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Fenstanton Brownies sorting through all the 'Love in a Box' donations they received

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Letters & Notices

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School will be holding a meeting to discuss a proposed additional pedestrian entrance to the school, at 6.30pm in the school hall on Thursday 10th January 2008. All interested school neighbours are welcome to attend.

POPPY APPEAL

On Thursday 8 November I attended the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey which was organised by the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory as part of the annual Poppy Appeal commemorations.

Every year around 250 plots are laid out in the names of military organisations and associations and Remembrance crosses are then planted in the plots, many with hand written messages from family, friends or colleagues.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Ceremony and laid a personal cross of remembrance. After prayers and the sounding of the Last Post he reviewed the plots and stopped frequently to talk to many of the veterans present .

When you look along the rows of plots with their sea of crosses it makes you realise just how many men and women gave their lives for their Country, not just during the two World Wars but in all conflicts since. I have to say it was a very emotional day.

It is with this in mind that I would like to thank everybody who sold Poppies this year, both door to door within the Villages of Fenstanton and Hilton, and all the shops

and pubs and other businesses. I would also like to say thank you to all those of you who bought Poppies and helped to boost this year's Appeal.

Regards, **Gill Dartford**
Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Fenstanton and Hilton

Once again , my very sincere thanks to all the people who sold Royal British Legion Poppies in Hilton this November .Also to those who contributed.

It's a sad fact that soldiers and their families in present troubles are also needing support ,which does not require membership of the Legion . So those who take part in the appeal in any way really are making a difference .

Thank you all again .**Margaret Shardlow**

We are still collecting old and foreign coins/notes for this charity. Spectacles are also accepted. We should like to thank everyone who has given these items in the past. It is of great benefit to people.

Doug Scott . Tel 830598 or
22 Church End, Hilton.

History of Hilton.

Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available.

The book is a hard-backed and costs £10.

It would make a fascinating Christmas present.

Contact Peter Blake, 830137.

Parish Council Report

HILTON

A report from an acoustic expert on the noise problems likely to affect Hilton as a result of the A14 proposals has recently been received and is currently being assessed by the Parish Council and the A14 Action Group. The Council was delighted that the recent fund raising quiz organized by the Action Group had raised over £1300 towards the cost of the acoustic expert. Following selection of the Orange Route by Government, the A14 Action Group has decided that further challenges to the route would not be effective but instead, agreed to focus its efforts on monitoring and challenging the detail of proposals from the Highways Agency and to continue to represent the interests of the village.

Following the decision by the Council to power-wash the build up of slippery algae at the play park rather than replace the rubber surface, prices for this work had been sought and the Council has been delighted to receive a no-cost bid from a local firm. The Council expected to have the play park power -washed twice a year.

The Council has agreed to try and prevent non residents from fishing in village ponds and will erect a notice to that effect at Reeve Ditch.

The Council had been advised that the recent summer had promoted exceptional growth of vegetation along the sides of ditches. It was planned to cut back much of this growth early in the New Year and later in 2008, to clean at least two of the village ponds.

Along with the routine tree maintenance work planned for this winter, the Council advised that the large beech tree just along from the Cricket Pavillion was in a potentially dangerous condition and should be felled. It was hoped to carry out this work early in the New Year

To better protect its title, the Parish Council has recently registered The Green with the Land Registry. This exercise has revealed that two small areas of the Green are already claimed by others highlighting the value of this initiative. The Council is trying to resolve these two disputed areas.

The Parish Council has agreed to replace two notice boards within the village. The board at the Post Office will be replaced first with the one at New England expected later.

Following the resignation of Councillor Adams a vacancy exists on the Parish Council. If you would like to fill this position and help the community, please contact either a member of the Council or the Clerk on 01480 832030.

The Council recommended approval for the planning application for the retention of a farm office at St Francis Toft.

Whilst recognizing the problems of parking along Church Lane, solutions appear to lie with HDC and residents have been advised to approach that Council.

The Council has invited the County Council to re examine the problematical new surface at the Rutland Green area and finally, the Council would like to thank Graham Barradell and all his helpers for a most successful bonfire night and excellent soup.

Parish Council Report

FENSTANTON

Police report.

During the period 11th October to 7th November 2007 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-1 theft from a vehicle and 1 burglary.

Concern has again been expressed at the number of vehicles parking on corners. This does present a safety hazard and is contrary to the Highway Code.

White Bridge – Low Road.

The bridge has recently failed crucial safety tests. Work is expected to begin in late January or early February and will last for approximately 15 weeks whilst a new bridge is constructed. During this period the Low Road will be closed, except for access, and diversions put in place.

Cambridge congestion charging.

A number of roadshows have been organised to provide information, and as part of the wider consultation process, into the possibility of congestion charging in Cambridge. One of the roadshows will be held in the Free Church in St Ives on 13th February between 4pm and 9pm.

A14 – Announcement of the preferred route.

The Parish Council welcomed the announcement of the Orange route. It was felt the decision would benefit the Village, although it was appreciated that some Parishioners would be disadvantaged. It is the opinion of the Parish Council that the wider picture must be considered and solutions found to stop the continuing problem of rat running through the Village.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th January 2008 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

Fenstanton Parish Council wish all Parishioners a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**COME AND SEE THE CLOCK TOWER
LIT UP FOR CHRISTMAS!!
SPECIAL VISIT BY FATHER CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED ON
AT 6.30PM
ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER FOLLOWED BY
CHRISTMAS SONGS AT THE CLOCK TOWER**



Yanks in the Village!!!

