

# Spectrum

MAY 2011

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Posters saying 'Ganbatte Nippon' drawn by Children from Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School after Alistair Dixon and his family had talked to the children (see p7 & p9)



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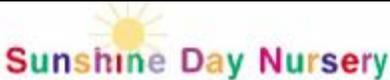
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*Kay and the Editorial Team*

Alan Bush & his wife Ruth have found it necessary to retire from delivering Spectrum due to Alan's long term illness. He was treasurer for ten years and delivered for thirty years. We wish Alan well with his recovery and our thanks & best wishes go to them both. *Kay Pulley*

### Message to the Hilton Residents.

Believe it or not, the time has at last arrived when we sadly say goodbye to the lovely village of Hilton and all the villagers we have met during Ron's 20 years living at Pecks Coppice.

It will seem very strange to leave our familiar surroundings and the happy years, memories and friends. Nevertheless, we shall keep in touch and hear news of the village from our many close acquaintances.

We sincerely hope we shall see you in our new home in Hartford village.

You will be most welcome visitors.

*Ron and Marjorie Hasler.*

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### Pauline Driver

Can I please thank everyone who was kind enough to send me and my family so many cards, letters and messages of comfort and support on the death of my cherished wife Pauline. Pauline died on March 28th in Addenbrooke's Hospital after a long, painful but brave fight against cancer.

Can I also thank the vast numbers of people who attended her funeral on April 8th and the generous gifts of flowers and donations to her chosen charities of Pancreatic Cancer UK and Kidney Research UK. *Mike Driver*

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On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March the world around us started to shake, a violent waltz that rocked us into a sudden dark age and took away so much from so many. The world has seen reels of news footage of the ongoing disaster that hit North East Japan but even with such coverage the reality of what happened is somehow difficult to fathom, even for those who were there.

I'll try to explain. I'm a Brit, from Fenstanton, more or less, and I live with my wife Mayumi and three children in Miyagi, Northern Japan. Our home is halfway between Sendai and Fukushima two place names that most people weren't that aware of before.....until everything changed.

So, there we were, at home on a Friday afternoon, work and school finished early, the weekend to look forward to. Then the earthquake came. We are used to earthquakes, many are just little distant rumbles; others make you bolt towards a door, the bigger ones send you straight under a table. This was different. The huge quake of March 11<sup>th</sup> was so powerful that we were left rooted to one spot, cowering behind our sofa, covering the kids, like bracing in the emergency position on a crashing passenger plane. Except this was our living room. Everything fell down but our house remained structurally intact. We took shelter from the seemingly endless aftershocks, at first in a local park, then when the rains came, in our car, then with nightfall, with some trepidation, we returned to one corner of our shook up house. This was the first night of many to be spent with none of the usual amenities, we were plunged into primitive living, no water, no electricity, no phones.....nothing.

We spent a week or so like that, queuing for hours to be handed clean water, collecting river water to flush our toilets with, strange things become essential items, of course there's the torches, the radio and the batteries for each, there's the stocks of food and drink from your fallen down fridge, the camping cooler box and ice packs, the water tanks, then there are the plastic crates, once used as toy boxes,

transformed into water butts, the bath too becomes an in-house reservoir, you learn that a bucket with a spout is better than one without, that a toilet is a thirsty beast and that coffee strainers filter dust and dirt remarkably well..... these are just a few of the mundane realities that became our day to day.

We slowly began to get information from neighbouring towns, huge numbers were being discussed on the radio, however many metres, this many thousands, then we saw the newspaper. We knew there had been a tsunami, we knew there had been "fires" at a nuclear power plant but then we saw it, mapped out for us in the paper, we felt extremely fortunate, just far enough from the coast (8 miles) to avoid the wave's reach and at first we felt safe, 45 miles away from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant, all around us was devastation and destruction, huge loss of life, entire towns washed away, but from the beginning there was an effort to strive, at first to rescue, then to rebuild.

With the ever-increasing threat of radiation leakage and more than a week of continued uncertainty and deliberation, we took advice from the UK Embassy and chose to leave our friends and extended family in Japan. There were warnings not to go outside in the rain, to change your clothes when you returned home. There were still queues for food and water and electricity had only just been restored. We were the last British family to be evacuated.

Now that we are back in Fenstanton, we feel in some way useless. We want to continue to help support the people in Japan... Almost 14,000 people have been confirmed dead, about the same number are still missing and over 150,000 people are now homeless. The Japanese people continue to press on, to fix what is broken and to go on with their lives... donations help and many people around the world have given what they can. I hope this continues.

We however are working on a different kind of aid, a project of goodwill offering our moral

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## FENSTANTON

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support. We have been working with local school children and others to make posters of hope. (The staff and pupils of Fenstanton and Hilton Primary have been wonderful!). We are then photographing the posters and making a slideshow to present to the children in the affected schools back in Japan. Each poster contains the message "Ganbatte Nippon" meaning, "You can do it Japan!" Essentially the project is like a huge "Get well soon" card for the victims of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear incident.

