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Thank you: Can I say thank you the people who help my son when he fell off his moped at the top of Headlands on Monday 16 Jan, in particular to the couple who phoned for the ambulance he bruised his elbow, but otherwise he was OK. Many thanks
Shirley Oliver

Thank you: My heartfelt thanks for all the help and support given to me during Tony's illness and after his death. I was deeply moved by the kind comments about Tony in the many sympathy cards received.
Val Spain

New Brownie Leader needed

After 15 years as Brown Owl with Hilton Brownies I have decided that it is now time for me to hand over the reins to someone else.

I am therefore asking if anyone would be interested in taking on this role or knows anyone else who would like to take up the challenge.

It is a great opportunity to meet new people and try out new skills as well as be part of Girl Guiding UK. Maybe you were once a Brownie or a Guide and remember all the things you took part in and learnt and enjoyed as a guiding member.

If you can't commit to every week, then perhaps you could job share. This is open to anyone 18 years upwards and I am very willing to give any guidance or help required to a new leader.

Contact me on: 01480 830156 or 07970404569 or email me at girlguidinghilton@gmail.co.uk if you would like to discuss this further with no obligation. Or come along to a meeting and see what we do. I look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Baker

****We** have printed these two letters to emphasise the problem (I know there is a similar problem in Hilton) and hope the offenders will take notice.

At the same time can I re-emphasise the litter problem - please take your litter home or put it in a bin, it really does spoil the village and we should not rely on the few who do tidy up for us.

The Editors

Goodbye: After living in Hilton for over 30 years, it is time to move on. As of the 8th Feb, we are moving to Dorset.

It would be impossible to say goodbye personally to all our friends & acquaintances in Hilton & Fenstanton, so we hope everyone will understand us doing so through Spectrum. With our best wishes,
Jane & Ernie Roberts.

****Dogs:** I am writing about the amount of dog mess left on the paths in Fenstanton, especially around Hampton Close! I was very upset the other day when my 3 year old son fell onto dog mess, which covered his hands and his clothes, It's disgusting. I know a lot of very respectable dog owners in the village who always pick up after their animals. It is the few who don't who spoil it for everyone else. I am pleading with people, please clean up after your dogs so that we can all enjoy our nice village and accidents like my son's don't occur again.

Many thanks

Anne-Marie Bridges

****Firstly** may I thank you for the very informative Spectrum received every month. I know you have featured letters like this in the past but would be grateful if you could, again, highlight the problem of dog mess fouling the pavements of our lovely village of Fenstanton.

I took my 3-year-old child for his first bike ride around the village recently and we found ourselves constantly stepping around 'little piles' everywhere. He even managed to bring some home on the wheels of his lovely new bike.

I also fully support the football club as my eldest child plays for Fenstanton youth football club and, every week, the coaches pick up dog mess from the field of play before they can allow any training or matches to start. This is not what the coaches volunteer their time for. Whilst I appreciate that there are a great many responsible dog owners in the village who do pick up after their dogs, this letter is not aimed at them, but, there are clearly some who don't seem to care and I hope that they may see this letter and think again
Helen Rodriguez

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| Green volunteer of the year | Best wildlife or nature initiative |
| Best energy saving initiative | Best waste, reuse or recycling initiative |

An awards ceremony will be held where four short-listed nominations for each category will be invited to attend, with winners being announced at the event

Representatives from community groups may nominate themselves or be put forward by a third party, and anyone can enter as long as they can demonstrate that they have managed, or been involved with an environmental project that has engaged and benefited their local community

You have until 27 April to get your entry to us so download your entry pack today at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk Contact Heidi Field, Environmental Education & Promotion Officer on 01480 388843 if you would like further information.

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Police report.: The most recent information available is for the month of December, during which the following crimes and incidents were reported: 6 incidents of anti social behaviour; 1 incident of public disorder; 1 incident of drugs.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0345 456 456 4 or 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Chief Inspector Chris Mead has been appointed as the new Local Area Policing Commander for Huntingdonshire. A representative of the Parish Council attended a meeting where the new Policing strategy and restructuring was presented to the communities within the district.

Litter bins: The District Council has agreed, following requests and discussions with the Parish Council, to install a new litter bin at the car park by the Hampton Close open space and also at Cranesbrook by the entrance at Headlands. This will, hopefully, be an incentive for those dog owners who do not clear up after their pets to do so. A new top and liner will be placed on an existing base at the lay by in the High Street and a new bin will be installed at the subway. It is expected that the bins will be in place before the end of this financial year.

Clock tower refurbishment: The Parish Council resolved to undertake a full refurbishment of the Clock Tower following the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee. A contractor has been appointed and it is expected that work will commence late spring / early summer. Funding for the refurbishment will come from a bequest left by the late Miss Bertha Pitfield to the Parish Council for the continued maintenance of the Clock Tower.

Village street lighting: The County Council has entered into PFI agreement to upgrade the old street lighting columns; the street lighting budget has been reduced as with other areas of expenditure. As a result 10% of the old street lighting will not be replaced, although Parish & Town Councils will have the opportunity to adopt these street lights and be responsible for both maintenance and energy costs. The Parish Council will consider the merits of this at a later time once further information is obtained. However, we are advised that the impact on the street will not be great as the new white light source is more efficient. It is unknown when any replacement is likely to be undertaken in the Village and the replacement programme is based on the condition of the existing stock.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 8th March at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 24th April at 7:30** at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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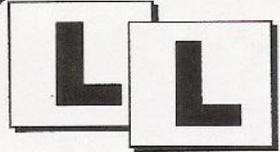
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Village Shop Closure – the Parish Council have agreed to sponsor a working group to study the available options and to assess the views of residents. An initial meeting will be chaired by the Parish Council but in the interests of the village this group will be served by an independent group working with the PC and other public bodies. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact the Parish Clerk.

