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Letters & Notices

Spectrum is looking for a new deliverer to cover Church Leys in Fenstanton.. If you are able to join our fantastic group of delivery volunteers, please contact us at spectrum.news@tesco.net and we will put you in touch with Maureen who coordinates delivery to this part of the village. Thank you.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, telephone calls and good wishes during my health problems over Christmas/New Year. It is in times of trouble that makes us truly grateful we live in such a lovely caring village. Thank you all.

Doreen & Ian (Bates)

This is the final edition of Spectrum to be edited by the old team, Pauline and Duncan. We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the people who have helped keep the magazine coming to you in your homes these past four and a half years. Everyone who volunteers their time to Spectrum does so willingly and freely and like all such groups, it is such community spirit that helps make a place special.

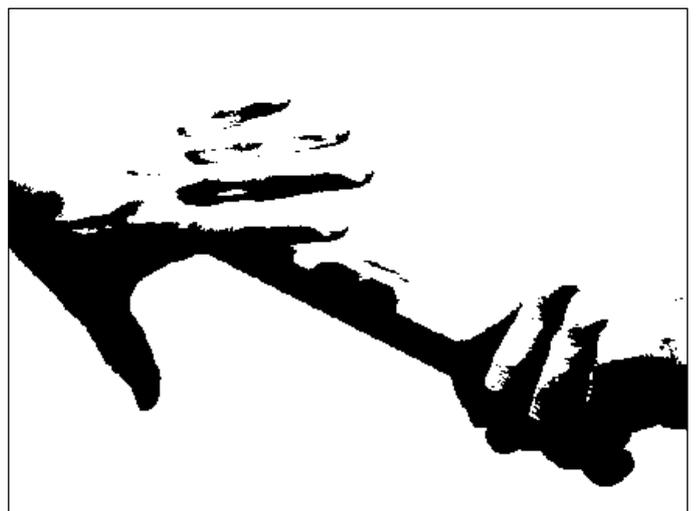
There are far too many to name them all personally, however, special mention ought to go to those who have been particularly regular contacts for us: Kay Pulley, for the advertisement sales and helping with magazine delivery co-ordination; Mickey Pallett for taking care of the funds; Maureen Tilbury, David Sharpe and Graham Gibben for delivery co-ordination (and Alan and Jean Tack too) and the help of all the delivery volunteers in both villages (a team of nearly 60 people!).

We also appreciate the help and patience of the village web site co-ordinators, and all those who regularly write entries for inclusion.

Finally, thank you to the local traders whose advertising sponsorship funds the printing costs, and without which Spectrum could not be published.

We are sure that Amanda as leader of a new editorial team will carry on the tradition and at the same time take the magazine to new heights.

Best wishes and thanks to you all.
Pauline and Duncan



Since sending this issue to the printer we sadly have been notified that Alan Tack passed away in Papworth Hospital on 20th January. Spectrum offers it condolences to Jean and all the family.

Parish Council Report

Hilton Parish Council

We are pleased to announce that Cllr Ian Stott was elected Chairman until our May meeting and Cllr Brian Ward was elected vice Chairman. We still have two vacancies for councillors which we hope to fill at our 2nd of February meeting. We are also pleased to announce that Herbie Collen has agreed to take on the role of Tree Warden.



Rural Exception Policy - Affordable Housing – Hunts District Council and Cambridge Acre will be attending our meeting on 2nd February to discuss proposals for a site in Hilton.

Access Over the Green. The Parish Council is currently considering issues regarding access over the Green in the area near Monach Farm. If any resident wishes to comment on these proposals they are requested to do so in writing to the Parish Clerk. Comments should be with the Clerk before 28 February 2009.

The Parish Council meet on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of August and January), in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards 5 days before each meeting and are now available on the village website. Planning meetings are arranged as and when required and notification of these meetings will be posted on the notice boards 5 days before the meeting date.

All Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the village website once they have been approved by the Parish Council.

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

Parish Council Report

Fenstanton Parish Council

Police report.

During the period 12th November 2008 to 5th January 2009 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :- 4 criminal damage; 4 arson attacks; 2 obtaining petrol without paying; 5 burglary; 1 breaking and entry; 2 thefts from motor vehicles; 1 theft of fuel. 1 breaking into vehicle.

