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LETTERS & NOTICES

Hello! - We are pleased at the number of contributions coming in for publication but now we have been editing the magazine for a few months, we would like to share some thoughts with you; specifically some costing and production details. On average a page costs around £15 to produce and this is covered by adverts for a 36 page issue. However, we have been getting several full page contributions which advertise village activities. These are fine, if we have room, but, due to the way the magazine is produced if we need more space we have to add 4 pages which costs an extra £60 and would not be covered by existing income on an ongoing basis. Hence we hope that contributors will understand if we make items smaller or in extreme cases leave them out. The earlier we receive your contributions, especially if they are longer than usual, the easier it is for us to plan to include them. It would be good if groups who frequently want considerable space made a donation. A number of organisations do this already and we thank them for these.

Margaret & John (editors)

Val, Deborah, Lisa, and family, would like to thank all our friends in Hilton, for endless kindness, support and help given whilst Doug was so very ill, and for coming to his funeral and filling our Methodist Church with so much love and respect for Doug, and for a life well lived.

All his family are devastated that he has died but forever grateful that we had six years of extra happiness and joy following his previous illness.

Importantly, the charity for Emily, Doug's small friend who has cerebral palsy, raised the fantastic sum of £1210.10 from friends and family. A fitting tribute to a dear man. Best wishes to you all from *Val Scott*.

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank everyone for cards, messages of sympathy and support from all of our friends and neighbours in the village, following the sad loss of my wife Pauline. Also for your prayers in church during her illness.

Cyril Broom

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who kindly sponsored me on my trek to raise money for Breakthrough Cancer Research. Katie, my youngest daughter and I completed the trek on 21/22 May (22 miles and 2800ft ascent), and we have the certificates to prove it. I have to confess that I found some of the hills a bit gruelling, and the descent on some of the limestone was a bit tricky. For those of you who are familiar with the Cotswolds we took in Painswick Hill, Prinknash Abbey, Coopers Hill (famed for the cheese rolling), Birdlip, Crinkley Hill, Leckhampton Hill and the Devils Chimney, Seven Springs, the Vale of Cheltenham, Wistley Hill, Dowdswell Valley and reservoir, Colgate Hill, and Cleve Hill. The views were stunning, and the woods and open spaces lovely with the bluebells and the wild orchids. The smell of wild garlic was rampant in the woods.

I think one of the best bits was the last descent down Cleve Hill on Sunday with the site of the Rising Sun pub at the bottom and the thought of a nice cold beer for reward. It was the two hottest days of the year so far.

Seriously though, it was hard work, but enjoyable, and we had some laughs and made new friends (about 50 on the trek in 3 groups). With your help I raised just under £500 for Breakthrough, so once again a big thank you to all who gave me their support.

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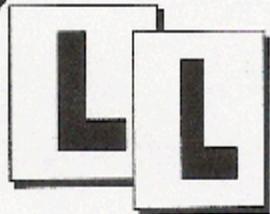
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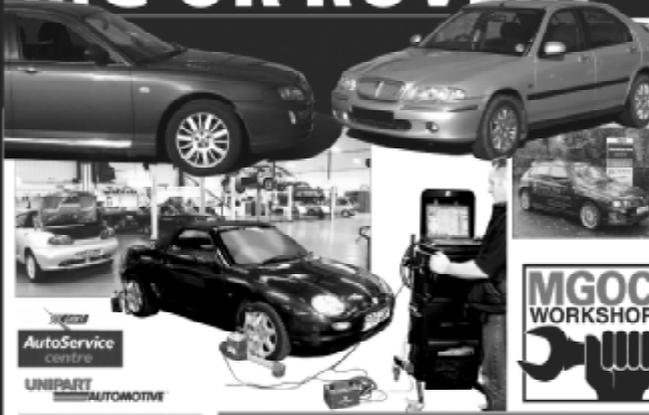
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13th May 2010. The May meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr. Colin White was elected as Chairman and Cllr. Sally Gough Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. The meeting also elected members to the Standing Committees and appointed representatives to ensure the Parish's interests are served on outside bodies and organisations.

An application had been received from Mr. Paul Kent to fill the vacant seat on the Council as a co-opted Councillor. The meeting approved the application and Mr. Kent was duly elected. The meeting also endorsed the recommendation of the Trustees of The Joseph Ellis Trust that Mrs. Roseann White fills the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Harry Hooper.

Police report During the period 7th April 2010 to 11th May the following incidents had been reported to the Police: 1 incident of obtaining diesel without paying; 1 theft. A Police representative had been expected to attend the meeting but due to operational commitments was unable to do so. The meeting agreed that a request should be made for a representative to attend the June meeting. Although the number of reported incidents is low the Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 03454564564, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800555111 or in an emergency 999.

Hampton Close Open Space. Following a site meeting with representatives of the Parish Council, District Council and Persimmon, it is expected that the work on the car park will commence within the next

few weeks to bring it up to the defined planning specification. Work has started to bring the open space to the required standard. It is expected the area will be ready for adoption by the end of the year. The Parish Council will consider the matter of adoption at its next meeting.

The District Council appear to be sympathetic to the placing of a rubbish bin by the car park and also at the Cranesbrook section of the woodland walk to encourage dog owners to deposit waste rather than leaving it on paths and other obscure places. The bins will be emptied by the District Council. The meeting agreed to pursue this line and defer taking action to implement a 'Pick it up and bin it' campaign until the success of the provision of bins is ascertained.

