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at Fenstanton Clock Tower

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Letters & Notices

Donations to Spectrum

Spectrum Magazine would like to thank Fenstanton Village Hall Committee for their kind donation.

Car Boot Sale - August Bank Holiday

During my visit to the event I lost my mobile telephone. I returned to the field to discover that someone had found this on the ground by a stall and handed it to one of the organisers. I would like to say Thank you very much to that person for their honesty. I am sorry not to know their name to thank them personally. I was delighted to have it returned and am so grateful that it was found undamaged.

Pauline Driver

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For more information please contact us via our email address at:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

We were absolutely overwhelmed by the send off we received at feast week. It really did make us realise what good friends we have in Hilton.

It was with heavy hearts that we set off to Elgin (David had a very heavy heart after listening to two cats, two children and a sobbing wife for ten

hours in the car). However seven weeks have passed and we have now settled well into our new home and Alex and Elspeth appear to be enjoying their new school.

We have plenty of room so if you fancy a break in the Scottish Highlands you would be more than welcome. (The Cooper's beer fridge is always fully stocked)

We miss you all . With much love
The Cooper Clan

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL SMALL WORKS CONTRACTOR NEEDED

Duties to include maintenance and repair of Parish property, hedge trimming and grass cutting .

For full details contact :-

The Clerk

Telephone (01480) 465300

or apply in writing to :-

The Clerk

Fenstanton Parish Council

12 Dove Close

Fenstanton

PE28 9LX

Apology for Error

Spectrum would like to apologise to Hilton WI for the way their entry for September 2007 was mixed up. A version in the correct order has been inserted in the website edition of Spectrum at the following address:

<http://www.hilton-village.com/images/stories/Spectrum2/Spectrum%20web%20September%202007.pdf>

Report Of Fenstanton Parish Council Meetings

Held 12th July & 13th September 2007

12th July 2007

Police report.

During the period 13th June to 11th July 2007 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-1 theft of a cycle.The Parish Council remains sceptical that not all reported crimes and incidents are appearing on the reports and are monitoring known incidents against the published list from the Police.

Changes to the mobile library service.

The County Council are considering changes to the mobile library service. The mobile library will continue to visit Headlands and Chapel Green on alternate Tuesdays although it is proposed to bring the schedule forward and reduce the length of stay by 15 minutes. The changes are expected to be effective

from January 2008. Once the full schedule is confirmed it will be published in Spectrum.

The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order).

The Parish Council adopted the new Code of Conduct which will become effective from 1st September 2007.

A14 – Engagement of a noise specialist.

The Parish Council have deferred making a decision to engage a noise specialist until the Highways Agency announce the preferred option for the A14.

Headlands Park Play Area.

Some funding has possibly been identified to rejuvenate and improve the play area.

However, to implement the level of improvements, that it is felt are required, the Parish council will need to seek grant funding from outside bodies.

13th September 2007

Police report.

During the period 12th July to 11th September the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

1 theft from a caravan, 1 theft from a shed, 3 thefts from a vehicles, 1 vehicle broken into, 1 number plate stolen from a caravan, 1 theft, 1 incident of breaking entering, 1 incident of leaving the petrol station without paying and 1 undisclosed crime. Two incidents on mindless criminal damage have recently occurred in the Village, the glass was broken in the telephone kiosk at Rookery Way/Headlands and the railings by the shops, also at Rookery Way, have been severely damaged. Parishioners are strongly urged to report any incidents they witness to the Police. This is the only way to ensure this kind of behaviour is stopped and to give the message to those participating in such mindless activities that the community will not tolerate their selfish actions. Parishioner are reminded, of course, that any information provided can be given in anonymity.

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Fenstanton Parish Council cont

Annual pond clean.

Volunteers are required for the annual pond clean which has been scheduled for Saturday 13th October. Mr Peter Hobbs from Hinchingbrooke Park will attend to assist and give advice. Parishioner participation last year, was to say the least, somewhat disappointing. If you are free come to the pond from 10 o'clock to approximately 1pm. It is a very sociable event and gives the opportunity to meet new faces and make new friends. Suitable refreshments will be provided at a nearby hostelry afterwards. For safety reasons we are unable to allow unaccompanied children under the age of 12 to participate.

Headlands Park play Area.

A number of play equipment manufacturers have been contacted and will be consulting with the Parish Council and making site visits in the near future. The manufacturers will provide comprehensive plans of the area detailing the most suitable equipment and, of course, the cost.