The Parish Council urges all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0845 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Village Bus Services.

Following representations from Parish representatives Stagecoach commenced evening services to Cambridge and Huntingdon from 4th January. The service to Cambridge departs at 2045 and arrives Cambridge at 2114. This service originates from Huntingdon (2000) and operates via St Ives. The new departures from Cambridge are as follows: 2005 and 2205 arriving Fenstanton at 2031 and 2231 respectively. Both services operate onward to Huntingdon via St Ives. Whilst this is an improvement we must not be complacent as the attitude from Stagecoach is one of 'use it or lose it'.

Mr. Lee (Managing Director of Whippet Coaches) attended the meeting and outlined his Company's perception of the future levels of service. The Parish Council was reassured by his comments.

Provision of a litter bin at the east bound Clock Tower bus stop.

It was agreed to request the District Council to install a litter bin at this location. If the District Council is unable to assist the bin will be installed by the Parish.

Power cuts.

A long power cut after Christmas brought considerable inconvenience to some parts of the Village. If you experience a power cut it is important that you contact EDF Energy as soon as possible. Flickering supplies, dim lights and low voltage must also be reported as might constitute a fire hazard. The advice from EDF is do not rely on someone else to do it. Telephone 0800 7 838 838

Christmas Wreaths.

Relatives placing wreaths in the cemetery are respectfully requested to remove them by Easter.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th February 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

**FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND
NATTERS**

ARE KNITTING HATS FOR THE
SAILORS SOCIETY AND
JIMMY'S NIGHT SHELTER,
PLAIN COLOURS ONLY IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO KNIT ONE.

PATTERNS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
JEAN DING,
28 BELL LANE, FENSTANTON

Womens Discussion Group
4th Monday of each month, from 7.30pm
with supper and speaker

At George & Dragon, Elsworth
23rd February – Angela Deavall

“ Power, Sex and Money.

What has it to do with us?”.

Angela is a leading charity worker with
CHASTE which aims to end people
trafficking and the devastating impact on
people's lives as a result.

Please contact Christina Sheppard to reserve
a place sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com or
831454

Fenstanton Village Hall News

A very big thank you to everyone who not only came to the switching-on of the Parish Council Christmas lights at the Clock Tower on 9th December last year but who also supported our fund-raising efforts by selling and buying raffle tickets for our Grand Christmas Draw beforehand. Overall, because our prizes were donated, we made a clear £1,500 on the evening to go towards Village Hall funds. Thank you very much to our donors. We also thank the Scouts for their contribution to the event and hope they will link up with us again this coming year. Thank you also to Father Christmas for putting in an appearance. We would love to hear from people who joined us on the night on how we can make this event a more festive and inclusive occasion.

The present Village Hall site remains unsold but we are encouraged by the results of our survey of village residents which show that 37% of you want us to continue our search for a suitable site on which to build a new hall. Thank you to all of you who took the time and trouble to complete the survey forms, those who conducted the surveys and those who answered the survey questions at the door.

We continue with our fund-raising. Don't forget our alternating fortnightly Wednesday Quiz Nights and Bingo Nights held, courtesy of Dai and Jo Heafield, at The George from 8pm, starting with Quiz Nights on 14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 8th April, etc, and Bingo Nights on 28th January, 25th February, 25th March, 22nd April, etc. Many thanks to the Over-Sixties Club for lending us the Bingo equipment.

Our next big fund-raising event will be Pancake Races and Refreshments on Sunday, 22nd February 2009, from 2 to 4pm at the Headlands Play Area in conjunction with the Youth Football Club. Come and toss a pancake in the races – if you drop it you'll have to start again!

Jane Blunt, Chair (tel 461751)

Bumps to Babies

Held in The Daisy Children's Centre,
Varrier Jones Drive, Papworth Everard
(on the site of Pendragon Community Primary School)

For Mum's to be and Parent's / Carer's of babies to pre-walkers

Friday Mornings 10.00 - 11.30am

Come along for a chat and support plus activities for your young ones.

For more details contact Kath Doyle or Rachel Rees on 01480 831423

www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Dear Editor,

Al-Anon Family Groups is raising awareness of its existence as part of a national campaign starting on January 26, 2009 and it is with this in mind that I am asking if you may include mention of the Groups in your February publication.