A14 A representative of the Parish Council will attend the Pre Public Inquiry meeting on the 24th May. It is the Parish Council's intention to speak at the Inquiry, which is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 20th July at the St Ives Business Centre Parsons Green St Ives. The Parish Council fully supports the proposed route as it will improve the lifestyle of the majority of Parishioners particularly as the village has suffered considerably in the past, not least with the Village being divided. The Parish Council has formed a working group to put a case together to present to the Inquiry offering support for the route but ensuring sufficient noise reducing measures are implemented to further protect the village as a whole but also those areas closest to the route.



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One incident of obtaining fuel without paying.

Breaking, entry and damage to the sheds at the allotments. Reports of anti social behaviour in Simmer Piece involving vehicles and the playing of loud music.

PCSO Davis attended the meeting and answered questions covering speeding, parking, dog fouling and the levels of Police presence in the Village.

Although the number of reported incidents is low the Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 03454564564, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800555111 or in an emergency 999.

Adoption of the Hampton Close Open Space. The meeting discussed at length the matter of adoption following an invitation from the District Council. Concern was expressed at the condition of the soil to sustain the quality of grass required for a football pitch and the long term cost of maintenance that would have to be borne by the Parish. The meeting agreed to defer making a decision until further information on the soil quality became available.

Protection to prevent further erosion and damage to Village greens and verges. Damage by vehicles to the greens and verges has become apparent and is having a detrimental effect on the Village particularly those parts that fall into the conservation area.. Members of the Parish Council held a site meeting with representatives from County Council Highways Department and the District Council Conservation Department to look at options to restore Chapel Green. Subject to final approval from Conservation it was agreed in principal to have the road restored to the original

width, by the United Reformed Church, kerbing in keeping with a conservation area to be installed on the Chequer Street/Talls Lane corners and the edge of the green be restored and raised. The edge will be lowered at two points to allow pedestrian access and to a width suitable for the disabled and buggies. However, the situation could be helped and improved if drivers gave more consideration to the Village heritage and refrained from driving onto and/or parking on the greens and verges.

A14 As most Parishioners will, by now, be aware the Public Inquiry has been postponed with no indication of a commencement date. The Parish Council, however, is continuing to lobby the Agencies involved to ensure that sufficient sound proofing, bunding and landscaping are included in the programme at an early stage should the inquiry take place and indeed construction actually take place.

Parish Action Plan. The meeting agreed to implement a Parish Action Plan to examine deficiencies within the Parish and implement measures to make improvements. Projects to be embraced by the plan will be discussed in full at the next meeting once members have had the opportunity to appraise the level of deficiency and where improvements can be made.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 9th September 2010** at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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A14 – We have received the attached letter from the Department of Transport.

A14 ELLINGTON TO FEN DITTON IMPROVEMENT—I am directed by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, who act jointly in these matters, to refer to the above scheme. As you will be aware the Government has made clear its most urgent priority is to tackle the UK's record budget deficit to restore confidence in the economy and support the recovery. As part of its plan to eliminate the bulk of the deficit over the course of this Parliament, the Government will undertake a full Spending Review, reporting in the Autumn. The Department for Transport will play a full part in that process.

It has therefore been decided that until the Government's spending review has been concluded, the Department for Transport will not be in a position to identify those major infrastructure projects it can support, consistent with the Government's objectives. In view of the uncertainty over the availability of funding for this scheme, it has been decided to postpone, for the time being, the holding of the local inquiry. We aim to provide you with an indication of the way forward for this scheme later this year once the spending review is complete.

The A14 Action Group and the Parish Council have been working extremely hard to produce documentation to support our objection. We will await further notifications from the Department of Transport, but in the meantime ensure all our evidence and documentation is in place for the future. Our gratitude goes out to all those who have given up so much of their time to work on this project.

Youth Football – The Parish Council have given permission for Fenstanton Youth Football Club's Under 11 Team to play on the Green starting 11th September. There will be approximately 12 home games over the course of the

season and strict parking arrangements will be in place.

The Village Pavilion – the Parish Council are renovating the pavilion and work will be undertaken over the next few months to bring it into an acceptable state. If any parishioner has any views on how the pavilion could be used in the future we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact the Clerk.

Connections Youth Bus – will be visiting Hilton (Village Hall Car Park) on Friday 27th August between 4 and 6 pm. Open to all who are school year 7 and above, entrance is free. The bus has on board: games consoles, internet access, music crafts, karaoke, chill out area, tuck shop and much more.

Speedwatch - David McCandless of St Ives Speedwatch will be joining us at our next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 5 July to discuss the findings from Speedwatch. Parishioners are invited to attend to hear about the pros and cons of Speedwatch.

Local Development Framework – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Site Assessment for Gypsy and Traveller Sites – Public Consultation The Consultation deadline date is 9th July. Plans can be viewed at <http://consult.huntsdc.gov.uk/portal>. Parishioners are urged to view and comment.

Our next meetings are Monday 5th July and Monday 6th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting. All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website.

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



Neighbourhood Speedwatch in Hilton

As you are all aware, we have a traffic problem in Hilton from both the volume, and speed perspective. Having the village effectively bisected by a major route (although a B road), makes matters even worse, and I am afraid that the Police just don't have enough resources to effectively enforce the speed limit. With a broad mix of young and old in the village, it is important that we do all we can to make the roads as safe as possible.

