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Letters & Notices

Donations to Spectrum

Spectrum Magazine would like to thank Fenstanton United Reformed Church for their generous donation to the magazine.

Macmillan Appeal. Rosemary and Peter Blake would like to thank the 56 people who attended their Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning and those who could not attend but gave generous donations. We are grateful to Jacky's Beauty for sponsorship. You helped raise a total of £547.65 for Cambridgeshire Macmillan projects. This was an excellent result (our best yet – just) from a most enjoyable event. We have also ordered some £330 of Macmillan Christmas cards and stocking fillers for you. Thank you.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - CHEQUER STREET

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event. Your generosity in all ways - donating, attending and buying, was terrific.

There was a good array of items to tempt, especially cakes and plants, and many willing hands to help. Neighbours and friends renewed contact and everyone caught up with their news. Plus, the day brought wonderful sunshine. What more could a morning offer?

The fact that £320.50p. was raised ! A SPLENDID RESULT! Thank you,

Pauline Driver.

On behalf of Fenstanton United Reformed Church I would like to say a big thank you to villagers of Hilton and Fenstanton for their generous donations to Tools with a

Mission. We had 12 sewing machines, 4 typewriters, 1 computer and a large selection of tools which will be refurbished and then sent overseas to be used in third world countries. Thank you again.

Jean Ding

NCH September 2007 collection.

We take this opportunity to inform Hilton village that the sum raised in this event was £439.22. An excellent sum, and NCH were delighted to receive this amount. We wish to thank all the collectors for their efforts on behalf of this charity. If there is anyone in Hilton who would like to do "their" street when the collection is taken next year they would be warmly invited to help. More hands make lighter work... (or should that be feet!). Please give Doug and Val a ring.

We are also still collecting old and foreign coins/notes for this charity. Spectacles are also accepted. We should like to thank everyone who has given these items in the past. It is of great benefit to people.

Doug Scott . Tel 830598 or
22 Church End, Hilton.

History of Hilton.

Copies of the Millennium Edition of Jack Dady's wonderful, illustrated history of Hilton are still available.

The book is a hard-backed and costs £10.

It would make a fascinating Christmas present.

Contact Peter Blake, 830137.

Parish Council Report

HILTON

Following a number of complementary comments about the village web site from former residents, it has been agreed to set up an archive of photographs, documents and maps etc showing Hilton now and in the past. A number of residents have already contributed some interesting material and the search goes on for more. If you have any material which you believe may be of interest, then please contact the editorial staff.

The A14 Action Group held a very successful fund raising quiz and raffle on 29 September to help pay for the advice from an acoustic expert. The Action Group would like to thank all those who took part or help in these events.

Earlier the Parish Council had announced its intention to ban fishing in the village ponds. However, many residents have complained that fishing should continue to be allowed especially for the benefit of youngsters. The Parish Council is still concerned about the extent of "professional fishing that occurs but has agreed to re examine its earlier decision in the light of the strength of feeling in the village.

The village bonfire night will be held this year on Saturday 3 November.

Following the resignation of Mr Adams, a vacancy exists for a seat on the Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in filling this position is asked to contact the Parish Clerk on 01480 832030.

A number of comments have been made by residents about the extent of the vegetation along the edges of ditches and verges. It seems that the wet summer this year has created exceptional growing conditions for such plants as brambles. As part of its routine maintenance plan, the Parish Council will make arrangements for some of the excess vegetation to be cut back early next year. The Parish Council wishes to advise that the ditches themselves are generally in good order for their purpose of carrying away surface water. Some bottom clearing is need and this too will be carried out early in the New Year.

As a tail piece, the Council is still receiving complaints from residents about dog droppings all around the village. Dog mess is unhealthy as well as unsightly and residents are again urged to bag up their dog's mess and put it in the appropriate bin for collection.



RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes – Guided Walks for November

Guided walks begin in Holywell Ferry Road car park. -
Free - head towards the river – one mile from village
centre

Guided walk - Sunday 4 November, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Guided walk - Wednesday 14 November, 10am – noon
Guided walk - Sunday 25 November, 10am – noon



Parish Council Report

FENSTANTON

Held 11th October 2007

Police report.

During the period 13th June to 11th July 2007 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :- 1 theft from a lorry. 1 breaking and entering (nothing stolen) and 1 attempted shoplifting. A PCSO attended the meeting and gave an update on action being taken within the village. Concern was expressed at the number of vehicles parking on the double yellow lines in Bell Lane. The meeting was advised that, where possible, action would be taken against offending vehicles. Concern was also raised at the number of vehicles speeding on the High Street and the Low Road.

Headlands Park Play Area.

