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Letters & Notices

We would like to bring it to your attention how very upset are theW I Members at the vandalism that has taken place at the Village Hall. Every year the WI arrange for hanging baskets to be created and placed around the hall. In late August three of the four baskets weredeliberately removed from their brackets and the contents trampled beyond repair. Only one basket remains. We do not know who is out to cause such damage in our village, but the culprits know who they are. We trust this will not recur andfuture hanging basket arrangements can be enjoyed by everyone. from, Members of Hilton WI.

We are pleased to be able to let everyone know that Richard Dunn, on behalf of Hilton Methodist Church, will be the NCH charity co-ordinator for Hilton Village. He will be organising the house to house collection this year, which will have taken place in September. If you are keen you could perhaps help next year. Also to advise you that Muriel Bell will be the recipient of old/foreign coins and notes for this charity, her telephone number is in the book. We are very grateful to our friends for taking on this role. We are also delighted to let you all know we are very happy in our new home and garden.

Regards Doug and Val Scott

Help keep our churchyard looking beautiful!

At this time of the year, the avenue of lime trees in Hilton churchyard look wonderful but they have to be pruned back hard (pollarded) every couple of years to maintain their shape. That time is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to join us on Saturday 1st November, from 9am onwards. If you are

fit an healthy then we would love to see you there for pruning and cleaning up and if you're not, you could always come along to make tea & coffee for the workers - it's a great social occasion. Do bring secateurs and lopers if you have them! For more information please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Ralph Slayter (830466).

Fenstanton Village Hall News

The expected sale of the Village Hall site has been delayed by an unexpected glitch which we hope can be resolved over the next few weeks. We continue to look for alternative sites on which to build a new Village Hall but this is proving more difficult than was at first expected. Whilst these problems are ironed out we continue to prepare the necessary paperwork for grant application. To this end we conducted a survey of residents' views on a new Village Hall by distributing survey forms with May's issue of Spectrum but with less than 100 replies we resorted to visiting every household personally. If you did not receive a call, you were either out or on holiday and we apologise for missing you. The prize to the value of £100 was awarded to a lucky winner drawn from the returned survey forms. We hope they enjoyed their tea for ten given by Chef de la Maison. From the results of the survey we are collating data to inform our design brief for a new hall. We are now raising funds to go towards the building of a new hall. We start with a Grand Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on Tuesday, 9th December 2008, as the Christmas lights are switched on at the Clock Tower. There are some marvellous prizes to be won. Further details about the whole event will be in next month's issue of Spectrum.

Jane Blunt

Parish Council Report

Fenstanton

Police report.

During the period 9th July to 9th September 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police:-8 of anti social behaviour.; 3 of theft from properties; 1 theft from a lorry.; 1 theft from a person; 1 of obtaining petrol without paying.

Reduced Stagecoach Bus Service.

Following the letter sent to Mr Campbell, as reported in the last edition of Spectrum, an unsatisfactory reply was received. As expected no explanation was given for the draconian cuts in the Stagecoach services and Mr Campbell also declined the invitation to attend the Parish Council meeting and explain the rationale behind the decision. From unofficial comments made there is a belief that the reduction of the bus service is a precursor to the guided busway. The situation was fully discussed at the meeting and it was agreed to take the following action. Attempt to arrange a face to face meeting with Mr Campbell at his office whilst also writing to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Traffic Commissioners. The Parish Council wish Parishioners to be aware that it will endeayour to do all it can to have the bus service reinstated or at least improved to an acceptable standard. Parishioners are, however, urged to write to Mr Campbell at 100 Cowley Road, Cambridge CB4 0DN expressing their abhorrence of his company's actions.

No place for party politics in the Parish Council.

The Parish Council unanimously passed the following resolution:-"That Fenstanton Parish Council confirms that it remains as a non-political Council with no particular affiliations or preferences to any political party, whether in a position or not of local or national Government and will continue to represent the views of its parishioners without political bias or support towards any political party". The motion was presented to the Parish Council following the actions of a political party to demand the resignation of the Parish's elected Councillor to the District Council using legislation in the 1976 Local Government Act. The intention of the Act is to allow the electorate to call a Parish Meeting to resolve an issue or grievance. However, in this instance the action has been orchestrated by a political party and has subsequently drawn the Parish Council into its political squabble. It is not the intention or the role of the Parish Council to elaborate on the merits of the accusations made. However, neither the Parish Council, as a body, nor individual Councillors have received any adverse comments from Parishioners on the performance or willingness of the District Councillor to act on their behalf. Should the matter run its full course it is the Parish Council who will bear the considerable

financial burden, which could cost several thousand pounds, and will ultimately affect the budget for this year and the services the Parish Council provides. It may also result in a much higher than desired precept for the next financial year. The meeting also expressed its displeasure at political parties making spurious statements in party newsletters claiming success in resolving matters within the Parish which had been undertaken, and success achieved, by the Parish Council. Parishioners should be aware, for example, all the grant funding received for the refurbishment of the Headlands Play area was through the hard work of the Parish Council and not, as stated in one party newsletter, obtained by one individual, who had no involvement or input in the project. The Parish Council trusts all political parties understand its position as a non political body and refrain from using it for their own political gain.

Vandalism at Headlands Park Play Area.