Cambs County Council Bid for Crossing on Potton Road – The Parish Council is waiting to hear whether we have been successful in our bid for funding for a crossing on Potton Road. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey. Results showed an overwhelming approval for a crossing, with the majority vote being for a zebra crossing and only 16 households against any form of crossing.

Winter Footpath Gritting – thanks goes to our volunteers who have been out in the freezing temperatures gritting our footpaths. The County Council send out a timescale in which gritting must take place and our volunteers jump into action following an approved route.

A14 – the Parish Council are seeking volunteers who may be interested in assisting with any new Government proposals for a revised A14. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

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

All Minutes of our meetings can be found on the village website. www.hilton-village.com

Hilton Village Hall: Improvements Update

A lot of work is currently going on in the Village Hall and residents might appreciate this short update on what is happening. We are all fortunate that the hall currently enjoys a very healthy level of bookings and this keeps this essential amenity financially sound.

It falls to the committee therefore to ensure that the hall offers good value to its users and meets the latest health and safety regulations so that it will continue to be viable into the future. To achieve these goals the committee has an on-going programme of improvements which we will undertake as funding allows.

- ◆ The first phase of this programme entailed the replacement of all the curtains in the hall.
- ◆ The second phase has been to refurbish the kitchen and this was completed in early February. The kitchen, whilst generally serviceable, was beginning to deteriorate and in one major area failed to meet Health & Safety. The refurbishment has been successfully undertaken by a local firm, Richard Laborne Ltd, and included new flooring, new sinks, new worktops and a repositioned cooker. In addition, some new cupboards have been fitted alongside the existing ones which were as good as new and have been retained to save costs.
- ◆ The next phase will be to refurbish the very jaded ladies toilets. Work started in early February and is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

The Village Hall committee is very grateful to the late Olive Stokes for her very generous bequest and also to the Town Trust for its grant of £2000, which together have helped us undertake this work. A further update on progress with the ladies toilets will be given in future issue of Spectrum.

Julian Thomas

Chairman Hilton Village Hall Management Committee

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1. Door-to-door survey

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Thank you everyone for your time and thoughtful consideration .

2.Speedwatch Sticker Trial

HDC has decided to allow a 6 month trial of stickers on selected wheelie bins in strategic places (the bins are the property of HDC) and will then review with Speedwatch volunteers to see whether there has been any significant reduction in speeds The stickers cost £2 .

3.The A14 Action group

The original members of this group feel they cannot 'raise the flag' again but are happy to support a new group . If anyone wishes to start the new group see contacts below. A meeting will be called very soon to elect a new committee

4.New HCV strategy

The County Council have passed their new strategy. They have done this without any further consultation with the main HCV group or with Hilton regarding the letter of complaint we sent about the way the figures had been altered.

Ken will be taking this matter with Richard Preston at CCC and with the leaders of the HCV group.

5.HAT will be meeting in mid- to- late February and again if anyone wishes to join the group please contact Ken Attwood (830690) or Margaret Shardlow (831186)

The Hilton Summer Ball 2012

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7pm Friday, July 20th, 2012 on The Green, Hilton

An evening's entertainment including live band

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**Hilton residents have until 1st March to reserve a table
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**To book a table (of 10) or book tickets call 830383 (Peter Sampson),
07984232424 (Sharon Walker) or email pg_sampson@hotmail.com. Deposit
of £15 per head or £150 per table payable now. Balance due June 1st.**

THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MARCH

Contact: Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: sandy.monk@btinternet.com

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| 4th | 10.00am | Mr Laurie Holden |
| 11th | 11.15am | Rev Katy Dunn. United Holy Communion Service. Children's Sunday Club in the school hall |
| 18th | 10.00am | Mr Dennis Hutchcraft |
| 25th | 10.00am | Mr Derek Rutherford |

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 3rd March from 10.00am until 12 noon** in the Methodist Hall. A selection of Fair Trade groceries and confectionary, greetings cards, crafts and gifts will be on sale. Please come along and see what's on offer or just come along for a coffee and a chat.
All profit from coffee/teas goes to EACH (children's hospice)

LENT LUNCHES There will be lent lunches on the following dates and venues:

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| 29th February | Linda Stott, Abbotsmede, Chapel Close |
| 7th March | Hilary Holmes, Park Farm, The Green |
| 14th March | Visse Slayter, The Old Rectory, The Green |
| 21st March | Pat Bellass, Noroc, Potton Road |
| 28th March | Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close |

Time:- **12.30 to 2pm**
Charity Huntingdon Society for the Blind
Donations:- £3 minimum for the simple lunch of bread, cheese and fruit

GUITAR CONCERT This is an advance notice. We will be having a concert by the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra on **Saturday 9th June at 7.30pm** in the Methodist Church. The concert will include music by Ravel, Poulenc and Grieg. tickets will be £9 to include interval refreshments and will be on sale from April. Available from Sandy Monk, (830273) and Heather Woods (830686)

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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

