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**Please advise us of any errors or of amendments needed to any of the above**

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The Spectrum Team wish you all  
a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

# Letters & Notices

Spectrum would like to thank Fenstanton Youth Football Club for their generous donation and also an anonymous Fenstanton resident for a donation too.

## Fireworks

Thank you and well done to the HILTON PYROMANIACS for giving us all a really excellent display this year, we appreciate your hard work – you even managed to sort out perfect weather for the event!

## The Bates Family

### Macmillan Appeal.

Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank the 58 people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. We are grateful to Jacky's Beauty for sponsorship. You helped raise a total of £434.85 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was an excellent result from a most enjoyable event. We have also ordered some £330 of Macmillan Christmas cards and stocking fillers for you. Thank you.

I would like to thank everyone who came to our recent fund-raising evening in aid of "Hunts and March branch of the **RSPCA**" Also thanks to those who were unable to come but very kindly gave donations. The RSPCA branch members who organised the evening, and came to our house laden with Christmas goodies, were delighted that just over £300 was raised. The branch needs every penny it can get as it is taking in increasing numbers of unwanted animals where owners can no longer afford to keep them or fail to look after them properly. Also there are more and more requests for help with veterinary bills in these difficult financial times. The branch has just taken premises in Market Hill ,St Ives (where Jackdaw was) and this shop is proving to be a

good source of income for the branch. Do make a visit! Many thanks,  
**Sandy and Richard Monk**

## POPPY APPEAL 2008/2009

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Fenstanton and Hilton people who collected for this year's Poppy Appeal. Also all the shops and offices who kindly had poppy boxes on their premises.

I would also like to extend my grateful thanks to Margaret Shardlow who has organised the Hilton poppy sellers for me for the last 8 years (and before that!), her input and help has been invaluable over the years. Regrettably, Margaret decided to stand down this year and Emily Simmonds has agreed to take on the role of helping me organise Hilton and has successfully completed her first Appeal! I look forward to working with her in future years.

To date, nearly £2000 has been collected and paid into the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal account. There are still some monies outstanding and I am hoping to organise some more fundraisers, such as bingo, horseracing, etc before the end of the Poppy year (May 2009) so am hoping our final total will exceed that of last year. My thanks again.,  
**Gill Dartford**, Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Fenstanton and Hilton

The family of Justin Reynolds would like to thank everyone, all our friends, neighbours and work colleagues, for their kind messages, floral tributes and cards, all of which have given us great comfort at such a sad time. We would also like to thank everyone who attended Justin's funeral on 21 October and gave donations to the Anthony Nolan Trust in his memory.

**Pauline Reynolds"**

## Letters continued

### Seasons Greetings from Revd Ball!

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. It is a wonderful time of showing our love and gratitude to others through the exchanging of cards and presents. Yet giving has changed over the years. I remember as a child receiving nuts, a silver coin and a mandarin orange in my stocking. Nowadays it is more likely to be an MP3 player, a mobile phone or a DVD! It is often hard to think of what to give people, because they already seem to have everything! However we may still see the surprise and delight on the faces of children and those who are young at heart as they receive unexpected but thought reminds us of the greatest gift of all time: God's gift of his only Son, Jesus.

If you would like to recapture a sense of wonder and expectation at this special time of year come to some of the Advent and Christmas Services at the two churches in Fenstanton. You will hear about the night of Jesus' birth when choirs of angels sang God's praise and proclaimed the good news of peace on earth and goodwill to all. You will be reminded of the story of the shepherds who were the first to visit the baby and of the wise men who offered him exotic gifts from the East.

Let us renew our sense of joy and delight this Christmas, as we give to others and receive again the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ and Prince of Peace.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas full gifts. The pleasure of giving and receiving and a Happy New Year! **The Revd Catherine Ball**  
Fenstanton United Reformed Church

### Fenstanton Village Hall update

Just as we thought we had cleared all the hurdles and that the sale of the old Village Hall site was going through, the prospective buyer reduced his offer drastically. Given that the Village Hall site is the only solid asset which this charity owns, the Committee decided that it would be unwise to sell the site at this time of economic downturn. The site is therefore once again on the market and will remain so until another prospective buyer makes a suitable offer. Our

search for a new site continues. Meanwhile, we are trying to raise funds on our own account starting with the Christmas Draw which will be drawn on Tuesday, 9th December 2008, at the Clock Tower when Father Christmas switches on the lights. This is an event shared with the Scouts (see posters for details). Please do come along!

### 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. It was great to not only receive filled boxes but also donations towards topping up boxes such as bags of toy cars, knitted items and soft toys. We collected 108 boxes in total (60 from Fenstanton and 38 from Fen Drayton); which will surely be much appreciated by the children.

The boxes are about to be collected by volunteer drivers for their onward journey to orphanages in Iraq, the Ukraine, Croatia and Bosnia in time for Christmas.

Thank you again for your support. We intend to run the campaign again next year. It is not too soon to be saving shoeboxes and keeping an eye out for useful items

### Village vandalism

As you are aware there has recently been a spate of vandalism within Hilton and particularly at the Village Hall. The most serious incidents have concerned the gas supply to the hall. These actions are life endangering and the Village Hall Trustees take the tampering with the supply as a criminal offence and the police have been informed.

Please contact committee members or police if anyone, adult or child, is seen acting suspiciously in the grounds  
Of the Village Hall

### Donna Holdaway

Chairman of Hilton Village Hall Management Committee.

## **Parish Council Report Hilton**

The Parish Council is looking for a Parishioner to take on the role of Tree Warden. The role is not onerous, and entails an annual inspection of all parish owned trees. A Contractor is then employed to survey all the trees and undertake necessary maintenance if required. Anyone who has expertise in this field and would be interested in helping us, please contact the Clerk on 830839.

Litter in the village appears to be on the increase, in particular in Tythe Lane, (the footpath between Chapel Close and Graveley Way). Parents are asked to remind their children to use the litter bins provided or take their rubbish home. Thank you for your support.

Hilton residents are reminded that anyone over the age of 12 must hold an Environment Agency Licence to legally fish in the village.

A14 Action Group: Public Exhibitions of the design of the new A14 will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, followed by on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Girton College, Cambridge. These events will be bigger than any previous consultation/exhibitions and will include three large models of the scheme including one of the centre of Huntingdon and large scale plans of the whole length of the scheme. The Highways Agency has approved a junction at Wood Green which the Action Group believe this could have a negative effect on Hilton.

The Parish Council have been busy preparing the precept for the next financial year. The final amount must be formally authorised at the December Parish Council meeting for submitting to Huntingdon District Council in December.

The Parish Council send their gratitude to Graham Barradell and his team of helpers for a most successful and superb firework display, enjoyed by many.

Nadine Taylor – Clerk to Hilton Parish Council  
Tel: 830839 or email [thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com](mailto:thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com)

### **CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6 pm.  
Once again we shall be making our way round Hilton,  
singing carols and collecting for 'Save the Children'.  
Please come along and join us at the Parish Church at 6pm,  
- you are welcome to join us whenever you can, during the evening.  
We need singers and collectors on the night.

