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LETTERS

Editor's Letter

Welcome to September's edition of the Spectrum. Hope you all had happy holidays but now it's back to school for my children and I can finally get a break! We have increased the size of the magazine to 36 pages so we can add even more news. events and features. There are some new advertisers included and a lovely coupon for £15 all-over spray tan from Oaklands Beauty (yes, I really did have a 2 week vacation to Barbados!) Take a new look at what they have to offer. Also please mention the Spectrum when you call any of our advertisers - it reminds them what a great service we provide too! Thank you. Creative Corner this month covers Hilton's Digital Archive. You can find over 1500 images of Hilton dating back to the 17th Century. Keep the Creative Corner alive!! Send us your poems, writing, photography please.

There are loads of fun fundraisers happening this month, too.

Unfortunately we have had no offers of help to collect the hand written copy from Hilton and/or Fenstanton Post Offices. We urgently need someone to collect the post on the 10th of the month (10 times a year), type it up and email through to us for inclusion. There are usually only 2 or 3 pieces written by the more mature members of our community. If we have no takers by next month we will have to phase-out this service which will be an absolute shame. Please email <u>spectrumparishnews@googlemail.com</u> if you can help.

Have fun reading and get out and about this September.

Amanda

Letters from our Readers



On September 6th I am going to do a 60 mile bike ride from London to Cambridge for charity. I am raising money for the Sue Rider Care which cares for people with Cancer, Strokes, MS, and several other Diseases. A very worthy cause. I have raised quite a lot so far but am grateful for any more contributions. Should anyone feel that they would like to sponsor me they can either contact me directly at 31, Lancelot Road, Fenstanton, Cambs. PE28 9LY or there is a sponsorship form at the George pub - you may well meet me in there. *Mickey Pallet*

Dear Editor

What a wonderful day we all had on Sports Day. The sun shone the kids, mums, dads and grandparents ran in the racing and the ice cream man made a killing. But the highlight of my day was being presented with the Fenstanton Community Award. I feel quite humbled to be remembered along with the likes of Jack Daly, Eric Mott and Jackie Denston. My thanks to whoever nominated me! I think I know who they are! Daphne Loveday



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Dear Editor

I am returning to Nepal in October to do a 118 mile trek around the Annapurna peaks. This is a trip that I have organised myself. On my last trek in Nepal I became aware of the extreme poverty of many Nepalese, especially the chidren. Therefore I am hoping to raise some money for the Esther Benjamin Trust. This charity provides aidfor the children that they rescue from a life of slavery in Indian circuses and also from sex slavery. If you would like to sponsor through you can do so me www.justgiving.com/sandramonk1 This website also gives more information about the charity.

Many thanks, Sandy Monk

CALLING ALL MUTTS OF HILTON AND FENSTANTON

Woof, Woof tell your humans.... The Meadow Mutts Companion Dog Show will be held at The Meadow (opposite The Poacher), Elsworth on Sunday 13th September. Every dog who is any dog will be there. With competitions, raffle, prizes, refreshment and entertainment it will be THE canine event of the year . Schedules are available from Papworth Veterinary Surgery, Elsworth Church and Hilton shop, otherwise just turn up on the day. *Nellie French*

Hilton Church Roof Appeal Update

We are writing to thank all the villagers and friends who came to our Sale and Craft Stall on Saturday 1st August. The amount we raised has now reached £ 402.72 which we were happy to hand over to the Hilton Church Roof Appeal. Thanks to all for their help and support. *Ros Howells and Vine McGill*

Harvest Festival in Hilton

This year's United Harvest Service will be held on 13th September at 11.15am in the Parish Church in Hilton. As in previous years, the collection will go to Water Aid and the harvest gifts will be taken to Edmund House in Cambridge. After the service (~12.30pm) we will holding a simple Bring & Share lunch in the where church we will be saving our formal "goodbye" to Jane & Richard Garnett. Do please join us!

Hilton Village Hall

The Trustees of Hilton Village Hall would like to thank everyone who participated or assisted in the running of The Scarecrow and Open Gardens Day in June, and making the function such a fantastic success

The Open Gardens were stunning and Bruce's engines chuffed along happily throughout the day in his Railway Wonderland. The Scarecrows, once again, showed the usual excellent quality and ingenuity of their owners to produce realistic and fun nursery rhyme characters. The sun shone and the day was rounded off with a scrumptious tea prepared by the committee together with many kind helpers.

Thank you once again, we raised £350 towards village hall improvements. The next Scarecrow Day is planned for two years time but in the meantime in 2010 we will be holding A Dog Show, and details will follow.

The Village Hall Trustees are always pleased to have feedback regarding the running of the hall. Please contact Donna Holdaway on 830770 with any suggestions.

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To see changes:

www.stagecoachbus.com/cambridge

Dear Editor,

I have emailed bus users about the substantially reduced bus service now operating. This will also affect many other people and I thought you may find it useful to put something in one of your newsletters which is obviously distributed to a large number of the people involved.

