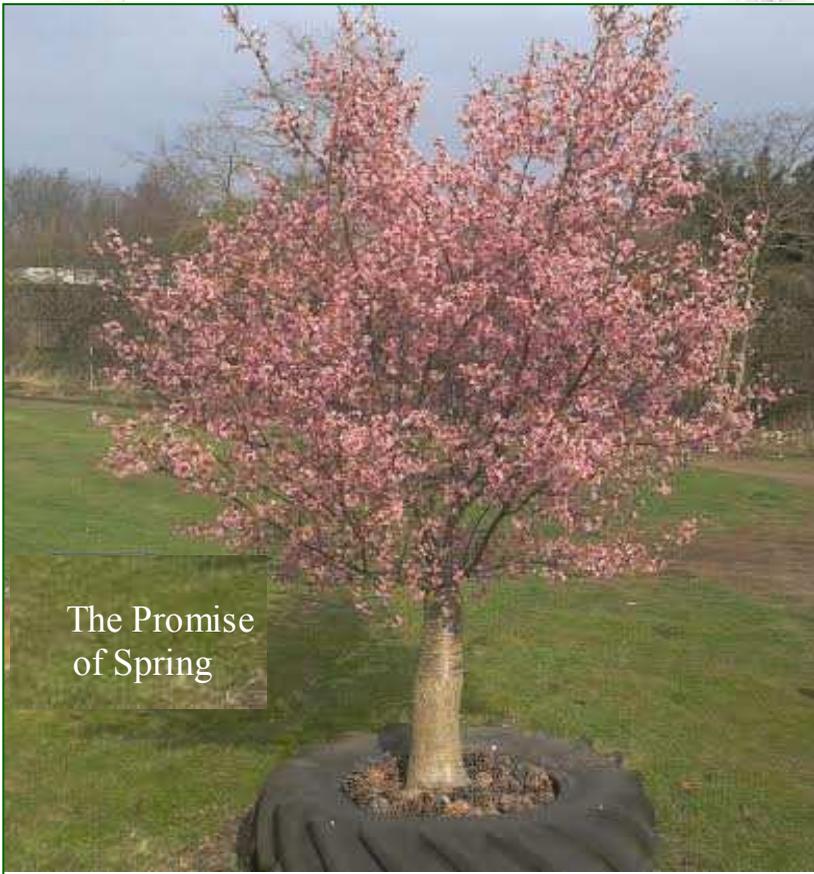


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Make a Will Week 20-24 April

Making or updating your Will can seem like a big challenge. However, it can be easier and more affordable than you may think.

Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust's Make a Will Week will take place from 20-24 April, when a group of local solicitors and Will-writers have agreed to waive their usual fees and write or update a simple Will, in return for you making a donation to support patients at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie. Please contact Alice on 01223 217331 or alice.macek@addenbrookes.nhs.uk to find out more (please note that appointments are limited.)



Happy Easter

Message from the Editors

We have been editing Spectrum for five years now and we are sure technology is moving faster than we learn (Margaret copes quite well with a publisher package, but sometimes needs to go back to contributors for something simpler than they have sent)!

If there is anyone who would like to have a go at producing a more 'up to date magazine' we would be very pleased to talk to you.

Also we do go away quite a lot and it would be good if someone else could get involved in the production of the magazine.

John & Margaret

THE FARMLAND MUSEUM & DENNY ABBEY

There are a number of new volunteering opportunities available at the Farmland Museum (on the A10) for people who love history and enjoy talking to people!

ABBEY STEWARDS: volunteers wanted for weekends (April – September) to look after Denny Abbey and show visitors around this amazing building dating from the 12th century.

LIVING HISTORY VOLUNTEERS: if you enjoy dressing up the Farmland Museum team are looking for volunteers to take part in Living History Sundays and some events. Help bring Denny alive by becoming a nun, a farmer, shop keeper, a monk and many other characters! We are always looking for volunteers to help with school visits, events and general maintenance too.

Volunteers must have their own transport or be able to get to the Farmland Museum by bus.

For more information visit

www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk or contact Ann Wise, Museum Manager by emailing info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

Peer Support for people with Type 2 diabetes

A new peer support and education service called Type 2 Together will connect people who have diabetes in their local area. Relaxed and informal group sessions will be led by volunteers who are themselves living with diabetes and who are trained to share their advice and experiences.

The free service will provide information leaflets to help people live well with Type 2 diabetes, and is available to anyone living with Type 2 diabetes.

Anyone interested in joining a local group should call the Diabetes UK regional co-ordinator on 0345 123 2399 or email Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk

For more information visit the Diabetes UK website at [http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How we help/Talk-to-someone/Type-2-Together/](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How_we_help/Talk-to-someone/Type-2-Together/).

News from Northcote House and Fenstanton Surgeries

Firstly I would like to apologise for having to close the Fenstanton Surgery on the afternoons of Friday 6th and Friday 13th March. On both occasions we had a water leak in our treatment room which got into some of the electrical equipment and caused quite a lot of damage. Hopefully this is now fixed and I would like to thank those patients who helped me on both occasions - it was much appreciated.

Good news, our carers course is due to re-start at 2.00 pm on Thursday 16th April in Fenstanton. If you had previously signed up for the course please make every effort to attend. If you are an informal/unpaid carer and would like to know more about what help and support is available locally, please give me a call at the surgery and I will book you on to the course.

We are trying a new way of working at both surgeries. When calling for an appointment you will be asked to give the receptionist an idea of your problem and how urgent you feel it is. By giving us an outline we can then direct you to the most appropriate person to assist you. For instance: patients who have a query about medication will be directed to our dispenser; those asking for a repeat sickness certificate will have their details passed to the clinician who issued the original, who can then extend the certificate if appropriate; vaccination queries will be passed on to a nurse.

If you feel unable to give an indication of the problem to our reception team then we will ask one of the clinicians to telephone you. I would stress that the reception team are not asking for full medical details, just an indication is what we need. We hope that this will help both us and you to improve our services.

