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There will be a Hardy Plant Society talk on Saturday 2nd February starting at 2pm, Venue: The Weatherley Centre, adjacent to Stratton Upper School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade. Subject: "Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer"..... Michael Warren. There is a small charge of £3 for visitors For more information Tel: Winifred Pratt 01234 721720 or visit: <http://www.hpscambsandbeds.co.uk/>

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The final total collected by Hilton is £980.62 . Hilton is a small village of about 400 houses which makes your generosity even greater. Thanks are due also to all our intrepid collectors working for this excellent charity, we hope to see you all again next year !

A very big thank you to *collectors and donors*, on behalf of the Legion
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About Fenstanton at the time of the Domesday Book

According to the Domesday survey Fenstanton in 1086 was a fairly large community of around 30 homes probably circling a village green. Villages built around a green may originally have been constructed in a circular pattern to provide protection for livestock against wolves or other marauders. By 1086 almost every modern village existed and bore its modern name. Place names ending in 'ton' are Anglo Saxon and Fenstanton (together with its ever changing spellings) literally means 'the stony place in the fen', which is a good description of the village location.

The village is believed to have originated around the Honey Hill area. The population of Fenstanton is recorded in the Domesday Book as "*24 villagers, 8 smallholders and 1 priest*". Only the male population was recorded so we can safely assume that there would have been an equal number of females and probably three or four times as many children. There were most likely no more than 130 people living in the village in 1086.

In the year 1086 Fenstanton would have been an empty world, with much more room to stretch out and breath. It would have been the quietness of life in a medieval English village that would strike a visitor from today. The total England population was little more than a million. The village homes were certainly wooden structures, based on a wooden framework stuck into the ground and fastened together with wooden pegs. This framework was then covered in planks or served the basis for a heavy basket like weaving of willow or hazel branches then covered by "cob" a mixture of clay and straw. Roofs would have been thatched with straw or reeds whilst windows were small gaps cut into the walls and covered with a wattle shutter.

Usually there was only one room shared by everybody. Poor people shared their huts with animals divided from them by a screen. During the winter the animal' body heat helped keep the hut warm. Thanes and their followers slept on beds but the poorest people slept on the floor. Floors were of earth or sometimes they were dug out and had wooden floorboards placed over them. There

were no carpets. Rich people used candles but they were too expensive for the poor. Instead poor villagers used rush lights (rushes dipped in animal fat).

Fenstanton toilets would have been placed immediately outside the house and they were just pits dug in the ground surrounded by walls of wattle (strips of wood woven together). The seat was a piece of wood with a hole in it. With all the human and animal waste so close to the houses the smell would have been terrible and made a perfect home for all types of flying insects. In fact in summer there were so many of them that August was known as the 'fly month'.

Village communities provided reassuringly constant back-drops for life. The average Anglo Saxon Fenstanton villager could probably recognise every duck, chicken and pig in his village and know to whom it belonged, as indeed he would know everything about his neighbours' lives.

The unromantic reality of English life in 1086 was the reliance on slave labour. All the documentation sources such as wills, land deeds and the literature of the day clearly show that the basic underpinning of the rural economy in England was a class of workers who can only be described as slaves. We can be sure that this would have been so in Fenstanton. The main division in Anglo-Saxon society was between slaves and freemen. However, slavery was not always permanent, and slaves who had gained their freedom could become part of an underclass of freedmen.

Fenstanton Anglo-Saxon women appear to have enjoyed considerable freedom and personal rights. The age of majority was usually either ten or twelve (depending on location), when a child could legally marry, take charge of inherited property, or be held responsible for a crime. It was common for children to be fostered, either in other households or in monasteries, perhaps as a means of extending the circle of protection beyond the kin group. Laws also made provision for orphaned children and foundlings.

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Because of the importance of farming in the Fenstanton economy, a high proportion of occupations were to do with agriculture and animal husbandry. Male slaves in particular often worked as farm labourers. Fine embroidery was carried out by ladies. An eleventh-century text concerned with estate management discusses a number of occupations including bee-keeper, cowherd, forester, goatherd, granary-keeper, shepherd, swineherd and cheese-maker.

Life was more dangerous in Anglo-Saxon Fenstanton than in modern times. In addition to the hazards of war, feud, and capital punishment, villagers were often at risk from famine and epidemics, as well as from a range of endemic diseases including degenerative arthritis, leprosy and tuberculosis. Life expectancy appears, from archaeological evidence, to have been in the thirties (although there are many instances of people living much longer), and infant mortality was high.

The manor of Fenstanton would have been very diverse and although it appears from the Domesday Book to be very typical, compact, centred on a church and separated by open land, it probably was not. Instead, habitations in most areas of late 11th century England followed a very ancient pattern of isolated farms, hamlets and tiny villages interspersed with fields and scattered over most of the cultivable land.

In the Fenstanton of 1086, some 80% of the area that we see cultivated today was already used for farming. The figure in the Domesday Book giving the actual number of ploughs is the best guide to the agricultural capacity of the Fenstanton manor. A plough team consisted of eight oxen and either belonged to the lord who had peasants working for him or they belonged to the peasants themselves. The arable land was used to grow wheat, barley, oats and beans. They also grew peas, cabbages, parsnips, carrots and celery. They would also have eaten fruit such as apples, blackberries, raspberries and sloes. Although none were recorded there must have been a mill close by to cope with the heavy work of grinding the grain; this would have been a water mill as windmills did not appear in England until the 12th century.

They raised herds of goats, cattle and pigs

and large flocks of sheep. The *80 acres of meadow* that are mentioned in the Domesday Book was land where animals grazed all year round. They were much more valuable where the land bordered streams and rivers, which was used both to produce hay and for grazing. Sheep were of great economic importance.