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MARCH

| | | |
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| Thursday 1st | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Fenstanton | 3.30pm | Jaffa Club |
| Sunday 4th | 2nd Sunday in Lent | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Parish Communion & Sunday Club |
| Hilton | 10.00am | Children's Church |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Said Evensong |
| Wednesday 7th | | |
| Hilton | 12.30–2.30 | Lent Lunch – see poster for details |
| Thursday 8th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 11th | 3rd Sunday in Lent | |
| Fenstanton | 10.00am | Worship for All |
| Hilton | 11.15am | United Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room |
| Wednesday 14th | | |
| Hilton | 12.30–2.30 | Lent Lunch – see poster for details |
| Thursday 15th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Fenstanton | 3.30pm | Jaffa Club |
| Friday 16th | | |
| Fenstanton | 3.00pm | Senior Citizens Communion & Tea Party |
| Sunday 18th | 4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| Fenstanton | 10.00am | Family Service |
| Fenstanton | 11.45am | Said Holy Communion |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| Wednesday 21st | | |
| Hilton | 12.30–2.30 | Lent Lunch – see poster for details |
| Thursday 22nd | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 25th | 5th Sunday of Lent | |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Family Communion |
| Hilton | 11.15am | Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am |
| Fenstanton | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch |
| Tuesday 27th | | |
| Hilton | 1.30pm | Tots' Praise |
| Wednesday 28th | | |
| Hilton | 12.30–2.30 | Lent Lunch – see poster for details |

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Regular Weekly Events

Fridays at Fenstanton 7.30pm Teenage Christians

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| Thursday 29th | | |
| Fenstanton | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 1st April | Palm Sunday | |
| Hilton | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fenstanton | 9.15am | Procession with Donkey |
| Fenstanton | 9.30am | Parish Communion & Sunday Club |
| Hilton | 10.00am | Children's Church |
| Fenstanton | 6.00pm | Said Evensong |

Contact information: For **Fenstanton:** Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com (matters of pastoral concern), Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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

Children's Church in Hilton

We had a great time in February as we learnt about John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus ... followed by a baptism service for all of our dolls! Come and join us in Hilton Parish Church at 10am on the 1st Sunday of the month for a child-focused loud hour of fun, songs, stories and craft activities. Our March session will be looking at The Last Supper and then April will be all about donkeys, palms and Easter. For more information please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.



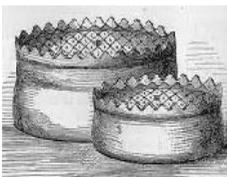
TOTS PRAISE - HILTON



We had a very quiet meeting in February, not many of us, which was quite special. We are looking forward to a jolly time on Tuesday March 27th at Hilton Church, 1.30 – 2.30 pm, so come and join us.

Fenstanton Parish Church

Mothering Sunday -- 18th March 10am



Come to our All Age Service to celebrate Mothers Day 2012!



Flower posies for all Mums, simnel cake and refreshments afterwards for everyone to share.

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MARCH

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

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| Mar 4th | 9.30am | Rev Derek Newton |
| Mar 11th | 9.30am | Revd Dr Catherine Ball (HOLY COMMUNION). |
| | 6.00pm | Mr George Mwanra |
| Mar 18th | 9.30am | Revd Roy Muttram MOTHERING |
| Mar 25th | 9.30am | Mr George Mwaura |

LENT COURSE at FREE CHURCH, St Ives,

Mondays, 10.00am -12.00noon

Feb 27th, Mar 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
Followed by an optional light lunch in Tookeys

OTHER EVENTS DURING MARCH

| | | | |
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| Sat | Mar 4th | 6.00pm | Everybody's Birthday |
| Tues | Mar 6th | 3.00pm | Service at Rheola Care Home, St Ives. |
| Tues | Mar 6th & 20th | 10.00am | Knitters and Natters |
| Tues | Mar 6th & 20th | 12.00noon | Cross Stitchers |
| Sat | Mar 10th | 8.30am | Men's Breakfast |
| Tues | Mar 13th & 27th | 10.00am | Open Door Coffee Morning |
| Tues | Mar 13th | 2.30pm | Monthly Christian Meditation |
| Sat | Mar 17th | 10.00am | Book Sale |
| Sat | Mar 24th | 10.00am | Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale |

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, March 10th.**

As we will be in the period of Lent, we will be considering the events leading up to Easter and if anyone has a favourite reading, poem or anything else that may help the discussion please bring it along to share.

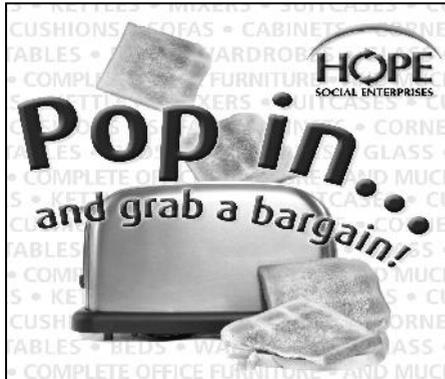


These interdenominational breakfasts are for Christian and non Christian men and are held in the Social Centre of Fenstanton United Reformed Church (opposite Ron's Farm Shop) from 8am to aprox. 10am. Breakfast will be available from 8.30. As always, all local men are welcome. For catering purposes or for additional information please contact John Guthrie (01480 392018 or john.guthrie39@ntlworld.com).

Don't forget ... Pounds for Patches

Please can you try and help us get this project off the ground and in turn help Macmillan Cancer Support? It's quite simple, just one 6" square of cotton fabric with your name pinned on, plus £1 donation delivered to The Manor House, 46 Chequer Street, Fenstanton (post-box on the side of the porch). We will do the rest and hopefully piece together a magnificent patchwork quilt for all to see! For more information call Lynda Symonds or Eileen Sullivan on 07768 454844

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10-00am -12-00noon

We knit for various Charities.
£1-00 per session.