And finally, if you are planning to travel abroad please give us a call in good time to arrange your travel vaccinations. More information is available on our website. Please also ensure that if travelling outside the EU that you have adequate travel/medical insurance - medical assistance can be extremely costly.

Jenny Parker - Practice Manager 01480 461873 jennifer.parker@nhs.net

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL meetings, Feb. 12th & March 12th

FEBRUARY 12TH. Police report: During the months of December the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 1 incident of anti-social behaviour; 2 incidents of criminal damage; 3 incidents of burglary.

The meeting was advised that there had been instances in the district of entry being gained into houses by removing the beading from rear windows and doors. Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police by calling 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or in an emergency 999.

Community Infrastructure Levy: The meeting was advised that Community Infrastructure Levy payments to Town/Parish Councils without a Neighbourhood Plan are capped and that new Government legislation has now imposed a clause adding a further cap to encourage authorities to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish will consider the possibility of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan after April. If this action is agreed it will involve participation and commitment from Parishioners and Parish Organisations.

Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036: The District Council is undertaking a targeted consultation to update Town/Parish Councils and key stakeholders on the draft Local Plan. Two members attended a Consultation Seminar and reported the latest situation to the meeting. Concern was expressed at the possible implications of increased traffic through the Village with the proposed Wyton development.

Parish Council Website: A working group has been formed to produce a Parish Council website. Consideration is being given to the style and content and is at a very early stage. More details will be made available as the project progresses.

MARCH 12TH. Police report: During the months of January, the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 4 incidents of violence; 1 incident of burglary.

Chapel Green Kerbing: Work to kerb Chapel Green to prevent the further erosion by motor vehicles, is expected to commence in the middle of April. This will be welcomed by the majority of residents surrounding the Green and in the areas of Chequer Street, Talls Lane and Honey Hill who have requested over a considerable period of time that action be taken. The Parish Council and the General Purposes Committee have reviewed and considered all comments received from residents many of which contain merit but are not viable or possible to implement as they would not receive approval from the County Council and are beyond the remit of the Parish Council. A full and comprehensive survey was undertaken by the County Council Highways and there is no perceived risk of flooding as a result of the kerbing. Neighbouring residents will be advised in writing offering a full explanation of the work being undertaken.

Horse fouling.

The Parish Council has been made aware of an increase in horse fouling particularly in the subway. The concern is, that, not only is it unpleasant for pedestrians using the subway, ultimately it will block the drains and cause flooding. Whilst it is appreciated that horse riders are not in a position to clean up immediately we would request that they do act in a responsible manner and are aware that the subway is used by others and take action as soon as is practically possible.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish will be held on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

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

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.hilton-pc.co.uk Secretary: Mrs Jo Perez, tel: 01480 831106

A14: The period for registering as an interested party with the Planning Inspectorate has now closed. We hope that as many parishioners as possible have taken the opportunity to register. The Parish Council would like to thank all who attended the open meeting on 5th March, notes from this meeting can be found on the Parish Council's website under the A14 Working Group section.

The Working Group is now preparing its detailed presentations on the route with a view to passing these to Cambridge County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council as well as being able to be presented to the Planning Inspectorate in support of our registration as an interested party.

Casual Vacancy: The Parish Council would like to congratulate Andrew Parkinson on his success in joining the Parish Council. We would like to thank the other candidates for putting their names forward and hope that they continue to be interested in Parish Council matters.

300 Year Capability Brown celebrations: We had a very informative presentation from Nigel Ferrier and colleague from Fenstanton regarding the plans being made to celebrate the 300th year of Capability Brown's birth during 2016. The Parish Council will work with Nigel and his team to look at how Hilton could possibly join in these activities. We were advised that there is a programme being made by Channel 4 on Capability Brown and that there may be some filming undertaken on The Green in June 2015. We are endeavouring to find out more information regarding this.

Trees and Ditches: The tree work has been completed and the Parish Council has received some very positive feedback regarding the removal of the tree across the pond at Cross Farm crossroads which we have passed on to the contractor.

WEEE (Wiser) recycling: A collection was carried out in February and again this received some very positive feedback from a parishioner. We are advised that a further collection is planned for November 2015 and we will look to advertise this more widely nearer the time.

Easter Cross: The Easter Cross will be placed on The Green again between Good Friday until Easter Tuesday.

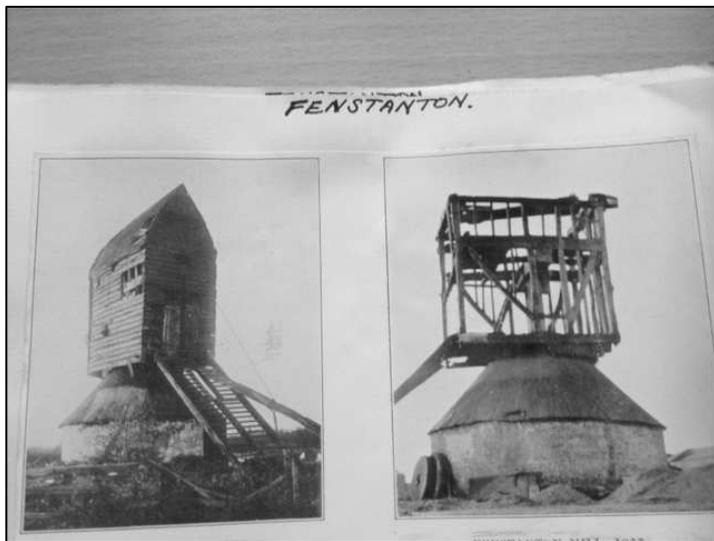
Pavilion: A working group has been set up to look at what options could be viable to perhaps increase the usage of this village asset.