When someone in the family has a problem with alcohol, it's not just the drinker who suffers. Anyone in a close relationship with an alcoholic can be adversely affected by the drinker's behaviour, to the point where their own health and well-being deteriorates.

Al-Anon Family Groups offers support to those affected by someone else's drinking. Our organisation is national and international and there are groups meeting weekly across Cambridgeshire (see locations below) offering family and friends of alcoholics somewhere to find comfort, understanding and encouragement. Anyone is welcome to attend if they have been, or still are, affected by someone else's drinking.

Al-Anon Family Groups is a fully self-supporting, registered charity and there are no membership fees. The fellowship is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organisation or institution and has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

Local meetings take place at: Cambridge, Ely, Wisbech, and Peterborough.

Full details about the location and times of the above meetings and more information about Al-Anon Family Groups can be found at

www.al-anonuk.org.uk and by calling the General Service Office on 020 7403 0888.

Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)

On a freezing Monday morning in December, HAT met with Councillor Ian Bates, Matt Bradney (County Council Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure) and a Highways Engineer. We walked along Potton Road and Graveley Way witnessing the high volume of cars and large trucks rushing through the village. As usual, many drivers were clearly speeding.

Matt listened and appeared receptive to what we were telling him about the scale and impact of Hilton's through traffic problems. Afterwards, Matt acknowledged the serious issues Hilton has with HGVs and speeding. He informed us that he has asked his officers to look for a county wide solution.

Highways has also agreed to ask the police to better enforce the existing night time lorry ban, to try and help with those broken nights of sleep.

However, there do not appear to be any road engineering solutions forthcoming in the foreseeable future. HAT will shortly be meeting again with our Councillor to press for action and support.

Neighbourhood SpeedWatch - Speedwatch is a new Police initiative, adopted by St Ives Neighbourhood Police Panel and supported by County Council Highways. It was trialled last year in the Ely area.

The objective is to identify speeding drivers for follow up by the Police.

At the same time, this will help highlight locations and times of day to prioritise for future Police Enforcement.

A team of trained volunteer observers, drawn from the different communities in this area, is deployed on a rota basis just a few hours each month with roadside speed detector units at speeding hot spots around the St Ives area.

SpeedWatch is not a replacement for law enforcement activity- that remains the responsibility of the Police.

HAT is considering whether to recommend to the Parish Council that Hilton should participate.

It would be very useful to hear what residents think about this and whether they might wish to volunteer as observers.

To contact HAT or for more information
e-mail: HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk
Tel: Bill Halford, 831193;
Margaret Shardlow, 831186; Lissie Wright, 830577

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

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

Fenstanton & Hilton Parish Churches

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st 4th Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemas)

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion & Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Said Evensong

Thursday 5th

Fenstanton 3.30pm Jaffa Club

Sunday 8th 3rd Sunday before Lent

Fenstanton 10.00am Worship for All

Hilton 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel with Sunday Club in Methodist school room

Thursday 12th

Fenstanton 2.30pm Church Centre - Holy Communion and tea

Sunday 15th 2nd Sunday before Lent

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion & Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 22nd Sunday next before Lent

Fenstanton 9.30am Family Communion

Hilton 11.15am Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am

Tuesday 24th

Hilton 1.30pm Tot's Praise

Wednesday 25th Ash Wednesday

Hilton 7.30pm United Communion service with imposition of Ashes

Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent

Hilton 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fenstanton 9.30am Parish Communion & Sunday Club

Fenstanton 6.00pm Said Evensong

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

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

February

Sunday 1st 9:30am Revd Derek Newton
Sunday 8th 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday 8th 6.00pm Mrs Christine Curtis
Sunday 15th 9.30am Dr Christine Macleod
Sunday 22nd 9:30am Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday 22nd 5:00pm Alive @ 5. Inspirational Café style worship for all.

March

Sunday 1st 9:30am Revd Derek Newton

Other Events

February

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10th 10.00am Knitters and Natters
Saturday 14th 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call John 468718
Tuesday 17th 10.00 am The Open Door Coffee Morning.
Saturday 21st 10.00am Book Sale
Tuesday 24th 10.00am Knitters and Natters.