By David Verble

We were not the first, and, perhaps, not the last Americans to reside in the quaint, small village of Hilton, Huntingdonshire. In July 1958 as a U. S. Air Force 2nd Lt., I was joined by my wife, Joyce, and 16-month old daughter Kathy as they came to reside with me at Kidman's Farm Cottage. Joyce was also carrying our second child Tobey, another daughter soon to be delivered at USAF Hospital Wimpole Park. We moved in just as my supervisor, Major Clifford Fosse and his wife Marie moved out. I had been sent overseas in May, unaccompanied by the family due to a shortage of housing; thus it was incumbent upon me to find and contract for a place before the Air Force would transfer the family to my duty site of RAF Station Alconbury. We were told by Hilton resident Sally Hills that another Air Force family also lived in the cottage prior to the Fosse couple.

The cottage was just made for us in features, cost, and accommodations. It was furnished with everything one needed for comfortable living. Everything belonging there was inventoried so that each item was accounted for when occupants moved in or moved out. One item not on the list was a large resident black cat, named Mr. Kidman, who seemed to be the continuous overseer of the place.

To the rear, in the field outside the hedge enclosing the back yard was a large haystack. Actually, the cottage was really on the outskirts of the village at that time. There were barns to the west and adjacent fencing to contain a number of cattle that grazed in the fields to the southwest. The grounds around the cottage were planted with hundreds of white and yellow daffodils, splendid when they bloomed. The walkway to the front door was lined with a low hedge of fragrant lilac. Along our side of Graveley Way, was a narrow finger of a pond which at times allowed village swans to frequent our location. At the rear outside wall, a mature climbing rose bush produced blooms that could be picked from the upstairs bedroom window, and a huge coal bin was in place just outside the kitchen window. All of these features were somewhat awesome to a young couple from Beaumont, Texas who had never been out of the States.



Though we lived in this rather rural country setting, our exposure to the village and the residents was quite minimal. Our neglect in integrating ourselves with the village resulted in limiting our contacts to two families – Sid and Sally Hills and their two sons, and George Gingell, a retired London bobby.

Our tour was cut short as my military career took precedence over remaining in England. In August 1959 I was offered a flying assignment at Dreux Air Base, France. Off we went, hardly aware of the real and intrinsic value of our stay in a dwelling dating back to the 16th century. It was only my recent curiosity about the past that the age of this marvellous treasure came to light and our great fortune was revealed.

Today, I am still in awe over this most unique experience. I suppose that, had we tried, we could not have conceived such an adventure in our wildest imagination.

David Verble, Colonel, USAF, Retired zswede@cox.net

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Fun & Fashion in Fenstanton Child Home Dialysis Fund

This event held on October 18th. proved to be a great success. Both afternoon and evening presentations were very well attended with residents and visitors from many local villages.

Georgia McCormack, the local Kidney Research UK representative opened the event. She explained how the disease affects lives and expressed the great need for further funds for improvement for care and services. She then manned a stall selling their varied merchandise.

The fashion was provided by Hilary Gilliam of 'Weekenders' assisted by Ann Hawkins and many of their fellow co-coordinators. Their generosity in time and effort was admirable. This seasons garments were demonstrated and displayed to great effect giving us many ideas of how to 'mix and match'. Colour co-ordination and personal image technique was explained by Peta from 'Enhance'. There were several stalls selling a huge array of jewellery, scarves and many fashionable accessories that tempted the guests to buy. Hortense not only gave us wonderful ideas with tying of scarves but entertained us with many tales and jokes!

Many fabulous prizes were on offer from local shops and businesses and raffle ticket sales were booming.

I have many thanks to give to all those who helped and supported the event in so many ways. The generous interest for this cause has been heart warming.

I am delighted to report that a total of £660.30 was raised from this event. Not only a wonderful amount but a lot of fun was had by all who attended.

Thank you all very much. **Pauline Driver**

CAROL SINGING IN HILTON

Members of the Parish and Methodist Churches will be singing carols around the village on Friday, 14 Dec 07. The collection will go to the Save the Children Fund.

We shall meet at the Lych Gate of the Parish Church at 6pm for a 6.15pm start and we shall finish just after 8pm. To give you some idea of when to expect us, our route will be: Village Hall area and Maze Road, Grove End, Church Lane, Mill Hill End, Potton Road, Chapel Close, Kidmans Close, Chequers Croft, New England, Tithe Close, Scotts Crescent & Close.

Everyone, who wishes to join the fun, whether as a singer or as a collector (6 non-singing adult volunteers are urgently required) is most welcome. We look forward to seeing you during the evening and wishing you all a happy Christmas.

ALPHA FARMS

Orders are being taken
For Christmas

- Golden Promise Reared Turkeys
- Free Range Bronze or White Crowns
- Breast Roasts
- Geese

Opening Times
Mon-Fri 9 am – 2.30 pm
Sat 9 am – 4 pm

Fenstanton Road, Hilton, PE28 9JA
Tel 01480 831234

What have 200 people, a knitted nativity set and a flock of sheep got in common?

Yes, that's right, they all attended the Crib Service in Hilton last year. In the run up to the service, our knitted Mary & Joseph spent the whole of Advent travelling around the village, staying with a different family every night. Their journey was intended to reflect that time, over 2000 years ago, when the real Mary & Joseph travelled all the way to Bethlehem only to find that there was no room in the inn. Fortunately for our weary pair, they were welcomed into people's homes throughout Hilton and did not have to spend the night in a stable. Mary & Joseph travelled with a flock of knitted sheep and, each time they moved on, one of the sheep stayed behind – to be reunited with the rest of the flock during the Crib Service.

Once again this year, Mary & Joseph and their flock of sheep will be setting off around Hilton and are looking for places to stay. **Could you offer them a bed for the night?** What better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ than to welcome his parents into your own home or workplace! On the night of their visit, you could share a drink, a prayer or a meal with the previous hosts or maybe even organise a small party. We are also looking for sheep-knitting volunteers to help boost the flock numbers.

If you would like to take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration then please contact Rachel or Phil Wood on 830866. The journey is open to everyone – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas!