The refurbished play area at Headlands Park has proved very popular, however soon after it was reopened for use an act of wanton vandalism took place. The bolts were removed from one of the fence panels although the panel was left in place giving the impression that nothing was wrong. The panel became dislodged and fell on a small child who, fortunately, sustained only minor injuries. It is impossible to understand the mentality of those responsible for such a mindless act. The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and advise the Police if they see any acts of vandalism or anti social behaviour taking place. It is the Parish Councils intention to take action against anyone involved in such activity.

Appointment of a Parish Tree Warden.

The Parish Council is still looking for a volunteer to become the Parish Tree Warden. The principle objective is to promote interest in the environment by tree planting and liaising between county and national groups on projects. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Closure of the Swavesey – Over – Willingham Road.

As reported in the last edition of Spectrum the construction of the Guided Busway will result in the closure of the Swavesey – Over – Willingham Road. The closure has now been delayed and will be effective from 6th October until 7th November.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th October 2008 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

Parish Council Report Hilton

The A14 Action Group have initiated a joint villages forum, all villages involved are working together on common issues. One particular concern is noise barrier, planting is planned to take place a fair distance from the new road and it is preferred to have it closer. Regarding the junction at Wood Green, Highways will be making a decision in the next 2 to 3 months. A14 Action Group and Hilton Action on Traffic overriding view is that this junction has no benefit for Hilton residents and could potentially increase rat running through the village

The Parish Council are responding to correspondence regarding potential Borrow Pits at Oxholme Farm and the Woolpit, expressing concerns.

The Council welcomed Mr Martin Hird to the Parish Council.

Cllr Randall, accompanied by a Tree Surgeon will be doing an annual survey of trees owned by the Parish Council during October. If any parishioners have anything to report please contact Roland Randall on 830223 as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, Hilton has suffered a spate of vandalism which has been reported to the Police. Hanging baskets and their brackets have been damaged at the Village Hall, benches by the cricket pavilion and playground have been damaged and much damage to Reeves Ditch, the fishing pond. If anyone has any information or witnessed the perpetrators the Police would be very pleased to hear from you.

The Parish Council meet on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of August and January), in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. 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 3 days before each meeting.

The Parish Council also holds Planning meetings as and when we receive notification from Hunts District Council of proposed plans. HDC give us a deadline to respond to the proposed plans. Again the Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 village notice boards, stating the date, time and location of the meeting. Parishioners are most welcome to attend these meetings and can give their views during the open session.

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

Swavesey Village College

Swavesey is the first ever state school in Cambridgeshire where over 90% of students have achieved 5 or more A* - C grades since GCSEs were introduced. This year's 94% was a 15% and 25% increase on 2007 and 2006 respectively. Similarly the 15% rise in the number of students achieving 5 or more A* - C including English and Maths took the College to 76% which is the highest in Cambridgeshire. Underpinning these results were a host of individual successes for departments as well as for the students themselves. With 240 students in this year group, these results mean that many more students are leaving us with better qualifications.

Whilst continued **English** its strong performance with 84% of students achieving a C grade or higher, there were dramatic rises in Maths and Science with 82% achieving C grades or higher against 64% and 79% respectively in 2007! Across all GCSE courses, over 30% of grades were A and A*. The performance of students in vocational courses was similarly impressive, with 100% of students achieving a Pass or better in their BTec The College has pioneered these courses. courses in Cambridgeshire and we are delighted and proud that students in other schools are now being given these opportunities.

The significant jump in performance across the board is an endorsement of the many changes that have taken place within the College over the last few years including

Raising the aspirations of both students and staff and setting challenging targets for achievement

Introducing the vertical tutorial system to provide more effective support to students

Focusing upon high quality teaching and providing better support and intervention

Changing the curriculum to provide access and challenge to students of all abilities

The collective impact of these and other changes is that students and staff at the College

have confidence and belief in their abilities and work hard to achieve the best.

Alongside the year 11 results, there were many other students receiving GCSE results, in Science, Ethics, Maths and Media Studies in either year 9 or 10. The results here highlight the fact that the performance of our students is continuing to rise.

In 2003, the College set itself very challenging targets relating to student achievement, committing itself to a 100% philosophy where 'Every child achieves'. The 2008 results show that, with vision, drive and a commitment to continuous improvement, this will happen.

Results day was a great celebration and we look forward to continuing to build on this over the coming years.

Martin Bacon, Principal

Fenstanton Over 60's Club

Our meetings last month were well attended despite the dreadful weather. We hope anyone who was away on holiday managed to have a good time anyway! At our first meeting of the month we were visited by AndrewTurner of Orchard Mobility, who brought along some interesting items to aid people with dexterity and mobility problems. He gave us a good insight on the many items he has in his store and is willing to advise on assisting people with mobility problems.

At our second meeting we were treated to a talk and film show from Fen Drayton Lakes – an interesting visit and one which shows we don't have to travel miles to seen nature and wildlife.

It was good to see Francis again after an enforced absence. Our very best wishes to those of our members who have been poorly.

We meet every other Wednesday at 2pm in the Church Centre.

POPPY APPEAL 2008 'POPPY PEOPLE' WANTED

I recently attended a Poppy Seminar which was extremely informative, especially with regard to all the services that the Royal British Legion offer to Serving and ex-Service personnel and their dependants.