Over the last few months, you may have noticed, the regular presence of Speed Display devices manned by people in high visibility jackets. This is Speedwatch, an initiative run by the Police Force alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership and supported by Hilton

Parish Council. The objectives of Speedwatch are:

To encourage people to reduce speeding traffic through our community
To monitor the speed in areas where speeding is a known problem

Report vehicles that infringe the speed limit

Provide statistical information for the police to help them best prioritise resources for enforcement activities.

A recent survey by the police on the Potton Road showed that between 20% and 30% of all vehicles passing through Hilton were exceeding the speed limit, and as you can see from the picture above, some by a considerable margin, especially past accident black spots like Church End. These statistics have been confirmed by our observations.

You probably know that if you hit a child at 30 MPH, the child has an 80% chance of surviving, but at 40 MPH has only a 10% chance.

Please support our efforts in helping make our village safer. If you feel you could spare a little time to help out, or would just like more information, please drop us a line at Speedwatch@hilton-village.com or take a look at

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

Hilton Church needs a new Treasurer! Could you spare a few hours every month to help us keep our accounts up to date? You don't have to be a financial whizz-kid to fulfil this role but basic numeracy skills, an organised approach and access to a computer are essential. Guidance can be given by past Treasurers and you would have the support of the church council. It's an exciting time with the Roof Appeal going on alongside the everyday running of the church but you do not have to get involved with the actual fund-raising (unless, of course, you want to!). If you are interested then please speak to Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866).

PARISH CHURCHES From the Vicar—Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens: For *Fenstanton*, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

For *Hilton*, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answer-phone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com

Message from the Hilton Methodist Minister

As I write this, the Football World Cup has not yet started- but its great to see the England flags fluttering in car windows, in gardens and hanging out of windows. Servicemen in Afghanistan have made a brilliant video to encourage our team, who have sat down together in their hotel in South Africa to watch it. But it must be a big strain for them to carry all our hopes for success- all that responsibility on their shoulders.

Success is fleeting- a team win a game, but then have to win the next one. They can win a cup, but next season, have to start all over again. Trophies don't last- you have to give them back.

Football, it was once said, isn't just a matter of life and death- its more important than that! But it can't answer the fundamental questions of life- why are we here; what is life all about; how do I find peace, purpose and meaning; is there life after death?

We can think that success in life, or in football is important, but some things are more important still. To Christians, Jesus Christ answers all the big questions. So enjoy following the World Cup, but know that following him offers much more! We can all be winners with him. *Rev Katy Dunn*



Fenstanton Parish Church

SUMMER ACTIVITIES DAY

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Tuesday 27th July, — Fenstanton Church Centre

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FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—JULY/AUGUST

Thurs. 1st July	3.30pm	Jaffa Club at Fenstanton
Sun. 4th	5th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thurs. 8th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
Sun. 11th	6th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at PC (see p17)
Hilton	12.30pm	Parish Picnic (see p17)
Thurs. 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
	3.30pm	Jaffa Club at Fenstanton
Sun. 18th	7th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thurs. 22nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
	3.30pm	Jaffa Club at Fenstanton
Sun. 25th	8th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	5.00pm	Patronal Festival – Songs of Praise in the marquee.
Wed.	10.00-12.30	Summer Activity Day at Fenstanton
Hilton	11.30am	Children's Feast Week Service (see p17)
Sund. 1st Aug	9th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
Thurs. 5th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
Sun. 8th	10th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Parish Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion with Baptism
Thurs. 11th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
Sun. 15th	11th Sunday after Trinity	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion by extension
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion by extension
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thurs. 18th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Fenstanton
Sun. 22nd Aug	12th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand
Sun. 29th Aug	13th Sunday after Trinity	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Hilton	6.00pm	Healing Service at Methodist Church

HILTON TOTS PRAISE

In May we had a 'starry' time hearing about Jesus shining light into our lives. We decorated cards and star mobiles and had fun singing and playing musical instruments, even the men repairing the church roof were listening. We did miss Doreen who was in hospital and we hope she will be back soon.

On Wednesday, 28th July we have the Teddy Bears Picnic . Bring your teddy and big sisters and brothers along. The time will be in the Feast Week Programme
Have a happy holiday and come back to see us on Tuesday 28th September. We look forward to seeing you then.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - JULY/AUGUST

- Sunday 4th July 10 00am Miss Pat Paddon
Sunday 11th July 11.15am United Service at the Parish Church and
Children's Sunday Club. Revd. Katy Dunn
Followed by the Annual Parish Picnic (see below)
Sunday 18th July 10 00am Revd. Katy Dunn. - Holy Communion service.
Sunday 25th July 10 00am Mr Derek Rutherford .
Sunday 1st Aug. 10 00am Mr David Bushby
Sunday 8th Aug. 10 00am Mr Dennis Hutchcraft
Sunday 15th Aug. 10 00am Revd. Katy Dunn – Holy Communion.
Sunday 22nd Aug. 10 00am Mrs Pauline Zahner
Sunday 29th Aug. 10 00am Miss Vivien Almond
6.00pm Healing Service – Revd. Katy Dunn.