# Parish Council Report

## Fenstanton

### Police report.

During the period 9th October to 11th November 2008 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

- 3 Anti social behaviour (car windows being broken).
- 1 Arson attack (shed destroyed at the allotments).
- 1 burglary.
- 1 attempted entry to garage.
- 2 thefts from a motor vehicles.
- 1 theft from a shed at the allotments.
- 1 reported but unspecified incident.

Two further incidents of arson were reported, which are of particular concern. Both incidents occurred on the 12th November. The first happened at approximately 7pm in an alley way between Headlands and Simmer Piece. Four wheelie bins and fencing were set alight. Fortunately a resident was able to stop the fire spreading prior to the attendance of the Fire Service. The second incident occurred at the rear of the shops in Rookery Place. Several T light candles were placed on and underneath two parked cars. Obviously the consequences of both actions could have been very serious and most certainly put lives at risk. It is imperative these irresponsible and mindless individuals are caught before lives are lost. The Parish Council urges all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or information they may have to the Police. Telephone 0845 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

### Reduced Stagecoach Bus Service.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and a Councillor held a productive and constructive meeting with Mr. Campbell, Managing Director of Stagecoach Cambridgeshire. Whilst we must appreciate we will not see a return of the excellent bus service we have enjoyed in the past we are optimistic that improvements can and will be made, particularly during the peak rush hour periods. Because of operational scheduling it is inevitable a gap will exist during these periods. An element of flexibility exists whereby the gap can be moved thus improving the timings of the existing buses. The Parish Council and Stagecoach are working together to find a period that minimizes the effect on commuters. Disagreement does exist on improving an evening service and the Parish Council will continue to press for one bus an hour to service the Village. It is hoped the County Council will support the Parish Council to this end. Support is also being given by our

representatives on both the County Council and the District Council who are also holding meetings with Mr. Campbell. However we continue to urge those who use the buses to write to Mr. Campbell at 100 Cowley Road Cambridge CB4 0DN and express their opinions.

### Cycle Rack – London Road Bus Stop.

As part of their Cycle friendly policy Hemingford Grey Parish Council are proposing to install a cycle rack at the bus stop on the eastern side of London Road, which falls into the Parish of Fenstanton. Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Division has no objections to the project but is unable to contribute financially and therefore a request has been made for financial assistance from this Parish. Fenstanton Parish Council has no objection but is aware that the greatest benefit will be gained from the residents of Hemingford Grey. Before the Parish Council makes a decision on this matter we would welcome any comments from parishioners who cycle and use this bus stop.

### Guided Busway – further disruption.

Whilst the Over / Willingham Road has now re-opened disruption can be expected from 17th November on Harrison Way. Initially work will start on the eastern carriageway and when this is completed work will start on the western carriageway . Work will not take place during peak periods. Outside these periods the lane will be closed and traffic flow will be controlled by lights. This will inevitably lead to queues and delays. Work is expected to continue until March 2009.

### Dog fouling.

Although this remains a village wide problem an increase in owners allowing their dogs to foul on the open space in Hampton Close has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. This is, of course, a health hazard to children, many of whom play on the open space and extremely unpleasant for parents. We, therefore, request all dog owners act in responsible manner and ensure they clean up after their pets.

### Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

The Parish Council wishes all Parishioners a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year



## The Fenstanton Town Trust

This trust dates back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I to help the villagers of Fenstanton. If you know of anyone residing in the village who would benefit by receiving any financial help from the trust, please apply in writing to the clerk to the trustees.

All applications will be looked at and treated in confidence.

Clerk to the Trustees:

Mrs A Sinclair-Russell,

Oakwood, Park Street

Chatteris, Cambs, PE16 6AL

(please note new address)

## 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

### ADVENT LUNCHESES

#### In aid of S A N D S

(Stillbirth and  
Neo-natal Death Charity)

will be held at 12.30 to 2.30 on  
the following Wednesdays

3 December, Cheska Hodder,  
15 Kidman's Close

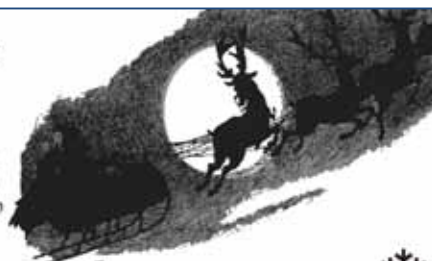
10 December, Vissé Slayter,  
The Old Rectory

17 December, Muriel Bell,  
6 Tithe Close

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee  
or soft drink,

Price £2 adults Children free  
Donations gratefully received

Fenstanton Village  
Hall Committee  
and  
1st Fenstanton and  
Hilton Scout Group



# Fenstanton

The Scouts  
will be serving  
Hot Drinks &  
Gingerbread

# Christmas

The Village Hall Committee will be  
serving Mulled Wine & Minced Pies

# Lights

## Tuesday 9th December

6.30pm - 7.30pm at The Clock Tower

Santa will be turning the lights on at 7.00pm

The Fenstanton Village Hall  
Grand Christmas Draw at 7.10pm

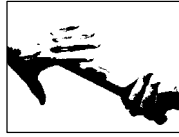
1st Prize Christmas Hamper  
2nd Prize Mixed Case of Wine  
3rd Prize Christmas Cake  
and lots more



Brain Tub and Post Box to Santa  
(Please remember to put your name and address on the letters)



## Handing over the Baton – Spectrum moves on



We are pleased to announce that our call for new editors produced a good response and over the next couple of months we will be working with those who have come forward to train up a new editorial team who will, we believe, carry the Spectrum baton with imagination and enthusiasm. Thank you..

Greetings from New Kid, Amanda Keel  
Greetings to all parishioners from the new kid on the block. Yes, I've grabbed the editorial baton willingly with both hands and I'm almost ready to take the Spectrum upwards and onwards. Pauline is very kindly training me and I hope to be let free some time in the spring... so here's warning! The team thought it would be good for me to introduce myself and let you know why I'd like to look after your magazine. Well, bringing people together is important to me. One of the things I love about the villages is

the sense of real community spirit and the Spectrum conveys that feeling. It's such a treat to have the magazine drop through my letterbox near monthly knowing I've got cover to cover to get through with my cup of coffee. I couldn't bear to lose it. The Spectrum's combination of local advertisers and local news and events has been a lifesaver to a recent newcomer like me. Within its pages there is always somewhere I can take the kids and if I need a dripping tap fixed or my hair done it is the first place I turn. There really is something for everyone. So now I've got an opportunity to be a part of the team that voluntarily produces this lovely little magazine I'm bringing all my experience in art and design and creative writing to make sure you receive the news you want in a way that is both informative and entertaining. I've got some great ideas to make your magazine even better but first I have to study hard to become a worthy editor. Over to you Pauline...

## Feature from Huntingdonshire District Council

### ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR BILLS?

If you are finding it increasingly difficult to make your money cover all the essential costs in the current economic climate there are several things that you can do to help you make ends meet.