Cross stitch group from 12-00noon -1-00pm

LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

My first article ended at the start of November. Little did I imagine that the remarkable weather year of 2011 still had further surprises to come.

With winds frequently blowing from a southerly direction throughout November, continuing the pattern which had prevailed through September and October as high pressure over the near Continent dominated our weather, both November and the Autumn were the second warmest on record since 1659. Not a single air frost was recorded throughout the three Autumn months. Apart from a very wet day on the 4th of November, only 6mm (0.25 of an inch) of rain fell during the rest of the month, continuing the pattern of rainfall deficiency.

As the end of November approached, Atlantic depressions finally brought more unsettled conditions, which heralded a change to winds from a westerly quarter throughout December with temperatures dropping to more seasonable levels. It was the second most “westerly” December in 139 years after 1974. Very mild conditions returned on the 21st and continued over the Christmas period. No frost occurred during the 12 days of Christmas. It remains to be seen whether the old folklore saw “green Christmas, white Easter” materialises.

Looking back at 2011, despite the summer being the coolest since 1993, overall it was the second warmest year on record, behind only 2006, based on records going back to 1659. Apart from a very brief spell of wet snow on the 16th of December, the year was snowless. There were only 18 air

frosts in the year, a remarkably low figure. This compares with 70 air frosts in 2010. The lowest temperature during the year was -3.7C (25.3F), on the 19th of March, the highest was 31C (87.8F) on the 27th of June. Not far behind, 26.7C (80F) was recorded in April and in Cambridge 29.2C (84.6F) was recorded on the 30th of September, breaking the previous UK record for that day of 27.8C set in Maidenhead, Berkshire in 1908.



A notable feature of the year was its dryness, the annual rainfall total being 17.6 inches (440mm) which is about 70% of the average. This compares with 23.7 inches in 2010.

The traditional yardstick for the onset of winter is when the maximum temperature does not exceed 5C (41F) on three consecutive days. This occurred during the last three days of January 2012, which highlights the mildness of the winter until then. This marked the start of a two week cold spell which included two significant snowfalls as mild air from the Atlantic collided with very cold continental air. The lowest temperature during this spell so far has been -12.5C (9.5F) on the 12th of February. There are signs that less cold conditions will return shortly but with high pressure established over northern Russia the potential for further cold weather remains.

Patrick Landucci

The Olympics 2012 – a great opportunity to celebrate and get involved in Cambridgeshire



Cambridgeshire
County Council

For the sporting....

As Olympic fever spreads across the country, many of us might feel inclined to get involved in some new sporting activities, whether in a competitive manner or just for fun.

Numerous events are going on nationally – the Big Dance Week in July, the ‘Gold Challenge’ where you can raise money for charity by trying 5, 10, 20 or 30 Olympic and Paralympic sports, ‘Hopscotch to Victory’ which is a world record attempt taking place in June, and for those who fancy something a little less strenuous, there is ‘All the Bells’ which calls on residents to ring any kind of bell they can between 8am and 8.03am on 27th July. More information about these activities and many more can be found on the main Olympic and Paralympic website www.london2012.com. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to find out more about the national activities, telephone 0845 2672012.

There will also be many sporting events and activities taking place locally. These will be listed on www.livingsport.co.uk or you can contact LIVING SPORT on 01487 841559. Events will also be added to the www.cambridgeshire.net website as they are announced. If you have an event planned that you would like to publicise, it can be added to this website. If you have a disability, you can find out what activities you can get involved in locally at www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk, by calling the Ability PLUS Group on 01487 849929 or by contacting your local District Council.

For the not so sporting....

The Olympics also bring people together and are a reason to celebrate. Large events will be taking place across the county along the Olympic Torch route as it passes through Peterborough on 3rd July, Cambridge (as part of the Big Weekend on Parker’s Piece) on 7th and 8th July and St Ives and Huntingdon on 8th July. Route details and times will be announced by London 2012 nearer the time.

Local people are also being encouraged to organise their own celebrations and the **2012 Local Leaders** initiative has been set up to help you do just that. By signing up, you will receive information on a range of themed celebration ideas and be in the front row to receive free London 2012 event materials. You can find out more at www.london2012.com/get-involved or by telephoning 0845 2672012.

The County Council is keen to encourage local events and street parties, and has added simple guidance to getting a street party road closure on their website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/ontheroad/streetparties.htm. If you don’t have internet access, you can call 01223 507176 to arrange this or to discuss any other events that you would like to organise.

Cultural events will also be taking place, including the UK’s biggest ever cultural festival and the ‘Walk the World’ campaign which encourages residents to join the race to find local connections to all 206 nations taking part in the Olympics (see www.walktheworld.org.uk). Information on local cultural events will also be available on www.cambridgeshire.net as they are announced.

And finally, if you have been inspired by the 70,000 people who have registered as Olympic and Paralympic volunteers, you can sign up to volunteer at local events at www.volunteeringcambsandpboro.org.uk.

The numbers game

The good news - We thought you might like to see the growth in your local Scout Group over just the past 10 years, based on our annual census. In January 2002 there were 4 Beavers, 21 Cubs and 16 Scouts. In January 2012 that has grown to 25 Beavers, 29 Cubs, 17 Scouts (this is low as we have another 11 boys and girls we need space for from Cubs by September!) and 6 Young Leaders. This is a whopping growth of 87% in the number of boys and girls getting to make the most of the opportunities we offer, thanks to the fantastic volunteers, supporters and those who support our fundraisers.