EXPLORATIONS DISCUSSION GROUP. We shall be watching a DVD –'Fresh Expressions Of Church' – about new ways of reaching out to people. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us on Monday July 26th . The evening will start at 7:30pm with tea/coffee and cakes. No meeting in August.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING. We are grateful to all the friends who have come for coffee and a chat at our Saturday Coffee mornings. There is always a good selection of Fair Trade foods and craft items to look with no obligation to buy. We are continuing during the summer and the next two dates are Sat. 3rd July and Sat. 7th Aug., 10:00am – 12:30 .Children are welcome too!

Hilton Parish Picnic - 11th July

The annual Parish Picnic will be held in the garden of Atticus House (Church End) on Sunday 11th July from 12.30pm onwards. As usual, it will be a Bring & Share picnic so bring along plates / bowls of your favourite picnic fare to fill the buffet table. Soft drinks, teas & coffees will be provided. Don't forget your picnic rug and /or chairs. Plates would also be a good idea if you do not want to eat from paper ones! This event is open to everyone in both Hilton and Fenstanton so do please come along and join us. For more information, please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—JULY/AUGUST

Sunday	4th July	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Sunday	11th July	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
		6:00pm	Dr Christine MacLeod
Sunday	18th July	9:30am	Mr Martin Ballard
Sunday	25th July	9:30am	Mr Keith Cakebread
Sunday	1st Aug.	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Sunday	8th Aug	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. HOLY COMMUNION
		6:00pm	Revd Peter Ball
Sunday	15th Aug.	9:30am	Mr Keith Cakebread
Sunday	22nd Aug.	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday	29th Aug	9.30am	Revd Chris Baker

OTHER EVENTS JULY/AUGUST 2010

Tues.	July 6th & 20th	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.
Tues.	July 13 & 27th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Sat.	July 10th	8.30am	Fellowship Breakfast (see p 19)
Tues.	July 13th	2:30pm	Monthly Meditation
Sat.	July 17th	3.00pm	Salvation Army Band & Cream Tea (see p19)
Sat.	July 24th	10:00am	Book Sale.
Tues	Aug. 3rd, 17th & 31st	10:00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.
Tues.	Aug. 10th & 24th	10:00am	Knitters and Natters.
	Aug 10th	2:30pm	Monthly Meditation
Sat.	Aug. 14th	8.30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast. (see p19)
Sat.	Aug. 21st	10.00am	Book Sale.

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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Sunday Church Services: We meet together at 10.30am on Sundays at Westfield School, Ramsey Road, St Ives, to worship Jesus and hear His good news. We also meet together in small groups' midweek where our church family make deep friendships and grow together in their faith.

There is a home worship group in Fenstanton which serves both Fenstanton and Hilton.

Bible Study & Prayer: We have weekly bible study for women, monthly church prayer meetings and weekly men's prayer mornings.

For further information please see our website or call us on 01480 498801

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Papworth Everard, Methodist Church, Church Lane Saturday Mass 18.00

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday July the 10th**. This month we will be looking at the idea that it is easier to be a Christian in a small village than in a big town!

On **Saturday August 14th** we will be discussing men working for God. These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are for Christian and non-Christian men and are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.00 am to approximately 10.00 am. Breakfast is served from 8.30 am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Christian Aid House to House collection in Fenstanton.

Thank you to everyone who gave money to or collected money for this years house to house collection. The total amount raised was £2037.73 A brilliant result, more than last year. This included a donation of £38.50 from a service held at the Fenstanton United Reformed Church. Thank you all once again for your generous support.

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The annual 'Love in a box' scheme – ADVANCE WARNING

We would like to remind those of you in Fenstanton and Hilton keen to support this year's 'Love in a Box' scheme that, although Christmas seems far away, this is the time of year in which you may like to start collecting shoeboxes and suitable items for children over the summer. Knitted hats, gloves and scarves are also items welcomed by the scheme if you have talents to knit/crochet and we are aware that some of you are already working on this for us. Jenny Stimpson c/o the Fenstanton United Reform Church and the Brownies pack and Alison Fox in Fen Drayton will be running the scheme again this Autumn, supported again this year by the Hilton Brownies and Rainbows packs.

The boxes are being collected for the charity Mustard Seed Relief Missions who distribute them to orphans in Romania, Moldova and the Ukraine in time for Christmas. Information and spare copies of the leaflets will be available from Jenny or Alison in September. Each box is to target a boy or girl and an age-group (3-5, 6-11 and 12-15 years) and is filled with goodies and wrapped in Christmas paper. The charity then collect these early in November and transport onwards using volunteers to Eastern Europe/the Middle East. We have been told that there is usually a shortfall in boxes for the oldest boys age group if you want to think of a particular box in advance.

Jenny Stimpson and Alison Fox

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL

We still have no news to report on a new site for the Village Hall but the committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the Cycle Treasure Hunt on 16th May. We did not make as large a profit as last year, just £363, but more people took part on their cycles though fewer enjoyed the barbecue. We would also like to thank everyone who put their green tokens into Waitrose's Charity Box scheme during the month of May. We shall be receiving £263 which is brilliant. Many, many thanks.

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FENSTANTON OVER 60's

Our meetings in May were well attended. We started with a visit from Christopher and Janet South who whisked us away to foreign climbs with their 'Pictures without Camera'.—Steam trained through China, so vividly portrayed you could almost believe you were there. We look forward to more of their 'trips'.