Anyone wishing to complain / comment about the bus service in Fenstanton can email comments to <u>sue@bususers.org</u>.

There is a complaint form that can be obtained from Bus Users to be completed and returned but unfortunately I no longer have a copy.

L Thomas

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LOVE LIGHT

Lydia & Jonathan Collins would like to say thank you very much indeed to everyone who contributed



by donating aid and /or cost of diesel or both for the trip to Romania in aid of children with HIV/Aids. We will also be doing sponsored walks in Sept/Oct. If you are able offer sponsorship contact Lydia Collins on 01954 203280 or email jonandlydia@ntlworld.com Alternatively try: www.lovelightromania.com

Fenstanton Village Hall Update

We held the AGM on 6th July and were pleased to see so many people interested in our activities and plans for the future. The team working on the Design Brief for a new Village Hall has been out and about looking at other local village halls and community centres so that we have a good idea of what to ask architects to include in their proposals. Fundraising continues with Quiz Nights held at The George, courtesy of Dai and Jo Heafield, at 8pm on Wednesdays on the following dates: 23rd September, 21st October and 18th November. These evenings are great fun – do come along and find out for yourself.

Jane Blunt

Macmillan Appeal

On Friday, 25th September 2009 Rosemary and Peter Blake will be taking part in the Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Please, come and join us from 10.30 am to noon at 16 Scotts Close, Hilton. All the money will go to a local Macmillan Appeal. Entrance £1

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- 2 thefts from properties.
- 2 incidents of criminal damage.
- 1 attempted burglary.
- 1 theft of a credit card.
- 1 obtaining petrol without paying.

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

Parish path maintenance.

Through the County Councils Parish Paths Partnership the Parish Council undertakes the maintenance of the Parish's footpaths to ensure they remain in a safe and walkable condition. As a member of the P3 group the Parish Council receives a grant towards the costs incurred. The Parish Council budgets a sum through the precept to cover the estimated expenditure for the year. However this year we have seen a reduction in the grant provided by the County Council. Therefore, to remain within budget this may impact to some degree on the number of grass cuts given to some of the less popular walks.

The Fen

Feedback from Parishioners indicates that the majority feel the recent work undertaken by the County Council is an improvement. However, the Parish Council is concerned over the issue of security and to this end it was agreed to accept the County Council's offer to install bollards at the Guided Busway end of The Fen. The Parish Council also agreed to have appropriate signage erected.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th September 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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Sadly, the spate of vandalism in the village has continued over the summer months, parishioners are urged to report any vandalism or anti social behaviour to the Police and where possible give descriptions of the perpetrators.

The Parish Council in conjunction with funding from the Football Foundation will be replacing the goal post on the green with two smaller goal posts. We hope that the goals will be well used and respected by all. The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 7th September, at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website www.hilton-village.com Nadine Taylor, Hilton Parish Clerk Tel: 01480 830839

Fundraising Wine Tasting Evening Saturday 17th October 2009

Fancy a little tipple? Why not join us at a fundraising Wine Tasting Evening which will be held on Saturday 17th October in the village hall in Hilton. There will be the chance to try 15 different wines during the course of the evening before tucking in to a substantial ploughman's meal and plenty of wine to guzzle with the meal. Ticket price is £16 each which includes the tasting wine as well as your meal and wine to drink with it. It's not a promotional exercise to sell wine - there will not be anything available on the night but it can all be bought from one of the mainstream supermarkets at a reasonable price. The idea is to come along - enjoy good wine, good food & good company - and help raise some more money towards Hilton Church Roof.

For tickets and more information please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

The United Reformed Church are collecting for Tools with a Mission - TWAM

There is a list of tools on our village website that have been requested by TWAM, please note that time to time the priority on some items will change according to what is being requested from overseas. HQ is always prepared to update priorities at any time in response to requests and the most recent TWAMnews will contain the most wanted list.

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Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong	
Thursday 10th		·	
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 13th	14th Sunday a	after Trinity	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All	
Hilton	11.15am	United Harvest Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch	
		A chance to say farewell to the Garnetts & collection for	
		WaterAid	
Thursday 17th			
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club	
Sunday 20th	15th Sunday a	after Trinity / Battle of Britain Sunday	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion and Sunday Club	
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong	
Thursday 24th			
Hilton	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 27th	16th Sunday a	after Trinity . Back to Church Sunday	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by Extension	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee at 11.00am	
Hilton	6.00pm	Choral? Evensong	
Tuesday 29th			
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise	
OCTOBER SERVICES			
Thursday 1st			

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Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 4th		
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Harvest Festival / Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

