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### THANK YOU

Harvey and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for the best wishes, goodbyes and farewell cards on our emigration to Australia,

We have lived in Fenstanton for forty odd years and have become part of the fabric of the community. We will be leaving behind many good friends, relatives and mates, BUT it is time to move on and spend the later years of our lives not far from our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

We will I'm sure return for a "holiday" sometime in the future and I also hope (\*with the permission of the editor\*) to perhaps write a "bit" every 6 months or so. I can of course access Spectrum on my computer so I can keep an eye on what's going on locally, and who has won the bowls competitions in 2015!!

Our best wishes to you all for CHRISTMAS and good luck in 2015.

*Daphne and Harvey (Loveday)*

*\*please!!\**

### The W. E.A. St. Ives

15<sup>th</sup> January - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

10 week course:

10.30am -12.00noon.

1000 Years of British Agriculture and its Impact on the Landscape  
Lecturer is Mike Muncaster.

The WEA is a charitable org.

### HELP

**We need people to deliver Spectrum**  
*If anyone is able to act as a stand-in when someone is away or ill, please ring Kay so she can put you on her list.*  
**contact Kay (495308)**

### **Fenstanton Safari Supper** **in aid of the Stroke Association, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Nearly a hundred people participated in this year's Safari Supper, the evening went very well and we raised just under £1150 for the charity. Thank you to all those who hosted, their guests and all at the Thai Tudor.

These suppers were initiated by Lynda and Eileen, five years ago and Janet and I have now organised three. We do not anticipate organising another in the near future. If anyone would like to take over the organisation for next year and run it for a charity of their choice, Janet would be very happy to discuss the process. It is a very effective and fun way to raise money.

*Janet & Margaret*



**Northcote and Fenstanton Surgeries**  
**Christmas and New Year Opening Hours**

Our surgeries will be open at the following times during the festive period:

Wednesday 24th December both surgeries will be open as normal during the morning but will close at 1.00pm. From 2.00pm a doctor will be available at Northcote House for emergencies only. Please ring the normal surgery number, 01480 461873, before attending.

Both surgeries will be closed all day on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th December.

At Northcote House normal surgery hours will apply on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st December.

Fenstanton Surgery will unfortunately be closed on Monday 29th December but will have normal morning surgeries on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Both surgeries will be closed all day on Thursday 1st January.

At Northcote House normal surgery hours will apply on Friday 2nd January but unfortunately Fenstanton will be closed.

If you need medication prior to Christmas please order this by 19th December and collect either the prescription or medication by midday on Wednesday 24th December.

Finally the doctors and staff would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

*Jenny Parker, Practice Manager*

**FENSTANTON PHARMACY**

Christmas Shopping Event.

Saturday **13th December** from 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Santa will be at the pharmacy in his grotto to see the children (free of charge !!)

We will providing free refreshments, a free gift wrapping service and offering 10% off when customers spend £20 or more on gifts.

**Opening hours over the holiday period are as follows**

Christmas Eve	Normal hours (9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm)
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Saturday 27th December	Normal hours (9am-12:30pm)
Monday 29th December	Normal hours (9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm)
Tuesday 30th December	Normal hours (9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm)
New Year's Eve	Normal hours (9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm)
New Year's Day –	CLOSED
Friday 2nd January onwards	Normal opening hours



**Police report:** During the month of September the following crimes and incidents were reported: 6 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 1 incident of other theft; 1 incident of violence; 1 incident of vehicle crime; 1 bicycle theft.

Parishioners are urged to ensure that all doors are locked and windows are closed when properties are unoccupied and to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

**HACTS:** As many residents will know HACTS is a community transport service which operates within the district. HACTS provides a free door to door service to holders of a bus pass although a membership fee of £15 per year must be paid. The service is also open to non bus pass holders although a charge is levied. Planning is currently being undertaken for 2015 which will see an increase in the number of excursions offered.

HACTS are also able to offer their vehicles to groups or organisations for private hire. For further information telephone 01480 411114.

**Chapel Green kerbing:** The General Purposes Committee considered quotations and options for kerbing Chapel Green to prevent further erosion by vehicles. Upon considering the quotations the meeting felt the most cost effective method is to kerb around the Green in one operation, subject to the Parish Council agreeing to the release of additional funding from the General Reserve to cover the additional cost above the budgeted amount for the works. The Parish Council has agreed to this request. The kerbing will be of the conservation type and, therefore, in keeping with the conservation area. A contractor to undertake the works has been duly appointed. All neighbouring residents and interested parties will be advised formally of the works and an expected start date once final arrangements have been clarified.

**Additional benches for Parish:** The General Purposes Committee agreed to the purchase of two new seats. An additional seat will be placed on Chapel Green and the second seat is to be located at the Hampton Close open space. The provision of the additional seating forms part of the Parish Action plan.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the public and press are welcome.

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



Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New



At the meeting, we were joined by PCSO's Phil Davis and Rachel Anderson who advised us that there continues to be a number of opportunist burglaries in the area. They urged residents to take sensible precautions by securing their property, ensuring windows and doors are locked and valuables are not left in full view and kept in a place which is not obvious. Their message was to be vigilant and also to be aware of cold sales calls at the door step. Make sure you do not invite people you have not previously made appointments with into your property. Neighbourhood Watch have a website worth visiting – [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk). This is updated with regular reports and has the following advice regarding making your property secure. Your property should look secure, appear to be occupied with measures which can deter, delay or stop offenders such as: good fences with trellis fitted with locked gates; locked doors and windows, in good repair; security lighting; no keys in view (house or car); lights on timers (also 'fake TV' - you can Google this); where possible have a neighbour check your property if you are away; keep sheds locked; cover windows so that people cannot see in; consider shed alarms; secure larger garden equipment together with cable lock alarms; paint your post-code on large items to make them less desirable.

