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POPPY APPEAL IN FENSTANTON

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the door to door Poppy Sellers in Fenstanton who braved the elements yet again this year for the Poppy Appeal.

Also my thanks go to all the shops and businesses that had poppy boxes in their premises.

The total raised, to date, is £2157.53.

Gill Dartford, PAO Fenstanton

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SNOW

Some people may not have realised, but it actually 'SNOWED' in Hilton on Christmas Eve!

Villagers making their way to the Annual Crib Service in the Church were both delighted and amazed by the magical effect of the building picked out in an glacial blue with 'falling snow' down the tower, roof and walls.

Thank you to clever George Lawton who had organised this special effect through the wizardry of his computer projection onto the Church.

Well done! *Ian and Doreen Bates*

Couple celebrate their Diamond Wedding

Derek and Brenda Childs of Fenstanton will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 4th February 2016. The couple met whilst working at Enderbys Mill (The Old Mill printing works in St.Ives).



Derek, from Hemingford Grey and Brenda, from Fen Drayton were married at the church in Fen Drayton in 1956 when snow laid on the ground. They honeymooned in Clacton. They have lived in Fenstanton for the last 17 years where they have made many friends and will be celebrating this special occasion with close family members.



NEWS FROM NORTHCOTE HOUSE AND FENSTANTON SURGERIES

We are always looking at ways to improve the services we can offer. At the moment we are trying to encourage more patients to register for on-line services as this really is the most efficient way to book appointments, order repeat medications and you can of course view part of your medical records if you wish. In particular we would like to phase out the ordering of repeat prescriptions by phone as this can lead to errors and is very time consuming for our staff. Very often we have to listen to messages several times to understand what patients are requesting and often still have to phone people back to confirm the details. If you order on-line the request goes directly into your records, there is no misunderstanding of what the request is and you also get confirmation of what you have ordered. *If you do not have access to the internet, then you can of course still put in a paper request (by post or in person) to either of our surgeries or the pharmacy in Fenstanton.*

To register for on-line services please come in to either of the surgeries together with some form of identity (driving licence (with photograph) or passport are ideal) and we can process your request immediately.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the practice and our services please let us know by contacting our Practice Manager, Jenny Parker by phone (01480 461873), by email northcote.house@nhs.net or by post at 8 Broad Leas, St Ives.

Had a recent experience of using health or social care?

Tell us what it was like for you.

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We log what you say and share this anonymously with the people who make decisions about our care. This helps them improve care where it is needed.

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We can make sure you know about local opportunities to have your say on health and care decisions. You can sign up for regular updates, or get in touch whenever you want some information.

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Healthwatch can challenge health and care decision makers, if care isn't working in the way it should. We can also challenge, if we think a decision has been made where people have not been able to contribute. They have to listen to us, and they have to reply.

Get in touch

Please do tell us how care is working right now for you and the people who are important to you. Your experiences are important to us.

We are happy to talk to local groups and attend events, so please do invite us.

Contact us www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk or call **01480 420628**.

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Police report.

During the months of October and November, the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 5 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 3 incidents of violence; 1 incident of robbery; 4 incidents of vehicle crime; 3 incidents of other theft; 1 incident criminal damage; 1 bicycle theft.

Parishioners are reminded 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 late Mr. Eric Mott.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the recent death of Mr. Eric Mott, a former long serving Member of the Parish Council. Members held a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Dog Fouling.

The matter of dog fouling within the Village has again been raised with the Parish Council. The Parish Council is aware that the majority of dog owners act in a responsible manner and it is the minority who allow their dogs to foul without clearing up afterwards. It is this section of the community that we wish to remind that it is an offence and subject to a fine to allow your dog to foul any footpath or open space.

Proposed development of land adjacent to the A14.

Representatives of Kier Living and Barfords attended the meeting and appraised Members of their initial and outline proposals for the development of land adjacent to the A14. It is the intention of Kier Living to hold a public consultation during February to present the proposals and seek the views of Parishioners. (see p28)

Parish Council Precept.

The meeting approved the Finance and Constitution Committee's recommendation to increase the precept by 1.5% for financial year 2016/2017.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 11th February 2016 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.

HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.hilton-pc.co.uk Secretary: Mrs Jo Perez, tel: 01480 831106

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

Dates of next meetings: Monday 29th February; Monday 11th April.

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 7th December 2015.

A14: The next important date in the current planning process is 13th February 2016 when the planning inspectorate have to have submitted their findings to the Secretary of State who then had to make a decision by 13th May 2016.

Beacon: It was agreed that alterations to make this easier to put up and store. The post has been sold and the alterations will be cost neutral.

Cricket Pavilion: A suggested design for improving the internal layout and external appearance of the Pavilion was presented.

This information is available to view on our website www.hilton-pc.co.uk

Defibrillator: A ballot has been held regarding Parishioners views on whether this is required in the village; the results of this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ditch Work and Tree Maintenance: The annual work on the ditches was approved, as was some immediate work on three trees.

Fireworks: The Parish Council has received a cash gift of £5,000 to be used solely for fireworks over a five year period.

Flood Precautions: The Parish Council would like to thank all those that became observers in the rehearsal for early flood warnings this month. Let's hope this is not needed for real this year, but we will be ready should it happen.

Hilton Village Town Trust: One of the two Parish Council nominated seats on the Town Trust is due for renewal in April. Please contact Mrs Jo Perez, our Clerk, if you would like to be considered for this role.

Queens 90th Birthday: 'Clean for the Queen'. An initiative to "Clean for the Queen" was launched last year in "Country Life" magazine and is supported by many national organisations. The campaign objective is to clean up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday. The activity weekend is March 4th - 6th. The parish council is keen to participate in this event and is hoping that sufficient volunteers will be available on the morning of **Saturday March 5th** to give the village and the surrounding areas, a good spring clean. Details will be available in next month's "Spectrum" but hopefully you will be able to **reserve this date in your diary**.

www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk for details of the national campaign.

Commemorative Tree: It was agreed that the Parish Council will plant an oak tree to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016. The suggested site on The Green will allow the tree to be seen when approaching the Lych Gate through the churchyard.

Precept: Application has been made for a precept of £27,070.00 which is the same as the previous year.

Next Meeting: The next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Monday 26th February 29th, 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an agenda item published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; www.hilton-pc.co.uk and on the village notice boards.

OAKLANDS HOUSE - PART ONE:

Extracts from the life and times of Oaklands House and the Coote family.