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

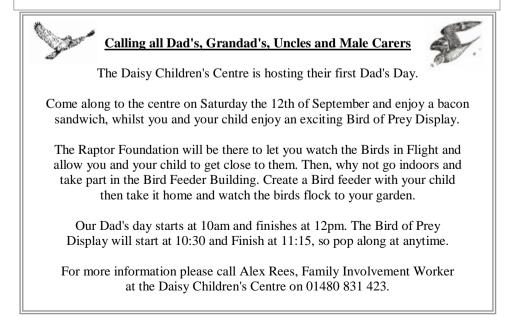
HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Services apart from the United Services will begin at 10.00am starting in July

Sunday 6th September Sunday 13th September	10.00am 11.15am	Mr John Bridge United Harvest Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch both in the Parish Church. Collection will be Water Aid and Gift Aided envelopes will be available for anyone wish -ing to make a donation. Please contact Heather Woods if you are unable to be at the Harvest Service ut would like to give to Water Aid.
Sunday 20th September Sunday 27th September	10.00am 10.00am	Mr Simon Cooper Own arrangement, service will be led by members of the congregation.

Exploration

Our Minister, Katy, is leading a monthly meeting of Bible Study with a discussion of topical issues. The first meeting is on Tuesday 1st September when we shall be discussing assisted suicide/Dignitas. Anyone is welcome to come along to the Methodist Hall that evening at 7 30 pm.



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 6th 9:30	0am R	Revd Derek Newton
Sunday 13th 9:30	0am R	Revd Peter Ball
Sunday 13th 6:00	0pm N	/ir George Mwaura
Sunday 20th 9:30	0am R	Revd David Viles
Sunday 27th 9:30	0am R	Revd Derek Newton— Harvest Fesival
Sunday 27th 3.00	0pm S	Service of Harvest Praise with refreshments
OCTOBER SERVICES		
Sunday 4th 9.30	0am N	/Irs Maureen Kendall
OTHER EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2009		
Tuesday 1st 10.0	00am C	Dpen Door Coffee Morning
Saturday 5th 10.0	00am H	lobbies, Crafts & Collections
Tuesday 8th 10.0	00am K	Initters and Natters.
Saturday 12th 8.3	30am N	Ien's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call John 468718
Tuesday 15th 10:0	00am T	he Open Door Coffee Morning
Tuesday 22nd 10.0	00am K	Initters and Natters
Friday 25th 10:0	00am N	lacmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 26th 10.0	00am T	ools with a Mission
Tuesday 29th 10:0	00am T	he Open Door Coffee Morning.
October 2009		
Tuesday 10th 10.0	00am K	Initters and Natters

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The public version of Hilton's Digital Archive is now available on-line and can be accessed from the Village Website <u>www.hilton-village.com</u> via the left hand menu line 4 Village Archive and following the link provided.

The Archive already contains over 1500 pictures and more are being added all the time. Scanned images include documents and maps, some dating back to the 17th Century, pictures of people, buildings and places, celebrations, archaeological finds and copies of various scrapbooks and magazines. All can be viewed online or downloaded in high resolution.

The Archive makes use of Google's Picasa Web Album software which displays captions and other details with the images, drawn from data embedded in the scanned files. It also has a sophisticated face recognition system which identifies individual faces in a 'mouse-over box' and labels all the pictures in which they occur, whether individual portraits or large groups. Of course this depends on the Editors being able to identify the faces in the first place and this is where you can all help by sending in more information and corrections to <u>editor@hilton-village.com</u>.

Work on creating the Archive began two years ago following an enquiry to the website from a retired American serviceman who lived in Kidman's Cottage in the 1950s. On contacting the present owner, Olive Stokes, we found that she had compiled a wealth of information in scrapbooks over the years and was happy to make these available for scanning. Generous help with archive material was also provided by Richard Garnett, Amanda Howard, Lynn Norton, Margaret Peters, Sally Roberts, Beverley Tack, the Norris Museum, the Hilton WI and many others to whom our thanks are due.

If *you* have any material likely to be of historical interest to Hilton villagers as well as the wider community – from ancient times to events of yesterday – please contact us and we will arrange to make high resolution copies for adding to the Archive.



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R.S.P.B FEN DRAYTON LAKES

In the last issue of Spectrum, I wrote about the successful nesting season birds were having at Fen Dravton Lakes. At the time. the marsh harriers were feeding an unknown number of chicks in the reedbeds. where they were out of sight. Two youngsters fledged in early July, and gave us many days of entertainment as they learnt how to fly, and how to land again. Windy days challenged them – the branches they aimed for were moving in the wind. The young birds often missed completely and crashed into the reeds. Their next challenge was to eat. The parents brought food (small animals) back to the area where the chicks were born and called to the youngsters. As the young birds flew up to meet the adults, the food item would be dropped, for the youngsters to try to catch the food before it fell into the reeds. If they missed the catch, they then had to try to retrieve their meal from the reedbeds. Both young birds had mastered their fly-

ing, landing and catching skills by the end of July, and were no longer staving near their birthplace. Juvenile marsh harriers usually stay in the natal area until September, and will eventually move away for the winter. They may well spend the winter months on the East Anglian coast. They will not be ready to breed until they are two or three years old, when they may return to the Ouse Valley. September should be a busy month, as many birds will be on the move. Some of the summer visitors will be feeding up, in preparation for their long journeys southwards, others will be arriving. New arrivals may stay here until next spring, but many will we resting and feed-

ing before moving on southwards -using

Fen Drayton Lakes as we use a motorway

service station during long car journeys. On the subject of arrivals and departures, guided buses have been doing test runs on the tracks through Fen Drayton Lakes recently, but we have just heard that the Cambridgeshire Guided Bus service will begin operating around the end of November.

