committee member listed below.

November will bring another great Bonfire Night for us to support with Burger, Hot Dogs, Soup and a Sweet Bar. Please come along to support the Parish Council and Feast Week. It will also bring the first quiz of Feast Week 2011/2012.

Did I mention it was an Olympic year? In honor of that we are introducing, for the first

time a special 'Triathlon' of Quiz Nights! To win the fabulous new trophy that will only be available every 4 years (just think of the bragging rights!) Those teams that fancy their chances will have to come to each event as it will be the total score over the three quizzes that will decide our own 'Olympic Champions' - Watch this space, Village notice boards and of course the Hilton Village Web site. **This first part of the 'Olympic Triathlon Quiz' will be held at the Hilton Village Hall, at 7:30pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Tickets are £8.50 incl a Chili supper**

This is only the 'tip of the iceberg' as we hope to bring you many other suitably themed fundraising events. To that end we will be coordinating with Liz Bush to make sure that Feast Week events don't clash with all the other great events that will be organized to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Watch this space!

Peter Sampson and the rest of the Sports Day Committee will once again take up the challenge of putting on another wonderful Village Sports Day. If you are interested in supporting them, please contact Peter direct or via a Feast Week committee member.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the Winter Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from November. We really need this vital source of revenue. So if you can't make a fundraising event? Please consider buying a ticket or two by way of a contribution to help support your Feast Week.

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Trevor Gunton, who is currently a trustee of the 'Friends of Paxton Pits', will give this talk. Trevor has been volunteering at Paxton Pits for 30 years and was instrumental in developing local members groups and setting up training programmes for volunteers. Trevor has spent most of his working life with the RSPB where he was Head of Development and has also been a very successful tour leader for wildlife trips around Europe. In particular Trevor has led wildlife cruises from Norway to Shetland and will use his extensive knowledge to guide us around Shetland from when the Vikings first set foot on the island to its fantastic wildlife today. Central to this will be a special focus on the island's wealth of seabirds and those charismatic otters.

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October is the month for those great autumn colours on the trees, before the gales and heavy rain knock them to the ground. October ends with changing the clocks and November's days are suddenly very short and often gloomy. Winter is here.

So what do we do when darkness falls? Perhaps we go indoors, switch on lights, close curtains, turn on (or up) the heating, and have a meal. Some might have a hot bath before going to a warm bed.

Life is much less cosy for most of our wildlife. For the animals that are active by day, there is less time to find enough to eat, and often there is not so much food available anyway. If the ground is frozen, those that eat worms and the like will have an even harder time finding food.

The food they find then has to sustain them through the long nights – some will sleep in cosy burrows or nests underground, but those above ground burn up calories just keeping warm.

This is where we can help. Providing additional, nutritious food can make a big difference to small creatures. If you can help a wren, robin or blackbird get through the winter, they'll repay you by eating some of your garden pests next year.

Feeding garden birds is an easy step to take, but choose carefully. The cheapest bird foods generally have ingredients that birds don't eat, so they turn out to be wasteful. Avoid mixes with colourful bits of dog biscuits, and lots of wheat, lentils or split peas, unless you've got a dog and a flock of pigeons to feed!

Sunflower hearts appear expensive, but most birds love them (more than peanuts), and everything will be eaten. Wrens, robins and blackbirds prefer fatty foods, such as suet blocks – packed with calories to get them through the cold nights.

Hedgehogs, frogs and toads should be hibernating by now. Small hedgehogs, perhaps born in late summer, may not have put on enough fat to survive hibernation, and they can be helped through the winter with a supply of specially formulated food. If you find a small "hog", advice is available on the Internet.

Many hedgehogs choose to hibernate in piles of wood that appear in October, in preparation for Bonfire Night. One step you can take for hedgehogs is to move the pile on the day you want to start your fire – it might seem like a lot of extra work, but it could save the life of your local slug controller.

We'll continue to have our information point in the main car park, but only on Sundays for the remainder of 2011. Don't forget to watch the starling roost at Holywell Lake, best seen from the car park in the last hour of daylight. The displays are easier to see when the sky is fairly clear of clouds.

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5th	ATC Jumble Sale	Longstanton	11.30am	p35
5th	Hemmingford Fireworks		5.00pm	p38
5th	Hilton Fireworks		6.00pm	p7
6th	Hilton Craft & Gift Fair	Village Hall	12.00pm	p18
7th	Hilton Craft Group	Village Hall	1.00pm	p31
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
7th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
9th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p35
10th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p9
12th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.30am	p14
12th	November Fayre	URC Church	2.00pm	p18
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
15th	HOPE SALE	URC Church	10.00am	p19
16th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p21
17th	Elsworth Pre-school Shopping	School Hall	7.30pm	p21
26th	Charity Xmas Market	Swavesey	10.00am	p35
26th	Hilton Triathlon Quiz	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
30th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p21
<b>For Church Services &amp; meetings see p13-16</b>				

### DRAYTON LAKES GUIDED WALKS

**Guided walks** in November begin at **Holywell Lake car park**, with a charge of £1 for children, £2 for RSPB members, and £4 for others. *There is no need to book for these.*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10am -1pm – **Wednesday Wander**

Join our regular walk looking for seasonal highlights

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2.00pm - 3.30pm – **Short wildlife walk**

Walk to a viewpoint, looking for birds

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2.00pm - 3.30pm – **Early Winter Birds Walk**

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