The word "ganbatte" is used in everyday life in Japan. It's a word with a plethora of

meanings that depending on context it can say; come on, fight, go forward, persevere, do your best, good luck, you can do it, keep trying, keep going or don't give up. It is with this sentiment, that the people of Japan move forward from this disaster, with stoicism and dignity and it is with this in mind that we hope to support them in their journey.

Can you help? Make an A4 poster saying 'Ganbatte Nippon'- it doesn't have to be a masterpiece, it's the message that counts! Either upload it on facebook, search Ganbatte Nippon (UK) or email it to me as a jpeg to [dixon\\_ali@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dixon_ali@yahoo.co.uk)... *Alastair Dixon*

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL 14th 2011

**Parish Council elections.** This being the last meeting of the existing Council before the May elections, when the number of Councillors will be reduced from 15 to 13, the Chairman advised the meeting that there will be an uncontested election as only 13 candidates have been declared. The Chairman thanked the following Councillors, who have decided not to seek re-election, for their work and commitment to serving the Parish and the Council: Cllr. Behagg; Cllr. Kent; Cllr. Mott (the longest serving member of the Parish Council); Cllr. Pulley; Cllr. Yates.

**Police report.** The most recent information available is for the month of February which indicated the following reported incidents;:1 burglary.3 incidents of anti social behaviour, 1 incident of vehicle crime, 1 other unspecified crime

A PCSO attended the meeting and gave information on the action being taken against illegal parking and advised the meeting of the number of parking tickets that had been issued the last one being in February. The Parish Council expressed concern at the possible level of Policing in the Village and Policing in general following the review of Police pay. A written reply from Sgt Jones stated it is not possible to comment on the cost implications for the Village or Policing in general, however, at this time the neighbourhood teams will remain as they are and provide the best service possible.

**Cemetery Lighting.** The Parish Council has agreed the type of lighting for the Cemetery and approved the quotation from a contractor. Initially one 5m lamp will be installed but, when finances allow it may be possible to install a further light if it is deemed necessary. It is expected work will commence in the near future.

**Bus Service 15.** The County Council has made the decision to cancel service 15, despite the Parish Council's formal objection.

**Parish maintenance grant** The County Council has reduced the grant the Parish receives for maintenance by 25%. This is a dramatic reduction which means the shortfall will have to be found from the Parish budget to ensure the Village is kept to the standard that is expected.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 12th May 2011 at 7:30pm** at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

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**Speeding** – the Police recently placed a censor to monitor traffic speeds on the Potton Road at the Church End area. Approximately 51% of southbound drivers qualified for prosecution under "Association of Chief Police Officer" ACPO Guidelines. It was also noted that over 7 days, 1,108 drivers raced out of the village past Church End at speeds over 46 mph. Police are now regularly sending their mobile camera unit to this area. The Parish Council continue to work with Hilton Action on Traffic, Speedwatch, Highways Department and the Police to reduce the risk of road traffic accidents.

**Notice boards** – Parishioners will notice the new notice boards at the Westbrook and the Village Hall. We plan to display different maps and information at the Village Hall Notice board for extra information to visitors to Hilton.

**Royal Wedding** – The Parish Council extends its thanks to Liz Bush and the members of the Village Hall Committee who organised the Royal Wedding Celebrations in the Village. Liz will be organising celebrations for the 2012 Jubilee, so if you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk.

**Kidmans Close Bridge** - the Parish Council have approved funding for a replacement bridge which joins Kidmans Close with Tithe Lane.

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

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## Hilton Action on Traffic Group (HAT)

Cambridgeshire County Council has consulted with Parish Councils on a revised strategy for managing Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV's), recognising that lorry movements can have a significant impact on community environments. A "partnership" approach is being proposed to bring together local communities and the haulage industry. CCC. would see their role as "facilitator". An escalation process for resident complaints about HCV's would involve self assessment by a community of its lorry problems to determine an "Exposure Index" indicating the relative sensitivity of residents to HCV issues. It is stated that lorry movements and HCV controls should be consistent with Cambridgeshire's Advisory Freight Route Map:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/heavy/advisory+freight+map.htm>

There would also be an assessment of financial impact of any suggested re-routing on the businesses of haulage operators in order to balance environmental aspects with industry needs. **Weight limit orders are to be seen as a last resort and the County Council will no longer provide funding for their introduction.**

Following a review with HAT of the detailed proposals, the Parish Council has responded to the consultation with a number of comments and questions.