'Poppy Support' gives help in many different ways, such as: Poppy Funds - designed to help those who need assistance to get through a temporary crisis.

Poppy Advice - helping you to claim what is rightfully yours - thousands of people in the UK are entitled to a War Pension but many may not realise that they qualify.

Poppy Homes - these provide long and short term care for ex-Service people and their dependants. There are seven homes around the country which offer a comfortable home for however long they stay.

Poppy Breaks - Centres for those recovering from an illness or bereavement and located in some of the country's most popular, traditional seaside resorts.

These are just a few of the things that are provided by The Royal British Legion with funds raised from the Poppy Appeal.

The Royal British Legion cares and campaigns for the Service and ex-Service community. Nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for support and thousands of calls for help are received every year.

The overall total for the 2007 Appeal (which ended in May) was £30,360,351 with Cambridgeshire raising £294,042 and Huntingdonshire £118,784.

The total raised in Fenstanton and Hilton was £2,706.23, which is a small increase on last year and I would like to thank all those collectors who braved the elements to help raise this amount, the shops and offices and all of you who donated. It is with this in mind, therefore, that I am asking for help again this year for the 2008 Appeal so that we can make next year's increase a big one! If you feel you

can spare a couple of hours to sell poppies door to door in either Fenstanton or Hilton I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted on 01480 353376 (evenings) or visit the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal website at www.poppy.org.uk. Also if you have any ideas for fund raising please let me know.

The Poppy Appeal is a charity I have been involved with since I was five years old when I helped my Parents and my three sons have helped me since they were small. It has now become even more poignant for my family as my oldest son has joined the Army Air Corps and is currently undergoing his basic training. Whilst in Belgium learning the history of the Army he was given the honour of laying a Poppy Wreath at the Menin Gate in Ypres and, as you can imagine, as a family we are very proud of him.

I hope that he never needs the services that the Legion has to offer, but if he does then I am secure in the knowledge that he, and others like him, have the excellent backing of the funds raised by the Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Gill Dartford, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Fenstanton and Hilton

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Christian Fellowship Saturday Breakfast. SCOUTING TODAY:

The subject for discussion in the October 11th meeting will be The Modern Scout and there will be a presentation by leaders from the 1st Fenstanton & Hilton troop. If you are an old Scout and interested in what the modern Scouts are up to then join us for breakfast. As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the URC church in Fenstanton, from 9 am to approximately 10.30 am. For further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Club News

from the villages

Hilton Flower Club

Holiday time over? Maybe! Our first demonstration of the autumn was a return visit by Lesley Beeton entitled 'Festival Review' – it was interesting and colourful. We were given new ideas for our future events, a most pleasurable afternoon made more so by her amusing chat and personality. All members of the club had an enjoyable time and we hope for another return visit.

Next Meeting

Monday 6th October 2pm. Village Hall. Demonstration with Carol Jennings and Clare 'Floral Duet'.

Future

Monday 3rd November.

'Christmas Goodies' with John Richmond We look forward to meeting again.

Fenstanton WI

At our meeting on Thursday September 4th we had an hilarious and entertaining talk by Mrs Angela Wyatt about her life as a hairdresser. It was obvious that she both enjoyed and took pride in her work but she was trained by a very strict lady in Hemingford Grey and had to complete a six year apprenticeship. In those days there was a lot to learn because perm solutions had to be diluted and neutralisers mixed. The solutions were much stronger and surgical gloves had to be worn. Hygiene was very important; white towels were washed every day and all the combs and equipment were sterilised each night. Hairdressers had to be well groomed, always smiling and ready to listen. However no gossip or secrets could be revealed. Whilst training Angela had to go to the home of a lady who wanted a blue rinse. When the lady took the pins out of her hair it fell to her waist. A difficult enough task but more was to follow. The lady asked Angela to save some of the blue rinse and after her hair was done a large poodle complete with pompoms appeared. Yes, Crackers the dog had a blue rinse. Weeks later Angela went again but this time the lady and Crackers had a pink rinse. Angela later worked in Eynesbury and while there a mother brought her teenage daughter with thick dark hair and a fringe to have a trim. Angela was mystified when she found that cutting the girl's fringe felt so tough. Then she discovered a blood-sucking cockroach stuck to her scalp. Eventually the girl owned up to having a romp with a boy in a cornfield.

After she was married Angela went to live in Warboys and for 17 years she went to warden-controlled flats to do ladies hair in their homes. After that she went to old peoples homes and although she is now retired she does visit some customers because they would be lost without her. Pauline Driver gave the vote of thanks saying it was Angela's caring nature and sense of humour that helped people not just in funny situations but in sad cases too. Angela said that it was the best vote of thanks she had ever had. **Dates for Future Meetings** 2nd October General Meeting 15th October Group meeting at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall. 6th November Having Fun with Wood by Mr Ron Sheridan.

