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Macmillan Appeal.

On Friday, 24th September 2010, 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 £2. Bring-and-buy stall. Raffle.

Fenstanton Open Gardens

Thank you to everyone involved in, and who supported the Open Gardens weekend in June. A special thanks to the garden openers whose planning and planting gave the gardens their individuality. This year there was a noticeable increase in the growing of vegetables, often in small unexpected areas. We were also most grateful to the exhibitors whose art and crafts were on display in the Church. The next Open Gardens will be in 2012. If you would like to share the pleasure of your garden in the future please ring 01480 465295 or 01480 395564.

Fenstanton Village Welcome Pack

I have recently taken over the collation and distribution of the village welcome pack for Fenstanton. Although this is a parish church based initiative this pack is meant for distribution to all households in Fenstanton, ideally to be delivered just after a house move. I would like to appeal to all villagers who have noticed new neighbours to let me know so I can deliver a pack as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have recently moved yourself and haven't received a pack please let me know and I will get one to you.

Also, I am in the process of updating the information contained within the pack and would like to expand on the information enclosed. If you run a club or a business and feel that the products/services you offer would be of interest to the villagers of Fenstanton I would be happy to discuss the possibility of enclosing your information in the pack. There would be no charge for this but any material (leaflets/flyers etc) would have to be provided.

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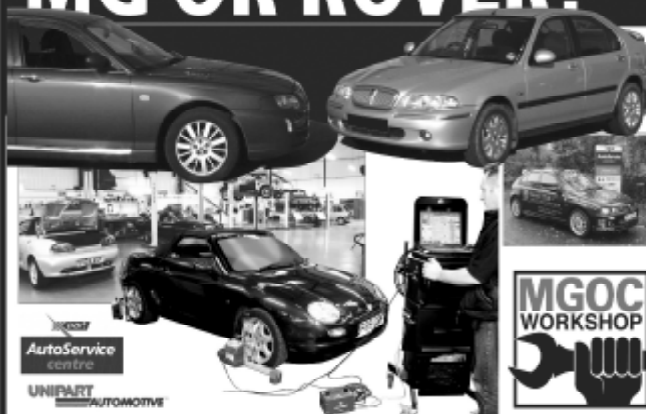
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Although the number of reported incidents is low the Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police. Tel: 03454564564; Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800555111 or in an emergency 999.

Adoption of the Hampton Close football Pitch /Open Space. The meeting had considerable concerns at the quality of the soil and the contamination of the sub soil from deposited building materials. It was felt that the area is suitable as an open space but not as football pitch, as stated in the original planning application. It was therefore resolved that, with reluctance, the Parish Council does not wish to adopt the football pitch until such time as the situation concerning the top and sub soil is resolved. The result of the decision means the District Council will be responsible for the area, but if remedial work is undertaken the Parish Council will be prepared to adopt the area at that time.

Public Transport. Following the recent further reductions in evening bus services the Parish Council has written to the County Council's Public Transport Manager seeking clarification on the level of subsidy provided to bus operators to provide evening services. In effect , the reply received stated that, along with many other areas, budgetary restrictions

meant that finances were cut and routes receiving subsidies had to be reviewed. The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that that current daytime services are acceptable although with no evening services Parishioners are denied access to Cambridge, Huntingdon and St Ives. It was concurred that the situation is a direct result of the non commencement of the opening of the Guided Busway and subsequently the service 20 not being implemented. The meeting agreed that nothing further could be achieved as all avenues of discussion with the bus operators and the County Council had been explored and exhausted.

Mobile Library Service. The Parish Council has been advised that, following budget cuts, the Mobile Library Service will be reduced. No further information is available at this juncture but we are assured the Mobile Library will continue to serve the Village. Parishioners will be kept advised once further information becomes available.

Parish Action Plan.

