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Fenstanton Parish Church 01480465211
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Hilton Methodist Chapel 01480830686
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Hilton Parish Church 01480830466/866
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Men's Christian Fellowship 01480392018

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Fenstanton Village Sports 01480370973
Fenstanton Village Hall 01480461751
Hilton Town Trust 01480831454
Hilton Neighbourhood Watch 01480831658
Fenst. Neighbourhood Watch 01480395284
Fenstanton Church Centre 01954230471
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If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

Easter Greetings!

After the relentless rains of winter it is a pleasure to enjoy the warmth of spring sunshine. Spring is a time of new life as the daffodils and hyacinths bloom, the blossom comes out and buds on the trees appear, ready to burst open with fresh green leaves.

Easter is the Christian season of new beginnings: new life out of death, the victory of love over hatred, joy out of sorrow, and the triumph of goodness over evil - all accomplished by Jesus' death on the cross and God's raising of him to new life.

We celebrate with joyful worship and cheerful floral displays of spring bulbs. The great message that God's love will not be defeated even when human evil had done its worst, inspires me to new confidence and new enthusiasm, knowing that whatever challenges we may face in life, God will be with us and help us to overcome.

We also eat chocolate Easter eggs, after six weeks of restraint in Lent, now to enjoy a special treat. This year I am giving Fairtrade chocolate Easter eggs, supporting those in poorer countries who pick cocoa beans and make chocolate.

This is a time of hope and promise when we can start new projects, take on different activities and look forward to days of summer sunshine. Perhaps now that the weather is warmer we can get out and enjoy the weather by going for walks or taking up an outdoor sport. Or we might make new effort to restore broken relationships or develop a new friendship. It's also a time for spring-cleaning, getting rid of the clutter and dust of winter and throwing open our windows to breath in fresh air.

Churches Together in Fenstanton and Hilton invite you to celebrate with us the joys of new life this spring. Happy Easter!

Every blessing,

Revd Dr Catherine Ball (Minister, Fenstanton URC)

A POLITE REMINDER

Now Spring is here and the rain has finally stopped it is nice to see so many people out and about again in the village, but as a polite reminder to the teenagers (who enjoy riding their BMX/scooters/skateboards) to kindly respect other people's properties. It has been observed that driveways have been used as ramps and gardens for congregating on. This has led to flowers being destroyed, rubbish being left and on occasions people being worried that their vehicles could be damaged by footballs or stunts being performed around them. Many thanks for your cooperation and fingers crossed the sun continues.

Hilton Resident

Fenstanton Brownies

I am sorry to have to announce that Fenstanton Brownies will close down at Easter unless a new leader can be found. This will be very disappointing for all the current Brownies and girls looking forward to joining. Being a Brownie leader is great fun and very rewarding. No experience needed as there will be guiders on hand to help and advise. If you can help or know anyone who can, please get in touch urgently. Thank you

Contact Karen Baker (District Administrator) for further information.

email: girguidinghilton@gmail.com

Deliverer needed for Connington Road, Fenstanton - Please contact Kay (495308) if you can help.

Gillian May Carter (Gill)



John, daughter Jemma, and son-in-law Anthony wish to express their most sincere gratitude to the more than 80 people who attended Gill's funeral at Hilton Church on Thursday 20th February. We hope that everyone enjoyed the service, which was conducted so beautifully by the Reverend David Busk. We wish to thank all those who have helped and supported us during the last few weeks and to give extra thanks to Bev and Lily for the magnificent floral arrangements in the church and to Thelma's Flowers for arranging the beautiful floral tributes. We also extend our gratitude to William Peacock and Sons for the sympathetic way they cared for Gill and the family. We also want to thank Moira Bond for the lovely food she provided for the gathering in the village hall after the service.

We received more than 60 cards of condolence and many acts of kindness. We were overwhelmed by the village's response to Gill's passing, which was far more than we could ever have expected. Gill would have been so touched, and we are very grateful.

The nurses in the Critical Care Centre at Hinchingbrooke Hospital were magnificent and went way above and beyond their duties in trying to save Gill and supporting us during such a difficult time. And we cannot fault the staff in Walnut Ward and the hospital's bereavement service. Hinchingbrooke Hospital seems to be in good hands under its new management.

We chose the charity Magpas to remember Gill, because the Magpas team who attended her at home when she collapsed gave us 48 hours during which we were able to communicate with her before the inevitable sad outcome. The donations to this most worthy cause, which is run solely on charitable funding, have so far amounted to £1,123. A Just Giving page in memory of Gill will remain open at www.justgiving.com/GillCarter.

Accessing adult social care services

Social Care is personal and practical support to help people live their lives by supporting them to maintain their independence and dignity and ensuring they have choice and control over the support they receive. Many people don't think about social care until they or someone they know need support, and then find they are unsure about where to find information or how to access the services they need.

Adult social care customer services are the initial point of contact for all social care enquiries. The trained staff knows about the services available and can offer advice on who else may be able to help. Call them on 0345 045 5202. You can also find out more about adult social care in Cambridgeshire on the website Your Life, Your Choice www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

If you think you may need help with mental health issues you should contact your GP in the first instance.

February

Police report: During the month of December, the latest month for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 5 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 1 incidents of vehicle crime; 1 incidents of burglary; The meeting was advised that a vehicle had fuel stolen whilst parked in the Church Street car park and that a shed had been broken into in Church Lane. The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Potholes: The meeting was advised that County Council Highways has diverted all its funding into the repair of potholes. The County Council is also promoting the use of its online service for reporting potholes. This can be done by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm.

Low Road white lining: The Parish Council was advised that it is not County Council Highways intention to reinstate the centre white lines on the bends on the Low Road following the resurfacing last year. This is despite an increase in accidents on this section of road since it was re-surfaced and the centre lines were removed.

Parking: The Parish Council have been advised that it is the intention of the Police to take action against illegally parked vehicles. This is a County wide initiative and areas around Schools will be specifically targeted.

March

Police report: During the month of January, the latest months for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported; 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 1 incident of vehicle crime; 1 incident of burglary; 1 incident of other theft. The police have advised that that there has been an increase in the number of thefts and attempted thefts from sheds and garages in Fenstanton and surrounding villages. The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Cemetery Lighting: The Parish Council have agreed to install an additional light on the cemetery path to improve the illumination on this well walked route. Work will commence once funding is obtained.