If you would like to meet new people please join our friendly group.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. For more information ring our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Churches

Thursd	ay 2nd	
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Fenstanton 3.30 pm Jaffa Club

Friday 3rd

Hilton 7.30pm Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Sunday 5th Trinity 20

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

Fenstanton 12.30 pm Harvest Lunch Fenstanton 6.00pm Said Evensong

Sunday 12th Trinity 21

Fenstanton 10.00am Worship for All

Hilton 11.00am United Communion Service in Methodist

Chapel with Sunday Club

Thursday 16th

Fenstanton 3.30 pm Jaffa Club

Sunday 19th Trinity 22

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion with healing

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion with healing and with Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 26th Last Sunday of Trinity

Fenstanton 9.30 am Family Communion

Hilton 11.15am Family Worship (lay led) with coffee served beforehand

at 11.00am

Godmanchester 6.00pm Deanery Evensong with (new) Bishop of Huntingdon

Tuesday 28th

Hilton 1.30pm Tots Praise

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays at 10.00am Discussion Group Hilton Hall

Hilton 11.00am Morning Prayer/Communion Hilton Hall

Thursdays at 8.30am Morning Prayer

Fenstanton

Fridays at Fenstanton 7.30pm Teenage Christians

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)

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

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

October

Sunday 5th 9:30am Mrs Maureen Kendall

Revd Catherine Ball. Holy Communion Service. Sunday 12th 9.30am

Sunday 12th 6.00pm Mrs Drina Hampson Revd Chris Baker Sunday 19th 9.30am Sunday 26th Revd David Viles

9.30am

November

Sunday 2nd 9:30am Revd Derek Newton

Other Events October 2008

Tuesday 7th 10.00 **Knitters and Natters**

Saturday 11th 10am Men's Breakfast Fellowship. (This month a presen

Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group). All local men welcome. Call John on 468718

Tuesday 14th 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning.

Saturday 18th 10.00am Book Sale. Refreshments available.

Tuesday 21st 10.00am Knitters and Natters.

Tuesday 28th 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Hilton Methodist Church

October

5th 11.00 am **Rev Christine Giles**

12th United Service with Rev Katy Dunn & Revd Dr Robin McKenzie. 11.00 am

Children's Sunday Club in the hall.

19th 11.00 am Mr Dennis Hutchcraft

26th 11.00 am Mis Pat Paddan

This annual event will be on Friday 3rd October at 7.30 pm for 8 pm in the Harvest Supper village hall. The churches in Hilton look forward to seeing as many people as possible that evening. Tickets are £8.50 from Heather Woods 830686 and proceeds are shared between the WI who always produce a superb meal and the charity water aid.

Our local Methodist circuit is holding a Christmas Tree Festival **Christmas Tree Festival** at St Ives Methodist church over the weekend of Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. Each Methodist Church is sponsoring a tree and decorating it and there will also be a cake stall, preserves and other goods for sale, plus refreshments! The Festival will be opened by Andie Harper, from Radio Cambridge on Friday 5th at 6pm. All the proceeds from the weekend are going to the East Anglian Children's Hospice at Milton and Huntingdonshire Young Carers. We in Hilton have decided to decorate our tree with Angels and are holding an Angel Workshop on Saturday 15th November. This will be in the morning in the Methodist Hall. Hopefully lots of little angels in Hilton will come along and make a decoration to hang on our tree at the festival. Mums are welcome too – there will be refreshments to enjoy afterwards.

Tot's Praise

Lots of lovely Teddy Bear's picnic snaps: come to see them on display in church and see what we are getting up to. Tot's Praise last Tuesday of the month.

CHILDREN AT HILTON CHURCHES Children are always welcome at the mid-morning services in both the Parish and Methodist Churches and special activities are provided for them to do. Once a month, on the 2nd Sunday, we have a United Sunday Club which begins at 10.55am in the Methodist Schoolroom. Children can be picked up at noon when the church service has ended.

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Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St IvesGroup of Churches Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480-352059 or the Free Church St. Ives on

01480-468535

Fen Drayton Lakes

I've had the pleasure of meeting more Fenstanton people in recent weeks, during my presentations about the Lakes and their wildlife to the WI and Over 60s.

I wrote in the last issue that 22 little egrets had been recorded flying into their island roost in Ferry Lagoon. The numbers have increased since then, with a new peak of 51. The birds are distributed around the area during the day, and follow the river to Fen Drayton Lakes as darkness approaches. If you'd like to see this spectacle for yourself, the best viewing is from the riverside footpath, to the east of Holywell Ferry Road, in the last hour or so of daylight. You will probably need a torch for the walk back

Now that the birds have finished nesting, many of the volunteer work parties will be busy in and around the reed beds. The main job is to remove young willows, either by pulling the small ones out by the roots, or cutting off the bigger ones, to prevent them from dominating the lake edge. The work that was done last winter has had the approval of a young bittern, which has been around all summer, though it appears to have been alone.



bittern

Bitterns are a high priority bird for conservation, because a reedbed that supports bitterns will be a thriving habitat that supports many other specialists. The national population was down to just 11 territorial males in 1997, but this year's census has shown that we now have 75 territorial males. This is a reflection on the amount of work done in the last few years to restore, extend and recreate reed beds in the UK. Cambridgeshire hosted 10 of the males, and the RSPB's nature reserve at Minsmere, on the Suffolk coast, had 11.

Bitterns are secretive inhabitants of reed beds. The females are silent, so the most accurate way to count them is by recording the calling males in spring. We know that some males failed to attract partners (as at Fen Drayton Lakes), but some manage to have two or even three mates in large reed beds.

Sadly, the flooding that affected many of our wetlands in May and June destroyed many bittern nests, which are built of dead reeds, just above the water level amongst the reeds. Most grey herons and little egrets, which are related to bitterns, nest in treetop colonies, so were less affected by the floods.