**Hilton Fireworks 2014:** Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make this a very successful evening. The display was magnificent and Feast Week did a great job in providing food for all. The Parish Council thanks the firework team for making sure the display went off safely, Sharon and her team for their excellent job in clearing the site of litter and all others who helped in making the event go well.

**A14:** Members of the Parish Council and the A14 Working Group have now had the opportunity to meet representatives of the Highways Agency and its contractors. We were advised the Highways Agency is preparing to submit the new road scheme under a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate (PI) this autumn 2014. So really anytime soon although no firm date offered. We were further advised that the fine tuning to the scheme including the Environmental Impact Report was still being refined and this will continue right up to the time the scheme is submitted. Once accepted by the PI we understand that the full detail will be made available on the PI website. At this time, and not before, various modelling plans, surveys on environmental issues and supporting documents will be available for inspection. It is further understood that once this goes live there will be a period advertised during which anyone can register as an interested party with the PI. This will be the only way you will be able to make any representation to the PI. The Parish Council will advise each household as soon as practicably possible after we know details of this period of registration and will hold an open meeting for us to all get together and discuss what might be the best way forward in your representations. We were advised that the Highways Agency will not be holding any further public consultations on the scheme but in due course, should the scheme be accepted and approved, there will be local meetings held to discuss the implications of construction and traffic movement. If you would like an email from the Parish Council advising of any developments in the process please email our Clerk, Jo Perez at [hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com) and you will be added to our distribution list.

**Tree and Ditch Work:** Approval was given for necessary tree work to be conducted around the village. The work will be started in the next few weeks.

**Winter Volunteer Gritting:** If you would like to volunteer for the winter gritting scheme please do contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at [hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com) who will be able to provide the necessary paperwork and advise how the scheme is set up.

**Next Meeting:** The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7:30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance. Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) and on the village notice boards.

In the meantime the Parish Council would take this opportunity to wish all residents of Hilton a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Fenstanton at the time of the Black Death.



As far as I can ascertain there are no records of the Black Death that refer explicitly to Fenstanton. However the pestilence is mentioned in the county records of Huntingdonshire so I have used these records and the reports on the national situation to build a picture of what it may have been like in Fenstanton at the time. The Black Death arrived in England in March 1349 and it reached its peak in May, June and July and died out in the autumn.

It was not until the April that the outbreak took a serious grip in Huntingdonshire and thus Fenstanton. At that time Fenstanton would have been a typical fen-side village probably numbering some thirty families and a total population of about one hundred and fifty people, mostly dependent upon agriculture for their existence. The village was closely knit, introverted and by and large content with their world. What happened in St Ives or the surrounding villages would have had little if any relevance to their daily lives.

But it was a pattern of life that would have certainly contributed directly to the spread of disease. Perhaps the most relevant was the overcrowding. The stone church with its Saxon tower and Norman nave would have looked out of place amongst the mud and wattle cottages with roofs of reed and smoke escaping from every nook and cranny probably much like those houses found today in many of the less developed countries. In the houses of the poor, it would not have been unusual to find a dozen people sleeping on the floor of the same room. In most houses pigs and chickens and perhaps even ponies, cows and sheep would share the common residence. It would have been physically impossible to isolate the sick.

The dirt and poor sanitation of these hovels was less relevant to the spread of the plague, but equally it is true that the plague found its work easier in bodies weakened by dysentery, diarrhoea, malaria and other diseases. The warmth and dirt provided the ideal environment for the rat. The spaces between the houses were mostly open drains, deep in mud and filth, residents emptied their bladders and bowels directly onto dung heaps outside their huts. The idea of cleaning houses and streets would not have occurred to them, the picture was a village squalid and insanitary.

During the course of the summer the pestilence carried off so many people that few of the survivors were willing or able to carry the dead to the church and throw them into a common pit. From this pit there was such a stench that scarcely anyone dared to walk beside the church. Based on national figures between a quarter and a half of the village population may have died. For unknown reasons the plague appeared to have been more deadly to the young, leaving the village populated by older people. Deaths from the plague were still occurring into 1350 and although the full ferocity of the epidemic lasted only three or four months, it was two years between its arrival and the final deaths.

Fenstanton was located on the main route from Colchester to Godmanchester and beyond, so the infection would have been as severe as in any other part in the country. Along the old Roman road would come every kind of hawker, charlatan, free labourer looking for a new home, quack doctors, friars, travelling shoemakers and the occasional minstrel. All bringing with them diseases including the plague. There was a weekly village market on Thursdays, and a fair held annually on the vigil of the Apostles Peter and Paul and the six following days. The spreading of the plague throughout the village was unavoidable and inevitable.

Medieval agriculture was labour intensive and the effect of the deaths was devastating. So many labourers died that for a year or two large parts of the lord's lands were left uncultivated. In the year following the outbreak there were not enough workers to bring in the harvest except by paying double or treble the daily rate paid before the infection, consequently many of the crops that were grown were left to rot in the fields. Throughout all this drama the village rector, William de Longthorne (1347-1352), continued with his building of the church chancel with its large and magnificent east window. The builders would have been master masons imported for the job and the local men would have been employed in general labouring. How these masons and their families fared in the outbreak is impossible to say but an intriguing thought! Also, was rector Longthorne one of the final victims of the plague? We shall never know.