We have five events in September, featuring four very different areas of natural history. Where requested, please phone 01954 233260 to book your places. Charges are £4 per person (£2 RSPB members, £1 children) unless stated.

6th, 2-4.30pm The medicinal and edible plants of Fen Drayton Lakes Medical herbalist Julie Dore returns to reveal more about some of our plant life. £5 per person (£2.50 RSPB members, £2 children) – please book.

6th, 7.30-10pm Egret Extravaganza Watch little egrets arrive at their roost site. Bring a torch– please book.

16th 10am-12.30pm Migration Watch – bird watching walk.

18th, 7-10pm (or later) Night Flights – We will set up safe moth traps and look at what they attract. We also expect bats. Bring a torch & warm clothing – please book.

19th, 10am-noon Meet the moths. See some of the moths caught last night – they will be released after viewing. No charge.

Neil Renwick

Community Projects Officer, T: 01954 233267 or E:

neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk

Our address is RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG. .



CLUB NEWS

FENSTANTON W.I.

Fenstanton W.I. have had an enjoyable Summer with a lovely meal at the George and Dragon. Elsworth, a successful stall on Sports Day and some of us enjoying trips away such as to The Flower Festival at Old Hunstanton. On July 2nd Mr Mike Petty told us how the stories of 'Pickwick's Scrapbook 1838' that he writes for The Cambridge News came into being. When he worked for the Cambridge Library he found a small room full of books, maps, pictures and newspapers which had been collected for over 100 vears. He used these for information and chose the year 1838, the coronation year of Queen Victoria. If Pickwick had visited Cambridge at that time he would have travelled by coach from London and would probably have stayed at The Castle Inn. Nearby was the Spinning House which became known as the Sinning House. It was a University prison which locked up women prostitutes. Pickwick would have seen flour taken on river barges to Newcastle and returning with coal. He would have seen the new steam pumps replacing the wind pumps because the fens were getting water-logged. If Pickwick had come through Fenstanton he would have paid a toll at The Tollgate. Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks saying that his stories really brought the past alive. On August 6th Mrs Beryl Morris brought a large display of jewellery from all around the world including Afghanistan, Brazil and Africa. She talked enthusiastically about the history, use and meanings of gemstones. One of the earliest gems to be used for jewellery was amber which

was known to have been used by people in the Stone Age. In Brazil boar's teeth were used to make jewellery and to the Native Americans turquoise was sacred. We all associate gemstones with a particular colour but many come in different colours. Jade for instance is not just green; it can be yellow, black or lavender. All gemstones are attributed to having special properties. Garnets promote self preservation and stability while Amethyst is one of the most spiritual stones. Jane Blunt gave the vote of thanks saying that the variety of Beryl's jewellery made sure there was something to appeal to all of us.

Dates for Future Meetings

3rd September Chinese Brush Painting by Mrs Claire Seaton

1st October General Meeting followed by History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force by Sqn Ldr Kevin Dalley (Rtd). We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or for more information please ring our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

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HILTON W.I.

If you walked past the village hall on the evening of 13th July you might have noticed the walls rocking from the laughter within when Gabriella the story-telling 'Ukelele Lady' shook the ladies of the WI out of their seats with her humour and novelty songs, tongue twisters and humorous ditties. Her subject 'Convent to Convicts' took us on a hilarious journey from her school days in a convent to her 15 years' service as a WPC. It was a riot of humorous anecdotes, songs and fond memories of the lighter side of her life, all complemented by her faithful 'uke. It was hard to believe that she first picked up a ukelele just four years ago, but it was certainly easy to see why she was voted most popular guest of the year in 2007 on the Chris Evans BBC Radio 2 drive-time show. The verve and enthusiasm she has for her ukelele certainly is infectious and as audience participation is a key feature of her act, no holds were barred as she took irreverant advantage of her spectators. All in the best possible taste of course. On the WI social scene there is a lot going on in the coming weeks, including no less than two members' weddings in August: Jill Baden and John and Jane Hazelwood and Ernie are tving their respective knots in the next few weeks and congratulations and good wishes for many happy years together go to both couples from all the members of Hilton WI. This year's summer lunch took place in glorious sunshine, after a very threatening morning sky, in the lovely garden of Celia Sutton and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In July the outing to Belvoir Castle was a great day out, organised by Celia with her usual precision, and to top it all the weather was again perfect.