Wetland Walkabouts

Join us for a guided walk in search for migrant birds. We start from the Elney Lake car park, with the wooden viewing screen, about a quarter mile from Fen Drayton village, just beyond the recreation ground.

£3 (£1 concession or child; half-price to all RSPB members)

Wednesday 1 October 10am-

12.30pm

Thursday 16 October 10am-

12.30pm

Neil Renwick 01954 233267 neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk

Fenstanton & Hilton Toddler Group

Fenstanton & Hilton Toddler Group We are a small and friendly group, who meet each Wednesday in the Fenstanton Church centre from 10 - 11.30AM, prices are £2 per family. We welcome babies to school age children, there is a good selection of toys for all stages, and a secure area for babies.

Occasionally we run a craft table, which is run on a rota basis, we also hold a number of other events, and this month we will be having a Halloween party.

So, if you feel like coming along, and have a coffee whilst the children play, or if you would like further information feel free to contact Dawn Lowrie on 01480 463799 or dawn.lowrie@googlemail.com.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

NEW DAY - NEW TIME from 7th October

We have moved our session from Thursday afternoons to Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am in an attempt to encourage more people to attend.

We are a friendly group who meet in the village hall for large amounts of tea and biscuits whilst comparing notes on our little treasures/horrors! If you fancy coming along just turn up or alternatively call Emily on 831142. Session costs £2.00 per family – bargain!

Dates for your diary

21st October Halloween Spooky Party 10am Fancy dress, spooky games, spooky food 3rd November AGM at 24 Chequers Croft at 8pm

Pizza, puddings and wine – the perfect night out!

Fenstanton Pre-School

Many thanks to all the staff, committee members, parents and carers who helped out at the Fashion Show. I'm sure you will all agree it was a great night. We will let you know the amount raised in due course.

A reminder that our AGM will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at the pre-school. Several of our Committee Members and Fund Raising Team will be leaving our group this term as their children have started Primary School. **PLEASE** consider seriously about joining us. Without this hardworking band of volunteers our Pre-School would not be able to operate. Part of our constitution demands that parents/carers take an active role in the running of the group, and the pre-school will be unable to run effectively without a committee. We ask only for your ideas, support at fundraising events, and attendance at the committee meetings which are on average one per school term.

If you would like to come in and talk to the children on any interesting subjects or if you have an interesting job or profession then please contact the staff to discuss this.

We take children from the age of 3 years, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

Fenstanton Church Appeal Committee

We would like to give a big thank-you to everyone in the village who contributed to the House to House envelope collection to help raise £1,833.96 to go towards the continued maintenance and restoration of the Parish Church. Thank you very much.

Wildlife Trust -Huntingdon Area Group



Water and Wildlife: A Vision for the Great Ouse is the title of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, which will be held on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Paul Jose is a wetland specialist, currently leading in Environmental Management at Huntingdon District Council. He has previously worked for English Nature, Anglian Water and the RSPB. Paul has authored several books on grasslands, floodplains and wildlife and been involved in a range of conservation and flood defence projects both in the UK and abroad.

Paul will offer us a presentation on the Great Ouse looking at the protection and restoration of habitats in order to create an optimal environment for our wildlife.

The importance of maintaining quality habitats cannot be overstressed and the Ouse in particular provides some of Europe's most important sites of special conservation interest for birds as well as hunting grounds for otters.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809. Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough. Registered Charity No: 1000412

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The Daisy Children's Centre

A new Sure Start Children's Centre will be opening by the end of 2008 offering health and family support services for all children under 5 in the Papworth Everard area, including the villages of Hilton, Elsworth, Fenstanton and Fen Drayton.

A competition was held amongst the pupils at the local primary schools asking them to think of a name for the centre.

The Daisy Children's Centre –will be situated next to Pendragon Primary School in Varrier Jones Drive and will be open to families and carers with babies and children up to the age of 5.

The Daisy Children's Centre joins a growing network of children's centres providing:

- health services,
- family support
- base for childminders
- help into employment, including links with Jobcentre Plus

Children's centre manager, Kath Doyle said: "We are very excited about our new children's centre, which has been designed with the needs of local children in mind. We already have some activities up and running in the area and hope that with the new building we can provide much more. We are keen for local parents to have a say in the development of the centre and intend to set up a parents forum. If anyone would like to be involved with this then please contact us."

For further information, please contact: Kath Doyle or Rachel Rees 01480 831423

Cat Protection League

Contact Numbers: 01480 476696, 07966 282005 or 07900 257061

Hilton WI

Our September meeting was very well attended with many of our members present, together with several visiting WI members and guests from Fenstanton and Papworth.

Among the usual items of business our President, Rosemary Blake advised us that three members of the Committee were standing down and she asked for nominations for new committee members. She also thanked Celia Sutton for arranging a very enjoyable day trip to Grimsthorpe Castle Thanks were also given to Wendy Webb and the Committee, together with Alan, Andrew, Peter and Roy for all the hard work that helped to make our Summer Lunch so successful. This was held in August and 58 members and friends enjoyed wonderful food and good company. The weather behaved itself just long enough for the Lunch to be enjoyed in the garden.