Pedestrians on Potton Road constantly face dangers posed by high volumes of fast and heavy traffic passing close by, especially near the Graveley Way / High Street crossroads. One problem is the absence of footpaths at various places. Just a reminder to parents in particular to make sure children take great care and that they only ever cross the road at the relatively less dangerous places. HAT would like to hear from Hilton residents who feel they have the motivation, ideas and energy to join us or help in other ways. e-mail: [HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk)  
Bill Halford, 831193; Margaret Shardlow, 831186

### **The Daisy Children's Centre, Papworth - Needs You!!!!**

The Daisy Children's Centre is currently setting up a parent's forum. Here is a message from the parents currently involved:

At present, Claire Davis and I, Dani Rayner, are your Parent Representatives. We are trying to expand our Parents Forum to include more parents and carers and would like to get more input from you on all aspects of the Daisy Centre. In this way YOU can help make the Daisy centre the place we all want, offering the things our children enjoy and the support many of us need.

Meetings can be timed to give you all a chance to get involved. Claire and I are in the process of setting up a "Friends of the Daisy Centre" group to support what the centre does, by fundraising etc. We will need more volunteers to help, if anyone has experience of setting up something like this, Claire and I would like to hear from you. If you have any questions please ask us – we may not have all the answers but we are here to represent YOU. Dani and Claire

To contact Claire or Dani via the centre please call 01480 831423 or email [papworthchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:papworthchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

### You took my Parking Space!

One day a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside and found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat dismayed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

Next the visitor went in for coffee and sat down, another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this behaviour, but said nothing.

Later, the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them. The visitor stood up and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and feet. Someone from the congregation noticed and called out, "What happened to You?" The visitor replied as his hat became a crown of thorns, "I took your place!"

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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**

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - MAY

1st	10 00am.	Dr. Barbara Churms
8th	11 15am.	United Holy Communion service with Revd. David Busk and Revd. Katy Dunn. (Children's Sunday Club in Hall)
15th	10 00am.	Mr Derek Rutherford (Christian Aid Sunday)
22nd	10 00am.	Mr David Bushby
29th	10 00am.	Mr Peter Adams
	6 00pm.	Healing Service led by Revd. Katy Dunn

**EXPLORATIONS DISCUSSION GROUP** - Our meeting in May will be on Monday 16th May ,starting at 7 30 pm with coffee, in our Hall. Anyone is most welcome to come along and join us.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING** - The May coffee morning will be on Saturday 7th May , from 10 00 until 12 30, in the Methodist Hall ,as usual. We always have some food for sale as well as a selection of craft goods from Just Sharing – the Fair Trade shop in St Ives. Money from our refreshment sales goes to EACH – the East Anglian Children's Hospices. Come along for a chat and a coffee.

**HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER** - A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the Churches Roving Supper on the 12th March. We had 103 people strolling around the village for their Supper and what a great success it was. It takes time to arrange and organise but is very rewarding when at the end of the evening all the happy smiling faces descend upon us for coffee and of course raffle. This year we raised £1344.20 which is divided between the two churches.

To the cooks a big thank you, those who provided the raffle prizes thank you, and to all for attending and making it yet again another excellent evening  
Thank you. from Heather and Peter - until next year!

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—MAY

**Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.**

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

**Contact Revd Catherine Ball on 01480 352058  
or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

1st	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton.
8th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball. (HOLY COMMUNION)
15th	9:30am	Martin Ballard
22nd	9.30am	Revd Catherine Ball
29th	9.30am	Mr George Mwaura

### **OTHER EVENTS**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	3rd, 17th & 31st	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
		11.30am	Cross Stitchers
<b>Saturday</b>	14th	8:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10th and 24th	10:00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
<b>Tuesday</b>	10th	2:30pm	Monthly Meditation Session.
<b>Saturday</b>	21st	10:00am	Book & Plant Sale.

## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—MAY

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at Methodist Chapel with Sunday Club in School Room
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11am
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Hilton	2 – 4pm	Pudding Party in Village Hall
Hilton	6.00pm	Healing service - Methodist Chapel
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion
<b>Regular Weekly Events</b>		
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

**PARISH CHURCHES Contact information:**

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms and matters of pastoral concern), Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466 or Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries).



**TOTS PRAISE -HILTON**



Tots soon grow up & some of our children will be starting school next term, so we celebrated 'The Last Supper' when Jesus made it a farewell meal with his friends the disciples. It would have been a simple meal -- fish, bread & wine. We had a lovely time together.

Do come & join us next time on May 31st -- the last Tuesday of the month for some action songs & stories & something to take home. We will be waiting to greet you with a lovely coffee or tea at Hilton Church 1.30 -- 2.30pm.

**Hilton Church Roof**

**Appeal - Update**

Hurrah! We did it! We have now raised the full amount that we needed to pay for the recent repairs to the south aisle roof. This amounts to an incredible £33,800 which, together with the £14,000 we were able to reclaim in VAT completes the £47,800 we needed to raise. Once again, we would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who gave so generously via our door-to-door envelope collection, organised their own fundraising activities and supported us in ours. It's been a lot of fun and it is great to know that our beautiful church is now back in good shape. Keeping such a historic building in good condition is always a drain on the finances so we will be continuing some of our fundraising activities ... Pudding Party at the end of May and our Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December!