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# HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - DECEMBER/JANUARY

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and Heather Woods (830686), email: ianwoods1992@btinternet.com

## December

7th 10.00am Rev Janet Roe

14th 11.15am

**UNITED GIFT SERVICE** led by Mr John Bridge.  
*Gifts of money and toys or gift vouchers will be received by a representative from ACTION FOR CHILDREN and these will be distributed to needy children or families in East Anglia. If you are unable to be there but would like to donate a gift these can be left with any church member. Thank you*

21st 10.00am  
5.00pm

Mr Simon Cooper.  
**CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE.** *There will be a collection for Jimmy's Night shelter for the homeless in the Cambridge area. Refreshments afterwards in the church hall.*

24th 11.30pm

**MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION**

28th 10.00am

Mr John Stent

## January

4th 10.00am

Mrs Leonora Charlton

11th 11.15am

**UNITED COVENANT SERVICE** led by Rev Katy Dunn.  
*During this service Felicity Guite, our student sponsored by both churches will be talking about her recent experiences working in Ghana*

18th 10.00am

An own arrangement service

25th 10.00am

Rev Pam Siddall

## CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

On **December 21st** at 5.00pm at the Methodist Church

All are welcome to join us for this traditional service of readings and carols and Christmas music. The collection will be for JIMMY'S NIGHT SHELTER which houses and feeds the homeless of Cambridge. After the service all are welcome to join us for coffee/ teas and mince pies.



## CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop in the church on **Friday 5th December, 4.00pm-5.00pm** and also on Saturday morning **6th December, 10.30am-11.30am**. All children will be most welcome to come and have fun making some Christmas decorations

## COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH



**Saturday Dec 6th** from 10.00am until 12.00noon  
all the usual Fairtrade items (INCLUDING 'Christmas Goodies')

**Jan 3rd** from 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Please join us for refreshments, a chat and browse the Fairtrade tables. We will have groceries, gifts, crafts, greetings cards, jewellery and more.

Profits from the Coffee Mornings are for EACH and Fairtrade.

## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—DECEMBER/JANUARY

<b>Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Hilton		Advent Lunch
<b>Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sat. 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Mulled Wine
<b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Advent 2</b>		
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	5.00pm	Christingle, candles lit outside, children's tea afterwards
<b>Wed. 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton		Advent lunch
<b>Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Advent 3</b>		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All Toy Service – Please bring a wrapped present for a disadvantaged child, identifying age and gender
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC, children's activities in church
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch
<b>Tues. 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	6.00pm	Carols around the village – See p23 for route.
<b>Wed. 17<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton		Advent lunch
<b>Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.20pm	Jaffa Club with decoration of tree
<b>Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Advent 4</b>		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	5.00pm	Trad. Carol Service, choir & congregational carols, readings, refreshments
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service at Methodist Church
<b>Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>		
Fenstanton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service with Youth Choir
Fenstanton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion with candles lit outside
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
<b>Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>		
Fenstanton	10.00am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
<b>Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas 1</b>		
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion by extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am

<b>Sunday Jan 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Hilton		No Children's Church this month
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 1</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion ecumenical service with Fenstanton URC church with Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tot's Praise
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)

### **Contact information:**

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (baptism and matters of pastoral concern), or for Community Fund [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com); Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings); Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals); Rebecca Cumbers 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack); Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries). Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and we are on Facebook

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



Happy Christmas to you all. No meeting in December. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones to Hilton Parish Church for 'Tots' Praise' the last Monday in January (26th), 1.30pm–2.30pm. There will be songs, story, activities and something to take home. Coffee or tea for grown ups and treats for the tots. Contact Linda(830660), Laura (839110) or Mrs P. (830155)

**HILTON CHURCHES ADVENT LUNCHES**

This year the Hilton Churches Advent Lunches will be held in aid of Cruse Bereavement Care. Donations of at least £3.00 per person - everyone is welcome to come and join in for a very friendly and refreshing lunch. Each lunch starts at 12.30pm until 2.30pm. Dates and venues as follows:

- |               |                    |                           |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 3rd December  | Pam and David East | Southmead, Church End     |
| 10th December | Janet Whatley      | Atticus house, Church End |
| 17th December | Muriel Bell        | 6, Tithe Close            |

Hope to see as many as possible at one or all of the venues.

*Heather Woods*



***Fenstanton Parish Church  
will be illuminated by 500 candles for our  
Christmas Eve Services***

***Crib Service – 4pm***

***Come and listen to the story of the birth of  
Jesus and help to build the stable scene using  
the knitted crib figures and our very own  
flock of sheep!***

***Midnight Mass – 11.30pm***

***Join us for this special service of bible  
readings, Christmas carols and  
communion during which we celebrate the  
wondrous birth of Christ.***



# FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—DECEMBER/JANUARY

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Dec 7th	9.30am	Derek Newton
14th	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball (Holy Communion )
	3.00pm	Let's Sing Carols
21st	9.30am	Keith Cakebread



**,9.30am, CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP FOR ALL, Rev Catherine Ball**

28th	9.39am	Rev Catherine Ball
Jan 4th	9.30am	George M'waura
11th	9.30am	Rev Catherine Ball (Holy Communion )
18th	9.30am	Joint Service at the Parish Church (preacher Rev Peter Ball)
25th	9.30am	Pauline Zahner

## OTHER EVENTS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

Tues	Dec 2nd & Jan 13th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	Dec 9th & Jan 6th, 20th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Puzzles Swap
Tues	Dec 16th	3.30pm	Christmas Tea Party
Tues	Dec 9th & Jan 13th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	Jan 17th	9.30am	Book Sale

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, **January 10th** at the United Reformed Church, Chequer Street, from 8.00am to approx 10.00am. All men are welcome. If you would like to attend or would like more information please phone or email John Guthrie on 01480 392018 or [john.guthrie39@gmail.com](mailto:john.guthrie39@gmail.com).



## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



# Let's Sing Carols

- 3.00pm -

- Sunday - December 14th -

come to sing favourite carols around the Christmas Tree

Mince pies and tea afterwards

## FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL

As we head towards the end of 2014 we are now planning fundraising events for 2015.

### Dates for your diaries:

Our final event for 2014 is the **Mulled Wine** evening on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at £12.50 per person.

