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*If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.*

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## LETTERS & NOTICES

### Chapel Green, Fenstanton, is to be kerbed announces the Parish Council.

This is to prevent erosion.

Over the past 40 years I have not noticed the Village Greens getting smaller. Maybe they mean some of the grass is dead.

There are edges and verges in the village, some kerbed, some not.

There is scant evidence to argue that a kerb prevents damage to the grass.

The kerbs will be 'heritage', ie, concrete blocks. Why on earth should we want to convert a historical slither of our village into a traffic island? What would Capability Brown make of the view from his windows?

This work is to be done regardless of cost digging deep into the Parish reserves.

This is a council that: could not fund a NO PARKING sign for Chapel Green for the past 30 years; can't fix a gate into the graveyard; will not consider a 20mph limit anywhere in the village, because of the cost of signage. So pedestrians including the school children carry on walking along narrow roads amongst the traffic, *but don't forget to admire the kerb stones, when they appear!* Why is this a priority?

Compare us to Hilton. They battle for a pedestrian crossing, not a few pretend bricks. They would not want to cheapen the character of their Greens with such tat. They probably realise that the cooperation of drivers is the key to avoiding damaged greens and verges. In Fenstanton, cars, utility vans, builders, council vehicles and even groundsmen's trucks regularly pull off onto Chapel Green, without any reaction from our Parish Council.

What do you think?

**Frank Brewer, Chequer Street**

## LIBRARY VAN

Are you like me, a long-standing Resident of Hilton or Fenstanton, who had completely forgotten that the Library Van still visits Hilton and Fenstanton?

You may be new to the Villages and not realise that there is such a service.

This van visits on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Hilton, Village Hall Car Park	2.05pm - 2.20pm
Fenstanton, Headlands	3.15pm - 3.45pm
Chapel Green	3.50pm - 4.20pm.

You can return books you have borrowed from St Ives Library and, because this is a monthly service, keep books longer than from a main library.

There are also all the usual request facilities.

It may also be good fun for little children to go 'to

## QUIZ FUND RAISER, 21st March 2015 Hilton Village Hall at 7 pm

In August, I am aiming to climb Kilimanjaro in aid of the British Heart Foundation. To support my fundraising campaign, the Bridge family will be hosting a Quiz on Saturday 21 March 2015 at Hilton Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £10 per head and include a two-course hot supper. There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. If you would like to join us for a fun evening, whether you are a team of 2 or a team 12, you are all very welcome. For further details or to secure your place (all dietary requirements can be catered for) please contact me on 830157 or email

[debleebridge@aol.com](mailto:debleebridge@aol.com)

Thank you for your support

Best wishes

Maddy Bridge

## Dogs Barking

I have noticed that there are dogs which are barking persistently throughout the day without restraint. I believe they are in the Church Lane area.

Would the owners of those dogs please note that for people who like to be outside in their gardens, the sound of incessantly barking dogs can be very distressing and aggravating. In fact I can hear them even when I am inside the house and when I open the windows. Please control your animals.

Thank you

*A Neighbour*

## Your Local Healthwatch

Our job is to make sure you have a say when important decisions are made about local health and care services. We are interested in any recent experiences you have of a local health or care services that you are happy to share with us.

The big health story in the news this New Year is about pressures on our local hospitals. We know that these are linked to other issues like getting to see a GP when you need to and getting care in place when you are coming home from hospital. We have two new projects that will look at some of these issues from a different view point.

In our **"First Steps to Health"** project we want to find out about the first thing you would do to solve different health issues. Would you work it out yourself, see a pharmacist, call NHS 111 or see your GP? We all solve things in different ways. Knowing what you do can help our local GP Practices and the people who make decisions about local health services plan better care. Please do take part in our survey either on our website or by contacting our office.

We also need you to help us develop our local **"Care Home"** project. We want to use our statutory **"Duty to Enter & View"** local care homes. This means we have a legal right to visit places that provide public health or care services, to see what kind of care they are providing.

*We need to recruit **volunteers to be "Authorised Representatives"**. Your role will be to go into local care homes and talk to the people there about the care being provided. This might include talking to residents, their relatives, friends and care home staff. You will get training and support. We pay reasonable out of pocket expenses.*

**Do you have any recent experience of a local care home, or do you know someone who has?** Please tell us about it. We will use what you tell us to plan which homes we will visit and what to look at. We are also talking to the County Council and the Care Quality Commission, to help us plan where we should visit.

Get in touch to find out more or we can come and talk to your group about Healthwatch.

Call us on **01480 420628** or visit [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk)



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## NORTHCOTE HOUSE AND FENSTANTON SURGERY NEWS

### *Looking after someone? We can help*

Northcote House and Fenstanton Surgeries, in conjunction with Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, are running a 6-week course for family carers who are registered with the practice.

**The course will run from 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
at Fenstanton Surgery on the following dates:  
5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

If you are looking after a friend, relative or neighbour who is ill, frail or disabled then you are a family carer and this course may help you. Why not come along for a cup of tea and find out what is available? Each session will cover a different topic; you will be able to meet other carers in the area and this may help to build your confidence as a carer.