Great War Commemorations: The Parish Council has agreed to restore the War Memorial by having the Memorial cleaned and the names repainted. It has also been agreed to plant poppies at three selected sites in the Village. One of which will be by the pond the remaining two are subject to agreement by landowners and interested parties.

Parish Seating: The Parish Council have agreed to purchase two new benches to be sited in the village. An additional bench will be sited on Chapel Green and the second will be located at the Hampton Close open space.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

The minutes of the previous meetings are available on the Village website.

REMINDER: WEEE will collect Electrical Items if placed kerbside before 10.00am, on Wednesday 2nd April in Fenstanton Village.

Proposed Crossing on Potton Road: Ross Hamilton from Cambridge County Council attended the meeting and advised that notices had been posted on 19 February 2014 and no comments apart from support from the police for the crossing had been received. Work has now commenced on installing the crossing and this is likely to be completed by the end of March. Ross confirmed that the Parish Council would be asked to contribute no more than was agreed under the scheme.

Changes to Streetlights owned by Cambridgeshire County Council: The meeting held in the Village Hall attended by Balfour Beatty and was well attended. Residents of The Paddocks have requested a change in the proposed alterations to the lights in their close. This has been supported by the Parish Council. Work is expected to commence across the village towards the end of March. Full details of the scheme remain on the Parish Council website www.hilton-pc.co.uk

WEEE Recycling: Paul Duggan of WEEE Recycling gave a presentation to the meeting concerning a recycling scheme that has been adopted by other local Parish Council's. This will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

Play Area: The Play Area remains closed for safety reasons. Agreement was reached for the repairs to the edging around some of the matting to be carried out and these will then be cleaned of the algae before the Play Area is re-opened.

Village Ponds: The Parish Council has requested the property owners adjacent to the ponds in Graveley Way to attend to the overhanging trees and vegetation. The Parish Council is aware of the placement of sandbags in the pond in Graveley Way by the crossroads by UK Power to protect their cable. The Parish Council will maintain discussion with Cambridge County Council regarding the maintenance of the pond bank.

Green Management Policy: The short form version of this policy will be delivered to all homes in the coming weeks.

A new Parish Council map of the village is now on the village notice boards, if you would like a copy please contact Kieron Dunk (01480 830002, or Kieron.dunk@gmail.com).

MLEI Community Based Energy Scheme: Following recent attendance of a presentation on this scheme by Ann Goodridge the Parish Council agreed that a representative from MLEI would be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

Minutes of this meeting will be posted on www.hilton-pc.co.uk once they have been agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7:30 pm on **Monday 7 April 2014** at Hilton Village Hall.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

The Battle of Fenstanton in 1071

It was 1071 just five years after the battle of Hastings and William 1 (The Conqueror) was still struggling to subdue the Anglo Saxon population of England. In 1070 Hereward the Wake had started a revolt against the rule of the Norman lords and King William in particular.



From a base in the Fens, Hereward led a war of resistance against the Normans until he was finally defeated in 1071. As a result of his long guerrilla campaign and by avoiding the attentions of William's soldiers he earned the popular title "the Wake", meaning "the watchful". In 1070, four years after the Battle of Hastings, Hereward the Wake made plans with the brother of King Harold, Earl Morcar of Northumbria. The Danish king Swein Estrithson sent a small army to England and established a stronghold on the Isle of Ely, where they were joined by the English rebels including Hereward the Wake and Earl Morcar.

King William planned an invasion of Ely in 1071 to kill or capture Hereward the Wake. It was thrown into disarray at Fenstanton. A strong force under the generalship of Ivo de Taillebois, the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, was to march from Huntingdon to join other forces at Cambridge. Hereward the Wake was well known to the men of Fenstanton, many had known him as a boy when he visited his godfather Ulf Fenman, the Saxon lord of the manor of Fenstanton.

The men of the village assembled and sent out their scouts to find out Ivo's movements and then laid in wait on the old Roman road (Huntingdon Road). Collecting at the cross roads of the Hilton Road and Huntingdon Road (now Galley Hill), the village men waited for the Norman forces to arrive and in a sharp engagement they overthrew them between the Woolpack Inn and Fenstanton Hill. A few Norman soldiers tried to escape down the lower road to St Ives, but at the White Bridge, (probably then a ford), they found the lower road held by the men of Fenstanton and were forced to escape up the lode road or tow-path, to the Stanton Wharf on the main river. Maybe a boatload managed to escape up river to St Ives, but most were slain or driven into the river to drown and to this day this spot is called 'Normans' or No-man's Friend'.

The Lord of the manor of Fenstanton was Gilbert de Ghent or Gilbert de Gand, who had fought for King William at Hastings and was one of two Norman commanders who assisted Duke William in reducing Yorkshire, where he held the garrison at York. Gilbert was not based in Fenstanton and it is unlikely that he spent much time here. It was probably just the occasional visit when passing from manor to manor.

*Original story extracted from the Gertrude M Peet collection dated 1922 @ The Norris museum
And updated by John Deeks 2014*

John.deeks24@gmail.com

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—APRIL

Wednesday 2nd		
Hilton	12.30 – 2pm	Lent Lunch (see poster)
Thursday 3rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 6th Lent 5		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Baptism Raven Maltby Brown
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Emmaus/Lent Course at 11a Honey Hill
Wednesday 9th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2.00pm	Lent Lunch (see poster)
Thursday 10th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Saturday 12th		
Fenstanton	1.00pm	Wedding (Foster & Butler)
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday		
Fenstanton	9.45am	Procession from Ron's shop
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in church
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Emmaus/Lent Course at 11a Honey Hill
Monday 14th Holy Week		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion & Address
Wednesday 16th Holy Week – day of fasting		
Fenstanton	8.00pm	Music for Easter at 11a Honey Hill
Thursday 17th Maundy Thursday		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion with footwashing
Friday 18th Good Friday		
Fenstanton	10 – 11.45am	Children's Workshop
Hilton	11.45am	Good Friday service (30 mins) followed by walk across the fields to Fenstanton - bring a picnic!
Fenstanton	2.45pm	Good Friday service (30 mins)
Sunday 20th Easter Day		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Holy Communion with baptism (Rio & Paris Grecian)
Hilton	11.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 27th Easter 2		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion with prayer for healing
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand
Monday 28th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise

Contact information: For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (baptism, and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), or Rebecca Cumbers 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)
Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook

For **Hilton:** Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or dwbusk@hotmail.com (for baptisms, weddings, and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).



TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



'TOTS PRAISE' (0-5years), are now meeting on the last Monday of the month, same time, 1.30pm - 2.30pm, in St Mary Magdalene Church. Any queries telephone, Doreen Prescott (830155) or Linda Stott (830660). We look forward to seeing you on Monday April 28th, we do hope you will find it suitable - not clashing with other things. Do come and enjoy the fun of making friends, being together for stories, songs and an activity. Coffee for grown-ups and hula hoops for tots.

FENSTANTON OPEN GARDENS -- 21st and 22nd June

Now that we are able to get into our gardens and clear the winter rubbish any Plants you might have to spare would be very welcome for our Plant Stall.

We will also be having a Second Hand book stall and we would be pleased to have any books you no longer wish to keep.

Contact No. Sylvia Shaylor 01480 465295.

The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - APRIL

Contact: Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com
and Heather Woods (830686), email: ianwoods1992@btinternet.com

- 6th 10.00am. Mrs Rosemary Marchant
- 3th 11.15am. Rev K Dunn United service at Parish Church
- 20th 10.00am. Tony Sainsbury leading
worship on Easter Sunday
- 27th 10.00am. Rev Katy Dunn Holy Communion



Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th April from 10.00am until 12 noon.

We will have the usual range of Fairtrade goods, gifts and groceries etc. Do come and join us for a coffee or tea and a chat and see what we have on sale.

HILTON CHURCHES LENT LUNCHES

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| 2nd April | Linda Stott | 830660 | Abbotsmede, Chapel Close |
| 9th April | Cheska Hodder | 832307 | 15 Kidmans Close |

Time: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Donation: £3.00 plus

Charity: HEADWAY - a charity that supports people with brain injuries and has a base in Huntingdon.

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

Serving St Ives and Local Communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Church Services:

We meet together at 10.30am on Sundays at Westfield School, Ramsey Road, St Ives, to worship Jesus and hear His good news. We also meet together in small groups' midweek where our church family make deep friendships and grow together in their faith.

There is a home worship group in Fenstanton which serves both Fenstanton and Hilton.

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

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

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—APRIL

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

6th	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton	
13th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball	
	6.00pm	Gerrie Swain	
18th (Good Friday)	3.00pm	Rev Derek Newton	
20th (Easter Day)	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball	- Holy Communion
27th	9.30am	Maureen Kendall	



OTHER EVENTS IN APRIL			
Tues	1st, 15th, 29th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters & Jigsaw Swap
Tues	8th	10.00am	Coffee and chat
Tues	8th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	12th	9.30am	Book Sale
Tues	22nd	from 11.30am	Drop in for Lunch and a chat

Drop in for Coffee/ Lunch at Fenstanton URC

On April 8th, 10.00am, 'Drop in for Coffee'.



On April 22nd from 11.30am 'Drop in for Lunch',
'Soup and Sandwich, coffee/tea and cake'

ALL, male and female, young and not so young, will be very welcome to both these events **do come and try us!**



PLANTS and BOOKS on SALE

at the United Reformed Church Fenstanton

Saturday May 17th

COME AND BUY YOUR BEDDING PLANTS



from 10.00am -ONWARDS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota; Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Website: <http://www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk/index.html>

Papworth Everard, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00 .

Lent events:

Stations of the Cross: A meditation on the passion of Christ, shared between the Sacred Heart Church (Needingworth Rd, St Ives) and All Saints Church (Church Street, St Ives) on **Fridays at 7.30pm**, Sacred Heart:

April 5th, All Saints: **April 12th**

ALL WELCOME

Lent talks: Sacred Heart Church Hall (Needingworth Rd, St Ives)

Tuesdays at 7.30pm

April 2nd – Passion for Jesus, **April 9th** – Making Mission Possible.

ALL WELCOME

Other events:

Fashion Show

Male and Female fashion for all ages by M & Co.

Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Hall

(Needingworth Rd, St Ives) Tickets £5 (includes a glass of wine and nibbles) available from Kathy Bishop 01480 214524, Proceeds – Holy Land projects, ALL WELCOME

Spring Fair

Saturday 14th June 11am – 3pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall

(Needingworth Rd, St Ives) Admission Adults 50p, children free. Tombola, cakes, plants, games, books etc. and refreshments all day. Proceeds – Holy Land projects. ALL WELCOME

Stainer's 'Crucifixion'

On Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm, choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in the Godmanchester Parish Church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent, with Stainer's 'Crucifixion' as the main item in the programme. It will be conducted by the Organist and Choirmaster, Ken Diffey, with Philip Asher (organ), Jennifer Thompson (Soprano), and Tony Burnley (Baritone). Tickets at £7 (£6 for senior citizens, children free) are available in advance from Ken Diffey on 01480 458846 or diffey@homecall.co.uk. They will also be on sale after the 9.30am church service on each Sunday before the concert, and at the door on the night.

FENSTANTON WI

At our meeting on 6th March, we were entertained by Mrs Joyce Payne who spoke to us about "My Life as a Court Dressmaker".

Apparently this does not necessarily mean someone who makes clothes for the Queen. A court dressmaker trains with one of the few designers qualified to train a court dressmaker, however Mrs Payne did indeed dress a Scandinavian princess.

She told many anecdotes, amongst them of being commissioned to make a dress of a lacy fabric which she was told was hand made from gold thread and cost £1000 per yard, yes that's right a thousand pounds!

Another story concerned the invention of the brassiere; it is generally said that this garment was invented in the 1920s by a lady who tied two handkerchiefs together. However a very modern looking bra was discovered under a floor during renovations at Lenberg Castle in Austria; subsequent analyses proved

that the material dated from the 1500s! Since retirement, Mrs Payne has taken up lecturing and a new hobby - pillow lace and as a result has found that the expensive lace she was so impressed by was machine made! It just goes to show you can't always trust what the labels say!

Future events:

April 3rd Mr Michael Knight
Milestones and Turnpike Roads

May 1st Lynn Davis
Resolutions and Craft Evening

June 5th Visit to Oakington Garden Centre

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our secretary Val Spain (01480 463653)

FENSTANTON KNITERS & NATTERS

In March we had a visit from Robert Barnes a fund raiser for The Arthur Rank Hospice. He took away with him a 100 items of knitting: blankets, cardigans, hats and some beautiful quilts to sell at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He has a Charity Stall there. Robert has pledged to raise £100,000. So far he has raised £950,000 - we have been supplying him with goods for over a year.