**PUDDING PARTY**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**2pm – 4pm in Hilton Village Hall**

**in aid of Hilton Church Repair Fund**

Calling all Pudding Lovers in Hilton and Fenstanton!

By popular request we will be holding another fundraising Pudding Party on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May in the village hall in Hilton.

This is your chance to try a wide range of desserts created by some of Hilton's finest cooks.

Ticket prices are £5 each for adults and £2.50 for children under the age of 10.

Children aged 4 & under go free

Raffle.

**Tickets available from:**

Rachel Wood (830866)

Rosemary Blake (830137)

Esther Bates (830750)

All of the proceeds from the afternoon's indulgence will go towards

**Hilton Church Repair Fund**

so get your tickets, have yourself a light lunch and come on over to the village hall to sample some of the tastiest desserts around!

**Fenstanton's Second  
Safari Supper raises £1,300  
Wow! What an evening! –  
Saturday 26 March 2011**

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Over one hundred people safari-ed around Fenstanton enjoying excellent food and company at four different locations. The evening, which this year took on a Beatles theme, culminated at the King William IV for a mini auction and raffle.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of everyone involved, over £1,300 was raised during the evening for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Organisers Lynda Symonds and Eileen Sullivan said, “The Safari Supper was a spectacular success and judging by the positive comments received from all taking part, we can see this becoming an annual event in the village to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.”

Thanks again to all the hosts and their guests for making the evening such a success. Thanks also go to all the businesses, both local and national, who generously donated prizes, which helped to add to the grand total of money raised.

Macmillan provides vital support to everyone affected by cancer. This may be practical help with everyday tasks that become hard, to financial advice to help with the unexpected costs that cancer brings.

## FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY BREAKFAST



We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday **May the 14<sup>th</sup>**. This month's breakfast meeting will be lead by Peter Tremlett of St James church Hemingford Grey and the subject for discussion will be; 'Why do Christians get such a bad press and what can we do about it?'

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 8.00am to approximately 10.00am. 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](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)

## FENSTANTON KNITTERS, NATTERS & CROSS-STITCH GROUP

### PARTY WEEKEND!!



We have sent off 100 Easter Chicks to a Hospice in South Wales for them to sell for their appeal.

### **Knitters and Natters**

**10-00am - 11-30am**

**A new Cross Stitch Group has started after the Knitters**

**11-30am -1-00pm.**

come along with your cross stitch work in progress and join other cross stitchers in an informal group.

### **Christian Aid House to House Collection 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> May 2011.**

The house to house envelope collection in aid of Christian Aid is 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> May this year. Could you/would you like to help? I am looking for collectors to help cover each street/road in Fenstanton. It only takes a little time but you could help raise money for some of the poorest people in our world. I can deliver all the materials you need direct to your home. Please ring me if you would like to know more or can help. There is a lot more information on the Christian Aid website; [Christianaid.org.uk](http://Christianaid.org.uk)

***Many thanks Katie Hucklesby. Telephone 465211.***

# Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt 2011



Sunday 22nd May at 10.30am

Come along and join in one of the  
three routes:

2 miles - Fun for all the Family

5 miles - Intermediate route

10 miles - Challenge route

£5 per adult

£3 per child  
(under 16)

£12 per family  
ticket (2 adults  
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Start and finish at The George

Answer a series of questions on the route  
and get back to the finish line as soon as possible -  
10 minute penalty for each wrong answer.



Refreshments and hog roast  
from 12.00 noon

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Unfortunately the new matron has not allowed the barely literate sports day reporter out to play this month.

However, we are aware that volunteers are still required for sports day on

**2nd July.**

The committee are also seeking tombola and raffle prizes - collecting box at Ron's Farm Shop.

To volunteer to help with the sports or run a stall please contact Ray on 01480 370973