If you would like to attend the course please telephone the surgery on 01480 461873 or contact Carers Trust Cambridgeshire on 0845 241 0954

We look forward to meeting you.

*Jenny Parker, Practice Manager, Northcote House & Fenstanton Surgeries*

**Police report** During the months of October and November, the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour;  
two incidents of other theft; one incident of violence; two incidents of burglary. The meeting had been advised that there had been a number of burglaries in the Village during December when jewellery had been targeted. Parishioners are urged to ensure that all doors are locked and windows are closed when properties are unoccupied and to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999. The meeting was also advised that reports of a telephone scam involving bogus police officers attempting to obtain credit card details has been reported. Again Parishioners are advised to be vigilant and not provide any private and confidential information over the telephone. (see more on p37)

**Electoral review of Cambridgeshire.** The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. The objective of the review is to deliver electoral equality for voters across the County. Currently some County Councillors represent more, or less, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the County. The review aims to correct those imbalances. The meeting considered the proposals and found that the level of representation for the Parish is not expected to change. It was, therefore, resolved to support the proposals.

**Budget and Precept.:** The recommendations of the Finance and Constitution Committee to set the budget and increase the precept for 2015/2016 by 2% were approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the public and press are welcome.

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

[www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) - **HILTON PARISH COUNCIL** - Secretary: Mrs Jo Perez, tel: 01480 831106

The Parish Council trusts you had a good Christmas and wishes you a very happy New Year.

**A14:** The Highways Agency submitted its application for the new scheme to the Planning Inspectorate on 31 December 2014. The documentation has now been posted on the inspectorates website and can be found at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme/?ipcsection=overview>. The Planning Inspectorate has a period of 28 days from receiving the application to accept it. Should the application be accepted in this period then the period allowing interested parties to register with the Inspectorate will be opened. Obviously when writing this entry this has not happened but the Parish Council are monitoring the situation and will be advising each household should the application progress to this stage. There are some 770 documents making up the application and the Parish Council's working group are studying them closely to fully understand the implications for Hilton.

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Following a meeting with representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdon District Council and Highways Agency we are aware that the local authorities have confirmed that they feel the proposed application has been compiled correctly but they did highlight the need for more information on Hilton mitigation and environmental impact. As a Parish Council we will present our observations and comments to the local authorities to be considered at their local committee meetings due to be held in March. The Parish Council will very likely arrange another open meeting in the village hall if and when the Planning Inspectorate accepts the submission so we can advise the next steps for individuals to take in the next stage of the process.

**A Casual Vacancy:** has arisen on the Parish Council following the resignation of Stephen Whyte due to his move from the village. The Parish Council thanks Stephen for all his hard work and contributions to the Parish Council during his time as a Councillor. It has been advertised by Huntingdon District Council and as there has been no call for a full election the next step will be for the vacancy to be advertised for co-option. If you are interested in being considered for this vacancy a notice will be placed on the village notice boards detailing the period of time during which you can contact the Clerk to register your interest.

**Trees and Ditches:** The planned tree maintenance and ditch clearing has commenced during January in accordance with the agreed schedule of work. Unfortunately the Parish Council has not been able to commission all the work due to financial constraints however we are confident the essential work is complete especially in respect of safety.

**Precept:** The Parish council has submitted an application to Huntingdon District Council for a precept of £27,070 for the financial year 2015/16. Based on an electorate of 816 (as at the Parish Council election on 4 July 2013) this equates to an average of 9.5p per elector per week. Following a full survey of impending maintenance work over the coming years the Parish Council proposed this increase so we can continue to maintain the assets of our village to an adequate standard. Details of the precept proposal are available on our website

**Crossing on Potton Road:** We have been advised that the cost of this project exceeded £20,000 and under the terms of the funding scheme the Parish council will be contributing £10,000 toward the scheme. This will be paid over 3 years with the funds coming from the Parish Council's reserves as was agreed when the project was applied for.

**Speedwatch:** Following changes to the way in which Cambridgeshire Constabulary wish village Speedwatch schemes to be operated the majority of the previous volunteer operators of the scheme have advised us that they are standing down. This leaves Hilton without a Speedwatch team. Councillor Justo Perez is preparing a new team of volunteers and if you would like to be involved please contact our Clerk who will be able to advise you of the requirements of the scheme. The Parish Council would like to thank all those volunteers who have given their time under the previous scheme.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** In light of the number of burglaries in the area toward the end of 2014 we are reminded to urge residents to secure their property and belongings and remain vigilant to unexpected callers. Advice on making your property secure can be found at the Neighbourhood Watch website [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

**Fireworks:** The Parish Council would like to thank Feast Week for their generous donation, helping to ensure that the 2014 event was a financial success. A review of the way future events will be run is underway with a view to secure firework night for 2015 and beyond.