Plough Monday Fenstanton

It is planned to hold the usual Plough Monday celebration in Fenstanton on Monday 7th January. The evening will start with the blessing of the plough at the church gates at approximately 7.30. The procession will go down Chequers Street, visit The George pub and finish at the clocktower/King William IV. If anyone would like to participate in the dancing, there will be a practice beforehand, date and venue to be arranged. If interested contact Robin on 01954 210650.

HILTON TOWN CHARITY

The Hilton Town Charity benefits from long-standing endowments reserved for the inhabitants of the village. Each year a number of grants are available towards meeting the cost of specific projects or needs; requests may be submitted at any time by or on behalf of a resident of Hilton, or by an organisation providing a service to Hilton village.

A detailed report of the charity's activities last year was given to the Parish Council on 30th May 2007, and an annual return is submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

In more recent years provisions have been distributed at Christmas to Hilton's more senior residents and to those families who are known to be ill or in need. The distribution list is updated at this time and the trustees (listed below) are ready to be informed (by formal letter please) of any person who wishes to be added or to be removed from the list.

Mr	Ralph Slayter	Chairman	830466
Mrs	Geraldine Fleming	Trustee	830552
Mrs	Phyllis See	Trustee	830176
Mrs	Joanne Turner	Trustee	831745
Mr	Brian Ward	Trustee	830083
Mr	Steve Sheppard	Clerk	831454

Fenstanton A14 Action Group

Fenstanton residents will now know that the Secretary of State for Transport has confirmed that improvements to the A14 between Ellington and Fen Drayton will involve the construction of a new road following the Orange Route, implementing the CHUMMS strategy with removal of the Huntingdon railway viaduct. The decision was reached after taking into account all consultation views contained in the questionnaires submitted during both the 2005 consultation period and the 2006 further consultation period, resulting in an overwhelming majority of 62% of views in favour of the Orange Route.

What happens next is contained in the recently issued Highways Agency leaflet or you can find the Preferred Route announcement by accessing the Highways Agency website at <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/14848.aspx>.

Fenstanton A14 Action Group considers that there are several points that need clarification:

- when will the Contractor will be appointed;
- draft Statutory Orders and the Environment Statement are due to be published early 2009 so when and how will any objections be collected and reviewed by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government;

- bearing in mind the time lag on the decision on the Preferred Route, will the decision whether or not to hold a Public Enquiry take place in late 2009; and
- will construction work start late 2010?

It is expected that the Highways Agency will release, either through the Parish Council or directly to every resident, further information on the schedule of the Contractor's plans and how the major issue of reducing the impact of the new road on the environment (noise and air pollution) will be addressed.

Fenstanton A14 Action Group plan to liaise with Fenstanton Parish Council in any approaches to the Highways Agency on the matter of reviewing and (hopefully) concurring with the detailed plans drawn up by the Contractor, eg noise bund design and tree planting schemes.

Meanwhile, I thank Fenstanton residents and the members of Fenstanton A14 Action Group for their efforts and support during the consultation period. In addition, I would like to offer special thanks to Kevin Thomas who helped Fenstanton A14 Action Group so much by printing all the material used to enable Fenstanton residents to write in free of charge. This meant that we were able to meet our objectives without incurring any costs.

Paul Kent, Chairman, Fenstanton A14 Action Group

You are invited to a Knitters and Natters Group

Tuesday 4th December 10.00 am to 11.30 am

We will be making squares to sew together to make a blanket to send to charity.

All you need is your knitting needles size 8 (4mm) and double knitting wool any colour

(We can provide if haven't any)

At Fenstanton United Reformed Church, Chequer Street

All knitters welcome, if you can't knit come along and learn how to.

A donation of 50p to cover the cost of tea/coffee and hire of church room.

Fenstanton Parish Church

December 2007

Saturday 1st 7.30/8.00 Mulled Wine in aid of Appeal Fund at Manor Farm Cottage

Sunday 2nd *Advent Sunday.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong.

Thursday 6th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

Sunday 9th *2nd Sunday of Advent.*
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m. Worship for All (Toy Service).
Please bring wrapped toys for distribution by Social Services.

Sunday 16th *3rd Sunday of Advent.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
4.00 p.m. Carol Service.

Friday 21st Children's Workshop 10 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday 23rd *4th Sunday of Advent*
9.30 a.m. Family Communion.

Monday 24th *Christmas Eve.*
4.00 p.m. Crib Service.
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.

Tuesday 25th *Christmas Day.*
9.30 a.m. Christmas Family Service .

Sunday 30th *1st Sunday of Christmas.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion .

January 2008

Sunday 6th *Epiphany.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong

Sunday 13th *1st Sunday of Epiphany.*
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Worship for All

Thursday 17th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

Sunday 20th *2nd Sunday of Epiphany.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong.

Thursday 24th 7.45 p.m. PCC

Sunday 27th *3rd Sunday of Epiphany.*
9.30 a.m. Family Communion.



Fenstanton Parish Church

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 9th December
at 10am

Everyone is very welcome to our informal service at which gifts will be accepted by Social Services for local needy children this Christmas. Please wrap your gift and mark it Boy/Girl/and suitable age.
Refreshments afterwards.
All very welcome



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO MARTYN SAUNDERS, CHURCHWARDEN ON 01480 301068

Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answer phone service, and email, mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relating to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or funerals – Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866). Robin, as well as Sunday, works two days a week, a Thursday and one other day. He listens to and reads all messages regularly, though asks for your forbearance for any delay in replying.

