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Have you lost a very friendly but nervous tabby cat? We have inherited a 'lodger' since returning from holiday at the end of January. If you think this may be your missing moggy please call 01480 467187.

Thank you *Helen Andrews*

Is it unreasonable to ask residents of Lancelot Way and other localities near Rookery Place to park in their garages, on their drives, or on their own roads?

The end of Rookery Place has become impossible for ambulances, delivery vans and dustbin lorries to turn around.

Many thanks, *Steve Munns.*

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LANCELOT BROWN:
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
CONNECTIONS
AN ILLUSTRATED TALK



BY

JANE BROWN

A chance to find out more about Capability Brown and
his connection with Fenstanton & Hilton

7.30pm on Thursday 14th April

In
Fenstanton Parish Church

Refreshments including wine, coffee/tea on sale

Tickets £5

To find out more or book tickets in advance
Contact:

fenstantoncb300@gmail.com
Or Telephone 01480 370973

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Clean for the Queen: The Parish Council would like to thank the twenty seven volunteers that made our "*Clean for the Queen*" event on Saturday 5th March so successful. Additional support was appreciated from the Brownies, Rainbows and Fenstanton Youth Football Club. The response was beyond our expectations and enabled us to complete all our target areas. At the time of writing we now have legible road signs, a revived car park, a spotless play park, and a litter-free zone that extends well beyond the village boundaries. The photograph on the PC website shows the results of our efforts and a further thank you is extended to the Methodist Church and HDC for their support. Feedback on the event would be welcome!

Village and Church Grass Cutting: This month the three year maintenance contract was up for renewal. We would like to congratulate John Carter who won the contract, against two other organisations who tendered to win the work. We are confident this outcome achieves the best value for the Parish but also recognises the quality of John's service to the Parish over recent years and his knowledge of the village. The new contract ushers in some changes to the maintenance regime of the open spaces of the village, in particular restoring more of the Common back to meadow. The Parish Council is grateful for the support of those residents affected by these changes. This work is part of an ongoing commitment of the council to improve the diversity and extent of flora and fauna in this important habitat.

Parish Council Policies and Website: A full review of Parish Council policy documents has been conducted in recent weeks, resulting in some minor changes. The updated documents can be found on Hilton Parish Councils website, which itself has undergone a review and rework. The Hilton PC map will shortly be available as an unframed, A2 rolled sheet, for the princely sum of £5. Should you wish to purchase a copy of this map, please contact the Parish Clerk; hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com

A14 update: We are somewhat in limbo at this point as we await the recommendations of the Examining Authority which have now been passed to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's decision will be published on 13th May 2016, after which follows a period of six weeks for any legal challenges to be made. In the meantime Highways England will conduct topographical surveys over the affected area, so do not be surprised to see men and plant at work in the fields around the village.

The Queen's Birthday Celebrations: As part of a village wide celebration of the Queen's birthday involving a variety of groups in the village, we hope to light the re-worked beacon at a site yet to be decided, on the 21st April. The order for the new tripod design has been placed and all being well it will be ready for the big day.

Dog Fouling: We are sorry to say there has been a significant increase in the amount of dog fouling in the village. This a real step backwards as we have a very good record considering the number of dogs walked daily in the village. Can we call on all dog walkers to please pick up and dispose of your dog's mess in an appropriate manner. This is an important issue of public health.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **11th April** at the Methodist Church.

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting - March 10th

Police report: During the month of, January the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 1 incident of anti-social behaviour; 1 incident of robbery; 1 incident of vehicle crime.

Parishioners are reminded 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.

Local Highway Initiative: The Parish Council has been unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding from the County Council under the Local Highway initiative for the provision of parking restrictions on the A14 east bound slip road.

The Queen's Birthday Celebration: The Parish Council agreed to provide financial sponsorship towards an afternoon tea for Parishioners to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Full information of the event can be found in this edition of Spectrum.

Provision of defibrillators.: The meeting discussed at length the possibility of providing a defibrillator in the Village and the possible location. Due to the complexity of the matter the meeting agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting when further information will become available.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 14th April 2016 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on **21st April 2016 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.

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The AGM was held on 2nd March and was attended by 23 members who paid their yearly fees. The minutes from 2015 were read out and agreed, following which, members were asked to choose three favourite activities from 2015 and to suggest three activities for 2016.

This input will be very useful in arranging events to please members.

A discussion was held on upcoming events and whether or not it is feasible to have a group holiday or weekend away.

13th April:

"Hearing Dog's for Deaf People", Jean Lawrence with "Dino".

27th April:

"Bees and Honey", Chris Evans.

We meet:

alternate Wednesdays, at 2.00pm, in the United Reformed Church

Any questions please call; Marie Newns, 01480 350677

Travelling from Fenstanton to London



Today Fenstanton can be classed as a commuter village with very few people now working on the land. London is a few hours away from Fenstanton by car or train but it has not always been that way.

Unless one was wealthy enough to be able to keep their own stable of horses there were only three means of getting down to London and back again:

1. **The Stage Coach:** A stage coach ran from London to St Ives fairly regularly and depending on the weather conditions, about twice a week. It ran via Fenstanton, Potton, Biggleswade and the Great North Road (A1). This was an expensive journey and far beyond the average working man's means to pay. Strangely, the post house used in Fenstanton was not on the High Street but was the Queen's Head situated in Talls Lane, opposite Chapel Green. This burned down around 1910 and a bungalow now sits in its place.

2. **The Trade Wagon from St Ives:** Heavy trade wagons went to London probably once a week, taking from two to three days on the journey. When the weather was inclement a hooded area would be erected at the rear of the wagon. This was bedded with straw and about three or four passengers could squeeze in. They had to provide their own food but the cost of the journey was moderate.

The great wagon was drawn by four heavy horses; it had no springs and the roads were bad, muddy in winter, dusty in summer and much littered by stones of all sizes. The pace would average about four miles an hour and as Fenstanton is about sixty miles from London would take about sixteen hours of actual travelling time. Of course there would be constant stoppages to feed and water the horses, but they would keep going fairly steadily the passengers eating their own food as the journey progressed.

3. **One could always walk!** Most people walk about three miles per hour, so that would be twenty hours, not including any breaks, overnight stops and assuming that you walk the same speed the entire time. If you were cross country hiking, it is often much slower. So, a long hard journey to London but one that would have been undertaken by a lot of travellers especially those poor people seeking work.

John Deeks 2016

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - April

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

3rd	10.00am	Mr Don Moorman
10th	11.15am	United Service, at Parish church with Rev Katy Dunn and Rev David Busk
17th	10.00am	Mr David Bushby
24th	10.00am	Mr Derek Rutherford

Action for Children, Saturday 30th April

I am doing a bike ride in aid of 'Action for Children', starting from Hilton and covering about 57 miles in a circular route through Huntingdonshire, stopping at several Methodist churches/chapels on the way.