Hilton Village Harvest Supper this year will be organised by Hilton WI and held on 2nd October. Proceeds from the event will be shared between Hilton WI and The Nightingale Trust for Nutritional Support, a locally based charity dedicated to assisting in the nutritional care of seriously ill and malnourished patients, a subject we feel is well worth attention as we enjoy our harvest meal. The entertainment will be provided by Tapestry, a small choral group with a wide repertoir of music which they sing mostly unaccompanied. Tickets for the evening can be obtained from either Rosemary Blake 830137 or Pat Bellass 839022

Next month's speaker will be Pat Stephenson who will talk about Antiques and China. If you are interested in coming along on 14th September, please contact our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358.

Carol Yarrow Hilton WI

TOTS PRAISE

Holiday time is over now it's back to other things we enjoy doing like coming to Tot's Praise! Tot's Praise is on the last Tuesday of each month 1.30 to 2.30pm. There is coffee and a chat, songs and a story and activities. What will it be this month? Sept 29th at church. A big welcome to all. The Teddy Bears Picnic was, as always, good fun both in church and then outside for the picnic. On a personal note may I say a big thank you to so many friends who came to my rescue after I fell in Waitrose car park crushing my elbow. Your prayers, thoughts and actions have been a great comfort to me.

Blessings and love Doreen Prescott

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HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin! We are also very pleased that Sharon Stevens will be joining us for a short Clap & Sing session approximately once a month. Come along for a cuppa and a chat and let your treasures burn off some energy. For more information call Jo on 831524. Session cost £2.

THE WILDLIFE TRUST

Wonderful Woodlands

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, is pleased to present a review of this summer's events, which have focused on our local woodlands. This will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, following a brief AGM.

This evening's session will seek to encapsulate some of the best moments from a wonderful summer spent visiting many local woodlands, where we have been privileged to see a rich variety of flora (bluebells, orchids and oxlip in the spring



through to crested cow wheat, everlasting pea and purple loosestrife later in the year).

This has all been accompanied by the woodland birdsong of wood warblers, blackcap and chiffchaff. With the guidance of our local Wardens we have been able to explore these ancient woodlands and begin to understand the reasons behind the diversity of flora and fauna due to soil types and changing woodland management. Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: $f_{2}00$ members: f_{2} 50 nonmembers Please visit the web site for www.wildlifetrustmore information huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or George on 01480 450809.

14th October 2009 "Living Landscapes: bigger, better and joined up" - an illustrated talk by Martin Baker, Wildlife Trust Conservation Officer. At Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm.

11th November "Huntingdon-on-Sea -That Sinking Feeling" - Illustrated talk by Pat Doody. At Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm.

9th December "Spitzbergen - Birds, Polar Bears and Arctic Dreams" - an illustrated talk by Ian Rowlands. At Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB at 7.30pm.



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HILTON ACTION ON TRAFFIC (HAT)

Residents' Petitions

On 15th June, County Highways met with Councillor Ian Bates and HAT:- Hilton Parish Council was advised to prepare a bid for 2010/11 funding of traffic calming in Graveley Way via the County Council's "Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme" Potton Road has been added to the list of potential candidates for possible future medium size improvement schemes the Traffic Manager has agreed to confirm timescales for a county wide HCV routing assessment project which is in progress & is preparing a new advisory route map for freight in the county it was agreed that officers would carry out a Manual Radar Check for Potton Road the County Council's Transport policy and strategy officers would be consulted regarding the feasibility of a bypass for Hilton. On 13th July, Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee reviewed reports from Highways on the situation in Hilton. Councillor Bates spoke in support of the petitioners, stressing that residents want to be taken seriously, and outlining why the existing traffic calming was inef-He advised that he would be fective. meeting with respective County Council officers regarding the HCV and bypass issues

Two other Councillors indicated their support, praising the petitioners for their presentation of a rational and reasonable case. We are grateful for the support given by our Councillor and in anticipation of his continuing efforts. Hilton's struggle over through traffic continues and further discussion with Cambridgeshire Highways is planned.

Neighbourhood Speedwatch

Hilton Parish Council is supporting the County's Speedwatch initiative. a campaign that identifies speeding drivers for follow up by the Police. A team of trained volunteer observers. drawn from the different communities in the St Ives area, is deployed just a few hours each month with roadside speed detector units at speeding hot spots The Parish Council is looking for volunteers from the Hilton community to come forward as observers. Once Hilton has sufficient trained observers, checks can be better focused on those locations and times when speeding problem is greatest. To contact HAT or for more information e-mail: HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk Tel: Bill Halford, 831193: Margaret Shardlow, 831186; Lissie Wright, 830577

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship Saturday Breakfast

We will be meeting on Saturday September the 12th. This month the Fenstanton & Hilton Scouts will be presenting 'Scouting Today'. So if you have ever wondered what life is like in the modern Scout movement do join us for breakfast. It promises to be a fascinating presentation.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.30 am to approximately 10.30 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

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HERBIE AT HOME

Sorry I wasn't on my patch 28th June. I was having a relaxing day after our 50th wedding anniversary party.