We also sent 120 baby items to Hinchingsbrooke Maternity Unit for their open day (to sell for their funds) and 18 teddies to Lincolnshire Police Force to give to children who face a crisis in their lives.

If you would like to knit for us but don't want to join us at our meetings please let me know. Your knitting will be passed on to the appropriate organisations.

We meet every other Tuesday at Fenstanton United Reformed Church, 10.00am – noon. (this month on April 1st, 15th, 29th).

Jean 01480498221

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB - www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

Welcome to all our "old" bowlers and good morning to the new or prospective ones!!!

It is the time of the year again to prepare the bowls club, surrounding area and Club House for the Open Day, which will be on **Saturday 19th April** at 3.00p.m.

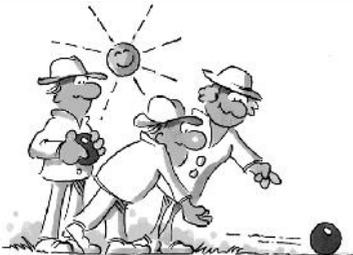
To this end we are having a **WORKING WEEKEND** on **Saturday 12th Sunday 13th April** from 10.00am each day. Please come and help if you can. WE will find you something to do (even if it's making TEA!!)

The season starts in earnest, on Monday 28th April with the first Ladies League match.

Do come along and join us for a season packed with competitions and games at all levels - beginners upwards!!! If you need any more information please visit our web site fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you very soon, REMEMBER LINE LENGTH AND LUCK

Daphne (Loveday), Secretary tel:01480 490850

	<p>WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS</p> <p>Begins at Fenstanton Bowls Club on Thursday May 1st, 10.00am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Come along for a fun game. Everyone is welcome. £3.00 per session for non-members free for club members.</p>
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FENSTANTON LACE MAKING CLUB

A small group of lace makers usually meet on the last Saturday of each month at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton from 2.30pm to around 5.00pm., the next meeting will be on **April 26th**. Please feel free to join us, all are welcome. We can provide materials and equipment on loan for complete beginners, so don't be put off. For Further information, contact Margaret Blount on 01480 352724.

Interested in completing jigsaw puzzles?

Do you enjoy doing 1000 piece jigsaws ?

If so come to the United Reformed Chapel on

Tuesday 1st, 15th & 29th April between 10.00am & 12.00noon,
with a puzzle you have completed.

For 10p you can exchange your puzzle for one you can take home to do.

Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School Involvement with the Commemoration of WW1 8th March 2014



The school was approached by Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps, the same organisation that was responsible for the initial training of undergraduates bound for the front during the Great War. As part of the Nation's centenary commemoration of World War 1 (WW1) they had planned an event with the City, County and University of Cambridge and were keen to involve some school children.

On the 8th March 2014 a group of soldiers (running, biking and

rowing) linked the County's WW1 War Memorials by visiting as many of them as possible. As an additional touch they wanted the soldiers visiting the War Memorials to find some evidence of a younger generation's remembrance. The idea was for the children to simply write on a postcard the name, regiment and age of a soldier from WW1 who lived locally, was connected to the school or indeed related to a pupil, the aim being to create a simple link to the past.

We were keen to participate and teach the children about WW1, why we should continue to remember all of those who fought and gave their lives for our country. The children spent the week learning about the War and we asked parents to help with the collation of information about relatives/friends who may have had family involved with the war. We received some very interesting information from the past, which was very moving and it made the children realise how much everyone can be affected by the harsh reality of war.

During our Friday assembly some of the children walked across to the War Memorial in the Church and left an envelope containing the postcards for collection by the soldiers on 8th March. Once all the postcards have been collected from across the County they will be displayed.

Alison Wilkinson





Welcome to Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School



Diary Dates for parents of children starting school September 2014

Wednesday 7th May 7.00—8.30pm

Parents Information Evening — Workshop and Tour of School

Tuesday 3rd June 7.00—8.30pm

New Parents Workshop and visit

Childrens visits to School

Friday 4th July 9.30—11.00am

Tuesday 8th July 9.30—11.00am

Wednesday 16th July 9.30—11.00am

*There will be a staggered start for children
From Thursday 11th September 2014*

Fenstanton FC

Quiz night



**Trophies to be won, big raffle prizes,
nibbles provided, Pete Vine's killer question,
fun questions and much more!**

Saturday 26th April 7.30 – 9.30

@ the Fenstanton church hall opposite the school

£10 per person. food provided, bring your own beverages
(maximum 5 people per team)



FENSTANTON OVER 60's

We will be meeting at the United Reformed Church on Wednesday April 2nd, 16th 30th at 2-00pm. We are a friendly group, please come along and join us you would be made very welcome.

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

The first session is free, £2 thereafter.

Cassie on cassrose1@hotmail.co.uk

for any further information.



BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors now run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10.00am - 11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY - 5th July

Dear Villagers

The sports day committee are well under way in the organisation of the Fenstanton 2014 Village Sports Day. Now that spring is in the air and we are all feeling a new release of energy with the sunshine, why don't you think about your arts and craft creations or entering your home grown produce in to the Fenstanton Village Sports Day Produce Show.

This year we have modified the categories to try and get as many entries as possible, the winners are chosen at the discretion of the Judges so make yours a winning entry. All will be judged on the quality and in the case of the baking, preserves and drink, it will be taste!

The categories for this year are in the table opposite, these criteria have determined from the last few years entries to make sure that we have good healthy competition. Please make sure you label your item clearly with the category that you wish to be entered for and the age of the person who created or grew the item: under 10; between 10 and 16; over 16, this is to assist with the judging.

On top of all this we would like to invite local committees to join us for an evening of coffee and cakes to discuss what stalls you would like to run at this year's event. These stalls are designed to help you raise money and awareness of your committee and to add to the fun of the day.

If you are involved in a committee or society and would like to host a stall at this year's event please come along to **the Church Centre on the 28th April at 7:30** to register your interest and to discuss your ideas.

If you would like to help but you aren't part of a committee please come along – we would love new members and helpers.

If you are unable to join us on the 28th but would still like to have a stall at the event or if you would like to help out on the day please e mail – andrea.j.palmer@me.com or call me on 01480 494238.