If you would like to sponsor me, please either contact me direct
tel: 830991, email: krdunn@waitrose.com, or go to my fundraising page
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RichardDunn7> Richard

ADVANCE NOTICE: 'The Sedici Choir' will be making a return visit to perform a concert in the Methodist Church on SATURDAY OCTOBER 15th at 7.30pm
Tickets will be available nearer the time from Heather Woods and Sandy Monk

TOTS' PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON

In February we heard the story of the woolly jumper, thanking everyone who helped to make it and made some pictures of woolly sheep and lambs.

No meeting on Easter Monday. We shall be in church again on Monday April 25th at 1.30pm and look forward to seeing tots and their carers for some more stories, singing and activities.

Please contact Linda 830660 or Laura 839110 for more details.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

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

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 Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

3rd	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
10th	9.30am 6.00pm	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion tba
17th	9.30am	Rev Roy Muttram
24th	9.30am	Keith Cakebread

OTHER EVENTS IN April

Tues	5th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	12th & 26th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters
Tues	12th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	16th	9.30am	Book Sale *
Thurs	21st	4.00am	Queen's Birthday Cream Tea
Tues	19th	10.00am	Coffee & Chat

***REMINDER:** On May 21st there will be plants as well as books for sale, please keep any cuttings, plants or spare seedlings for us.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday, April 2nd
10.00am until 12.00noon.**

It was good to see some new faces at our coffee morning in March following on from their volunteering to "Clean for the Queen". We will have all the usual FAIRTRADE goods on sale. Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits in the church hall and browse the sale tables. All are welcome. Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH.

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?

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

Sunday 3rd	Easter 2	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	10.00am	Holy Communion by extension
Hilton	10.00am	No Children's Church this month
Thursday 7th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Sunday 10th	Easter 3	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in church
Thursday 14th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Saturday 16th		
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Wedding: Peter Fuller & Susan Rolph
Sunday 17th	Easter 4	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club, with Prayer for Healing
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 21st		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Church Centre
Friday 22nd		
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Wedding: Jason King & Louise Camilleri
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians (TC)
Sunday 24th	Easter 5	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Hilton	12.15pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, in church
Monday 25th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
Thursday 28th		
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 351059

(Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)

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

FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATIONS

Work is continuing well and we are on track for completion in April.

BOOKINGS ARE BEING TAKEN NOW for our totally renovated hall.

With: new easier access entrance hall; toilets; refurbished kitchen; larger combined space; new windows; insulation; heating; lighting and store rooms, as well as a whole new upstairs room.



Bookings can be made for events from May onwards for both our renovated and upgraded hall and additional attic meeting room, ideal for – well, meetings!

The letting prices are below, but a new advert for all prices and booking information

PRICES PER HOUR	Main hall	Bertha Pitfield room	Main hall & Bertha Pitfield room	NEW Meeting Room (upstairs)
Regular	£12.50	£8.00	£15.00	£8.00
Casual	£15.00	£10.00	£17.50	£10.00

will be in the May, and subsequent issues of Spectrum. Don't forget, heating is now included - so no more feeding the meters!

As we are still fundraising towards the furniture and the kitchen, you can still donate to our appeal by contacting Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton - Tel No. 01480 465211 (or alternatively you can email us at churchcentre@outlook.com), or you can send any donations via online banking; Account No. 93186830 / Sort Code 20-43-63.

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



We have hardly kicked a ball since last month as we have had a lot of games called off due to bad weather and water logged pitches everywhere. Even our cup final got postponed! At the time of writing this, we still don't know when the rescheduled date is for the cup final, but below are the fixtures that we do know about.

If you would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane, or travel away to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season, here are **April's fixtures**:

DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	K.O.T	COMPETITION
02/04/16	Away (CB7 4PQ)	Ely Crusaders	3.00pm	League Match
09/04/16	Away (CB6 2AG)	Mepal Sports	3.00pm	League Match
12/04/16	Away (CB23 8ST)	Bar Hill	6.15pm	League Match
		Saturday Reserves		
16/04/16	Home	Isleham United	3.00pm	League Match
19/04/16	Home	Little Downham Swifts	6.15pm	League Match
23/04/16	Home	Ely Crusaders	3.00pm	League Match
30/04/16	Away (IP28 7HG)	Mildenhall United	3.00pm	League Match
07/05/16	Home	Bar Hill	3.00pm	League match
		Saturday Reserves		

All fixtures are subject to change.

For up to date news on the club, please visit www.fenstantonfootballclub.com or www.facebook.com/fenstantonfc

£1275 Raised for Ward C10

Ward C10 is used for treating mum/dad/brothers/sisters/neighbours anyone who is suffering from cancer. Charlie Darling is a real character in this village, many of you will know him as the founder of Fenstanton Youth Football. They now have over 100 players the teams, the under 16's will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary in June. (You may also remember Charlie as Mr Fenstanton at the local sports day. When the auction started, every year he would buy some rhubarb).

Last November I sent an email to the parents of Fenstanton Youth Football Under 16's and asked if anyone would like to have their heads shaved for the cancer charity. Mark Shuker, a linesman for Under 16's and Tim Heagan replied straight away. I couldn't believe it, I thought maybe this time I had asked too much.

They were amazing not only did they raise fantastic amounts of sponsorship but on Saturday 28th November Mark had his head shaved by Becky from Rollers, he also wanted it wet shaved. A true gentleman always willing to help out. I would like to thank Becky for helping out and coming down to the Hampton football pitch. Tim Heagan also made an amazing effort getting sponsorship, I understand he was also sponsored if he did not have it done (people just sponsored him!). We had a fantastic evening at United Reformed Church, for which, I would like to thank Jean Ding.

There was a blanket on the floor and the chair was set, Tim was getting quite nervous. Beth Ball was amazing that night she came with members of her team. Tim had his head shaved and like Mark Shuker had a wet shave.

My husband Steven Parr and Tim had their backs waxed, this completed, a quick run round with a tin raised another £120 in 2mins, also Reece and Bailey Parr had their legs waxed. Beth was busy, I would recommend a visit to her salon in Willingham.

We had a 40" TV donated by ADCOCK, it was won by Charlie's grandson, who had spent some pocket money buying an envelope for £1. I would like to say thank you to Alan in the Crown and Pipes for selling £1 envelopes for the TV and also for having a collection jar on the bar. Kerry-Ann, from the King Bill also collected.

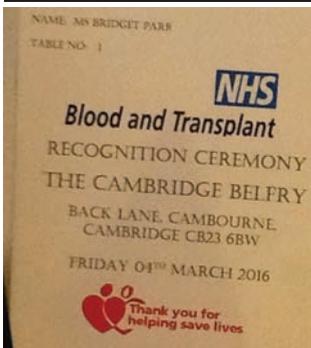
My goal was to get sixteen DVD players and some snuggle blankets that could be left by each bed in the unit. I spoke to a Tesco store manager in Norwich who organised for sixteen portable DVD players to be donated to Ward C10.