Tickets can be bought through Ian Hucklesby

(contact details below) or alternatively you can email us at [churchcentre@outlook.com](mailto:churchcentre@outlook.com).



### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 7pm - “Sing-along and Supper”

Following the success of this year’s “Old Bull and Bush” evening, we are hosting something similar for 2015. So come along for a lovely supper and a good old sing-along! Tickets will be available in the New Year (as above)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – Lunch** – The menu is being worked on as we speak!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Midsummer Event**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - Pimms and Pate** - more details on all of these in 2015

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

It just leaves us to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at one, if not all of our events in 2015.

## Fenstanton Parish Church Community Fund

Are you, or do you know someone, associated with the village and in urgent need of financial help? Would you, or the person you know, welcome a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose? Then please apply to our Fenstanton Parish Church Community Fund.

We, at the Parish Church, have become aware that a number of people or families in our community, almost certainly, struggle to make ends meet. Yet these families would also wish to provide, or benefit from, the same opportunities that others can more easily afford, for example outings or trips.

The aim is to provide this money for those who have a strong association with the village of Fenstanton. If you live or work in the village, or if your child attends the nursery, pre-school, or school, then you could be considered eligible for such a payment from the Community Fund.

As well as personal applications, the Community Fund also welcomes applications from family or friends on behalf of those in need. We have a small team who will look at each request and one of the team will come and talk with the person in need.

All requests will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Contact us by, dedicated email: [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com)

or Vicar: Revd Dr Robin McKenzie tel: 01480 466162 [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) or one of the Churchwardens, details of whom are listed here in Spectrum under Fenstanton Parish Church.

We look forward to hearing from you, and being able to assist in any way we can.

*Revd Dr Robin McKenzie*

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm**

**and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

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

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota;

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

**The Bridge Church**

**Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities**

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

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

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

We hold a:

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

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

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

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



## Love in a Box scheme 2014

Thank you to all those who supported the Love in a Box scheme, run by the charity Mustard Seed Relief Missions, this Autumn, whether this was offering loose gifts or complete boxes. **105 boxes** have now been sent from Bar Hill, Fenstanton and Fen Drayton on their journey to the warehouse in Eastbourne before starting the long journey to Moldova. This year, due to the troubles in Ukraine, it was decided that the situation was too unsafe for volunteers to travel there. So a concentrated effort has been focused on Moldova.

We also sent on three bags of additional items to help make up further boxes. A special thanks go to Knitters and Natters in Fenstanton for their creative contributions.

A very big thank you to those who gave empty shoe boxes to be wrapped in Christmas paper, to everyone who filled boxes and

also to those who gave the bags of items which helped Jenny fill extra boxes. Jenny was also given £150 in donations towards the transport costs. We feel overwhelmed with the generosity of everyone who helped to send the 66 boxes from Fenstanton and the rest from Fen Drayton and Bar Hill.

The charity hope to send 40,000 boxes, a similar number to what was sent last year. All the children will be thrilled when they receive them. We will be supporting the charity again next year so please lookout for the bargains in the sales.

Many thanks once again.

Alison Fox (Fen Drayton) and Jenny Stimpson (Fenstanton)



## THANK YOU

To all the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers (and leaders) and children of the village who made and painted clay poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Visitors to church found it wonderful and moving and a fitting tribute. Thank you all.

*Katie Hucklesby*

## THE POPPY APPEAL IN FENSTANTON

I would like to thank all those involved in the Poppy Appeal in Fenstanton - the door-to-door collectors who, every year, brave the elements, also all the shops/businesses and the School in the Village. At the moment, not all the boxes have been collected but monies counted and banked are looking up on this time last year.

It was nice to see such a good turnout at the Parish Church for the Remembrance Sunday service and to have two serving members of the Armed Forces present.

I was very proud that my son, Matthew, was able to lay the Army Air Corps wreath in remembrance of colleagues both known and unknown.

If any organisations in the Village wish to lay a wreath in the future, who do not already do so, please contact me. We were all very impressed with the ceramic style poppies that the children had made which were on display in the Parish Church. It is good that the younger generation are involved and understand the meaning of Remembrance.

If any Parishioners would be willing to give up a couple of hours of their time for the Poppy Appeal next year, please contact me.

I am very sorry to say that I will be losing one of my long term collectors and good friend, Daphne Loveday who, most of you will know, is leaving the Country to live in Australia and I wish her and Harvey well in their new lives. (They also have a Poppy Appeal in Australia, Daph, so you could put your skills to use out there!). Once again, my thanks to all the collectors and to those who gave so generously.



*Gill Dartford, Poppy Appeal Organiser Fenstanton*

## FENSTANTON WI

At our meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, we welcomed 36 members.

Our speaker was Mr Robert Parker, whose title was "Genealogy, the search for William". He described how he had researched his own family history by telling us the story of his great uncle William. William had left home for the Gold Coast (now Ghana) at an early age, then turned up in Australia where he married and had a son. After some time, he left his family and disappeared. The wife sent food parcels to the UK family during the war but stopped at their request and lost touch with the family. However, when Mr Parker discovered her whereabouts, he wrote to her and she was delighted to renew the contact and corresponded until her death. Mr Parker is still in touch with his cousin but the search for William continues.

After the talk, we celebrated with Daphne and Harvey Loveday who are emigrating to Australia soon to live near their daughter. Daphne has been

a member of the WI for twenty nine years and our treasurer for twenty seven of those years. Many will remember her as our village 'Postie'. She will be sorely missed and we wish her Bon Voyage.

### Future events

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** Christmas celebrations

**January** No meeting

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** All about Alpacas,  
Mrs Nicki Sly

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** From flowers to fabrics  
Mrs Katy Dunn

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

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre**. We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee. The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.