Our next meeting was a film show, courtesy of Fen Drayton lakes. We learned of the improvements and the plans for the future. The filming of the birds was excellent. They seem to have survived last winter very well with over 200 species recorded. It was a very interesting afternoon and made us want to take a trip ourselves to see what is on our own doorstep.

Our next meetings, on July 7th & 21st.

are: A lunch on 'The Captain's Table' with a trip up river and a visit to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens. Our meetings in August are the 4th & 18th.

Enjoy your summer by the time you get this, the Fenstanton Open gardens will have taken place. I'm Looking forward to that. A trip around the village seeing the gardens and getting ideas, not to mention meeting new people.

All the very best to everyone!

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

Here we are well into the outdoor bowls season and I'm pleased to say that we have made a great start in all our leagues and competitions. Both ladies teams are TOP as is the team in the Cambridge and District league. Both over 60's and the men's league are doing well.

What an excellent start.

I'm also pleased to say that we have had an influx of new members this season which is good because none of us is getting any younger including me!! I wish all the newcomers well and I can tell them that we will soon have a "qualified" bowls coach. Ernie (Roberts) goes on his training course on 14 June. Watch this space! By the time you read the next report it will be September and the outdoor season will be coming to a close! I should have lots to tell you. Time flies when you enjoy yourself, which is what we do at Fenstanton Bowls Club.

Remember
LINE LENGTH AND LUCK!!!

FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group providing a weekly play session for children from birth to school age where parents/carers can come along and have a coffee and a chat. The mums recently enjoyed a well-deserved evening out and are now planning a summer outing for the children. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10am - 11.30am, at the Church Centre. Sessions cost £2. First visit is free. Please feel free to come along or contact Becky on 493067 for any further information.

BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

The St. Ives Health Visitors will now be running a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for mums to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions will take place on the second Wednesday of each month (9th June, 14th July and so on) at the Church Centre 10.00 - 11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

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archery, cresta run, crossbow, climbing, ice climbing, inflata bull, rafting, rifle shooting, trampolining and water walkerz (think “zorbing” but on water...). In addition we had our own activities and of course loads of scrummy food (picture 37 Tesco delivery crates plus a bit!). A full write up, photographs, details etc will shortly be available on our website for everyone to see the fun.



Big Breakfast 12th June 2010

We'd like to thank everyone for their support at our annual fundraiser near the Clock Tower in Fenstanton. As well as breakfasts we also had a cake stall and tombola. There was also “Guess the Weight” (thanks to a kind donation of a bespoke “Big Breakfast” cake from Emily Simmonds Cakes) won by the Rodriquez Family and “What’s My Name” (to win an England Lion) won by Matthew Rayner. In total we raised £437.60 which is wonderful.

11th September 2010

Please would **everyone** put this date in their diary – for an afternoon where we would like each and every one of you to come and help us celebrate our 40th Birthday. Whether you or your family have ever been involved or not come and try your hand at modern day scouting and enjoy looking back at the past 40 years of adventure....If you know people who have perhaps been involved in some way, but have moved away, please feel free to pass on our website address so they can contact us and we can add them to the list to send more details

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages.

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Sessions cost £2 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, including school holidays.

For more information call Jo on 831524.

HILTON WI CRAFT GROUP

Our craft group in the village hall could still do with a few more members but is still going strong, so if any WI member would like to go along and find out what's happening you would be very welcome on the 1st Thursday of the month from 1pm.

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FENSTANTON WI

On Thursday June 3rd Geoff Evans gave us a fascinating talk with slides entitled 'Around Alaska'. Cold, snowy, bleak, inhospitable are perhaps words that come into our mind if Alaska is mentioned. Geoff didn't like the American word 'awesome' but that is the word that sums up Alaska for him. Geoff and his wife have been there four times for a holiday albeit in the Summer when the temperature can rise to 86° F. We saw the town of Anchorage positively brimming with flowers and hanging baskets. As in England there was a variety of cafés and restaurants which offered food from around the world and catered for all tastes. We saw high mountains topped with snow, dense forests, crystal clear lakes and rivers. The highlight of the visit was watching the brown bears catching large salmon as they swam upstream from the sea to their spawning ground. The bears eat 12 to 15 salmon a day, can grow up to 10 feet tall and can weigh 800 to 900 lbs. We saw mother bears with cubs from 6 months old up to 2 or 3 years old as they are open to attack from male bears until then. In the Summer there is a Salmon Parade. Schools, hospitals and artists decorate large salmon and these are paraded through the streets. Our favourite was a very convincing Elvis look-alike which was named King Salmon. Ruby Sainty gave the vote of thanks. Geoff donated his fee to the Riding for Disabled at Monarch Farm, Hilton.

Dates for Future Meetings

July 1st Tales out of School by Mrs Jean Hodson

August 5th The History of Chocolate by Mrs Sara Fowler

If you would like to join our friendly, lively group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

For more information please contact our secretary Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278

HILTON WI

Alison Dickens was the speaker at our June meeting, which was opened to husbands and friends, as it was a very popular subject: the history and archaeology under the Grand Arcade in Cambridge. And we weren't disappointed. She outlined for us in fascinating slides many unexpected features of mediaeval Cambridge, including the Kings Ditch, a 15 ft wide 'black and stinking' ditch which cut through the whole site and which was dug as a fortification, leaving a central area of the city, with the river on one side and the ditch on the other, well protected. She began by showing us a map from 1574 which outlined the earliest recorded buildings and plots in the area. The excavation work involved 35 professional archaeologists and took 14 months to complete and many unusual finds of pottery and household objects were made, including a rare wooden jug at the bottom of one of the numerous wells discovered. The excavation team proved beyond question that the Grand Arcade area of Cambridge was indeed a suburb with people living there in a domestic way in the first quarter of the 11th century and we all agreed that Alison has given us a fascinating look into the history of our wonderful City.