**Next Meeting:** takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. The next meeting after that is scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) and on the village notice boards. You can contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at [hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com)

## **Gertrude Mary Peet 1872-1941**

### **The Manor House, Fenstanton**

Gertrude (known as Gerty) Peet spent many years researching the history and folk lore of Fenstanton. Upon her death her work was left to the Norris Museum in St Ives. Although some of her Fenstanton history essays have been printed in the Hunts Post, I have been unable to find any Folk Law which has been published, so all that hard work just sits in the museum library. Having spent quite some time reading the material I thought that it would be nice to share it with today's villagers. Therefore I have prepared a number of short items which reflect the village folk lore as recited by villagers, mostly in 1922. I hope that you will enjoy them over the coming year.

Gertrude Mary Peet was the daughter of Alfred and Sarah Peet. Alfred was a supply minister for the Particular Baptist Church and led that church here in Fenstanton. They lived in the Manor House, Chequer Street and when her parents died, Gerty inherited the manor house. She lived there for the remainder of her life.

Jack Dady writes about Gertrude in his book 'Beyond Yesterday'. Gerty was a graduate of Cambridge so had access to the university library. She would be seen every Thursday and Saturday cycling to Cambridge to do research.

Besides owning the Manor House, Gerty owned a number of other properties in the village which she would maintain and repair herself. She habitually wore men's clothing, probably to preserve her modesty when climbing a ladder. A more detailed commentary on Gerty is to be found in Jack's book, it is well worth a read.

### **Folk Lore of Fenstanton (1)**

#### **The Ghost of a Man That Hanged Himself**

"Ivy Cottage, Talls Lane, Fenstanton, situated in Talls Lane, we see today (1922) a cool looking thatched barn, lately turned into a motor garage by the present owners Mr Childley, a nurseryman.

"It was not cowardice, but discretion that compelled Beldam Holes to flee out of this barn and rush home. What could he do otherwise, when he saw the ghost of a man hanging from a beam in this barn, yes, he cared not if the ghost finished filling the coal hole or his master had to, one of them might now do it, he simply could not."

Story by Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Hodge, Fenstanton

Extracted from the Gertrude Peet Papers held at the Norris Museum St Ives  
[john.deek24@gmail.com](mailto:john.deek24@gmail.com)

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY

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

1st	10.00am.	Mrs Barbara Churms
8th	11.15am	United Service at Parish Church with Rev Katy Dunn
15th	10.00am.	Mr Derek Rutherford
22nd	10.00am.	Rev Katy Dunn service of Holy Communion

### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday February 7th, 10.00am until 12.00noon.**



All the usual Fairtrade items will be on sale.

Please come and browse

or just join us for a drink and a chat.

All are welcome.

Profits from the Coffee Morning are for EACH and Fairtrade.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Hilton Churches will be holding their very popular ROVING SUPPER on Saturday 28th March. More details soon, tickets will be available nearer the time from Heather Woods or Peter Blake

### HILTON LENT LUNCHES

The first lent lunch will be on:

WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY from 12.30 pm until 2.00 pm  
at 7 Chequers Croft, home of Ian and Heather Woods  
in aid of THE WOODLANDS CENTRE.

Donations please of a minimum of £3  
for a simple lunch of bread, cheeses and pickles

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

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

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

**and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

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

**All are welcome**

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	7.00pm	Sing-along supper, Church Centre
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service in PC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room.
Fenstanton	12.30pm	Pancake Party, Church Centre
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Lent 1</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by Extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots' Praise
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	12.30pm	Lent lunch – 7 Chequers Croft
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer (15 mins)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	3.00pm	Older persons communion & tea party, Church Centre

## **Contact information:**

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

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (baptisms, and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time, though), The Vicarage, Fenstanton is just near to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park).

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com), or Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings), or Josie Charter 01480 496335 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries)

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



### **TOTS PRAISE (0 - 5year olds) - HILTON**

Hello to all mums, dads, grandparents and carers. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones on in Hilton Parish Church for 'Tots' Praise', on Monday 23rd February, 1.30pm–2.30pm. There will be songs, story, activities and something to take home. Coffee or tea for grown ups and treats for the tots. Contact Linda (830660), Laura (839110) or Mrs P. (830155) for any more information.

**Fenstanton Parish Church** Thank you to everyone who came to our special services held during Advent and Christmas. Our Christingle raised £263.13 (plus gift aid) for The Children's Society's important work with vulnerable children and the local team from Social Services collected sixty three lovely presents of toys at our Toy Service, these were given to disadvantaged children in the local area. Once again thank you for all your generosity ***Katie Hucklesby***

### **Available for short-term rent**

Storage unit with lighting, measuring 26 sq metres, available to rent, next to the Church Centre. £10 per week. Enquiries - tel: Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

### **Fenstanton Parish Church**

Come and reflect on the meaning of **Lent** and **Easter!**

Starting on 22nd February a Lent course will be held at 7.30pm every Sunday at 11a Honey Hill.

We will follow a published course, enjoy an open discussion with coffee and cakes, and finish with a time of prayer.

Ring 01480 301068 if you wish to join the group.

All are welcome, whatever your faith or none.

## FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL

Fund raising still continues towards this exciting project and our next event is:

**“Singalong and Supper”** evening  
on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2105.**



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

## The Bridge Church Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities [www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)

Sunday Service: 10.30am at the St Ivo School, High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR.  
Come for some lively worship, hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet in small groups during the week, where we can build friendships and grow together in our faith.