**BENEFITS** Have you claimed all the Benefits that you may be entitled to?

If you pay rent and or Council Tax and have a low income (either wages, pensions or other state benefits) you may be able to get help by claiming Housing and Council Tax benefit. Currently there are approximately 8500 residents of the district receiving these benefits and this figure has increased by over 1000 cases in

the last three years. Please contact the Benefit Section at Huntingdonshire District Council on 01480 388308 or email: [benefit@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:benefit@huntsdc.gov.uk) for an application form. If you feel that you may need help with completing the form then a home visit can be arranged.

If you are employed you should check to see if you may be entitled to Working Tax Credit. If you have children you may also be able to claim Child Tax Credit. You should contact HM Revenues and Customs on 0845 300 3900.

Why not give the Department of Works and Pensions a ring on their Benefit Enquiry line 0800

882200 or visit their website @ [www.dwp.gov.uk/contact](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/contact) to see if there are any other benefits you may be able to claim.

If you are of pensionable age (60 years old) you may be able to claim Pension Credit by phoning 0800 99 1234 or by visiting [www.thepensionservice.gov.uk/pensioncredit](http://www.thepensionservice.gov.uk/pensioncredit).

**SAVING ENERGY** HDC's Environment Efficiency Team may also be able to help you save money on your heating and energy bills so why not give them a call on 01480 388277. There are a number of grants on offer depending upon your circumstances:

### **Insulation Schemes**

There are various discounted offers and grants for loft and cavity wall insulation for homeowners and people living in privately rented accommodation. Please contact the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre, Anglia (ESTACA) on 0800 512012.

HDC is also working with British Gas who is offering loft and cavity wall insulation at substantially discounted prices. To apply please telephone British Gas on 0845 971 7731, quoting reference: HUNT.

If you are in receipt of certain income or disability related benefits you may qualify for a 100% grant for the above schemes. However, if you are over 70 years of age and you own your own house or are in privately rented accommodation then you will automatically qualify for 100% funding for the ESTACA offer. Call Aran Services on 0800 5877795. Due to its popularity there is now a waiting list in place.

### **Warm Front Grant**

Again, if you are in receipt of certain income or disability benefits, the Government's Warm Front Scheme offers up to £2,700 for energy efficient improvements including: Loft and Cavity Wall Insulation, including draught proofing Hot Water tank insulation Central heating installation and repairs to existing systems

You can contact Warm Front directly on 0800 3162814. Sometimes there is an excess to pay if the cost exceeds the grant. If this is the case you may be eligible for a "top-up" grant of up to £800 through the District Council 01480 388388. Warm Front also offers a "benefit" check. If you are not

sure if you are entitled to a grant, then call the Benefit Entitlement Check Team on 0800 0729006.

### **Warmer Homes for Life Scheme**

If you own your own house or live in privately rented accommodation and receive any of the following benefits, you will be eligible for free loft and cavity wall insulation through HDC's Warmer Homes for Life Scheme:  
Child Tax Credit (with an income of less than £15,460)  
Working Tax Credit (with an income of less than £15,460)  
Attendance Allowance  
Disability Allowance  
Income Support  
Housing and or Council Tax Benefit  
War Disablement Pension  
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit  
Pension Credits

Along with this offer, all eligible households will also benefit from an assessment of their property to help identify where other improvements can be made and what other grants may be available. To request an application form ask to speak to the Environment Team on 01480 388388.

### **Department of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR)**

BERR provides grants not only for householders but also for community organisations, schools etc. It encourages installation of: solar PV panels; wind turbines; small hydro; solar thermal hot pumps; ground source heat pumps; and bio energy systems. The programme will end in April 2009 and two streams of grant funding are available:

Smaller projects for home owners (0800 9150990)  
Larger projects for businesses, organisations and the public sector (0874 232313)

### **HDC & Climate Energy Solar Hot Water Scheme**

The District Council is working in partnership with Climate energy to promote a new solar scheme. The scheme can provide £600 towards set up costs and potentially a further £400 grant through the Low Carbon Programme. This grant is available to all home owners regardless of income or benefits. For more information or to apply call 0800 0966356.

### **SUMMARY**

We appreciate that many of you might not qualify for some of the above schemes especially if you do not receive a form of benefit already. However, if you feel that you need advice in the current economic climate then in conjunction with other agencies such as the Citizen Advice Bureaux, the District Council has produced a leaflet outlining all Agencies/Organisations within the District and how they can be of assistance to you. We are making arrangements to have copies of the leaflet held locally.

We hope that the above is of value and if you need further help please ring the District Council switchboard (01480 388388) and they will put you in contact with the relevant department.  
Ian Bates (County & District Councillor)  
(01480 830250)  
Paul Dakers (District Councillor)  
(01480 465034)  
Chris Stephens (District Councillor)  
(01480 467827)  
November, 2008

# Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Churches

## DECEMBER

### Thursday 4th

Fenstanton 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

### Sunday 7th **Second Sunday in Advent**

Hilton 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00 p.m. Said Evensong

### Sunday 14th **Third Sunday in Advent**

Fenstanton 10.00 a.m. Worship for All – Toy Service

Hilton 11.00 a.m. United Gift Service at Methodist Chapel with Sunday Club in Methodist school room.

### Thursday 18th

Fenstanton 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

### Friday 19th

Hilton 6.00 p.m. Carols around the village

### Sunday 21st **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Hilton 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Fenstanton 4.00 p.m. Carol Service

Hilton Carol Service at Methodist Chapel

### Monday 22nd

Fenstanton 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon. Children's Christmas Workshop

### Wednesday 24th **Christmas Eve**

Fenstanton 4.00 p.m. Crib Service

Hilton 6.00 p.m. Crib Service

Fenstanton 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion

Hilton 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion at Methodist Chapel

### Thursday 25th **Christmas Day**

Hilton 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Fenstanton 10.00 a.m. Family Worship

### Sunday 28th **First Sunday of Christmas**

Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Family Communion (by extension)

Hilton 11.15 a.m. Family Communion (by extension)

## JANUARY

### Sunday 4th **Epiphany**

Hilton 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Fenstanton 6.00 p.m. Said Evensong

### Sunday 11th **First Sunday of Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ**

Fenstanton 10.00 a.m. Worship for All

Hilton 11.00 / 11.15 **United Communion service, venue TBC**

### Thursday 15th

Fenstanton 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

## **Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Churches**

Sunday 18th Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Hilton 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion  
Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Sunday Club  
Fenstanton 6.00 p.m. Evensong  
Sunday 25th Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Fenstanton 9.30 a.m. Family Communion  
Hilton 11.15 a.m. Family worship (lay lead) with coffee served  
beforehand at 11.00 a.m.  
Tuesday 27th  
Hilton 1.30 p.m. Tots Praise  
Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Church

### Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays at Hilton 10.00am Discussion Group Hilton Hall  
11.00am Morning Prayer/Communion Hilton Hall  
Thursdays at Fenstanton 8.30am Morning Prayer  
Fridays at Fenstanton 7.30pm Teenage Christians

From the Vicar...

Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens:

For Fenstanton, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries) For Hilton, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466. I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answerphone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com)



**Fenstanton Parish Church**

# **TOY SERVICE**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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



## Fenstanton United Reformed Church

|                    |               |   |
|--------------------|---------------|---|
| Sunday 7th         | 9:30am        | Revd Derek Newton                             |
| Sunday 14th        | <b>9:30am</b> | Revd Catherine Ball                           |
| Sunday 14th        | 6.00pm        | Revd Catherine Ball                           |
| Sunday 21st        | 9.30am        | Revd Derek Newton                             |
| <b>Sunday 21st</b> | <b>3:00pm</b> | <b>Christmas Carol Service</b>                |
| Thursday 25th      | 9.30am        | Revd Catherine Ball. <b>Christmas Morning</b> |
| Sunday 28th        | 9:30am        | Revd Catherine Ball                           |

### Services January 2009

|             |         |                     |
|-------------|---------|---------------------|
| Sunday 4th  | 9:30am  | Revd Derek Newton   |
| Sunday 11th | 9:30am  | Revd Catherine Ball |
| Sunday 11th | 6.00 pm | Revd Catherine Ball |
| Sunday 18th | 9:30am  | Revd David Viles    |
| Sunday 25th | 9:30am  | Revd Catherine Ball |

### February 2009

|            |         |                   |
|------------|---------|-------------------|
| Sunday 1st | 9.30 am | Revd Derek Newton |
|------------|---------|-------------------|

### Other Events December 2008

|                     |          |   |
|---------------------|----------|---|
| Tuesday 2nd         | 10.00am  | Knitters and Natters  |
| Monday 1st          | 2:00pm   | Advent Course   |
| Saturday 13th       | 9.00am   | Men's Breakfast Fellowship. To be led by Revd Peter Ball. All local men welcome. Call John on 468718. |
| Tuesday 9th         | 10.00am  | The Open Door Coffee Morning.   |
| Wed 10th            | 2:00pm   | Advent Course   |
| Tuesday 16th        | 10.00 am | Knitters and Natters.   |
| Wed 17th            | 2:00pm   | Advent Course   |
| Tuesday 23rd        | 10.00am  | The Open Door Coffee Morning.   |
| <b>Tuesday 30th</b> | 10:00am  | Knitters and Natters  |

### Other Events January 2009

|               |          |   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| Tuesday 6th   | 10.00am  | The Open Door Coffee Morning                                      |
| Saturday 10th | 08.30 am | Men's Breakfast Fellowship. A review of 2008 and a plan for 2009. |
| Monday 12th   | 8.00 pm  | Plough Monday tea and coffee                                      |
| Tuesday 13th  | 10.00 am | Knitters and Natters  |
| Saturday 17th | 10.00 am | Monthly book sale   |
| Tuesday 20th  | 10.00 am | The Open Door coffee morning                                      |
| Sunday 25th   | 06.00 pm | <b>Alive @ 5</b> , Inspirational café worship for all.            |
| Tuesday 27th  | 10.00 am | Knitters and Natters  |

**Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.**

Fenstanton  
United Reformed  
Church is part of  
the St Ives Group  
of Churches  
Contact Revd  
Catherine Ball on  
01480-352059 or  
the Free Church  
St. Ives on  
01480-468535

## Hilton Methodist Church

### December

7<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Rev. F Vivian

14<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Rev Katy Dunn & Rev Dr Robin McKenzie

United Toy and Gift Service 'Action for Children' (formerly NCH). Please bring a gift – wrapped and labelled with age/sex of child it is suitable for. Monetary gifts are also welcome for the charity. We will be taking our normal church collection as well! There will be an activity provided for the children at the service.

21<sup>st</sup> 11.00 am Mrs Leonore Charlton

6.00 pm Candlelit carol service – a service of lessons and carols. All ages welcome.

Mince pie and tea/coffee afterwards. The collection will be for Cambridge ME support group.

24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 pm Midnight communion service with Katy Dunn

28<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Local arrangement

### January

4<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Mr J Garner

11<sup>th</sup> 11.15 am United Service at the Parish Church. Rev Dr Robin McKenzie.  
Children's Sunday Club in the Methodist Hall.

18<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Covenant Service with Holy Communion, led by Rev Katy Dunn

26<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Mr Michael Benneworth

## Angel Workshop and Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6-8 pm, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am – 5 pm and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 - 5.30 pm. Don't forget to go and see the angels hanging on Hilton's Christmas Tree in the Methodist Church in St Ives. There will be lots of other trees which have been decorated differently and you can buy cakes and craft goods from the stall. All the proceeds are being shared between the East Anglian Children's Hospice and Huntingdonshire Young Carers.

Thanks to Pauline and Jane and all the helpers and especially the children who came along to the Angel Workshop in November. You all worked so hard to make our tree look beautiful.

## Tot's Praise

The children had fun pulling things from the Golden Box which then made the scene of the parable when Jesus healed the sick man who was lowered down through the roof. Well done everybody. The last Tuesday of the month in December is during Christmas, so we will next meet in the New Year on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2009. "Happy Christmas" to all our friends.

Tot's Praise last Tuesday of the month. 1.30 – 2.30. We look forward to seeing you then

### The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Christian Fellowship Saturday Breakfast.

The December 13<sup>th</sup> men's fellowship breakfast will be led by the Rev Peter Ball and the discussion will be; Jesus is the light of the world, how can we let him shine?

At the January 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 breakfast meeting we will consider the past year's activities and discuss an agenda for the breakfast meetings throughout 2009.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the URC church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, from 8.45 am to approximately 10.30 am. As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or [john.deeks@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)





## 1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group



### Christmas Post 2008



Every year the 1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group joins forces with other local Scout Groups to deliver your Christmas post - at the bargain rate of just **20p** per card / letter. Ideal for either your personal post or company card delivery and you help raise funds for a worthwhile cause at the same time ☺

This year we will be accepting post for delivery to all of the following destinations:

|             |                             |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Boxworth    | Hemingfords (Abotts & Grey) | Pidley   |
| Bury        | Hilton                      | Ramsey (Heights, Hollow, St Mary's & Mereside) |
| Broughton   | Needingworth                | St Ives  |
| Conington   | Oldhurst                    | Somersham                                      |
| Elsworth    | Needingworth                | Upwood   |
| Fen Drayton | Papworth Everard            | Warboys  |
| Fenstanton  | Pidley                      | Wistow   |
|             |                             | Woodhurst                                      |



Please kindly take note that we are only able to deliver to the villages listed above, and therefore NOT places like Hartford or Godmanchester.

**Saturday 13th December 2008**

We will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton from 9.00am to 11.30am to sell stamps and collect your post. There will also be a **tombola** and a **cake stall**.

As usual you can find the stall by following the delicious smell of bacon cooking - as we rustle up **bacon butties** for you to buy. So why not save on the washing up and bring the family to dine "al fresco" for breakfast?