Consultations have been taking place with play equipment manufacturers to determine what needs to be done to bring the play area to a suitable standard and the most suitable type of equipment to install. Once the initial proposals and quotations are received the Parish Council will be able to consider and discuss further the options available. Grant funding will be essential to finance this project and several possible sources of assistance have been identified. Once a definitive cost is known applications will be submitted.

Annual pond clean.

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to those who assisted in the annual pond clean on the 13th October and look forward to seeing you all again next year! Mr Hobbs, from Hinchbrooke Country Park, is very complimentary about the condition of the pond and feels it is one of the best in the District.

Small Works Contractor.

The Parish Council urgently requires a Small Works Contractor on an ad hoc basis. Duties include the repair and maintenance of Parish property and general hedge/tree and grass cutting. For further details contact the Clerk on (01480 465300) or apply in writing to Mr S Dartford Clerk to Fenstanton Parish Council 12 Dove Close Fenstanton PE28 9LX.

Next Meeting.

The Annual meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8th November 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.



Volunteers needed in your area Female/Male

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to discuss it further, please contact **Beatrice on 01954 230205**

Hilton Village Digital Archive Project

A quick update from last month.

We have had a great response to our first request for The Archive, and have had some very interesting submissions of photos, maps and documents from Richard Garnett, Simon Perry, Olive Stokes, Lynn Norton, Lou King, Beverley Tack and Ali Dunk amongst others, but we know there is much more out there, so please come forward and share what you have with everyone. Don't forget "yesterday" is already history and most of the changes to the village have happened in the last 40 years so anything you have may be relevant, even photographs from this year.

We have had discussions with the Huntingdonshire County Records Office and they are very supportive of our activities. We continue to have support from the Parish Council and in the near future we hope to be part of the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Project.

Here are some examples of properties no longer standing:-



The Old Vicarage, burning in 1928



Tithe Cottages 1938, demolished 1979



Mr Hooley's Cottages, New England date unknown



Old Park Farm 1939 demolished 1945



Cottage, next to Rose Cottage collapsed in 1943



Two cottages Church End date unknown

Can you find anything else? If your photos are precious, we can scan them at your home, or take away and

return as soon as copied, the choice is yours.

Andy Bush and Peter Frazier editor@hilton-village.com Tel. 830202

HILTON VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Management Committee for Hilton Village Hall invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 26th November at 8pm, at Hilton Village Hall.

Please come along and hear how the village hall is funded and run. The village hall, together with both churches, is at the hub of village life, therefore, we need input for new ideas and improvements towards its running.

A warm welcome together with a glass of wine awaits.

For any further information contact Donna Holdaway, Chairman, on 830770.

Hilton Fireworks Night

Hilton's Fireworks Night is planned for **Saturday November 3rd.**

Hilton Parish Council will be organising the event and Feast Week will be manning the barbecues before and after the event.

Entry prices are £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children.

Gates open at **6.00pm**, fireworks at 7.00pm (prompt!)



Fenstanton & Hilton Primary
School PTA



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 23rd November 2007

Doors open at 6.00 o'clock



Santa's Grotto

All the usual favourites plus a few more

No unaccompanied children



ALPHA FARMS

Orders are being taken
For Christmas

- Golden Promise Reared Turkeys
- Free Range Bronze or White Crowns
- Breast Roasts
- Geese

Opening Times

Mon-Fri 9 am – 2.30 pm

Sat 9 am – 4 pm

Fenstanton Road, Hilton, PE28 9JA

Tel 01480 831234

Fenstanton United Reformed Church
Chequer Street
NOVEMBER FAIR
Saturday 17 November 2007
2.00 pm

Books, Puzzles, Gifts, Bric a Brac,
Homemade produce, cakes
Raffle and lots lots more

The annual 'Love in a box' Christmas box scheme – now underway

About the scheme

Those of you in Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Hilton who would like to support this year's 'Love in a Box' scheme, boxes are now being collected by Jenny Stimpson c/o the Fenstanton United Reform Church and the Brownies pack and Alison Fox in Fen Drayton.

The boxes are being collected for the charity Mustard Seed Relief Missions who distribute them to orphans in Iraq, the Ukraine, Croatia and Bosnia in time for Christmas. Information and spare copies of the leaflets are available from Jenny or Alison. Please feel free to photocopy the relevant parts if you have access to a leaflet already distributed.

A reminder of how to put together a box

Each box is to target a boy or girl and an age-group (3-5, 6-11 and 12-15 years). The children appreciate paper and pencils, small games (for example dolls, puzzles and cars), sweets and toiletries (including soap, flannels, toothpaste and toothbrushes). Hats and gloves are the only clothing suggested. No electrical, war-related or clothing items are suitable and the charity does not recommend including books for older children. Having gathered these, the idea is

to fill a shoe-box wrapped in wrapping paper – in a way that it can still be opened and checked – and secured with an elastic band. Affix a label to the top to indicate the box's suitability. The charity then ask that £1.50 be taped under the lid to go towards its onward transport by volunteers to Eastern Europe.