The not so good news - At Easter this year we will still have another 27 boys and girls (of various ages) all old enough to be joining in but that we simply don't have any space for, The simple truth is that across Cambridgeshire there are 800 in that position, and across the UK that number is over 33,000. The solution is "easy", in so much as most of the entire UK waiting list could be joining in if we just had enough adult volunteers. We do know how busy people's lives are these days, after all we all work and have our own families too, but scouting truly is a hobby like no other – so please consider volunteering.

Inspired to help ?

More adult volunteers are especially still needed to become leaders with our Scout Troop, so please contact us if you would like to find out more. You don't have to attend every week – and you don't have to go camping if you really don't want to!!!

We already appreciate all the help and support we get, but are equally aware that many of you say you can't help as leaders but are happy to tackle other things to support the Scout Group in addition to helping at fundraisers etc. Please take a look at the list below and contact Louise Clover if you can help in any way, or perhaps know someone who can (**no requirement to have any current link with our Group**):

As some of you may recall Anne—Marie and her partner Steven led a project to carry out a major re-vamp of our storage in the building. This is working really well but we need 2 or 3 people to offer to just complete the final labelling etc.

At the moment most of the termly newsletters are put together / written by just one person (with section reports from the 3 leaders). It could do with a new "editor", or even team, to create it each time..... It is issued 3 times a year. Full training and support can be given if required!

We are still really desperate for suitable, and more local, storage for all our main kit (everything from tents to tables and archery kit to gas bottles). If anyone knows of any local businesses, individuals etc that may be able to help (even if it's just space for us to put a suitable structure on) please get in touch.

Section leadership teams are always on the look out for new ideas for meetings or activities. So if you have a skill or hobby that may be of interest, or would like to help a Section earn a badge on a certain topic, please just get in touch.

Louise Clover (01480 831715)

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Due to the adverse Weather we have had lots of fixtures re-arranged. New dates can be found on this website.



Dog Fouling – Following last month's Spectrum entry from Fenstanton Men's FC, everyone involved in Mini Soccer at Fenstanton would also like to remind dog owners that dogs are not permitted on the football field. Recently, we have found an increase in dog poo on our pitches, this is particularly unpleasant for all but especially, for the children given their tendency to celebrate goals with head over heels or "caterpillars".

Under Seven Training – Mark Burman is the Coach for this age group, he can be contacted on - 01480 493128. £2 per week on a turn up and play basis, 10 – 11 Saturday mornings at the Fenstanton Football field. As the warmer weather is in sight, anyone who has been put off by the cold temperatures is welcome to come along and join in. Mark welcomes help from parents and volunteers are required for next season.

Cup Success – At the time of writing our Under 10 team is progressing well in the Under 10 Cup and our Under 12 Team has reached the semi-finals in both the County and Hunts Youth League Cup. Well done to all involved and Good Luck.

Finances – In order to provide a new kit for most teams next season, we do need to raise funds. Watch out for details of a family quiz evening and other events which will help us raise money. Any good ideas, offers of help or donations gratefully received.

Sponsors – thank you to Pure Resourcing Solutions and Dairy Crest for the generous sponsorship of training jackets for two of our teams and thank you to the on-going support and sponsorship from Mo's Motors. If anyone would like to sponsor a team's training jackets we would love to hear from you, we still have teams without them.

Committee Meetings – are held every third Monday of the month at 8 pm in the George Public House. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contact Details – Charlie Darling – Head Coach 01480 395338.

Nadine Taylor - Club Administrator 01480 830839 or email fyfc@btinternet.com

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

As I write it is --11C!! There is still a lot of snow about along with snowmen, women, and igloos! **BUT** there is still some news from some members of our club who play indoors at the Huntingdon Indoor Club.

Pat Porter, Janice White and Janet Lamb are through to the Finals of the Ladies EBF Triples Competition. We wish them all good luck. Also Janice and Pat are through to the semi finals of the Cambridge County Ladies Pairs Competition. An excellent run let's hope it continues. *Best of luck for the next round.*

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Tony Spain. Tony always enjoyed

his bowls and was a great competitor and sportsman. We shall miss him. Our thoughts are with Val and the family.

I read in the Hunts Post that Fenstanton Cricket Club has had to fold. This is very sad because once a club folds it is very difficult to re open. However if there are any ex cricketers out there who would like to try their arm at outdoor lawn bowls don't forget we are here. Please get in touch.

I am looking forward to the outdoor season starting. It will not be long now!!

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FENSTANTON WI

At our meeting on February 2nd, we were entertained by Mrs Cheryl Brightly whose subject, appropriately for the approach to Valentine's Day, was "Artistry in Cocoa".

Mrs Brightly had begun by making chocolate treats for her children and gradually became more and more interested in the history and uses of chocolate. During her talk she sent around pictures of Cocoa plants and their pods and samples of the beans. She explained how cocoa has been used down the centuries and that chocolate was first produced by Joseph Fry in the late 1750s.

She then went on to demonstrate how to temper chocolate to achieve a glossy texture that snaps satisfactorily. Even properly tempered chocolate can lose its sheen if not stored correctly. She then used the chocolate she had tempered to fill heart shaped moulds. Later in the demonstration these were filled with a praline filling and topped off with more

chocolate. Meanwhile samples of different types of chocolate were sent round for us to compare.

Mrs Brightly has now opened a chocolate shop in Newmarket and her children are obviously set to follow in her footsteps.

We all enjoyed sampling the praline hearts over a cup of tea or coffee and were able to purchase a variety of her products.