Oaklands House was built in 1701 and was to the same design as Grove House and most probably the same architect and builders were used. By the early twentieth century Oaklands had been changed and extended so much that one had to look hard to see the original Grove House architectural style.



Oaklands was a literal description of large parts of Fenstanton between the High Street, Connington Road and the Hilton Road. In 1777, the Capability Brown map describes parts of middle field as "thin", "first" and "middle Oaklands".

In the late nineteenth century, the southern edge of the village was still heavily wooded, mainly by oak, providing acorns for the pigs at Pig Farm on Pig Road; today known as the Gables on the Hilton Road.

The entrance hall to Oaklands House led into a lofty inner hall, from which ascended a sweeping staircase to the first floor. The ground floor had a billiard room, dining room, two drawing rooms, a study, the butler's pantry and servant's hall. There was a domed conservatory and a clock tower, also an eighty four foot greenhouse.

On the first floor were six bedrooms, dressing rooms, workroom and a housemaid's room. On the second floor were the nursery, children's bedrooms and four servants' bedrooms. These rooms were like an oven in the summer and like the Arctic in winter. The East Hunts Water Company provided the drinking water. The whole estate consisted of 1000 acres, including the mansion of 21 acres and five separate farms.

Probably the most outstanding visitor to Oaklands House was Miss Octavia Hill (the founder of the National Trust) who was a cousin of Thomas Coote. She would come to consult with him on her life work of providing open spaces in London and other great and growing cities. Thomas Coote threw himself wholeheartedly into her scheme and assisted her both financially and with advice. Thomas Coote's son, Howard, later said that "seldom, if ever, has a more gracious and charming personality crossed my path through life".

Across the High Street, west of Swan Road, was the kitchen garden of two acres on which now stands the Tudor hotel. At the Bell Lane end is "Innisfree", which was described as a rustic cottage, occupied by a gardener. It had an ornamental fish pond.

The present Oakland's housing estate is of five acres. It covers the area of the former mansion, with its gardens, stables, and porter's lodge, coachman's cottage and ornamental gardens. The porter's lodge is all that survives above ground but there are a number of foundation walls still to be found in people's gardens. All this stood in a park of fourteen acres. From a previously unknown photograph discovered on the web, I have estimated that numbers one through to four Oaklands now cover the site of the original Oaklands House.

John Deeks 2015

John.deeks@ntlworld.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - February 2016

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

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| 7th | 10.00am | Mrs Pauline Zahner |
| 14th | 11.15am | United Service at Parish Church, Rev David Busk / Rev Katy Dunn |
| 21st | 10.00am | Rev David King, Holy Communion |
| 28th | 10.00am | Mr John Green |

LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will be held on the following Wednesdays in Hilton from 12.30 to 2.00pm

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| February 17th | Linda Stott, Abbotsmede, Chapel Close |
| February 24th. | Pat and Roy Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road |
| March 2nd. | Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft |
| March 9th | Pat and David East, Southmead, Church End |
| March 16th. | Janet Whatley, Atticus House, Church End |

A simple lunch of bread and cheese and pickles will be provided for a donation of £3.00 plus. The money raised will be donated to the charity EMMAUS.

A huge thank you to Hilton villagers

for all their support through the Festive Season:

Advent lunches sent £339.50 to Jimmy's Night Shelter;

Carols around the village sent £306.05 to Save The Children;

the Carol Service at the Methodist Church sent £262.80 to Alzheimer's;

Coffee Mornings, held on the first Saturday of every month sent £220.00 to EACH.

Without everyone's support these figures could not be accomplished.

Sincere thanks to all who took part in any of the events,
your support is much appreciated. **Heather Woods.**

TOTS' PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON

We hope that all the tots and their families had a lovely Christmas.

Our monthly sessions start on Monday 25th January at 1.30pm in the Parish Church. Sadly, without Doreen Prescott, who founded Tots' Praise. She moved up to Yorkshire to live near her family in October but died on 12th January. We shall miss her lively character but are grateful for her dedication and love of children, which led her to start Tots' Praise in Hilton.

All children up to school age, with mum, dad, grandma, grandad or carer, are welcome to come along for an hour of song, story and an activity. Something to eat and drink and bubbles too!

We always meet on the last Monday of the month. Please come and join us, we would love to see you. Contacts : Linda, 830660 and Laura, 839110

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—February 2016

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| Thursday 4th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer (15 mins) |
| Fenstanton | 3.30pm | Jaffa Club |
| Friday 5th | | |
| Fenstanton | 7.30pm | Teenage Christians (TC) |
| Sunday 7th Sunday before Lent | | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Holy Communion by extension |
| Hilton | 10.00am | Children's Church |
| Wednesday 10th | | |
| Fenstanton | 7.30pm | Holy Communion with ashing |
| Thursday 11th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer (15 mins) |
| Sunday 14th Lent 1 | | |
| Fenstanton | 10.00am | Worship for All, followed by Valentine's Day refreshments |
| Hilton | 11.15am | United Service in PC, Sunday Club in Methodist school room. |
| Wednesday 17th | | |
| Hilton | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch (see poster for details) |
| Thursday 18th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer (15 mins) |
| Sunday 21st Lent 2 | | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Holy Communion & prayer for Healing |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| Wednesday 24th | | |
| Hilton | 2.30pm | Lent Lunch (see poster for details) |
| Thursday 25th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer (15 mins) |
| Friday 26th | | |
| Fenstanton | 7.30pm | Teenage Christians (TC) |
| Sunday 28th Lent 3 | | |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Family Communion |
| Hilton | 11.15am | Family Worship with coffee, beforehand at 11.00am |
| Fenstanton | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch at URC (instead of the Church centre) |
| Monday 29th | | |
| Hilton | 1.30pm | Tots' Praise |
| Sunday 6th March | | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Holy Communion for all ages, distribution of posies |
| Hilton | 10.00am | Children's Church |

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).

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or email 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, just next 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, 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

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH

Thank you to everyone for their support of our special services and events during Advent and Christmas.

Back at the start of December, our Christingle service was well attended with over 80 people enjoying the partly candle-lit service and tea afterwards. Together we raised £375.38 for the important work of The Children's Society helping vulnerable children across the UK.

Nearly 100 people came to our Worship For All Toy service on December 10th. It was a great service, with our young musicians playing and lovely scones and coffee afterwards. Alice Moy from the local Huntingdon Social Services team took away a car boot full of over 70 wrapped toys and gifts for local families. Thank you to everyone for all the lovely gifts.