DECEMBER 2007

Sunday 2 nd <i>1st Advent</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
Sunday 9 th <i>2nd Advent</i>	11.15 am	United Gift Service at Methodist Chapel
14 th 6.00 pm		Carols around the village
Sunday 16 th <i>3rd Advent</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service (Lay led)
Sunday 23 rd <i>4th Advent</i>	11.15 am	Family Communion
	5.00 pm	Carol Service at Methodist Chapel
Monday 24 th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Holy Communion at Methodist Chapel
Tuesday 25 th <i>Christmas Day</i>	9.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 30 th	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Healing Service at Methodist Chapel

JANUARY 2008

Sunday 6 th <i>Epiphany</i>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
Sunday 13 th	11.00 am	United Covenant Service at Methodist Ch.
Sunday 20 th	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
Sunday 27 th <i>Candlemas</i>	11.15 am	Family Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 29 th	1.30 pm	Tots Praise

From the registers

Burials	:William Cox	1 st October 2007
	Joseph Ranger	5 th November 2007

Churches in Hilton, Advent Lunches

In aid of Emmaus (Care for the homeless) 12.30 to 2.30, on the following Wednesdays

5 December	Doreen Prescott, 10 Graveley Way
12 December	Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft
19 December	Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee or soft drink. Price £2 adults, Children Free, Donations gratefully received

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

December

2 nd	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton
9 th	9.30am	Ms Elizabeth Thompson
9 th	6.00pm	Peter Bourn
16 th	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton-Communion
23 rd	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton
24 th	No service	
25 th	9.30am	Revd Roy Mottrum -Christmas Day Service
30 th	9.30am	Elders Service

January

6 th	9.30am	TBA
7 th	Plough Monday	
13 th	9.30am	TBA
20 th	9.30am	Chris Baker-Interim Moderator
27 th	9.30am	Mr Keith Cakebread

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Hilton Methodist Church

December

2 nd	11.00 am	Mr Dennis Hutchcraft
9 th	11.00 am	United Gift Service for .NCH (National Childrens Homes) Revd Hugh Sheehan and Revd Dr Robin McKenzie Please bring a wrapped gift, indicating the age of the child or a donation in an envelope. The gifts will be received by Linda Burrows of NCH.
16 th	11.00 am	Revd Pam Siddall
23 rd	11.00 am	Mr Malcolm Sharp
	5.00 pm	Candlelit Carol Service led by Revd Hugh Sheehan. Collection to be donated to Age Concern, Cambridgeshire.
24 th	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service. Everyone is welcome.
30 th	11.00 am	Local Arrangement
	6.00 pm	United Healing Service with Revd Hugh Sheehan

January

6 th	11.00 am	Mr Peter Adams
13 th	11.00 am	United Covenant and Holy Communion Service Revd Hugh Sheehan and Revd Dr Robin McKenzie. Childrens Sunday Club in the Hall
20 th	11.00 am	Miss Pat Paddon
27 th	11.00 am	Mr Colin Webber

The Minister and members of the Methodist Church wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Tot's Praise

We wish all our friends at Tot's Praise a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all, and new friends, on the 29th January 2008 at 1.30pm. Everybody welcome. Have a lovely time celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Club News

from the Villages

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve

The appearance of Fen Drayton Lakes has changed dramatically over the last 50 years, from agricultural land to gravel pits to wetland nature reserve. Willow trees quickly become established and spread around the damp areas, and we need to remove trees from some areas to provide ideal conditions for other wildlife.

The RSPB has employed contractors to remove trees in three areas over the 2007/08 winter, starting with young willows on the western edge of Holywell Lake. This space will then allow the existing reedbed there to expand, and provide a larger winter roost site for bitterns and starlings, as well as more nesting habitat for reed warblers and other reed specialists.

The islands in Moore, Elney and Oxholme Lakes will be cleared of trees. These islands were designed to attract ground-nesting birds, such as ringed plovers and common terns. These birds will not nest near trees, so we can look forward to having these, and other species, nesting on the islands in future summers. Potential colonists include black-headed gulls and avocets. Volunteers and staff will maintain suitable conditions by clearing the islands each winter.

Finally, trees between Ferry Lagoon and the Great River Ouse will be felled, to encourage ground-nesting redshanks and lapwings to nest in the wet grassland in that part of the nature reserve.

We apologise for the disruption this work causes, and we hope you will enjoy seeing more nesting birds in the coming years as a result of this work.

Cambridgeshire Guided Bus contractors will begin clearing the line of the busway in early January, in advance of the construction work.

Presentations about the RSPB's work at Fen Drayton Lakes are available to local groups. If your group would like an illustrated talk or a guided walk, please contact me on 01954 233267 or neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk.

If you intend to get more exercise in the New Year, why not come along on guided walks, or join a conservation work party? Walks begin in the car park at the north end of Holywell Ferry Road, a mile from Fen Drayton. Meet at 1.30pm on 9 December, 13 and 17 January, and 10am on 27 January. I hope we will see flocks of birds heading to roost at the end of the afternoon walks.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

**Annual General Meeting
and Christmas Social
Wednesday 12th December,
Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm
Seasonal refreshments, Raffle.**

**A - Z of Roses :
a talk by Simon White
of Peter Beales Roses
Wednesday 23rd January,
Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm
Refreshments, Raffle. ALL WELCOME**

Feast Week

We are pleased to announce that following the further meeting in October a new Feast Week Committee has been formed and are looking forward to getting to grips with the ins and outs of putting on Feast Week next summer.

One of the most important messages we had during the course of these meetings was that there are people in the village who support Feast Week and the efforts of the committee and whilst they are unable to join the committee they would like to help or be classed as 'Friends of Feast Week'.

It will be our intention to look for help from those volunteers through the year so if you would like to offer your help in that way please do let a member of the committee know. We are not necessarily looking for those 'friends' to be involved in every event.

It is really pleasing to see lots of new faces on the committee and over the next couple of months we will be working on ideas and plans for not only Feast Week but the fund raising events we have to put on to allow the main event to happen.