March

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am The Open Door Coffee Morning
Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Catholic Church, St Ives, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd,
Parish priest Rev Paul Maddison Tel: 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00: Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, (served from Huntingdon) Methodist church Church Lane, Mass Saturday 18.00

Hilton Methodist Church

February

1st 11 am Mr Tony Sainsbury
8th 11 am United Holy Communion Service with Revd Katy Dunn & Rev Dr Robin McKenzie
Children's Sunday Club in the hall.
15th 11 am Mr Don Moorman
22nd 11 am Ms Lynn Taylor

25th 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday – Service at Parish Church
Ecumenical meeting on Thursday 5th February at 11.30 am at 1 Sparrow Way.

Hilton Sunday Club

We wished everyone a very "Happy New Year" at our January meeting it was good to be together again after the Christmas break, with Linda telling us about John the Baptist who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. We talked about all the things we love – family, food, holidays, toys and thoughts about how God loves us, whatever we are. We all made a collage self – portrait. At the February 8th Sunday Club we will be making model houses and painting them. Come and join us, see you there.

Tot's Praise

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

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

Club News

from the villages

Fenstanton WI

On Thursday 4th December we celebrated our last meeting of the year with a lovely meal of chicken casserole and roast potatoes superbly cooked by Pam Hucklesby. This was followed by a variety of delicious puddings provided by Committee members. The crackers were pulled, the wine flowed and we all had a present from the 'lucky dip' box. To complete our enjoyment Rita and Sadie came along to do the washing up! Many thanks to them both. After the meal we divided into teams to play 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'. The rivalry was intense with much fun and laughter. The winning team won a tin of sweets which they graciously shared amongst us. We ended 2008 on a high note and began the new year in the same way when on January 13th we went to the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Burgess Hall. It was a magical evening, wonderful special effects with the magic mirror and fairies and ghouls dancing in the forest. Lots of fun and laughter with Herman the Henchman and Muddles the Jester. Plenty of boos and hisses for the Wicked Queen and squeals of 'he's behind you' when the ghost appeared. The seven dwarfs were excellent characters and all ended happily with the wedding of Snow White to her handsome Prince. It really is great to experience a traditional family pantomime in these fast changing times. Our meeting on February 5th is an open meeting when Sqn.Ldr. Kevin Dalley (rtd.) comes to give a talk on the History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to come.

Dates for Future Meetings 2009.

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.

If you are new to the village and would like to meet new people please come along and join our friendly group. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre. For more information please ring our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

Hilton Village Hall

Hilton Village Hall invites you to attend the inaugural

ValentineDinner/Dance

on **Friday 13th 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

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ARE LIMITED**

Fen Drayton Lakes

The cold weather had quite an impact on the wildlife at Fen Drayton Lakes. Some lakes froze over completely, while others only had open water near the centre. This had serious implications for herons, little egrets, kingfishers and several of the duck species.

The diving ducks apparently had no problem finding food, but the dabbling ducks feed on plants growing in shallow water – just the areas that were frozen over. Some were smart enough to join the swans and coots in the open water areas, as those two species pull aquatic plants up to the surface, where the dabbling duck could steal some.

The herons and little egrets, which wade in shallow water in search of fish, were forced to use the brooks, as enough water was running in them to stop ice forming. There are paths beside the brooks, which is unfortunate for these wary birds, as they were frequently disturbed as they patiently waited for fish to swim into reach.

Kingfishers usually perch on a branch or reed stem at the water's edge, watching for fish to swim below them, so they also found their favourite spots were covered with ice. Such long spells of frozen water forced kingfishers to follow river systems in search of suitable areas, and many of them end up at the coast, where they find fish in rock pools and estuarine channels.

The winter starling roost disintegrated during the cold weather – frozen ground prevented these speckled birds from finding bugs in the soil, so most starlings moved further south and west, in search of warmer conditions. Holywell Lake car park is still worth a visit in the last hour of daylight, to watch wood pigeons, jackdaws and rooks congregating in their roosts, and to watch gulls streaming overhead to their roosts further away.



While the lakes were frozen, bitterns were forced to feed in the same way as the herons, but they were easier to see,

especially at their evening roost site in Holywell Lake. Normally, bitterns roost within the reeds, where they are out of sight, but when the water within the reeds was frozen, they chose to roost at the top of some young willows poking up through the reeds. We think they did this too avoid being found by mammal predators, such as foxes, that could walk on the ice through the reeds.