A packed church on Christmas Eve heard the Christmas Story re-told with some of our youngsters taking part too. Our big Christmas tree was lit and all the little sheep "herded up" from school, homes and those on the Advent adventure (Thank you to the village businesses etc. who displayed them for the three weeks previous). The collection at this Crib Service raised £436.59 for Jimmy's Night Shelter, in Cambridge. Then we all left church, down the path with 200 little lights either side to return to our homes to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our families and friends.

The first Communion of Christmas was a special service, beginning at 11.30pm in candle light. Our choir sang an anthem and the collection raised another £271.63 for Jimmy's.

Finally, at our Christmas Day Family Communion, we once again heard the Christmas Story and showed some of our Christmas presents to one another. The collection raised a further £50.58 for Jimmy's.

HILTON CHURCHES ROVING SUPPER

The Roving Supper in aid of both churches in Hilton will be taking place on Saturday 19th March. More details next month but tickets will be available from Peter Blake on 830317 and Heather Woods on 830686

FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL

Fantastic News! Work commenced on the renovation project on the 18th January 2016 and should be complete in time for re-opening soon after Easter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our fundraising activities and also to our regular users for their understanding during the closure. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused around the Church Centre during these renovations, which we hope will be kept to a minimum.

You can follow the progress of the work on our newly created Facebook page. You do not need to register, just go to <https://m.facebook.com/Fenstanton-Church-Centre-1500337700275654/?ref=bookmarks> where you will see up to date photos of the work in progress.

Although the work has started, we are still fundraising for the final fixtures and fittings, particularly for the kitchen. So you can still donate to our appeal by contacting Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton - Tel No. 01480 465211 (or alternatively you can email us at churchcentre@outlook.com), or you can send any donations via online banking: account no. 93186830 sort code 20-43-63.



The Bridge Church **Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities** 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?

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

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

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm
and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

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

All are welcome

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

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 Capability Brown 300 Festival

The celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot “Capability” Brown starts in the spring and Fenstanton will be taking part because of our strong connection to him, as he was Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton and he and some of his family members are buried in the churchyard.

The CB300 Committee are still making plans for the village to take part in these celebrations, culminating during August with a flower festival, church service, afternoon tea, along with other events. We are also planning to have an information board on Brown in the church. We will update you via Spectrum next month with more information on all this.

As part of this we are also supporting Fenstanton Parish Church with their fundraising appeal to renovate the large Memorial in the Chancel, which is estimated will cost in excess of £50,000. Donations towards this can be made at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/fenstantoncb300memorialappeal>. This can be gift aided and obviously you can also donate using the gift aid envelopes in the church, marking it Brown Memorial.

If you would like to become involved in these celebrations or need any information please contact Ray on 01480 370973 / fenstantoncb300@googlemail.com

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

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| 7th | 9.30am | Rev Derek Newton |
| 14th | 9.30am | Rev Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Margaret Cakebread |
| 21st | 9.30am | Rev Dr Catherine Ball |
| 28th | 9.30am | Keith Cakebread |

Over Christmas we contributed to a number of charities; Jimmy's £173 (Christmas cards and Christmas Day collection); EACH & Arthur Rank Hospice £83 each (Carols); Thanks to all who supported the Church and these charities.

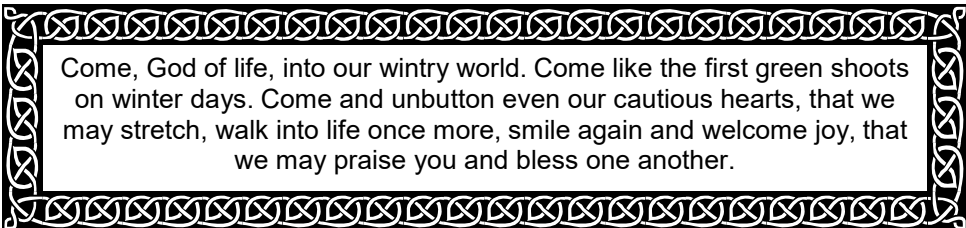
| OTHER EVENTS IN February | | | |
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| Tues | Feb 2nd & 16th | 10.00am | Knitters & Natters |
| Tues | Feb 9th | 11.30am | Lunch Club |
| Tues | Feb 9th | 2.30pm | Meditation |
| Sat | Feb 20th | 9.30am | Book Sale |
| Tues | Feb 23rd | 10.00am | Coffee & Chat |

Last year, on December 5th and 6th, Fenstanton United Reformed Church held a Christmas Tree Festival. All the organizations in the village entered a decorated a tree, there were 32 large trees. If you counted all the trees there were 104 trees some of them were knitted or sewn.

Our thanks goes to everyone that helped make the event a success.

We raised £425 to be shared by Arthur Rank Hospice, the Special Care Baby Unit at Hinchbrook and the Church.

Comment: the festival was lovely and involved and interested a lot of people, including children. Very many thanks to Jean for all the hard work involved in producing such an event.



Come, God of life, into our wintry world. Come like the first green shoots on winter days. Come and unbutton even our cautious hearts, that we may stretch, walk into life once more, smile again and welcome joy, that we may praise you and bless one another.

The Christmas Tree Festival in December 2015



The Christmas tree
made up of
knitted squares,
which inspired the
2013 display.

*There were even
more trees this year!*



Fenstanton Football Club (FFC) ended 2015 on a high note and started 2016 with a bang!

FFC rounded off the year by thrashing Buckden Reserves, 7-1, in the Quarter Final of the Hunts Lower Junior Cup. Top scorer **Ben Hall** netting four times, with **Salv Merola** and **Adam Berrill** also finding themselves on the score sheet.

Back in the league, a 4-0 win against Cottenham United Reserves, and a 5-3 comeback against Mepal Sports, set the scene for a cup clash against Saffron Crocus in the Cambs Creake Charity Shield on the last game before Christmas. That game saw Fenny end the match as 4-2 victors with the usual suspects **Ben Hall**, **Salv Merola**, **Ben Fuller** and **Adam Berrill**, all on the score-sheet once again.

We now face Eaton Socon Reserves away in the Quarter Final on Saturday 6th February 2016.

Into 2016, and we were back in action after the Christmas break as early as the 2nd January. The two week layoff didn't affect our form as we made the journey to face Wisbech St Mary A, away, on a pitch that had seen better days! We went home with all 3 points after a 6-1 win. Top scorer **Ben Hall** scoring another hat-trick taking his tally up to 18 goals for the season. **Ross Fairley** and **Adam Berrill** also adding to the rout.