Because we managed to raise £1275, Charlie, Val and me sat down and made a list of what else would help. Vaseline makes such a difference as the guests often get dry lips. I purchased forty-nine fleece blankets and twenty flannels from TOWNROW in St Ives at an amazing discount. We then delivered two car loads of boxes to ward C10, the security guard helped carry items to the ward. Staff were over the moon they couldn't believe the amount of money that had been raised. We still had a balance of £300 to spend. Charlie then spoke about Central Line Holders, these were designed by a lady who has herself suffered with Cancer and had a Hickman Line. They cost £15 each we managed to get thirty to send to Ward C10 and I spoke to Anne, staff matron, on the ward, she said, they couldn't believe they had them. The feedback is that the guests staying on the ward enjoy the snuggle blankets. If you would like more information about the Central Line Holders or would like to purchase some or maybe send them to a ward that has helped your family. Please visit

www.centrallineholders.com or check out their website. They cost £15 plus free p&p

Thank for all your support

Bridget Parr



On Friday 4th March myself and Ken Rodriguez were invited by NHS National Give Blood to an award ceremony at Belfry Hotel. It was fantastic to meet so many people who have donated 100 pints of blood or even better 250 pints. I was privileged to be a guest speaker and inform them of our fantastic achievement of getting 100 Fenstanton residents to register to as Blood Donors.

To date 50% have donated, (if by any chance you have registered but not yet donated, please check the NHS Give Blood website for appointments available near you). You could make a difference.

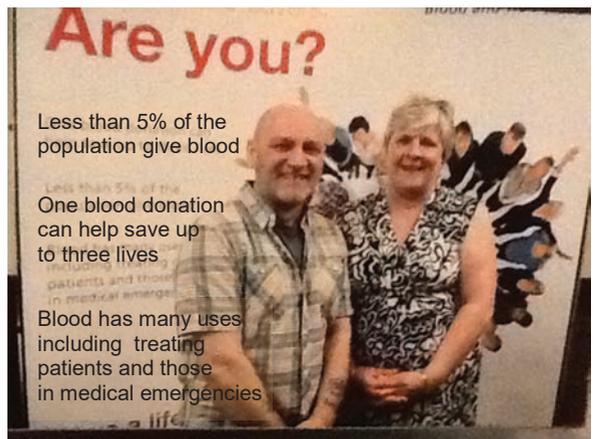
It could be used: during an operation; after a road

accident; during labour.. The list is very long.

You don't know when you or one of your family may need blood.

Well done to all those who have donated

After Ken introduced himself I read a message from Charlie Darling about how good the donors have been and how they had made such a difference to him. We then handed out Medals and Certificates.





Fenstanton Village Sports July 2nd 2016



Dear Spectrum Readers, now that spring is in the air we would like you to start thinking about your entries for the Produce show. This year, to help to celebrate the CB 300, we are adding a few more categories. All ages can enter the categories (there are some especially for children). Further details of age groups and judging criteria will be in the programme.

Category	Example
Savoury Baking	Bread, Scones, Biscuits, Pies etc
Sweet Baking	Cakes, Biscuits, Pies, Muffins etc
Preserves	Jam, Marmalades, & Chutneys
Home Grown Garden Produce	Any fruit and vegetables from your garden or allotment.
Handicraft	paintings knitting, sewing, woodwork, jewellery, pottery etc.
Decorate and fill a wheel barrow	Any size wheel barrow – decorate and fill whatever decoration you choose – flowers, plants crafts etc – we hope you will display it over the summer in your Garden or on your window ledge.
Floral Arrangement from your Garden	Can be of flowers or a potted flowering plant
Homemade Beverage	Non-alcoholic or alcoholic drinks such as sloe Gin, lemonade, wine beer etc
Homemade Beverage	Non-alcoholic or Alcoholic drinks such as Sloe Gin, Lemonade etc.
Lego craft – build an Insect house (and an insect if you like)	Build something that you have created to home an insect, add and insect if you like
Design a garden children’s and adult categories	Design a garden of your choice, give details of the plants, colours, lay out – something Capability brown would be proud of.
A photo in your garden	A photo that you have taken of your family, friends, flowers, insects, animal etc – in a garden in your Garden or in an open space in Fenstanton or Hilton.

We are always looking for new committee members and helpers for the Thursday before to set up, on the day and on the Sunday to clear up. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact Andrea.j.palmer@btopenworld.com or call or text 07809441206.

FENSTANTON WI

36 ladies met at the United Reformed Church on the 3rd March. Our speaker was Mrs Petronella Britton who spoke about hand painted china.

Her family were living in Scotland, her children were teenagers and she found she had some spare time so decided to learn a craft. A search of her local paper yielded a china painting course at the local tech. She persuaded a friend to go along but this lady wanted to do a cookery course, which was full, so she tried china painting. The friend gave up quickly but Petronella loved it. She continued studying, but when the family moved to England, she couldn't find a course at first. When she did, she found that the tutor was learning it from a magazine each week just before the lesson. So Petronella started studying from the same magazine.

The paints are like glazes and have to be fired once applied and each one has an optimum temperature. The original colour is usually different to the final result and some colours can change the appearance of others, so have to be fired separately, so each article may have to

be fired a number of times. She normally buys plain, glazed items and paints on top of the glaze, but she has experimented with painting unglazed pieces and glazing on top imitating Moorcroft.

She said she had given her work to family and friends until she could not give any more away. So she now sells through Saints Craft Fairs, such as Saints Crafters.

Future events

April 7th Beekeeping and the Gardener
Mr Stephen Poyser

May 5th Resolutions

June 2nd Not Just One Cornet'o,
Mr Andrew Bannister

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 contact our secretary Deborah Markl on 01480 831320

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup 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 - 12.00noon.***

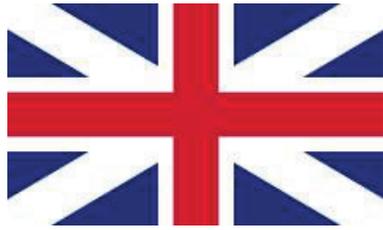
We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

Contact Sarah on Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk **for any further information.**

* We have moved to the literary institute/scout hut, Hall Green lane (next to entrance to Manor drive), temporarily for a few months while the church hall is being refurbished.