The vast majority of Fenstanton villagers would have made their living from farming. Up to 8 oxen pulled ploughs and fields were divided into 2 or sometimes 3 huge strips. One strip was ploughed and sown with crops while the other was left fallow. However farming in Anglo Saxon Fenstanton would have been very primitive. Farmers could not grow enough food to keep many of their animals alive through the winter so as winter approached most of the livestock had to be slaughtered and the meat salted. The villagers were subsistence farmers, (farmers who grew enough to feed themselves and their families and very little else). There would have been times during these periods when terrible famines in Fenstanton would have resulted in poor people starving to death.

Some of the Fenstanton villagers would have been craftsmen. They were blacksmiths, bronze smiths and potters. Other craftsmen made things like combs from bone and antler or horn. There were also leather workers and Fenstanton craftsmen would also have made elaborate jewellery for the local rich people.

The Fenstanton women would have ground grain, baked bread and brewed beer. Another Saxon drink was mead, made from fermented honey. Honey was very important to the Saxons as there was no sugar for sweetening food. Although not mentioned in the Domesday Book, bees would have been kept in the village hence **Honey Hill**. The women cooked in iron cauldrons over open fires or in pottery vessels. They also made butter and cheese.

Fenstanton villagers would have eaten from wooden bowls. There were no forks only knives and wooden spoons. Cups were made from cow horn. The Anglo Saxon villager was fond of meat and fish. However meat was a luxury and only the rich could eat it frequently. The ordinary people usually ate a dreary diet of bread, cheese and eggs.

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Police report: During the months of October and November, the latest months for which official information is available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 2 incidents of burglary; 3 incidents of criminal damage; 3 incidents of other theft; 1 incident of vehicle crime; 2 incidents of violent crime; 1 incident of other crime.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners 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.

Parish Council vacancies: Two of the three vacancies on the Parish Council have been filled by co-option. Applications had been received from Mr. Paul Kent and Mr. Geoff Pryke. One seat remains vacant, if any eligible Parishioner is interested in becoming a Member of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, telephone (01480 465300), for further information.

Local Highways Initiative bid: The Parish Council has submitted a bid under the Local Highways Initiative to fund the restoration of Chapel Green. A decision is expected from the County Council in the new financial year.

Subway: Work has been completed to repaint the subway with anti-graffiti paint and new lighting has also been installed. However, the lighting has now been subjected to three attacks of vandalism, on one occasion rendering all the lights inoperative. Following these events the County Council is now in the process of installing vandal proof lights.

Church Street Car Park: The Parish Council is disappointed to find that cars are being parked on the grass in the Church Street car park when the hard standing areas are occupied. Following the recent wet weather this is causing considerable damage to the grass. Owners are, therefore requested to refrain from parking on the grassed areas and if the car park is otherwise full to seek alternative places to park.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 14th February 2013 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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They ate not just chickens eggs but eggs from ducks, geese and wild birds.

Fenstanton men would have worn a shirt and tunic. They wore trouser like garments called breeches. Sometimes they extended to the ankle but sometimes they were shorts. Men might wear wool leggings held in place by leather garters. They wore cloaks held in place by brooches. Fenstanton women wore a long linen garment with a long tunic over it. They also wore mantles. Both men and women used combs made of bone or antler.

The village church which would originally have been built of wood was most probably rebuilt in stone in the first half of the 11th century. There were teams of masons who travelled from community to community offering a package deal by which they

erected parish churches to virtually Identikit plans. This building would have shimmered 'light and beauty' in the green medieval fen countryside and no doubt would have been the heart of everyday village life.

The small hamlet of Fenstanton grew to become a village. It was not a bad place to live as standards went in those days; good transport with roads, tracks, droves and the river which also provided plenty of fish. It was surrounded by forest, the habitat of plentiful game and also a place the local inhabitants could run away to during times of unrest. The peaty soil was just the thing for growing crops as it still is. So on the whole, if you had to be a peasant, then Fenstanton was not a bad place to be.

Many thanks to John Deeks for his research and these interesting articles

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL— January

Precept: An increase of 7% was proposed to cover the escalating costs of maintaining the village. It also recognises that reserves are dwindling and interest rates are low. A precept of £22,595 was approved for the budget April 2013 – March 2014.

CCC Highways Minor Improvement Bid: The Parish Council has submitted a bid to the County Council for £10,000 to install a zebra crossing on Potton Road. A decision is due to be made in the summer and if successful the Parish Council must contribute financially towards the scheme.

Parish Councillor Appointments: The Parish Council is pleased to welcome two new Councillors; Justo Perez and Stephen Whyte co-opted at the December meeting.

Flood watch; All parishioners are requested to remain especially vigilant whilst the poor weather conditions persist. If blocked drains, ditches or other flood risks are observed then this should be reported to the Parish Clerk or HDC.

Our next meeting is **Monday 4th February at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for Parish Council meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

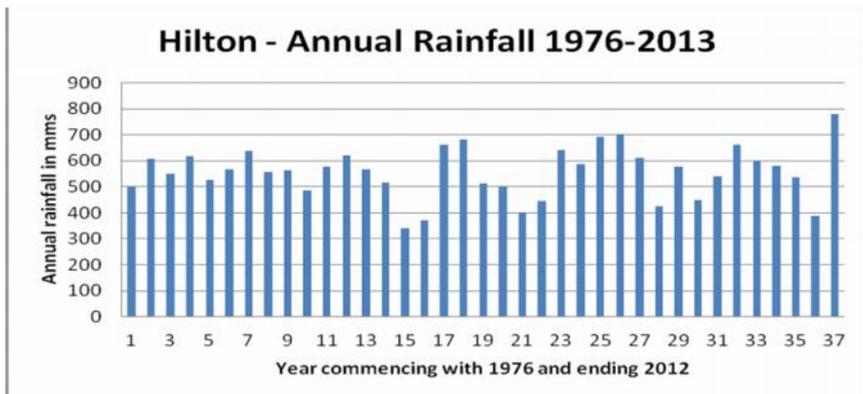
All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website.