**Contact** Nicola on [nicolaramsbottom@sky.com](mailto:nicolaramsbottom@sky.com) for any further information.

### **BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**

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

## FENSTANTON FOOTPATHS

One of the best things about the parish footpath network is that it connects in several places to the Fen Drayton Lakes RSPB Nature Reserve. FP No 13\* which runs alongside the River Great Ouse is one way of getting access to the Reserve and once you are there you will find RSPB information boards for further exploration. Another way is to follow FP No 5\* from the parish church alongside Cranesbrook then across the fields towards Fen Drayton village. From there, access to the Reserve can be gained via the main road or Fen Drayton parish footpaths. If you want to make a circular walk of it, you can walk through the Reserve to the Guided Busway and walk back along the service road to Fen Lane (FP No 12\*) or, for a longer circuit, walk right through to the river and follow FP No 13\* upstream to FP No 9\* which brings you back onto Fen Lane. For an even longer circuit keep going along the riverside to the Permissive Path along Hall Green Brook which will bring you back to Hall Green Lane.

Whichever way you go, Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve is a hidden gem. If you haven't taken time to see the starlings roosting at sunset from the Reserve car park you've missed a fantastic sight – there may still be time. The lakes themselves are nearly always alive with water birds of many varieties and the habitats for land birds are now very well established attracting many different species.

Happy walking!

Philip Blunt (P3 coordinator for Fenstanton)

[email: [philip.blunt@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:philip.blunt@mypostoffice.co.uk) ; phone: 461751]

*\*Fenstanton parish has a network of public and permissive footpaths which is maintained by the Parish Council with occasional grant assistance from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). An excellent leaflet which includes a map and descriptions of the parish footpaths was produced in 2005. Although a bit out-of-date now, the leaflet gives a good indication of the footpath network including FP numbers. If you would like a copy, please contact me with your name and address and I will get one to you as soon as possible.*

*If you are a footpath user and you see anything that needs attention relating to the maintenance of the public and permissive footpaths in the parish, please contact me in the first instance.*

## FENSTANTON OVER 60's

The December meeting is on Wednesday 10th. Our first meeting in 2015 is on February 4th. If we do not find someone to take over, our final meeting will be on the 18th March. If anyone is willing to step in and run the Over 60's after March, please ring 01480 493212 for further details.

## FENSTANTON PRE SCHOOL

We are looking forward to Christmas doing lots of fun activities, having stories and practising singing for our concert.



The Mobile, School Lane  
Fenstanton, PE28 9JR



We are now selling tickets for our giant Christmas raffle, with lots of wonderful prizes including a large Christmas Hamper. Please contact staff at Pre-School if you would like to purchase any tickets.

Our admissions policy has changed slightly so that we now accept children from 2 years 9 months. For further information, please contact us and we will be happy to help you.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we thank everyone for all their interest and support over the last year.

## FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



The season is now fully underway with both teams having played a lot of league fixtures. It has also been the time for the club to try and stake a claim to one of the county cups! Unfortunately both the First Team and Reserves were knocked out of the Cambs County Cup competitions, but they have both progressed through to the next round of the Hunts County Cups that they're playing in.

The **First Team** played Great Paxton in the Hunts Intermediate Cup, almost an exact copy of the cup final they beat them in last season. Fenstanton were victors beating them 4-0. Josh Turner, Tristan Young and Luke Ackerman all scored with Ackerman netting twice. Great Paxton had to finish the game with ten men after one of their players was sent off.

The **Reserve Team** featured in the Hunts Lower Junior Cup which they won in 2010. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of this season's competition they thrashed Earith United 8-2! Both Salv Merola and David Moore scored hat-tricks, Ryan Hunt and Adam Robson scoring 1 goal each!

Big thanks to everyone that attended our **quiz night** at the end of October! It was a great night and the club managed to raise quite a bit of money to help see us through into next year. Big thanks to quizmaster Pete Vine and also Dorothy Harris who helped prepare all the food for the evening!

If anyone would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season, here are the **December and January home fixtures**.

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KOT	COMPETITION
06/12/14	Reserves	Benwick Athletic	2pm	League Match
13/12/14	First Team	Hundon	2pm	League Match
20/12/14	Reserves	Ely Crusaders	2pm	League Match
03/01/15	First Team	Royston Town A	2pm	League Match
17/01/15	First Team	Hemingfords United	2pm	League Match
24/01/15	Reserves	Wimblington Reserves	2pm	League Match
31/01/15	First Team	Chatteris Town	2pm	League Match

**All fixtures subject to change.**

Up to date fixtures, results, league tables and news on any of our events can be found at [www.fenstantonfootballclub.com](http://www.fenstantonfootballclub.com)

## HILTON WI

We all met on Monday November 10th hoping to see and maybe taste some decorated cupcakes, but sadly Mel the demonstrator had hurt her arm so had to cancel. Mike Petty was going to talk to us about Cambridgeshire history but he went to the wrong address so once again our own members came to the rescue. We had two amusing little stories and other ladies told us of their visits to see the sea of ceramic poppies round the Tower in London. Beautiful, amazing and very emotional were just a few of their comments.

We all stood to sing Jerusalem then welcomed our new Secretary Jacky and Treasurer Susie.

After all the business was done we all tucked into delicious scones with jam and cream and tea and coffee.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party, so remember to bring a tea plate of either savoury or sweet food and wear (if you wish to) a top with lots of added "bling". So come along at 7.30pm and have some lovely food and good company.

### **Advance notice:**

February 10th: a cookery demonstration on the theme of Love, to get us ready for Valentine's Day. More details later, just make a note of the date.

### **CALLING ALL HILTON YOUTH, FESTIVE FUN AND A BIT OF SPARKLE AT THE CRIB SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE at 4.00PM.**

Please join in with a short run of rehearsals for those who are school age.

Teenagers needed for a cool song and if you have young visitors staying come along, even if you can make just one of the rehearsals.