A number of suggestions were put to the meeting. The suggestions will be reviewed by a working group for viability and feasibility who will report on their findings at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 9th September** at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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The Parish Council is seeking a volunteer to take charge of the annual Bonfire in November. The site needs to be supervised to receive contributions before the event and supervised during and after the fire-work event. If you can help or would like more information, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council formally adopted "Hilton Emergency Plan" – a copy of which can be found on the village website. In the event of an emergency (most likely flooding), this plan will guide volunteers in what to do. Those named in the plan will be receiving their own paper copy and be invited to a meeting to ensure we are familiar with the plan and know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Work has commenced restoring the Maze's monument and supporting wall. We expect work to be completed by 6th September.

Following a survey, essential tree maintenance work has been undertaken on Parish Council owned trees in the village.

David Ruddy, Chairman of Governors, Swavesey Village College will be attending our October meeting to discuss plans for the school to become an Academy school. Parishioners will be welcome to attend to put questions to Mr Ruddy. See next month's Spectrum for more information.

Our next meeting is Monday 6th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website. www.hilton-village.com

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk

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In 2010 we attended an updated version of this same play. The subject matter remains the same but has been added to and modified over the years, and now takes some 6 hours to perform in two parts. Originally the play was performed in the cemetery of the church, but now a more modern theatre has been constructed, which is still partly open air, with a huge stage capable of housing some enormous chorus and crowd scenes.

Of the 5000 present day population of the village some 2400 took part. Everything in the village is subordinated to the play, which goes on four times a week from May through to September, beginning at 2.30 p.m. and finishing at 11 p.m. with an interval for supper.

Visitors have traditionally been lodged in local private houses. We stayed for two nights at Bad Kohlgrub, some 3 or so miles north, in what are private houses but have facilities equivalent to a 3 star hotel. We were part of a party of 30 or so from England, and our meals in Oberammergau were organised in a particular restaurant (where incidentally the manager and the waitress were both performing in the play). We were provided with a text (one half in English, one half in German) so that we could follow the action.

How can a few chapters of the Bible take so long to perform? First of all there is a chorus, some 40 strong, which appears after each scene and sings music composed in the 18th century (contemporary with Bach or Handel). Behind the choir appeared tableaux, showing scenes from the Old Testament, for example Adam and Eve, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the expulsion of Moses, which reflected the New Testament story. The narrative was acted out in detail, particularly the scourging of Jesus, the betrayal by Judas, and the Crucifixion of Jesus and the two robbers. Recently added passages removed some of the anti-Semitic sections of the original, and a long discussion of the high priests (not in the Bible) showed that many Jews were not in favour of crucifying Jesus.

The Bible story comes so alive, and the action is so riveting and moving that we were completely absorbed throughout. The final scene shows the Resurrected Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene and the disciples: the whole point one might say of both the Bible story and the play. When we got up from our seats at 11 p.m. I found it very difficult to believe that I had been sitting there since 8 p.m., and before that for a further 3 hours! We were left reflecting on man's inhumanity to man, and the need to create a new world based on Christian values of love, not hate.

Fenstanton Village Hall and Church Restoration committees

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Barn Dance on 10th July. It was a very warm evening and dancing was thirsty work but sustained by our Ploughman's Suppers we all enjoyed a splendid evening of music by 'Bricks and Brussels'. Our thanks to Chris Behagg for the use of his barn. Profits made were £1,440 split between the two fund-raising committees.

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—SEPTEMBER

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Sunday 5th	14th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 9th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th	15th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.00am	United Harvest Service at Methodist Church followed by Bring & Share lunch in Methodist Hall. Collection for Water Aid.
Thursday 16th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 19th	16th Sunday after Trinity – Battle of Britain Sunday	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 23rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th	16th Sunday after Trinity – Back to Church Sunday	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion (Harvest Praise)
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Tuesday 28th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
Thursday 30th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 3rd Oct	18th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

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Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Appeal