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If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Jo Saunders, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@gmail.com or write to The Hollow, Church End, Hilton

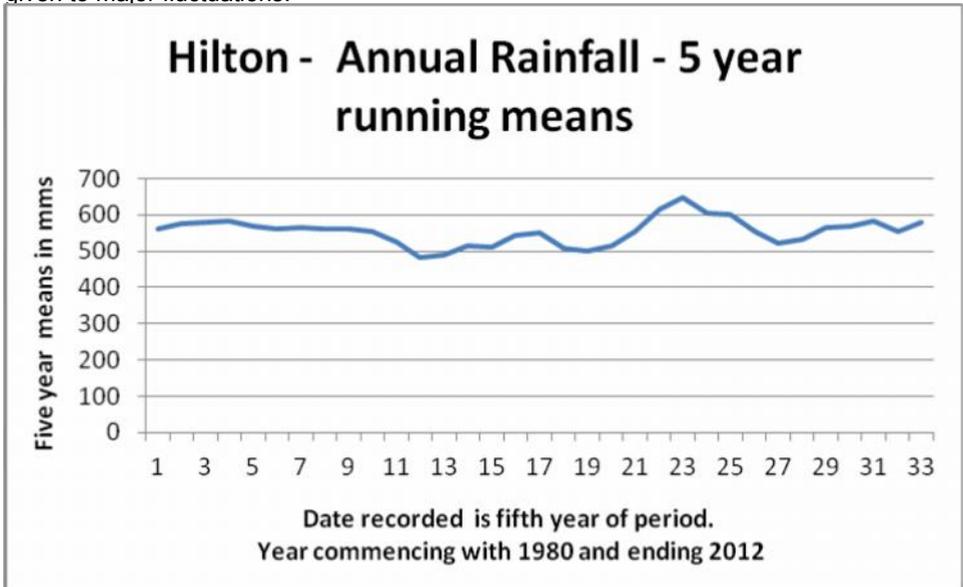
The rainfall record for Hilton – the last 37 years

At the end of each calendar year I look forward to comparing rainfall figures for the year that has just passed with the records for the previous years. I started recording rainfall in Hilton on a daily basis in 1975, and now have a record which spans 37 years. The rain gauge in my garden is a standard 5-inch rain gauge supplied by the Meteorological Office, and I record the rainfall at 09.00hours GMT daily. Every month the daily figures are sent to the Meteorological Office and the Environment Agency to be incorporated in their official rainfall figures. Personnel from both organisations visit regularly to inspect the rain gauge and to ensure that the growth of nearby trees or shrubs is not affecting the correct exposure of the gauge. After a day of exceptional rainfall I may receive a phone call asking for the figure recorded at Hilton that morning.



As the graph shows, this year has been the wettest on record with 781.8mms of rain, exceeding the previous record of 702.7mms recorded in 2001. However, while 1990 was the driest year on record with only 339.9mms of rain, 2011 was the third driest with 389.2 mms. As the end of one year and the beginning of the next have no meaning for atmospheric pressure, winds and fronts, yearly totals are summated purely for our convenience. Indeed the rainfall recorded by all rainfall observers at 9am on 1st January this year was 'thrown back' and recorded as falling on 31st December 2012, even though some of it may have fallen after midnight. This is the daily convention, and it is a very practical one, as I doubt if any rainfall observer would want to venture out at midnight to read the rain gauge in the dark! So while we have had a very wet year, it was preceded by a very dry year. If the figures for 2011 and 2012 are added together and then divided by 2 to get the average for the two years, the result is 585.5mms which is within the usual range of annual rainfall figures. It could be compared with the 37 year average for Hilton which is 556.2 mms. So while we have had the highest annual figure in 37 years for rainfall recorded from January 1st until December 31st, this has really just compensated for the previous dry year, and does not, by itself, indicate an extreme weather trend.

One way of overcoming the limitations of the 'artificial boundaries' of calendar year records is by calculating running means, based on the average of 5 years of records. This method smooths out sharp and marked short term irregularities, so that due consideration can be given to major fluctuations.



The line graph of the five year running means for Hilton shows that in general terms the rainfall for the last year has not had a major impact on the average annual rainfall figures for the village, and that in recent years the values in the range between 560 and 590mms are similar to those of the 1980s, and do not approach the peak attained in the first decade of the 21st century.

Gillian Sheail

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES— FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd		Candlemas
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thursday 7th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 10th		Sunday next before Lent
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room. Bishop Stephen of Ely presiding.
Wednesday 13th		Ash Wednesday
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing
Thursday 14th		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Sunday 17th		Lent 1
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	6.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 20th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch
Thursday 21st		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 24th		Lent 2
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Tuesday 26th		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
Wednesday 27th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent Lunch

Contact information:

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (matters of pastoral concern and for baptisms), Licensed Lay Minister Harvey Marshall 01480 395936 (funerals), Anne White 01480 382370 (weddings), or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries).

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

Fenstanton Parish Church

Thank you to everyone who came to our special services held during advent and Christmas. Our Christingle raised £144-14 for The Children's Society's important work with vulnerable children and Social Services collected over 40 lovely presents of toys for local needy children at our Toy Service.

Katie Hucklesby

Bishop of Ely to visit Hilton

We are delighted to confirm that Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, will be visiting Hilton on **Sunday 10th Feb** to lead the 11.15am Ecumenical Service in the Parish Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend - so do please spread the word and come along to hear what he has to say! Tea, coffee and biscuits served in church afterwards.

Hilton parish church looks wonderful!