The first thing you should see in the run up to Christmas the sale of the winter grand draw raffle tickets. We are also looking to have a raffle running along side the main draw offering a kids prize of a Nintendo games consol. This raffle is an important source of income as it allows us to judge what level of fund raising events we need to put on in the early part of the year so please do dig deep and help support us.

The next event will be a quiz in the village hall on Saturday 26 January so please put this date in your diary and please again

contact a committee member if you would like to enter a team.

Hopefully we can get a large turnout for this first event. The evening will start at 7.30. There will be the usual bar and supper. Cost will be £8.50 per head and full details will be posted on the village web site and on the notice boards nearer the time.

In the next edition of Spectrum we hope to be in a position to advise you of our full plan of events and activities.

The details of the committee are

Chair	Peter Balicki	831787
Vice Chair	Justo Perez	831106
Treasurer	Graeme Gribbin	830481
Secretary	Sara Sampson	830383
Adrian Norman, Sharon Walker, Karen Walker, Adrian Snooke		

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008

It's now November and still it's hard to believe the residents of Hilton made such a 'magnificent' effort with their support of the Hilton Feast Week Show. The members of the Hilton Produce Show Club wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas. As this is also a January 2008 issue, we also wish you a very happy new year too and may it be an excellent growing one.

Herbie's Tip of the month: -

Put your feet up, sit read and be tempted by the seed and plant lists now available! Enquiries, technical to Herbie Collen, Show secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site www.hilton-village.com in the events section. You can email us from this site.

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a small and friendly group who meet in the Church Centre each Wednesday from 10-11.30am. Costs are £2 per family. We welcome children from babies up to school age.

We have lots to look forward to over the Christmas period, so we would love to see some new faces to come and join our festive activities. On Thursday 13th December the mothers are all meeting up to go out for a Christmas meal together. On Wednesday 12th December we will be holding our Christmas party for the children, where there will be lots of fun and games followed by a visit from Santa. There will be prizes and music for the children as well as a few snacks and nibbles. This will take place from 10am to 12 pm. All of this will be followed by our annual raffle where the prizes include a luxury hamper and other small prizes. The children will also be doing some festive craft activities over this period.

The group will be closed over the Christmas period with our last session on 19th December and not opening again until the 9th January.

If you would like to take part in any of our group activities or would just like to come along and give the group a visit please do not hesitate to come along or contact Nicola Orchard on 01480 399957 or nicola.caryl@ntlworld.com. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year and would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who is helping out with organising the Christmas activities.

Hilton Flower Club

We had a full house for our meeting with Ann Purt. It was very good to welcome her back again with 'Christmas Comes but Once'.

Fine, varied arrangements using fresh foliage and artificial flowers and seed heads, a snow scene with a forest (fresh) and artificial white trees, complimented by another arrangement using enormous white chrysanthemums - it gave us ideas for the coming festive season.

Together with the lucky raffle winners, we all had a great afternoon.

Next Meeting

Monday 3rd December 2.00pm Village Hall. Our own Christmas arrangements to share and Christmas Party.

No meeting in January.

Future in 2008

Monday 4th February 2.00pm Village Hall. Talk and slides on 'Autumn to Winter' with Alan Moores.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the club to everyone.

Love in a Box

Jenny Stimpson and Alison Fox, on behalf of Mustard Seed Relief Missions, would like to thank all those of you in Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Hilton who have supported this year's 'Love in a Box' campaign. 120 boxes were collected c/o the Fenstanton United Reform Church and the 1st Fenstanton Brownie Pack with a further 30 collected c/o Fen Drayton Primary School. This far exceeds the boxes supplied by our villages to the Charity in previous years.

Special mention must be made this year of Sally and her team at Vernon Property Management in Fenstanton, they put together 60 boxes, and thanks also to Chris Turner for her fundraising efforts.

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group



Small Brown Furry Animals

We will present an illustrated talk on Small Mammals – Where and How to Find Them, on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30 pm.

Our native small mammals play an important part in the ecology of the countryside and provide food for many of our higher mammals and birds of prey. Our meadows, woodlands and hedgerows, as well as our domestic gardens, provide a diversity of habitats for these often unseen, but fascinating creatures, such as shrews, voles and mice.

Why not join us in exploring this secret wildlife world, guided by one of Cambridgeshire's leading small mammal experts Dr. Sheila Pankhurst.

Everyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton. For further details contact: George Cottam on 01480 450809 or email georgecottam@dsl.pipex.com Please visit the web site for more information

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk

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Hilton Toddler Group

We are a small friendly group who meet every Thursday 1.45 til 3.15 in Hilton Village Hall, all children 0 – school age are welcome to come along. Just turn up, sessions cost just £2.00 per family or call Emily on 831142.

Hilton A14 Action Group

As you may be aware from the local press and information sent by the Highways Agency the preferred route has been announced and disappointingly, for Hilton, this turned out to be the orange route.

The next stage in the procedure is that the Highways Agency is going to engage with local bodies such as the Parish Council and will, as we understand it, look to try and answer or put in place schemes that will resolve local issues in advance of any Public Enquiry.

We are aware that villages such as Brampton are unhappy with the proposed routing at their end of the new road. We will, in conjunction with the Parish Council, look at trying to obtain the best results for the village in terms of reducing the environmental impact of the scheme and ensure that 'Hiltons' voice is not lost if there are other issues looked at by the Highways Agency and its contractors.

We have had the report in from the noise consultant and met him this week to discuss what more we can do. It is apparent from his initial findings that the Highways Agency has not carried out what we would consider suitable or sufficient noise readings of what the present impact of the road is on the village so that these could be measured against what the actual impact is when the scheme is opened.

The Parish Council will be looking at the suggestions of the noise consultant further, especially his recommendations on the most effective amelioration options and the possibility of taking measurements of the existing noise levels to allow us to argue our case as effectively as possible in future, including seeking compensation if appropriate.