## 9th - 16th July Programme of events

<p><b>Saturday 9th</b> 10.00am - 4.30pm John Rutter - Come and Sing - (£20) 11.00am - 4.00pm Family Fringe Day 6.30pm Let the bells ring! 7.00pm Festival drinks reception 8.00pm Gala Concert with the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge (£15, Concession £10)</p> <p><b>Sunday 10th,</b> 10.00am - 5.00pm Open Studios 2.00pm - 4.30pm Pull out the stops! 2.00pm - 4.30pm Musical gardens trail (Trail programme £2) 4.30pm - 5.30pm City of Cambridge Brass Band 6.00pm A celebration of the festival Bedfordshire Police Choir</p> <p><b>Monday 11th</b> 12.30pm Lunchtime Recital Morwenna Del Mar - cello (£5) 7.30pm Bubbles and Barbershop Over the Bridge Octet (£15) 8.00pm Jackie Barnett with Fred's House (£10)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 12th</b> 7.30pm Supper and Jazz Ambience (£18, inc. supper)</p>	<p>8.00pm Tippett Quartet (£15, Concession £10) 8.00pm Unplugged with na-mara (£10)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 13th</b> 12.30pm Lunchtime Recital Stewart French - guitar (£5) 5.00pm &amp; 7.00pm Friday Afternoons and all that! Fenstanton &amp; Hilton Primary School (£4) 8.00pm JACK with The Abstracts (£10)</p> <p><b>Thursday 14th</b> 7.30pm 78RPM Big Band Swing! (£10) 8.30pm Comedy Night - Mrs Barbara Nice, Sam Avery and Steve N Allen (£10)</p> <p><b>Friday 15th</b> 11.00am Coffee recital Timothy Orpen and Alison Farr Clarinet and piano (£5) 7.30pm Johannes Brahms meets Noel Coward (£10) 8 00pm Paul Cox Soul Intention with Derecho (£10) 8.00pm Heavy METAL Ruinor, Sterling and Between the Seasons £5 (£7 on the door) (</p> <p><b>Saturday 16th</b> 7.00pm Proms &amp; fireworks in the Park £15 adult, £35 family, senior citizens and children over 12 £10</p>
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in the Hunts FA Youth League.

**Congratulations**  
to them for their success this season.



**Players :** Connor Horsman, Elliott Taylor, Travis Hinds, Daniel Malley, Andrew Shuker, Felix Perez, Harry Taylor, Justin Sampson, Jordan Heaford, Andrew Darling, Bailey Parr, Tom Rodriguez, Oliver Hirst, Conor Jones, Blair Reid,

**Coaches :** Charlie Darling and Mark Taylor

**Club Information:** Our website [www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk](http://www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk) is now in full operation and all club information and communications can be found there. For results and fixtures please look at the [www.thefa.com/full-time](http://www.thefa.com/full-time) or [www.huntsminisoccer.com](http://www.huntsminisoccer.com).

**Administrator Volunteers Required:** We are changing the way the club is administered. Each team will have its own administrators to organise the admin, finance and refreshment rota. We do hope sharing the load will make it more efficient too. If you would like to get involved please contact Helen Rodriguez.

**Training** is available for all boys and

girls, aged 5 – 7 (those in Reception, year One and Year Two) on a turn up and pay basis. Sessions cost just £2 per week and there is no commitment at this stage.

**Players needed** - We are still searching for more players who are in Year 5 for our Under Ten Team. If your child is keen to join a club then please don't hesitate to call Charlie on 395338.

**Warmer Weather** – Optimistically, we hope the warmer weather is on its way. Please ensure your child has the appropriate sun protection and plenty of fluids.

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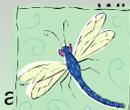
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**Tournaments** – Several teams will be entering the Godmanchester Rover Tournament at the end of May – Good Luck all, it is always an enjoyable day out for players and spectators.

**Diary Dates** – End of Season Celebrations will take place on **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Mini Soccer will be held at the Football Field, Fenstanton from 10 am. Youth Football (Under 11's) will also be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 5 ish – more details nearer the time.

**Summer Break** – It is up to each Team's coach when they will stop

training and take a well earned rest from football. We will endeavour to keep the club website up to date especially for those in the younger age groups who turn up and pay only.

**Committee Meetings** – are held every third Monday of the month in The George Public House from 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

***If you would like any further information please contact our Lead Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338 or email our Administrator: Helen Rodriguez – Helen.rodriguez@ntlworld.com***

## FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

By the time you read this in May, the first wave of excitement will be over!!! But *not* at Fenstanton Bowls Club. We are just about to start. I have never seen so many games scheduled for the first week of an outdoor bowls season before. The green, surrounding area, club house and all our NEW FACILITIES are looking stunning. Why don't you come along and have a try.

Our web site is up and running and it will tell you where we are, how to get there and when our fixtures are arranged.

Why don't you come down on Saturday 30th April at 3pm, when we have a friendly and see if you like us!

I am looking forward to the season and getting some well needed exercise, fresh air and scrummy bowls club teas!

Hope to see you there. Remember LINE LENGTH AND LUCK DAPHNE (Loveday) (secretary) Our website is [www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.fenstantonbowlsclub.co.uk)

P.S Don't forget the **CAR BOOT SALE ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (2nd MAY)** - there should be lots of bargains. See p35 for more details.



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## FENSTANTON WI

Our meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> started on a sombre note when Pam our President told us about the death and date of the funeral of our friend and member Pauline Driver.

They say 'Diamonds are For Ever', well not quite for us! For a few minutes we all handled a Victorian diamond brooch priced at £4,500 and tried on a delicate diamond bracelet from the 1930's priced at £7,500. They were brought along by Mr. Peter Hering who works at Cellini Jewellers in Cambridge. They make most of their jewellery and have apprenticeships to make sure this art keeps going.