Next Meeting: Due to the Easter celebrations the next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 7.30pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards. You can contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

THE LAST OF THE FENSTANTON MILLS

In 1925 and 1933 (left to right)



This is the last of the four mills that once stood on the road from St Ives to Fenstanton. It is on the west side of the Low Road, not far from the first cross roads out of St Ives. It was a post mill with a round house, but it is now partly dismantled and only the round house and the skeleton of the body remain. The main post is of oak and rounded and is 24 inches in diameter, below in the round house it is 31 inches through and square. Lying on the

ground are a Peak and Burr stone. The round house and supports are built of 2 inch bricks. A row of modern houses now occupy this site.

Church on Fire (1921)

Sexton's Timely Discovery at Fenstanton.

Entering the Parish Church of St Peter, Fenstanton, about 5.15pm on Sunday in order to prepare for Evensong, the sexton (Mr G Cash) found the building filled with Smoke and an investigation revealed that the beautiful curved woodwork of the roof was on fire. Mr Cash promptly raised an alarm and the Churchwarden (Mr Dennis James) and Mr Quick, the schoolmaster, who lived nearby, were promptly upon the scene, as were the vicar (the Rev J Campbell) and many willing helpers.

Ladders were procured and whilst the sexton remained below, Mr James and Mr Quick ascended and gaining the roof, removed the lead in order to get at the seat of the outbreak. Mr Saunders of Church Farm, communicated with the Huntingdon Fire Brigade, who promptly turned out in readiness to proceed to the scene of the fire. Meanwhile, had the flames been extinguished with buckets of water and the brigade's summons was cancelled.

The outbreak occurred in the north transept, at the west end of the church. The pipe of the stove seems to have become overheated and ignited the woodwork, a hole having been burned in the roof.

Sources:

Photographs are held at the Norris Museum, St Ives

The Church Fire was extracted from the Hunts Post, 10th March 1921

Held at the Norris Museum

John Deeks 2015

John.deeks24@gmail.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - APRIL

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

5th	10.00am	EASTER	Mr Derek Rutherford
12th	11.15am	UNITED SERVICE at the Parish Church	
19th	10.00am	Mr John Green	
26th	10.00am	Rev Katy Dunn (Holy Communion)	



COFFEE MORNING



Saturday, April 4th, 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Do come and join us for coffee or tea and a biscuit and a chat, or just call in to browse the Fairtrade goods on sale. We will have groceries, crafts, jewellery, greetings cards, sweets etc. All profits go to Fairtrade and EACH.

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

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

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)

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—APRIL

Monday 30th		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion and address
Wednesday 1st Wednesday in Holy Week		
Fenstanton	All day	Day of Fasting
Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion, foot washing, stripping of altars and watch until midnight
Friday 3rd Good Friday		
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 3rd Easter Sunday		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	10.00am	Holy Communion & baptism of William Dunbar
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 9th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Sunday 12th Easter 2		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in church
Thursday 16th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 19th Easter 3		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club, with Prayer for Healing
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 23rd		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Church Annual Meeting
Sunday 26th Easter 4		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Thursday 30th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)

Contact information:

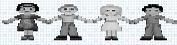
For **Hilton:** Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or dwbusk@hotmail.com (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).

For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (baptisms, and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time though); The Vicarage, Fenstanton, just next to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park).

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com, or Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings), or Josie Charter 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)

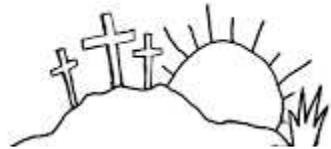
Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



TOTS PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON

Hello to all mums, dads, grandparents and carers. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones in Hilton Parish Church for 'Tots' Praise', on **Monday 27th April, 1.30pm–2.30pm**. There will be songs, story, activities and something to take home. Coffee or tea for grown ups and treats for the tots. Contact Linda (830660), Laura (839110) or Mrs P. (830155) for any more information.

**Good Friday at
Fenstanton Parish Church
children's workshop
10.00am - 11.45am**



Christian Aid House to House Collection 10th – 16th May 2015

The house to house envelope collection in aid of **Christian Aid** is 10th -16th May this year. Could you/would you like to help?

I am looking for collectors to help cover each street/road in Fenstanton. It only takes a little time but you could help raise money for some of the poorest people in our world.

I can deliver all the materials you need direct to your home.

Please ring or e-mail me if you would like to know more or can help.

There is a lot more information including inspiring films on the Christian Aid website: Christianaid.org.uk

Many thanks, Katie Hucklesby. Telephone 465211 or e-mail

ikhuck@virginmedia.com

FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL

Thank you to all who attended the Singalong & Supper evening on 7th February, which raised £970. It was a complete sell out and everyone seemed to have a great time, based on all the singing and laughter!

Since starting our fundraising last May we have currently raised just over £16,000 towards the renovations. Thank you to all those who have contributed towards this with donations and by attending our events; we very much appreciate your continued support. Although this is a large amount of money we obviously need a great deal more to be able to undertake the work required. We are currently applying for grants and hope to have (hopefully good) news on this in the next few months – keep us in your prayers.



Our next event is on **Sunday 26th April – Sunday Lunch with Appeal update.** Another opportunity to join us for a delicious home-cooked meal and good company. Tickets are available through our email churchcentre@outlook.com or by contacting Ian Hucklesby (contact details below).

Adults £10.00 and children (5-16's) £5.00 (please bring your own drink).

Forthcoming events:

Saturday	20th June	Midsummer BBQ
Sunday	13th September	Pimms and Pate Lunch
Saturday	7th November	A Taste of India Evening
Saturday	5th December	Mulled Wine Evening

As always, if you would like to donate to our appeal you can either send cash/cheque c/o Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton (Tel No. 01480 465211) or via online banking. .



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

WILL BE HOLDING

A BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 18th April

9-30 AM -12.00 NOON

Advance notice: we will be selling plants as well on May

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

3th	2.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY	Pam Hoare
5th	9.30am	EASTER DAY	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
12th	9.30am	Gerry Swain	
	6.00pm	Keith Cakebread	
19th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball	
26th	9.30am	Keith Cakebread	



OTHER EVENTS IN APRIL

Tues	7th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	14th & 28th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Puzzles Swap
Tues	14th	2.30pm	Meditation
Thurs	16th	10.00am	Sewing Bee
Sat	18th	9.30am	Book Sale
Tues	21st	10.00am	Coffee and Chat
Thurs	30th	10.00am	Sewing Bee

The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Service: 10.30am at the St Ivo School, High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR.