**THE QUEEN WILL BE
CELEBRATING HER 90TH BIRTHDAY
ON THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US FOR A

CREAM TEA

BETWEEN 4.00PM – 6.00PM

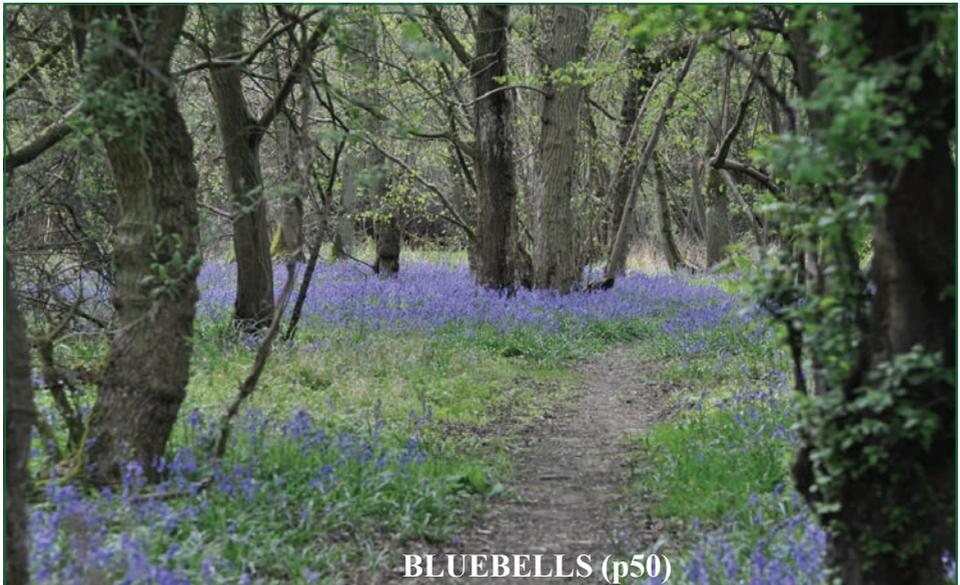
LET'S CELEBRATE

AT FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ORGANIZED BY THE SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

HAZEL 498169 JEAN 498221

PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL



BLUEBELLS (p50)

Match Report Under 7s - Manager Ant Balaam

We started training together just over a year ago and joined the league in September 2015. The boys have all trained hard with bags of enthusiasm and plenty of fun mixed in. They have had a mixed set of results so far in their first season but their teamwork and level of skill has been improving every single week. We are made up of children mainly in the current year 2 with a couple of older year 1 children in the team as well.

We would like to thank our coach Ant Balaam for giving up his time every week, Tom & Jake for assisting with coaching and refereeing the home matches every week and Sophie when she can also turn up

We would also like to thank our sponsors this season, Litecast Homefloors, who have generously provided us with a full kit and also a set of warm and waterproof training jackets, thank you very much indeed.



Under 7's

We are currently seeking a new volunteer to take on our next intake of young footballers. If you are interested in running a session for under 7's, please get in touch. No qualifications required at this stage, but a DBS check will be undertaken in order to comply with FA regulations.

End of Season – is nearly here and preparations are underway for our End of Season Event. More details to follow.

RACE NIGHT – back by popular demand, FYFC are hosting a Race Night at the Ivy Club, St Ives on 14th May 2016. Tickets available from Committee members and Coaches. Last year it was great evening and enjoyed by many.

For more information please contact fyfc@btinternet.com or phone 01480 830839

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

The Fenstanton Garage Sale

Sunday, 8th May 2016, from 9am to 3pm

It's just £5 to register the location of your garage on the village map.



Last date for registration is 1st May at

fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com

or call 01480 461751.

Maps of garage locations will be on sale for £1 from the Clock Tower area.

Books and toys for sale at the Clock Tower.

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust held its AGM on 14th March with eight members of the public attending. A report was given of the past year's fundraising activities and the challenges faced by the Trust during that year. The Annual Accounts for 2015 were adopted. The current trustees were re-elected en bloc. There followed a lively discussion on the different merits of the two sites allocated for a village hall/community use and the possible outcomes during this coming year. Meanwhile fundraising events will continue, the next one being the Village Garage Sale on Sunday, 8th May (see poster).

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB - www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk

We will be working very hard to get the green ready.

There will be working parties during the morning, on **Saturdays April 2nd and 9th from 10.00am**, this is a chance for everyone to meet up pre-season and to make sure everything is ready for the **Open Day on Saturday 16th April at 3.00pm** please come along and play, or just come for a chat!

The league games and friendly matches are all organised. Competitions will be happening, there are plenty of games for everyone to play as much as they want. See the website for a complete list of fixtures



WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS

Each Thursday, **BEGINNING May 5th, 10.00am - 12.30pm**

Bring your friends and come along for a fun game.

Everyone is welcome.

£3.00 per session for non-members, free for club members.

1940's Landgirls Big Band Party Night!

8.00pm

Capability Barns, Huntingdon Road, Fen Drayton

The Galaxy Big Band
and the Apple Blossoms

**Fringe
in the
Fen
2016**

All profits to
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

This will definitely be a night to remember! Treading in the footsteps of the great bands of the 1940's, the Galaxy Big Band has established an enviable reputation for swing music, jive and jazz. Dance the night away to all the old favourites in the unique outside setting of the restored railway station at Capability Barns.



08 July 2016

We'd love you to come dressed in your 1940's gear – we will be! It's not compulsory but it will all add to the atmosphere. There will be spot prizes for the best dressed.

**Call the box office on 01480 352826
or buy online now**

Ticket price £15

**For more information:
www.fringeinthefen.co.uk**

Profits from all bar sales will be donated to
Macmillan Cancer Support.

**This event would not be possible
without the generous support of
Clifton Rubber**





Fenstanton Football Club Golf Day

Full handicap stableford competition

Sunday 3rd April 2016

Bar Hill Golf Club, Cambs.

£40 per player includes:

Bacon roll and tea or coffee before first tee

Ham, egg and chips after

Fantastic prizes for the top 3 places

Start 11am, first tee @ 11:45am



All proceeds go to Fenstanton Football Club

Golf club hire available

For more information contact:

Tom Tilbury: info@fenstantonfootballclub.com

www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HILTON

A request !

The centenary of the death of Percival George Harradine will be honoured in Hilton this September .

Little is known of him except that in 1901 he and his parents, David and Mary Ann and sister Mabel lived at Lattenbury Farm. Then in 1911 the family moved here to The Grove, now with another child called Charles.

Please, is there anyone in the area who knows of descendants of the Harradine family, who may have information about Percy and who can attend his Everyman Remembered ceremony?

Also, a reminder: The ceremony for Cecil Hubert Wright Ingle will be on Sunday May 8th during morning service at St. Ives Parish Church and it is very much hoped that some Hiltonians will be able to represent him there.

Thank you

Julie 830580 and Margaret 831186

HILTON ART CLUB

In February, our session on wrecks, ruins and relics gave members a broad subject to choose from. Pictures of old boats and ships were popular, but others included ruined buildings and objects, such as a pair of old sandals. Everyone had a great morning.