The target date

The deadline for completing boxes is the week after half-term ie by 1st November. Return boxes to Jenny Stimpson or Alison Fox (see collection points above). We are hoping to send 100 boxes this year.

**IN AID OF FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH'S
LOVE IN A BOX.
CHRISTMAS BAZZAR
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
7.30PM ONWARDS
8 HONEY HILL, FENSTANTON
£1 ADMITTANCE - GLASS OF BUBBLY
& A MINCE PIE INCLUDED
LOTS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND
IDEAS.CHOCOLATES AND
TREATS, HANDMADE CHRISTMAS
AND GREETINGS CARDS &
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS,
HANDMADE JEWELLERY, BUDGET
MAKE UP & LOTS LOTS MORE.**

St Neots and District Cats

Protection are appealing for new and loving homes for a number of adult cats that are being cared for by the branch. The cats in the St Neots and District Branch are all shapes, sizes, colours and temperaments. There really will be one to suit you, so please ring us today and make an adult cat an offer of a new start.

Contact us at:

01480 476696 or 07966 282005.

Fenstanton Parish Church

November 2007

Thursday	1 st	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
Saturday	3 rd	<i>All Souls Day</i> 11 a.m. <u>at Hilton Parish Church.</u> Commemoration of the departed.
Sunday	4th	<i>4th Sunday before Advent. All Saints Sunday.</i> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (traditional). 6.00 p.m. Said Evensong.
Sunday	11th	<i>Remembrance Day.</i> 10.00 Service in Parish Church followed by ceremony at War Memorial. Refreshments afterwards in the Church Centre.
Thursday	15 th	3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club
Sunday	18th	<i>2nd Sunday before Advent.</i> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary). 6.00 p.m. Evensong.
Thursday	22 nd	7.45 p.m. PCC in Church Centre
Sunday	25th	<i>Christ the King.</i> 9.30 a.m. Family Communion. 4.00 p.m. Christingle.

December 2007

Saturday 1st 7.30/8.00
Mulled Wine in aid of Appeal Fund
at Manor Farm Cottage

Sunday 2nd *Advent Sunday.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (traditional).
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong.



Fenstanton Parish Church

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 9th December
at 10am

Everyone is very welcome to our informal
service at which gifts will be accepted by
Social Services for local needy children this
Christmas. Please wrap your gift and mark
it Boy/Girl/and suitable age.

Refreshments afterwards.

All very welcome



Hilton Parish Church

The vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie welcomes any contact regarding discussions about faith, or about immediate pastoral concerns (466162 with a 1571 answerphone service, and email, mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com).

Please contact one of the churchwardens for routine matters relations to the church and services, and for initial discussions for baptisms, weddings or funerals – Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866).

Robin, as well as Sunday, works two days a week, a Thursday and one other day. He listens to and reads all messages regularly, though asks for your forbearance for any delay in replying.

November 2007

Saturday 3rd 11.00 am All Souls Service; a Memorial Service for those who have died in recent years. You are welcome to give names of your loved ones which are then read out at the service to the churchwardens in advance.

Sunday 4th 4th before Advent
8.15 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Family Service

Sunday 11th 3rd before Advent
10.55 am Remembrance Service

Sunday 18th 2nd before Advent
8.15 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Family Service

Sunday 25th 1st before Advent
11.15 am Family Communion
6.00 pm Evensong

Tuesday 27th 1.30pm Tots Praise (ages 0-5 welcome)

Everyone is invited to join the Christingle service this month at Fenstanton Parish Church (please see entry there for details).

You are most welcome.

Churches in Hilton, Advent Lunches

In aid of Emmaus (Care for the homeless)

Will be held at 12.30 to 2.30, on the following Wednesdays

28 November Angela Potter, The Garden House, High Street

5 December Doreen Prescott, 10 Graveley Way

12 December Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

19 December Muriel Bell, 6 Tithe Close

Bread and cheese, tea, coffee or soft drink.

Price £2 adults, Children Free, Donations gratefully received

CHILDREN AT HILTON CHURCHES – Children are always welcome at the mid-morning services in both the Parish and Methodist Churches and special activities are provided for them to do. Once a month, on the 2nd Sunday, we have a United Sunday Club which begins at 10.55am in the Methodist Schoolroom. Children can be picked up at noon when the church service has ended.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

November

4th 9.30am Ms Kate Hackett
11th 10.00am At The Parish Church
18th 9.30am Revd Derek Newton
25th 9.30am Drina Hanson

December

2nd 9.30am Revd Derek Newton

Hilton Methodist Church

November

4th 11.00 am Mr Andy Nicholson from Godmanchester

11th Remembrance Sunday –

United Service at the Parish Church led by Revd. Hugh Sheehan, following laying of poppy wreaths at the Lych Gate at 10.45 am. Sunday Club for children in the Methodist Hall.