Peter gave us a very interesting talk on the History of Diamonds illustrated with slides. He took us on a journey which involved great diamond rushes, vast amounts of money and the mystery of 'The Curse of the Hope Diamond'. This 100 carat blue diamond was found in 1668 and was part of the French Crown Jewels until the Revolution. Later it appeared in England but was only half the size. There is a

portrait of King George IV wearing it but after his death it was sold due to debts. It changed hands several times but with the shadow of the 'curse' hanging over it. It is now in the Smithsonian Institute. But what happened to the other half of this blue diamond? We heard lots of other stories including the rich and famous such as Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor and the diamonds in our own Crown Jewels.

Christine Rimmer gave the vote of thanks.

### Dates for Future Meetings

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Resolutions

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** One Family's Experience of the Holocaust by Mrs Eva Clarke

We were delighted to welcome three new members Shirley, Carol and Deborah.

If you would like to join our friendly group and make new friends, please come along to The Church Centre where we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

For more information ring our secretary Val Spain (01480) 463653.

## FENSTANTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We run a friendly, informal group, where children can play and adults can enjoy a drink and chat. We would love to welcome some new faces to our group, including expectant mothers and parent/carers of young babies. It is a great way to get out of the house and get to know other people. We are open every Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am -11.30am at the Church Centre. Sessions cost £2. .

**If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Becky on 493067**

## FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

At the first meeting in our new venue, the United Reformed Church, Fenstanton, there was a lively debate about what could and should be happening during the coming months. Useful suggestions were made regarding possible speakers and subjects for discussion at future meetings. It was also decided to keep the Annual Subscription the same for the time being. It was nice to welcome our good friends

Peggy and Thelma, At our last meeting we had an Easter Bonnet competition and hot cross buns!

We will welcome members old and new from Fenstanton and the surrounding villages at any of our meetings. Please come along.

**Our next meetings will be May 4th & 18th and June 1st all at 2pm**



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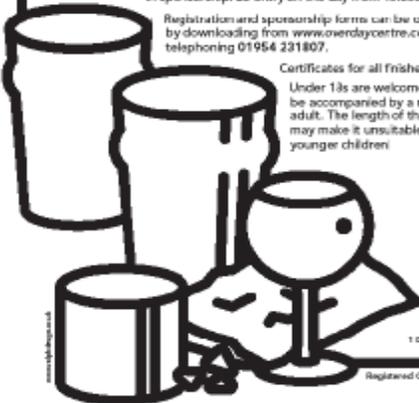
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£6 entry fee in advance, or free entry if you collect just £20 in sponsorship. £8 entry on the day from 10.30am.

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**Big Breakfast 2011 is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** -- Our Scouts will be cooking up the annual Big Breakfast, well supported in various tasks by our Beavers and Cubs. As usual we will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton, food ready from 8.30am onwards.

So bring friends and family to dine "al-fresco" for breakfast – leaving us to do the washing up and helping us raise much needed funds. Don't fancy a delicious fry up or a bacon buttie?

*Still come along and see what else we have on offer – including some delicious cakes.*

**Come and join a winning team!** -- Many volunteers, not just in scouting, are often asked why they give the most precious gift of all (their time) to the causes they support. Many will say that it's fun and that they value the chance to make a difference, hopefully inspiring the generations to come to be equally caring. Read the following and see if it helps you understand too...

### **"Something to think about"**

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five football World Cup trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the X Factor contest.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.

Name the last decade's worth of Formula One Grand Prix winners.

Name half a dozen Oscar Winners from this year.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But, the applause dies, awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

List six people who helped your journey through childhood, to become the adult you are now.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people you enjoy spending time with.

Name half a dozen heroes, personal to you or to a nation, whose stories have inspired you.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special. *Easier?*

The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are NOT the ones with the most credentials, the most money, the most possessions or the most awards. They are the ones who care....."

Did you realise **1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group** is one of the *biggest and busiest* Scout Groups in the County? This is only possible because of all the adults involved who care enough to spare some time, from just an hour or two a year on a parent rota to several hours each week helping with a Section (so thank you folks!).

We are constantly on the lookout for more adults to join the team that makes help the fun happen, from becoming leaders to helping with just one event a year through to skills instructors and fundraisers. In particular we are keen to find more uniformed leaders to join the Scout Troop, and contrary to popular belief that does not mean you have to be there each week!

Perhaps if you were involved in Scouting or Guiding when younger you have great memories of the times you had, the skills you learned and the friendships you made. That was only possible thanks to the adult volunteers of your day, so here's a chance to thank them with some "pay back" to the next generation J

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We had our **‘Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April’s Family Quiz’** which was wonderfully attended it was great to see so many families. Big Craig didn’t disappoint firing up his new toy, a wonderful catering quality BBQ. Not surprisingly we sold out of burgers and sausages. A big thank you to the entire committee that helped put this great event on, set it up, cater for it, serve, run the bar and clean up. The children had the Sweet Bar, the halls and the Green to distract them and to tax their parent’s pockets! This event gives the children something of their own to help them feel part of Feast Week in the run up, not just during the week. Thank you to all the families and friends for supporting it. The winning team included the Malley’s who took away for the year the trophy and the bragging rights.