You have probably heard that the Guided Bus will now not be operating until sometime in the summer, later than previously announced. Contractors started laying the guide-way track on the section between the lakes in January, and we have been told that Holywell Ferry Road may now only be closed for one day, and not a week as previously advised. The one-day closure is likely to be at the end of January. There is access to the car park throughout the construction period (other than the one-day closure) – motorists have a minor diversion to follow.

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.

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.

Thursday 19 February 10am-12.30pm Cost: £3 (half price for RSPB members). Neil Renwick, 01954 233267 neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk

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.

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.

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

Meets Tuesdays 10.00 am - 11.30 am
Hilton Village Hall

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! Come along for a cuppa and a chat and let your treasures burn off some winter energy. For more information call Emily on 831142. Session costs £2.00.

Fenstanton Pre-School

We welcomed some new children into our group at the start of the Spring Term and look forward to lots of happy times.

We are very grateful to Hilton Town Trust for their generous donation – we are creating a raised garden for the children to plant, grow and eat their own vegetables.

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE
FOLLOWING:**

Everyone who supported our Christmas Grand Raffle – we raised £249!
Mo's Motors, Oakland's Beauty and Ron's Farm Shop for their kind donations of prizes.

Donation of a PC (for children's use) – if anyone has a working colour printer to go with it we would love to hear from you, please call us on 01480 496156, or pop in.

REMINDER: we now take children's names on our waiting list from approx 18months, and they can join our group in the half term in which they become 3.

Hilton WI

Hilton WI began the season's celebrations early with a super Christmas Party on Monday 8th December.

A band of volunteers had organised everything, including hot mulled wine and tasty warm snacks, table decorations, festive favours (sweets in a bag) for each person and a raffle, rounded off with superb entertainment by the Music Hall Society who put on a splendid show with great enthusiasm and gusto. Their MC kept the party laughing in between the musical numbers, and the musicians (keyboard and percussion) drummed up a fine accompaniment to the set pieces, including a wartime sequence, old tyme section and many well-known showstoppers. Everyone joined in the choruses and the evening finished with some favourite Christmas carols and songs.

Rosemary Blake gave a big thankyou to all the entertainers and the ladies who had organised such a splendid evening.

The next meeting of Hilton WI will be on Monday 12th January 2009 when Angela Potter will be letting us in on the secrets of creating her Chelsea garden. If you would like to join our friendly group, phone the Secretary, Ruth Salem, on 830358 or just come along to the village hall by 7.15pm on the night.

Hilton 14 Action Group

The Action Group held an open meeting on 10th December to gauge residents' responses to the recent Highways Agency exhibitions and for the A14AG to refresh its action mandate from the village. This was well attended – especially given it was a bleak December night. Residents remained concerned:

- That the proposed A14 improvements might not reduce rat running or HGVs through the village and that additional measures were needed to address this.
- That the proposed earth bund for visual screening may not be adequate and should be raised and combined with more tree planting.
- That the noise generated by the new road would greatly affect quality of life in Hilton and more innovative screening, such as many of us had seen on the continent, should be installed.
- That the proposed borrow pits were very large and might be used beyond the A14 construction phase.
- That residents were still nervous about the impact of the road proposals on local drainage.

The next phase will be the issuing of Draft Orders, which are expected in March. At that stage, depending on whether local concerns have been allayed, the Action Group and Parish Council will have six weeks to submit final objections, which could then be considered, along with other objections, at any Public Inquiry.

Finally the Action Group called for additional residents to join the Committee for this next, potentially demanding stage. Three residents came forward and offered their assistance. For further information please contact Lissie Wright 830577.

Wildlife Trust – Huntingdon Area



Slugs and Snails

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Slugs and Snails will be the focus of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, on Wednesday 11th February 2009 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight, Brian Eversham, who is the Conservation Director of the Wildlife Trust, will give our presentation. Brian will discuss the ecology and behaviour of molluscs in a wide range of habitats; why they are of interest to conservations and why they should be protected. He will also touch on molluscs and gardening!

Brian has studied slugs and snails since the 1970s, and has bred all but three species of British slugs. He tells us that they are not all as easy to rear as gardeners might imagine. Apparently some species can live for 7 years or more, can grow to over a foot long and become heavier than the smallest British mammals!