Refreshments provided. All taking place at Hilton Parish Church on:-

Sunday 30th November 10.00am to 10.45am

Sunday 7th December 11.15am to noon

Sunday 14th December 10.00am to 10.45am

Sunday 21st December 10.00am to 10.45 am

Please feel free to contact Ali Dunk 01480 830 992, 07545 428421,

[alison.audica@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison.audica@hotmail.co.uk) to let me know you can make it or don't worry if you just turn up. Warm welcome for all.

### **HILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

#### **Burglaries in Hilton**

After four burglaries in Hilton during October, on 5th November a cottage in Graveley Way was entered by jemmying a rear window. A quantity of cash was stolen. A couple of days earlier, a middle-aged white man of medium height had parked a hatchback in the drive and approached the cottage carrying a dark 'pizza-delivery' type insulated box. He left without ringing or knocking at the door. No-one had ordered such a delivery.

As the dark evenings draw in, please be careful to secure your property and be alert to strangers visiting houses in your vicinity. Report any unusual or suspicious behaviour to the police by telephoning 101. For any related queries, please check the advice on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website or contact your local Neighbourhood Watch.

## HILTON ART CLUB

We were pleased to welcome 3 new members at the last session. We also have three new committee members: Andrea Laud, Surinder Beerh and Barbara Foutz.

There will be no art session at the village hall this month. Instead, the members will celebrate Christmas and another successful year of the club, with a lunch. This will be held at The Golden Ball, Boxworth on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Advance Notice.

16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - Tonal paintings with a limited palette. Please bring your own pictures/props. Anyone interested in attending, contact Diana on 01480 831410 or Gina on 01480 830696.

### 2nd Hilton Rainbows

Opening soon! Rainbows are the youngest members of Guiding, girls aged 5 - 7 years. They take part in lots of activities, crafts & games. The programme is made up of four main areas: look, learn, laugh, love

If you have a daughter who would be interested in joining please contact:

Claire Pitcher (Unit Guider), 01480411408 or 07732354105

[clairepitcher@virginmedia.com](mailto:clairepitcher@virginmedia.com)



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



For more info please contact: Suzanne Ewen, Unit Guider (Brown Owl) on 01480 351064 or 07999456340 email [icklesue83@googlemail.com](mailto:icklesue83@googlemail.com)

## HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

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

Contact Kate Middleton on [ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk)



## HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee joined forces with the Parish Council who provided a wonderful fireworks display with plenty to eat and drink in the Wilderness. Many thanks to everyone who supported this popular event, this made it a great success all round. It was one of the busiest bonfire nights we have ever had, and Gill's mulled wine was a sell out! Craig even managed to keep up with the demand for the burgers and sausages.

The Hilton residents will be all receiving a leaflet through the door with the dates for our fundraising events until next summer, so please pop them in your diary! There is a short survey on the back page for feedback from the village about our fundraising events, please fill it in. Your name and email are optional, but if you can offer to help out in any way, add that to the form too. Please drop this survey back to the village shop or pub, or give it to any member of the committee.

We hope to go ahead with all the events published on p46, some may be subject to change;

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

All the upcoming events are also on the website, [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com).

**CHAIRMAN – SHARON WALKER - 831299 / 07984232424. sharonwalker@nhs.net**

**VICE CHAIR – GILL GILL -07793248287 gilliangill80@hotmail.co.uk**

**TREASURER – GRAEME GRIBBEN – 01480 830481**

**SECRETARY – EMMA STUBBS**

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

*Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year from, the Feast Week Committee,*

## HILTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Once again, the Village Hall Management Committee, along with a small band of volunteer helpers, held a very successful fund-raising event in the shape of a 'Pie n Mash' evening. Almost seventy people sat down to a pie supper followed by home-made steamed or bread and butter puddings. In between 'mains' and 'puds' the raffle took place with people choosing from an attractive range of, mostly, donated gifts. Everyone enjoyed a purely social evening, where they could chat and catch up with friends and neighbours. Thank you ALL for coming along and supporting us, without your support, along with our helper volunteers, we would struggle to maintain this old Hall to the high standard we aim to achieve.

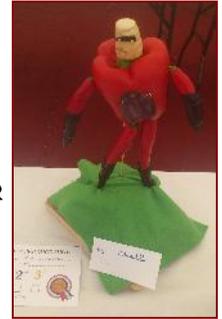
With all your help, we are pleased to say that well over £600 was raised, and this money will go into our Hall Fund. As a matter of interest, we have a 'wish list', and have gradually been working our way through it, from new kitchen, cloakrooms etc.. We continuously refer to our list and also add to the bottom as a wish at the top is ticked off.

Thank you all, again, and we would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas followed by a Happy and Healthy 2015.

*Hilton Village Hall Management Committee*



**ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS  
AND THE NEW YEAR TO OUR  
CONTRIBUTORS,  
FRIENDS AND HELPERS**



**FROM THE PRODUCE SHOW COMMITTEE.  
THE COMMITTEE IS BUSY PLANNING THE SCHEDULE FOR  
2015 SO IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR  
SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
CLASSES, PLEASE CALL DEB ON 830157 OR CHESKA  
ON 832307 EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR AND ALL WILL BE  
CONSIDERED.**

### **The Royal British Legion in Hilton**

2014 continues to be a momentous year as we commemorate 100 years since the start of the Great War. When the names of the Fallen from Hilton were read at the Lychgate on Remembrance Sunday we were recalling ordinary men from ordinary lives whilst also not forgetting those who had returned.

Winston Churchill later wrote about such men as these. "Thus when all the trumpets sounded, every class and rank had something to give to the need of the State. Some gave their science and some their wealth, some gave their business energy and drive, and some their wonderful personal prowess. But none gave more, or gave more readily, than the common man or woman who had nothing but a precarious week's wages between them and poverty and owned little more than the slender equipment of a cottage and the garments in which they stood upright. Their love and pride of country, their loyalty to the symbols with which they were familiar, their keen sense of right and wrong as they saw it led them to outface and endure perils the like of which men had not known on earth."