Car parking.

Car parking on footpaths and pavements remains a problem in the Village. In most instances it is not necessary to park with 2 or more wheels on the footpath. The majority of roads in the village are sufficiently wide enough, with considerate thought, for vehicles to be safely parked on the road. The practice causes particular problems to parents with buggies and also the older and disabled members of our community. Parking motor vehicles on footpaths is, of course, a contravention of the Highway Code as is parking on corners.

Hedges and trees.

The Parish Council would like to remind all householders to ensure that trees, bushes and other vegetation on their property is kept cut back and not allowed to overgrow footpaths and pavements. Height of hedges on the Headlands Estate should also be considered as legally no hedge, between properties, should be allowed to grow more than 1metre in height. Just as a final observation, householders with gravel drives are asked to ensure that any spillage on the footpath is swept back onto their property as this can become a stumbling hazard for some of the older members of the community.

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 11th October 2007 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

Parish Council Report

HILTON

The cricket pavilion and the bus shelter both fall within the new Smoke Free Act making it illegal to smoke within these buildings. Appropriate warning notices signs have been placed in these buildings to remind users of this position.

The recent problems with emptying the rubbish bin located outside the Post Office has been reported to the District Council and early indications are that the action they have taken has been successful. The position will continue to be monitored by the Parish Council to ensure the situation remains problem free

The Parish Council has recognized that there are a number of strips of land around the village where ownership is unclear and which, from time to time, cause problems for residents and the Council. The Council has agreed that, even though they do not own the land in question, they will assume responsibility to action when circumstances dictate but this would always to be without prejudice for the future to avoid creating an unsustainable precedence. As a first step, the Council has agreed to grub up the problematic elders from the ditch alongside Potton Road between the Post Office and Mill Hill End.

The Council has agreed not to replace the existing algae-prone surface in the play park at an estimated cost of some £12000. Instead, the Council has agreed to let a contract to pressure wash the surface twice per year.

The Council expects Cambridge County Council shortly to make proposals for a pathway from the end of the village to the Five Arch Bridge.

The Archive - Your Village Needs You

As we all know only too well, the years pass by at an ever increasing speed and it is so easy to lose pictures and anecdotes of village life..

We would like you to search your lofts, attics, garages, bottom drawers etc for any old documents, photographs, programmes, maps, pictures and in fact ANYTHING that relates to life and times in Hilton over the last few hundred years!!! It would be really sad to lose these historical items and we all know how easy it is for such things to get mislaid when we move or “spring clean”.

We would like to gather copies of the above, so that we can build a village archive for posterity before it is too late. From the small amount of information we already have gathered, there has been significant interest from many villagers past and present.

We plan to make this archive, with the permission of the various contributors, available on the Hilton Village Web Site, for all to share and enjoy. All contributions, no matter how small or apparently insignificant, gratefully received. Please contact us if you find any treasures or with any queries you may have.

Andy Bush, Peter Frazier, editor@hilton-village.com , 01480 830202

Swavesey Village College

During the Summer, the College had confirmation that it has been redesignated as a Specialist Science College for a further 4 years.

Being a Specialist Science College brings an additional £130,000 per annum into the College to promote Science, Mathematics and ICT. Record science results were an apt culmination to the investment in wide range of courses at Key Stage 4.

The second phase of specialist status will build upon the existing curriculum and partnerships but introduce a strong environmental focus. This will include the development of an environmental centre that will be available for projects involving our students and other schools as well as community projects.

The College has been invited to have a second specialism. We are now putting together an application to have a second specialism in Modern Foreign Languages. The focus of this will be upon promoting languages and international links and awareness. Simon Elbourn (Curriculum Leader—Modern Languages) welcomes support and ideas from any parents who would like to work with the College in developing its proposals.

50th Anniversary

During the course of this academic year, the College will begin preparations to celebrate its 50th Anniversary—following its opening in September 1958.

Eric Fidler, Assistant Principal, will be coordinating the celebrations that will be taking place next year.

Community Classes

At the start of this year, SVC takes over the running of community education. The open evening takes place on Tuesday 17th

September. The programme this term mirrors that of last year but we welcome your ideas as we expand classes over the coming year.

Exam results 2007

The College achieved record results at GCSE this summer, with over 80% of students achieving 5A*-C — an 11% increase on last year and 6% improvement on College's previous best. Alongside this, 23% of all grades were at A/A* and 68% of students achieved 8 or more A* - C grades compared with the College's previous best of 56%.