We are very grateful to everyone who supports our restoration appeal, either by attending our events, or by contributing to our autumn house-to-house appeal. This year we shall be coming round in the first two weeks of September to ask again for your help. In the past we have managed to carry out several major repairs to the church, a historic building of great beauty, built by the people of Fenstanton many centuries ago. We find we must now underpin the porch and do various other urgent repairs, for a total of about £50,000. We receive no financial support from central funds, and have to raise it all ourselves. So your help is very welcome indeed. **Joy Saunders**

HILTON TOTS PRAISE

Teddy Bears Picnic. The sun shone, the grass was dry to sit on. The service was really special, taken by Rev Mary Jepp, Curate at Godmanchester Church. We look forward to the future being joined with Godmanchester. Lots of jolly times ahead!

Tots Praise. Welcome back from the holidays. Are you ready for action? I am. Did you see me in my wheelchair on the first Sunday of Feast Week? Now my hip has mended very well - thank you for all my cards & love - so I am looking forward to the Band Parade round the Church on the last Tuesday of the month, Sept. 28th at 1.30pm. See you soon.

Table missing from Hilton Parish Church

Could the person who has borrowed the folding 6ft table from the church in Hilton please return it as soon as possible! We need it most weeks for coffee after our service and have been struggling since it disappeared a couple of months ago. If the church is locked then please call Rachel Wood (830866) or Ralph Slayter (830466) to arrange a time to bring it back. Thank you!

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - SEPTEMBER

5th	10 00am	Mr Laurie Horden
12th	1 00am	United Harvest Festival, followed by Bring and Share Lunch in the Methodist Hall.
	6 00pm	Circuit Service at Berkley Street Church St Neots
19th	10 00 am	Mr Don Moorman
26th	10 00am	Mr John Bridge

Other Meetings

Friday 24th	11 00 am	Ecumenical meeting at 7 Chequers Croft
Wednesday 15th	7 30 pm	Circuit meeting at Ramsey Methodist Church
Saturday 4th	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—SEPTEMBER

5th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
12th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
	6:00pm	Mr George. Mwuara
19th	9:30am	Mrs Drina Hampson



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3rd 9:30am Revd Chris Baker

OTHER EVENTS

Tuesdays	7th and 21st	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
Tuesdays	14th and 28th	10:00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.
	14th	2:30pm	Monthly Meditation Session.
Saturday	11th	8.30am	Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship Breakfast. see p17
Saturday	18th	10.00am	Hobbies Fayre, see p27
Friday	24th	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning, see p 17
Saturday	25th	10.00am	Decorating Church & receiving Tools, p18

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.
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FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday September 11th. This month's breakfast meeting will be lead by Peter Tremlett of St James's church Hemingford. We will be looking at and discussing the various forms of Mission.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are for Christian and non-Christian men and are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.00 am to approximately 10.00 am. Breakfast is served from 8.30 am.

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

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There will be plenty of scouting skills to try alongside lots of fun games for all ages. Who, or what, might you recognise in our display of scouting memorabilia and photographs?



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FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

Picture the scene, lovely sunny day beautiful location 3 attractive ladies in a triples competition and a licensed bar!!!

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I am of course describing the Huntingdonshire Ladies Bowls Finals Day at the Huntingdon Bowls Club.

Pat, Heather, and Janice had battled their way through to the finals. They played against 3 formidable opponents and came home winners of the biggest trophy I've ever seen!

Well done doesn't even start to cover it. Congratulations.

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Janice White, Heather Brace & Pat Porter

On to things a bit more mundane! Fenstanton Ladies are Division 1 Champions (you can't get any higher than that). Congratulations to captain Heather and the players in her team. The division 4 ladies team have finished top of that Division. Well done Val and her ladies.

While we are talking about ladies it is with great pride that I have to tell you that Janet and Joan were runners-up in the Ladies Dilley Cup a great achievement.

The last time I can remember the ladies being such "demons" was back in Miss Pitfield's Day. Her Doris Stukins, Emily Mobbs and Willie (Mrs Williams) were the "creme de la creme". I expect a few of the older ladies in the village will remember them. I do!!!