The following week, we made the journey to Peterborough to face AFC Stanground Reserves in the Semi Final of the Hunts Lower Junior Cup. After going 1-0 down before half time, Fenstanton came out in the 2nd half with all guns blazing and the **Fantastic 4** of **Adam Berrill**, **Salv Merola**, **Ben Fuller** and **Ben Hall** all scoring yet again, to see us through to the final with a 4-1 win! The game ended on an unsavoury note however, with an AFC Stanground player being shown a red card for foul and abusive language. The date and venue of the final is yet to be confirmed.

You can read in depth match reports on our website at www.fenstantonfootballclub.com/match-reports

If you would like to come down to the football pitch at Hall Green Lane, or travel away to support the boys in their quest for league and cup glory this season.

The February's fixtures are:

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| 06/02 | Away | (PE19 7AU) | Eaton Socon Reserves | 1.45pm | Cup Match |
| 13/02 | Home | | March Rangers | 2.00pm | League Match |
| 20/02 | Away | (IP28 7HG) | Mildenhall United | 2.00pm | League Match |
| 27/02/16 | Away | (CB7 5DQ) | Soham United Reserves | 2.00pm | League Match |

All fixtures are subject to change.

For up to date news on the club, please visit www.fenstantonfootballclub.com or www.facebook.com/fenstantonfc

FENSTANTON WI

Our December meeting was held on the 3rd December and members shared a dinner; the main course of steak was cooked by Pam Hucklesby. This was followed by a variety of scrummy desserts provided by various members. No chance of losing weight before Christmas!

After our meal, we were entertained by a group of Polish folk dancers. They demonstrated dances from various regions of Poland as well as showing us their beautiful costumes. We were able to examine various costume items to see the intricate embroidery. We hope they will be invited again.

We did not have a meeting in January and our next meeting will be on the **4th February in the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street**. Our meetings in February, March and April will be held there during the refurbishment of the Church Centre.

Future events:

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| 4 th February | Wet, wild and green, Mr Geoff Evans |
| 3 rd March | Hand Painted China, Mrs Petronell Britton |
| 7 th April | Beekeeping and the Gardener, Mr Stephen Poyser. |

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre* at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our Secretary Deborah Markl on 01480 831320.

*PLEASE NOTE:

For the first few months of 2016, our meetings will be held in the United Reformed Church on Chequer Street.

Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

'Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup' 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 - 12.00noon 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 Sarah on Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk **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.





Jeff handing over the cheque to a local representative of Parkinson's UK in St Neots

Fenstanton Morris on Boxing Day

Fenstanton had their usual dance-out on Boxing Day, starting at the clock tower in Fenstanton and going on to the White Swan, Connington.

The weather was unseasonably warm and a good crowd turned out to watch at each venue.

Thanks to the generosity of the crowd and the traditional inclusion of Fenstanton Morris contributions in lieu of Christmas cards, we amassed a grand total of £210.64 for the Huntingdon branch of Parkinson's UK

We handed this cheque over on New Year's Day when we were dancing in St Neots.

THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A very Happy New Year to all the members and would be members of the Fenstanton Friendship Club.

2015 was a very successful year, our membership grew and we enjoyed many interesting speakers and outings.

We are hoping that 2016 will be just as successful and are open to any suggestions. Please come along and give the group a try, you will be amazed at the welcome you will receive.

Our last meeting of the year was our Christmas party when we enjoyed a demonstration of Christmas flowers

and seasonal refreshments and gifts.

We are opening 2016 appropriately with a New Year Lunch and would invite you all to come. This will be on 17th February at 12.00pm when roast beef plus all the trimmings will be served. Since this will be catered for, please let me know as soon as possible if you intend to come.

On the 2nd of March we will have a General Meeting when we can discuss the last year and make more plans for this year.

Looking forward to seeing you in February.

Marie Newns 01480 350677

FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND NATTERS

Making 'Fiddle Muffs' was the latest project for our group, we have donated 17 to the Alzheimer's Society.

Our next project will be Easter Chicks.

We meet alternate Tuesday mornings 10.00am - 12.00noon.

Our meetings in February are the 2nd and 16th. New members are always welcome.



Feast Week need your support

Join us at the Village Hall on

Saturday 30th January, 7.30pm



for a

Burns Night Haggis Supper

Hosted by Ronnie Booth

Tickets £12.50

Sharon Walker 07984 232424

Lynne Radbone 07855 033639

COMMUNITY VIEWS INVITED ON PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN FENSTANTON

Members of the local community are being asked to submit their views on a proposed new housing development on land adjacent to Cambridge Road in Fenstanton by Kier Living.

A number of factors are contributing to the need in Huntingdonshire for new homes including people living longer, an increasing number of smaller households and the increasing population. To reflect this an area of land measuring 3.9 hectares (approximately 10 acres) has therefore been identified in the emerging Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 as a suitable location for new housing.

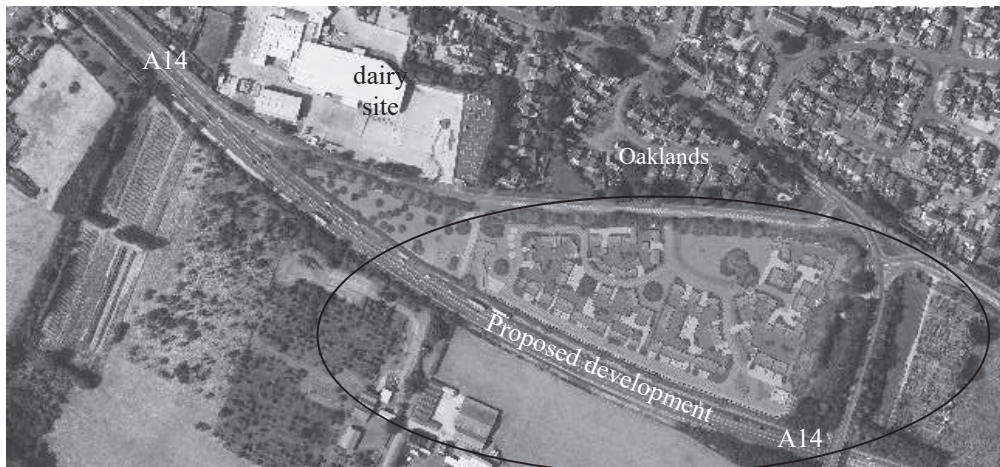
Prior to submitting a planning application to Huntingdonshire District Council, Kier Living is inviting views from the local community at an open meeting on **Monday, 15th February between 4.00pm and 7.30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JR.**

Initial investigations suggest the site could accommodate around 89 new homes along with landscaping and open space. The new development would be comprised of a mix of house types and sizes including affordable homes, retention of the existing pond and would include pedestrian and cycle routes to link to existing networks. There would also be provision of a new access from Cambridge Road.