We in Hilton have proudly acknowledged the Anniversary both publically and privately. Among others mentioned in previous Spectrums, Margaret Andrew has at last, movingly, been to the grave of her grandfather Thomas Haswell in Etaples. She also took a wooden cross to France on behalf of Hilton.

Regarding the Poppy Appeal. Hilton you have been incredibly generous. The present amount collected by our fantastic collectors and other sources is £1100 with the final total to be announced later. This is a humbling amount which even included donations by two little girls who insisted on using their pocket money. To say thank you to everyone on behalf of the Legion is inadequate but very, very sincere.

*Margaret (831186), Julie (830580)*

• **Jingle all the way to your recycling bin**

Normal collection Day	Revised Day of Collection <b>** Before normal collection day</b>
Monday 22 December	Saturday 20 December**
Tuesday 23 December	Monday 22 December**
Wed. 24 December	Tuesday 23 December**
Thursday 25 December	Wednesday 24
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wed. 31 December	Friday 2 January
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

• Glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and foil, jam jar lids, envelopes, junk mail and flyers, biscuit and sweet tins, plastics including bottles, pots, tubs and trays, newspapers and magazines, milk and juice cartons, cardboard and packaging card and after the twelfth night your Christmas cards! - all are accepted in your Blue bin.

• As part of your Green waste collection, garden and food waste, including all cooked and uncooked food and bones are accepted. If you have a real Christmas tree, remember to put this alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop in half.

- The Household Recycling Centres in Alconbury, Bluntisham and St Neots collect a range of materials for recycling, including electrical goods, batteries, glass bottles and much more. Find out what materials are collected at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).



There are textile banks dotted around the district for your unwanted clothes and shoes. Good quality or not, nothing is wasted.

Collections of all waste types will continue throughout the festive period, but your day of collection will change for a few weeks. Please be aware that some collections may take place a day or two before your normal collection day and these are highlighted above, you can also download your collection calendar from [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins) which will clearly show these changes.

## DECEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipples with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs.



### **THE OVER PLAYERS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT 'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF'**

is coming to Over

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015

why not come and join us?

Fiddler on the Roof is one of the most popular and beloved of all stage musicals. Its record breaking Broadway premiere firmly established it as a favourite with lovers of musical theatre where it remains to this day.

It captures all the emotions of laughter, joy, tears and sadness. Filled to the brim with memorable and instantly recognizable songs including: If I Were A Rich Man, Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Sunrise Sunset, To Life and many more.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Over Church Hall at 7.45pm**

Read-through of Act 1 when audition pieces will be given out

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January : Over Church Hall at 7.45pm**

Read-through of Act 2

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Over Community Centre from 7.30pm.**

Audition

*Rehearsals will be on **WEDNESDAYS 7.45pm–10.00pm** in the Church Hall.*

If you are unable to make the read-through but would like to take part in the show, or audition, please let Olive Swain know as soon as possible

([olive123swain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:olive123swain@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone

## FENSTANTON YOUTH FOOTBALL

**Under 7 Training:** is every Saturday morning from 10.00am until 11.00am at the Fenstanton Football Field, Hall Green Lane (or off Chequer's Street Playground). The Coach is Ant Balaam. If you haven't yet come along, do come join us for an hour of football fun. Your first session is free and thereafter is £2 per week on a turn up and pay basis, no commitment at this stage. Anthony Balaam – 01480 460768

**Under 11's Need Players** – Our Under 11 Team are in desperate need of more players. If, any current year 6 pupils are interested in playing, please do get in touch with their Coach, Kevin Smith on 01480 309935 or email: [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com). Home matches are at Hilton Village Green and mid-week training is at the Ivo Outdoor Centre on Tuesdays 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

**Under 12's Need Players** – Any current year 7's (or year 6's) who are competent players please get in touch with their coach Mark Cooper on 07815 747107. Or email [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com). Mid-Week Training takes place on Wednesdays at Hunts Rec Centre between 7.00pm and 8.00pm and home matches are at Hilton Village Green.

**Fixtures and results**– can be found at [www.thefa.com/fulltime](http://www.thefa.com/fulltime).

**Weather** – as the weather starts to decline, please remember to wrap up warm and have suitable outer layers to keep you warm and dry.

**RACE NIGHT** – We are holding a race night on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the Ivy Club, St Ives, from 8.00pm. Tickets are £5 each (adults only) and will be available from football coaches and committee members. Anyone outside the club who wishes to attend, please email [FYFC@btinternet.com](mailto:FYFC@btinternet.com) to get your tickets. It's a great fun night and open to all, and an opportunity to raise crucial funding for the Club and Players.



**Fenstanton Youth Football Club wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Our Committee meets every 6 weeks. For further information please contact – [fyfc@btinternet.com](mailto:fyfc@btinternet.com) or Club Chairman, Charlie Darling on 01480 395338

# ★ Children's Christmas Party

## • Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2 – 4pm



Hilton Village Hall

£2 per child, includes disco, squash,  
a snack and Santa's Grotto with a gift.

Also available

Games, tattoos and refreshments  
includes mulled wine and mince pies



Book to avoid disappointment, tickets available from  
Sarah, 07572464795 or Feast week Committee Members



## Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

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

### Christmas Miscellany

For our December meeting, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present a miscellany of two short talks plus a light-hearted wildlife quiz. This will be held on Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Amy Robinson, who is the Wildlife Trust's Ouse Valley Education and Community Officer, will start with 'The Hidden Wonders of Godmanchester Reserve'. Amy tells us that otters and wildfowl are already resident and she is hoping that Godmanchester will host the starling murmuration again this year. Our chairman, Pat Doody, will then summarise the results of this year's Brampton Biodiversity project and we look forward to hearing how many species share our neighbourhood.