Have you been in the parish church lately? If so, you will almost certainly have noticed how lovely and clean it is now looking. During 2012 the whole of the interior was freshly decorated with repairs to the plasterwork to get rid of the cracks in the wall and flaking plaster. To finish things off, we will soon be having some woodwork done to box in the electrics near the door and create lots of useful storage space.

This work has been funded by the very generous legacy left to us by the late Olive Stokes and we would like to say, once again, a very big THANK YOU to Olive and her family for making it all possible.



TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



We are looking forward to seeing everyone on **TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY**.

Mums, Dads, Grandpas, Grandmas, Aunties and carers
and, of course, as many Tots as possible!

We meet at Hilton Church on the last Tuesday of every month, 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Lots of songs, stories, activity and something to take home.

Coffee or tea on arrival . Hula Hoops and FUN!

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

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

3rd 10.00am Ms Pat Paddon
10th 11.15am United Service at Parish Church with Bishop of Ely
17th 10.00am Mr Don Moorman
24th 10.00am Rev Katy Dunn. Holy Communion service

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd February from 10am until 12 noon. Please come along for a coffee or tea and biscuit and a chat and look at the Fairtrade groceries, confectionery, crafts, gifts and greetings cards on sale for Fairtrade. All profits from refreshments go to the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

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Hilton Churches Safari Supper - Saturday 13th April

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Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

3rd	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
10th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION (11.00am Church/ Elders Meeting)
	6:00pm	Evening Service. Mrs Christine Curtis

Wed. Feb 13th 10.00am St IVES Free Church Chapel.

ASH WEDNESDAY. HOLY COMMUNION

17th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
24th	9:30am	Mr Keith Cakebread.

OTHER EVENTS in February

Tues	5th & 19th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters
Tues	12th & 26th	10.00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Tues	12th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	16th	9.30am	Book Sale

Everyone agreed that Christmas Praise was a lovely occasion
and we raised £156.76 for **EACH**.
Other Christmas collections raised £123.74 for **Jimmy's Night Shelter**.

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The first Breakfast in 2013 is scheduled for **February 9th**
and will be lead by John Williams from St Ives.

All local men are welcome.

These breakfasts are held in the Social Centre of the United Reformed
Church in Chequer Street, Fenstanton.

Breakfast is served at 8.30am but doors open at 8.00am.

Sessions last until approximately 10.00am.

For catering purposes or additional information please contact John Guthrie
(01480 392018 or john.guthrie39@gmail.com).

The next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13th.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota; Ass.Fr. Marek Pabis;

Tel 01480 462192, www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00 , Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

FENSTANTON FRINGE IN THE FEN 2013



Surprised by
music. 2013

Fringe in the Fen
is here again!

A feast of sight
and sound,

That gives delight and hurts us not
a-musing all around,
expanding life, renewing hope,
with energy, extending scope,
surprises everywhere we turn
- a chance to dance, to sing, to learn,

Improving, moving mind and heart
With inspiration from the start!
Creative spirits fed and warmed,
A time to pause and think, unharmed,
To meet our neighbours in the street,
Be entertained, with food to eat!

Community alive and thriving
- in or out, no need for driving!
So come and join us - don't be shy!
Fenstanton BALLOONS fill the sky!
Macmillan fund for cancer wins
Without the need to rattle tins!
Be quick, for tickets soon will go
- so spread the word to all you know!

(P.L.-b Dec.2012)



From 01 February the Fringe in the Fen box office will be open for you all to purchase tickets! We have eight days full of music and arts with one sole aim – to raise a huge amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Highlights of the week include John Rutter Come and Sing, Soloman's Knot, The Dmitri Ensemble, Fred's House, Jackie Barnett and of course Proms in the Park!

New for this year is the saxophone workshop, watercolour workshop, from silence to sound community singing workshop and Tony Mitton plums and pools storytelling.

To view the full programme and to purchase your tickets visit our website

www.fringeinthefen.com, call the box office on 01480 352826, or pop in and see us at Studio46, Chequer Street.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

FUNTIMES OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB, FENSTANTON



visited the URC church in December for a re-enactment of the Christmas story. They enjoyed the chance to dress up and act out the story with the help of the Revd Catherine Ball, who was a brilliant narrator! The children had a wonderful time and are already looking forward to doing it again next Christmas!

Thanks to all who helped at the church for a lovely afternoon of fun and games!

FENSTANTON KNITTERS & NATTERS



Our project for January/February is Easter Chicks for Velindre Hospice in Wales, last year we sent 101 chicks.

If you would like a pattern call in on our next meeting which is Tuesday February 5th 10.00am-12.00noon

We meet every other Tuesday

You will be made welcome.

We also sell some of our knitting items, which you can see at our meetings.

HELP NEEDED CALLING ALL KNITTERS.

We have been given a Christmas Tree frame for next Christmas, it needs 800 squares and 200 toys, so can you help please.

The squares are 8" x 8" double knitting, size old 8 or 4mm needles, garter stitch, green yarn, 40-45 stitches depending on your tension.

Please bring them into

Fenstanton United Reformed Church on our meeting dates, (see Spectrum for dates) or to 28 Bell Lane.

We will put it on show in December.

Thank you, Fenstanton Knitters and Natters.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Christmas Lights event together with the Prize Draw took place on a cold, dry evening at the Clock Tower on Tuesday, 4th December. We were delighted to see so many people turn up for mulled wine, mince pies and ginger biscuits and the Scouts' soft drinks and activities. We thank Santa Claus for making himself available as he was a great attraction, switching on the lights and drawing the Prize Draw ticket numbers. He also received 54 letters in his posting box which were all answered where an address was given. The confectionery and craft stalls proved popular - we hope to have more next year - and the carols were sung with gusto. This was our best year yet in the five years we have held the event in terms of attendance and overall funds raised, making a profit of £2,180 to go towards the building of a new Village Hall. Thanks to you all for making it such a great event. We also thank the donors of prizes in the Draw and our compere, David Martynski, and keyboard player, Keith Page, and the many volunteers who supported us in manning stalls and assembling and dismantling everything for the event. We also thank Marios of Barry's Plaice for all his assistance in helping the event go well.