15th April 9.30 am – 12.30 pm ‘Bright Lights and Silhouettes’
Bring along your own pictures/props.

Advance Notice

20th May 9.30 am – 12.30 pm ‘Landscapes in Oil’ workshop
Tutor-led workshop with John Glover.

As usual, non-members are welcome to our workshops, but please contact Diana on 831410, or Gina on 830696, to book, as places are limited.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

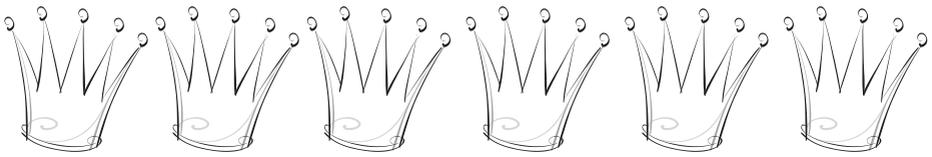
A lot of fun was had in our May Workshop it was a great afternoon. All the Flower club ladies made handbags from oasis, leaves and flowers. Well done! They really looked great.

APRIL 4th our Flower demonstrator is Tim Meeks, it is the first time we have seen Tim, so we look forward to a great afternoon.

Every body is welcome to come to Hilton Village Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Entrance is £4.00 and includes tea & biscuits. There is a Raffle, £1.00.

MAY 21st and 22nd, flower club ladies are getting in the swing for our Flower Festival. We are celebrating the Queens 90th Birthday and 64 year reign.

JUNE 9th, is our outing, we are going to Broughton Castle, and Flaxbourne Gardens. Price £36.00, this includes tours, lunch and afternoon tea & biscuits. For more details please ring JUNE, 01480 830306.
Look forward to seeing you all.



Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration – Sunday 12th June 2016

The Hilton Village Hall Committee, in line with national events to be held over the summer, will be hosting the **Hilton Village Street Party** on Sunday 12th June. We hope you will join us and are ready to party in Hilton style. The day's events will include:-

Magnificent Scarecrows – by Royal Invitation – a King or Queen, palaces or gardens, dogs, royal events – let your imagination take flight.

Themed floral displays – big or small, pots, baskets, flower beds – whatever your green fingers can manage.

Fancy Dress Parade – young and old – full costume or just a hat – all efforts eagerly awaited.

Bruce's real steam train rides – amazing family fun.

Bring & Share Picnic/Afternoon Tea on the Green - invite a group of friends to share and enjoy.

Teas & soft drinks available

Feast Week Bar

Activities for the children

Royal celebration church bells

Music

Illuminations – find those fairy/Christmas lights – let's see if we can light up the whole village to celebrate the Queen's birthday by illuminating something in your front garden – gates, fence, a tree, small shrub, flower bed, or statue.

To make this one of Hilton's memorable community events, we need as many people as possible to have a go and join in. Let us know if you are planning a scarecrow and as always we will make sure you are on the map – weather permitting we are hoping to have the scarecrows available to view potentially from the Friday through to the Sunday.

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 further information.**

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee read with interest the feedback from a local resident in last month's Spectrum. There appeared to be three core issues: the loss of the Spirit of Feast Week: the "Big Bands" and Feedback. We would like to take this opportunity to address these points.

Spirit of Feast Week: Feast Week is not just about the week of events in July, it is a mechanism in the village which aims to bring together the residents into a community and supporting that community to develop. It is not just about the bands on the Thursday and Saturday nights, the "spirit" goes on throughout the year, with the support of the other excellent organisations within our village. For example: providing the refreshments at the fireworks hosted by our Parish Council; supporting the upkeep of our lovely village hall through regular use; the entertainment for all children with Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas Activities. Also we aim to bring together all faiths at the service held in the Marquee each year on the first Sunday of Feast week. During that day we provide free fairground rides and bouncy castles, as well as entry to the animal farm and children's craft activities during Feast Week all of which are provided free of charge. The list can go on, however that is the "Spirit of Feast Week" and the events which have evolved, to make Hilton such a special place to live and for our children to grow up in.

Big Bands funding: for the above to continue there are two core elements needed: support (to organise and attend) and financial.

The first element is self explanatory, but in our experience, having a tribute band which started in the Millennium with Abba, brings in more profits than a local band, and more than covers the band costs. We would like to expand a little on the second (apologies to those who attend our AGM, you can skip this bit). The money element is important as the Feast Week Committee members are personally responsible for any losses incurred. In recent years, steps have been taken to minimise personal liability, however it is still a risk, so we keep a firm eye on money in and money out. To host all the events cost money and like everything in life costs continue to increase. Many costs are obvious, eg: the marquee; tables; chairs; electricity; entertainment. There are however a number of other costs which are not so apparent, eg: insurance; arts and craft material; rosettes; compliance with Health and Safety; rubbish removal - again the list can go on. Significant effort is spent each year to negotiate better deals in order to control these costs. There are two ways we pay for the bills: fund-raising throughout the year and Feast Week itself. Most of the money is raised during the latter part of Feast Week in July. We need money to pay the bills in a quickly. The best way to do this, is to supply quality entertainment which people will want to attend and usually they will buy a drink and a burger. We do accept that there are some, who may not live in the village, or who do not support Feast Week in anyway, but turn up for the bands or the other "free events". We cannot charge for entry, as this goes against all that Feast Week principles. We have donation boxes which help in a small way. Last year we had a very generous donation of £100 from a Fenstanton resident who said her children absolutely love coming to Feast Week and many of our fundraising events are attended by familiar faces from other villages, which is great, and supports Hilton Feast Week. We are very grateful to the many people both in the village and from other places who do support and/or help at the various events. It is very much appreciated.

Feedback: The Feast Week committee always seek feedback from all interested parties. But of the surveys delivered to each house last year, only 6 were returned. The committee members talk to villagers about events, and we hold an annual AGM (there are always spare seats) which is an ideal opportunity for any one to come forward with ideas or offers of help for the coming year.

Feedback is a two way thing, so please talk to us, there are contact details listed each month in Spectrum, we will be very happy to hear from you. We cannot guarantee we will be able to take forward your ideas, but be assured they will be considered very carefully and we would be happy to talk to you.

Sharon and Graeme.

HILTON FEAST WEEK

We would like to thank everyone who came to our very well attended quiz on the 5th March, it was a great evening. Alison Dunk's table winning boxes of chocolates and the trophy (once it has been found)! Special thanks to Brian Radbone for excellent delivery of the questions and to Craig for planning them. Also thanks to the committee for all their hard work with the food and organization.

Please see our plan of future events as below;

23rd April 2016: Murder Mystery night with supper at 7.30pm.

4 th June 2016: Race night with Ronnie Booth -7.30 pm.