Come for some lively worship, hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet in small groups during the week, where we can build friendships and grow together in our faith.

We hold a:

- Monthly church prayer meeting.
- Men's prayer meeting early each Friday morning.
- Youth group for 11-18 year olds, Friday nights in term-time, 7.00-9.00pm.
- Chess and Games Club, 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month.
- Babies and Toddlers group, 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time.
- Bridge and Craft Clubs meet, 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons.
- A woman's weekly bible study group meets on Tuesdays.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801 (Tuesday to Friday).

'Children's Church' at the Bridge Church is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15am on a Sunday morning at St. Ivo School?

FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS

We have had a busy time with knitted goods going to the Special Care Baby Unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Africa and Kosovo and Arthur Rank Hospice.

If you would like to join us we meet on Tuesday mornings, our next meeting is 14th April then every other Tuesday after that.

10.00am -12.00noon at Fenstanton United Reformed Church

More details ring Jean 01480 498221

FENSTANTON SEWING BEE

We meet on a Thursday morning 10.00am -1.00pm
at Fenstanton United Reformed Church

We currently have spaces if you would like to come along.

Our next meeting is 16th April then every other week after that.

We make what we like, some ladies are making quilts, others bags and dresses.

Just come along on the day with whatever you are making
and your sewing machine.

Help is on hand if you need it.

FENSTANTON OVER 60's

Firstly very many thanks to Muriel Johns for all her hard work during the past three years. A meeting was held on the 4th March and it was decided to change the name to 'The Fenstanton Friendship Club'. It is hoped that the new name will encourage new members and bring a more varied age range, with new ideas and outings. Please come along and give your input which will be greatly appreciated.

I have recently become involved in the running of the club and look forward to your support to increase the membership. The club was founded in 1949 and has been a part of the village since then, providing a huge variety of activities, including holidays over the years. With your help it will flourish again.

Marie News (01480 350677)

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Meets at the United Reformed Church, fortnightly on Wednesdays, at 2.00pm.

The next meetings are on :

April 1st: 'Message in a Bottle', the Lions Club will tell us all about it!

April 15th: TBA

April 29th: Andrew Bannister, a soprano cornet player from the Brighthouse & Rastrick Brass Band will play for us and talk about his Olympic 2012 experiences when playing with the Grimthorpe Band - a must for all brass band enthusiasts.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

We held our Annual General Meeting on 10th March. In the annual report we informed the members of the public present that we had successfully applied to the Charity Commission to change the charity, which exists to provide a village/ community hall for Fenstanton, from being an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation with a new charity number and an updated constitution. The assets from the old charity will be transferred to the new one and the old charity dissolved. This move enables the new charity to own land in its own right, enter into contracts and be viewed more favourably by prospective grant-awarding bodies. It also ensures that the trustees are not personally liable for debts incurred by the charity. It has been a useful exercise to carry out during the long wait to hear about the sale of the old Dairy Crest site to a prospective developer. On part of this site we have been given to understand we will be allocated a portion of land on which to build a new village hall. The agents for Dairy Crest have said that Exchange of Contracts is imminent but we have heard this before ...

Interest in the proposed Garage Sale on Sunday, 17th May has been very heartening – 14 garages so far at the time of going to press. Do get in touch if you too are interested in taking part either at fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or on 01480 461751 (see poster p45 for further details).

FENSTANTON LACE MAKING CLUB

We meet on the last Saturday of the month at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton. 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.



The library van outside Hilton Village Hall on the second Thursday in the month. Will you be there for its next visit (April 9th)

In Hilton:

The village hall car park 2.05pm - 2.20pm

In Fenstanton:

Headlands 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Chapel Green 3.50pm-4.20pm.

A new seat has been placed on Chapel Green

in memory of David Ding. The seat was unveiled and dedicated on March 14th. About forty people, friends and family witnessed the ceremony. David was the village handyman for 10 years and was always busy 'making things' until ill health about 10 years ago prevented him from continuing.



Jean is testing the seat!



FENSTANTON WI

On Thursday 5th March the Fenstanton WI welcomed Mrs Katy Dunn who gave us a most interesting talk on dyeing a variety of materials (cotton, silk, wool, linen etc) using only plants. Attending a Living Archaeology Day at Flag Fen, Mrs Dunn was fascinated to watch a medical herbalist demonstrate this craft as it would have been done by women who lived during the Bronze Age. She was amazed at the brightness of some of the colours, which were difficult to imagine being around in that era.

Deciding to give this craft a go, she used an array of 'ingredients' that included walnuts, flowers, nettle, onion skins, in fact any part of anything that grows, and produced a swatch card to show the results from her many experiments.

Looking at the samples it was unbelievable to see the difference in colours produced which depended on the type of materials and the part (i.e. root, leaf, flower, etc) of the type of plant used. For example, by soaking a piece of cloth in ivy leaves and adding a rusty nail resulted in the colour black. However, surprisingly, beetroot did not dye well at all. We learnt that by cutting plants at the end of a sunny day produced more colour during the dyeing process and the longer the material is soaked the deeper/darker the resulting colour.

Mrs Dunn also demonstrated using her spinning wheel and loom and showed us the lovely items of clothing she had produced by dyeing, spinning and weaving starting with only the raw ingredients. She finished by telling us the amazing coincidence that soon after starting this craft she discovered that her late grandmother did the same thing. Mrs Dunn showed us a collection of dyed yarns and threads that her grandmother

had produced so many years ago.

During 2015 the WI celebrates its centenary year and to mark this momentous occasion each WI in our federation has been invited to produce a pennant. These will be joined together to form the Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation's Centenary Bunting.