Our next fundraising event will be the Cycle Treasure Hunt on Sunday, 12th May 2013. See you there! Jane Blunt



Bare Beauty

A crisp day in deep winter brings out the structure of a garden and highlights the mass, patterns and colour that trees can bring to the winter landscape.

Bark patterns come to the fore from the armoured silver plates of the towering Scots pines to the fluttering coppery strips peeling away from the paperbark maples, from the burnished tones of alabaster white through orange and pink to deep mahogany red of the many birches in our collection to the chevrons of the snakebark maples. Larger specimens like beeches, oaks and black walnuts create vaulted domes of bare branch lattices, silhouetted against silver skies.

Glorious and graphic, the trees nevertheless at first glance seem static and dormant but a closer inspection of the branch tips hint at the life about to burst out – indeed once leaves have been shed in autumn and in the absence of flowers, tree shape, branch tip buds and bark patterns are key identification tools.

The enormous treacle covered, sticky buds of horse chestnuts are already swelling – if in doubt, look further down the branches to find large shield-shaped scars created when last year's leaf stalks dropped. They are sometimes thought of as horseshoe shaped and there are even seven 'nails' clearly visible indicating where the vascular bundles that transport food and water around the tree were severed during autumn leaf fall.

The smooth grey trunks of common beeches and the domed shape are usually enough for identifying the tree in winter, but if in doubt the slender whippy twigs now end in clusters of shiny coppery brown slender, pointed leaf buds, looking rather like chrysalises and with a clear criss-crossing pattern. Even tighter clusters of pinkish buds now adorn the tips of most cherry trees, like little rosettes, and on most species the twigs have a distinctively wrinkled surface. Ash trees are very different, with the buds in dark charcoal grey, held close in to the branch tip and shaped like tiny hooves. Perhaps most uplifting at this time of year are the rainbow shades from crimson to bright yellow of the whippy new growth on limes and willows, the buds of the lime sometimes described as 'like a boxing glove with one small red bud scale and one large red bud scale', and fringed with fine hairs.

An added bonus of bare branches is being able to see the great industry invested by the birds and squirrels in making their nests and drays, their shapes and textures almost as varied as the host trees themselves, so do get out and test your knowledge of the winter treescape.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm through February and March. Admission is £4.50, Gift aid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission & help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

FENSTANTON WI

Our meeting on **6th December** was very festive; with many of the ladies sporting flashing earrings and all in their party frocks. We held a Christmas Dinner cooked beforehand by various members: the first course was a delicious Coq au Vin which was followed by a selection of scrumptious desserts also provided by a number of members. The meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all! (Shh don't tell the dietician!)

After we had eaten our fill, we were entertained by Fred Hall who sang and accompanied himself on a guitar. His repertoire was incredible; from Nat King Cole and Louis Armstrong favourites to Mo-town. He had us tapping our feet and clapping to the rhythm all evening. He also sang a selection of seasonal favourites with compulsive beat and encouraged us to join in. He definitely catered for all tastes. The only problem is that the evening had to come to an end; I for one could have listened and sang along forever! A truly splendid time was had by all. Thank you to all who contributed and especially to Fred Hall. I hope he visits us again!

On **January 8th**, 25 members and guests went to see Peter Pan at the Burgess Hall. As always it was a great production and we all enjoyed ourselves, judging from the shouts of Boo and I believe in Fairies!

Also 2 members joined a group of 60 at Denman College for a New Year House Party. This was a treat, with visits to the Panto and the Ashmolean museum in Oxford, a Ceilidh on New Year's Eve and a variety of classes and other entertainment. I can strongly recommend a visit to Denman college and it is not restricted to WI members or only to women.

Future events:

7th February, 2013 Slides of the Falklands and South Georgia by Mr Chris Hall

7th March, 2013 English Silver Hallmarks by Mr Neil Callan.

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of each month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to 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 or **contact Becky on 493067 for any further information**. The first session is free, £2 thereafter.



BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors now run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10 - 11am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

With the bad weather over the end of 2012, not many games were played leading up to Christmas, which means the club's quest for league and cup domination was put on hold until 2013.

However the New Year started with some good results.

The First Team kicked off the 2nd half of the season by thrashing Girton United 6-0. Goals were scored by Adam Berrill, Ollie Barnard, Greg Bull, Dennis Squires and Josh Turner scored twice. The following week they beat top of the league Soham United 1-0, with Josh Turner scoring the only goal of that game. They now sit 4th in the Cambs Kershaw Senior A League.

The Reserves were set to travel to Cavendish, near Sudbury, to play Glemsford and Cavendish United Reserves in the 3rd Round of the Cambs John Ablett Cup. Fortunately, the opposition was unable to raise a team for that match so Fenstanton Reserves qualified for the next round automatically. They now face Exning Athletic in the Quarter Final, away from home, on Saturday 9th February.

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 **February's home fixtures** –

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	KoT	COMPETITION
02/02/13	First Team	Fulbourn Institute Reserves	2pm	League Match
09/02/13	First Team	Cherry Hinton	2pm	League Match
16/02/13	Reserves	Elsworth Sports	2pm	League Match
23/02/13	First Team	Wimblington	2pm	League Match

All fixtures subject to change.

Up to date fixtures, results and league tables can be found at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com

DOG OWNERS - A REMINDER!

Fenstanton Football Club's field is privately owned and there is NO automatic right of access for anyone.