22nd July 2016: Hilton Summer Ball – Black tie. 7.00pm.

24 th July 2016: Feast week starts with Produce show and parade of floats day.
Many thanks for your help and support.

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

CHAIRMAN: SHARON WALKER, 831299 / 07984232424. sharonwalker@nhs.net

CO-CHAIR: LYNNE RADBONE

TREASURER: GRAEME GRIBBEN, 01480 830481

SECRETARY: JUDY WARD

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CRAIG SUTHERLAND; GILL GILL; SARAH BLACKWELL; JOE HOLMES.

HILTON FEAST WEEK FUNDRAISER
Saturday 23rd April 2016 - Hilton Village Hall - doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

WHO DUNNIT?
By **STRICTLY MURDER**

Tickets - £15 - 3 course meal—to include Fish 'n Chips.
Tickets available - Lynne Radbone—07855 033639
Sharon Walker—07984 232424

Please purchase tickets by Monday 18th April 2016

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW - Sunday 24 July 2016

You will have seen the Produce Show schedule published in the March edition of Spectrum. Please do look through and start planning your entries. The more entries the more fantastic the show! New competitors are positively encouraged. Any questions, offers of help, items for the raffle or plant stall, please contact our committee members.

With very best wishes.

Hilton Produce Show Committee: *Claire Sarkies, Cheska Hodder, Lynn Amos, Anne Westrope, Claire Sunderland, Helen Attwood, Liz Bush, Julie Sant*

COTTENHAM YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN, IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

The annual procession of vintage and classic vehicles starting from Cottenham at 10.00am draws entrants from places far and wide. From Kings Lynn to Royston. Military vehicles, classic cars and motor bikes, tractors and commercial vehicles, and a 1945 bicycle.

The procession travels through villages around the Cottenham area, raising money for Cancer Research UK, on the Addenbrookes site, helping to pay for the research into many types of cancer.

We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease and we are doing our best to help eradicate it from affecting anyone else.

More information, and entry form, can be found on our website

www.yesteryearroadrun.co.uk

Have a look at the photographs of many of last years' entrants.

It is a lot of work to put this event on and any help you can give us to raise our profile would be great. Please lend a hand no matter how small.

It is a fun day for all, entrants and spectators.

Hilton arts and craft show 2016

Don't just **Party**, Lets get **Arty @ Feast Week 2016**.

We need everyone boys, girls, brothers, sisters, mums dads and grandparents too. So lets get **Drawn** into the event and make this the best show ever.

Information available from Helen Attwood, 830690.

CAMBS AND BEDS HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the society is on Saturday 2nd April at 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start

our speaker will be Des Martin talking about "Plants for Damp Places".

There will be plants for sale brought by the speaker.

New members and visitors welcome.

Entrance for visitors is £4 to include refreshments

Venue:

The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 8JH

PLANT SALE

Our annual plant sale will be on Sunday 8th May at Stratton School, Biggleswade which is next door to the Weatherley Centre.

Our stand is part of Stratton School's Open Day Fete.

We will have hundreds of unusual hardy perennial plants and some shrubs for sale.

For more information about our group please visit the website

www.hpscambsandbeds.co.uk

HILTON WI

Our meeting on March 14th started off with the usual business and then along came Leonard Priestley from Wisbech with, he assured us, true tales of a lorry driver. It was hilarious. He started off driving a mobile shop delivering groceries but soon became bored with the routine so went to work for Smedley's the local canning factory. He had many trips delivering the tinned fruit and vegetables and one time when he had to deliver to a Tesco store he had a problem with the manager and it ended up in a fight. Leonard ended up with a lot of bruises and a black eye. Another time he and his fellow drivers won a large silver cup in a competition. They duly filled it up with various kinds of alcohol and passed it round. Needless to say it did not end well. Leonard arrived home to a furious wife who would not speak to him for three days! He had to buy her a new fridge freezer as an apology. In 1971 he was made redundant, so he bought a van and made deliveries for local flower merchants, but as he was always being asked to bring stuff back from his trips he decided that he would become a furniture remover full time. This proved to be a good move on his part and he became well known and trusted. All went well until he had to go under a brick bridge with only 2 inches of clearance. Sadly he became stuck and had to call for help from the drivers trapped

in the jam behind him. He eventually got moving by getting about twenty or so men jumping about in the back of the lorry to lower it so he could just ease it along. All went well until he heard shouts and banging behind him and He realised he had not let the men out! He had many other tales to tell but he retired in 2003 and just to keep himself still driving he bought a minibus which satisfies his love of the open road but does not take up all his time. Leonard was very entertaining and told us so many tales, too many to recount, some happy, some sad, but told in a very entertaining way.

Our next meeting on Monday, April 11th will be a talk by Sarah Russell about the Norris Museum and the development project. Do come and listen as the museum is in St Ives and it is a really good local place to visit so come to the Village Hall at 7.30pm and hear about it's latest innovations.

Craft club will be on April 14th this month. The Boughton Hall outing is booked and an outing to the Van Dal shoe factory is being arranged for May 19th.

Ring Doreen on 830250 for details.

Kath Charter

ACTIVITIES AT WANDLEBURY COUNTRY PARK

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members all year round.

Iron Age Wandlebury - Tuesday 5 April: 11.00am to 1.00pm

Take a journey back in time with this amazing event about Iron Age history and archaeology – hands-on fun and learning for the whole family. .

Fairy Fun - Wednesday 6 April: 11.00am to 1.00pm

Instead of searching at the bottom of your garden, come and hunt out the fairies in the new den-building area of the country park.

Survival! - Wednesday 6 April: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Unaccompanied Bushcraft Fun - Friday 8 April: 10.00am to 4.00pm

Booking essential. £40 per child (£35 members).

Bat Appreciation Evening - Sunday 17 April: 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Come to Wandlebury and join a bat expert to learn about and detect our local bats. Adults only, £4 (members £3). Booking essential.

Climate Change and Chalk Landscape Talk - Wednesday 20 April: 7.30pm

May Day Morris Dancing - Sunday 1 May: 5.30am to 6.30am

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit

The Five Pub Challenge

2016 edition!

Sunday 8th May

Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and an 11am start, then walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, then **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), and on to **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at **The Admiral Vernon**. £8 entry fee in advance, or £10 entry on the day from 10.00am. Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from www.overdaycentre.co.uk or telephoning 01954 231807. Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

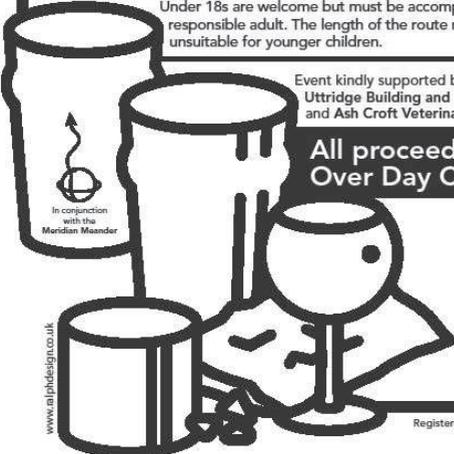
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All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

The Over Day Centre

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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 8th May 2016

Fancy upping the 'Challenge' a bit? Then join us for The Meridian Meander Walk, which is 26 miles!