One question on the day was "How do I grow with little water?" So here are my guide notes: Dig before Christmas then the first time after Christmas when it's dry enough. Use a 3-pronged cultivator at least 1"deep. The young and strong may use a 5-prong.

When young plants are established hoe and keep on hoeing this will keep your tilth, which will help to keep your water in the soil and kill your weeds. Hard, crusted soil will crack and lose even more water.

My hoe is a worn out swan neck hoe, drilled and a piece of scythe blade riveted to

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

It seems like yesterday that we started our 2009 out door bowls season, but we are now approaching the last few games. But "fear not" the indoor season at Huntingdon starts early September. Most of our teams this year have consolidated their positions in their leagues (I will let you know next month of the final positions). However the men's league team should be promoted to division 2 (hopefully as champions). Unfortunately the ladies Red team will be

demoted to Division 4. A bad year for them because of lack of members, come on all you budding bowlers join us next season. Keep an eye on your Spectrum, I will let you know next month all the results of "all" the competitions. Remember Line, Length and Luck. Daphne Loveday. it at least 70 years ago. It floats through tilth and will cut weeds from the hardest surface.

Succulents

These are hardy varieties, water only in hot weather and then not more than 1 in every 2 weeks. Sunny position in pots or dry garden.

Palms

Fortune's and date palms both belong to a group that need sunny positions, well drained and can survive -5c, even -8.

However keep young plant frost free for 3 years.

Black Grass can be planed in the garden in September.

I will be holding a paint a pot cover and pot a plant activities day. Call for details Herbie 830838

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

For June's meeting we were entertained and educated with a talk by Bob Murdoch, curator of the St Ives museum. The history of St Ives seems to be built-up around public houses: I couldn't believe how may there were. As an outsider I found the history lesson very interesting and it was quite enjoyed by all.

June has also been a very sad month for the club when we heard sad news that our Chairman Lily Humbles passed away after a prolonged spell in hospital. A week later we heard that Win Jellis had passed away. The Club members send their sincere condolences to the families of both. They will be sadly missed but fondly remembered. New members more than welcome. Do come and join us as we are always pleased to see new faces.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Welcome back after the summer break! We hope you have had good holidays and also have had time to enjoy your gardens and allotments.

Your flowers and vegetable entries made a wonderful and colourful display in the marquee on Produce Show Day, especially those from all the children who are already budding gardeners, so thankyou for all your hard work and congratulations to the prizewinners listed below. We would also like to thank everyone who, in their different ways, helped to make it such a successful occasion.

Feast Week Flower and Produce Show Prizewinners 2009

The Kathleen Hasler Trophy for Best in Show – Rosemary Blake

The Laidler Rose Trophy – Herbie Collen The Hilton Town Trust Fruit Cup - Rosemary Blake

The Hilton Town Trust Vegetable Cup – Richard Hodder

The Hilton Town Trust Flower cup – Herbie Collen

The Hilton Town Trust Flower Arrangement Cup – Visse Slayter

The Committee Cup - Best Drink – Sarah Sampson

Alice Collen Children's Cup – Hannah Housego & Chloe Minter

Thomas Collen Children's Cup – Grace Lawton

Jacob Collen Children's Cup – George Lawton

Looking ahead to next year's show it's time to gather all those delicious fruits such as blackberries, damsons, plums, sloes, elderberries for jams, jellies and liqueurs. Whilst still harvesting from gardens it's time to start planning and planting flowers and vegetables for the forthcoming seasons – bulbs, winter lettuce, spring cabbage etc.. It's also time to sow hardy annuals to flower next year for your Show flower arrangements! Tidying up now not only looks nice but also discourages overwintering pests and diseases BUT do remember to leave shelter for hedgehogs and other small creatures.

So, carry on enjoying your gardening as we come to the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness'..... and perhaps an Indian Summer?.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

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

Fundraising Garage Sale at Hilton Hall

Saturday 5th September, 11am – 5pm

Many of you probably know by now that Jane & Richard Garnett will be leaving Hilton in October. Before they go and to help them "downsize", they will be holding a sale of household items in the gardens of the house with all proceeds going towards the Hilton Parish Church Roof Appeal. Join us if you can and don't forget to bring your purse / wallet!

For more information, call Rachel Wood on 830866.

SCOUTS

The Jack Dady Awards

To try and find some fitting way to pay tribute to the great supporter of scouting Jack had been during his 93 years the Scout Group presents an Award in his memory for each Section at the AGM each year. The Award is for the young person who has, in the leaders' opinion, most reflected the scouting "spirit" which we expect from those who are out to make the most from their time with our Scout Group. This stems in no small part from the Promise and Law that each young person is expected to make and live up to, and their attitude and approach to the opportunities we offer. The winners for 2008-9 are Matthew Titman (Beaver Scout). Max Cummings (Cub Scout) and Christopher Radbone (Scout).