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Mrs Brightly and our events secretary for inviting her along!

Dates for future events:

March 1st

A Taste of Thai by Mrs Maureen Ridley: a cookery demonstration with recipes.

March 29th

Our Spring Walk

April 5th

The Falklands with Mrs Daphne Hersey

FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

On Saturday 14th January we went to the Burgess Hall St Ives to see the Panto Cinderella, which although an amateur production was of a really high standard, which all of us participating by hissing and cheering the characters.

This year, at our meetings we have not had speakers, but we have several booked

for the near future.

March 21st Peter Jackson of Scotsdale nurseries will give one of his entertaining talks on plants and gardens.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 7th**

March at 2-00pm at Fenstanton United Reformed Church. Why not come along ? you will be made most welcome.

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BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON

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FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting took place on Thursday 26th January to decide – in the face of mounting problems – if the Cricket Club was to be able to fulfil its role as such in 2012. It was reluctantly decided that the Club would close down with immediate effect after the following factors were considered.

Playing strength: 21 players represented the club in the 11 fixtures out of 16 completed in 2011 (the others cancelled due to our player unavailability). 10 of these players played in over half of these games and can be said to represent the core. From this core 4 players are reducing or removing their commitment for reasons including injury, illness or departure. Efforts to recruit replacement players seem to have resulted in a maximum of two additional bodies. It was therefore decided unanimously that the playing strength was insufficient and that Fenstanton CC would withdraw from Cambs Junior League Division 4A for 2012.

Pitch hire 2012: several clubs had requested the general hire-out of our pitch and facilities whatever our decision on the playing side. A discussion took place which considered several factors including the availability of ground-staff (this would be reduced), the willingness of those involved to produce wickets and maintain facilities for clubs other than Fenstanton (this was limited) and the cost, time and effort required to repair the roller and service the other equipment (this was considered to be disproportionate). In conclusion it was decided that the pitch and facilities would not be made available for hire in the foreseeable future.

Further actions for 2012: the field will be maintained as a cricket field with the pitch (but not the square) cut as appropriate. The current committee will remain in post until the AGM in the autumn to oversee the shutdown. The implications of minimum insurance required, rates, water and electricity charges in relation to the Club's current financial reserves will be considered.

There will be a gathering at the Pavilion at Easter or soon thereafter to perform an inventory on the remaining equipment and decide on its disposal.

Many thanks to those people who have worked hard against increasingly difficult odds to keep the Club going all these years. It is to be hoped that this will only be a pause (albeit a lengthy one) in the Fenstanton CC journey, not a final end.

Richard Corbett (Secretary, Fenstanton C.C.)

FENSTANTON SPORTS DAY

Your barely literate sports reporter writes in an apologetic manner well, as apologetic as I can bring myself to be as far as you lot are concerned.

You will probably remember how excited you all were to learn last month that sports day was going to be on the last Saturday in June instead of the first Saturday in July, well forget all of that. Matron can't make her mind up as to which date she is going to let us have our weekend pass, so as soon as we know we will let you know.

I have been ordered to say loudly: "**sorry for any inconvenience**" so I have.

By the way we still need lots of you jolly people out there in Fenstanton land to assist us over the weekend (whenever it is!).

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HILTON WI

Just as the snow was at last melting outside, we were taken once again into a world of ice, snow, penguins and seals at our February WI meeting when Dr Roger Woreland of the British Antarctic Survey talked to us about his experiences as a biologist at the southernmost tip of the earth. His special interest was insects and micro organisms and how and why they have been able to adapt to life at temperatures approaching minus 50°C.

In his many trips to the Antarctic he had taken some spectacular photographs of the wildlife, scenery, accommodation and different forms of transport used by the various scientists working there. It was quite an eye opener to see the tiny space he and his colleagues worked in, especially when snowed-in for days at a time in tents when out on field trips, and to see pictures of some of the buildings before and after major snowfalls when 3-storey-sized buildings were buried almost to the roof in snow. Or of the tiny runway which had been blasted out of the rocks where pilots had to negotiate heart-stopping landings and take-offs over the sea.

We were very pleased to welcome several visitors including a cluster of husbands to the audience for Dr Woreland's talk at this open meeting, reinforcing Hilton WI's reputation, we hope, of having a wide and varied programme and being outgoing and welcoming – and not all about jam and Jerusalem.

As usual we are looking forward to new activities planned for the spring and summer including a dinner in April and a trip on the Grand Union Canal in July. Our January pub lunch was a very welcome break from the winter blues with good food and a blazing fire to lift our spirits.

Both the craft group and Hilton Bookworms, the new reading group, continue to be well-supported but any newcomers to either will be sure of a warm welcome.

Several of us will be going to the Federation Annual Day in St Ives in April when the main speaker will be one of Britain's first female fighter pilots.

If you would like to know more about Hilton WI activities just give our Secretary Ruth Salem a ring on 830358.

Our next meeting will be on **March 12th** when our speaker will be Peter Carter, a Fenland Eel-catcher.

Carol Yarrow

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

February's meeting was a great success, despite the winter snow it was lovely to see so many members and new members.

Our demonstrators were Beverley, June and Nicola, they did two arrangements each, all bright colours to cheer us up with all the snow around, well done to them.

Our next meeting on **March 5th** should be interesting as it will be a talk and slide show by Richard Todd head gardener from Anglesey Abbey.

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HILTON PRODUCE SHOW CLASSES 22 JULY 2012

1 entry per class except for classes 61-66 where 2 varieties per class may be entered. Vegetables, fruits & flowers should be clean, disease & pest free. All home baking (Adult's and children's) to be covered with cling film.