However, an annually reviewed arrangement exists with the Parish Council to let the public have access to the field to pursue sporting and similar leisure activities.

Dogs are NOT permitted on the football field at ANY time, irrespective of whether the owner is passing through.

There are signs that clearly state this but it seems that people ignore them. Both adults and children have fixtures on Fenstanton Football Pitch each week and clearing up other people's dog mess is not what we want to have to be worrying about before matches take place.

If dog-owners continue to ignore this, access to the field for ALL public use may be withdrawn.

Please do NOT walk your dogs on our property. Thank you.

FENSTANTON LACE CLUB

We meet at 37 Lancelot Way Fenstanton, on the last Saturday of the month at 2.30 until 4.30. New lacemakers welcome and we can supply a pillow, bobbins and thread on loan to get you started. All welcome. For more information, telephone Margaret Blount on 01480 352724.

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

Our first meeting after our Christmas recess was on the 9th January at which we were due for a talk on loss of hearing and partial deafness, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker was unable to attend, we therefore filled in the time with a discussion on possible speakers for future meeting, and then we had an interesting quiz.

On February 6th we will be having our Christmas Lunch prepared by members of the United Reformed Church.

On Feb 20th we have a talk about making a will, long time care and power of attorney, a subject that we should all be aware of, so do please come along to this meeting, it can avoid a family crisis in the future.

Our meeting are at Fenstanton United Reformed Church 2-00pm..

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Sports Day Saturday 6th July 2013

(Also the start of Fringe in the Fen)

We invite nominations for the Community Award. Please contact a committee member or call Ray on 370973 with nominations.

We are still looking for new committee members - it's not hard work (except on Sports Day weekend) and it's good fun, although some of us are a bit loopy. If you are even a little bit interested talk to a committee member or call 370973.

It has come to our attention that your barely literate sports reporter (two months on the run from the authorities i.e. Matron) has been joined by a few misguided Fenstanton villagers and is

forming a resistance movement. This is a very bad thing and we urge you all to be vigilant and denounce anyone suspected of following him. In fact the occupying army has offered a reward of a free meal at the kebab van for anybody with information that will lead to their arrests. In the mean time please report any missing explosives and look out for night time parachute drops containing small arms or radio equipment. Already the guided bus has been derailed and two large dams have been breached causing massive flooding down the Low Road and severe disruption of the war effort so **BE ON THE LOOKOUT!**

You can pass any information on when you call to volunteer to help with Sports Day.



***** SAVE THE DATE *****



THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk

Sunday 12th May 2013

11.30 am start from The Over Day Centre, 1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs
CB24 5NZ

Now incorporating ... **THE TWO SCOOP LOOP**

Sponsored Charity 4 Mile Circular Walk for **Children**
(Free scoop of ice cream every 2 miles!!)

Plus ... A Long Distance Walk of around 16 to 18 miles

(For further information contact amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

**You are invited to a
Murder Mystery set in 1969
"Fen Felony"**

featuring the launch of **Hot Honey**
the first album by

The Honey Hill Hotties

February 23rd 2012

**In the Church Centre, Fenstanton
Dinner will be served at 7.00pm**

Tickets £10

from Fenstanton Post Office or Ron's Farm Shop

Prize for the best costume, raffle

Bring your own drinks (Costume optional)

In aid of Fenstanton Parish Church Restoration Appeal

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 – we're sure those who have helped raise money sleep better in our tents knowing they helped pay for them.

December was a busy month so we thought we'd let you know how we got on, as we do appreciate how many of you support us at such events! Our first event in December was the Christmas Light switch on in Fenstanton, where we made around £154. This was followed by bag packing at Huntingdon Garden & Leisure where we raised a staggering £633 in 6 hours and finally a photo fundraiser which raised a further £143!

Thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scout and families who helped with all their hard work – and to all of you who supported us at one or more event.

Needless to say with such a growing, and very active, Scout Group the money has already been spent – for example we needed more Group neckers and badges plus our Cubs and Scouts both have week long camps this year that need paying for.

The numbers game.....

Numbers

The Scout Group was registered in 1970 with just 2 leaders and 21 Scouts. Just 10 years ago the Group census showed 60 young people and adults were members – a growth from 1970 that included the opening of a Cub Pack and a Beaver Colony. At that time (2003) the Beaver Colony was closed, and there were 20 boys and girls hoping to join it when it re-opened (which it ultimately did).

This year the census will show 93 young people and adults are members – a whopping 55% increase in just 10 years!

As of today we have a waiting list of 29 boys and girls across all three sections, and old enough to join, that we currently don't have room for.

Play the game

Whilst we continue to grow, and welcome new adults to the team, others are always moving on (some of the younger adults head off to university for example) and we are keen to actually open a second of each Section so the need to recruit volunteers is never ending! We need sufficient adults committed for at least a few years to join the fun so that we can wipe out those waiting lists.

Remember you don't have to have any experience as full training and support will be given, we work as a team (so you don't have to attend every week), scouting can enhance everything from college applications to a CV and best of all – it's great fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So if you are aged 18 or over and would like to find out more about the adventure you can help make happen for local boys and girls please take a look at our website www.scubes.org.uk and get in touch.

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 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.

For more information call Deb on 830221.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB



HILTON WI

Christmas comes but once a year, but when it does it brings Good Cheer. So it was at our Christmas Party that our President Wendy read an amusing story followed by more readings and poems from other members which were very varied and enjoyed by us all. We sang carols with great enthusiasm, the words and the music not always in time with each other but after a few glasses of wine and some of the delicious food it seemed to sound a lot better!