Another area that we will be addressing is the possible impact on traffic levels through the village, especially on the B1040, and the options to minimise increases of traffic and, if at all possible, reduce traffic levels especially of HGVs.

We will continue to let you know what steps we are looking to take and if you have any feedback or would like any information whatsoever please contact Peter Balicki on 831787 Lissie Wright 830577 or Jon Dooley 07885 636745 to discuss further.

Fenstanton WI

Twelve of us attended the Group meeting in Hemingford Abbots on 24th October. We were expecting to hear about life behind the Iron Curtain by Gabriella, a Polish lady. However, she was born in Wolverhampton and spoke with that accent. She spoke for over an hour about her life and we laughed so much we were in stitches. She was extremely funny and her play on words was very clever. An excellent evening hosted by Hilton W.I. for which we send our thanks. At our meeting on 1st November Clarissa the hen sat on top of a basket and fixed her beady eyes on Joan. Joan was not impressed so the hen made soft clucking noises all to no avail! The chicken and two dogs were brought to us by Mrs Marion Radford and her husband who train not just dogs but horses, pigs, goats and sheep. We all fell in love with little Millie a dog who had been rescued from a dump in Whittlesea. She was taken to a vet who found that she had been strangled and her wind-pipe crushed. She had a tracheotomy and was only expected to live for 12 months. No one would give her a home so Marion took her in and now she is 7 years old. As well as Millie the couple have 6 other dogs, a tame duck and a parrot who hates the chicken, living in their house. The Trials and Tribulations of Living with Animals, indeed it was!

We have our Christmas Party to look forward to on December 6th. In January we do not have a meeting but we go to the Pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' in the Burgess Hall on January 8th.

Our meeting in February will celebrate our 90th Anniversary so don't miss it. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. For more information

call our secretary Beryl Harvey on (01480) 469278.

Fenstanton Pre-School

We start with really exciting news. The new climbing frame is now installed and in use. The children are really enjoying it and it is a great asset to the Pre-school. Funding of £7000 was provided by the Cambridgeshire branch of the Local Network Fund, a national fund for children and young people. The Local Network Fund is administered by Cambridgeshire ACRE.

Our Halloween disco was a great success, we raised over £200 for the pre-school. All the children together with brothers and sisters had a brilliant evening. Thanks to all the Parents who gave their time to help us on the evening.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 17th December : Christmas Carol Concert at Pre-School

Wednesday 19th December : Christmas Parties/Last day of term.

So from the Staff and Committee at Fenstanton Pre-School we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2008!!

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school.

We take children from the age of 3 years, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group



www.scubes.co.uk

Christmas Post – bargain rates for local card / letter delivery

Here's a reminder that we will once again be taking part in the Cromwell District Scout Christmas Post, at just 20p per letter / card. The villages we can deliver to this year are Bluntisham, Boxworth, Colne, Conington, Earith, Elsworth, Fen Drayton, Fenstanton, Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey, Hilton, Needingworth, Oldhurst, Papworth Everard, Ramsey, Somersham, St Ives, Woodhurst and Yaxley.

Posters confirming details and where stamps can be bought / letters posted will be displayed in local villages from 1st December.

Our Scout Troop will also be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton from 9.30am to 11.30am on **Saturday 8th December** selling stamps and collecting post. We will also be selling our delicious bacon butties and hot drinks, holding a tombola and offering mouth watering cakes for you to buy and take home 😊

New event – Sunday 9th December

We're delighted to announce we have been given permission to hold a new fundraising event at Huntingdon Garden and Leisure. Right outside the building we will have a car filled with balloons, and our Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts will be asking customers to enter a competition to guess how many there are. So please, come along and have a go 😊
Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

We enjoyed a fine spread at our Harvest Tea courtesy of all of our hard working members who prepared and set it out ready for us to eat and be merry. On Wednesday 7th November we had a fashion show courtesy of Edinburgh Woollen Mills – where several of our models wore the current season's fashions. This was enjoyed by all.

We have several events before Christmas and these are:-

- On December 5th – its our afternoon demonstration of flower arranging for all to enjoy
- On the 19th December it is our Christmas Social afternoon - this is an opportunity to show off your culinary skills by bringing tasteful Christmas fare for all to try.
- On the 8th January it is the Christmas pantomime, any members wishing to go please contact the club.

A REMINDER PLEASE – photos are required for your first born (if applicable) between 5 and 15 years for our “Match the Parent” competition.

We would, at this time, spare a thought for two of our members, Doris Venables and Arthur Rank who are presently being cared for in the hospice in Mill Road, Cambridge. We would also like to send warm wishes to Frank Curtis, who is at present in hospital.

The Over 60's club wish all past and present members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Due to such a busy time at Christmas for our members, we are having a belated Christmas dinner on January 9th – all are welcome.

Our first meeting of the New Year is January 16th

Hilton WI

At our well-attended November meeting, we were entertained by our Speaker, Sue Winn. It was a pleasure to welcome her back to Hilton and she gave us a very interesting and highly amusing account of her days as an air-hostess or “stargirl” flying from London to Brazil in 1946 in a converted Lancaster bomber - especially when she was asked to take the flight controls during her first trip! Sue shared with us her memories of London Airport with just three marquees; of being provided with accommodation in a Convent; of interesting passengers like Norman Hartnell, the royal couturier and also of a more frightening experience when a seagull was sucked into the engine.

On a subsequent flight, one of her colleagues was Richard Branson’s mother, who became a firm friend. As most of the flights were noisy, the cabin unpressurized and with only 14 passengers on board it was a very different experience to present-day air travel, but a highly entertaining talk.

As it is now a New Year for our W I, our President, Rosemary Blake, reminded us of the Committee Members for the current year. On Remembrance Sunday several of our members attended a tree planting ceremony on The Green in memory of George Britten and his wife Freda.