A number of studies have been commissioned looking at the issues of archaeology, transport, noise impact, air quality and ecology. Together with technical aspects, it is appreciated that local knowledge of the site and the surrounding areas are important aspects in shaping the development and how it can be designed and integrated into Fenstanton. Therefore Kier Living and their planning agent Barford + Co are inviting views on the initial ideas and suggestions.

Alternatively, the initial proposals can be viewed at www.barfords.co.uk and views can be expressed by sending an email to: fenstanton@barfords.co.uk

Comments will be taken into account in preparation of the planning application, therefore, all correspondence needs to be received by Monday 29th February 2016 at the latest.



View showing site, NB this is *not* the dairy site but land between Cambridge Rd and the A14

BABY WEIGHT BANISHED AT LAST!

"It's my baby weight" – that's how Kathie Reilly justified the fact that she was overweight. Trouble was – her baby was nearly 15 years old!

"I think I'd tried every diet under the sun to get my weight under control but once the initial enthusiasm had worn off, I was constantly hungry and soon returned to my 'old' habits. I hated shopping for new clothes, and never felt comfortable on nights out. I used to try and avoid having my photograph taken because I couldn't bear to see how big I looked."

Kathie's light bulb moment came when talking to a work colleague who explained that she had lost her weight eating all the foods she loved and was never hungry. Sounded perfect! So, with her friend Alison for support, Kathie joined her local Slimming World Group. "Straight away I could see that food optimising would work for me and in my first week I lost 4lbs without feeling too hard done by! The recipes are quick and easy and I don't have to cook different meals for my family. We've even discovered new favourites – with Pizza Topped Chicken and Ham & Mushroom makes regular appearances on the Reilly Family menu."

It's not all been plain sailing in Kathie's weight loss journey . "There have been times when I have struggled and seem to have taken the scenic route rather than the motorway approach but my lovely Consultant Lol has never lost faith in me. The support I receive in group is genuine and non-judgemental. By staying to Image Therapy each week, I've changed my habits and now my weight is coming off regularly. For the first time in 15 years I feel confident about the way I look and my ability to conquer my weight problem."

Becoming 'Slimmer of the Month' and being nominated for 'Woman of the Year' encouraged Kathie to take the opportunity of becoming a Slimming World Consultant and she re-launched a group at the United Reformed Church in Fenstanton on 29th December 2015.

In her first two weeks Kathie welcomed 27 new members, and its great for a village like Fenstanton to have such a vibrant club with a friendly buzz. Its not all about having fun though, and in one week in January the Group celebrated a combined weight loss of no less than 63lb!

For more information about the Group contact Kathie on 07772 868472 or katherinereilly1@hotmail.co.uk.

STOP PRESS:

'Fringe in the Fen 2016'

7th - 10th July

Box Office is now open. Tickets from

www.fringeinthefen.co.uk

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The switching on of the Christmas lights on December 8th



The crowd!

Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

We were delighted to see so many people turn up for the Christmas Lights event on Tuesday, 8th December. Thank you all very much for making the effort. We hope you enjoyed the mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas biscuits all served from Andy's vintage mobile bar.

Many thanks to: Andy, for lending his van to us for the evening; David Mead's team for sponsoring the very handsome Christmas tree and lights and for installing and dismantling it; Father Christmas and the donors of the wonderful prizes in the Christmas Draw; and to all the volunteers who helped to make it a memorable event.

We were so lucky to have a clear, bright, still evening – such a contrast to the wind and wet of the previous year.

This time around we made a profit of £2,630 (our best yet!) which all goes towards the construction costs for a new village hall.

Also grateful thanks to everyone who has signed our petition to Huntingdonshire District Council planners about not allowing development on the two sites on either side of the slip road off the A14 until the requirement for adequate and suitable provision for a new village hall and associated facilities has been met. So far we have over 500 signatures but it would be great if we could double that number! We are holding the petition open until **12th February** and it can be signed either at the Post Office or at Ash's Corner Shop so, if you can, please do sign it.

Our next fundraising event will be Fenstanton Village Garage Sale on **Sunday, 8th May**, which is being repeated due to popular demand!

Meanwhile the Trust is holding its AGM on **Monday, 14th March**, in the United Reformed Church and this meeting is open to everyone who has an interest in ensuring that one day we will get a new village hall.

SKY BLUE THEATRE CO

We just wanted to wish you a Happy New Year and to remind you that submissions are now being accepted for the British Theatre Challenge 2016, and thanks to our fantastic new website you can now submit your play directly on our [playwriting page](#). Find out more about what we can do for you in 2016 by watching the short video complete with writers interviews.

Our challenge is all about promoting good writing which means we don't just choose one winning play, we choose ten pieces to be performed, filmed and assessed. One of the winning plays will also be chosen to be made into a short film. So what's stopping you? Get that new play written and make it happen... <http://skybluetheatre.com/playwriting-competition>

Anne Bartram, *Artistic Director*, Sky Blue Theatre Co.
01223 529491, www.skybluetheatre.com

The Royal British Legion in Hilton

A very special service was held in Hilton Parish Church on the morning of Sunday 29th November, led by Reverend David Busk.

Part of the morning service included the Christening of Mike and Laura Ilian's daughter, Ena. Some family members had travelled from Ireland to join in this celebration. Eve O'Connor, Ena's aunt and godmother sang a beautiful solo.

Later under the Royal British Legion's 'Everyman Remembered Tributes', the St Ives and District RBL led by Mike Robinson, secretary, who was accompanied by Barry Pattison, chairman, and Keith Charter, bugler, honoured Leonard Ernest Beck, the son of John and Jane Beck of Hilton. Leonard had fallen and was buried in France 100 years ago on 28th November 1915. The surname Beck is recorded in Hilton as early as 1815 and some of Leonard's descendants are still living here. This tribute was attended by his great niece, Sis Gipson, with her husband Laurie by her side.