18th 11.00 am Mr David Bushby from Godmanchester

25th 11.00 am Revd Hugh Sheehan

Harvest Celebrations

The collection at the United Harvest Festival service in September raised £163.95, which has been sent to the charity 'Water Aid'. The produce from the service was taken to Mencap in Cambridge.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Harvest Supper this year. It was a great success, thanks to a great team of organizers, cooks and hostesses. The ladies of the WI cooked a splendid meal and shared half the profit from the evening. The other half, totaling £274.96 was donated to ARC Addington Fund- giving help to local farmers.

Hilton Churches Sunday Club

In September when we met we talked of how hard it is sometimes to follow Jesus. We made a prayer and wrote it out and then made crosses out of clay and plasticine,.

When we met in October we heard about Jesus healing the 10 men with leprosy and only one remembering to say 'thank you'. We played some games and talking about saying thank you to God.

Tot's Praise

Don't forget we meet in the Church on the last Tuesday of the month so that will be November 27th at 1.30 pm for an hour of songs, story and activities, all after a nice a cup of coffee. Everybody welcome.

Fenstanton United
Reformed Church
is part of the
St Ives Group
of Churches
Contact the
Free Church
St Ives
on 01480 468535

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a small, but friendly group who meet each Wednesday in the Church Centre from 10am-11.30am. We welcome any newcomers with children from babies up to school age. Come and join us for a chat and a coffee whilst the children let off steam for a while. Prices are £2 per family.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to as Christmas approaches us once again. If you have any questions or would like any more information about the group please contact Nicola on 01480 399957 or nicola.cary1@ntlworld.com.

Hilton Flower Club

It was a DIY afternoon and our ladies really excelled themselves. The arrangements depict a theatre visit were delightful and we had fun guessing what play/show they represented, soe clever ideas and use of flowers. Pam was so pleased to see so many members and the effort made for a very happy afternoon.

Next Meeting

Monday 5th November, 2pm Village Hall
Demonstration 'Christmas comes but once'
with Ann Purt

Future Meeting

Monday December 3rd, 2 pm Village Hall
'Christmas Party and Festive Arrangements'

Hilton Toddler Group

We are a small friendly group who meet every Thursday 1.45 til 3.15 in Hilton Village Hall, all children 0 – school age are welcome to come along. Just turn up, sessions cost just £2.00 per family or call Emily on 831142.

Riding for the Disabled

Has moved to Hilton. Come and join us on Wednesday November 14th at 7.30 pm in Hilton Village Hall for a slide show by Geoff Evans on 'Alaska – Bears, Bears and more Bears'. Meet the RDA helpesr who will be only too happy to talk to you about our activities. Free Entry. Raffle

Hilton A14 Action Group

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night at the Village Hall. A really great turnout and also thanks to those people who could not make it but either bought some raffle tickets or made a donation. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

The quiz night helped to raise in excess of £1,000 which and we will use some of that money to assist with the cost of having a report prepared by a noise expert on the impact of an upgraded A14. The Parish Council will be meeting the rest of the cost.

Any surplus left over will be used to assist in any further reports that may be required once the preferred route has been announced.

If you would like any further information on the Action Group or make a donation please feel free to contact Peter Balicki on 01480 831787, Lissie Wright on 01480 830577 or Jon Dooley on 07885 636745

Fenstanton Pre-School

Our AGM was well attended, with two new members joining the committee, and more volunteers coming forward to help with fundraising. Main positions within the committee remain the same and a current list of members is displayed on the Pre-school notice board.

We kick off our new fundraising year with our Halloween Disco on Friday 02nd November at 6.30pm in the Church Centre. Children up to the age of 10 are welcome, but under 5's must be accompanied by an adult. No need to pre book just pay on the night.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the preparation of the ground ready for our fantastic new play equipment, your help is much appreciated. A big thank you as well to the Palmers for their donation of a printer for our Administrator.

Please remember to check availability of extra sessions with staff before hand, just to ensure we have a spare place. Early bird sessions can be booked on the day by calling staff at 0830 to check availability for that morning.

Once again thank you to all our helpers, and if you are able to volunteer to help at a session please add your name to the calendar at pre-school.