The next meeting on December 10th will be our Christmas Party and we look forward to an entertainment called “A Christmas Cracker” from Jackie Tevlin. This evening should give us an enjoyable start to the Festive Season. If you would like to give a raffle prize, please bring one on the night.

In the New Year, at the January 14th meeting our speaker will be Ian Burton. We welcome him back to Hilton and his talk on “The History of Papworth Settlement”

should provide an interesting evening to get our 2008 meetings under way.

We are delighted that several new members have joined our group this month. If you would like to join our friendly group, please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night – you will be most welcome.

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group



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Snow Leopards

The Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, welcome you to an illustrated talk on Snow Leopards, on Wednesday 9th January 2008.

This fascinating topic will be introduced to us by Peter Pilbeam. Peter has spent much of the last five summers in southern Siberia, on the borders of Mongolia and the Russian Federation, where he has been surveying the highly endangered snow leopard. Only about 400 of these magnificent animals remain in the wild, numbers having been drastically reduced by poaching and habitat loss. Peter’s talk will reveal to us the secrets of these snow leopards, including their prey, and their environment.

Peter also has a wealth of knowledge of our own wildlife, being actively involved in running the Cambridgeshire Mammal Group, as a Trustee of the Wildlife Trust and a Trust Reserve Warden.

Anyone interested in this captivating topic is most welcome to attend. Admission £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton. For further details contact: George Cottam on 01480 450809 or email

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Fenstanton Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday 24th October 2007

The AGM for Fenstanton Cricket Club took place at the Church Centre at the end of October. Reports were made on the 2007 season which saw the club win five of its matches and lose eight whilst another three were lost to the atrocious May weather – what made that even more annoying was that two of the fixtures were eminently winnable! A finishing position of sixth in a nine-team division saw a harsh relegation ahead of some major league re-structuring for 2008.

The club's awkward financial plight was debated with heavy expenditure caused by the inevitable replacement of the main mower which has had more breakdowns than Freddie Flintoff. Even more worrying is the cost involved in essential maintenance of the heavy roller. Ideas to raise funds continue to be swapped around but the proposal to sell Tatt for medical research was defeated (narrowly!).

The decision was taken to raise pitch hire price by 20% to raise some revenue although it was (quietly) pointed out that that the Club has yet to pay for last season's balls. Scientific evidence has yet to establish why opposition batsmen can smash the afore-mentioned articles to the boundary with ease while Fenstanton batsmen can only guide them gently into fielders' hands.

Club Officers for the 2008 season were decided after fiercely-contested elections and several re-counts (Andy ran out of fingers):

- a.. Secretary: Richard (“Ronnie”) Corbett
- b.. Treasurer: Mick Curtis
- c.. Captain and Scheduler: Roger Mitchell
- d.. Team Affairs (purely cricketing): Mike Piaggese

The rest of the Committee was re-elected en masse with particular thanks expressed to all of those not already mentioned (specifically Andy, Alan, Tatt and Steve) who go out of their way for our little club on such a regular basis.

Anyone looking to boost our membership next season on an occasional or regular basis can contact Ronnie (r.corbett1@ntlworld.com or 01480 374858) or Steve Treeby (stevetreeby@tmc corp.co.uk or 01480 468522). Steve in particular is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Indoor Cricket

Even as the chilly fingers of winter make any self-respecting cricketer pine for the days when a frozen box is merely somewhere to store his ice, the sport continues in the shape of indoor fixtures. The combined might of Fenstanton and Hilton took Waresley to the (dry) cleaners as a Mark Gifford hat-trick helped reduce them to 57 all out. Andy Taylor (22 n.o) and Sean Gifford (25 n.o) saw Fenstanton & Hilton home without losing a wicket.

Fenstanton Village Sports 2008

Following on from the success of the 2007 Fenstanton Village Sports we are looking forward to 2008.

The sports committee are looking for a Treasurer, new committee members and committed helpers on the day. If you are interested in any of the roles, please either contact Andrea - 494 238 or call and see Ron in the Farm Shop.

Fenstanton Youth Football

December and January League Fixtures:

8/12/07 – Blues v Cambourne Rovers (home)

8/12/07 – Reds v Huntingdon Rowdies
(away)

22/12/07 – Reds v Huntingdon Rowdies
(home)

22/12/07 – Blues v Cambourne Rovers (away)

05/01/08 – Blues v Reds (home and home!)

19/01/08 – Reds v Bluntisham Rangers (home)

20/01/08 – Blues v Somersham Orange (away)

Oct/Nov League Results:

Fenstanton Blue 1 v Huntingdon Rowdies 2

(A nail biting match, superb goal from Jordan Heaford but a penalty secured the Rowdies victory. MOTM: Oliver Hirst

Fenstanton Red 2 v Somersham Oranges 4

MOTM: Jake Balaam

Friendly Results

Fenstanton Red v Hemingford Grey: 5 – 1

Fenstanton Blue v Hemingford Grey: 3 – 1

Match Report – Fenstanton Reds v Somersham Oranges.

Having seen Fenstanton Youth Blue snatch a last minute equaliser to Somersham earlier in the season, The Reds knew they were up against stiff opposition. Tremendous work from Jake Balaam at the back gave Blair Reid the confidence to surge forward to score early on. 'Shaken but not Stirred' Somersham fired an equaliser back almost instantly from the 'halfway' line! shades of Beckham at the West End Ground. Harry 'Hat trick' Taylor fired a trademark 'blaster' from the edge of the box that sailed into the top left corner, Somersham's goalie who gave a great performance throughout the game could only watch on. The Reds management replaced all the outfielders to introduce fresh legs, bar Jake 'The Rock' Balaam who broke out of defence time and time again a la Alan Hansen. A goal less period led to a reintroduction of Blair Reid

which paid off almost immediately with a well worked 'set piece.' A quick throw to Blair who galloped onto the ball and despatched with confidence! Not to be undone, Somersham once again pounced to pull the rampant Reds back to a tenuous 1 goal lead. Sadly for the Oranges a 'freakish' own goal, put the match beyond their reaches and the Reds ran out 4:2 victors. The match was played in a great spirit by both teams and they enjoyed a friendly 'penalty shoot-out' competition after the match.