The first of our four commemorations in 2016 will be for Cecil Hubert Wright-Ingle. The service will be held in St Ives Parish Church on Sunday 1st May, details will be notified in March's Spectrum. The tribute is being held in St Ives because the Wright-Ingle family have close links with St Ives, which led to the stained glass window in the Parish Church dedicated to Cecil. Cecil's name is recorded on our lychgate memorial because his father, William, was Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton and Hilton.

Hilton's current total from our 2015 Poppy Appeal stands at £1,184.30. This is a most generous amount. **THANK YOU ALL!**

***If you have any queries please contact:
Margaret, 831 186 or Julie, 830 580.***

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday, February 6th
10.00am until 12.00noon.**

We will have all the usual FAIRTRADE items for sale as well as serving tea or coffee and biscuits. Do come and join us for a chat and refreshments. Profits go to FAIRTRADE and EACH.

HILTON FEAST WEEK

Feast Week, as you know, costs a great deal of money to run and is entirely dependent on the money we raise throughout the year at our fund raising events. Unfortunately the support been lower than normal so far, resulting in us cancelling the first quiz night, planned in December, and then sadly we made a loss at the children's Christmas party with only 15 attending! Thank-you to Santa who did a wonderful job for those children who were there!

As a committee are concerned that should this pattern continue, we will not be able to guarantee that Feast Week will continue in the format we all have come to expect and enjoy, which includes the Produce show, the Art show, and sports day. Feast Week is for everyone in the village and has been running for over 30 years, so we thought by giving a list of dates in advance you can plan your social calendar.

We will endeavour to put events on for the whole community to encourage you to come along, enjoy the entertainment and help raise the much needed funds for this year's Feast Week. We hope to go ahead with all these events below but maybe subject to change, so please check the website.

5th March 2016: 7.30pm, Quiz Night with Supper

26th March 2016: Easter Egg Hunt

23rd April 2016: 7.30pm, Murder Mystery Night

4th June 2016: 7.30pm, Race Night

22nd July 2016: 7.00pm, Hilton Summer Ball, (black tie)

24th July 2016: Feast Week starts with Produce Show and Parade of Floats

See the website at www.hilton-village.com for all the latest events.

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CRAIG SUTHERLAND, GILL GILL, SARAH BLACKWELL, JOE HOLMES.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

HILTON FLOWER CLUB wishes A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

FEBRUARY 1st: Beverley & June will be entertaining you with their Flower demonstration.

Village Hall: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Entrance: £4.00 (which includes tea & biscuits)

Raffle: your chance to win an arrangement to take home

Look forward to seeing you.

FEBRUARY 20th: Flower club are having a evening of 50s 60s live music by Two's Company (Chris & Roy) in Hilton village hall. The money we raise will be shared between the purchase of flowers for the Festival and East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH). Posters are on the notice boards. If you would like to come and join us please ring, Beverley Tack, 830 571, Pat Bellass 839 022 or June Grover 830 306

MAY 21st - 22nd: the Flower club are holding a Flower Festival in Hilton Church to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and her 64 year reign

HILTON WI

Our December meeting was held in the village hall on a gloomy evening but once all the formalities had been dealt with party mode took over, We all sang Jerusalem and then chose our food from the scrumptious buffet provided by the members. Each brought a plate of savoury or sweet food. Wine and soft drinks were served. After that, everyone settled down to find the correct answers to a Christmas themed quiz. It was well written and caused a lot of laughter. Secret Santa gifts were given out and carols sung before we closed the meeting and looked forward to the New Year.

Our January programme began with a talk by Annabel Sedgwick, who, with her husband Andrew, runs Sedgwick's Charcuterie in Toseland. They started up in 2015 and have become very successful even winning the Cambridge News 'New Food Producer of the Year' award in 2015. They use rare breeds, such as Old Spot, as they give their salami and chorizo a better flavour. The meat is air dried, sometimes for a few weeks or even months, so that the product does not need to be kept in the fridge making it suitable for picnics, parties and a store cupboard standby. They use mainly pork but do have beef and venison products,

all organic, and sourced locally. They use every bit of the pig except the 'oink' so nothing is wasted!

They make all their salami and chorizo special by adding local hazelnuts, honey and even cider.

Andrew travelled to little villages in Italy to ensure they had the correct and authentic way of curing the meat and it has proved that sometimes the old fashioned way of doing thing is still the best.

Annabel brought along a selection of their products for us to try and said that she would deliver them when they had more stock as they had a very busy time over the Christmas period.

They sell at the Farmers Market in St Ives, and from their home. It is well worth a visit.

Don't forget the next workshop on February 6th. It is a demonstration by Rosemary Hughes on how to make a floral nosegay.

For information on outings etc ring Jackie on 830740.

Our next meeting, on **February 8th** and will be "A digital presentation of Birds and Beasts by Barrie and Liz Hatten in the Village Hall at 7 30pm.

Kath Charter.

CAMBS AND BEDS HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY at 2.00pm. The speaker is Marcus Dancer, nursery owner and specialist clematis grower and his talk is entitled "Clematis - How to Grow Them". There will be plants for sale. All meetings are held in The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade on the first Saturday of the month.

Visitors welcome, entrance £4.00 which includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

HILTON ART CLUB

On Friday 13th November, 18 excited members went to visit the Society for All Artists' (SSA) Headquarters at Newark. After refreshments, we were met by Richard and took our seats for a brief demonstration of products, including different brushes and shown various paper and canvas available by their resident artist Anita Pounder.

We then had a tour of the facilities, warehouse and offices and we learned how orders and enquiries are dealt with from beginning to end. They showed us their mount-cutting machine and their anti-reflective glass, developed from greenhouse glass. In the workroom, we all enjoyed trying out the different papers and painting and drawing media and had a chance to buy discounted products.

Upstairs, we saw their display of the latest SAA challenge of small trading card artworks sent to them in an attempt to break the record for the most original pieces of artwork in one place. Judy, one of our members, found hers!

We then went into the film studio, and were met by Gary, who is in charge of the SAA's art DVD's, as well as trailers and adverts for the Painting and Drawing Channel. He filmed a short promo piece for our art club and Joanne and Andrea bravely stood up in front of the cameras and spoke about our club. The film was then edited and shown to them at the end of the day.

We then had another demonstration and had a go at a quick drawing of one of their staff members we had met earlier. We all agreed it was a brilliant day and a big thank you goes to Joanne for setting up the visit and arranging the bus.

The next session will be on:

12th February: 9.30 am - 12.00noon

Subject: Ruins, Wrecks and Relics.

Please bring the appropriate picture / props to work from.