FRUIT CUP

- 1 Plate of mixed soft fruit
- 2 1 Eating apple
- 3 1 Cooking apple
- 4 3 Sticks of rhubarb
- 5 3 Tomatoes
- 6 3 Peppers or 3 Chillies
- 7 Plate of any distinct fruits
- 8 Plate of 7 strawberries
- 9 Plate of 7 plums

Plate for the above items should not exceed 6" diameter

VEGETABLE CUP

- 10 4 Runner beans
- 11 4 French beans
- 12 4 Broad beans
- 13 3 Carrots
- 14 3 Onions
- 15 2 Courgettes
- 16 3 White potatoes
- 17 3 Red potatoes
- 18 4 Pods of peas
- 19 3 Beetroot
- 20 3 Whole garlic
- 21 6 Radishes
- 22 6 Salad Onions
- 23 Any other vegetable not named in schedule
- 24 3 Sprigs of 3 varieties of herbs
- 25 1 Cucumber
- 26 A collection of 6 varieties of vegetables in a container not exceeding 12" x 8"
- 27 Small bucket of sieved compost (plus photo of compost heap, if possible)

****NEW CLASS****

- 51 Garden in a wheelbarrow

NOVELTY VEGETABLE CLASSES

- 28 Most unusual carrot
- 29 Longest runner bean
- 30 Heaviest marrow

Classes 28-30 are light-hearted and do not contribute towards the Vegetable Cup.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP

- 31 FW Theme. Flowers, foliage & sundries. No size limit.
- 32 Tall & thin flowers, 9" wide x 24" high max. Foliage & oasis can be used.
- 33 Arrangement in a box. "Bird's eye view". Live material & oasis may be used, no sundries.
- 34 Table decoration **USING YOUR OWN GARDEN FLOWER & FOLIAGE**. No sundries. No size limit. Oasis may be used.
- 35 Table decoration in a wine glass. Oasis & sundries may be used
- 36 Arrangement using candle/s, overall max height not to exceed 18".
- 37 Arrangement in a cup & saucer. Flowers & foliage, no sundries. Oasis may be used.
- 38 Flower arrangement in an unusual container.

Flowers can be either purchased or from your own garden with the exception of Class 34

FLOWER CUP (Flowers should be from your own garden)

- 39 1 Rose stem, single head
- 40 1 Rose Stem, multi head
- 41 Best perfumed rose (does not have to be perfect as scent is most important)
- 42 3 Stems of pinks/carnations
- 43 1 Dahlia, any form
- 44 3 Dahlias, any form
- 45 3 Sweet peas stems, annual
- 46 3 Sweet peas stems, perennial
- 47 3 Stems, mixed flowers
- 48 3 Stems of one named flower
- 49 3 Stems of one named shrub in flower eg fuschia, hydrangea
- 50 3 Stems, one each of any foliage shrub

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- 56 5 Slices of shortbread
- 57 Victoria sandwich (no fresh cream)
- 58 5 Decorated cup cakes
- 59 5 Bread rolls
- 60 Box of homemade confectionary
- 61 Jar soft fruit jam eg strawberry/raspberry
- 62 Jar of any fruit jam eg plum/apricot
- 63 Jar of any fruit marmalade
- 64 Jar of any fruit curd
- 65 Jar of any fruit jelly
- 66 Jar of any chutney
- 67 'Eggciting class' – 3 fresh hen's eggs plus photo of your favourite feathered bird!

All classes to own chosen recipe.

Classes 61-66 to be labelled with full date of making and main fruit used. Please state if spicy.

DRINK CUP

- 68 Bottle of sloe gin
- 69 Bottle of cordial

CHILDREN' S CLASSES

ALICE COLLEN CUP (Under 5s)

- 70 Saucer of cress
- 71 Jam jar of flowers
- 72 Egg cup of flowers
- 73 Decorated hen's egg
- 74 5 Fairy cakes , decorated – a packet mix may be used

THOMAS COLLEN CUP (Ages 5 to 8)

- 75 1 carrot
- 76 Egg cup of flowers
- 77 Jam jar of flowers
- 78 Planted shoe/boot
- 79 Olympic theme in a seed tray
- 80 Pirate made of fruit & vegetables max height 12"

- 81 Best cress caterpillar
- 82 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 83 5 Jam tarts
- 84 3 Cheese scones

Classes 82-84 to own chosen recipe

JACOB COLLEN CUP (Ages 9 to 16)

- 85 Tied bunch of 3 carrots
- 86 Jam jar of flowers
- 87 Arrangement of flowers in a cup & saucer
- 88 Planted shoe/boot
- 89 Olympic theme in a seed tray
- 90 Pirate made of fruit & vegetables max height 12"
- 91 5 Fairy cakes, decorated
- 92 5 Jam tarts
- 93 3 Cheese scones
- 94 Small box of home -made sweets

Classes 91-94 to own chosen recipe

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again! We trust that by the time of printing warmer weather will be with us again after the picturesque but cold spell. With outdoor gardening not possible in the frozen ground we hope you have been thinking of summer and the Produce Show, the SCHEDULE is published this month. Do keep it for planning your entries and please take note of some interesting new classes. Further details and information will of course be available nearer the time. In this era of recycling, and also to defray expenses, we would welcome any rosettes that you may have tucked away from previous year(s). Please get them out, dust them down and let Ali Dunk at Manor Cottage (830002) have them by the end of March. You will of course have the chance to win them back again in July! Some have been returned already and we would like to say 'thank you' to those past winners who have done so.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

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Many small birds had a hard time too. Most are tough enough to cope with cold temperatures, so long as they can find enough food. However, ice and snow can prevent birds finding their food – blackbirds can't break through frozen soil to find worms, for example. Seed-eaters may find that the blanket of snow hides their food, so these birds may turn to garden feeding stations – a pair of reed buntings discovered the millet seeds that I provide in my garden for house sparrows, and became regular visitors.