**‘Salsa & Spanish Supper’, 7th May 7:30 start, tickets £10.00 to include a class of Spanish Punch.**

We’ve been fortunate to once again secure the silky dance skills of Steve to guide us through and fill with confidence even the most uncoordinated amongst us. Last year this was the surprise fundraising hit of the year. A packed hall, literally standing room only, danced the night away! **‘Breaking News’** we’ve broadened the supper menu to include a wide range of Spanish delicacies such as Albondigas – seriously tasty meatballs in tomato sauce, Chorizo and chicken casserole, Tortilla Espanola and tapas. Back by

popular demand we will also have some ‘themed’ cocktails to oil the limbs and put the swing into your hips. **Book early to avoid disappointment as last year’s event was virtually a sell out**

**‘Hot off the press’** – This year’s **‘theme’** for the Feast Week Floats is **‘Royalty – Through the ages’** our small acknowledgement to the happy Royal event in April.

**‘Hot off the press’** – This year we may well run the ever popular and fun Feast Week Jamboree (outside the Village Hall) in **June** – We need your help to let us know what you would like to see at this event – Please contact any member of the committee

This year’s all important date for your village diary is **‘Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011’** which of course is the date for Feast Week.

We are working much more closely with the Village Website to bring you updates. These will be found at: [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

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## HILTON WI

As if we needed any persuading, the delights of chocolate were brought home to us at our April meeting when Sara Fowler told us how she came to start up the Cuddly Wuddly Chocolate Company. As well as telling us how she began in a small way making truffles in her kitchen she also explained the history of the cocoa plant. Although it originated in South America the plant was eventually transported to Africa where plantations were established to satisfy the growing demand in Europe for the spicy health drink which was made from the cocoa bean and was first regulated as a medicine. It wasn't until the 19<sup>th</sup> century that the chocolate bar was developed and the first box of chocolates was made in 1868. We learnt that chocolate is indeed good for our health in that it is low in cholesterol and contains minerals and vitamins and more antioxidants than red wine or green tea. And of course it is well known to increase energy and stamina and generally makes us feel good. The samples Sara brought along were soon snapped up and three lucky ladies won the raffle prizes she donated.

As usual our social calendar is very full and several members are planning to attend events put on by Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation in the near future.

Our next meeting is on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** when Deborah Moloney will be telling us about hearing dogs for the deaf. If you would like to know more, give our secretary Ruth Salem a call on 830358.  
*Carol Yarrow*

## HILTON BABY & TODDLER

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## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

Over 30 members arrived at our April meeting clutching their covered / decorated "baked bean" tins & foliage, ready for our D I Y afternoon.

We carefully followed the instructions & all produced a variety of arrangements with the flowers we had been given.

There was much friendly banter -- especially when it came to making a bow from ribbon.

We all left after a really enjoyable afternoon & will look forward to our next D I Y challenge at the October meeting.

Our outing is on **26th May**, leaving the Village Hall promptly at **9am**.

Our next meeting will be on Monday **6th June at 2pm** & our demonstrator will be Denise from "Denise's Flowers" in St. Ives.

We would be happy to see anyone who would like to join us.

## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again! Spring is here at last, and what a pleasure to see all the flowers and blossom around the village. We hope that you are progressing well with the planting of your seeds and plants, especially for your Produce Show entries. Don't forget to have a good look at the schedule and note the new classes for this year. And finally, please could last year's cup-winners return them, suitably polished of course, to Jane by the end of June.

For any horticultural advice please call **Herbie on 830838**.

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*Simon Kidney*

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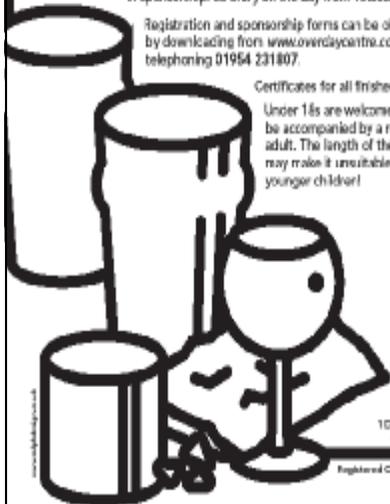
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Everyone is most welcome to attend. Meet outside the visitor centre at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve, St. Neots, Cambridgeshire at 10.30 am, GR TL196 629. Parking available in the adjacent car park. Admission: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/) or contact Pat on 01480 392706.

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Work to create an area for school group visits is going well, and I'm delighted that Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School will be one of the first schools to use our Wildlife Discovery Zone.

Children are doing projects based on the Fen this year, and I had three enjoyable mornings leading many of the children on nature walks. I'm sure many found something they can use to link with the Fringe in the Fen Festival.