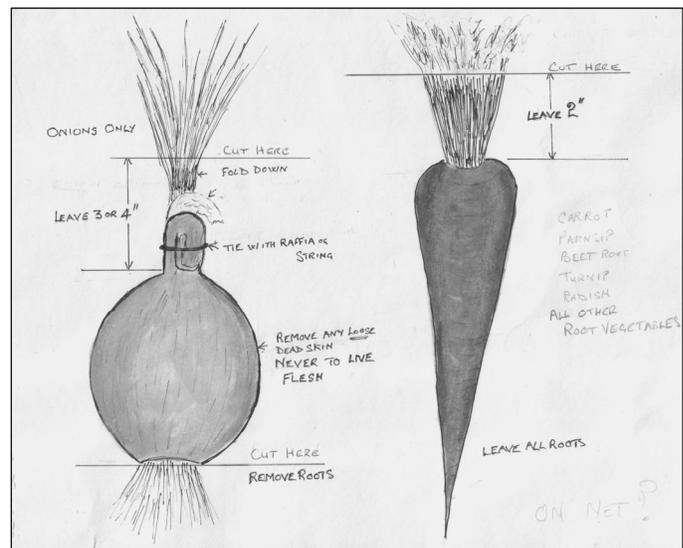
We take children from the age of 2 years 9 months, and will add them to our waiting list at age 2, so if you are interested in finding out more please do not hesitate to call on 01480 496156.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

Winter Wonders and December Delights
a talk by Mr Peter Walker
Wednesday 28th November,
Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm
Refreshments, Raffle.
ALL WELCOME

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008

The Show will go on!
Usual Feast Week Sunday and hopefully as part of a full Feast Week.
So please keep planning your entries.



Herbie's Tip of the month: -

In a frame or glass house, sweetpeas and onions can be started.

Enquires, technical to Herbie Collen, Show secretary 830838 and organisation to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877. Web site www.hilton-village.com in the events section. You can email us from this site.

Fenstanton WI

It sometimes happens to the best of us. We had no tea; the W.I. without tea, unthinkable! After several other mishaps everything was resolved amidst much laughter.

Last years committee was elected again but our President Becky Cumbers had to stand down after just one year. However, it was for a very good reason – Becky and David are looking forward to their first child next April. Congratulations to them and many thanks to Becky for being a first rate President. We were delighted to welcome Claire Barrett as our next President and know that she will do a very good job. Our evening closed with an informal game of Bingo and we are now preparing for our 90th Anniversary next February. Watch this space.

Dates for Future Meetings.

November 1st Trials and Tribulations of Living with Animals by Mrs. Marion Radford.

December 6th Christmas Party

If you would like to join our friendly group please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. For more information call our secretary Beryl Harvey on (01480) 469278.

Hilton WI

Rosemary Blake, our President, welcomed members and visitors to our Annual Meeting and 35th anniversary.

After the usual monthly report, it was the time for the Annual Meeting. Sheila Moores (retiring this year from the committee) was thanked for her work over many years (Sheila was in fact one of the original members back in 1972), Pat Bellass was welcomed in her place – the remaining

officers and committee were staying in office. Ruth Salem (Secretary) read the report on all the events over the year and Margaret Wilkes (Secretary) presented the accounts. Rosemary thanked all committee and members for their help and support in what, was agreed, a very successful year, with special mention of the amount of cooking done for the social events – especially the Summer Lunch and Harvest Supper.

We must not, of course, forget the husbands for their hard work at various functions, especially the jumble sale, summer lunch and keeping the WI hanging baskets on the Village Hall looking so spectacular – I hope that by joining us on the trip to Kentwell and also “The Dogs” was full recompense. Do we tell them enough how much they are appreciated!! Thank you all.

It was then time for recollections of 1972. Following a finger buffet (thanks to Donna and Doreen) members were ask to remember what they were doing in that year – some were grandparents, some mothers (mainly with young children) and some at infant, primary, junior or senior schools or doing degrees at university – living in Hilton and other parts of the country as well as with husbands serving abroad in the forces. The evening was a great success.

Our November Meeting, Monday 12th will be a talk by Sue Winn on being an airhostess on the first flights to South America – Sue is always an interesting speaker – not to be missed.

If you want to go to Thursford (late 2008) please put your name on the list circulating at the meeting.

If you would like to join our small friendly group please phone our Secretary – Ruth Salem on 830358 or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15 on the night – you will be most welcome.

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group



www.scubes.co.uk

Fund Raising

Please support your local Scout Group at these forthcoming events, as we raise funds to help keep the fun and adventure happening for over 80 local youngsters every week 😊

Christmas Post – bargain rates for local card / letter delivery

Here's a reminder that we will once again be taking part in the Cromwell District Scout Christmas Post, at just 20p per letter / card. The villages we can deliver to this year are Bluntisham, Boxworth, Colne, Conington, Earith, Elsworth, Fen Drayton, Fenstanton, Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey, Hilton, Needingworth, Oldhurst, Papworth Everard, Ramsey, Somersham, St Ives, Woodhurst and Yaxley.