The highest achieving students were Tom Worsfold and Acatia Finbow who achieved 12 A* and 2 As, and 11 A* and 2 As respectively.

Of the 97% of our students continuing into Further Education, we have a record number (54) who have got into Hills Road Sixth Form College. In Year 9, of 63 students taking Media Studies GCSE 96% achieved a C grade or better, with 38% achieving A/A*.

This is the first year that students, who sat their GCSE Science last year a year early, were entered for AS in 'Public Understanding of Science'. All of the students passed with 88% achieving A—C grades.

David Crossley, of the Specialist School's and Academies Trust has written to the College to commend the our academic results this year.

The significant jump this year reflects the hard work of students and staff and as well as the partnership we enjoy with parents. It also confirms the importance of a range of developments that the College continues to make to provide students with every opportunity to succeed and fulfil their individual potential.

Martin Bacon ,Principal,
Swavesey Village College

Tools with a Mission (TWAM)



If you are sorting out your shed or workshop and have any of the following tools surplus to your requirements please donate them to Tools With a Mission (TWAM). We are having a collection of these at our Harvest Festival on 7th October, please bring them along on Saturday 6th October from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm or on Sunday to the afternoon or evening services. (Fenstanton United Reformed Church)

The following is a list of tools and equipment that TWAM collects to send overseas:

Tools:

Axes hand
Axes felling
Axle Stands
Bill Hooks
Wire Brushes
Wood Chisels
G Gramps (all sizes)
BSP Dies and Taps
Drill bits for braces
Bench Drills (hand operated)
Extractors
Marking Gauges
Hand Turn Grinders
Club Hammers
Sledge Hammers
Handles
Pick-Axe Handles
Axe Handles
African Hoes
Trolley Jacks
Leather-worker knives
Draw knives
Leather-worker tools
Fibre-Head mallets
Oil Cans
Pick-Axe Heads
Pipe Cutters
Jack Planes
Car Ramps
Rules
Bow Saws
Coping Saws

Rip Saws
Socket Sets
Spokeshaves
Metric Spanners
Try Squares
Blacksmith Tongs
Bricklayer Trowels
Bench Vices
Carpenters Vices
Polce Vices

Garden Tools:

Forks, Spades, Rakes (not tyne)
Hoes (strong) No hand trowels,
forks, lawn shears

Sewing Machines and Haberdashery Items

Sewing Machines (tread and hand operated)
Sewing Machine accessories
(needles, bobbins and shuttles,
screwdrivers, cleaning brush, oil can)
Buttons – new and used
(clean) in all colours
Cotton – full reels are ideal
Fasteners
Needles – sewing
Pins – dress making
Pins – safety
Scissors, Tape Measure, Thimble, Zips

Fenstanton Parish Church

October 2007

Thursday 4th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

Sunday 7th *18th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (traditional).
5.00 p.m. Harvest Praise followed by supper in Church Centre.

Sunday 14th *19th Sunday after Trinity.*
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m. Worship for All.

Thursday 18th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club

Sunday 21st *20th Sunday after Trinity.*
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary)
6.00 Evensong.

Sunday 28th *Last Sunday after Trinity.*
9.30 a.m. Family Communion .

Church Building Appeal

Fenstanton Church is very grateful to everyone who contributed so generously to our house-to-house appeal. We raised over £2000 towards the appeal, and hope soon to have enough money to instal a much-needed toilet in the church. The church was built by the parishioners 600 years ago, and we aim to keep it in good condition. Improving the facilities is important if we are to make it more accessible to the whole village. All church repairs and improvements have to be paid for by fund-raising; although we can sometimes obtain a grant from an independent body, we receive no central support and rely heavily on your help.

So thank you again!

Joy Saunders. Church Treasurer.

Churches are much in the news these days for thefts, burglaries and general damage, in other words for all the wrong reasons. Fenstanton church was broken into in early July, and now Hilton church has had the lead removed from its south aisle.

We know that in both communities there are many who value the existence of the church as a beautiful ancient building, and we therefore appeal to anyone who either lives near, or passes by, the churches, at any time, and who sees anything of any kind going on which might be regarded as suspicious, to please phone immediately one of the churchwardens in the two villages as follows

Martyn Saunders (301068)

or Ian Hucklesby (465211) in Fenstanton

Ralph Slayter (830466)

or Rachel Wood (830866) in Hilton

At a late hour of night it would probably be preferable to ring the police direct, and confirm with the churchwarden in the morning!