To the Men's division; at present we are in the top half of the Division 2. Well done because this division is very competitive.

We are also top of Division 4,

Cambridge and District Mixed League—we clinched it last night with a 7-0 win and only two games to go!

Our over 60's teams are also holding their own in their respective divisions . The Club competitions are coming to a close with Finals Day on Saturday 4th September. I wish all the finalists good luck. We must remember with all this excitement, that the grass roots bowlers and club competitions is where it all begins and I would urge all our members to enter as many as they can next season.

Finally you will be pleased to hear that we now have a " bona fida" Coach. His name is Ernie Roberts and next season he will be available for coaching. Watch Spectrum for details or ring Ernie on 01480 830896. Thank you Ernie for your time, patience and endurance. Watch out for our Club Competition results next month.

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FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from the Home for the Totally Bewildered.

Once again Sports day has come and gone making very little impact on the grand scheme of things but hopefully enriching the lives of those who took part and generating enthusiasm amongst us all for another go next year. The Committee are full of ideas and energy for **2nd July 2011**, mind you, most of that is drug induced due to the amount of tablets they make us take here just to get us back to what passes as normal in sports committee circles. Of course the magic mushrooms and the home made booze helps a lot too.

Talking of magic, I have been asked by our secretary not to mention Matron's magic nether garments this year as he thinks the subject is just a bit too smutty for this publication but what does he know? I've not seen him sober since the week before sports day. Anyway it's all a bit irrelevant now as the old battle axe has run off with an Eastern European pumpkin picker she met over the hog roast during the **great afternoon** that we all enjoyed so much so fingers crossed we won't see any more of her for a while. She has been replaced by a Home for the Totally Bewildered Senior Manager what ever that is when it's at home. More of her next month, suffice to say that she is as thin as a stick, wears Laura Ashley prints, doesn't eat hog roast and thinks she is clairvoyant . The first time she

put her head
into our
common
room we
balanced a
bucket full of
cold beef
broth over
the door and
she got the

lot full in the mush and all over her nice print dress. Ha! She didn't see that coming. Anyway, before she casts a spell on me and turns me into a frog, here are the announcements.



IMPORTANT BIT:

Yes, sports day was a success, no one complained, well we wouldn't let on if they did. We have enough money to continue next year thanks to the generosity of everyone who came.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and considerable energy over the whole weekend. As I write there have not been many trophies engraved so we are extending the free period to the end of September, get down to Terry's Heel Bar now!

We are looking to replace some of the trophies so if anyone wishes to sponsor one for whatever reason please call Janet on 462189.

I am not supposed to mention volunteers or some of you lot out there in Fenstanton land being miserable beggars, so I won't. — That's it!

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FENSTANTON WI

On Thursday 1st July we heard some amusing anecdotes from Mrs Jean Hodson as she told us about her experiences as a Special Needs Teacher. She tried very hard to interest her students in books by reading to them and encouraging them to join a library. Once just before Christmas she asked one boy to write out a Christmas list but he had apparently already done that for another teacher. She then suggested that he wrote a list of things that he didn't want. Number one on his list was books. She asked him why he had put down books and he replied, "I don't need books. We've got four books in the house already."

Some Autistic children are very gifted in one area such as Art or Music. One of Jean's pupils had a very unusual gift, a very strong sense of smell. He once complained that he hadn't got his own pencil even though it was the same as everyone else. He knew because it didn't smell right so he had to have a new one. This gift was very useful after P.E. when several pullovers without names were left about. Jean used to ask him to give them to the owners and he was never wrong! Although many of her students had problems such as Asperger's syndrome, Pragmatism and Attention Deficit Disorder Jean obviously had a lot of patience, a sense of humour and loved her job.

Claire Barrett gave the vote of thanks and said that she noticed that it was the teachers of the W.I. who laughed the most.