We hold a:

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

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

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

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

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—FEBRUARY

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

1st	9.30am	Rev Derek Newton
8th	9.30am 6.00pm	Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion Ruth Wilson
15th	9.30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
22nd	9.30am	Keith Cakebread

### OTHER EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Tues	3rd & 17th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters/Jigsaw Puzzles
Thurs	5th & 19th	10.00am	Sewing Bee
Tues	10th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tues	10th	2.30pm	Meditation
Sat	16th	9.30am	Book Sale
Tues	24th	11.30am	Coffee and Chat

**Thank you** to all who supported our events over the Christmas Period. We raised £50 for Jimmy's Night Shelter, £134.10 for The East Anglian Air Ambulance, and £50 for the Nick Branston Foundation.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Edward Tredota;

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

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

## NEW SHOP AT 18 HIGH STREET

Quirky by name and quirky by nature is the type of boutique which has just opened in Fenstanton!

The intention of this delightful shop is to offer something for everyone - clothes, shoes, jewellery, gifts, furniture with interesting designs and much, much more.



Julie Taylor is the proprietor of this shop and is enjoying the challenge of offering a personal service to anyone who would like something 'different'.

Julie grew up in Swavesey and for a number of years has worked with horses in Devon and Cambridgeshire whilst bringing up her three children. But now it is time for something different !

Whilst living in Hartford ten years ago, Julie rented a stand in the Trading Post in Huntingdon and enjoyed the different aspects of selling in this environment. This is where the concept of The Quirky Boutique was developed, along with a few festival stalls in and around Cambridge.

A warm welcome awaits those who come into the shop, whether it is to browse, buy, or ask for something specific!

All this without having to catch the bus or drive into town.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday, 10.00am – 6.00pm,

Sunday 11.30am – 4.00pm                      Shop phone number: 01480 731021

### FENSTANTON SEWING BEE

We are a small group who meet every other week  
at Fenstanton United Reformed Church 10.00am -1.00pm

We take our sewing machines and sew what we like,  
with help on hand if we get stuck.

At the moment we have vacancies for more people to join us.  
Just come along to our next meeting on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Happy Sewing.

## FENSTANTON LACE MAKING CLUB

We meet on the last Saturday of the month at 37 Lancelot Way, Fenstanton. Please feel free to join us, all are welcome. We can provide materials and equipment on loan for complete beginners, so don't be put off! For further information, contact Margaret Blount on 01480 352724.

## FENSTANTON WI

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Feb 5th 'All about Alpacas', Mrs Nicki Sly



## FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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	K.O.T.	COMPETITION
07/02/15	Reserve Team	Soham United Res.	2pm	League Match
14/02/15	F i r s t Team	Soham United	2pm	League Match
21/02/15	F i r s t Team	Ely City Reserves	2pm	League Match
28/02/15	F i r s t Team	Cambridge University Press Reserves	2pm	League Match

**All fixtures subject to change.**

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

Also if anyone would like to join Fenstanton Football club, please get in touch with us via the website. Alternatively you can come along to one of our training sessions which takes place at the St Ivo Outdoor Recreation Centre, California Road, St Ives on Wednesday evenings 9.00pm – 10.00pm.



## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to watch the switching on of the Christmas tree lights by Father Christmas at Fenstanton Clock Tower on Tuesday, 2nd December. The weather was dreadful, about the windiest and wettest day of last year, and, without using tyres borrowed from Mo's Motors to anchor the gazebos in place, we would never have had an event at all. But we were ready just in time and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cookies despite the weather. The lights have become brighter, more colourful and more extensive each year, thanks to generous donors, and they create quite an impact now when viewed from every direction.

The Christmas Draw was once more a big attraction with bigger and better prizes than ever - a big thank you to all the donors who came up with some great ideas.

We are very grateful to: the Scouts; the many stallholders who offered such a variety of Christmassy produce and activities; Father Christmas who responded to thirty two of the forty one letters he received (no home address, no response) from the children in Fenstanton: our compère: the many volunteers who rallied round to make the event happen and to dismantle everything. Thank you.

So we boosted the Fenstanton Village Hall Trust funds by £2,450 - wonderful, in the circumstances - and we hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas lights display during the dark evenings over the festive period.

*Jane Blunt*



Some of the supporters on a very nasty evening!