Pictured is our member Jill Walsh with the beautiful pennant she has produced. Our WI would like to extend our thanks to her for all her hard work.



Future events

April 2nd

A History of Witchcraft,
Dr Maureen James

May 7th

Resolutions

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 Deborah Markl on 01480 831320.

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB - www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

The start of the new outdoor season is fast approaching and we have already finalised the fixture list, which has over 130 games, for the season. We start with an Open Day on Saturday April 18th at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. The only thing you need is a pair of flat shoes. We will be continuing the popular 'Pay and Play' on Thursday mornings starting on May 14th, more of that later, and there will be friendly matches. The club is open to all. Prospective new members of any age will be made very welcome. Congratulations to Club Members Pat Porter and Janice White (Women's Pairs) who will represent Huntingdon at the English Bowling Federation Indoor Finals in April.



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), 10.00am - 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, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Nicola on nicolaramsbottom@sky.com for any further information.



BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions 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.

APRIL BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FREE fire safety seminars for businesses. Do you own or manage a business? Do you know what fire safety laws apply and how to conform to legislation?

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is running free seminars for you to swot up on your knowledge - why not organise one for the businesses in your village?

We hold at least two seminars, lasting about two-and-a-half hours, every month and whether your business runs out of small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or is a licensed premises, our free workshops will help you better understand important fire safety legislation – and may even save you money in the long-run.

Seminars start at 10am and run on the second Tuesday of each month in Cambridge, and the third Tuesday of the month in Peterborough, but we can organise them on an ad-hoc basis. If there are a number of businesses in one location or trade that would like to attend a seminar, the fire service is keen to help.

To find out more or book a free place on a seminar, call (01733) 353206.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in April – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Find out more on www.cambsfire.gov.uk and find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



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

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KOT	COMP.
04/04	First Team	Great Paxton	3.00pm	League Match
11/04	First Team	Royston Town A	2.00pm	League Match
11/04	Reserve Team	Wimblington Reserves	4.05pm	League Match
25/04	First Team	Chatteris Town	2.00pm	League Match
25/04	Reserve Team	Willingham Wolves	4.05pm	League Match
02/05	First Team	Soham United	3.00pm	League Match

season, here are the **April and May's home fixtures** –

All fixtures are subject to change. Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

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Saturday 18th April

11am - 2pm

**Fenstanton & Hilton
Primary School Hall**



For further information please contact:

Becky Reynolds

07843 496210

Rebecca@revitalised.co.uk



Refreshments Available

Fabulous Frits

Fritillaria is a bulbous genus of around 130 species found from western Europe to east Asia with about 20 species native to North America. Just one species, the beautiful snakeshead fritillary, *Fritillaria meleagris*, is native to Britain and is at its best from April through to May. A lover of water meadows and ditches, the snakeshead fritillary has bell-shaped flowers gorgeously marked with a checkerboard of purple and white; naturalised in grass, they make a spectacular show if conditions are damp enough. We have



established a small colony along the stream that feeds the Lake, but for a really good show, you must visit the Other Place – Christ Church or Iffley Meadows in Oxford!

Very few bulbous genera have the kind of variety in form, colour and growth habit that is seen in fritillaries. This makes them an exciting and very collectible genus for keen gardeners. They range in colour from almost black, bruise purple and mauve to green, yellow, cream; several exhibit beautiful, tessellated patterns. Some are just a few centimetres high and naturally occur in snow melt areas in mountains – these make a wonderful display in the Mountains House of the Garden's Glasshouse Range throughout April; some reach up to one metre often growing along woodland edges or in open meadows. The orange and yellow crown imperials, *Fritillaria imperialis*, are also at their best this month, producing circlets of bell-shaped blooms on tall stems in lightly wooded areas. Crown imperials are the only UK plant species to have been documented to be, occasionally, bird pollinated, when a Cambridge-based researcher observed blue tits hanging upside down on crown imperials in the Woodland Garden here. In probing for nectar, the blue tits effected pollination. Bird pollination syndromes are often seen in South and Central American and South African flora, but rarely in Europe.

Fritillaries are also of particular interest to plant scientists as they have been found to contain enormous quantities of DNA - in fact the highest quantities known in any plant or animal species - for absolutely no discernible reason!

The Botanic Garden is open April – September 10–6. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden are as follows: - Adult: £5.00, adult Gift aid £5.50. Concession: £4.50, Gift aid concession £4.95. Please visit the website for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

THE YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN RETURNS FOR 2015

The gallant band of enthusiasts have got together to organise the Annual Yesteryear Road Run again. We have booked **Sunday April 19th 2015** for the major charity event that trundles through the villages in our local district. Cancer Research UK are once more backing our efforts with the understanding that any monies raised will be used locally.

For further information contact either Alan & Vivien Lampard, 01954 200811, email vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com, or David Norman 01954 250917.

All help very much appreciated no matter how small.

HILTON WI

As our planned speaker could not come, Trevor Gunton kindly stepped in at the last moment to give us a most fascinating talk and slideshow about Paxton Pits, our local Nature Reserve. It is managed by Hunts District Council and the Friends of Paxton Pits who volunteer to run the cafe, keep the trails in good order, organise special events and do any repairs to the hides and are available to provide guided tours of the reserve. There is a Visitor Centre with a play park for children ,cafe and free parking.

He said that there is over 200 species of birds including the nightingales which bring visitors from all over England, birds of prey, kingfishers, mallards and many other ducks and migrants from overseas come in spring to breed and in winter to feed. Also butterflies, moths, dragonflies and many more insects. There are rare wild orchids and wild flowers in the

scrubland and all these things provide photographers with a myriad of opportunities to take beautiful pictures of both well-known and rare animals and birds. Entrance and parking is free but people can join the Friends for a nominal sum and can go on specially organised events which all helps to keep the reserve running smoothly. Trevor really inspired us to go. Many members have already been along and have listened to the elusive nightingales. It seems to have entranced them all. We should treasure this place and keep it going for us and future generations.