Hilton Parish Church

As our vicar, Revd Dr Robin McKenzie, only works part-time in the parishes, please contact one of the Churchwardens for all routine matters relating to the church, services, weddings, baptisms and funerals - Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866)

October 2007

Friday 5 th	Harvest Supper	7.30pm for 8.00pm at Village Hall	
Sunday 7 th	18 th Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service with baptism of Adam Wallis
Sunday 14 th	19 th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	United Communion Service in M. Chapel
Sunday 21 st	20 th Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service (Lay lead)
Sunday 28 th	Last Sunday after Trinity	11.15 am	Family Communion
		6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 30 th		1.30 pm	Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)

November 2007

Saturday 3 rd		11.00 am	All Souls Service
Sunday 4 th	All Saints Day	8.15 am	Holy Communion
		11.15 am	Family Service

HILTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall on Friday, 5th October, 7.30pm for 8pm.

The WI will prepare supper; there will be a bar and, after supper, there will be some light entertainment.

Tickets cost £7.50 or £3.50 for the under-12s. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Heather Woods (830686), Linda Stott (830660), Peter Blake (830137) or Brian Ward (830083) for more information and tickets.

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

October

7 th	9.30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall -Harvest Festival
	3.00pm	Harvest Praise
14 th	9.30am	Mr Martin Ballard
21 ^s	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton-Holy Communion
28 th	9.30am	Mr Matthew Stone

November

4 th	9.30am	Ms Kate Hackett
11 th	10.00am	At The Parish Church

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

Hilton Methodist Church

October

7 th	11.00 am	John Bridge
14 th	11.00 am	United Service at the Methodist Chapel with Revd Hugh Sheehan and Robin McKenzie
21 st	11.00 am	Pat Paddon
28 th	11.00 am	Leonore Charlton and Pauline Zahner

Tot's Praise

Have you seen our new poster? Just to remind you that we meet in the Church on the last Tuesday of each month from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm, 0-5 years. A warm welcome awaits you all. What goes on then? Clue – the posters are on 5 notices boards.

We look forward to seeing you...

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve *(Continued on page 17)*

I'd like to start this article by thanking Mr and Mrs Arnold for kindly donating a picnic table to the nature reserve. Some readers may have used it already - people working on the reserve have been making good use of it.

If you've been for a walk around the lakes recently, I hope you have noticed some of the work that the warden and volunteers have been doing. We have regular work parties on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of each month. If you would like to join in with the work parties (there's no obligation to attend each one), please contact the warden, Allison Cushley, 07921 495449 or 01954 233266, for more details.

Businesses invest in staff training, which can involve a group of people working on a nature reserve for a day. If you work with a group that might like to do this, please contact Neil Renwick, 01954 233267.

(This article is continued on page 17 and was edited down due to a shortage of space. However, the full article is included in this web edition of Spectrum Magazine which is published on the villages websites. Please go to pages 22 and 23, after the What's On page.)

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We are a small but very friendly group who meet in the Church Centre, Fenstanton every Wednesday from 10 am to 11.30am. Prices are £2 per family and we welcome parents with children and babies up to school age.

There is a wide variety of toys and games for the children to play with and also a craft table which is run by a rota system by the mums. Please feel free to come along for a coffee and a chat whilst the children have a play. We have had lots of new people join us over the past few months and the group seems to be growing much bigger. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to the children which are starting school this September but we hope to see them coming back in the half term and christmas holidays.

I know its a bit belated, but I would like to say a big thankyou to all the mums who helped us to raise a massive £200 at the village sports day. It was a long day but very much worth it. This money, of course will help towards the running costs of toddler group.

If you would like to find out any more about the group please feel free to contact Nicola Orchard on 01480 399957 or email nicola.cary1@ntlworld.com.

Fenstanton Pre-School

The children have settled back to pre-school routine well. We continue our alphabet theme during the year, please see the notice board in the corridor for the 'letter of the week'.

We hope to bring you news of our exciting

fund raising ideas in later editions of the Spectrum so watch this space. With this in mind we are continuing with our mobile phone scheme, please see the separate advert for details.

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.

I hope to report back on the outcome of our AGM in the next issue.

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.

If you have a child you would like to register for Pre School, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01480 496156.

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

**Gotland - An Island Paradise :
a talk by Alan Moores**

Wednesday 24th October
Hilton Village Hall, 7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle.