Please come along and support your local Scout Group - see the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in action as they do everything from selling stamps to washing up (with a little bit of help from the adults ☺)

**All profits from this fund raising will be used in support of our Scouting activities.**



# Club News

*from the villages*

## Fenstanton WI

Well done Claire. The Group Meeting at Hemingford Abbot's Village Hall went off perfectly. Many thanks to our ladies who provided home-made biscuits and to those who served the teas, washed up and put out all the chairs.

At our meeting on November 6th Ron Sheridan talked about 'Having Fun with Wood'. Ron had worked for British Telecom for 30 years and took up woodwork after taking early retirement. His wife was dubious when he offered to make cupboards for the kitchen but after successfully producing one in their utility room she agreed and his business grew from there. He first made rustic seats for the garden and after selling some in the village he started going to craft fairs. He then expanded to other things and invested in more tools. The goods displayed on two tables certainly showed his versatility; key rings, letter openers, light pulls, walking sticks, stools, bottle-openers, wooden spoons, spurtles, little mice carved from Yew or Laburnum and much more. Many of us started our Christmas shopping there and then. Peggy, you should have been there; you would have had a free Peggy! Janette Buchanan gave the vote of thanks. We finish the year with our Christmas Party on December 4th.

We do not have a meeting in January but we are looking forward to our pantomime trip to Snow White on the 13th at the Burgess Hall.

If you would like to join our friendly group and get to meet new people please come along to our first meeting in 2009 on Thursday 5th February. We meet in the Church Centre at 7.30pm

### Dates for Future Meetings 2009.

5th February History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force by Sqn. Ldr. Kevin Dalley (rtd.)

5th March A talk by Mervyn Foster, a Quantum Touch/Shiatsu Practitioner.

2nd April My Apprenticeship with the Royal School of Needlework by Mrs. Jane Hipkin.

## Hilton Village Hall

Hilton Village Hall invites you to attend the inaugural

### Valentine Dinner/Dance

on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

An evening of good food, convivial company and romantic music with crooner Chris Triggs.

Ticket Price: £17.50 - this includes welcome drink, 2 course dinner with romantic music and dancing.

Book now to reserve either a table or place by phoning:  
Donna on 830770,  
Maggie on 830028,  
Deb on 830157  
or any committee member

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID  
DISAPOINTMENT AS PLACES  
ARE LIMITED**

## Fen Drayton Lakes

Waterfowl numbers have been steadily increasing through the autumn, and large numbers of several species are easily seen, particularly on Elney Lake. The number of coots is significantly higher than last winter, and we counted 1772 on 19 October. The highest figure from last winter's monthly counts came in January 2008, when we found 1228 coots.

Coots are widespread in the UK lowlands, but large numbers leave their breeding grounds in northern Europe and Russia to spend the winter months with us. As a large part of their diet is made up of aquatic plants, they must move away from areas that freeze over in winter. The number of coots at Fen Drayton Lakes represents about 1% of the national winter population.

Very few people would say the coot is their favourite bird. They are black, with a white bill and facial disk, and have greenish legs, so are not particularly colourful, but they do have character. They are generally sociable in winter, although the occasional squabble breaks out, but once the nesting season arrives, birds will set up territories and vigorously defend their patch from other coots.

Coots are popular with gadwalls, one of our dabbling ducks, especially when the lakes are deep. If the gadwalls cannot reach aquatic plants by up-ending in the water, they will follow coots, as these birds will dive for plants. Inevitably, some bits of the plants brought up by the coots break away, and the gadwalls grab an easy snack.

Neil Renwick 01954 233267  
[neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk)

The winter starling roost has already been established, and can be enjoyed on still, dry afternoons in the last half hour before it gets

dark. One of the favoured spots is Holywell Lake reed bed, where people can sit in the relative warmth and comfort of their car to watch the flock gather and swirl around for a while before settling in to the reeds.

Construction work for the guided bus way will close the Holywell Ferry Road crossing to vehicles, probably in the second half of January, for just a few days, although pedestrian access will remain.

Please remember to feed your garden birds throughout the winter, and make sure there is some fresh water for them to drink too. Give your birds a treat, perhaps with sunflower hearts, suet or dried fruit, and enjoy watching them while you enjoy a cuppa, perhaps in your favourite chair.

Sunflower hearts may seem expensive, but there is very little waste, and most birds enjoy them. Shredded suet and dried fruit are very popular with blackbirds, song thrushes and the most popular bird on your Christmas cards, the robin. If you don't want to encourage pigeons, choose seed mixes that do not have wheat, which is too hard for most of our garden birds. The RSPB team wishes you a happy Christmas and good health in 2009.

### Wetland Walkabouts

Join us for a guided walk in search for winter birds. We start from the Elney Lake car park, with the wooden viewing screen, about a quarter mile from Fen Drayton village, just beyond the recreation ground.

Wednesday 3 December 10am-12.30pm

Thursday 18 December 10am-12.30pm

Thursday 15 January 10am-12.30pm



robin

## **Fenstanton & Hilton Toddler Group**

We are a small and friendly group who meet every Wednesday in Fenstanton Church Centre from 10.00 - 11-30am. £2 per family.

Firstly, a warm welcome to the new mums that have joined us and we look forward to seeing more new faces in the New Year. We welcome babies to school age children and have a good selection of toys for all. We have a secure area for babies and a craft table for our budding artists which is run on a rota basis..

We have a lot coming up in December. On the 3rd and 10th December the children will be making decorations on our craft table. On the 17th December we have the Childrens Christmas Party which will include games, food, a visit from Father Christmas and a session of 'Clap and Sing' with Sharon. Finally on the 18th December the mums will be letting their hair down at The Cock in Hemingford Grey. We wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and will get back together on the 7th January 2009.

If you fancy a tea or coffee while the children play please come along, first visit is free!! Alternatively, if you would like further information please contact Sarah Edwards on 01480 463933 or [edwardss13@sky.com](mailto:edwardss13@sky.com).

## **Hilton Baby & Toddler Group**

We are a friendly group who meet in the village hall for large amounts of tea and biscuits whilst comparing notes on our little treasures/horrors! If you fancy coming along just turn up or alternatively call Emily on 831142. Session costs £2.00 per family – bargain!

## **Fenstanton Pre-School**

We are welcoming lots of new families over the next few months. Our numbers are likely to reach an all time high during the Summer Term, but we are very optimistic that we shall be able

to accommodate everyone since Ofsted have increased our maximum numbers allowed.

Children are admitted to the group in the Half Term in which they become 3 – places permitting. Names can be added to our waiting list from 1½ years (this slight change in age will assist in our forward planning).

Are you thinking of replacing your computer or have already done so? We really need another one (for the children's use) – so if you have or know where we could get hold of one (preferably with a flat screen monitor and Windows XP) please contact us on 01480 496156 – we would be very grateful.

As part of a current theme we have been looking at the importance of helping others and to appreciate those who help us. We have taken the children to see the poppies on the War Memorial and spent time trying to explain in simplistic terms the meaning of Remembrance Day and made our own poppies. We also have had lots of fun with activities designed to raise money for Children in Need.