Future Events

April 13th: Building a Capsule Wardrobe,
Mary Blackhurst-Hill

July 16th: A trip to Lincoln

For more information ring
Jackie (830455)

Kath Charter

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

The March meeting was a great success. Beverley and June did the demonstrations showing everybody they can do simple arrangements at home which look stunning. eight people won an arrangement to take home.

April 13th is our workshop, if you haven't put your name down for this, but would like to join us please ring Beverley 830571 before 8th April.

Cost for workshop £4.00.

May 11th Noreen Ploughs is coming to give a demonstration on cottage flowers. We look forward to seeing her.

Hilton Village hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Entrance £4.00.(including tea and biscuits) Raffle £1.00

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.



Hilton Town Trust

Offers several allotments for use by Hilton residents.
There are currently some plots available for those who like to
'Grow Their Own'.
Interested? Like more details? Contact Phil Wood on 830866

HILTON ART CLUB

In February, it was great to see people's diverse interpretations of Seascapes, Waves and Water. There were some brilliant pictures and everyone enjoyed themselves. By the time Spectrum goes to press we will have come to grips with Chinese Watercolour Painting, which will be an interesting and exciting challenge! Sho-Jen will be supplying us with inks, felt and paper. We are looking forward to it.

17th April, 9.30am – 12.00noon: Mountains, Lakes and Valleys.

Please bring your own pictures and paint in a medium of your choice.

Advance Notice

15th May, 9.30am (prompt) – 12.00noon: Oil Pastel Workshop.

Tutor-led workshop with Denise Spalding.

Non-members welcome for £5 including tea/coffee. Booking essential.

Please contact Diana on 01480 831410, or Gina on 01480 830696 for details.

UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP



Do you have a daughter who would like to learn new skills, meet new friends & have lots of fun? We have just the thing....



For more info please contact: Claire Pitcher, Unit Guider (Brown Owl) on 01480 411408 or 07732 354105

Email clairepitcher@virginmedia.com

HILTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Just a reminder that the Hall has a website on: Hilton Village Hall, Cambs, and also where you can put Facebook entries.

Make sure you use HVH, Cambs as there is also HVH in Derbyshire which has often caused booking enquiry confusion!

ROCK CHOIR **COMING TO HILTON**

Helen Attwood and I have secured the agreement of our fabulous leader, Carrie, to come along and give us a workshop in the Village Hall! Carrie is a professional entertainer and began running a choir in Huntingdon around four years ago, it has a nationwide membership of many thousands.



She now runs five choirs throughout Cambridgeshire. We have been lucky enough to have a 'mass choir sing' at The O2, at Wembley Stadium and, this year up at the NEC, with lots of other things planned for the year.

If you have ever wondered what it is like to sing in a choir (Rock, pop and Motown) now's your chance! Bass, alto soprano. No auditions, and you only sing a solo if you are brave enough. We have a great time so no need to worry.

Date: Saturday 25th April, 9.30am for coffee, tea and biscuits, and finish around 1.00pm. All for just £2 per person. Any left-over proceeds will go to local charities (yet to be decided).

Please contact Helen 830690 or Doreen 830250 to book.

Numbers will be restricted by the size of the Hall BUT we are hoping for a good response: by contact with our friends and neighbours we already have around 25 signed up. We aim to raise the roof by giving you the opportunity to feel what it is like singing en masse with a professional and 'good fun teacher'.

Look forward to singing with you on the day.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

You will have noticed the Produce Show Schedule was published in Spectrum last month and we hope you are planning your entries. With this in mind, and inspired by the recent Comic Relief Bake Off we have come up with an additional item for **MEN ONLY** in the baking class. We hope this special challenge will be taken up by as many of you as possible to make a big impact in the marquee and wow us all with the talent amongst the men in Hilton.

The extra item is:

	Special Extra Challenge Class for MEN ONLY
98	Show-Stopper 7 or 8 inch Victoria sponge cake decorated to Feast Week Theme (any edible decoration allowed but no fresh cream please)

We look forward to a bumper crop of entries in this class and to seeing the show-stopping results!

With very best wishes from the Committee to all Hilton producers.

HILTON FEAST WEEK

Hilton Feast Week committee have had to take the difficult decision to cancel the St Patrick's night on 14th March due to lack of ticket sales. This is the second fundraising event we have had to cancel so we would welcome any feedback or ideas you may have for different fundraising events that you would attend, to encourage our previous good attendance. We have incurred costs this time unfortunately as we had hired a great Ceilidh Band who expect full payment due to late cancellation.

So to appeal to families and maybe the wider community we are planning a **SUMMER FETE** on Saturday 6th June 2.00pm - 6.00pm. More details to follow and there will be posters and leaflets in the village so please support our future events. Please contact me if you would like to have a stall on the day. We need to fundraise to be able keep the whole Feast Week event FREE OF CHARGE in the Summer, as it costs approximately £25,000 to stage. Otherwise the present Feast week format will need to change, due to financial restraints, which after 30 years of success would be a shame.

Our next few events are as follows:

4th April: Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11.00am – 2.00pm. Find the Eggs around the village and complete your map for a small prize. Refreshments and hot dogs available to warm up or cool down!

16th May: Murder Mystery night with Fish 'n' Chip supper - 7.30pm.

2 th June: Casino night with cocktails – black tie event - 7.30pm.

26th July: Feast Week starts with Produce show and a parade of floats day.

Check the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary. You can buy tickets for the evening events from Gill Gill or from Sunil in the paper shop.

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.

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

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OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CRAIG SUTHERLAND, EMMA PAYNE, LYNNE RADBONE, JUDY WARD, SARAH BLACKWELL, JOE HOLMES.