March often seems to be the quietest month at Fen Drayton Lakes. The large flocks of winter-visiting ducks leave us, usually before the summer visitors begin to arrive. Don't be put off, however, as you may be able to watch the elaborate courtship displays of great crested grebes and mute swans.

March is a good time to learn some bird songs. Residents such as robins, dunnocks and wrens will be singing, and you can start to recognise these before the summer migrants arrive and bombard your ears with their different songs

If you'd like to join us on a guided walk, you'll be very welcome. We'll try to help you learn some of the bird songs as we walk. Both walks start from **the guided bus stop and at Holywell Lake car park** – with a leader at each place.

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Friday 9 March, start 2pm, for about 1.5 hours

Wednesday 14 March, start 10am for about 3 hours

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Translation of the small print!!

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

Join us again on our popular 11.5 mile sponsored walk via five local pubs and help us to raise much needed funds to keep the Over Day Centre thriving.

Starting at 11am from **The Over day Centre**, follow a route map through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, **The Ferryboat** (for a hot dog or burger), **The Three Tuns** and then **The White Horse**. Finish for a complimentary home-baked cake at **The Admiral Vernon** in Over.

£8 entry fee in advance, or free entry if you collect more than £20 in sponsorship.

£10 entry on the day from 10.30am. Registration and sponsorship forms from www.overdaycentre.co.uk or by telephoning 01954 231807.

Certificate for all finishers.

Under 18's welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children!



Swing Night

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Sat 10th March 2012



By popular demand the 18 piece Opus 17 Swing band, plus their vocalists, are appearing once again at

Over Community Centre.

Come and enjoy an evening of amazing music from the 40's and 50's, played by this brilliant live band.

Watch the swing, ballroom and Lindy Hop dancers - and join in!

If you've never heard a live big swing band before, then come along and have a great time.

But, remember, this event always sells out.

Doors open 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Tickets are £14 each, nibbles included, available from;

Julia Dyer, 10954 230056,

John Dyer, 01954 230828

or Sarah Merry at the Day Centre

All proceeds to the Over Day Centre
1, Drings Close, Over, CB24 5NZ

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2012

Open Competition for the Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition to be held on **24th March 2012.**

2 classes:

1. JUNIOR CLASS (16 and under)

2. ADULT CLASS (17 and over)

(excludes present members of Swavesey Camera Club or professional photographers).

Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size A4 and may be monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, address and phone number, age (over 17s may state "adult"!). A title is preferred but not compulsory. All entries and winners will be shown at the Camera Club Exhibition on **SAT 24th March in the Memorial Hall.** Maximum of 2 prints per entrant in each category. There are 3 categories in each class;

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Closing date for entries is Friday 16th March.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members.

Certificates will be given for the winner and runner up in each category; from these an overall winner and runner up will be selected from each class for whom there will be a cash prize and free membership for 1 year for Swavesey Camera Club

Prints for competition can be sent or delivered to **Peter Looper, 23 Moat Way, Swavesey CB24 4TR** **no later than Friday 16th March 2011**

Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if supplied with s.a.e.

Fenstanton Parish Church

Celebrate St David's Day!

Supper - 3rd March

7.30pm in the Church Centre

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Tickets £10 from Ron's Farm Shop, the Post Office, or ring 01480 395564

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WHAT'S ON in MARCH

| | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----|
| 1st | Fenstanton WI | Church Centre | 7.00pm | p25 |
| 3rd | Hilton Coffee Morning & Craft WS | Methodist Church | 10.00am | p14 |
| 3rd | St David's Day Supper | Church Centre | 7.30pm | p38 |
| 5th | Hilton Flower Club | Village Hall | 2.00pm | p29 |
| 5th | Hilton PC | Village Hall | 7.30pm | p11 |
| 7th | Fenstanton Over 60's | URC Church | 2.00pm | p25 |
| 8th | Fenstanton PC | School Hall | 7.30pm | p9 |
| 9th | RSPB Walk | See p37 | 2.00pm | p37 |
| 8th - 10th 'City by Night' Production | | Huntingdon | 7.45pm | p35 |
| 10th | Men's Breakfast | URC Church | 8.30am | p18 |
| 10th | Swing Night | Swavesey | 7.15pm | p38 |
| 12th | Hilton WI | Village Hall | 7.30pm | p29 |
| 14th | RSPB Walk | See p37 | 10.00am | p37 |
| 14th | Fenstanton Village Hall BIG Quiz | The George | 8.00pm | |
| 14th | Wildlife Trust | Brampton | 7.30pm | p35 |
| 17th | Book Sale | URC Church | 10.00am | p17 |
| 21st | Fenstanton Over 60's | URC Church | 2.00pm | p25 |
| 23rd | Youth Football Committee | The George | 8.00pm | p23 |
| 24th | URC Coffee Morning | URC Church | 10.00am | p17 |
| 29th | Fenstanton WI Walk | | | p25 |
| 31st | Spring Fair | St Ives | 2.00pm | p35 |
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Fenstanton

BIG QUIZ

at the George

Wednesday 14th March at 8.00pm

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