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members.

Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

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

Hilton Feast Week 2009

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the sale of the Christmas raffle tickets, your help, time and effort is much appreciated.

Congratulations go to Claire McDonald who won first prize. Claire helps us greatly in the summer with the running of the art show. It is nice to see that she has some artistic talent of her own in being able to draw the winning ticket.....boom boom.

Up coming events

Feast Week Disco Party

Saturday 28th February 2009

**Hilton Village Hall from 8 pm to
Midnight (adults only)**

Ticket prices

£10 to include a bottle of wine or four beers
or four 'Alco pops'

£7 to include free soft drinks only

Please buy tickets in advance by 10
February to avoid disappointment. Tickets
are available by calling

Pam (831946) or Tracy (831302)

or via email: tracywilkinson@fastmail.fm

Saturday 25 April 2009

Event to be confirmed. Some more Friends of Feast Week are looking to organise an event on our behalf. More details will be posted in next months Spectrum.

Saturday 16 May 2009

As you may be aware the Parish Church has a significant amount of fund raising to do to effect some major repairs to part of the roof. We are delighted to say that we are going to run a joint fund raising event with the profits

being split between us. This event is likely to be a quiz and supper evening. More details will follow.

The committee are meeting on the evening of the Spectrum submission, hopefully going some way to deciding more information on the main event and further details will follow in due course.

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

www.feastweek.com

Hilton Produce Show 2009

The Produce Show Committee would like to thank all those who have given us their input regarding future Produce Shows. So keep a look out for the NEW SCHEDULE in a forthcoming Spectrum.

Herbie Collen's Tips for the month

There's still plenty of time to buy seeds, either from catalogues who give the widest choice, or from local garden centres where you might find some tempting special offers. If hedges need a major prune, plan to do it towards the end of February.

Continue to clear any fallen leaves and check fences and their supports.

For children – sow some carrot seeds in pots, keep them in a greenhouse or conservatory, and see what happens!

For any horticultural advice please call our resident expert Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice, Alison Dunk on Alison@uk-ida.com or 830002, but don't

forget you can also find us in the events section on the village website

www.hilton-village.com

Thank you! Cheska and Richard Hodder would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all those who, through the Advent Lunches in Hilton, and with other kind donations, helped to raise a magnificent £335. for SANDS – (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society).

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

www.scubes.co.uk

The real truth about Scouting...

Some of you may have heard a recent interview on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, where the presenter asked me “So Louise, do you need to be fit and active to be a scouting adult”? When I had finished laughing (those of you who have met me will know why 😊) I did manage to say “Well if you could see me sitting here right now you would know the answer to both is no!”

So that led me to think perhaps other people had the “wrong” impression of what kind of person we need to help make the fun happen so I thought I’d try and explain the essential requirements:

- male or female aged 18 or over (no upper limit so you really are never too old)
- any level of fitness from “not a lot” (that will be me then!) to “super fit”
- any level of ability on any topic from “I wouldn’t have a clue how to.....” through to “expert”
- any height, any ethnic origin, any weight, any hair colour (or no hair) any....
- able to offer anything from an hour a year to a few hours a week (could be every week or only every other)

So, in other words, the ideal person to come and help us is **you!!!!** We have over 20 children we currently don’t have room for so more adults in any Section would be warmly welcomed. Why not contact us today?

Fundraising Update

We feel it’s really important to try and involve all our youngsters in fundraising, so that they understand you get out of life what you put in. At the end of the day no matter what we spend the money on every single child in our Group benefits in some way –

for example even those currently in Beavers will need to sleep in our tents when they become Cubs and later Scouts! We’re sure those who have helped raise money sleep better in those tents knowing they helped pay for them 😊

Our first event was a stall at the Hilton Christmas Fayre where 4 specially selected Cubs (based on their behaviour and attitude to keeping their Promise) helped for the afternoon. Well done Jamie, Matthew, Adam and Gianni for helping us make £149.55!

Then it was the Christmas Light switch on in Fenstanton, where we made around £85 in just one hour. The combination of our Christmas Post and the stall (despite the awful weather on the day) meant we made about another £225 profit. Thanks to all the families who delivered local post.