Posters confirming details and where stamps can be bought / letters posted will be displayed in local villages from 1st December.

Our Scout Troop will also be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton from 9.30am to 11.30am on **Saturday 8th December** selling stamps and collecting post. We will also be selling our delicious bacon butties and hot drinks, holding a tombola and offering mouth watering cakes for you to buy and take home 😊

New event – Sunday 9th December

We're delighted to announce we have been given permission to hold a new fundraising event at Huntingdon Garden and Leisure. Right outside the building we will have a car filled with balloons, and our Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts will be asking customers to enter a competition to guess how many there are. So please, come along and have a go 😊

Could you spare just an hour or two a month?

We have a great opportunity for someone to help make the adventure happen, in a role that can be carried out as and when suits the person who volunteers. Having over 80 children in the Group we have a lot of kit – from tents to saucepans and compasses to mallets. We need a volunteer for the role of “Quartermaster” to help keep our supplies and equipment in order, and to assist when loading up for camps etc. So if you think Scouting is great but can't help on a regular basis perhaps you could help us with this?

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

At our last meeting we all had an enjoyable afternoon playing Bingo with our standard refreshment of tea and biscuits. Some millionaires were made with our very generous monetary prizes – all have asked to remain anonymous. If you would like the chance to become one of our millionaires - come along and join in the fun at our next Bingo meeting.

On October 9th we had a film show by Ted Barlow of his trip to Zambia, South Africa. This was of great interest to us all with the colourful variety of both the animals (especially the acrobatic monkeys!!) and the flowers. This was coupled with the sights and sounds of the wild jungle and the spectacular views of the Victoria Falls.

Our next meeting on the 24th October will be our Harvest Tea – we will be relishing the delights of harvest time. More tempting delights and activities to follow in next month's newsletter.

If anyone wishes to join us the time is 2.00 till 4.00 in the Church Centre. All are welcome - the more the merrier.

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve

November is the start of winter for most people. The clocks have changed and if we work office hours, we come home in the dark. The weather usually seems miserable – dull, damp or wet, cold, days, and not inspiring for a walk. However, wrap up well, put on your boots and head for the lakes - there are some wonderful ducks to look out for.

Goldeneyes are winter visitors to our area. Their arrival varies from year to year, depending on weather conditions further north. Occasionally, the first ones arrive in late October, but November is when the majority arrive, and most of them head for the southern side of Elney Lake.

Males are black and white, the females are brown and grey, but both sexes have golden eyes, and bulbous heads – quite different in shape from our other ducks. They dive for their food, usually molluscs, in the deep water away from the shores, often surfacing well away from the point where they went under.

Goldeneyes breed all around the northern hemisphere, in old coniferous forests with many pools and small lakes, using abandoned woodpecker holes. Even though goldeneyes are small (for ducks), they are too big to fit through the holes made by any of the British woodpecker species. The crow-sized black woodpeckers of Scandinavia make the right-sized holes for the goldeneyes.

Laplanders began making nest boxes for goldeneyes about 200 years ago, so they could harvest the eggs. This knowledge was the inspiration for putting up nest boxes in Speyside in the early 1970s. Goldeneyes took to them at once, and have become established, with a breeding population of

about 200 pairs by the turn of the millennium.

Presentations about the RSPB's work at Fen Drayton Lakes are available to local groups. If your group would like an illustrated talk or a guided walk, daytime or evening, please contact me on 01954 233267 or neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk.

Volunteers can make a difference at Fen Drayton Lakes. Contact Allison Cushley on 01954 233266 if you would like to know more about work parties on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of each month. If you would like to get involved with working with visitors, or with some office work, please contact Neil (details above).

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group



East Anglian Wildlife and Landscapes

The Huntingdon Area Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk on The Wildlife and Landscapes of East Anglia on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton. Our speaker, Barrie Mason, is a local naturalist from Bedford. He has been group leader of the Bedford branch of the RSPB and has enthused many people with his talks and walks on natural history.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk or contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire,
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Fenstanton Veterans Football

Fenstanton Veterans have a fixture arranged versus Over Veterans on Sunday 18th November at Over -10.30 kick off. If you would like to be considered for selection (over 35s only) please call Phil Stanton on: Home 01470 394894, Mobile 0799 79639 Also if anybody knows of a decent quality second hand strip for a reasonable price - please let me know - a 'generous' fit would be ideal!

Phil Stanton

Fenstanton Bowls Club

The season has come to a conclusion and its time to put the green to "bed". But a lot has to be done on it if we are to have a sixth rink. Muscle, money and good luck! The muscle has always been there lets hope we can raise the money!

"We are the Champions" men's league division 3. lovely big trophy to keep for the year. Congratulations lads and especially to Dennis Weston as captain for his first year. Good luck in division 2.