ALL WELCOME

Hilton Toddler Group

AGM Tuesday 2nd October, we very much hope to have some new committee members join us. We are a friendly committee and we only meet every couple of months and only fundraise if we really have to! Do get in touch with Emily if you are interested in joining us.

Thanks to all those involved in re-arranging and de-cluttering our toy cupboard, it now looks great and the children get a chance to play with a better variety of toys.

If you are new to the village or surrounding areas why not come along and join us, it's a great way to make friends and the kids love it.

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.

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2008

With an increase of over 200 entries in the 2007 show we are already casting our minds forward to the 2008 show.

So any requests or comments are gratefully received as we will start to put together the new schedule at the end of this year. Contact details as usual below or post a note to The Manor House, The Green.

Herbies tip of the month:

Now is the time to get your daffodils in. The tulips can go in a bit later.

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.

WANTED OLD MOBILE PHONES



Having successfully joined the 'Fones4Schools' campaign, by collecting old mobile phones we raised £135 for Pre School to put towards new equipment and toys etc.

We would like to start the campaign again so, do you have an old mobile phone sitting in the draw you no longer use? Do your company or work colleagues have any that they would like to dispose of?

The best thing about this campaign is that the phones can be in any condition – they do not have to work and should have the sim card removed before return.

If you have any old mobile phones, please bring them to Fenstanton Pre School and we will arrange for them to be recycled, for which we will receive funds and you will help save the environment!

Thank you for your support.

Fenstanton Glebe Allotments

Waiting list for plots

Would the following people please let me have either their address or phone number and I'm sorry but I've lost the original list.:

Mrs McCabe

Mrs Irving

Mr Glover or Grover

Mrs Attword

Mrs Burn

Please contact Fred Towle

15 Rookery Place,

Tel: 466753

Fenstanton WI

Vic Botterill once again gave us a very entertaining and thought provoking evening when he challenged us to decide “Who killed the Baroness?” After reading us a short story we were asked to list in order of responsibility for the death of the baroness using number one as the most responsible through to number six as the least responsible. We were asked to use our own values and not those of the Middle Ages. We then divided into groups and were given more information about the possible suspects. Each group elected a ‘dictator’ and the group had to decide the order of responsibility. If after 20 minutes a group could not agree the dictator had to make the list. Vic then wrote up the list that each group had agreed upon and we ended up with a further twist to the tale!

Claire Barratt thanked Vic for another stimulating and enjoyable evening.

Dates for Future Meetings.

October 4th General Meeting and Fund Raising

October 24th Group meeting at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall 7.30pm

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

December 6th Christmas Party

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. Please come along or call our secretary Beryl Harvey for more information (01480) 469278.

Hilton Conservative Branch

Jumble Sale
Sat October 6th 2-4pm
Hilton Village Hall
Many wonderful bargains for everybody
Entrance 20p.

Fenstanton Morris

The first practice of the season will be on Monday 1st October at 8.00pm in the Church Centre, Fenstanton. New dancers welcome to come along and try it for a couple of weeks without commitment. It will help if you have some dancing experience. Do you play an acoustic folk style melody instrument and are you interested in playing for dancing on a regular basis? If so do come along to the practices and see how you find it. If you want to know more, contact me on 01480 466448 or email ennyjames@btinternet.com

Hilton WI

The August trip to Peterborough Dogs was enjoyed by members and husbands, some winning (not much) and some losing (not the housekeeping money or mortgage payments! but perhaps bus fare home!!) The meal was better than most of us expected and was well cooked and presented.

At the September, meeting we were brought back to the 1950s with interior design of that period – it is hard to believe the difference between then and now. Some members could remember, but others where either not born or at school, but all were greatly entertained by Hilary Smart.

The 8th October meeting will be our 35th Anniversary and Annual 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 - Saturday 8th December

Here's advance notice that we will once again be taking part in the Cromwell District Scout Christmas Post, with confirmation of the villages covered in the next edition.

Our Scout Troop will be at the Clock Tower in Fenstanton from 9.00am to 12 noon 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. There will be some great prizes on offer, more details in the next edition.

Come and join the fun 😊

Here's some facts about just why we'd like some more adults (aged 18 and over) to join the adventure. Approximately 0.8% of the UK population (aged 5-65) is involved in Scouting, here in Cromwell District it's around 1.5% and here in Fenstanton and Hilton it's over 2.0% !!!