See you on the 28th April

or if not the 5th July for Fenstanton Village Sports

Category	Example	Judging Criteria
Savoury Baking	Bread, scones, Biscuits, pies etc	Presentation, uniformity and taste
Sweet Baking	Cakes, Biscuits, Pies, Muffins etc	Presentation, uniformity and taste
Preserves	Jam, Marmalades, Chutneys	Colour bright even and characteristic to the fruit. Preserve should not contain any mould or discolouration. Fruit evenly distributed. Consistency 'jellified' not runny or sticky. No loose Liquid. Taste characteristic of the produce that has been preserved, in the case of Jams and marmalades, for chutneys they should look and smell appealing with no acidic taste.
Home Grown Garden Produce	Any fruit and vegetables from your garden or allotment	Uniform Shape, good colour, size and texture
Handicraft	Anything you have made yourself – paintings, knitting, sewing, woodwork, jewellery, pottery etc	Originality, quality of craftwork and presentation
Wildcard	Anything that you have created or grown yourself and is not in the above categories, this can include poems, photos, plants, posters etc	Originality and quality of product and presentation and fun
Floral Arrangement from your garden	This can be an arrangement of flowers or a potted flowering plant from your garden or allotment	Uniformity, originality, colour and creativity with natural home grown flowers and plants.
Homemade beverage	Non-alcoholic or alcoholic drinks such as sloe Gin, lemonade, wine beer etc	Aroma, flavour and for alcoholic drinks the alcoholic "warmth" when drinking

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



Fenstanton Football Club

Unfortunately due to the bad weather that we have experienced this year, Fenstanton FC have only managed to play a handful of fixtures in 2014. The majority of clubs in the Cambs League were in the same situation, having to call off their home fixtures because of a waterlogged pitch. Twice we had to relocate to play on the 3G pitches at St Ivo Outdoor Centre and Hinchbrooke School, just to avoid getting a huge backlog of fixtures towards the end of the season.

But now spring is here, we have managed to get back to winning ways.

The First Team have recovered from their slump of bad results from just before Christmas, with 3 wins in a row. Their most recent win saw them beat local rivals Hemingford United with a 2-1 win. Winger **Salv Merola**, who has recently re-joined the club, after a brief spell at Potton United, scoring both goals. They now sit in 5th place in the league. Although they can't win the league they can finish second and they have their eyes on a cup final in May - they need to beat Milton in the semi-final first.

The Reserve Team have also had a couple of important wins. Their latest victory was over Wimblington Reserves beating them 4-1. Goals were scored by **Adam Buckingham, Nick Gingell, David Moore and Andy Broadbank**. If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season.

April's home fixtures –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KICK OFF TIME	COMPETITION
05/04/14	R e s e r v e Team	Benwick Athletic	3.00pm	League Match
12/04/14	First Team	Cherry Hinton	3.00pm	League Match
15/04/14	First Team	Ely City Reserves	6.15pm	League Match
16/04/14	R e s e r v e Team	Alconbury	6.15pm	League Match
29/04/14	First Team	West Row Gunners	6.15pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change.

Up to date fixtures, results and league tables can be found at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

FENSTANTON AND HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are more than half way through our school year and have been very busy. Last week, we thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the World Book Day. Many of us dressed up as our favourite book character and swapped classes during the afternoon to share books with some of the younger children. This was enjoyed by all ages.

Recently some of our year 5 and 6 pupils participated in tag rugby and also a netball tournament at Swavesey Village College. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed wonderful sportsmanship and team work at both events.

Our next themed day is Sports Relief Day on Friday 21st March. The children will take part in some exciting sports events in school to raise money for the charity.

In a couple of weeks, children in the 2/3/4/5 classes are off to Cadbury World as part of their 'Chocolate and the Mayans' topic. This is a new topic which is very exciting and offers lots of cross-curricular learning opportunities.

Following suggestions from our School Council, new play equipment has been purchased for outdoor play, including large chalk boards. Plans are well under way for the building of our two large Staged Sandpits. One will be built at the edge of each of our playgrounds which will ensure that all year groups will benefit from this project. It is hoped that these will be in place for our return after the Easter break.

We have recently had spring term consultations with parents and carers. We received lots of positive comments about our new system for reporting. Many parents and carers found it very helpful to receive their child's report prior to the meeting. Due to the positive feedback, this is something we will continue to do. We will endeavour to keep you informed about our summer term activities. We have lots of exciting enrichment events planned.

For further information about our school, please visit our website at www.fenstantonandhiltonschool.com/



HILTON WI

Our March meeting was a presentation by Ian Arnold, telling us about and showing pictures of his quite gruelling Iceland Challenge. With his friend, two Germans, one extremely brave lady and of course a guide, all met up in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland to plan their route and gather all their equipment together. Plenty of high calorie food (mostly pasta), tents, sleeping bags, warm clothes and stoves to heat food and melt the snow to drink.

They aimed to cross part of the Vatnajorland Glacier in or under a week. They drove 80 miles to their starting point and then set off. Each person pulling everything they needed behind them on a polk (a lightweight slim sledge). They set off aiming to ski for seven or even longer hours every day. All the days took the same pattern, move, stop, eat, drink, move again. This continued as long as conditions allowed. The hazards of sudden changes in fog, wind and low cloud all added to the challenge.

The evenings brought beautiful sunsets to an otherwise barren and flat landscape, but also the task of putting up the tents

and as Ian delicately put it, the 'outside facilities', not to be visited unless really necessary.

As the days passed and they were in sight of their goal they had to climb up the side of a volcano which is quiet at present but has erupted and thrown out masses of the ash into the atmosphere and turned the formerly pristine white snow black. The highlight was the guide cooking a leg of lamb over a hot thermal in the rescue tent for their Easter lunch, a real treat after all the dried food - they had to save weight on their polks.

As they reached base camp they were able to celebrate with a tot of rum and watch a beautiful sunset. As they slept snugly in their tents for the last time a blizzard came, but they had completed the challenge in six days and raised money for Papworth Trust. A good evening for us and a good result for Ian and his team.

Next meeting: April 14th

Reverend Hilary Cheng is going to tell us about Mercy Ships

For more information ring Ruth (830358).

Kath Charter

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

The March meeting was very enjoyable. Beverley and June did arrangements which were simple and effective for the home, but looked elegant. Eight lucky winners took an arrangement home.