This year we are running our annual Christmas raffle on Monday 15th December 2007 during our Christmas singing. First prize is a fabulous GIANT Christmas Hamper plus lots of other exciting prizes – please call into Pre-School for your tickets – only £1 each.

We like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support and help us – without which we would not be such a successful group. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART 19 Needingworth Road, St Ives**

*Parish Priest: Rev P Maddison*

Tel: 01480 462192

[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

email: [office@sacredheart-stives.org](mailto:office@sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times

Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)

Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We also have a large hall available for hire. Please contact the parish office for details.

## **Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)**

The main news on traffic has been the closure of the 1040 between Church End and Papworth from the 3rd - 12th November for road surfacing and repairs and its effect on the village.

Residents in the Graveley Way area were adversely affected due to traffic being diverted in order to join the 1198 and onwards. The volume and speed was considerable - not helped by the lack of visible speed signs, also making lengthy waits for access from homes and several near misses. One person had a journey to Papworth lasting 45 minutes.

Also, and seriously, a number of HGVs used Graveley Way illegally. Police were informed but were not able to take action.

Several HGVs and large vehicles failed to read the Road Closed signs, or chose to ignore them, arrived at the Church End turn needing to turn with difficulty then severely churned up the triangle of grass. For example, one Italian fruit and vegetable HGV driver found himself in that predicament - maybe he did not understand the earlier signs! HAT has been assured by the team leader that it will be made good. It does all emphasise the continuing HGV problem and the need to guard the effect of the future A14 on the village as much as we are able.

On the plus side people living close to the 1040 enjoyed 10 days of the kind of peace villagers love and pedestrians likewise, we could even hear birds singing (but also the A14 traffic even more.)

Members of HAT and the A14 Action group will visit the public exhibition of the proposed A14 design to study the potential for Hilton. Please try to see this yourself, it is a vital and possibly final chance to air our

views. There will be models and large scale plans of the scheme.

Dates and Times : Sunday 30th November, Monday 1st December and Tuesday 2nd December at the Marriot Hotel, Huntingdon until 9 p.m.

Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December at Girton College, Cambridge.

How to contact HAT

e-mail: HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: Bill Halford, 831193;

Margaret Shardlow, 831186;

Lissie Wright, 830577

## **Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society**

### **AGM & CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

Wednesday 10th December,

Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle., ALL WELCOME

## **Fenstanton Morris**

Monday 22 December, 7.30pm sharp. There will be a short practice (about 30 minutes) of Molly Dances in preparation for the dancing on Plough Monday. The dances are very easy and this is the opportunity for people living locally to get involved with their own tradition. (Any children should be accompanied by a participating adult).

Friday 26 December, Boxing Day.

Fenstanton Morris will dance at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton starting at 12.15. This will be followed by dancing at The White Swan in Conington. A collection will be made for a local charity.

Monday 12 January. Plough Monday procession and Molly Dancing round the village starting at 7.30 by the church gate and continuing to the United Reformed Church followed by the George PH and finishing at the King William IV PH.

## Hilton WI

Vice-President Doreen Banks welcomed everyone to Hilton WI's November meeting on Monday 10th and introduced the new Committee.

The speaker was Mr Adrian Arnold, with his wife Carol, returning as an old friend to many members as they had lived in Hilton before moving away some years ago. Mr Arnold gave a fascinating insight into the workings of the Citizens Advice Bureau since its foundation on the day WWII broke out.

He explained that All CABs are independent registered charities relying to a large extent on the dedicated band of volunteer helpers. There are 462 Advice Bureaux across England and Wales which provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. Dealing with such issues as debt, benefits, housing, employment and the law as well as much else, Mr Arnold explained how the CAB can also campaign for changes to policy and practice that benefit millions of people each year.

Mr Arnold's wife Carol outlined the free training and ongoing support involved for Volunteers and the personal satisfaction achieved by putting something back into the community in this way.

Mr Arnold closed by saying that in 2007 the CAB provided essential advice - some of it literally life changing - to more than 2 million people and that the CAB's success continued by treating their clients with the respect they deserve as individuals.

A vote of thanks was given by Celia Sutton on behalf of the members for this stimulating insight into the workings of the bureau.

Next month's meeting on 8th December will be the Christmas Party.

If you would like to join our friendly group, phone our Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358 or just come along to the village hall by 7.15pm on the night.

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## Hilton Produce Show 2009

On the 31st January the Produce Show Committee will meet for the day to write a new schedule for the 2009 show.

We are actively seeking the input of all who are part of the show. With this in mind we are asking you our valued participants and future participants to email write or phone with new ideas for classes and any suggested amendments, so that you have your say for the 2009 schedule. Many thanks in advance.

Email - [alison@uk-ida.com](mailto:alison@uk-ida.com)

Phone - Ali Dunk 01480 830002

Post to - Manor Cottage, The Green, Hilton

### Herbies tip of the month:

Herbies guide to successful seed buying:

- When buying seed look for the "packeted date" not the sell by one.
- Mail-order seed catalogues usually give the largest choice.
- Garden Centres have special day promotions for up to 50% off the price.
- Loose beans and unusual varieties can still be bought from St Neots Cross Keys Arcade
- European seeds usually have more in the packet.

From Deb Bridge, Herbie Collen, Ali Dunk, Jane Hazelwood, Cheska Hodder, Brian Vincent, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a great producing New Year!

For any horticultural advice please call our resident expert Herbie Collen on 01480 830838 Web site [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) in the events section.



## 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

[www.scubes.co.uk](http://www.scubes.co.uk)

### **Raise funds for us, at no extra cost to you!**

We have a very easy, but underutilized, way for you, family, friends, colleagues and even your own work places to help us raise much needed funds for our Group. And it won't cost you an extra penny. Perhaps you have birthday or Christmas gifts to order (anything from mobile phones to National Trust subscriptions)? Maybe you need insurance or want to book a holiday? Need to buy new clothes for a special occasion or replace your cooker? Do you need new nursery furniture or perhaps a lottery ticket? Is there a keen Scout who would like their own tent or are you looking for cheaper energy suppliers? Whatever the reason you can go about your shopping on-line, and help support our Scout Group in the process (we don't see what people buy - just what commission we will be getting).

On our web site you will see a link in the main menu entitled "shopping". Every time you click on that link you go to our shopping homepage at <http://www.buy.at/scubes>. By shopping with ANY of the retailers etc linked from that page it doesn't cost you an extra penny - but we could earn anything from 10p to £70 per transaction!!!! For us to gain though you must make sure you go in via that url above. So please - spread the word (as **anyone** can use that link / url) and support our Scout Group if shopping on-line.

### ***Let there be light***

On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** we will be joining in the early evening fun (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at the Clock Tower as the lights are turned on. We will be offering hot drinks, squash, biscuits some ideal stocking fillers that flash or glow in the dark ☺.

### **Christmas Post**

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

We will also be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton from 9.30am to 11.30am on **Saturday 13th 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 ☺ If we have any of those stocking fillers left we will be selling those too!