Hopefully this shows that the adventure we offer is what our local youngsters enjoy, and is why we have over 25 boys and girls on our waiting lists today. So why not come

along and see how you could help, whether it's a few hours a year or a few hours a week we'd love to hear from you – **just a few hours of your time really can make years of difference.**

Louise Clover, Chairman, 01480 831715

Over 60s Club, Fenstanton

We all had both a very enjoyable and successful afternoon on the 29th August at the bring and buy sale, the money raised being used for club funds. This kept us browsing all afternoon with a wide variety of goodies to purchase.

On the 22nd August we had a lunch at the 7 wives where we sampled the local cuisine including fish and chips, chicken and other mouth watering dishes. This is quite a regular occurrence and anyone wishing to join us on our next gourmet day out is more than welcome.

By the time this is read we would have had a "fun day" out in Skegness having been chauffeured by our friendly local bus company Whippet Coaches. Once in Skegness we had lots of free time to enjoy the fresh sea air and the wonderful sunshine we have been experiencing so much of lately!!

On the 12th September we had good fun playing various games of the cardboard box variety this included Blokus, Scrabble and Dominoes before a most welcome cup of tea and biscuits was served. Very refreshing after all the excitement

Forthcoming events Wed 10th October –

We are having a film show by Ted Barlow and I am sure that an exciting time will be had by all. If anyone wishes to join us the time is 2.00 til 4.00 in the Church Centre. All are welcome - the more the merrier.

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group



www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

A portrayal of the RSPB's reserves in the East Anglian Fens will be the focus of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, on Wednesday 10th October 2007 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Graham Elliott, the Fens Area Manager for the RSPB, will offer us an illustrated talk highlighting new reserve sites such as those along the River Great Ouse at Needingworth and Fen Drayton. In addition, Graham will also update us on the current status of established sites such as those at the Ouse and Nene Washes, and Lakenheath Fen. A brief history of these projects, their management, importance and their future development for both wildlife and visitors will be described.

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.

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Hilton Flower Club

We had a full house of ladies who watched a delightful demonstration by our own Beverley Tack. Using mostly flowers and foliage from the garden she showed us that with a little imagination these could be turned into really stylish arrangements and at very little cost.

Next Meeting

Monday 1st October 2pm Village Hall. A 'D.I.Y.' afternoon theme 'Visit to the theatre'.

Future Meeting

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

Day admission £2 including tea/biscuits
Sales table Raffle.

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Nature Reserve *(Cont from page 19)*

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Fenstanton Cricket Club

With Hilton C.C. enjoying prominence within the pages of this magazine it is well worth bringing readers up-to-date with the continuing and fluctuating fortunes of their counterparts at Fenstanton.

Traditionally slow starters, Fenstanton's veteran squad also had to take account of the May wash-out and thus emerged from hibernation a month late; it took until July 14th (Bastille Day) to record a first win of the season at Burwell. From then on, in spite of illness, injury and work commitments (on a Saturday!?) decimating an already tiny playing staff, "Fenny" brushed aside Ely & Haddenham, Coton and Soham with disdain but lost to champions Cambridge NCI and, more crucially, Sutton by a measly 11 runs - curse all those wides and mis-fields. This left the final game of the season v St Ives as a must-win-or-get-relegated fixture (though with four sides to go down from a division of nine Fenstanton's habitual position of mid-table obscurity was always going to be difficult to achieve)

St Ives won the toss and invited Fenstanton to lose wickets at regular intervals which they did, though skipper Roger, Mike and Derek all got starts while star batsman Mark made the trudge back to the pavilion accompanied by the shadow of a swimming-bird of the family Anatidae, and Moody added to an already inspiring list of the team's comedy run-outs. Some late runs from the tail saw Fenstanton up to a barely adequate 143-9. Deprived of bowling demon Andy (damaged back whilst loading a washing machine - what a fool!) the home side failed to find early wickets to create any sustained pressure and St Ives romped home with just two men down and ten overs to spare.