APRIL 7th: Peter Beales from Norfolk is coming to give a talk and slide show on the A--Z of Roses. They are also bringing plants for sale, everybody is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at Hilton Village hall, 2.00pm -4.00pm. Entrance £3.00 (tea & biscuits) Raffle £1.00.

MAY is Bank Holiday so our meeting will be on the 12th May. The demonstrator will be Lesly Beeton, so we know we are in for an entertaining afternoon.

JUNE 18th is our outing to Grimsthorpe castle & gardens and Easton walled garden. We leave Hilton village hall 9pm home about 6pm price £28.00. For more information please ring Beverley (01480 830571) or June (01480 830306)



HILTON ART CLUB

25th April 9.30 am – 12.00 noon
WEATHER – SEASONS AND LANDSCAPES (Please bring your own pictures.)

16th May 9.30 am – 12.00 noon
TREES IN THE WATERCOLOUR LANDSCAPE
Tutor-led workshop with Janine Smail (see www.camopenstudios.co.uk/node/4857 to see her work). This is the first session of our exciting new programme, which includes a pastel tutorial workshop with Susie Turner, further creative printmaking with Roy Bellass and Chinese watercolour painting with Sho-Jen Dowell. We also have an extra demonstration of techniques and qualities of Caran d-Ache products by John Birch. The membership is now growing steadily, thanks to publicity and contacts of Joanne Wells and the introduction of £5 per session for non-members. Contact Diana on 01480 831410 or Gina on 01480 830696 if you are interested in attending or membership and would like to know more.

Hilton Reflects on 1914

Sunday August 3rd and Monday August 4th

Plans for Hilton's commemoration of the start of World War 1 continue to take shape as you can see from the details below:-

- Floral Displays and memorabilia will be featured in the Church on the Sunday and Monday.
- Monday evening in the Village Hall –Songs of the Time – refreshments provided by members of the Women's Institute.
- Monday evening - Formal and solemn candlelit vigil in our village Church.

Most importantly, please continue to look out for your fascinating memorabilia, not just of the conflict but life generally in those times. You can let any of us know about them, at any time, we already have some wonderful promises but know there are many more to come.

Don't forget to look out for poppy seeds and stagger their planting so that the gardens of Hilton can represent the Flanders poppy fields.

If any of you feel like dressing up in the style of the era to really enter into the spirit of the Monday evening commemoration – we would love to see you.

Please get in touch with us if you have any items of interest or would just like to be involved in the events. Please look on the village website www.hilton-village.com for more information on the proposed events. We update the site regularly and you will find some interesting village WW1 archive information available to view as we move ever closer to August 4th.

Helen Attwood 830690

Liz Bush 830202

Jane Shardlow 831864

Doreen Bates 830250

Pauline Reynolds 830216

Margaret Shardlow 831186

Julie Briggs 830580



HILTON FEAST WEEK

Thank-you to everyone who attended the last quiz , it was very entertaining with huge thanks to Brian Radbone for the challenging quiz questions, expertly delivered by Brian! Many thanks to Emma and all the F.W committee, for a tasty chilli to keep the brain energy levels up amongst our teams.

The Easter egg hunt is on **Easter Saturday 19th April from 11.00am - 2.00 pm**, come along for a lovely event for all the family and plenty of chocolate too! There will be large pictures of Easter eggs to find and record on your map, which only costs £1 per map, with prizes for the children too. There is a safe route around the village, avoiding the main roads, great fun for the children, and grandparents too! There will be hot dogs , hot and cold drinks and plenty of activities when you return to the village hall, including a tombola and a raffle, and time to sit and enjoy a cuppa.

Then on **Saturday 31st May** we are inviting compere Ronnie, who entertained us at the Burns Night, to host a **RACE NIGHT** in the village hall, with a fish and chip supper all for £10 a head. More details to follow in next month's Spectrum.

27th July - 2nd August is FEAST WEEK, with a theme of THE MUSICALS!

Watch the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary, and we always welcome your support with our fundraising for the next year.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank-you to all of the Feast Week committee who have worked hard, to pull all this together for our community. We as a village are so lucky to have such a great events for everyone to enjoy, so please come along to support our Feast Week events.

Sharon Walker.

See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest events.

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SECRETARY – EMMA STUBBS .

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ;

SUZIE AND CRAIG SUTHERLAND, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE, JUDY WARD, PAUL WILLIAMSON.

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 so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact: Kate Middleton on ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk for any further information.



ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

Spring finally seems to have arrived and the children are enjoying playing outside now that the weather is so much brighter. We have set up a 'mud kitchen', with pots, pans and wooden spoons and plenty of soil and water. The children are having so much fun getting their hands dirty and mixing up ingredients in the concrete mixer. They have been using their imaginations to create all kinds of 'delicious recipes'!

We have also been making paper flowers and springtime pictures to brighten up our display boards and they are looking fantastic. We've got daffodils sprouting out all over the place and we'll have even more colour in the garden soon, as we are getting ready to start doing some real planting too.

Of course, we are all starting to look forward to the Easter holidays and there will be lots more seasonal arts and crafts activities coming up. We might even be making and baking some chocolate treats towards the end of term.

For further information about Elsworth pre-school, please telephone Jackie on 01954 268050 or have a look at our website at <http://www.elsworthpreschool.org.uk/>

Stepping Stone

Do you have a disability, or long term physical, sensory or health need?

Interested in taking up a new sport?

We can help you get started – The Stepping Stone service provides FREE advice, funding and support to get you involved as a participant, coach, volunteer or official.

For adults and young people aged 14+.

Stepping Stone, one of 44 projects nationwide to attract funding from Sport England's People, Places, Play inclusive legacy programme. The project aims to work directly with individuals offering advice, training and funding to help with their route into sport.

If all goes well as many as 200 people will acquire the skills, confidence and knowhow to access sport and become involved either as a regular participant, club member, coach, referee or administrator.

In many examples this type of programme would focus on sporting activities exclusively developed and organised for people with additional needs whereas Stepping Stone looks to ascertain exactly what sport the individual wants to do, and then assist them to access this sport within mainstream sports clubs.

The possibilities are endless as funding can be used to buy equipment, membership, coaching or training and the scheme can also help individuals access additional support where needed.