Ladies League. The blue team and the red team finished with about the same points half way up their, respective divisions, good results! Well done! Captains Val Spain and Heather Brace.

A great round of Cambridge & District games again this year travelling as far as Castle Camps phew!! A nice league to play in as it's for both ladies & men. Well played under the guidance of Roger "wicky" White. And well done the Over 60's and Phil & Ruby for their good captaincy.

As you can see we have had a very busy season. Also we had a lovely round of friendly games, usually a Saturday afternoon with a "cream" tea to follow. Thanks to Joan Weston for all her work in organizing them all.

My thanks must also go to Pam Hucklesby who professional bought the club competitions to a successful finish on Finals Day. The day was wonderful I sat there with my leg in plaster, having broken my ankle, from 10.30am to 18.00 watching some really close and competitive games. Pam had put on a "running" buffet which made the day even better.

Results

	Winner	R/U
Ladies Singles	Janice White	Janet Hinson
Pairs	Pat / Janice	Heather /
2 bowl Men		
Singles	Nigel Pratt	Dennis Weston
Men's Pairs	Harvey / Nigel	Ernie / John
Club Singles	Roger White	Nigel Pratt
Mixed Pairs	John / Pat	Harvey / Janet
A new trophy for members under 3 years experience	Jane Hazelwood	Gill Burgess

Congratulations to all.

Presentation Dinner Sat 20th October 7.30
Oliver's Lodge. Look 4 wood to seeing you all there! **Daphne Loveday**
Remember Line, Length and Luck

Look!

XMAS BINGO

November 29th 2007

Church Centre

Fenstanton

7.30-9.30 pm

Admission 20p

Raffle, Refreshments, All

Welcome

Proceeds to Fenstanton Bowls Club

Fenstanton Youth Football

November Fixtures:

11/11/07 –away Somersham Oranges v Fenstanton Red ; 24/11/07 – Away – Bluntisham Rangers v Fenstanton Blues ; 24/11/07 – Home – Fenstanton Reds v K C Cougars

Sept/October Results:

22/9/07 Bluntisham Rangers A 0 Fenstanton Red 15

Fenstanton Blue 5 Somersham Oranges 5

Players of the Match: Red: Louis Cooke, Blue: Andrew Darling

6/10/07 Fenstanton Red 12

Cambourne Rovers 0

Fenstanton Blue 7 K C

Cougars 0

Players of the Match: Red: Blair Reid, Blue: Jordan Heaford.

Under Sevens Chris Malley has a very professional set up and the boys keep coming back each week for more! We would like to increase the numbers of players in this group so if you know anyone who is interested please encourage them to join us, 10 – 11.30 Saturdays £2.00 per session with no commitment at this stage. Phone Charlie for more info.

Thank you!: Firstly a belated thanks August Bank Holiday Monday Fenstanton Football club hosted a very successful car boot sale. Our thanks go to all those buyers and sellers or who threw some change into our buckets, we raised a very respectable £302.00.

Our gratitude goes to N C Jones Plant Hire for his generous donation which has enabled us to buy some more equipment.

And lastly the George Public House for their hospitality before our trip to Wembley.

Thank all you very much.

ENGLAND VS ESTONIA – WEMBLEY 13TH OCTOBER 2007 – MATCH REPORT

17 Under Eights Players and their families were lucky enough to get tickets for the above match. Here is an account of the day:

“The day started with bacon sandwiches in the George. Everyone onto the coach by 11:30 and off we went. The club banner was placed in the back window so everyone knew who we were. The coach played football songs all the way - just to make sure we were in the mood. We finally arrived at Wembley Stadium at 1:30pm. Parents needed eyes in the back of their heads as the boys had so much to look at. By the time we had had a group photo, waved to the England players as their coach arrived at the stadium, bought programmes and found our seats, it was time to watch the warm-up. Our banner was put up over our heads (did you see us on the TV?) and we settled down. The boys enjoyed finding their favourite sporting heroes and watching them. There was much excitement by both children & adults during the whole match especially as the team were 3-0 up by half-time. There was even more excitement as Tom & Andrew S won the sweepstake where they correctly guessed the time of the first goal. It was then back to the coach and on the road again - along with 86,500 other spectators! Needless to say, it seemed to take forever to get out of the wembley area and onto the open road but we still managed to arrive home by 7:30pm. The words of the day from the 7 and 8 year old boys were awesome, brilliant, spectacular and exciting. It was a great day out enjoyed by everyone and the boys were a real credit to their club.”

Dates for Diaries: Next Committee Meeting in the George Tuesday 27th November, 8 pm at the George.

Xmas Party for Under Sevens, Under Eights and their families Saturday 15th December 6 – 9 pm Fen Drayton Village Hall.