So another season ends with a relegation but spirits still intact. Thanks go to Andy for organising the team. He is now stepping down to take on a less stressful role (England football team manager? Pete Doherty's re-hab consultant?) and will be replaced by Mike. Thanks also go to Mick, Alan and the immortal Tat for ground preparation. Any readers who might like a game of cricket next season - don't worry, it's all good fun, you wouldn't have to commit to every single summer Saturday - can join our happy - though a little depleted - squad by contacting Ronnie on 374858

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

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 Youth Football

October Fixtures:

6/10/07 – Home - Fenstanton Red v
 Cambourne Rovers Jnrs
 Away – K C Cougars v
 Fenstanton Blue

20/10/07 – Home – Fenstanton Blue v
 Huntingdon Rowdies Youth

September Results:

8/9/07 – Home and Away!! – Fenstanton
 Red 3 - Fenstanton Blue – 5.
 Red Goals: Harry Taylor (3). Blue Goals:
 Andrew Darling (2), Bailey Parr, Jordan
 Heaford plus an unlucky Own Goal.
*Player of the match Red: Robert Owen,
 Blue: Andrew Darling*

Tournament 2/9/07 at Somersham

Both our teams were the talk of the
 Tournament as the standard of their play
 was excellent. Both Reds and Blues did
 extremely well and both only actually lost
 one match out of the 7 played. A great day
 out, well done boys.

Under Sevens

Under Sevens have started training and we
 had 8 boys turn up for the first session. Our
 Club is only in its second year so please
 bear with us while we find out feet. Any
 offers of help, on or off the pitch will be
 greatly appreciated. Under Sevens is
 primarily pitched at year one and two, we
 have been asked whether younger children
 can join in - we don’t mind if you think
 your child can handle it.

And finally, our thanks go to the Crown and
 Pipes Public House who have agreed to
 sponsor us. Steve Parr deserves a medal for
 organising a very successful dog racing
 evening, I hope this is going to become a
 regular fixture, it was a great evening.

Hilton Cricket Club

The final four weeks of the 2007 season began well – the first match was cancelled. This was likely to be a good outcome, for our results usually seem to fall away after the summer holiday bingeing. As we moved into September, we played a friendly against Hampton. A tradition is building that one of our younger players shines in this fixture. This year it was the turn of Patrick Sarkies, whose stroke-play was magnificent. He scored 41 fine runs, but his total would have been much greater had the outfield not been colonised by a mass of elephant grass that had somehow escaped the blades of the Crowley Invincible Mark II Patented Mowing Machine. Frazer Leader also produced a very mature innings of 22, showing stylish technique and good temperament. Normally I would submit willingly to bribes and payments to keep ‘mum’, but neither of these gentlemen offered remotely enough to restrain me from confiding to Spectrum readers that each lost his wicket to.... a girl.

This young lady went on to take four Hilton wickets for 30 runs in just five overs. (NB This slightly uncomfortable experience prompts us to remind anyone thinking of joining Hilton CC next season that two X-chromosomes are no barrier to playing cricket for your village. Just think – you could have the opportunity to hurl 5½ ounces of hard cricket ball at 90 m.p.h. towards that pushy upstart among our opponents who thinks he’s Kevin Pietersen.) Our low total of 138 was not enough to bowl at and two of Hampton’s top order batsmen gradually established a partnership that we were unable to break. They duly won, though with only 17 balls to spare.

Hilton 138 all out (P Sarkies 41, T Frost 27 n.o., F Leader 22) Hampton 142 for 2.

The penultimate match started with our opponents, Warboys II, needing a win to clinch the League Division 5 title. Being gentlemen of exceptionally generous disposition, our team accordingly supported their worthy cause. Our side was a little short of players, possibly owing to another outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. Contrary to rumour, the ban on livestock movements was never intended to embrace cricketers – only footballers. We batted first and found runs hard to come by. Extracting blood from a stone seemed a far easier proposition. It might have had something to do with the erratic and unpredictable bounce when the ball was pitched on certain spots. Close inspection suggested that the square had been used by a coachload of rabbits making a comfort stop as they passed through Hilton.

This is what village cricket is all about. Our bowlers, having had a more refined upbringing, dropped the ball on the clean areas of the wicket for the sake of the would-be catchers. In the event, only one catch was made – by Arnie wearing wicketkeeping gloves – and Warboys left with the victory they needed.

Hilton 71 all out. Warboys II 72 for 1.

Fortunately, our final match of the season is being played after the deadline for sending copy to *Spectrum*.

Details next month. Will it be worth the wait?