Next month we have the head Gardener from Wimpole Hall coming to take us on a virtual tour of that grand estate and also next month we are going on our summer outing to Woburn. The summer lunch on 10th August will be held in Rosemary's garden so let her know if you plan to attend as she needs to know how many to cater for.

During the summer Hilton WI will also be attempting to join in the NFWI Triathlon challenge by getting as many members as possible walking around the village one evening. The challenge will be clocked up by totalling the number of walkers and adding their miles together...so we should easily make the 20 mile challenge.

If you live in Hilton and are not already a member and feel like coming along to see what WI is all about, give Ruth our secretary a ring on 830358. I'm sure she would be pleased to hear from you.

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HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee would like to thank everyone who turned up to support the **'Salsa & Cocktail Evening'** in May and made it an outstanding success.

Nina Sage's posters captured the mood as did the cocktail bar run by our very own 'pair of Tom Cruises' Craig Sutherland & Adrian Snooke, their Latin inspired cocktails were a huge hit. Our Salsa instructor, Steve Ward and his dance partner Charlotte proved excellent talking and 'salsa-ing' their way through the steps. The banter was first rate and the Village Hall was soon moving as one! At one point it looked more like 'happy hour in Havana' than Hilton. The food was a spicy fusion of Mexican wraps and a wonderful vegetarian chilli. Wonderful! - If by the queue for seconds.

'Hilton Village Jamboree' – June – The weather was kind and many, many Hiltonians stopped by to picnic and take part in an event that gets better and more diverse year on year. It was wonderful to see so many of our friends from 'The Hilton Cricket Club' and 'Hilton Produce show' to the 'Church Roof Restoration appeal' and 'Hilton Sports Day Committee' to the Fenstanton & Hilton Scouts. They all added to the fun. With a 'roundabout' – 'bouncy castle'- 'candy floss stall' and 'kids sweet bar' making sure that the young ones had plenty to do. My personal thanks to Justin Sampson, Felix Perez and Harry Taylor for manning the sweet bar, guys you did a great job! The adults were kept amused by the 'Sports Committee' fiendishly addictive 'football and tennis ball' competitions. Well done to Feast Week's own Craig Sutherland with two firsts and a third! Competitive Dad's beware these games/challenges will be back!

The Feast Week Committee will be shortly going 'door to door' selling **'Summer Grand Draw'** tickets. We can't stress enough how vital the sale of these tickets are toward staging Feast Week.

We all thank you in advance for your continued support of this wonderful Hilton tradition.

The **'Feast Week Programme'** will be with you in a few weeks' filled with all the information you will need to make your Week as wonderful as ever. I would encourage you all to read through it and get the most out of Feast Week by attending the many events and trying your hand with the 'Art & Produce Shows' We continue to work closely with the fantastic Village Website, so we would remind you that the programme as well as lots of useful information can be found on the Hilton website at: www.hilton-village.com

This year's band will be the fabulous 'Abba Inferno' they don't come much better, pencil in Thurs. 29th July right now.

The Feast Week Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make this year's event possible and to wish you all a fantastic Feast Week.

Breaking News – Breaking News – The Feast Week Committee is as caught up as the rest of the country with the World Cup currently playing out in South Africa. Ever confident that the England team will qualify from the group stage we've provisionally booked the Village Hall for the weekend of the 'Round of 16' **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th** depending on whether England finish 1st or 2nd in their group. Sharon Walker from the committee is looking into the license requirements and we are working with Dean Minter of 'Eclipse Disco' (01480 831526) to see if/how large we can project the game. Entry will be **'FREE'** with a bar, BBQ and 'kid's sweet and refreshment stall.' Please join us and your fellow 'Hiltonians' to cheer on England! Spaces will be limited so please contact myself or any other committee member.

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

July seems to have arrived very quickly, so we hope you're all ready for the 'Great Day' of the Produce Show.

The entry form for the show will be available in **the village shop**, with the full schedule, in the Feast Week Programme, and also to download at www.hilton-village.com.

When completed, forms should be delivered to Jane Roberts at 11 Westbrook, or emailed to hiltonproduce@aol.co.uk. Please remember that the deadline for written and email entries is **MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY JULY 21st**.

On **Show Day, July 25th**, the marquee will open at 8.15am and **must** be cleared for judging at 10.15am, so please bring your entries in as early as possible.

A few points to bear in mind about entries and the show itself:-

All the baking classes (adult and child) are now to **YOUR OWN** recipes.

Labels on pickles and chutneys should give an indication as to how hot/spicy they are as our judges need to keep their palates sensitive!

We are really looking forward to seeing your entries for 'Brian's Novelty Wine Competition', Class 77.

The show marquee opens for viewing at 2pm with prize-giving at about 4pm. The draws for the **4 PRODUCE SHOW HAMPERS** will follow on immediately afterwards, so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets.