A big Thank You goes to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

Our January meeting made us all put our thinking caps on as Roy Bellas, husband of our Treasurer, Pat brought along his own version of "Name that Tune". Roy is a very talented musician and he played all the music on his

electric guitar and also sang some of the words to give us a few clues. The music ranged from the theme tune from Pretty Woman to Travelling light a favourite of Cliff Richard and ending up with Jerusalem which was really the perfect ending.

Do try the Craft Club if you need a new hobby in the New Year, Donna and her friends will make you very welcome, just ring her on 830770 as the next meeting is on Thursday 7th February. Next month our speaker will be Pat Honeybone telling us about her 40 years as a Midwife, sure to bring back some memories to quite a lot of us. For more Information ring Ruth on 830358 or just come along at 7 30pm on **Monday, February 11th** in the Village Hall. make it your New Year's resolution to try something new.

Kath Charter.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

At Hilton Methodist Church, On Saturday 3rd February
from 10am until 12 noon. Fairtrade groceries, cards, jewellery and other

crafts for sale. Profit from sales go to Fairtrade, St Ives

Drop in to see what is for sale - or join us for a tea/coffee/biscuits and a chat.



HILTON FEAST WEEK

Although we are now into February 2013, a belated Happy New Year to you all, as we look forward to an exciting year ahead in Hilton village. We have plenty of events planned leading up to Feast Week itself starting **Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2013**, listed below for you.

Thank-you for all your great support towards Feast Week, with buying the Winter Grand Draw tickets, and a huge thank-you to all the door to door sellers too, it's a hard job at a busy time in the run up to Christmas. Congratulations to the prize winners who were 1st prize - Mr Salmon of Chequers Croft, 2nd prize – Peter Baliki of Kidmans Close, 3rd prize – Jill Rushforth of The Paddocks.

The Church was packed for a well attended crib service on Christmas Eve, and the children enjoyed a wonderful Nativity scene and story. Many thanks to Hilary and Darren Holmes for the lovely stable with Mary and Joseph, and the sheep just outside the Church, beautifully lit at night. Then right on cue baby Jesus appeared in the manger on Christmas Day!

Hopefully you have now received your Feast week Diary through your door so you can stick it on your pin board or on the fridge door as a reminder to book baby-sitters for evening events. The back page has a survey for you to give us feedback and suggest any ideas you may have or comments regarding Feast Week, to drop into the village shop.

Our 2nd quiz took place in January, for the treasured trophy with a very special triple gold statue for the winning team! Almost as tacky as the treasured gold clock which is hibernating on a mantle piece locally! Many thanks to Peter

Sampson as a very entertaining compere, and to Craig and Becca for a great selection of quiz questions. Many thanks to the committee for the excellent supper served up too.

The next quiz is on **16th March** at 7.30 pm for £10 a ticket, great value with supper included too. The quiz will be compered by Nina Sage and Brian Radbone, so is bound to be entertaining all round. Please contact myself or Sara to reserve your table as soon as possible, as the March quiz is usually a sell out!

Looking ahead to the Spring we have an Easter Egg Hunt on **Sat 30th March** for all the family on the Green watch out for more details to follow on the website and Spectrum.

The theme for Feast week this year will be **PLANES , TRAINS, AND AUTOMOBILES**, so start thinking of ideas for a float or parade, also planning your Art entries and produce show creations! So keep checking the Website and the Facebook page for Feast week news.

Hope to see you all soon, kind regards

Sharon Walker.

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW - 28th JULY 2013

Hilton Produce Show Committee would like to wish a happy, healthy and productive new year to all its supporters, whether you are a producer, helper, fan, follower, champion, devotee – my thesaurus has many more options – you all help to make the annual Hilton Produce Show a success and 2012 was no exception. So thank you all once again for your wonderful support.

This year the Produce Show will be held on Sunday 28th July so please make a note in your diary and look out for the Schedule for 2013 which will be in the March edition of Spectrum. There will be a few new items to challenge you so make sure you peruse it carefully and begin planning your entries.

We are also planning a social event in the autumn to boost our funds so that we can continue the high standard of judging, presentation and awards to which our contributors have become accustomed, so look out for details of that, too, in the March edition of Spectrum. We hope many of you will support us in this.

Happy endeavours everyone,

Hilton Produce Show Committee

HILTON THANK YOU'S

- I wish to say thank you to a number of people who helped to raise a considerable amount of money for various causes on the lead up to Christmas.
- Firstly, to all who opened their homes and held an Advent Lunch. An amazing total of £422.50 was raised for the Huntingdon Women's Refuge. This was only made possible by the generosity of those who attended.
- Secondly, Crisis at Christmas - for the other nine places booked, creating a table for ten over the Christmas period which included health checks for those who were placed. This I believe is a really worthwhile cause.
- Carols around the village on the Friday started as a disaster. By the time we met at the Parish Church we were dripping wet and the wind was howling around us. Postponed until the Tuesday evening, the evening was very pleasant in comparison. A good number of volunteers turned up and £281.08 was collected for Save the Children.
- The Candlelit Carol Service held at the Methodist Church was greatly enhanced by the attendance of the Green Ribbon Choir. My thanks to all who took part in this service. Donations received amounted to £285.53. This was sent to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

Many thanks to everyone who attended these events, which, in return has helped these most deserving charities.