We are also introducing a quiz for this Christmas edition, plus the usual raffle, wine and mince pies.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

### Hedgehogs

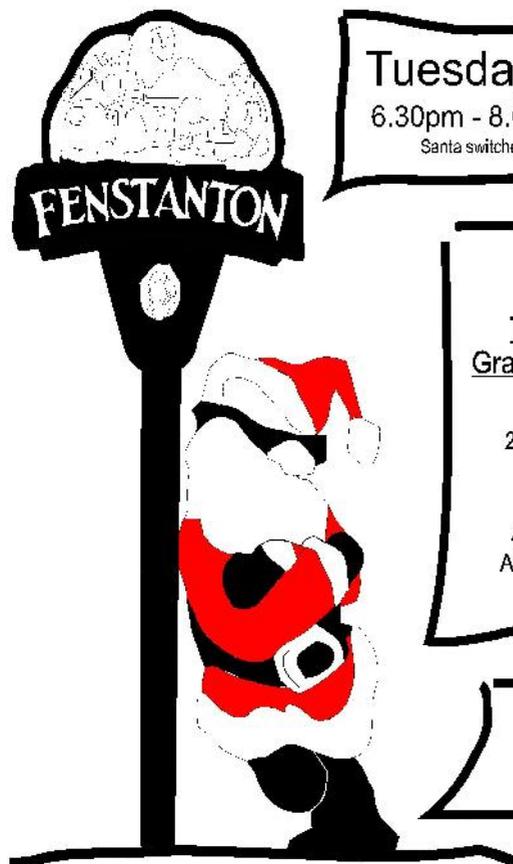
To welcome in the New Year, The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk on one of Britain's favourite animals, the Hedgehog. This will be held on Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> January** starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Natasha Ennew, who has many years' experience in caring for hedgehogs, is the Manager of Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital, which is a leading centre for the rescue, rehabilitation and release of hedgehogs. Natasha will tell us about the curious habits and lifestyle of these shy animals, and advise on what can be done to halt the alarming decline in their numbers over recent years.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

# Christmas LIGHTS

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



Tuesday 2nd December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at The Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm

## The Fenstanton Village Hall Grand Christmas Draw at 7.10pm

- 1st Prize £250 Cash  
(kindly donated by Luminus Group)
- 2nd Prize £200 John Lewis Vouchers  
(kindly donated by Thames Laboratories)
- 3rd Prize £150 Go Ape Vouchers  
(kindly donated by Inside2Outside)
- 4th Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper  
And many other locally-sourced prizes

Christmas Market and Carols,  
Refreshments including Mulled Wine,  
Mince Pies, Ginger Biscuits and  
Hot and Cold Drinks .

Raffle tickets available from Ron's Farm Shop and the Post Office.

## CAROLS ROUND HILTON



We will be carol singing on Tuesday 16th December in aid of Save the Children, leaving the Parish Church at 6pm sharp. We welcome as many people as can make it and if singing is not your thing we always need collectors.

If you cannot be there at the start, the route is: Sparrow Way, Mill Hill End, Rutland Green, Smeefield on to Potton Road and the pub, Chapel Close, Kidmans Close, College Court, Westbrook area, Tithe Close, Scott's Close and Scott's Crescent



### Dates of future events:

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| Feb 7th   | Singalong Supper, Fenstanton Parish Church (p22)     |
| Feb 7th   | Hilton Murder Mystery Evening                        |
| Mar 7th   | PTA Race Night at Fenstanton Primary & Hilton School |
| Mar 14th  | St Patrick's Night Hilton                            |
| Apr 4th   | Hilton Easter Egg Hunt                               |
| Apr 26th  | Fenstanton Lunch, Parish Church (p22)                |
| May 16th  | Hilton Quiz  |
| June 20th | Fenstanton Midsummer Event (p22)                     |
| July 4th  | Fenstanton Sports day                                |
| June 27th | Hilton Casino Night                                  |
| July 26th | Start of Hilton Feast Week                           |
| Sept 13th | Fenstanton Church Pimms & Pate                       |

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

## WHAT'S ON in December 2014/ January 2015

Dec 1st	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
2nd	Fenstanton Christmas Lights at the Clock Tower		6.30pm	p45
4th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p26
5th/6th	Children's Craft Workshop	Methodist Church	4pm/10.30am	p17
6th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
8th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
10th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p27
10th	Wildlife Meeting	Brampton	7.30pm	p44
13th	Fenstanton Pharmacy Event	High Street	1.00pm	p7
14th	Hilton Children's Christmas Party	Village Hall	2.00pm	p43
16th	Drop in for Tea	URC Church	3.30pm	p21
16th	Carols around Hilton	Start Parish Church	6.00pm	p23
19th	Hilton Art Club Lunch	The Golden Ball		p33
Jan 3rd	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
8th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
10th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p21
14th	Wildlife Meeting	Brampton	7.30pm	p44
14/21/2	Fiddler on the Roof rehearsals	Over	7.45pm	p41
16th	Hilton Art Club			p33
17th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p21
27th	Drop in for Coffee	URC Church	10.00am	p21
31st	Lace Making	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	

For Church services etc. see (p17-23)

**Other:** Rearranged Bin Collections(p39); Hilton Church Advent Lunches(p20); Football(p29); Hilton Choir Rehearsals(p31); Fenstanton Pharmacy/Doctors Christmas Opening(p9)

**Regular Weekly Meeting**

Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p26)  
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p33)  
Brownies etc (p33)

**Regular fortnightly meetings:**

Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Swop (p21)  
Scottish Country Dancing, Yoga, Tai Chi

**NB. DEADLINE February 2015 is January 14th**  
*(nothing will be accepted after that date)*