Some of the Christmas lights  
around Fenstanton Clock Tower

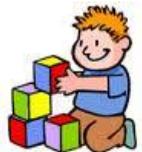


## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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), 10.00am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre.**

We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee. The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

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

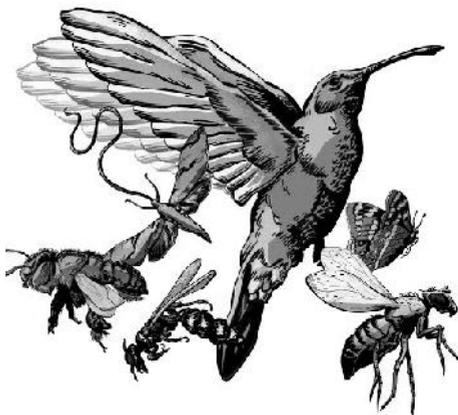


### **BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**

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

## The pollinators are coming....

Outside in the garden on sunny days, early-foraging bumbles and honeybees are tempted out by the lure of fragrant, nectar-rich winter-flowering shrubs such as wintersweet and winterbox, and protein-rich flowering bulbs like snowdrops and aconites. This co-dependency of plants and animals has evolved countless times the world over, and this month at the Botanic Garden, we are focusing on some of the most intriguing plant and pollinator stories at our Orchid Festival, which opens on 7th February 2015.



Orchids are considered amongst the most exotic and alluring of flowers, but their scent and beauty have not evolved to ensure they end up as impulse purchases in the supermarket trolley! Petal shape, nectar reward, triggers, traps, scent and glowing colours are just a few of the tricks that orchids employ to attract a vast array of animal pollinators. This cast includes iridescent bees, wasps, moths with super-long tongues, flies and jewel-coloured hummingbirds, all of which will be paying the Garden's Orchid Festival a visit - in giant, cut-out form!

Orchids are found the world over, their diversity the result of co-evolved relationships between plant and pollinator. For example, in South America, huge, shiny male euglossine bees harvest scents from rainforest orchids, store them in large armoured pouches on their hind legs, and then release them to attract female bees. In collecting the scents, the bees dislodge special pollen packets which are then carried to the next orchid, effecting pollination. This is just one of six amazing pollinator stories featured.

We'll be creating a magnificent display of popular orchid species and hybrids including suspended globes of *Oncidium* and pedestals of slipper orchids, *Paphiopedilum*, floating over open water. Throughout the tropical rainforest displays the focus will be on wild orchid species, grouped to show particular floral adaptations from insect mimicry to the stink of rotting flesh, and we'll be using some new and fun ways to present the ingenious biology of orchids - watch out for the huge Judge Dredd style hummingbirds and giant thynnid wasps...!

The Orchid Festival at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden runs from Saturday 7th February – Sunday 22nd March. On Wednesday 18th February the Glasshouse Range stays open late until 8.30pm for Twilight at the Museums, a unique opportunity to explore the Orchid Festival by torchlight (who knows what might be revealed under ultraviolet...). A full programme of accompanying Orchid Festival events, opening times and admission charges is available on the website at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

### **Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for 2015** **from all the Feast week committee.**

We are looking forward to a busy year with plenty of fundraising events to raise the funds needed to stage the main event which is Feast week, held in the first week of the school summer holidays starting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, all activities are free of charge.

In December we held the children's Christmas party in the village hall with Santa and his helpful elf in the grotto handing out presents to every child, which was wonderful. There was a disco (many thanks to Dean and Karen) playing Christmas songs, and the adults enjoyed a Mulled wine or two. Many thanks for all the committee helping with the refreshments and food, for Santa and his elf coming at such a busy time too.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Murder Mystery event is postponed until May.

Our next Quiz night will be on **14th FEBRUARY, starting at 7.30pm** in the village hall. Please contact Gill Gill by phone or email below to book your tables of 8, to ensure fair competition! The ticket price is £10 per person, which can be paid to Gill by cash or cheque, which is superb value for a lovely meal (including a vegetarian option), with great entertainment from your quiz master. We will be serving a complimentary glass of fizz on arrival as it is Valentines night! A great incentive to get your team organised! There will be a fully stocked Bar and nibbles.

We are also planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday 4th April so save the date for fun for all the family and plenty of chocolate too!

More dates for your diaries are as follows;

14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm -St Patrick's night with a ceilidh band in the village hall.

27<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm - Casino Night with cocktail bar in the village hall.

26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to 1st August 2015 is:

### **FEAST WEEK, with a theme of Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales**

Watch the website and Spectrum for dates for your diary, and we always welcome your support with our fundraising.

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

We would also like to say thank-you for the kind, anonymous donation delivered to Graeme before Christmas too.

***Sharon Walker***

See the website at [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) for all the latest events.

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**TREASURER: GRAEME GRIBBEN, 01480 830481**

**SECRETARY: EMMA STUBBS**

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

## HILTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Have you ever looked at a large, white dinner plate in your cupboard and "wondered where it came from"? It COULD belong to the Hall! We recently carried out an audit, the results of which were pretty encouraging, but a number of these plates were 'missing', you know how it is, after being involved in a catering event there is always some goodies left-over and, possibly, a plate full has gone home with you? Don't worry, just have a check please and, either, return it or let one of the Committee Members know, to arrange collection, many thanks.

At the moment we are formulating plans from our 'wish list' to widen the dividing area between the new/old hall. A lot of discussion and investigation has gone on over many months and, hopefully, this work will be carried out in the not too distant future.

On a more basic level, we are in the process of sourcing a new set of TRAYS, and getting rid of the miss match we have at present in the kitchen.

We thought that, the Christmas tree looked very fine, thanks to Herbie and Win Collen for decorating this each year, we know it is much appreciated by our users.