As soon as the raffle is over the committee would appreciate it if entries could be removed promptly, as the marquee needs to be cleared in readiness for the evening's entertainment.

As before, any suggestions, good or bad would be welcomed, so if you have any please pop them in the suggestion box.

And finally, don't neglect the rest of your garden whilst concentrating on your show entries – weeds and pests don't look at the calendar!

Herbie's Hints/Tips

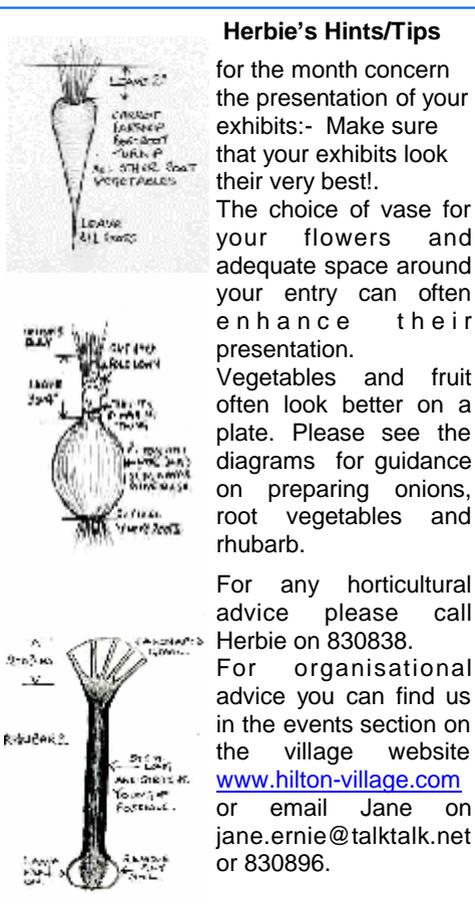
for the month concern the presentation of your exhibits:- Make sure that your exhibits look their very best!

The choice of vase for your flowers and adequate space around your entry can often enhance their presentation.

Vegetables and fruit often look better on a plate. Please see the diagrams for guidance on preparing onions, root vegetables and rhubarb.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

For organisational advice you can find us in the events section on the village website www.hilton-village.com or email Jane on jane.ernie@talktalk.net or 830896.



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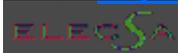
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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We had a great day out for this year's venue (both in Essex) a full coach and good weather! So off we went –

Firstly to "Olivers" where we were greeted by our hostess and served with coffee and biscuits on her terrace with a beautiful vista to a downward slope towards a roman river. A fascinating landscaped garden with many different walks, including a wood with bluebells, wisteria over a lake, an orchard with wild flowers and so much more. All the while we heard the sounds of birds singing, truly a "magical" place to visit often.

On to Beth Chattos' garden, always a delight. This time her new "scree garden" was looking good, with the Judas tree in full glory in the midst near her home. It was here we saw her sprightly figure sitting on a bench being televised by an Estonian film crew! What a splendid "oasis" she has created for us all over the years –

We thank Gill and Pat for such a memorable day. Beverley gave gifts together with our thanks.

Our meeting in June was a relaxing time, with June Grover (a fellow member). Her demonstration "summer celebration" certainly echoed this theme. Junes' style, colour was delightful, together with her use of all kinds of foliage and flowers from her garden, which complimented the florist flowers. So, with plenty of info for us, and use of diverse containers, June created a table of beautiful arrangements. There were some very lucky raffle winners!

Monday, July 5th at 2pm – Garden Party
At **The Limes** – Jill and Jacks' lovely garden.

No Meeting in August.

Future meeting:

Monday September 6th 2pm. Village Hall
Demonstration by Nicola Stafferton.

Hilton Feast Week Sports Day 31st July

1. Please could all the winners of last years trophies awarded at Sports Day arrange for them to be returned to Phil Whitbread at 8, Maze Road, Hilton.
2. This year's penalty shoot out for all ages will commence at 11.00am with the finals to be played at 1pm before the main races start.
3. Races will start promptly at 1.30pm.
4. The running order for Sports Day will be published in the Feast Week Special Programme.
5. The Tug of War will be pulled as usual, after Tea on the Green. There will be a bar tab and trophy for the winning team. If anyone would like to organise a team could they please contact Al Stewart on 830 301

HILTON VILLAGE DOG SHOW

We had an entry of 97 dogs. Luckily the weather was great, apart from the wind which did at times prove very testing. The dogs had come from as far away as Spalding in the east and Luton in the south. A great day was had by all and we raised an overwhelming £690.00 for the village Hall.

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The Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to the next of this year's Wonderful Wetlands walks on **Sunday 25th July 2010 at 10.30am**.

We will be visiting Summer Leys Nature Reserve in the Upper Nene Valley. This is an area of flooded gravel pits, flood meadows and species rich grassland providing a haven for breeding and wading birds. Local expert Graham Warnes, who is also Chairman of 'Friends of Summer Leys', will lead the walk here.

At this time of year, there should be an excellent selection of butterflies such as common blue, small copper, brown argus and gatekeeper, plus many dragonfly and damselfly. Among the birds likely to be seen are reed bunting, lapwing, snipe, buzzard, kestrel and peregrine, and many duck such as tufted, shoveler and pochard, plus a breeding colony of common tern. The grassland supports many species including great burnet, lady's bedstraw and bird's foot trefoil.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at 10.30am in the car park, grid ref SP 885 634. Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free.