On Thursday 5th August we were treated to a mouth-watering display of chocolates as Mrs Sara Fowler gave a talk on the History of Chocolate. For thousands of years cocoa beans were made into cold spicy drinks and were also used as currency. A hundred beans would buy a slave and four would buy a rabbit for dinner. The Spanish adventurer Cortés discovered these uses when he overpowered the Aztecs in Mexico. Spain kept the use of cocoa a secret for over a hundred years. In Europe it was first regarded as a medicine because of its bitter flavour but the Germans added sugar and cream to make a hot chocolate drink. In the 19th Century John Cadbury, Fry and Terry started making chocolates but only royalty and the very rich could buy them. It was only in the 20th Century when taxes on cocoa were dropped that it became available to everyone.

When we were told of how healthy chocolate is as it contains vitamins B, D, E and anti-oxidants we needed no excuses for buying up the samples. There were chocolate spoons to stir in coffee, Baileys truffles, Chilli Chocolate, Chocolate flavoured with Geranium Oil, Cake decorations and much more.

Anne Groome gave the vote of thanks.

Dates for Future Meetings

September 2nd Food and Dining 1900-1950 by Mrs Fiona Lucraft.

October 7th General Meeting and Hands on Evening.

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Fenstanton C.C. resumed good-natured hostilities in May looking to banish the relegation blues. Long gone are the halcyon days of the Cambs Senior League; now the team must compete in Div. 4 of the Junior League, compete well if they are to avoid the Toddler League.

Early signs were encouraging, as the team completed May and June with a perfect playing record. Normally this time of the year brings only defeat, but Fenny won four matches, was awarded a fifth by default and had two more rained off. The first match saw Girton and their chairman – distinguished Fenstanton old-boy now even older boy – Pete Kirwan welcomed, then trampled on as new skipper Mike won the toss, opted to bat, scoring a blistering 79. Gutted former captain Roger (“skippering used to be much harder”) nudged 14 at the end of the innings, whilst Moody, Andy and Danny cut loose as the rest of the team looked on in some panic, as a frantic hunt for seldom-used scoreboard numbers ensued. Mike completed a good all-round performance by providing the tea then opening the bowling though Brett and Sean did the damage with four wickets each as Girton fell a mere 140 runs short.

News of Fenstanton’s new-found power and might spread far and wide – or at least as far as Dullingham who wimped out Saturday morning, it was the 22nd May before Fenstanton got the willow out of the bag again; this time they scored 197 on a hot, sticky day at Cambourne with Moody and Roger amongst the runs together with Mark and overseas-but-not-very-

professional-as-usually-injured Fraser also scoring well. Andy’s bowling kept the Cambourne reply in check and hopes were raised as Fenstanton’s ‘Celebrity Of The Month’ Jason gave a masterclass in catching, employing techniques such as “The Hot Potato” and “The Bar Of Soap”. Nevertheless the end came, ex-skip Roger taking the final wickets for a 60 run win.

Needingworth were the next to succumb, going down by 5 wickets as Mike struck another half-century although there was a major wobble as Fenny chased down 167 with Fraser and Roger providing the steadying influence as middle-order wickets tumbled. Needingworth’s withdrawal from the league soon after meant that it was all for nothing with Jason’s tea now the only detail left on the record. Burrough Green fell next, out for 94 without need of groundsman Tatt – forced out of retirement, or the boy George, given his debut during a player-shortage, to strut their stuff. Dreams of an open-top bus parade through the streets of Fenstanton have now been put on hold, as Fenny only won once since - a 74-run romp at Elsworth - as the weather but sadly more crucially poor form have both taken some hold. Two fixtures remain which will test Fenny’s small, ageing and creaking squad to the utmost. We are always on the look-out for players who by their mere presence can add to our ranks. If you can spare a Saturday afternoon (this year or next - we are a forward-looking club), get in touch with Ronnie (374858); all you need is some whites, or failing that some old clothes and a bottle of bleach.