***Doreen Bates, Hilton Village Hall***

### **Hilton Royal British Legion 2014 Poppy Appeal**

Sincere thanks to all who donated, our band of collectors and proprietors who displayed boxes at Monach Farm, the Prince of Wales, and Hilton Shop/Post Office.

The amazing **Final Total is £1,218.62**. Thank you all for your generosity.

#### **In Memory of Bertram Carnac Yates who served as a Regular soldier in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment.**

Bertram fought with his battalion at the Battle of Neuve Chappelle and was killed on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1915. Although Bertram has no known grave his name is amongst those listed in Le Tonnet Cemetery at the Pas de Calais and on the First World War plaque at Hilton Lychgate.

As we did for his brother Lenham Yates, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on HMS Aboukir, we will be holding a short memorial service for Bertram Yates, at the Lychgate with members of the local Royal British Legion present.

Due to prior commitments the service cannot be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, but we will confirm details of date and time in March's Spectrum and on notice boards. Please feel free to come and remember this brave soldier, from Hilton, who gave his life so that we could be free.

Any queries please contact Margaret (831 186) or Julie (830 580). Thank you.

## HILTON WI

Our December meeting was, as always, a fun packed evening. Once the business was concluded we made our way to the many, varied plates of food and drink provided by our members. We sat and chatted, ate and drank, listened to stories and sang carols. The most fun was a rendition of 'The 12 days of Christmas' as we all in turn sang and acted out our own interpretation of the carol. It was really hilarious!

On Monday January 12th, Nikki Sly came to tell us all about her Alpacas. They are members of the camel family and are also related to Llamas, but are much smaller and cannot be used to carry people or carry any weight. They are pack animals so cannot live alone as they get stressed easily. Nikki says they make excellent lawnmowers and their fleeces are beautifully soft and can be spun into cloth or made into yarn for knitting. As the fleeces do not contain lanolin they can be used in duvets etc for people with allergies. There are two different types, Suri with

hair like ringlets and Huacaya with soft silky fleeces. At present she has five, but a baby called a Crea is expected in the spring. We shall want to go and visit her when she arrives.

### Future Dates

**February 7th**, 9.30am - 1.00pm

We have a cookery day

**February 9th**, Neil Callan will talk about "The development of silver spoons".

If you have any, please bring them along to the meeting.

**April 25th**, a Rock Choir, if enough people are keen.

Feb 7th and Apr 25th are on Saturday mornings, in the Village Hall. Let Jackie know if you can come. There is no charge, come and join in, you might surprise yourself!

Something to look forward to in the summer is a trip to Lincoln on July 16th, more details to come later.

Ring Jackie on 830455 for any more information.

**Kath Charter.**

### Hilton Town Trust offers several allotments for use by Hilton residents.

There are currently some plots available for those who like to Grow Their Own. Interested? Like more details? Contact Phil Wood on 830866

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy and healthy new year.

**February 1st**, is our first meeting of the year and the Head gardener from Wimpole Hall will be giving us a talk and slide show of the History of their gardens.

We meet in Hilton Village Hall, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Entrance: £4.00 (includes tea & biscuits )

Raffle: £1.00

*Everybody is welcome.*

**Pat Morris** passed away just before Christmas, Pat started the Hilton flower club over 30 years ago and she ran it until 2007. Pat still came to the flower club with her carer, Lisa. She always joined in all the activities the Flower club held. Her last visit was our 2014 Christmas party which she thoroughly enjoyed. She will be sadly missed.

## HILTON ART CLUB

We all had an enjoyable meal together in December, when our Treasurer and long-time member Joan Pereira were awarded a well-deserved honorary membership.

Joanne also presented the club with a photo album detailing all our varied sessions during 2014, which was good to look back on.

**Next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 12.00noon  
Seascapes, Waves and Water. Please bring your own pictures/props.

**Advance notice of tutor-led workshop, 20<sup>th</sup> March.**  
Chinese Watercolour Painting with Sho-Jen Dowell.  
Booking for this is essential, contact Gina, 830696, or Diana, 831410 for further details and to book your place.  
Non-members welcome for £5, including refreshments.  
New members always welcome.

### 2nd Hilton Rainbows and Brownies

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



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

Claire Pitcher (Unit Guider), 01480411408 or 07732354105

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



## HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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

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

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



## **ST IVES ART GROUP** (Available to over 16's)

**Where:** Wheatfields Junior School, Nene Way, St Ives, PE27 3WF

**Contact details:** Tina 10480 466155

**About this organisation:** We're a friendly and enthusiastic art group which has been running successfully for very many years now. We are not a 'class' so don't offer teaching as such, although members are generally open to an exchange of ideas.

Our meetings at Wheatfields School are very informal with members normally working on their current piece. About halfway through the evening we take a break for tea or coffee. This is the time when we usually mingle, chat and have a look at what other members are drawing or painting that evening. Tea or coffee is currently charged at 20p per cup towards the group's funds.