Why not get in touch and find out if you're eligible to £15 towards a sports session or equipment fees upon completion of the Stepping Stone registration form.

Contact us to find out more

Email: steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01223 301756

Cambridgeshire County Council Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Skills, Councillor Mathew Shuter, said: "We are hoping to build a truly inclusive legacy with this programme and encourage those inspired by the incredible performances of our Paralympians last summer to achieve their sporting aspirations."



WEA SUMMER COURSE GORGEOUS GEORGIANS



TUTOR: Liz Carter

Using a wide range of biographical accounts, journals and original documents. The tutor will chart the changing attitudes and ideas in society and government from

KING GEORGE THE FIRST to QUEEN VICTORIA

VENUE: The Methodist Church Hall, The Waits, St Ives

Six Two hour weekly meetings on Thursdays at 10.00am
(10th, 17th April, NO MEETING Easter Week, 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd May)

FEE: £42.48 (Plus an Outing)

(Some WEA Courses are free to students who receive an income-based benefit and students dependent on someone receiving such benefits)

Contact: Christine Kilbee, tel: 01480493895 or come to the first meeting

**Fenstanton Village Hall Committee
With the Church Restoration Committee**

P R O U D L Y P R E S E N T S

BARN DANCE

with

LIVE BAND & BAR

Hall Green Farm, Low Road, Fenstanton

Come One, Come All! Whole family welcome

Tickets £10 per person

(under 12s £5, under 5s free)

Tickets available from Ron Jacob's Farm Shop and Fenstanton Post Office
or call 01480 461751

Ticket price includes Ploughman's Supper

Friday 6th June, 7.30pm

All dances will be taught on the night

Remember. Celebrate. Change lives.

A leading cancer charity has created a special place where people can remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones they have lost to cancer.



Losing someone you love can leave you feeling lost, particularly with Mother's Day approaching. So, Macmillan Cancer Support has created a permanent place where friends and family can come together, share memories and even change lives.

Local fundraising manager, Mandy Jordan' says: "The website allows you to create a lasting legacy for your loved one – a legacy that will help Macmillan support more people with cancer and their families, if someone close to you dies from cancer, Macmillan are here for you." Call the support line on 0808 808 00 00 to help you cope with grief, give you all the practical information you need, and when you're ready, offer ways to celebrate the life of your loved one.

To find out more about Macmillan tribute funds, visit

www.macmillan.tributefunds.com, or contact Mandy, Fundraising Manager, Suffolk at fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

APRIL BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Business owners can take advantage of free workshops to help their company get to grips with fire safety and legislation. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's Fire Protection team is running free sessions in Cambridge and Peterborough. The workshops take place on the second Tuesday of every month at Parkside Place Community Fire and Rescue Station, in Cambridge, and on the third Tuesday of the month at Dogsthorpe Fire Station, in Peterborough.

The general workshop aims to give a brief explanation of the Fire Safety Order and the requirements of a fire risk assessment. It lasts about four hours and is free of charge. To attend a workshop, or for more information, call CFRS Fire Protection team on (01733) 353206 to reserve a place.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in April – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm. Find us on Facebook and Twitter: @cambsfrs

KIMBOLTON COUNTRY FAYRE

Plans are well ahead for another exciting event for all. Once again, it will be held in the beautiful grounds of Kimbolton Castle and

the date for your diary is **Sunday 13th July.**

In addition to the hundreds of classic cars, the Sealed Knot, and the intrepid Flying Ryan, we are delighted to confirm once again the Galaxy Swing Band & Lindyhop along with both Irish & Morris dancers and new for this year a Ferris wheel.

In the meantime, why not have a look at our website

www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com for all the latest updates on the Fayre, or following us on Twitter @KimboltonFayre.



Do you need information and advice?

Are you:

- Living with a long term illness or disability?
- Providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without your help?
- Struggling with an age related condition?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above then why not come along to one of our

Adult Support Drop Ins

At Hartford Village Hall
Main Street, Hartford P29 1XU

On the first Monday of the month (not bank Holidays)
10.00-13.00
Refreshments available

7 April 2014 Advice: My Time Active Health trainer service
12 May 2014 Specialist Information: Trading Standards
2 June 2014 Advice: The Bobby Scheme

Our advice is free and confidential,
and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For further information contact

Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 or
Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Drop.InSessionsAsc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

How does your garden grow? Big or small, why not 'open' up your garden to summer fundraising bid.



"How many kinds of sweet flowers grow in an English country garden?" A line from an old folk song, but also a question people across the region just may find the answer to this summer. Charity Papworth Trust is looking for people in the community to open their gardens in aid of its work supporting disabled people. 'Heart's ease and phlox, lady smocks, lupin or tall hollyhocks', to echo the words of the song. However your garden grows, the Trust would like to hear from you. Papworth Trust Community Fundraiser, Andrea Chupacova, said: "We are looking for enthusiastic gardeners who are willing to open their gardens this summer and help us to raise vital funds. It's a great way to celebrate the beauty of English country gardens – whether big or small – and support our work with disabled people and their families at the same time."

If you would like to open your garden on behalf of Papworth Trust any time between May and the end of August 2014, then contact the Papworth Fundraising Team on 01480 357206. The team will be able to help you with marketing, publicity and ideas to raise funds.

Petal Power

This month our gardens begin to take on the kaleidoscope of spring and summer flowers throughout the colour spectrum. It is quite extraordinary to think that before the angiosperms – the flowering plants – developed around 200 million years ago, the world was largely green.

Petal power brought colour to the earth. The improved adaptability of flowering plants to a wider range of ecological niches fuelled their rapid diversification during the Lower Cretaceous and marked the beginning of a huge range of complex animal pollinator interactions.

Many pollinator-plant relationships have been well observed. Think of the bee orchid - its flower not only mimics the appearance of a bee but also emits a fake pheromone to lure a male bee into thinking he has found an appropriate mate, only to find he has been tricked into pollinating the orchid! Or the Madagascan orchid with a hugely long nectar spur which Darwin famously predicted, correctly, would be pollinated by a moth with a foot-long proboscis, which at the time was still undiscovered. Even the colour of the petals gives good clues – bees can see the blue end of the light spectrum easily, including bee ultra-violet which humans cannot see, but they cannot see red light which is why there are so few red flowers in a border designed for bees, but lots of blues from cottage garden favourites such as borage, delphinium and phacelia. Conversely, birds are better at seeing the red end of the spectrum, borne out by greater number of bird-pollinated red-flowered plants, particularly in the Americas and South Africa. But actually how these highly specialised floral traits are built up in a plant down the generations is still the subject of much research, particularly in the Evolution and Development lab of Garden Director, Professor Beverley Glover.