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

## Hilton Feast Week

Many thanks to everyone who attended the quiz, helped make it a sell out, and a very successful evening. Your continued support for our fund raising events is very much appreciated.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. The next dates for your diaries

### **Saturday 31 January 2009, Quiz Night**

We look forward to seeing you all at the end of January for what should be another great night in the Village Hall as we kick the New Year off with a quiz. Cost will be £8.50 per head to include food and the evening will start 7 for 7.30. Please do contact a committee member for tickets.

### **Saturday 28 February 2009, Disco**

As commented on last time the Crazy Chicks are again organising a disco on behalf of the committee which is a really great demonstration of support for Feast Week. It really is a great night to either boogie on down or have a chat with your friends at the bar.

Don't forget you can check for updates as they become available on our web site.

[www.feastweek.com](http://www.feastweek.com). It has contact e mail address for the committee and can also be accessed by the village web site on

[www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) If you would like any further details please do not hesitate to let us know. Main contact points are

|            |                |        |
|------------|----------------|--------|
| Chair      | Peter Balicki  | 831787 |
| Vice Chair | Justo Perez    | 831106 |
| Treasurer  | Graeme Gribbin | 830481 |
| Secretary  | Sara Sampson   | 830383 |

Why not come and join

## THE OVER PLAYERS

(On stage (especially any male dancers out there! or  
back stage)  
in their 25th Anniversary production of

### **HELLO DOLLY!**

Performance dates **Thursday 4 – Saturday 6 June  
2009**

Over Community Centre, Over, Cambs CB24 5NW

*All rehearsals are in Over Church Hall, opposite Church, as  
follows:*

Read through **Wednesday 7 January 2009 7.45 p.m.**  
when we will be welcoming new-comers with a glass of  
wine and nibbles, during the break.

Auditions for Principal parts **Wednesday 14 January  
7.45**

**Wednesday 21 January 7.45** Weekly rehearsals  
commence.

If you would like further information, please contact  
Wendy Lowe (01832 293422), Christine Turner (01954  
201218) or Olive Swain (01954 232985).

We shall look forward to seeing you.

For show information, check out  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hello\\_Dolly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hello_Dolly).  
Click on the first bullet, Hello, Dolly (Musical) by Jerry  
Herman

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**Please contact us now if you think you fit  
the bill. 01480 476696 . 07966 282005 .  
07900 257061**

## Hilton Flower Club

A packed room knowing we were going to  
have an excellent demonstration with the  
return of John Richmond. We were not  
disappointed by his arrangements, colour  
and sense of theatre, which were better than  
ever (I think!). 'Christmas Goodies' were  
really super, and John has such a relaxed  
manner, chatting to amuse us. All in all it  
was a great afternoon provided by a true  
professional, thank you.

### Next Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2pm. Village Hall.  
'Christmas Arrangements' and Christmas  
party. Please bring your arrangements and  
let's fill the hall with Christmas joy.  
No meeting in January.

### Future

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 2pm Village  
Hall.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New  
Year to everybody from the club.

## Cat Protection League

### CAT WHISPERERS REQUIRED

We have a number of cats that need new  
homes but they have varying degrees of  
behavioural problems. These are special  
cats who have been traumatized or have had  
multiple moves and have become nervous or  
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## Fenstanton Youth Football

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### Hunts Mini Soccer League Results

Brampton Spartans (4) Fenstanton Red U9 (0)

MOTM: Ireland O'Connell

Fenstanton U7 (6) Feeder Soccer (1)

MOTM: Dylan Stanton

### Under Sixes - Football Fun

If your child is in Reception or Year One, please come and join us from 10 am every Saturday. Sessions cost just £2 per week, with no commitment at this stage, just turn up and play. Last training session of 2008 for this age group Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, starting back Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Christmas Party Time** – we invite all players, brothers, sisters, mums dads and other family members to join us at Fen Drayton Village Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 6 until 9 pm for disco fun. We ask parents to bring a plate of food, selected from a list that will be circulated. Anyone who has a raffle prize they are willing to donate please bring along on the night or contact a committee member.

A reminder to all, especially those facing their first winter on the pitch ... do pile on the layers to keep warm, it can get bitterly cold, especially on exposed pitches.

There will be no training on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December for under nines and under sevens.

From us all at Fenstanton Youth Football Club we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and successful New Year.

## Hilton A14 Action Group

The major news here is the exhibitions that the Highways Agency are going to run at the end of November and in to early December. We are led to believe that there will be a mail shot to all households advising of the dates but in case this does not arrive the dates are:

### **Marriot Hotel, Hinchingsbrooke Business Park**

Sunday 30 November 10am – 6pm

Monday 1 December 11am – 8pm

Tuesday 2 December 11am – 8pm

### **Girton Colleges Conferences**

Sunday 7 December 10am – 6pm

Monday 8 December 11am – 8pm

Tuesday 9 December 11am – 8pm

These exhibitions are being put on to view the detailed plans that have been developed by the Highways Agency for the proposed A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton improvement. The exhibition will enable you to see the Highways Agency proposals before the publication of draft Orders. They plan to publish the Environmental Statement and draft Orders in the spring of 2009. Then, depending upon the number and nature of any objections to the proposals, a Public Inquiry may then be held. Full details can be found at the following address

[http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/documents/A14\\_Ellington\\_to\\_Fen\\_Ditton\\_Public\\_Exhibition\\_Leaflet.pdf](http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/documents/A14_Ellington_to_Fen_Ditton_Public_Exhibition_Leaflet.pdf)

The exhibitions are really crucial for you to gain an understanding of what is being proposed along this route, so if you want to be fully aware of the latest proposals please do try and get along to one of these exhibitions. If you need any further information please contact Peter Balicki on 831787 Lissie Wright 830577 or Jon Dooley 07885 636745.

## ALPHA FARMS

Orders are being taken  
For Christmas

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Mon-Fri 9 am – 2.30 pm

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## **Fenstanton Village Sports**

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from the home for the permanently bewildered:

Even better news than last month; we now have three new committee members so I will not be begging you, dear villager, to join us. Instead we on the committee wish to implore you to step forward and volunteer to help out over the weekend of Sports Day **4<sup>th</sup> July 2009**. All you have to do is pledge your time for part or all of one weekend in the year and if you ring 370973 now and do so then the committee could get on with organising the event secure in the knowledge that we had enough help. What am I on about? Some hope! You miserable gits out there in Fenstanton land are all too bone idle to pick up the phone and call, let alone help to carry something on Sports Day **4<sup>th</sup> July 2009**. You are all probably afraid you will strain a tendon and be unable to run in the many races we provide.

Please note: the committee wish to disassociate themselves with the remarks made above. They do not represent the feelings of the whole committee, especially the new members who have kindly volunteered their services and time. They are the ramblings of a cynical tired old idiot on heavy medication due to overwork on Sports Day and should be taken with a pinch of salt.

I didn't write the last bit because Matron had me in an arm lock but I managed to knee her in the ..... corridor, so you will have to read more of my ramblings. By the way, she doesn't usually manage to creep up on me, since we can normally hear her stays creaking and twanging as she walks, but she has discovered that nice Mr Gok Wan and she now wears something called magic knickers. She looks just as big but you can't hear her coming.