Did you know

The Group began in 1970 with just 2 leaders and 21 Scouts.

The youngest leader / section assistant is 18 and the oldest (sssh!) is 75.

Our current Beavers, Cubs and Scouts already have 173 years in scouting between them.

We currently have 7 Young Leaders (aged 14 to 17)

5 of our Leaders / Assistant Leaders / Section Assistants do not have any children in our Scout Group.

When the annual census was taken on 31st January this year we were the largest Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) in Cromwell District

As of today we have 20 boys and girls on our waiting lists all old enough to start, but we simply don't have room for them If we can find 4 adults who can spare just 6 hours a month each to "job share" two uniformed roles we could soon open our Troop on another night (or on a weekend) —and wipe out most of our waiting list (hint!hint!)

Come and join the fun

Want to do something for you, but that will make a difference to others? Then why not come and join the fun? Whether you can offer a few hours a year or a few hours a week there is bound to be something you can help with. We're always looking for adults (aged 18 or over) to help at meetings, with fundraising or as leaders. So what are YOU waiting for? Stop thinking about it and come and see what's involved J Remember it's all about what you can do, not what you can't.

Louise Clover, Chairman. 01480 831715

Harvest Festival in Hilton

This year's United Harvest Service will be held on 13th September at 11.15am in the Parish Church in Hilton. As in previous years, the collection will go to Water Aid and the harvest gifts will be taken to Edmund House in Cambridge.

After the service (~12.30pm) we will holding a simple Bring & Share lunch in the church where we will be saying our formal "goodbye" to Jane & Richard Garnett.

Do please join us!

CATS PROTECTION

FENSTANTON YOUTH FC

St Neots & District Cats Protection still have funds available to assist with, or fully fund the neutering and spaying of cats. We cover your area so get in touch now to obtain your voucher redeemable at local vets. We are able to sometimes assist with transport particularly if there are 4 or more cats. Cat carriers and cat traps can be loaned for a refundable deposit.

We have several kittens and very young cats available for re-homing. Some are very nervous so will need lots of time and TLC. Nervous kittens will not be homed where there are young children. As always Cats Protection has a strict homing policy and will not rehome cats on busy, or main roads or thoroughfares.

We have several adult cats in desperate need of loving new homes, a variety of colours, ages and temperaments.

We continue to feed over 150 outdoor and feral cats and are always in need of donations of cat food to ensure all cats get at least one meal a day. Kitten food is also in short supply as we are at the height of kitten season, so any donations will be gratefully appreciated.

We have a thriving charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. The proceeds from this shop go directly to your local branch and help cats in your area. We are always in need of new and used goods to sell, bric-a-brac being in particularly short supply at the moment.

Contact us for a local drop off point. Telephone 01480 476696 http://stneots.cats.org.uk/



Welcome back to the 2009/2010 season. All transfers and signings are complete and we have 4 teams registered in the Hunts Mini Soccer League: 2 x under tens (red and blue), 1 x under eights, 1 x under sevens. Anyone who hasn't registered with the club for these age groups but wishes to train should contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 01480 395338.

The club would like to thank Geoff Frear, of Terry's Heel Bar for our end of season trophies and medals, all were gratefully received.

Under Sixes Football Fun: training for those in Year One (and below) commences on Saturday 5th September, no commitment at this stage, just turn up and play. Subs are just £2 per week, shin pads and a drink are essential and we do ask that a parent or another nominated adult stays on the field during each session. The Lead Coach for this age group is Kevin Smith.

We wish everyone involved an enjoyable and successful season.

For more information contact: Charlie Darling on 01480 395338 or our Administrator, Helen Rodriquez on 01480 355094.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Your barely literate sports reporter writes once again from within the confines of the razor wire topped walls of The Home for the Totally Bewildered, patrolled by Dementors Cyber men and all sorts. Your committee are really in trouble now! Having evaded capture for almost 4 months by living rough and sleeping in garden sheds, we were all rounded up while having a quiet drink on the Sunday evening to celebrate another successful Sports Day. Matron must still be wearing her magic knickers because we didn't hear her coming. Mind you, we were all a bit tipsy so that may have been a contributory factor and there were no guards with her. In any case she rounded us up on her own and with all the rage and stroppiness that only 4 months of pent-up frustration and wearing of really tight Lycra knickers can generate in a middle-aged spinster. Anyway, Sports Day was very successful in all aspects and we had a good crowd of villagers enjoying themselves running, producing produce, eating, drinking, playing games and generally having jolly good fun. The rest of the committee told me that I have to thank all of the many helpers and organisations who took part and of course all of you, dear villagers, who turned up during the afternoon. Yes, despite my insults and name calling, we had lots of people helping before and after the event as well as on the afternoon. Thanks to you all. One plea for next year: If anybody knows of somebody who is cheap or free and has a karaoke we are looking for someone to provide one for a couple of hours around 5 pm to entertain the youngsters next Sports Day 3rd July 2010.