Our Treasurer, Margaret Wilkes advised that an application for Awards for All would be prepared and that our Gift Aid forms had been accepted. Each of these could be beneficial to Hilton WI. She then recounted a story, learned at Denman College, about a Representative from a holiday company and an embarrassing situation due to the misunderstanding of "W.C". This brought the house down!

After refreshments we settled down to listen to, and learn from, our Speaker Mr. Vic Botterill. He is a Retired Chief Inspector of Police with expertise in Human Behaviour and Education. His subject was entitled "If only I had said..." and outlined many circumstances where the outcome for each of us could have been very different "if only we had said" or in some cases "if only we hadn't said....."

The first example he used, of a situation where we allow ourselves to be manipulated

because we cannot say "no", was very informative. However his solution involved the use of his Labrador dog and for those of us who do not own such a pet, an easier way had to be found. His very amusing talk covered such varied situations as "How to stop a rumour", "Dealing with overtalking", "Behaviour blindness" – this had an embarrassing scenario - "When and How to be Assertive", to the very useful case of how to obtain the "Best deal in a restaurant". Many of our members have enjoyed Vic's talks before and know how entertaining he can be. This evening was certainly no exception.

Donna Holdaway gave the vote of thanks for a very useful and amusing talk. Forthcoming events:

The Harvest Supper will be held on October 3rd at the Village Hall. Ticket price is £8.50.

A trip to London on October 21st to watch a recording of the programme "Loose Women".

Early booking is recommended for Observer Tickets at the AGM to be held on 3 June 2009 at the Royal Albert Hall.

Our Annual Meeting & Social will be held on Monday October 13th.

If you would like to join our friendly group, phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just come along to the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

Triphyllas (fuchsias)
- a talk by Mr Denys Strich

Wednesday 22nd October Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

www.scubes.co.uk

Fundraising

Like all voluntary organisations we are constantly raising money so we'd like to pass on grateful thanks to both the Hilton Town Charity and the Fenstanton & Hilton Mens Christian Fellowship for their recent kind donations.

Saturday 13th December is another date for your diaries please! We will be having our annual Christmas Post stall at the Clock Tower that morning to raise funds. As always the youngsters will be selling stamps, bacon rolls, home made cakes and running a tombola. (more details to follow)

Volunteers to work with photographs please

We have unearthed several boxes of photos of youngsters in our Group from the 1970s to date. Being relative newcomers we have no idea who most of the people are! Is there anyone out there who would be willing to put them into some sort of useful albums or folders, and perhaps even try finding out names and dates? Is there anyone else who would be able to scan some or all so we can use on our web site and store on DVD? We would be very grateful if you could support your local Scout Group in this "one off" project ©

Please will you help by continuing the circle?

"Because you said 'yes":

- a young person will feel the pride of being someone special as they carefully put on their uniform for the very first time.
- a young person can move to a new town or village anywhere in the world and have "instant friendships" with people they might never have met.
- parents will experience that special pride when they listen to their child say the Promise for the first time.

- bright eyes will become a little brighter with excitement as the kindling finally catches on the first campfire.
- nervous giggles will emit from tents as they try to fall asleep on their first night of camp.
- the community, and the world will be richer because a child has learned the importance of caring for their environment, and the warm feeling that comes from giving service to someone less fortunate than themselves.
- a parent will find a camp blanket carefully tucked away in a drawer as their child packs to leave home for their first adventures as a young adult.
- a young adult will contact the Scouts one day and say, "I had so much fun when I was a Scout, I'd like to try being a Leader."
- And the circle will continue...because you said, "YES"

With 85 children and a very long waiting list we'd love to hear from you. After all many of us who took part in activities like Brownies or Cubs when we were young only had that opportunity because, back then, someone else said "yes" ©

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Hilton Feast Week

AGM

I m pleased to report a good attendance to the AGM and that 7 of the existing committee volunteered to stay on the committee for another year. These 7 have been joined by 4 new comers which will help the team to spread the load more effectively over the next year.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the new committee members in coming forward.

The committee and posts for the coming year are:

Peter Balicki Chair Justo Perez - Vice Chair Sara Sampson – Secretary Graeme Gribbin - Treasurer Sharon Walker; Adrian Norman; Adrian Snooke; Andy Stubbs; Craig Sutherland; Steve Wilson; Tracey Wilkinson The committee will be getting together to start to plan out events for the coming year as well as Feast Week.

Chilli & Quiz Night Saturday 25 October 2008. Hilton Village Hall 7 for 7.30

£8.50 per head including Chilli What better way to kick off the fund raising events than an evening of quiz and chilli at the Village Hall.

Please contact a member of the committee (contact details below) to book a place for you, or a team. We look forward to seeing you.

Fireworks

The Feast Week team will again be running a BBQ in the Wilderness at the firework and bonfire night.

Sports Day

As you will be aware we were unable to run Sports Day this year due to the weather. Hopefully all will be well for next years event but in the meantime the Sports Day Committee are looking for some volunteers to come forward to help put on what is a great sporting event. If you would like to become involved in a Feast Week event but feel you cannot commit to the whole year why not consider joining the Sports Day Committee. Please contact Peter Balicki (details below) to discuss this.

Don't forget you can check for updates as they become available on our web site.

www.feastweek.com

It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on

www.hilton-village.com

If you would like any further details please do not hesitate to let us know.