At the moment we have spaces for new members. If you think you might be interested in joining do please come along one evening to meet us and see if our group is what you're looking for. You'll be made very welcome and there'll be no obligation to join at that meeting. However, should you wish to join us at any time, the current subscription fees are £36 per year. Payable in instalments of £12 per term payable on the first week of term or as soon after that as possible.

We meet on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm - 8.30pm during term time only.

Our annual exhibition is held in the Free Church, St.Ives over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Any fully paid-up member who satisfies the criteria (this includes having attended a minimum number of sessions per term) will be invited to enter a given number of works into the exhibition.

For information and other queries, please contact Tina.

### **FEBRUARY BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

THINK the fire service is all about putting out fires and rescuing people from road crashes? Think again.

At Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, the men and women on our frontline deliver important fire safety advice to dozens of different communities. From visiting schools to care homes, mother and toddler groups to community fetes, our fire fighters play an integral role in keeping YOUR community safe. And we'd like you to think about joining us.

The role of a fire fighter is varied and exciting but most importantly, it can make a real different to people's lives. It is a profession that provides development from the start, with opportunities to grow into management or specialist roles for those who want to.

The next recruitment process for whole time fire fighters opens this month (February 2015). To find out more, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

## Cambridgeshire County Council Supporting Business & Communities Service

### End of World War 2 Commemoration Small Grants

Next summer marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. In celebration of this important anniversary, Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce a Small Grants Fund to encourage community activity.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 more than a million people took to the streets to celebrate VE Day, the end of the war and peace at last in Europe. Huge crowds amassed in front of Buckingham Palace as King George VI and Winston Churchill greeted a nation full of joy and relief at the prospect of peace following six years of conflict and hardship. Having agreed in principle to unconditional surrender on 15 August (VJ Day), Japan formally surrendered on 2<sup>nd</sup> September signifying the end of World War II throughout the rest of the world.

It is an opportunity for communities and Cambridgeshire residents to come together to remember the wartime effort, celebrate peace, reminisce about the 'unforgettable forties' era and capture some of the celebratory mood of the time. Whether it be a community tea dance, the researching and sharing of stories of the time, a lindy hop event, raising morale through music or sport, a 'make do and mend' community craft project, creating a 'Dig For Victory' garden or giving your fete or festival a forties theme, we would like you to design and deliver activities within your community that motivate and encourage people to get involved.

*Small grants will be awarded to local groups and organisations to support community activities linked to and inspired by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, wartime Britain and the 1940's era. Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected. The grants will be awarded in two rounds. The **deadlines for applications** for each round are **9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March**.*

To request an application form and for details on how to apply for a Small Grant, please email [ww2commemoration@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ww2commemoration@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or call 01954 284615.

### Help protect yourself and your neighbours against telephone scams.

*We have seen an increase in reporting of Telephone Scams this last month and in particular the type of calls where the caller impersonates either a Police Officer, or a Fraud Officer or a bank employee, then either try to get bank account details off the resident, or suggest they will send someone round to collect their bank cards and any valuable items to 'keep them safe'.*

Please be wary of telephone calls warning you of fraudulent activity on your bank account.

- Genuine banks, businesses or organisations will never telephone you and ask you to give out personal or financial details.
- This fraudulent caller may ask you to hang up and call your bank or police to prove they are genuine, but they don't hang up, tricking you into thinking you are through to the genuine officer.
- To protect yourself, make sure you hear a dialling tone before you make your next call or phone a friend to check your call goes through before calling the number on the back of your bank card.
- Ask your telecoms provider to set up caller ID on your telephone so that you know who is calling your number before you decide to answer it.
- Register with the free Telephone Preference Service to reduce the number of unsolicited sales and marketing calls. You can register on 0845 070 0707 or online.
- Be cautious and if in doubt, hang up.

*To report a scam contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 and Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)*

## **Police and Crime Commissioner launches Connect Newsletter**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Police and Crime Commissioner, Sir Graham Bright, has launched a new monthly newsletter to highlight some of the initiatives under way to help make Cambridgeshire a safer place.

The monthly Connect newsletter will cover a range of topics on policing, crime and community safety. The first issue includes features on support for the victims of crime, the new Volunteer Police Cadets scheme, tackling alcohol-related crime, improving mental health support and safer cycling.

Sir Graham says: "This newsletter is one of the new ways I plan to communicate with people in 2015. I hope to highlight some of the great work that is going on to keep the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough safe. When I meet people they are amazed at the amount of work going on that they were not aware of. This bulletin will provide a snap-shot of some of the initiatives under way."

"I also hope that people will use it as an opportunity to feedback to me their thoughts and concerns on the issues raised. I pledged to be the voice of the people so it is important to me that people tell me about local issues – the good and the bad."

The Newsletter can be downloaded from

<http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/whats-new/newsletters/>

## ***New website promoting the Ouse Washes Landscape was launched in December***

The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP), supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, has just launched its new website; visit it at [WWW.OUSEWASHES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.OUSEWASHES.ORG.UK)

Come and find out what makes the Ouse Washes Landscape special! This new website is intended to be a 'one-stop shop' for local people and visitors to explore the Ouse Washes Landscape, to find out what is special about the landscape, where to go and what to do.