The final event was bag packing at Sainsbury’s, where in just 3.5 hours we made £364.12 😊

In case you wonder most of the money will soon be spent... much of it on more equipment such as tents and remaining hi-viz jackets. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise it all, either helping or by coming along 😊



Louise Clover, Chairman 01480 831715

Cat Protection League

TINNED CAT FOOD URGENTLY REQUIRED :

We continue to feed nearly 200 feral, outdoor and needy cats this winter and our supplies are running low. Any donations of cat food particularly tins would be appreciated. Please take to our charity shop in Cross Keys Mall, St Neots. We also have many local drop of points within the community, contact us for your nearest.

LOVING NEW HOMES REQUIRED :

We have many adult cats looking that extra special second chance. Also we have several older cats whose owner is losing her home. Please contact us if you are planning to adopt a cat. We do not place cats where there is a busy main road or in flats that are not on the ground floor. We will carry out a short home visit and make arrangements for you to meet the cats in our care.

FREE/REDUCED COST NEUTERING:

If you are on benefits or tax credits, or are suffering financial hardship, we are able to help with the cost of neutering your cat. Last year, our branch neutered over 300 cats free or charge. Neutering prevents unwanted litters, spraying, fighting and the spread of infectious diseases. Contact us now.

FERAL CATS/LARGE CAT COLONIES :

If you have feral cats or a cat colony that is getting out of control on your property, or you know of a property where there seem to be excessive numbers of cats. We offer assistance with the management, neutering and feeding of them. It is important that we start now before kitten season is upon us.

TEL: 01480 391477, 01480 476696, OR
07966 282005, <http://stneots.cats.org.uk/>

Hilton Flower Club

A happy and healthy new year to everybody.

Our annual Christmas event went very well. The room looked festive with super arrangements created by the members and tables beautifully laid with Christmas cloths, crackers and napkins, all creating a lovely setting for us.

We started with Pat Morris cutting a florally decorated cake made by Gill to celebrate Pat's retirement after 30 years as our 'leader'. She has been an inspiration to us all, having created a great club, not only with her expertise but also by organizing super demonstrations.

Since 'Santa' was visiting, Pat received a voucher to spend with love and thanks from the members. Thank you Pat for all your hard work over the years and enjoy coming in the future with no worries!

Beverley is taking over from Pat and we wish her well in the future.

Next Meeting

February 2nd 2pm Village Hall "A Day at Chelsea" with Angela Potter

Future

March 2nd 'Flowers from Amsterdam' with Denise.

Daily admission £2,
Sales table, Raffle

Over 60s Fenstanton

We meet once a fortnight between 2 and 4pm in the Church Centre..

Fenstanton Village Sports

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from under the floor of the shower block in the home for the permanently bewildered: I will have to keep this brief as I am half way down the tunnel that the committee are busy digging. I am perched on a little wooden trolley being pulled back from the tunnel face after yet another roof collapse. We are using the card tables from the day room as pit props and they are a bit flimsy. Still we should be out by Sports Day **Saturday 4th July** as long as we can evade Matron's goons and the table spoons we are using to dig don't give out on us.

Why are you digging a tunnel I hear you ask? You may well ask, knowing you dear villager you won't, but I will tell you anyway. After I called you wonderful villagers out there in Fenstanton land rude names last time Matron decided to revoke all privileges and confined us to barracks for the rest of the year. Don't worry though we will make good our escape and be there for Sports Day **Saturday 4th July** which is just as well because we have only had one volunteer to help so far.

How about this? I will spell it out for you as simply as I can so that even you, dear villager, can understand and you can do the rest.

It goes like this:

We on the committee start a list **NOW**. You contact us **NOW** leave your telephone number and volunteer to help at some time over the sports weekend. We get on with tunnelling and organising Sports Day secure in the knowledge that someone is out there poised and ready to help. Two weeks before the day we call you back and remind you that you have very kindly volunteered to help and hey presto it all goes swimmingly.

There, now you know what is required of you we should have no more problems.

Hope the missive reaches you as we are relying on trained rats to deliver our mail. P.S. Red Cross parcels would be appreciated. P.P.S. if the tunnel fails we plan to jump the wire on a motorbike.