The route follows the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and the picturesque villages of Houghton and the Hemingfords.

Start between 8.00 and 9.00am from The Over Day Centre, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

There are two checkpoints on the route where light refreshments will be provided. Finish at The Admiral Vernon in Over for a free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events.html

Closing date 3rd May. **NO ENTRY ON DAY**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

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Why not join the Special Constabulary and find out just how much you are capable of? Your employer may even give you time off to volunteer under the employer supported policing scheme.

What do Specials do?

As a Special Constable you will work with us to help keep the people within your community safe. In return we will provide you with invaluable experience and training to achieve your personal or professional goals.

Have you got what it takes?

The Special Constabulary welcomes applications from people from all walks of life and backgrounds. The kind of people we need have good life skills and experience, plus strong community awareness.

How to apply

For more information about becoming a Special, or to apply, visit www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/Specials or email specials@cambs.pnn.police.uk

SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS)

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 5.30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">VISIT TO RSPB OUSE FEN with HANNAH BERNIE</p> <p>We did this walk in the afternoon last year, and it was a great success. It seemed an excellent idea to return again in the evening and hope to hear the bitterns booming and to see all the changes since our first walk there two years ago) Meet at Over Community Centre Car Park at 5.30pm.</p>
WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 8.30pm	<p>Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust will take us on a Punt Trip towards Grantchester, to view Bats and their Habitats. Meet at Scudamores Boat Yard on Silver Street Cambridge at 8.30pm. The trip lasts approximately 90 minutes Parking available in DoubleTree Hotel Car Park (small fee) or on West Road for free. Or if you need a lift please phone Frances Parish or Pat Miles (contact details below). I have a list of people who have signed up for this trip but would appreciate it if you would confirm (phone or email) by 25TH APRIL AT THE LATEST TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 25TH APRIL, CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY and sent to: Pat Miles, 135 High Street, Longstanton, Cambridge CB24 3BT. Price £18.50, SENIOR CITIZEN £16.50.</p> <p>If the weather is inclement Scudamores will credit us for a trip on another occasion.</p>
SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 10.30AM- 12.30PM	<p>SUMMER COFFEE MORNING</p> <p>BRING & BUY SALE OF PLANTS, PRODUCE & CAKES</p> <p>10.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p>BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDDLEWATCH</p> <p>SWAVESEY CB24 4RP</p> <p>EVERYONE WELCOME! - BRING SOME FRIENDS!</p> <p>PROCEEDS TOWARDS FUNDING OUR WINTER PROGRAMME</p> <p>(Entry & Refreshments £2.50)</p>
FRIDAY 1ST JULY 6.30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">EVERYONE WELCOME TO A 'BRING & SHARE' SALAD SUPPER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN THE BARN AT STRIPLANDS FARM - LONGSTANTON</p> <p>Donation: £5 per person or a contribution of food and drink and a raffle prize! (telephone Christine Shephard on 01954 781625 to see what she would like!)</p>
SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2.15PM	<p>VISIT TO FLOWER MEADOWS - OVER with TREVOR GRANGE</p> <p>(AND INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW BENCH)</p> <p>Meet at Car Park next to Over Windmill</p>

Lifts available if required - PLEASE PHONE: Trevor Grange: 01954 230119 or Pat Miles: 01954 780485, GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE DIARY OF EVENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCS BY EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT: frparish@ntlworld.com.

Admission Free unless otherwise stated; however a donation of £2 per indoor meeting towards overheads & refreshments would be much appreciated

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 14/09/16: 12/10/16: 09/11/16: 14/12/16:
11/01/17: 08/02/17: 08/03/17

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : www.swaveseyurgery.nhs.uk

You can use our website to: register as a new patient; find our opening times; order repeat medications; book doctors' appointments and much more.....

Reminder: SMS text messages, we can send confirmation of your appointment by text message if we have your mobile telephone number recorded, we can also send you a reminder text 24 hours prior to your appointment. Please make sure that you keep us up to date with your current mobile telephone number.

Research: Swavesey surgery takes part in research studies which help with the development of new treatments. You may receive an invitation to participate in a study and we are most grateful for any patients that are willing to help in this way.

Meningitis B vaccine: you may have heard on the news about the meningitis B vaccine which is being offered to all babies born since May 2015. Unfortunately we are not able to offer this vaccine unless your child is within the cohort, this is due to limited supplies being available.

Equipment Fund: we are delighted to announce that the equipment fund, which has been set up to raise money towards the purchase of a dermatoscope, has already raised in the region of £90. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Over Surgery News

New Appointment- Receptionist

We are delighted to welcome Emily Macdonald who joined the reception team on 15th February. Emily has come to us through an apprenticeship scheme and will also be working towards her NVQ level 2 in Business and Management skills.



Telephone system: please note that our telephone system has been updated and will now advise you how many calls are before you in the queue. You should only **press '1'** if you have an **emergency**, you should **press '2' for all other calls**

Research: our surgery takes part in research studies which help with the development of new treatments. You may receive an invitation to participate in a study and we are most grateful for any patients that are willing to help in this way

Meningitis B vaccine: you may have heard on the news about the meningitis B vaccine which is being offered to all babies born since May 2015. We were advised initially that this would be available privately for older children but unfortunately the manufacturers are not able to provide enough vaccines, so currently we re unable to offer this unless your child is within the cohort.

April BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Volunteering for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. Would you like to help your community stay safe and learn more about fire safety?

We're looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme. Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

Local charity Groundwork coordinates the Community Champion Scheme on behalf of CFRS. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Katie Dean on 01480 587140 / 07736 132870 or email katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk.

Don't forget to test your smoke alarm – and that of elderly relatives – by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94, follow us on social media, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500.

Win fantastic prizes and showcase your talent in this year's Snap the Ouse Photography Competition!

In the lead up to the exciting summer OuseFest celebrations (18th to 31st July), the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership have just launched their 2016 Snap the Ouse Photography Competition.

The competition is open to any photographs that define the character and feel of the Ouse Washes and surrounding areas, and that depict what makes our area great. Whether your photographs include landscapes, wildlife, people, buildings or water, you are encouraged to enter.

The Ouse Washes Landscape is entirely distinctive and immensely beautiful. The huge open skies, expansive views, strongly linear landscape features and isolated settlements, as well as the sense of mystery and tranquillity means endless photographic opportunities. The Ouse Washes Landscape is also rich with distinctive Fenland customs, traditions, folklore and arts, which provide limitless inspiration.