And in August, the Local Group are again joining with Ely Local Group for this summer's barbecue on **Saturday 14th August**. **We start at 5.00pm with a guided walk at Wood Walton Fen, followed by a BBQ from 7.30pm** Local experts will illustrate the natural history and secret nightlife of creatures such as moths, bats and newts. Following on the success of previous years, we are again inviting a local astronomy group to help us view the stars and planets.

George Cottam, Group Chairman said "*this has proved to be an excellent and very popular event over the last few years. Once again, we will offer a diverse range of activities to attract the whole family*".

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Ramsey Heights Countryside Classroom, Chapel Road, PE26 2RS at 5.00pm for the guided walk and 7.30pm for BBQ and evening activities (GR TL245848). BBQ: £8.00 adults, £5.00 children, under 7s free – **Booking essential**.

For more information visit the website www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480450809

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES

The swans on Moore Lake have both produced cygnets – three hatched from one nest, but I'm not sure how many hatched from the other. The second nest hatched a week into June, and the cygnets have been riding their mother's back, partly hidden under her wings.

The cold spring delayed nesting for many birds, but the warm weather in late May enabled many insects, such as butterflies and dragonflies, to make up for lost time, and indeed, some were recorded on earlier dates than last year.

The wet spell at the beginning of June was badly needed by our local house martins. These little migrants need wet mud to build their nests, and that just wasn't anywhere to be found when the birds first arrived in May. Once their chicks have hatched, the martins will do a grand job eating flies, which they catch as they fly around just above our house roofs.

We have two events planned for adults before the school holidays begin. We'll be looking for butterflies on Sunday 4 July, and then running an all-day willow-weaving workshop on Friday 9 July. The latter will cost you £15 (£10 if you are a RSPB member), and you can create a masterpiece with our willow.

Throughout the school holidays, we'll be kept busy with a series of pond-dipping and bug-hunting events. There'll also be an art workshop and a story-telling event – please pick up our events leaflet or check our web site for all the dates. These events cost £2 per child, but £1 for RSPB members, and no charge for their adults. Bookings are required so we can ensure the children get plenty of help and have lots of fun.

The latest news from the Hanson-RSPB wetland project is that a new permissive path, installed by Hanson across the first mere north of Over village, has been opened ready for the summer. The path runs east to west along the edge of the canal, north of the largest mere. Kissing gates at Bare Hill and at the northern end of Long Drove provide access to the grassy, way-marked route. The new path makes possible a circular walk around Cuckoo Drove, Long Drove and Long Holme Drove. As this is a permissive path, we are asking walkers to keep to the marked route with dogs on a lead. With good views over the most well developed reed beds walkers can expect to see ducks, geese and swans dabbling and diving on the waters. During the summer months, reed and sedge warblers can be heard reeling their songs from amongst the reeds, with reed buntings common in the marshy edges. There is also the chance of seeing a hunting marsh harrier, hobby or barn owl. Brown hares are frequently seen in the grassy margins, with skylarks singing high overhead and dragonflies skimming along below. Cattle graze this area too.

The opening of the route marks a new phase in the opening up of a significant network of routes, and what we hope will be the quiet enjoyment of the new wetlands by many local people. Path creation will continue this year, with further routes and viewpoints being created around the restored reed beds near Over and around the settlement lagoons at Needingworth.

Our events programme leaflets are available from us at the Lakes, and at Ron's Farm Shop in Fenstanton. (Thanks Ron and Chris).

You can also find it online, at www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/f/fendraytonlakes/index

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WHAT'S ON — JULY/AUGUST 2010

1st July	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p29
3rd July	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
3rd July	Fenstanton Sports Day	Football Field	2.00pm	p35
5th July	Hilton Flower Club Gdn Party	'The Limes'	2.00pm	p35
5th July	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
7th July	Fenstanton Over 60's	River Trip		p25
10th July	Men's Breakfast	Fenstanton URC	8.30am	p19
10th July	Fenstanton Barn Dance	Hall Green Farm	7.30pm	p23
11th July	Hilton Parish Picnic	Atticus House	12.30pm	p17
12th July	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p29
17th July	Salvation Army/Cream Teas	Fenstanton URC	3.00pm	p19
21st July	Fenstanton Over 60's	Gardens		p25
24th July	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	10.00am	p18
HILTON FEAST WEEK 25th—31st July				
25th July	Hilton Produce Show		8.15am on	p33
25th July	Wild Life Walk	Summer Leys	10.30am	p36
27th July	Summer Activities Day	Church Centre	9.30am	p15
28th July	Hilton Teddy Bear's Picnic			p17
31st July	Hilton Feast Week Sports Day			p35
4th Aug	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	p25
5th Aug	Hilton WI Craft Group	Village Hall	1.00pm	p27
5th Aug	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p29
7th Aug	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p17
10th Aug	Hilton WI Summer Lunch			p29
14th Aug	Men's Breakfast	Fenstanton URC	8.30am	p19
14th Aug	Wildlife Guided walk & BBQ	Wood Walton Fen	5 00pm	p36
18th Aug	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	p25
21st Aug	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	10.00am	p18
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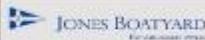
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