Some of Over St. Mary's Guides spent a morning in April making a bug hotel and bee homes for our new discovery zone. A dipping platform should be complete by May, ready for local school groups and our summer events programme.

A recent evening event for Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts, to focus on bats, got off to an unpromising start as it was quite windy – tough conditions for bats. Eventually, though, we found a sheltered place and the bat detectors all burst into life. These little gadgets enable us to hear sounds when bats are near by, yet don't interfere with the bats' hunting. Almost instantly, 20 energetic scouts fell silent, mesmerised by the technology. After a few seconds, the silence was broken by a very loud whisper: "there's one". Within minutes, they had all seen several bats.

May is possibly the most exciting month in the wildlife year in our part of the world. The landscape seems to change daily, as flowers and leaves open, and everywhere looks a vibrant green, splashed with white blossoms.

With the new growth, and warmth, come insects. There'll be the obvious and popular butterflies and dragonflies, as well as many smaller creatures, some of which are destined to be eaten by larger insects or birds.

Birds are all very busy, too. Early nesters will be feeding chicks; migrant breeders may still be setting up territories, and singing loudly at every opportunity. Other migrants will be passing through, still heading for the breeding places, and it will be possible to see and hear more than 90 different species in a day in the middle of the month at the Lakes. Volunteers will be in the Holywell Lake car park, as usual, at weekends and bank holidays, to help you find as much as possible.

May's events will start off with a dawn chorus walk – several of the birds I expect to hear then had arrived in early April, but each species arrives in a different wave, so there are more to look forward to.

On 30 May we begin a couple of weeks of history at Willingham Mere, working with archaeologists from Cambridge University who are excavating a new site. Budding archaeologists can join for a few days, and there'll be tours for almost everyone (the site isn't pushchair or wheelchair friendly).

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**Events in May**, all begin at Holywell Lake car park, with a charge of £1 for children, £2 for RSPB members, £4 for others.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**, 5-8.30am, Dawn Chorus, followed by refreshments. -- Please book on 01954 233260 – essential if you want a cuppa afterwards!

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10am-1pm – Wednesday Wander -- Join our regular walk looking for seasonal highlights

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 10am-1pm – Lazy Sunday guided walk. We'll look for birds busily feeding their offspring.

**Archaeology at Willingham Mere: 30 May to 10 June**

If you can spare at least 2 days to dig, or clean artefacts, please give us a call for more details or to book your place(s). There'll be daily tours of the dig site at 11am and 2pm, with extended tours (for wildlife) on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.



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# Bingo Night!

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Come and join in the fun and play for *cash* prizes.

7.30pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
in the school hall.

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Or

£2 per person and 2 game cards for the first round (no food)



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## Fen Drayton Lakes 10K Run & Fun Run

**Saturday 7th May 2011**

Join one of these glorious runs around the RSPB nature reserve and help raise money for the children's charity EACH, and the RSPB.



Register now at [www.fendrayton10k.org.uk](http://www.fendrayton10k.org.uk) or at the Fen Drayton School office.

Registration for the Fun Run (cash only) is also available on the day of the race from 9:30am. **Entry is £2 for the Fun Run & £10 for 10K.**

The Fun Run (2.3K) is open to children up to 13 years old (under 10 year olds will have to be accompanied by an adult).

Minimum age for the 10K is 14 years. There will be a race warm-up at 10:45am and all the 10K times will be recorded.

The village hall management committee will have on sale tea, coffee, soft drinks and light refreshments. For the children, the PTA have organised bouncy castles, face painting, go-karting, and ice creams. There will also be a BBQ after the 10K & Fun Run and music from the incredible DJ Nigel.

**The 10K run will start at 11:00am & the Fun Run immediately afterwards.**

Our Cambridgeshire County Councillor, Mandy Smith, will start each race.

There will be trophies for winners.

## WHAT'S ON in MAY 2011

1st	Bluebell Walk	Brampton Wood	10.30	p35
2nd	Bowls Car Boot Sale	Hall Green Lane	9.00am	p35
3rd	Hilton PC	Village Hall	7.30pm	p11
4th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p27
5th	Hilton Craft Group	Village Hall	1.00pm	
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
7th	Hilton Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	10.00am	p7
7th	Hilton Spanish Supper	Village Hall	7.30pm	p31
9th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm	p33
12th	Fenstanton PC	School Hall	7.30pm	p9
14th	Men's Breakfast	URC Church	8.00am	p19

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH - 21ST MAY

18th	Fenstanton Over 60's	URC Church	2.00pm	p27
21st	Book & Plant Stall	URC Church	10.00am	
22nd	Cycle Treasure Hunt	The George	10.30am	p22
22nd	Walk with Warblers	Paxton Pits	10.30am	p35
26th	Hilton Flower Club Outing		9.00am	p33
29th	Pudding Party	Village Hall	2.00pm	p17
30th	Football Car Boot Sale	Hall Green Lane	9.00am	p35

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