Sports Day news:

The figures are in and we have enough money in the bank for next year.

We still have had no volunteers to help over the weekend.

The telephone number is still 370973 to volunteer.

We still haven't got our white bridge back but the good news is nobody has plunged into the raging torrent. We are still all on very heavy medication.

You are still a bunch of miserable gits!!

Please note: The committee wish to disassociate .... etc, etc!!

(She did it again!)

Nobody has answered the question about the guided bus, but that is because nobody has rung up to volunteer to help on *the* weekend. However we can reassure you all we have it on good authority that the guided bus does not have a dog in a yellow vest in front and the drivers are not blind. Of course we realise now, that would be silly. No, instead the buses will have little retractable wheels on the side that will run along concrete runners, which of course is much more sensible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, made even happier if you call and volunteer to help.

**Don't forget Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

## **Over 60s Fenstanton**

In October we visited Wisbech St Mary for lunch at the Windmill Inn and had a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

At another meeting Mr Ted Barlow entertained us with details of his recent rail tour of America which took in sights such as the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas.

Plans for Christmas events are well in hand. We meet once a fortnight between 2 and 4pm in the Church Centre..

# Hilton Cricket Club

Christmas approaches once again and it's time to think about buying a present for the cricket enthusiast in your life. As usual, HCC Enterprises (Shanghai) Ltd comes to your aid. Here is a selection of the most popular selling items from our 2008 catalogue.

## "All-Rounder" SatNav



Wherever you are in the world, and whichever destination you select, this device will lead you to the nearest cricket ground, regardless. Choice of voices includes: Benaud, Johnston, Trueman, The Joker, etc. The prototype of this remarkable equipment was tested on the Titanic. Unfortunately, it was slightly defective, and when the Captain set the destination to be the Wynberg End at Newlands CG [Cape Town], the device set a course for End of Iceberg off Newfoundland!

Other ways of adding interest to your journey are possible with the modern version:

In Historical mode: The map displays only Roman roads,

In Adrenaline mode: "No Entry" signs are defied and one-way street systems disobeyed,

In Amphibious mode: Plots the route for you to drive your car to any continent as the crow flies,

In Reckless mode: A ten minute stop is programmed at every pub on the way to your destination.

## Test Match Spectator's Fob Watch



If you're watching England and Bangladesh slogging it out at Headingley, do you really need to know the time to the nearest minute or hour? This invaluable nuclear powered timepiece saves effort by only showing what day it is. The single rotating hand makes this watch so easy to read.. Its sheer ingenuity had them all drooling on Dragons' Den

## "Play-It-Again-Sam" Remote Control



This "must-have" gadget for the dedicated cricket watcher incorporates the latest Space Age science. You are sitting on the boundary, witnessing Hilton tear Alconbury's innings apart and then your mobile phone rings. Do you feel irritated as you miss the on-field action while your wife tells you that your child has flushed the cat down the loo and, by the way, the house is on fire? No, sir! Just hang up and point your Play-It-Again-Sam towards the pitch and press Rewind. The players go smartly into reverse until you hit the Replay button and the action unfolds again and reprises Tuddy's sixth wicket which you thought you'd missed. No big screen necessary. This amazing device has countless uses away from the cricket ground.

## "NoMorSnor"



There are peculiar people about who think that watching Hilton play cricket is an excuse to supplement their sleeping time. To have someone snoring next to you on the bench is enough to put you off your Sudoku. Stop this invasion with *NoMorSnor*! Just pop this entire high-tech device into the offender's mouth and resume your game, suitably gratified.

## Abacus Scoreboard



This clever gadget was invented by the Ancient Chinese to keep their opponents guessing as to how well they were doing in their run chase to beat the first innings total. Which column of beads corresponds to runs scored, wickets down, overs bowled, etc, is known only to the home team. Hilton used this device to great effect in 2008.

(Customers please note that the Latin Scoreboard, on which all scores are displayed in Roman numerals, has been discontinued. Scorers found that it took more than an over to update and the players became 51 for 6 off 500 balls, i.e., LI VI D).

## Chameleon Cricket Kit



This cricket-wear has been developed to give Hilton the edge when fielding. The white fabric used to make the shirts and trousers has been impregnated with microcapsules containing dyes of various shades of green. As the fielders take their places, the warm rays of the sun cause the pigments to be released and the fielders blend perfectly into their surroundings. The sight of a fast yorker without a bowler on the end of it, or a disembodied cry of "Owzat" from the direction of deep mid-on, should be worth several points to our team next season.



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Greetings of the Season to both our readers.



# What's On

## December

|                       |  |  |          |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------|
| 1-2, 7-9              | A14 Exhibitions,   | Huntingdon Marriot and Girton College, |          |
| 1st,                  | Hilton Flower Club   | Village Hall                           | 2.00 pm  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Hilton Toddler AGM   | Chequers' Croft                        |          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Hilton Advent Lunch,   | Kidman's Close                         | 12.30 pm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Wetland Walk   | Fen Drayton Lakes                      | 10.00 am |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>       | Fenstanton WI ,  | Church Centre                          | 7.30 pm  |
| 5th - 7 <sup>th</sup> | Angel workshop & Christmas Tree Festival, St Ives Methodist Church |  |          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Hilton WI ,  | Village Hall                           | 7.15 pm  |
| 9th                   | Fenstanton Christmas Lights,                                       | Clock Tower,                           | 6.30 pm  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Hilton Advent Lunch  | The Old Rectory                        | 12.30 pm |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Hunts Geranium & Fuchsia   | Village Hall,                          | 7.45 pm  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Men's Fellowship Breakfast   | United Reformed Church,                | 8.45 am  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Scouts Post  | Clock Tower                            | 9.30 am  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>      | Toy Service  | Fenstanton ChurchH                     | 10.00 am |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>      | Hilton Advent Lunch  | Tithe Close                            | 12.30 pm |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>      | Toddler Group Party  | Church Centre                          | 10.00 am |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Wetland Walk   | Fen Drayton Lakes                      | 10.00 am |
| 19th                  | Carol singing  | Meet Hilton Lych Gate                  | 6pm      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | Molly Dance practice   | Fenstanton Morris                      | 7.30 pm  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Fenstanton Morris,   | Clock Tower                            | 12.15 pm |

## January

|                  |                            |                        |          |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Fenstanton Parish Council  | Primary School         | 7.30 pm  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Men's Fellowship Breakfast | United Reformed Church | 8.45 am  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Plough Monday Molly Dance  | Meet Church Gate       | 7.30 pm  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Wetland Walk               | Fen Drayton Lakes      | 10.00 am |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Tot's Praise               | Hilton Church          | 1.30 pm  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Feast Week Quiz Night      | Village Hall           | 7.00 pm  |

## February

|                  |                          |               |         |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Hilton Flower Club       | Village Hall  | 2.00 pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Fenstanton WI            | Church Centre | 7.30 pm |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Valentine's Dinner Dance | Village Hall  | tba     |

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