Heather Woods

WILD LIFE TRUSTS—HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



Rocking Along the Norfolk Coasts: Rock pools, reefs and cliffs

This fascinating topic is the subject of our meeting on **Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7.30pm** at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight we are pleased to welcome Dr Frances Dipper, who is a Marine Biologist. Frances has always loved the sea, in spite of being brought up on a farm in deepest Warwickshire. Whilst she is an author, lecturer and marine consultant, she is a marine naturalist at heart and has been studying and lecturing on marine life for nearly 40 years. Appropriately for her name, she loves being underwater and has dived all over the world and run numerous expeditions to far flung corners of the UK. Working as a volunteer with the Marine Conservation Society allows her to indulge her passion for coral reefs on surveys in Sabah, Borneo. Drawing on these experiences, she has also written many books both for adults and children.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact Phil on 01487

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

NSPCC Cambridge

Monday, 25th February, 12.00 noon at La Mimosa, Thompsons Lane, Cambridge
2 Courses with Coffee £16.50

The speaker is Richard Gant, Head Gardener at Madingley Hall
NSPCC Cambridge Dining Club welcomes new members – both men and women

Saturday, 16th March 7.00 pm. at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
Flying Visits – with 7 Top Chefs – Pork Fayre

“Flying Visits” is a sort of ‘pop up’ event where a number (in this case 7) of top chefs get together to produce a course each and a fabulous meal...

This particular event has canapés and 7 courses with wines – for £70 per head.

Enquiries/Bookings: catering@corpus.cam.ac.uk Tel: 01223 338024

All funds raised will go to NSPCC

Enquiries/Bookings: cfm.armstrong@gmail.com Tel: Kate Armstrong 01954 719745

New home for Riverside Theatre Company

Riverside Theatre Company is moving home from Sunday February 3.

The well-established charitable musical theatre group for children and young people from St Neots and surrounding areas is relocating to The Priory Centre from St Neots Football Club which has been its home in recent years.

Chris Glenton, Chair of Riverside said: "We have some happy years at St Neots Football Club and we are grateful for all the support we have had from them in that time.

"The time has come to move on and we have taken this opportunity to relocate to The Priory Centre in the town centre, which is a key production venue for us."

Just two weeks after the move to The Priory Centre, the venue will host Riverside's latest production, Aladdin on Saturday February 16. Performed entirely by young people aged six to 13 the show has been in rehearsal since September.

Chris added: "There are two shows on **February 16, at 2pm and 7pm**. It promises to be an amazing production, the cast and tutors have worked really hard to make this their best production yet."

Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for concessions and £25 for a family of two adults and two children. For more information about Riverside Theatre Company and book tickets for Aladdin visit www.riversidetheatrecompany.co.uk.

ELSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

The children have been going back to pre-school after the Christmas holidays. Whilst the Christmas decorations have been taken down, we are still enjoying our fireplace that we made out of cardboard and paper! It was in front of the fireplace that the children sang Christmas songs and carols before Christmas to their parents. A proud moment for us parents and great fun for the kids! Although Christmas is now over we still have lots to celebrate this half term: Chinese New Year, for example, will give the children a chance to learn about how people celebrate in other parts of the world.



A number of new children have started in the past couple of weeks. It is always exciting for them, the other children and the staff to get to know them and welcome them to the pre-school. The pre-school is now filled up on some days so if you would like your child to attend this year (or next) please do get in contact with us as early as possible

SWAVESEY SURGERY

Easter Holiday

We will operate normal opening hours except for the following :

Friday 29th March - CLOSED Monday 1st April - CLOSED

Personal Profile

I have nine years experience of working in the NHS, originally starting as a receptionist for Christmas Maltings Surgery in Haverhill with 17,500 patients, then taking the role of Assistant Manager for the Crown Health Walk In Centre in Haverhill and then managing Cathedral Medical Centre in Ely before coming to Swavesey in July of this year.

I have a son who is 24 and a daughter who is 25 and a granddaughter of 16 months.

I have lived in Haverhill since I was 19 but grew up in the village of Wickhambrook.

I own a farmhouse in Bulgaria so usually take my holidays there but my favourite holidays were in South Africa and Cuba. Lorna Gardiner, Practice Manager

Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination

The Pertussis vaccination is being offered to patients who are pregnant to protect the unborn baby from whooping cough up until they are fully immunised at 16 weeks. The vaccination can be given between 28 and 38 weeks of pregnancy. We will contact our patients to arrange an appointment but please do call the Surgery if you have not heard from us by your 29th week.

Double Appointments

If you have more than one problem to discuss with the doctor then please can we ask that you advise the receptionist when booking your appointment that you need a double appointment. This allows the doctor enough time and helps to keep waiting times to a minimum.

Patient Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed a patient survey in December. The results of the survey are being collated and an action plan will be discussed and agreed with the Patient Group. Further information regarding this will be reported on in the next newsletter.

SKYBLUE THEATRE COMPANY - PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

This year our inaugural playwriting competition was such a great success that we are determined that in 2013 our playwriting competition will be bigger and better in promoting playwrights and their new work.

That's why we have booked the Junction Theatre for two days to perform up to ten shortlisted plays; why we have enlisted the expertise of two leading international publishers, to not only give written assessments but also to consider for publication all shortlisted plays; why we have a celebrated playwright and publishing representative to talk about their work; and why we have arranged the filming of both evenings, enabling playwrights who cannot attend, access to the performance of their play and presentation ceremony.

The final date for submissions is 30th March 2013 so there is still time to write a new one act play of between 10 and 30 minutes to take part. The rules and entry form can be found on our web site

<http://www.skybluetheatre.com/newplaywriting.php>

Happy Writing!

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WHAT'S ON in

2nd	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p33
4th	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p15
?	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	
6th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p27
7th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p25
11th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
13th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton	7.30pm	p39
14th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p13
16th	Aladdin	St Neots	2pm/7pm	p41
23rd	Murder Mystery Evening	Church Centre	7.00pm	p29
23rd	Fenstanton Lace Club	37 Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p27
27th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p27
27th	NSPCC Lunch	Cambridge	12.00noon	p39
16th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p20

REGULAR MEETINGS

Knitters & Natters, fortnightly on Tuesdays ,see p22

Fenstanton baby & Toddlers on Wednesdays, see p25

Hilton Toddlers on Thursdays, see p33

For Church Services, & meetings see p 17- 20

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