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HILTON WI

Phillip Whaites, head gardener at Wimpole Hall brought a touch of summer to Hilton WI in July explaining the hard work that goes into the lovely gardens at Wimpole and showing some stunning photographs of his and the many volunteers' work. In August we met for our summer lunch at the home of Rosemary Blake and our next full meeting will be an Open Meeting, where all are welcome, even if you are not a WI member, to listen to Sqdr Ldr Dally's account of the history of RAF Wyton.

Our summer outing to Woburn on 15th July was a great success, thanks once again to the organising skills of Celia, and the Craft Group meetings have continued through the summer on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1pm in the village hall. All are welcome to go along and see what others are doing and take along their own projects, or perhaps learn a new skill. You will be made very welcome.

And finally the Harvest Supper is in sight so make sure you book the date and order your tickets: Friday 1st October in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. There will be musical entertainment from Moira and Gren and the usual excellent food and a bar and Magpas, your local emergency medical care charity, will benefit from a share of the proceeds. Tickets priced at £9 can be obtained from Rosemary Blake (830137) or Pat Bellass (839022).

If you live in Hilton and are not already a WI member and feel like finding out more, give Ruth our secretary a ring on 830358. I'm sure she would be pleased to hear from you.

Carol Yarrow

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

We hope you have had good holidays and have also had time to enjoy your gardens. Once again Produce Show Day gave us all a colourful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. We thank everyone who, in their different ways, helped to make it such a successful occasion.

Feast Week Flower and Produce Show Prizewinners 2010

The Kathleen Hasler Trophy for Best in Show –	Rosemary Blake
The Hilton Town Trust Fruit Cup –	Claire McDonald
The Hilton Town Trust Vegetable Cup –	Helen Attwood
The Hilton Town Trust Flower cup –	Catriona Croft
The Hilton Town Trust Flower Arrangement Cup –	Liz Bush
The Laidler Rose Trophy –	Deb Bridge
The Dorothy King Cup for Best Overall Flower -	Helen Attwood
The Hilton WI Baking & Preserves Salver -	Rosemary Blake
The Committee Cup - Best Drink –	Charlotte Platt, Emma Stubbs & Nicki Smith
Novelty Vegetable Prize -	Rosemary Blake & Jon Platt
Novelty Drink Prize – Ali Dunk	

Children's Classes

Alice Collen Cup –	Megan Gribben
Thomas Collen Cup –	Ellen Minter
Jacob Collen Cup –	Sarah Marney

Enjoy the harvest from your gardens and start thinking about next year!

For any horticultural advice please call **Herbie** on 830838.

For organisational advice contact **Jane** email: jane.ernie@talktalk.net or 830896,

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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Hello! It seems ages ago that we had a most successful “Garden Party” at “The Limes” – thank you both Gill and Jack. It was a beautiful day, gorgeous things to eat and all in a lovely garden, plus a good time to catch up on “gossip” betwixt each other!!

Hopefully people have enjoyed Feast Week and their holidays.

Off we go:
meetings are in the Village Hall

Monday September 6th—2pm.
Demonstration *Autumn Glow*
with Nicola Stafferton (of our club and village).

Monday October 4th —2pm
D.I.Y.

Day Admission £2
(including tea/biscuits)
Sales Table.—Raffle.

HILTON ART CLUB

On 16th July, artist and wildlife illustrator Ann Biggs, a member of the Open Studios, led a workshop at Hilton Village Hall as part of the Hilton Art Club programme. She talked about her varied career as an illustrator and the techniques she used. Her work has appeared in publications by the BBC Natural History Unit, the Worldwide Fund for Nature and many others. We all enjoyed using her methods to paint our own pictures of wildlife or plants.

Hilton Art Club is a friendly self-help group, meeting on the third Friday of each month at Hilton Village Hall during term times, with occasional tutorials and outside sessions.