A MIDSUMMER SOIREE AT SOUTH FARM - Shingay-cum-Wendy TUESDAY 23 JUNE, at 7.15pm - the concert starts at 7.45pm

Fundraising for Abington Pigotts Village Hall

A concert featuring Adam Protz, pianist composer,

Caritas Harmony, ladies' choir and the Greenfield String Quartet

Fizz and canapes included in ticket price of £25

South Farm will be opening their glorious gardens for guests from 6.00pm and there will be an opportunity to picnic in the grounds - bring your own picnic, or book one in advance.

The Royal British Legion's Quest of "Every Man Remembered" from World War 1 – The War to End All Wars 1914 -1918

Bertram Carnac Yates – born 1889 and enlisted from Hilton

Bertram died at the age of 26, on 14th March 1915, whilst serving in 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment in the Pas de Calais. His death was commemorated during the United Service held in Hilton's Methodist Chapel and later at the Lychgate, on Sunday 8th March. His great nieces, Pat Simons and Jenny Cornwall were joined by a large congregation of both Hilton's churches and representatives of the Royal British Legion including: Barry Pattison, St Ives Chairman and Standard Bearer and Jane Crowe, Ladies Standard Bearer, Mike Robinson, Secretary to the St Ives and District, Alan Scott, Huntingdon District Chairman, Grace McLaren, Ladies Chairman to St Ives and District, Liz Lawrenson, member and Kevin Charter, bugler, who was born in Hilton.

During the service Mike Robinson gave a short address honouring Bertram and his family, brother Lenham and parents William and Mary Yates. He recited the Exhortation, "They grow not old...". Margaret Shardlow thanked Mike Robinson and his colleagues for their commitment to honouring the 176 men who went away from this area in 1914 to defend their country and who never returned. The collection of £121.44 has been donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Those who wished to were then led by both Standard Bearers to Hilton Lychgate WW1 Memorial where a Poppy Cross was hung by Joan Wilding and Julie Briggs. The Last Post and Reveille was played by Kevin Charter and one minute silence was observed. We then returned to the Chapel School Room for light refreshments. Sincere thanks are offered to all the Methodist congregation for their generous hospitality.

Bertram's and Lenham's father, William Yates, first married Mary Elizabeth Perry, who probably died during childbirth, had a family of nine children. William then married Mary Blythe Gossage, they extended their family with eight more children. Both William and Mary are buried in Hilton churchyard.

We have discovered there are some strange coincidences. George Duff Gordon, 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd Northamptonshire Battalion, the same battalion as Bertram, born in Elgin Morayshire is the Great Uncle to Mrs Di Dyke-Price of Oak Tree Farm, Hilton, he also died on 14th March 1915 aged just 22 years. Also originally Oak Tree Farm was the "Red Cow Inn" where on two known occasions, William Yates, Bertram and Lenham's father, was landlord at the "Red Cow Inn". Surely all these coincidences mean both families concerned, are surprised and honoured that their ancestors are so justifiably remembered, 100 years on?

Thank you to everyone who took part in this commemoration.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

Royal British Legion Women's Section St. Ives,

meet at the Ivy Leaf Club, St. Ives, at 7.00pm. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Refreshments and a raffle ticket are included in the £2 entry fee.

All women are welcome whether service, ex-service or civilian.

All our efforts are for the RBL Benevolent Fund.

CONCERT BY SEDICI CHOIR IN HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

On Saturday 6th June at 7.30 pm

Tickets - £9 on sale from Heather Woods(830686)
Sandy Monk(830273) or Linda Stott(830660)

Sedici Choir is a chamber choir, named after the Italian word for sixteen, the optimal number for chamber choirs. The choir is in its tenth year, many of its members also sing with other choral societies and groups.

All share a love of singing and performance and music tastes include classical, rock, folk, jazz and mediaeval. Many are also instrumentalists, playing a variety of instruments. Sedici currently give two or three concerts a year of sacred and secular choral works with poetry and prose, instrumental solos and duets, solo singing and madrigals.

Pauline Munford is the choir's musical director. She is a Primary School music specialist and has shared her enthusiasm for the subject with many hundreds of children. Sedici is a choir with a difference



Fenstanton Football Club Car Boot Sale



Where?

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

When?

2015 DATES

- MONDAY 25th MAY 2015
- MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2015

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: Tom Tilbury (07738 156249)

Dominic Moody (07714 261836)

(Registered Charity Number 800829)



THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - **11.00 am start**
from The Over Day Centre

THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 26 Mile Circular Walk - **8.30-9.30 am start**
from The Over Day Centre

Sunday 10th May 2015

The Five Pub Challenge will start at 11.00am from the Over Day Centre (where **bacon rolls, tea/coffee** will be on sale) and proceed the original way round to the Pike & Eel in Needingworth then the Ferry Boat in Holywell for **free soup and a bread roll**, the Three Tuns in Fen Drayton for a **free cone of chips** (for those arriving before 2.30pm), the White Horse in Swavesey and back to the Exhibition in Over for a **free piece of homemade cake**. This walk will be way-marked with arrows and instructions/maps will be given.

The Meridian Meander is a marathon length, challenge walk encompassing historic St Ives and beautiful local villages such as Houghton and Hemingford Grey. This 26 mile walk will start at 8.30am - 9.30am from the Over Day Centre (where **bacon rolls, tea/coffee** will be on sale). There will be many opportunities to buy food and refreshments from local pubs/shops on the way finishing at The Exhibition in Over for a **free piece of homemade cake**. Please be aware that this walk will NOT be way-marked but detailed instructions/map will be given. There will be a checkpoint at the Dolphin car park in St Ives. (OS Explorer Map 225 optional but not essential), **Closing date to register 5th May. Sorry but no entry on day.**

Contact Allison Box on 07972 912022 for further information on this walk.

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

Pre-entry donation for The Five Pub Challenge is just £8 (£10 on the day) and **£10 for the Meridian Meander**. For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302 or amandamonks42@gmail.com

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 12th July. In addition to the hundreds of classic cars, the Sealed Knot, and the new intrepid Fire Queen we are delighted to confirm once again the Galaxy Swing Band and Lindyhop along with both Irish and Morris dancers and new for this year an extended range of inflatables and slides. 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.