Advance notice

On 18th March (time as above):

David Hyde will lead a watercolour workshop. Booking is essential. Please contact Gina on 830696 or Diana on 831410 for information and to book your place.

Non-members welcome.

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
for any further information.



Hilton Feast Week needs your support

Please join us for a

Mexican Quiz Night

Saturday 5th March 2016

7pm for 7.30pm start

Hilton Village Hall

Tickets £10 in advance to include Mexican supper

Licensed bar

Sharon Walker 07984 232424

Lynne Radbone 07855 033639

The Orchid Hunters

The names of many plant hunters will be familiar, from Joseph Banks, Francis Masson and David Douglas to Joseph Hooker, Robert Fortune and the Lobb brothers. We are surrounded by plants named by and for them and their swashbuckling tales of their adventures across the globe have long been of interest. More than a few brave souls came to a sticky end - David Douglas fell into a trap meant for wild boar, Francis Masson froze to death, Thomas Lobb lost a leg, and many others risked malaria, cholera, drowning, injury from earthquakes and attacks by wild animals, pirates and cannibals.

Orchids became a full-scale public obsession (known as Orchidelirium) from 1830s -1920s and there are reports of individual plants selling for well over £100,000 in today's money. Orchid hunters were commissioned by plant nurseries to search the jungles of the tropics, often suffering deeply inhospitable conditions and risking life and limb in pursuit of novel and exotic orchids. The Orchid Hunters display in the Glasshouse Range this year (13th February –13th March) will focus on the [mis]adventures of a group of plant hunters commissioned by the indomitable nurseryman Frederick Sander, who became known as the 'Orchid King'. One of Sander's most loyal orchid hunters was Wilhelm Micholitz, who worked for him for over 30 years despite the seemingly fractious relationship seen through their correspondence. In his letters, Micholitz writes of the hardships associated with tracking down particular orchids including escaping burning boats, near starvation and witnessing horrific mutilation in wars between tribes on the islands of Indonesia; in one letter he states flatly that he has 'no desire to find [his] last resting place in the stomach of a tiger'. After his long and arduous travels for Sander, Micholitz died in poverty; his few savings, invested in German government funds, had become worthless after the war. His legacy, of course, is the many orchids he brought back, many of which were new to science and carry Sander's name.

As well as introducing some of the discoveries made by Sander's men, including *Cattleya* from the western tropics and *Paphiopedilum* (slipper orchids) from the Asian tropics, 'The Orchid Hunters' will also examine the high environmental cost, with packing crates, Wardian cases and rattan plant collection baskets shown overflowing with species orchids. Such was the demand for exotic orchids that millions of specimens were stripped from their native habitat direct for market. Enormous numbers were collected to allow for the huge proportion that were lost in transit; often less than 1% of specimens collected survived to sale, which perversely only fuelled the market's love of rarity. The story will be brought up to date by examining modern micro-propagation methods and hybridisation programmes which have made the orchid an everyday commodity, and will look at how international legislation can protect plants in the wild from modern-day plant piracy.



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 difference to people's lives.

The next recruitment process for whole-time fire fighters opens on February 6th.

To find out more, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



PCCs across the region join forces to recruit legally qualified chairs

As an overhaul of the police complaints system gets underway, Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) across the Eastern region have worked together to recruit lawyers to chair public hearings into allegations of police misconduct.

From January 1st 2016, police misconduct panels will be chaired by legally qualified chairs rather than senior police officers, as part of efforts by the government to make the process more transparent.

Within the Eastern Region, Police and Crime Commissioners for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk have recruited 17 lawyers to preside over hearings held in each of the counties.

The successful candidates were required to demonstrate integrity, sound judgement, objectivity and a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. They have been appointed on an initial four year term to chair hearings as and when required, and will undergo training to assist them in their role.

Sir Graham Bright, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, said, "Any case of wrongdoing has to be dealt with appropriately and in a manner that the public can have confidence in. I therefore welcome the appointment of the Chairs, which brings further transparency to policing."

Information on how members of the public can attend disciplinary hearings will be published on the relevant Constabulary's website.

Consultation on advocacy services

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are consulting with anyone with an interest in the future of advocacy services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They are seeking feedback on the draft specification for an integrated advocacy service in their areas. Both councils are fully committed to the principles and benefits of independent advocacy and want the new advocacy service to build on the success of current and previous advocacy services. There will be one contract for advocacy services in Cambridgeshire, and one contract for advocacy services in Peterborough.

A three month public consultation opened in November 2015. For more information and to take part visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and search for 'Consultations' to complete the online survey.

If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy of the consultation, or if you need it in an alternative format such as large print or Easy Read please contact: Cambridgeshire – Carol Williams, tel: 01223 706130 email:

carol.williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Peterborough – Helen Gregg, tel: 01733 863618 email:

helen.gregg@peterborough.gov.uk

The consultation closes on 20th February 2016.

Wandlebury Country Park

It's the perfect time to wrap up warmly and get out and about. At the same time, why not help local charity Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF) look after one of its sites this Winter by attending a one off conservation volunteer session. Assist the warden team with conservation projects at Wandlebury Country Park and learn traditional methods of hedge laying and coppicing.

Sunday 7 February – 11.00am to 3.30pm

Conservation volunteer activity – hedge laying.

Join the CambridgePPF team 'laying' a hedge. This will improve its structure and strength making it better for wildlife, improving views across the countryside and stimulating fresh hedge growth.

Saturday 13 February – 11.00am to 3.30pm

Conservation volunteer activity – Coppice products

Join the CambridgePPF team sorting and cutting coppiced branches to learn more about their uses. Hazel poles will be split and wattle hurdles made for use around the park. Stakes and hetherings for our hedge will be cut, as well as bean poles and pea sticks, gleaned from the brush.

Tools will be provided. Please wear warm waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a packed lunch. Meet at Wandlebury CP notice board at the top of the car park. Adults only.

Free event but booking essential as numbers are limited.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

LIVING SPORT: SUPPORTING MORE DISABLED PEOPLE TO GET INTO SPORT

Living Sport manages the Stepping Stone project on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council. Stepping Stone aims to encourage regular sports participation for anyone over the age of 14 with a disability or long term health need and covers the full spectrum of additional needs. The project is also funded by Sport England's Inclusive Sport Fund as part of the National Lottery Places, People, Play programme.