The community trophy was awarded this year to Daphne Loveday. A very deserving winner we are sure you will all agree and if my computer skills are up to scratch you should now be looking at a picture of Daphne receiving her trophy from one of our committee members.

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WHAT'S ON

September

3rd	Fenstanton WI Chinese Painting	Church Centre	7.30pm
5th	Hobbies, Craft & Collections	Fenstanton URC	10am-4pm
5th	Garage Sale	Hilton Hall	11am-5pm
6th	Medicinal & Edible Plants	Fen Drayton Lakes	2pm-4.30pm
6th	Egret Extravaganza	Fen Drayton Lakes	7.30pm
9th	The Wildlife Trust Summer Review	Brampton	7.30pm
10th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30pm
12th	Mens Fellowship Breakfast	URC	8.30am
13th	Meadow Mutts Dog Show	Elsworth	Please call
13th	Harvest Festival Service	Hilton Parish Church	11.15am
14th	Hilton WI	Antiques and China	7.30pm
16th	Migration Watch	Fen Drayton Lakes	10am-12.30pm
17th	Wine Tasting	Hilton Village Hall	Please call
18th	Night Flights	Fen Drayton Lakes	7pm-10pm
19th	Meet the Moths	Fen Drayton Lakes	10am
25th	Macmillan Appeal Coffee Morning	Scotts Close, Hilton	110.30am
25th	Macmillan Appeal Coffee Morning	URC	10am
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October

2nd	Harvest Supper	Hilton Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	The Wildlife Trust Living Landscapes Brampton		7.30pm

For Church Services please see centre pages.



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ADDENDUM

Fenstanton United Reformed Church will be accepting tools on Saturday 26th September 10.00am – 3.00pm. (See: TWAM Page 15 and Other Events Page 19)

TOOLS WANTED LIST

Here is a list of tools, which are requested by TWAM. Please note that from time to time the priority on some items will change according to what is being requested from overseas. HQ is always prepared to update priorities at any time in response to requests and the most recent TWAMNews will contain a most wanted list.

This list may be used as a guide. For other items and for specialist items please consult the staff at Headquarters before accepting.

Hammers - Ballpein, Claw,

Hacksaws and Blades

Axes - Adze & Felling Allen Keys - metric

Battery Chargers Blow Lamps – Paraffin ONLY Bolsters Braces - Carpenters Bradawls Brushes - Wire

Chisels - wood Chucks & keys Clamps - G, Sash, Wood, Engrs Cutters - End, Side Crowbars Cycle Tools

Drills Bits - Twist, Brace Drills Hand - Breast, Bench, Hand turned Drill chucks Duplicators - Gestetner only Series 300/400

Electric Tools Double insulated h/held: Power Saws, Planers (Wood), Jig Saws, Drills Electrician Tools Engineers Tools Extractors - Screw, Hub

Feeler Gauges Files - in good condition

Garden Forks* Garden Spades Gauges - Marking, Mortice, Thread, Feeler Grease Guns - good condition Grinders - Hand turned Grinding Wheels Grips - Mole, Pipe, Pump Lump, Club-pin, Hide-faced Hoes - Jalo Jacks - Trolley, Hydraulic (Basic Car Type not wanted) Knitting Machines (only if complete) Knives - Stanley – Draw Lamps - Tilley Lathes - small - screwcutting Leather Work Tools Leather Stitching m/cs -Industrial 29K Levels -Spirit, Large & Small

Mallets - Plastic Machetes Medical Equipment (Please ring) Metal Work Scribers

Wetar WORK Series

Needle Files

Oil Cans

Picks - (only complete with handles) Pincers Pipe Benders - Industrial (Steel type only) **Pipe Cutters** Pipe Steel Dies Pipe Vices Planes - Wooden, Block, Jack Smoothing, Try, Plough,Compass Planes - steel - all types Pliers Plumb Bobs Pumps - Bicycle Punches - Steel, Leather Work Rules Saws - Hand, Cross-cut, Rip, Panel, Tenon. Dovetail. Coping, Bow, New Hardpoint Saws - Key, Log, Double Ended Scissors - Dressmaking Screwdrivers Sewing Machines - Hand & Electric Socket Sets Socket Drivers Sockets - Individual Spanners - Adjustable, Open Ended, Ring Combi Metric / AF / BA **Spokeshaves** Squares - Set Stilsons (2 ft length max) Stones - Oil & Whet Surform Planes and Files

Rivetting Tools & Rivets

Taps & Dies - BSP, Whit, BA, Metric UNC / UNF Tin Snips Tool Belts Tooth Setter for Saws Trowels - Pointing, Brick Tyre Levers Tyre Pressure Gauges

Vices - Bench, Carpenters, Hand, Pipe, Pole

Wheel-Nut Spanners/Wrenches

Haberdashery items for Sewing Kits

*Please, no lawn related tools