Fenstanton Youth Football

www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk

Under Sixes - Football Fun

Our Under Sixes continue to thrive despite the cold weather. All welcome – from 10 am every Saturday. Sessions cost just £2 per week, with no commitment at this stage, just turn up and play. (Please bring a drink and plenty of warm clothing).

Thank you to Creative Marketing Solutions who have generously sponsored our Under 7's team with a smart training kit. We are very grateful to you and the team look like real professionals.

Big Thank yous to everyone who came to our Christmas Party, the children had a great evening. Thank you to all those who helped on the night and bought raffle tickets. An even bigger thank you to: The George, Dairy Crest, Morrisons, Tesco, Mo's Motors and many parents who all donated raffle prizes we made a whopping £100.00.

Under 7 and Under 9 News

Several matches have been cancelled due to the weather, these matches will be re-arranged.

Congratulations to our hard working Administrator, who not only keeps us all in line but is keeping the club in business with the new arrival of Zack. Best wishes from us all.

Committee Meeting – our next meeting is Tuesday 3rd February in The George, Fenstanton, K.O. 8.30 pm (all welcome). Alan Poulain from Hunts F.A. is attending to explain how our Club can reach charter status. He will also be sharing with us the F.A.'s Respect Campaign.

If you would like any further information please contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338

Hilton Cricket Club

Cricket, it seems, is not immune from the recession and global turmoil. Two leading figures in England's bid to regain the Ashes this year, skipper Kevin Pietersen and coach Peter Moores, regarded each other as toxic assets and both had to be devalued. No such shenanigans at Hilton CC. We don't have a coach to sack and our skipper is generally revered.

At the end of last season our lads were able to relax their Olympic Sports Diet and jettison their isotonic glucose bottles (just like footballers do so ostentatiously after just one mouthful) and tuck into a food mountain at our Club Dinner. The staff at the China Moon, unfamiliar with the game, might have been expecting a party of crickets, but the quantity of food they provided would have been too much for a swarm of locusts. A great evening was had by all, and culminated in the announcement of the Awards for 2008:

The AJ Oakett Memorial Trophy, for the best individual performance, was awarded to David Greef, for so often providing the backbone of the team's batting and bowling efforts. David led our batting averages and was second to Tuddy in the bowling averages. Arnie received a special mention for his memorable 99 not out, to steal a victory over Sawtry.

The George Britten Cup, for the young player of the year, went once again to Frazer Leader. Frazer continues to improve and the Division 4 arena did not intimidate him in the least.

The Fred Robinson Memorial Trophy, for clubman of the year was awarded to Richard Ruddy. Richard's loyalty, good nature and willingness to help out before, during and after matches are creditable qualities – not to mention his ability to pull a few runs out of the bag (24 against Hampton). These worthy winners will be united with their silverware at our AGM.

As this is the last edition to be produced by the present editorial team, may I thank them for having reserved this patch of white space on the penultimate page of *Spectrum* each month. Presumably, they realised that most readers would be exhausted before they reached this far in the magazine.

Fenstanton Cricket Club

2009 could be our best year since the last one. We have...

- a full set of fixtures
- a full set of stumps
- a full set of bails
- a full set of players

Well, all true apart from the last one. We need more players and whilst our international network scours the cricketing landscape for overseas and overinflated players, the answer could be closer to home. Yes, you, the loyal reader, with that odd spare Saturday to fill, we can help each other! The soft breeze, the thwack of leather on willow, freshly mown grass, proper cricket teas, a chance to visit some of the most picturesque cricketing villages in Cambridgeshire... and all for under a tenner!

Keep watching this space, or, if the excitement is already too much, ring the hotline (374858)

What's On

February

2 nd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
2 nd	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 pm
3 rd	Fenstanton Yough Football	George	8.30 pm
5 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
11 th	Huntingdonshire Wildlife	Brampton Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
12 th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm
12 th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30 pm
13 th	Valentine's Dinner Dance	Village Hall	tba
19 th	Wetland Walkabout	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.00 am
22 nd	Pancake Race, Fenstanton	Headlands Play area	2.00 pm
24 th	Shrove Tuesday	Don't forget the lemons for your pancakes	
25 th	Ash Wednesday	See Church notices for service details	
28 th	Feast Week Disco	Village Hall	8.00 pm

March

2 nd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
2 nd	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 pm
5 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm

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