Main contact points are

Chair Peter Balicki 831787 Vice Chair Justo Perez 831106 Treasurer Graeme Gribbin 830481 Secretary Sara Sampson 830383

Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)

Hilton residents attended the St Ives Area Neighbourhood Police Consultation Panel on 3rd September. There have been seven roadside checks in Hilton since the last Panel in June. We requested information on the outcomes, such as number of offenders detected and follow ups. The Police stated that these checks did appear to deter speeding during their presence at roadside, but admitted that the deterrent effect is likely to be short lived. It was agreed that traffic problems in Hilton will continue to have high priority for next period. Thanks to everyone who turned out to keep up the pressure on this issue. Details of a new self-help scheme called 'SpeedWatch' are currently being finalized by local police in conjunction with District Council. This is due to be implemented by end 2008. Information is due to be sent to Parish and Town Councils each of which will have to decide whether to participate.

Our considered view is that occasional neighbourhood police roadside speed checks and self help schemes are not going to bring about adequate compliance with speed limits. We have asked our County Councillor to make utmost effort to persuade County Highways to install effective traffic calming measures and control measures. We shall also continue to demand that the Police deliver on their duty to enforce the speed limits and weight limit restrictions.

If you see or hear anything you think is worth noting whether it is connected with speed, danger, risk-taking or just stupidity, please provide details to Pat Bellass - tel 839022, email: HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk For further information on HAT - look on hilton-village.com or contact: Bill Halford, 831193; Margaret Shardlow, 831186; Lissie Wright, 830577

Fenstanton Village Sports

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from the home for the permanently bewildered: We have a bit of a problem, Matron found the still for the Sloe gin in the brick outhouse. We warned her not to go in but she never listens to our gibbering. You see, we'd borrowed the fuse from the outhouse lighting system to run the P.A on Sports Day (July 4th next year by the way) and it's as black as Newgates Knocker in there. So in she went, struck a match and well, you can imagine Her hair should grow back in time, especially the moustache but her street cred took a bit of a dent when the emergency services found her wandering down the High Street smouldering away in nothing but singed underwear. We were surprised that you could still buy nether-garments with elasticised legs, especially in that colour!

The committee is grateful to the Village Hall committee for letting us have the chairs, tables and stages from the about-to-be-sold Hall. We are intending that they should be available to anyone in the village who wishes to use them. We are trying to arrange permanent storage and we were hoping to smuggle them into the outhouse once the sloe gin was finished. Of course, Matron has blown that one out of the water, literally! We have temporary storage until the end of the year so please dear villager, can you help? Call Ray on 370973

We are <u>still</u> looking for new, young and virile idiots to join the committee. What **is** the matter with you all? Why don't you come forward? Are you all shy? Contact a committee member <u>now</u> or call the above number; the home in which we all spend the winter months is really quite nice despite the medication and we are allowed out for the odd meetings.

So, dear villager, if you can't or won't join the committee, at least volunteer to help next year. If you do your committee can hibernate through the winter on reduced medication as we won't be whittling about not have enough volunteers run next year's Sports - You know it makes sense

Fenstanton Youth Football

Fenstanton Youth Football Club are very proud to announce the launch of our very own website: www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk
Its early days for this website but we do hope to show results, player profiles, photos, contact details, match reports and much more.

The 2008/2009 Season has officially begun and anyone who has noticed the Football Field on a Saturday morning will see it buzzing with activity. Youth Football has well and truly come home to Fenstanton! Hunts Mini Soccer League Results

Fenstanton U7 (2) Ramsey (2)

MOTM: Szymon Binko

Fenstanton U9 Red (3) Ramsey A (10)

MOTM: Travis Hinds

Huntingdon Rowdies (2) Fenstanton U9 Blue

(2)

MOTM: Oliver Hirst

Somersham Black U7 (6) Fenstanton U7 (5)

MOTM: Fraser Cordon Fixtures can be found at www.huntsminisoccer.com

<u>Under Sixes – Football Fun</u>

Wow! what an impressive turn out from our Under Sixes, it is fantastic to see so many budding future England players having fun. All boys and girls in Year one and Reception are welcome to come and join us on a Saturday morning from 10 am until 11.15 No commitment at this stage just turn up, sessions cost £2 per week and your first week is free. Gareth Bridges is the lead coach but we do need help from other Dads, Mums and other family members. We would prefer your child to wear shin pads and boots and please bring a water bottle and dress appropriately for the weather conditions (spectators too!) If you have any queries please contact our Head Coach Charlie Darling on 01480 395338.

Fenstanton Bowls Club

I cannot believe that the end of the outdoor bowls season is here!

Our club competitions came together again, 2 finals played on Friday night and 5 on Saturday afternoon which worked well, if like me you were in 2 finals! And what a wonderful TEA to follow. Thanks Pam for a great day and bringing it all together!

Winners Were

Men's Singles: - John Guthrie Mixed Singles: - Nigel Pratt Ladies Pairs: - Joan Weston

Daphne Loveday

Men's Pairs: - Ernie Roberts

Harvey Loveday

Ladies Singles: - Janet Hinson Mixed Pairs: - Daphne Loveday

Jim Gardiner

Heatherton Salver: - Brian Curry

Well done to all.