What's On

October

1 st	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
1 st	Fenstanton Morris 1 st Practice	Church Centre	8.00 pm
2 nd	Hilton Toddler AGM	see notice board	
4 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.45 pm
5 th	Hilton Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7.30 pm
6 th	Hilton Conservative Jumble Sale	Village Hall	2.00 pm
7 th	RSPB Guided Walk	Holywell, Ferry Rd	3.30 pm
7 th	Harvest Service	United Reformed Church	6.00 pm
8 th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.15 pm
10 th	Hunts Wildlife Trust	Brampton Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
10 th	Fenstanton Over 60s	Church Centre	2.00 pm
11 th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7.30 pm
13 th	Fenstanton annual pond clean	Fenstanton Pond	10.00 am
18 th	RSPB Guided Walk	Holywell Ferry Road	10.00 am
18 th	Weekenders Fashion and Jewellery	Church Centre	see below
20 th	Fenstanton Bowls Presentation Dinner at Olivers Lodge		
20 th	Fenstanton Youth Football	Football Field	
21 st	RSPB Guided Walk	Holywell Ferry Road	10.00 am
24 th	Fenstanton WI Group Meeting	Hemingford Abbots	7.30 pm
24 th	Hunts Geranium & Fuchsia Soc	Village Hall	7.45 pm
24 th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00 pm
24 th	Fenstanton Cricket Club AGM	Church Centre	7.45 pm
27 th	RSPB Feed the Birds Day	Fen Drayton Village Hall	
30 th	Tot's Praise	Hilton Church	1.30 pm

November

1 st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.45 pm
5 th	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm

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RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes nature reserve

This article appears earlier on in the magazine in an edited down form.

Here is the full article, with thanks to Neil from the RSPB at Fen Drayton Lake.

I'd like to start this article by thanking Mr and Mrs Arnold for kindly donating a picnic table to the nature reserve. Some readers may have used it already - people working on the reserve have been making good use of it.

If you've been for a walk around the lakes recently, I hope you have noticed some of the work that the warden and volunteers have been doing. We now have regular work parties on the second Tuesday and last Saturday of each month. The team's first task was to clear some of the young willows that were growing around the edge of the triangular pond at the northern end of the track between Moore and Elney Lakes. This work was to increase the amount of sunlight reaching the water, which will make it better for dragonflies and damselflies, and for the people who like to watch them.

We have a huge amount of similar work to get through, to create more places for people to see the lakes and to allow waterfowl to walk out of the water and onto banks to rest or feed. An office-based team from ARM in Cambridge spent an afternoon with us in September doing some of this work on Elney Lake's south side.

Young trees were planted quite densely when the quarrying ended in the 1990s, with the expectation that some would not survive. Most of the trees did survive the early years, however, but now they are in direct competition with each other, for daylight and space in which to grow. Some of the weaker, or slower growing trees are dying in these young plantations, so we must remove some of the trees, to give the others the space and light they need to continue growing.

If you would like to join in with the work parties (there's no obligation to attend each one), please contact the warden, Allison Cushley, 07921 495449 or 01954 233266, for more details.

Businesses invest in staff training, which can involve a group of people working on a nature reserve for a day. Leadership and problem-solving skills may be developed, and team working enhanced. An office-based team from ARM, Cambridge, came to us in September for a day, and we look forward to many more such events in the future. If you work with a group that might like to do this, please contact Neil Renwick, 01954 233267.

We have received a felling licence from the Forestry Commission to fell self-seeded willow trees on the islands in Elney Lake. The islands were originally 'landscaped' to form attractive nesting locations for common terns and some wading birds. These birds like bare ground – sandy or shingle, low-lying islands, and will not dense close to trees, where predators may be lurking.

This is a risky strategy – these birds could easily be found by predators, but some nest individually, in camouflage colours, and others play the numbers game. Common terns, black-

headed gulls and avocets are all predominantly white and pale grey, so they nest in colonies and work as a team to drive off predators. In fact, the biggest risk to the nesting birds will come from the weather – summer flooding events can destroy nests and young chicks.

We will be employing contractors to do the felling for us. The views over Elney Lake will change, but we hope that you will appreciate watching more birds in spring and summer in the years to come than have been seen in recent years. Nesting colonies, whatever the species, are never dull – with squabbles between neighbours, courting couples, babies to feed, the occasional intruding predator, they are a natural soap opera.

Our programme of guided walks has had fantastic support so far, and we have been treated to views of hobbies and a black tern, flocks of lapwings and the first wigeon ducks to return for the autumn. Changes seem to happen daily in October, as the last summer visitors leave, migrants stop for a rest and more birds arrive to spend the winter here. If you would like to join me on a guided walk, the dates for October's walks are:

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