From September the joining fee is only £14 for ½ year and prospective members are welcome to come along for a FREE taster morning.

If you enjoy painting and would like further information, contact

Gina Ward, Tel: 01480 830696; or
Diana Walsh, Tel: 01480 831410.

WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



The Wildlife Trust, is pleased to present a review of the Great Fen Wetland Project. This will take place on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, following a brief AGM.

Emma Pollard, who is the Interpretation and Community Officer for the Wildlife Trust, will tell us about this exciting habitat restoration project, which will create a 3,700 hectare wetland between Huntingdon and Peterborough. The two existing nature reserves at Holme Fen and Woodwalton Fen will be connected and provide a haven for wildlife. This site includes Whittlesey Mere, England's largest lowland lake which was originally drained for agriculture in the mid 1800s.

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.wildlifetrusts-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or phone George on 01480 450809.

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES

We would like to thank Bannolds of Fen Drayton for very kindly donating some crushed limestone. Two willing work experience students from Swavesey Village College helped our warden to fill in some of the worst of the potholes around the entrance to the Holywell Lake car park.

The students were kept busy with a variety of tasks, from monitoring the breeding success of the common terns to trimming back hedges alongside and overhanging the paths. They also put more ceramic tiles (made by other students from the college) on the approaches to two of the Elney Lake viewing screens.

Editorial deadlines mean that this article is written before we are half way into the school holidays, but the pond dipping and bug hunting family events so far have been very popular. Enjoyed by children and their adults as much as by ourselves, these events have produced a wealth of beautiful, ugly, unusual or just plain weird little creatures.

Fewer pairs of common terns nested than last year. The majority were lost from Moore Lake, where only two pairs bred on the two rafts this year. Last year there were 11 pairs, which amazed us, as nine of them were on just one small raft.

As with any other year, there were ups and downs. 13 more great crested grebes nested, and at least four more pairs of lapwings, but four fewer mute swan pairs nested, while mallard numbers were the same as in 2009.

September is an exciting month for watching wildlife, and the weather is usually quite good – often better than August. As brambles (blackberries) ripen, they attract many colourful butterflies, especially red admirals and commas. They also attract lots of birds, especially some of the warblers.

Blackcaps, whitethroats and garden warblers feast on the fruit, to build up their energy levels in preparation for their southward migration. They will spend the winter months in Mediterranean or West African regions. Robins, blackbirds and thrushes will gorge on the fruits too.

In open areas, small birds such as whinchats and wheatears may be seen perched on fence posts or wires, looking out for ground beetles to eat. Watch for swallows gathering on telegraph wires.

Many water birds follow the coastline of the North Sea, but then go cross-country and follow the Ouse Valley from The Wash. Consequently, Fen Drayton Lakes has a good track record for attracting birds that are rarely seen inland – you may spot a turnstone or sanderling with the more predictable green sandpipers, dunlins, lapwings or black-tailed godwits. Spot the wading birds feeding at the muddy edges of open water, such as the island edges in Moore Lake.

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WHAT'S ON — SEPTEMBER 2010

31st Aug	Fenstanton Football Car Boot Sale	Football Field	9.00am	p29
2nd	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
2nd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p23
4th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	
6th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p33
6th	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
8th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	
8th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p33
9th	Fenstanton Parish Council	School Hall	7.30pm	p9
'Open Cambridge' — 10th -12th (p7)				
11th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.30am	p17
11th	Scouts 40th Anniversary	Fen Drayton V. Hall	2.00pm	p18
18th	Hobbies, Crafts & Collections	URC Church	10.00am	p27
18th	Big Band Concert	Over	6.30pm	p7
22nd	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	
22nd	Fenstanton Quiz Night	The George	8.00pm	
24th	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Hilton	10.30am	p5
24th	MacMillan Coffee Morning	URC Church	10.00am	p17
25th	Tools Collection	URC Church	10.00am	p17
1st Oct	Hilton WI Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
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