For further information contact **Charlie Darling on 01480 395338** after 6 pm (or Nadine Taylor 01480 830839). We meet at Fenstanton Football Field, off Chequer Street Park every Saturday between 10 and 11.30.

Hilton Cricket Club

Last month's *Spectrum* went to press just as our lads were undergoing mental preparations for the final match of the season. The whites were fading, the protective underwear had developed that slightly offensive end-of-season fragrance and the course of anabolic steroids had reached the final dose as eleven world-weary bodies dragged themselves on to the field of play for the last time. Our opponents were Waresley III, a development side. Our batsmen got stuck in and Tony, Tuddy, Mark, Chris and Adi all scored lots, leaving the scoreboard operator exhausted after chalking up 256 runs. The bowlers were just as successful, with Adi leading the charge with 4-31. It only got better, as Mark appointed Tom White and Richard Ruddy as executioners. Tom took the wickets of two big hitters in the middle order, while Richard was inspired, capturing three wickets for no runs in just nine balls. The sweetest moment was when Waresley's skipper went into bat after his batsmen had queued up to throw their wickets away. "Just watch what I do", he instructed modestly. A few seconds later, he was trudging back, having been bowled by a Jaffa from Richard, which the batsman insisted had defied the laws of physics. Maximum points to Hilton to round off an unusual season.

In the final rankings, Hilton came third in the division. We had lost only three games, two of them to Alconbury II, who were penalised during the season for fielding a few Test players.

The vital statistics for 2007 were:

Hunts County League Division 5

	P	W	L	Penalties	Average
Warboys II	18	10	3	0	24.81
Alconbury II	18	11	2	27	23.71
HILTON	18	9	3	0	21.75
Sawtry III	18	4	7	0	17.64
Waresley III	18	7	4	60	13.29
Huntingdon	18	3	7	30	11.23
Upwood III	18	3	8	0	9.92
Great Staughton	18	1	7	90	4.14
Bharat Sports II	18	3	3	85	3.73
Hinchingsbrooke Brampton	18	1	8	90	0.36

2007 Batting Averages

	Runs	Innings			Ave
	Total	All	Comp	N.O.	
Frost T	190	8	6	2	31.67
Jacobs I	192	7	7	0	27.43
Darlow M	223	12	12	0	18.58
Greef D	74	5	4	1	18.50
Leader F	61	10	4	6	15.25
Leader T	133	10	9	1	14.78
Stubbington G	78	7	6	1	13.00
Leader A	129	11	10	1	12.90
Darlow A	79	9	8	1	9.88
Stubbington C	43	7	6	1	7.17
Seaman K	21	5	4	1	5.25
White T	3	6	6	0	0.50
Qualification: 5 completed innings					

2007 Bowling Averages

	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Eco
Jacobs I	42.0	109	14	7.79	2.60
Leader T	34.3	110	14	7.86	3.21
Ruddy R	9.3	50	5	10.00	5.38
Frost T	20.0	51	5	10.20	2.55
Darlow A	126.1	343	33	10.39	2.72
White T	28.5	98	8	12.25	3.44
Frost F	30.2	89	6	14.83	2.95
Leader F	50.0	203	6	33.83	4.06
Qualification: 5 wickets					

What's On

November

1 st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.45 pm
1 st	Love in a Box deadline		
2 nd	Fenstanton PreSchool Halloween Disco	Church Centre	6.30 pm
3 rd	Hilton Fireworks	The Green	6.00 pm
5 th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
8 th	Fenstanton Parish Council AGM	Primary School	7.30 pm
11 th	Rememberance Sunday	various	
14 th	Riding for the Disabled	Village Hall	7.30 pm
14 th	Wildlife Trust	Brampton Memorial Centre	7.30 pm
17 th	November Fair	Fenstanton UR Church	2.00 pm
18 th	Fenstanton Veterans Football	Over	10.30 am
23 rd	Christmas Fayre	Primary School	6.00 pm
26 th	Hilton Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	8.00 pm
27 th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Parish Church	1.30 pm
27 th	Fenstanton Youth Committee	The George	8.00 pm
28 th	Hilton Advent Lunch	The Garden House	12.30 pm
28 th	Hunts Geranium & Fuschia Society	Village Hall	7.45 pm
29 th	Fenstanton Bowls Club Bingo	Church Centre	7.30 pm
30 th	Christmas Bazaar	8 Honey Hill	7.30 pm
	RSPB Guided Walks	Fen Drayton Lakes	see page 7

December

3 rd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
5 th	Hilton Advent Lunch	10 Graveley Way	12.30 pm
6 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
8 th	Scout Christmas Post	Clock Tower	9.30 am
9 th	Toy Service	Fenstanton Parish Church	10.00 am

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