Numerous grants available for local community project ideas!

Do you have a burning idea for an interesting project in your local area? Why not turn your idea into a reality by applying for a grant through the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership's Community Heritage Fund?

The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) is a fantastic local project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It aims to connect local people and communities with their landscape, heritage, wildlife and environment in the Cambridgeshire and Norfolk Fens surrounding the Ouse Washes. The OWLP encourages original and exciting community projects that help people look after, learn about and celebrate the Ouse Washes landscape and these can be funded through their Community Heritage Fund.

Grants are available for up to £2,000 for groups or individuals whose project ideas have clear public benefits and support the OWLP objectives. The community projects would also be involved in the sensational OWLP event of the year – OuseFest, a whole fortnight of thrilling local events planned for 20th July – 2nd August 2015 (and in the summer of 2016).

So far, eight exciting community projects have already been granted. These range from learning Molly Dancing and traditional storytelling by the Mepal and Witcham Primary school to a whole day event on and around the water in the Old Riverport, St Ives. For another project, Manea's Action Plan Implementation Group have produced a fantastic new walking map which has been delivered to all households in Manea.

The other fascinating projects are: a series of intriguing archaeological digs planned by the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Archaeological Society; The creation of a rousing arts installation about the folklore of eels by the Littleport Field Theatre Group; The 'Ouse Washes Experience', a walk, run, cycle event organised by the Ely Hereward Rotary Club; An inspiring new village information board through the Swavesey Meridian Magazine; and Stories and Molly Dancing by the Welney Pavilion Action Team.

The OWLP are keenly looking for more ideas from local communities by the next **deadline for applications, Thursday 30th April 2015**. Mark Nokkert, OWLP Programme Manager, encourages you to make contact if you have a project idea: "Many different activities could qualify for a grant, we would be delighted to hear from you and help you turn your amazing idea into a reality!"

To find out more about the OWLP scheme and how you can get involved, please contact Mark Nokkert, Ouse Washes LP Programme Manager, 01353 865030 or mark.nokkert@cambsacre.org.uk. Also, check out our new website, www.ousewashes.org.uk, or find us on Twitter and Facebook.



Ouse Washes
The Heart of the Fens



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FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST



Spring is coming!
Take part in a village garage sale!
Time to clear the garage or the loft
of all those things you thought you might
use one day and haven't - when
someone else would love to buy them.
If you would like to have your garage put
on the Fenstanton map for one day only



on **Sunday, 17th May**, please register an interest at
fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 01480 461751.

For a fee of £5 you won't have the bother of transporting your items.
We will sell the maps for £1 from the Clock Tower area from 9.00am onwards.
Coffee, tea and cakes for sale at the Clock Tower.
Enjoy your garage shopping!

HILTON FEAST WEEK FUNDRAISER

Saturday 16th May 2015 - Hilton Village Hall - doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING



Tickets - £15 - 3 course meal—to include Fish 'n Chips.

Tickets available - Gill Gill - 07793 248287 and
Sunil - Hilton Village Store

Please purchase tickets by Sunday 10th May 2015



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.
Registered Charity No: 1000412

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, which lies on our doorstep. You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on Sunday 26th April.

George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, will lead us through this woodland where a rich variety of flora can be seen. His aim will be to highlight 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.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30am. GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

Dates of future events:

May 9th	Fenstanton & Hilton School PTA, 'Quiz n Curry Night'
May 10th	The Five Pubs Challenge etc (p43)
May 16th	Hilton Murder Mystery Evening (p45)
May 17th	Fenstanton VHT Garage Sale (p45)
May 23rd	Beetle, Bangers & Beans at the URC
May 25th	Fenstanton Football Club Car Boot Sale (p41)
June 6th	Sedici Choir at Hilton Methodist Church (p41)
June 20th	Fenstanton Parish Church Midsummer BBQ (p20)
June 23rd	Midsummer Soiree (p37)
July 3rd	Fenstanton & Hilton School PTA Summer Fayre
July 4th	Fenstanton Sports day
July 12th	Kimbolton Country Fayre (p43)
June 27th	Hilton Casino Night (37)
July 26th	Hilton Produce Show and Start of Hilton Feast Week (p37)
Aug 31st	Fenstanton Football Club Car Boot Sale (p41)
Sept 13th	Fenstanton Parish Church, Pimms & Pate Lunch (p20)
Sept 19th	Hobbies & Crafts at the URC, Fenstanton
Nov 7th	Fenstanton Parish Church, A Taste of India Evening (p20)
Nov 21st	URC November Fayre
Nov 28th	Hilton Christmas Fayre
Dec 5th/6th	URC Christmas Tree Festival

(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 'Dates of Future Events')

WHAT'S ON in APRIL

2nd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
4th	Hilton Easter Egg Hunt		11.00am	p37
4th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
7th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
9th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
9th	LIBRARY VAN	Hilton, Village hall Fenstanton, Headlands, Chapel Green	2.05pm 3.15pm 3.35pm	p24
13th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
13th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
14th	RBL Women's section	Ivy leaf Club, St Ives	7.00pm	p39
17th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p33
18th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p20
18th	School Table Top Sale	School Hall	11.00am	p27
18th	Bowls Open Afternoon	Bowling Green	3.00pm	p26
19th	Yesteryear Road Race			
21st	Drop in for Coffee	URC Church	10.00am	p20
23rd	Annual Parish Assembly	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
25th	Lace Making	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p23
25th	Rock Choir	Hilton Village Hall	9.30am	p35
26th	Wildlife Meeting	Brampton	10.30am	p46
26 th	Appeal Update/Lunch	Church Centre		p20

Regular Weekly Meeting

Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p26)
 Hilton Baby & Toddler (p31)
 Brownies etc (p33)
 Football Training (p27)
 Pay & Play Bowls (p26)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p23)
 Jigsaw Swop (p23)
 Sewing Bee (p23)
 Friendship Club (p22)

For Church services etc. see (p17-21)