Petal characters such as colour, texture and insect-mimicking spots, as well as structural features such as nectar spurs and anther cones, all provide vital clues to understanding the diversification of flowering plants. For example, most petal colour is produced by pigments, but some particularly glistening or iridescent colours are produced by periodic ordering of nanoscale structures in the petal epidermis that change the hue in proportion to the angles of observation and illumination. But how and why do plants produce these structural colours? Some petals are spotted, such as many in the daisy family, which appear to mimic other insects, but why? Might the different textures of petals provide grip for some desired animal pollinators, but slip for other unwanted visitors?

Professor Glover and colleagues will be trying to answer some of these questions as part of the Garden's Festival of Plants next month, a day dedicated to bringing plants into focus with pop-up plant science, talking plants with the experts, specialist tours of the Garden, a drop-in Plant Lab for families and a Plant Prom of specialist plant nurseries making sure your garden will be full of petal power this summer!

*Festival of Plants runs from 10am – 4pm on Saturday 17 May 2014.
Admission is £4.50/£4.95 gift aid (£3.95/£4.30 concession) and
accompanied children 16 and under are admitted free of charge. For
further visitor information please call 01223 336265 or visit
www.botanic.cam.ac.uk*



Fenstanton Football Club Car Boot Sale



Where?

Fenstanton, Junction 27 on the A14
Cambridge 10 miles / Huntingdon 6 miles /
St Ives 2 Miles

When?

2014 DATES

- MONDAY 26th MAY 2014
- MONDAY 25th AUGUST 2014

Should any of these dates be cancelled please
see local press for rearranged dates

**Fenstanton Football Pitch,
Hall Green Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JH
9:00am – 1:00pm (Gates open 7:30am)
PITCHES £6.00**

Refreshments available 100's of pitches Toilets on site

No need to book – just turn up on the day

Sellers – Please arrive before 9:00am

Buyers – Free parking on site

NO COUNTERFEIT GOODS ALLOWED

Want more information?

Visit: www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

Contact: Mark Gallagher (07854 712371)

Tom Tilbury (07738 156249)

A DISPLAY of OLD PHOTOGRAPHS of FENSTANTON FROM 1900 - 2013

Will be held on

FRIDAY 20th JUNE, 1.00pm, 5.00pm

SATURDAY 21st JUNE, 10.00am, 4.00pm

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CHEQUER STREET**

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DON'T FORGET YOUR SPECS!!



The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in one of two guided walks that we are offering this year at Brampton Wood. The first is on **Sunday 27th April** and the second **Saturday 10th May**; both starting at 10.30 am.

George Cottam, who has been Warden of Brampton Wood for 10 years, will lead the walks. The centerpiece of the walks will be the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring. We also expect to see other woodland flora such as wood anemone, primrose and dogs mercury; early butterflies such as speckled wood, brimstone and orange tip; and we will also listen for the singing of the woodland birds.

Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am, Grid Ref: GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

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THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - **11.00 am**

THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - **8.00 am**

Sunday 11th May 2014

Please support this worthy cause by downloading an entry form and sponsor/donation form now at www.overdaycentre.co.uk

Pre-entry donation is just £8 (£10 on the day).

For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302 or amandamonks42@gmail.com

Dates of future events:

May 5th	Fenstanton & Hilton School Info. Evening (p21)
May 10th	Bluebell Walk (p45)
May 11th	Plant & Book Sale - URC
May 25th	Five Pub Challenge - Over day Centre (p41)
May 26th	Fenstanton FC Car Boot Sale (p44)
May 31st	Hilton Feast Week - Race Night
June 6th	Fenstanton & Hilton School, New Parents WS (p21)
June 14th	The Bury and Ramsey Concert Band , with Cream Teas at the URC
June 18th	Hilton Flower Club Outing (p31)
June 20th/21st	Jean's pictures of Historic Fenstanton at URC
June 21st/22nd	Fenstanton Open Gardens
June 22nd	Bongos and Bar-B-Q at Fenstanton Manor, Huntingdon Road
July 5th	Fenstanton Village Sports (p24)
July 4th/8th/16th	Fenstanton & Hilton School, New children's visits (p21)
July 13th	Kimbolton Country Fayre (p37)
July 25th	Hilton Summer Ball (p29)
July 27th	Hilton produce Show (p43/44)
July 27th-Aug 2nd	Hilton Feast Week (p29)
Aug 3rd/4th	Hilton remembers the First World War (p26)
Aug 25th	Fenstanton FC Car Boot Sale (p44)
Sept 7th	Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt
Sept 20th	Hobbies, Crafts & Collections at the URC

(If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it.)

WHAT'S ON in APRIL

2nd	WEEE - Fenstanton Electrics Collection			p11
2nd	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p26
3rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p22
5th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p19
5th	Stainer's Crucifixion	Godmanchester Church	7.30pm	p21
7th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
7th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
8th	Drop in for Coffee	URC Church	10.00am	p20
10th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
10th	Start of WEA Course	St Ives Free Church	10.00am	p39
12/13	Bowls Club Working Parties	Bowling Green	10.00am	p23
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
16th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p26
17th	Plant & Book Sale	URC Church	10.00am	p20
20th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p33
19th	Bowls Club Open Day	Bowling green	3.00pm	p23
19th	Hilton Family Easter Egg Hunt	From village hall	11.00am	p35
27th	Wildlife meeting (Bluebells)	Brampton Woods	7.30pm	p45
22nd	Drop in for Lunch	URC Church	11.30am	p20
26th	Lace makers	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p23
26th	Fenstanton FC Quiz Night	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
28th	Fenstanton V S meeting	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
30th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p26
May 1	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre		p22

Regular weekly meetings:

Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p24)

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p27)

Football Fixtures (p28)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Swap (p22)

For Church services etc. see (p16-20)

PS. A black Volvo estate car was stolen in the night of Thursday 13th March, from the corner of Maze Road in Hilton. It was found the next morning at the junction on Grove End outside the village hall. Unfortunately, the lock and steering column were damaged. If anyone heard or saw anything that night please contact the police on 101?