The site features an interactive map, showing tourist attractions and important landmarks in the area, an events calendar highlighting local events, plus extensive information about the area's heritage. Furthermore it features information about all OWLP projects to be carried out until 2017 and how people can get involved with the planned events, activities and volunteering opportunities. Through our regularly updated 'Ouse News' section anyone can keep up to date on all new events, partnership and project development and information about the OWLP area.

Kirsten Bennett, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire ACRE, the lead partner of the OWLP scheme, says: "This new OWLP website is an excellent resources of information for communities in and around the Ouse Washes Landscape area to find out about their own history, heritage and biodiversity and is a one-stop shop for finding out about opportunities for anyone to get more involved with this unique environment. This website is the first of its kind promoting the area as a distinct landscape with its unique and precious heritage and fills a major gap in information provision for local communities".

For further information, please contact Mark Nokkert, Programme Manager for the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership scheme at [mark.nokkert@cambsacre.org.uk](mailto:mark.nokkert@cambsacre.org.uk) or 01353 865030, visit the new website at [www.ousewashes.org.uk](http://www.ousewashes.org.uk), or find OWLP on Twitter, Facebook or YouTube.



## Drop-in' sessions for carers and adults with a long-term support needs

These popular drop-ins for anyone who is living with a long-term illness or disability or an age-related condition, or providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends are continuing in 2015.

The early Spring dates and locations are:

**Huntingdon Library** on 4<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March (10.00am to 1.00pm)

**Ramsey Library** on 24<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March (10.00am to 12.00 noon)

Drop-in to any of the events for a cup of tea and a chat about the information, advice and support that may be available, to share your stories and experiences, talk in confidence to a member of the Carers Support Team or Physical Disability Services Team, or to book a carers assessment.

For more information:

Tel: Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 / Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Email: [CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Visit: [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net) and search "Adult Support Drop-in"

### Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Newsletter (Winter 2014/15)

Cambridgeshire's Adult Safeguarding Team have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act newsletter which can be downloaded from the County Council's website. It includes useful information and updates for people who use services, families and carers, the general public, and professionals who work with vulnerable adults.

Download the newsletter here:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20100/safeguarding-adults-and-mental-capacity-act/523/adults-at-risk-from-harm>

### LEVERINGTON LUNCHTIME JAZZ CLUB

**at the Sports (Jazz) Club, Church Road, PE13 5DE**

We have changed to the 2nd Sunday in each calendar month.

The time has also changed to a lunchtime session, 1.15pm start.

We hope for a larger attendance - a recent poll indicated would be preferred.

The first event will be **SUNDAY FEB 8th 2015 @ 1.15pm.**

The Band will be

**THE DAVE RANCE ROCKING CHAIR BAND**

Please support us, we need to get enough people to keep the club viable.

Hope to See You There. Happy New Year, Dave & Sheila Dyer (01945 588325)



## Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire Local Group

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

### Ouse Fen – Making Britain's Biggest Reedbed

For our February meeting the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk on the Ouse Fen RSPB Reserve. This will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Chris Hudson, who has been the Project Manager for the past seven years, will describe how the RSPB are working with Hanson on an ambitious scheme to transform a working sand and gravel quarry near Needingworth into a vast nature reserve with open water, grassland and, when complete, the biggest reedbed in the UK. He will also tell us how the reserve is already attracting Bitterns, Bearded Tits and other exciting wildlife. This talk will be followed by an evening Guided Walk to the less visited parts of the Reserve on 26th June (places on the walk must be booked – this can be done at the meeting).

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

#### Dates of future events:

Mar 14th	St Patrick's Night Hilton (p27)
Mar 28th	Hilton Roving Supper (p17)
Apr 4th	Hilton Easter Egg Hunt (p27)
July 4th	Fenstanton Sports day
June 27th	Hilton Casino Night
July 26th	Start of Hilton Feast Week
Sept 19th	Hobbies & Crafts at the URC, Fenstanton
Nov 21st	URC November Fayre
Nov 28th	Hilton Christmas Fayre
Dec 5th/6th	URC Christmas Tree Festival
Dec 13th	afternoon Let's Sing Carols

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

## WHAT'S ON in FEBRUARY

1st	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00pm	p31
4th	Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p26
7th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
7th	Hilton WI Cookery morning	Village hall	9.30am	p31
7th	Fenstanton Singalong Supper	Church Centre		p20
9th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
11th	Wildlife Meeting	Brampton	7.30pm	p42
12th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p11
13th	Hilton Art Club	Village Hall	9.30am	p33
14th	Hilton Quiz Evening	Village Hall	7.30pm	p27
16th	Book Sale	URC Church	9.30am	p21
24th	Drop in for Coffee	URC Church	10.00am	p21
28th	Lace Making	Lancelot Way	2.30pm	p25

For Church services etc. see (p17-21)

### Regular Weekly Meeting

Fenstanton Baby & Toddler (p25)

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p33)

Tai Chi

Brownies etc (p33)

St Ives Art Group (p35)

### Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters

Jigsaw Swap

Sewing Bee (p22)

Other: Football (p23)