Next Month:

A Blue Detailed Match Report.

Under Sevens: As their confidence grows we plan to have a friendly match early in the new year against a local squad. We would like to increase the number of players in this group so if you know anyone who is interested please encourage them to join us, 10 – 11.30 every Saturday (£2.00 per session with no commitment at this stage). Phone Chris Malley on 839228 or Charlie for details. No training on 29th Dec or 5th Jan.

Xmas Party – Saturday 15th December, 6 til 9 pm at Fen Drayton Village Hall. All Under 7's and Under 8's with all their family welcome. Disco and Party food. Details will be handed out.

For further information contact **Charlie Darling on 01480 395338** after 6 pm

(or Nadine Taylor 01480 830839).

We meet at Fenstanton Football Field, off Chequer Street Park every Saturday.

From Us All at the Club, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and send special thanks to everyone who has supported us this year.

May our success continue.

Hilton Cricket Club



HILTON CRICKET CLUB



Not long until Christmas, and you need to select a present for the cricketer in your family. HCC Enterprises comes to the rescue once again. This year we feature the humble helmet.

Helmets, as worn by batsmen and close fielders, are a necessity these days. Gone are the times when Sir Geoffrey would face 90 mph deliveries with no more than a flat cap for protection, or when Brian Close would nothing more protective than a were 'ard in them days. Sadly, the fashionable as a First World War gas put their heads together to bring the helmet into the 21st Century with three great innovations.



field three inches from the bat, wearing Yorkshire bikini bottom. Cricketers helmet is here to stay, but it's about as mask. So, our team of designers have

The HelPod™ is the helmet with the built-in iPod which lets you listen to your favourite tune while you bat. You won't hear the sledging from the fielders around you, nor those annoying LBW appeals. If your partner at the other end is using a HelPod too, you can form a wireless network and share the music or talk and send texts to each other, commenting on the bowling.

The HelMorph™ is such a simple concept that you wonder why no-one thought of it before. This beauty is fitted with a rotating louvred grille. You'll remember louvered advertising boards at football grounds, where an ad for the local massage parlour would transform into one for Northern Rock, etc. The louvres on the HelMorph are set up to display the faces of your favourite batsmen – Kevin Pietersen, Ricky Ponting, Sachin Tendulkar.... As the bowler runs up, you press a button to rotate the louvres and your face morphs into KP! This is guaranteed to propel you to a century and give the man with the ball a nervous breakdown.

The HelBQ™ gives the helmet some utility. You spend £40 on a helmet, you wear it while you face a few overs until your partner runs you out. Then you stalk off and fling your helmet on the pavilion floor, and where it lands it lies for another week. What a waste of money. For a few quid more, you could have bought a HelBQ. After taking off this uniquely engineered gem at the end of your innings, you simply plug it in and the grille heats up for you to cook a juicy burger or a few sausages. There you have it – dinner for one! The bowl of the HelBQ will catch the drips of fat as your succulent meal sizzles. Alternatively, you can fill it with hot charcoal for that real BBQ flavour. The HelBQ is dishwasher-safe.

*Please note that we have now sold out of the satellite navigation system that directs visiting teams to Helston, rather than Hilton.

*Santa is visiting three lucky Hilton players early this year. They are the winners of our much coveted trophies: The AJ Oakett Memorial Trophy will be delivered to **Adi Darlow**; the George Britten Cup will appear in **Frazer Leader's** Christmas stocking and the Fred Robinson Memorial Trophy will be gently lowered down **Arnie Leader's** chimney.*



And finally – some breaking news – we've been promoted to Hunts League Division 4!!



What's On

December

3 rd Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
4 th Knitters and Natters	United Reformed Church	10.00 am
5 th Hilton Advent Lunch	10 Graveley Way	12.30 pm
5 th Fenstanton Over 60s	Church Centre	2.00 pm
6 th Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
8 th Scout Christmas Post	Clock Tower	9.30 am
9 th Toy Service	Fenstanton Parish Church	10.00 am
9 th Toy Service	Hilton Methodist Chapel	11.00 am
10 th Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm
11 th Fenstanton Clock Tower Christmas	lights switched on	6.30 pm
12 th Hilton Advent Lunch	7 Chequers Croft	12.30 pm
12 th Hunts Geranium & Fuschia	Hilton Village Hall	7.45 pm
14 th Hilton Carol Singing meet at the	Lych Gate	6.00 pm
19 th Hilton Advent Lunch	6 Tithe Close	12.30 pm
19 th Fenstanton Over 60s	Church Centre	2.00 pm
25 th	Christmas Day - Merry Christmas Everyone!	

January 2008

1 st Happy New Year		
4 th Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
10 th Meeting at Pimary School about new pedestrian entrance		6.30 pm
10 th Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting	Primary School	7.30 pm
14 th Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm
16 th Fenstanton Over 60s	Church Centre	2.00 pm
23 rd Hunts Geranium & Fuschia	Hilton Village Hall	7.45 pm
26 th Hilton Feast Week Quiz Night	Village Hall	7.30 pm
29 th Tot's Praise	Hilton Parish Church	1.30 pm

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Richard Baker	830063	07973 505770	www.rb-surveyors.co.uk
Silvertone Cleaning	493909	07786 688722	www.silvertonecleaning.co.uk
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Stormguard	831440	07964 112590	
Sue Allen Bespoke Framing	01954 203272	07779 528408	www.sueallenpictureframing.co.uk
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