Presentation Dinner is on Saturday 18th October at the Dolphin Hotel St Ives 7-730pm.

The AGM is Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Church Centre Fenstanton.

Any proposals for the meeting to me please by 2^{nd} October.

I wish all the indoor bowlers a good season. Perhaps when I retire I might join them!

Remember Length, Line and Luck. Daphne Loveday

Fenstanton Cricket Club

August and End Of Season

Where did the summer go? Was it ever really here? Is summer a bit like life – quite nice in parts but no substitute for the real thing? What is the real thing? This is the kind of philosophical and metaphysical debate that we in Fenstanton CC quite enjoy whilst waiting to bat or loitering in the field as the ball is fetched yet again from beyond the boundary rope. There was certainly plenty to think about in the last month of the season.

Doddington's arrival in early August saw us end a run of five straight defeats; more crucially it saw Fenny employ (nonfinancially, of course) a tea-lady as skipper Roger brought his wife along to serve up the buns, etc.

This proved to be a master-stroke as, freed from the problem of when to switch the teaurn on, Roger was able to concentrate on tactics (for once) and decided to throw caution to the wind by batting first. Sadly Roger himself was unable to tax the scorers unduly, but Andy (43), Mike (41), and Moody (37) saw us up to a reasonable 156-8 whilst the rest of the batting line-up loyally – though stupidly – followed Roger's example by and large.

After a rather excellent tea, and liberated from the rancour of whose turn it was to wash up, our star batsmen became star bowlers, taking six wickets between them (the highlight being Jason's catch at first slip – not bad for the President of the Fenstanton Long John Silver Appreciation Society) while Brett and a run-out accounted for the rest.

The following match saw us make the trek over to St Ives. In a nod to retro-stupidity we fielded first with Danny catching the mood just right with a bewildering display of wide-ball bowling that saw the scorers reaching for A3 paper. Brett, Fraser, Moody

and Andy stopped the rot and bowled the home team out for 143. Our reply did not appear to be hampered by the late withdrawal of Adam as Mark (37) and Tommy (32) let rip, but as the wickets started to tumble regularly it was down to Fraser – our overseas amateur – to take a starring role scoring 34 as he and Ronnie – the last-wicket partnership – nudged us to 141 with bags of balls to spare before Fraser missed a straight one. In cricketing terms we had lost, though mentally it felt like a stuffing.

Our final two games against Burwell and Somersham never materialised as both sides defaulted, unable to raise a full team (not a consideration that ever stopped us!). To lose one fixture may be counted a misfortune, to lose two smacks of carelessness, as Oscar Wilde would have said if he had ever opened the batting for Fenstanton. So what really scared them off? Mark and Mike's fearsome batting? Andy and Brett's dynamic bowling? Moody and Tommy's athletic fielding? The Tesco's value toilet paper? These issues and more will be discussed at the Fenstanton Cricket Club AGM, Thursday 30th October 2008, 7.30 start, at the newly-painted Pavilion (thanks to Steve and Alan) on the Low Road; prospective cricketers for 2009 welcome. Ring Ronnie on 374858 for more details.



Hilton Cricket Club

24th August. League match vs Warboys II (Away)

Yet another victory, making five in a row. We batted first and Mark, Tuddy and Adi gave the innings a healthy boost before the run well dried up at 175 for 7. Warboys batted solidly, but Tuddy and David grabbed the wickets before the batting partnerships took root. Exciting stuff, as we came out winners by just 13 runs. Hilton 175 for 7 (T Frost 45, A Darlow 33 n.o., M Darlow 26)
Warboys II 162 all out (D Greef 5-43, T Frost 4-30)

31st August. League match vs Eaton Socon III (Away)

Oops! An untimely relapse. Socon fielded their development side, whose extreme youth seemed to overawe our batsmen. There's something a bit undignified about being dismissed by a bowler who has to leave the field to be breastfed after every couple of overs. Our bowlers had no more luck and these talented youngsters stroked the ball all round the ground.

Hilton 101 all out (D Greef 23) Eaton Socon III 102 for 1

The final match of 2008 was unfortunately washed away and so we shall have to content ourselves with 6th place in Hunts League Division 4. Another win would probably have raised us to 3rd place. Considering our abysmal start to the season, this was a creditable outcome for Mark and his white-clad knights.

Averages will appear next month, unless I am offered a considerable sum not to publish.

What's On

October		
1 st Wetland Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.00 am
2 nd Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
3 rd Harvest Supper	Hilton Village Hall	7.30 pm
6 th Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
6 th Hilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
7 th Hilton Baby & Toddler relaunch		11.30 am
7 th Knitters & Natters	United Reformed Church	10.15 am
8 th Wildlife Trust Water &Wildlife) pm
9 th Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm
10 th Wetland Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.00 am
11 th Fenstanton Bowls AGM	Church Centre	7.30 pm
13 th Hilton WI Annual Meeting Villa	ge Hall at	7.15 pm
22 nd Fenstanton Pre School AGM	Pre School	
22 nd Hunts Geranium & Fuschia Soc	ciety Village Hall	7.45 pm
25 th Hilton Feast Week Quiz Night	Village Hall	7.30 pm
28 th Tot's Praise	Hilton Church	1.30 pm
November		
1 st Hilton Church Yard tidy up	Hilton Church	9.00 am
3 rd Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
6 th Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm

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