To date, the project has engaged with nearly 200 individuals and successfully supported them to become regular participants, coaches and officials in their desired sport at local clubs and sports settings. Living Sport now hopes to build on the good work that has already been carried out and continue the project until February 2016 to support more people to try out a new sport with the view to joining a local sports club as a participant, coach, volunteer or official.

Many participants said that they would recommend the project to others and that the activity offered was suitable for their needs. They were able to develop new skills, enjoyed the activity and felt included.

The results of Living Sport's disability sport consultation said 4 in 10 would like to do sport in a mainstream sports setting with support; over 65% of disabled people who are not currently participating want to get involved in sport or physical activity. This project is perfect for helping those people not already engaged in sport and helping to address any individual challenges as to why they are not currently participating.

Some of the highlights of the project have been working with Papworth Trust to set up a table tennis group in Papworth Everard in partnership with St Neots Table Tennis club. This partnership has provided the opportunity for disabled people in the village to access table tennis on their doorstep removing the barrier of transport to get to St Neots. Having delivered a taster session, regular sessions have now been set up which already have 12 people interested in taking part.

Papworth Tennis Club has also been supported to set up wheelchair tennis sessions. Again after successful tasters, regular sessions have been running since September.

The individuals who are aged 18 to over 50 have a range of disabilities and are now accessing 10 different sports. Including archery, paddleboarding and golf. Now after more than two years, over 110 people aged 14+ across Cambridgeshire regularly access sport.

One participant who used to play tennis before becoming disabled commented: "Thanks for organising the wheelchair tennis at Papworth. I really enjoyed it, this was the first sport that I had done apart from swimming since 1979. I was so tired after the session but it made me feel so good it was worth it"

Rebecca Gilbertson, Disability Sport Coordinator at Living Sport, who will be leading on Stepping Stone, commented: "A further extension to the Stepping Stone project is exciting and I am keen to engage many more people before the end of February 2016. As a disabled person myself I know first-hand how difficult it can be for someone to have the courage to try something outside of their comfort zone, but I have also seen how sport and leading a healthy active lifestyle can change lives and enable people to become valued members of their community. I hope we can continue to use Stepping Stone to help people make the steps they need to try sport and see the benefits for themselves".

Gary Hughes, Cambridgeshire County Council said: "I am delighted that we have been able offer Living Sport an extension to Stepping Stone. With their vast experience in delivering projects as well as knowledge and networks that are already engaging disabled people, I am confident the project will continue to be a success".

Anyone interested in finding out more about Stepping Stone and how Living Sport can help support people to access new sports activities should contact Rebecca Gilbertson 01487 849929 or rebecca.gilbertson@livingsport.co.uk. Living Sport is happy to support and advise individuals and sports clubs.

Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School
PTA
PRESENTS



RACE NIGHT

Saturday 27th February 2016

Fenstanton & Hilton School Hall

Doors Open @ 7pm
Racing Starts @ 7.30pm

Tickets £10 each
(incl. Fish & Chip Supper*
Plus one FREE bet!)

Fully Licenced Bar

Come along and place your bets on the winning horse!

Tickets are available from:

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| PTA | - | fhspta@gmail.com |
| Bev Speller | - | 07429 323948 bev.speller@btinternet.com |

Tickets are also available from the School Office.

Note Could you please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements so we can make sure you are properly catered for. Thank you!*



Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire

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Biodiversity: Anglian Water's Natural Partner

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present an illustrated talk entitled 'Biodiversity: Anglian Water's Natural Partner' on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

The talk will be given by Chris Gerrard who is Anglian Water's Climate Change and Biodiversity Manager. Chris will explain how the company is working to conserve and enhance wildlife on its land and how this work impacts the whole region through the provision of water and water recycling services to its six million customers. Chris will go on to discuss the range of projects and initiatives that the company are involved with, including their enduring partnership with the Wildlife Trust.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. No Need to book. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 07941 261346 for further information.

Dates of future events:

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| Mar 5th | Hilton Quiz night with supper (p41) |
| Mar 14th | Fenstanton Village hall trust AGM (p31) |
| Mar 19th | Hilton Churches Roving Supper (p19) |
| Mar 26th | Hilton Easter Egg Hunt (p35) |
| Apr 23rd | Hilton Murder Mystery night (p35) |
| May 8th | Fenstanton Village Garage Sales (p31) |
| May 21-22nd | Hilton Flower Festival (p35) |
| June 4th | Hilton Race night (p35) |
| July 2nd | Fenstanton Sports Day |
| July 7-10th | Fenstanton Fringe in the Fen |
| July 22nd | Hilton Summer Ball - Black tie (p35) |
| July 24th | Hilton Feast Week starts (p35) |
| August ? | End of capability Brown Celebrations |
| Sept 18th | Fenstanton Hobbies Crafts & Collections |

(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 2016

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| 30th | Hilton Burns Night | Village Hall | 7.30pm | p27 |
| 1st | Hilton Flower Club | Village Hall | 2.00pm | p35 |
| 4th | Fenstanton WI | Church Centre | 7.30pm | p25 |
| 6th | Hilton WI Craft Club | Village Hall | 1.30pm | p37 |
| 6th | Hilton Coffee Morning | Methodist Church | 10.00am | p33 |
| 6th | Cambs & Beds Hardy Plant | Biggleswade | 2.00pm | p37 |
| 7th | Volunteer Activity | Wandlebury | 11am | p46 |
| 8th | Hilton WI | Village Hall | 7.30pm | p37 |
| 10th | Wildlife Trust | Brampton | 7.30pm | p50 |
| 11th | Fenstanton PC | School Hall | 7.30pm | p11 |
| 12th | Hilton Art Club | Village Hall | 9.30am | p39 |
| 13th | Volunteer Activity | Wandlebury | 11am | p46 |
| 15th | New housing Consultation | School Hall | From | p28 |
| 17th | Friendship Club Lunch | URC Church | 12.00noon | p26 |
| 20th | Book Sale | URC Church | 9.30am | p22 |
| 23rd | Coffee & Chat | URC Church | 10.00am | p22 |
| 27th | School PTA Race Night | School Hall | 7.00pm | p49 |
| 29th | Coffee Morning to be held at the School | | 9.00am | |
| 29th | Hilton PC | Village Hall | 7.30pm | p13 |

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p25)
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p39)
Football (p24)

Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p 27)
Sewing Bee at URC

LIBRARY VAN

2nd Thursday each month
Hilton, Village hall 2.05pm
Fenstanton, Headlands, 3.15pm
Chapel Green 3.35pm

For Church services etc. see (p17-22)