Sara Marshall, Countryside Engagement & Marketing Officer at the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership says "last year's competition was hugely successful and we hope the 'Snap the Ouse' competition will provide more fun opportunities for people to see their local environment through different eyes, discover new aspects not seen before and capture what their local area means to them".

A short-listed 12 photographs will be posted on the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership's website for public voting and will also be exhibited at various events throughout OuseFest. There will be three winners, one from each entrance category: age 12 or under; 13 – 18 and 19 or over, who will each receive a fantastic basket of prizes worth £50. To participate, please send your photographs taken in the Ouse Washes or surrounding area to

sara.marshall@cambsacre.org.uk by Sunday 29 May 2016.

More information can be found at www.ousewashes.org.uk. Good luck and happy snapping!



Join us in local celebrations for THE YEAR OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN

Fen Drayton, Fenstanton, Hilton and Conington villages are planning local activities as part of the Year of the English Garden,

<https://www.visitengland.com/biz/about-us/campaigns-and-opportunities/year-english-garden-2016> as well as celebrating Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's Tercentenary. We are now launching an inter-generational celebration of reading, writing and art linked to this garden theme and culminating in a community pageant in June. For access to a suggested reading list, with support from Cambridgeshire Library Services, either contact Alison Fox or download from the Fen Drayton Parish website at: <http://fendraytonpc.wix.com/fdpc>.

Invitation to contribute to our summer celebration

In response to reading about gardens or your experiences of gardens and gardening: 1. Identify a section of something you have read that you recommend sharing with others. (We will have readers at the event to perform these suggestions).

2. Write a short response. *Suggestions:* What do gardens mean to me? My gardening experiences. What do I think about the future of gardens? (We will hang these responses to a tree at our event and share these with the St Ives library).

3. Create a poem, like the children in the primary schools. (We will have readers at the event if your wish to have yours performed).

4. Create a painting, drawing, collage. (These will be displayed at the event).

Items can be anonymous, if you prefer. Feel free to ask questions, or, if you wish to, contribute. Please send responses to the above, or offers of help to: Alison Fox by email to

foxes_uk@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 01954 230721.





Snap the Ouse Competition

In the lead-up to this year's **OuseFest**, you could win £50 of prizes and showcase your talent

Send us your photos taken in the Ouse Washes area by Sunday 29 May 2016
(Adult and Child categories)

For more info on OuseFest and the Competition:

www.ousewashes.org.uk



Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership



@OuseFest

CALLING ALL CRAFTS PEOPLE AND ARTISANS

Reach Festival is taking bookings for stalls
Reach Festival, Fair Green, Reach
Saturday 24th Sept 2016
10.30am – 4.30pm

Reach Festival will showcase local genuine handmade crafts and local produce

(food and drink).

In addition there will be displays of crafts including potting, coin making, wool spinning and flint knapping.

The charges for pitches are:

£20 for 5m x 3m or £30 for 5m x 5m

For Pitch Enquiries and Booking Forms

contact:

Claire Halpin on 07834 740881

David Parr on 07887 563720

claire.halpin@ascontracts.co.uk



Fen Drayton Midsummer Festival
SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016
at Bannolds, Capability Barns

Community pageant,
poetry, music and prose led by
Fen Drayton & Fenstanton Schools
and local book lovers for

The Year of the Garden

followed by a

Georgian CapabiliTTeA

2.30 - 4.00 pm

Free Entry



The nationally renowned Twigs Way will entertain us with the literature of gardens:

Amours in the arbour

Murder in the ice house

4.30 - 6.00 pm

£8 to include wine and music

Tickets from: Alison Fox : 01954 230721, foxes_uk@yahoo.co.uk
Judith Christie: 01954 230536, judith.christie@ntlworld.com



Over Village Market

Local produce, crafts & artisans on the green

*Come to peruse the local goods.
Linger for a chat, or stop for a cuppa.*

Due to popular demand, we are now a permanent fixture.

Our 2016 dates (10am – 12:30 pm):

- 9th April
- 21st May
- July (date TBD)
- 10th September
- 15th October
- 26th November

[facebook.com/OverVillageMarket](https://www.facebook.com/OverVillageMarket)

Stallholder info: orrbakery.weebly.com/news



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local

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 1st May**. This year there will be two walks; one at **10.30am** and one at **2.30pm**.

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 10.30 or 14.30. 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 8th	Over day centre fund raising walks (p43)
May 8th	Fenstanton Village Garage Sale (p28)
May 12th - 15th	Queen's 90th Birthday Weekend http://www.hmq90.co.uk/
May 14th	Youth Football Race Night (p27)
May 21-22nd	Hilton Flower Festival
May 22nd	Wild Life, Meadow Magic walk
June 4th	Hilton Race night (p37)
June 12th	Queen's birthday celebrations at Hilton (p33)
July 2nd	Fenstanton Sports Day (p24)
July 7-10th	Fenstanton Fringe in the Fen (p29)
July 10th	Kimbolton Country Fayre
July 22nd	Hilton Summer Ball - Black tie (p35)
July 24th	Hilton Feast Week starts (p35)
July 24th	Hilton Produce Show (p37)
August ?	End of Capability Brown Celebrations
Sept 17th	Fenstanton Hobbies Crafts & Collections
Oct 15th	Sedici Choir at Hilton Methodist Church (p17)

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	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p18
2nd	Cambs & Beds	Biggleswade	1.45pm	p39
2nd/9th	Bowls Club working parties	Bowling Green	10.00am	p28
3rd	Football Club Golf Day	Bar Hill Golf Club	11.00am	p30
4th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
7th	Fenstanton WI	URC Church	7.30pm	p25
11th	Hilton PC	Methodist Church	7.30pm	p11
14th	Lancelot Brown by Jane Brown	Parish Church	7.30pm	p22
14th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p13
14th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p41
15th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p31
16th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p18
16th	Bowls Open Day	Bowling Green	3.00pm	p28
19th	Coffee & Chat	URC Church	10.00am	p18
21st	Queen's 90th Birthday Tea	URC Church	4.00pm	p26
21st	Annual Parish Assembly	School Hall	7.30pm	p13
23rd	Hilton Murder Mystery night	Village Hall	7.00pm	p37
24th	Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run	Cottenham	10.00am	p39
May 1st	Wildlife Trust	Brampton Woods	10.30/2.3	p50

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p25)
 Hilton Baby & Toddler (p33)
 Football (p26)

LIBRARY VAN

2nd Thursday each month
 Hilton, Village hall 2.05pm
 Fenstanton, Headlands, 3.15pm

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters
 Sewing Bee at URC
 Friendship Club (p13)

For Church services etc. see (p17-21)