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Editor's Letter

Hello all and welcome to the October issue of the Spectrum. I love the autumn months and am happy to start wearing cosy jumpers and snuggling down on the sofa to watch TV with a blanket in the evening. I get the catalogues out and start planning Christmas too. And while I remember, we will be holding a Christmas shopping fundraiser for the Spectrum on 26th November. We would love to show off the Spectrum in colour but advertising revenue is not sufficient. The event will be held in Fenstanton. Turn to page 25 for more details.

I would like to say thank you to all those who offered their help in collecting copy from the post office. Susan Kearns will be taking over the role. Please drop articles in by 4pm on the 10th of the month.

Amanda

Letters from our Readers

Dear Editor,

Following my recent stay in hospital I would like to thank everyone in Hilton whose messages, cards and prayers were much appreciated by Cheska during a difficult time and by myself once I was on the road to recovery. We can recall that when we moved to Hilton some years ago we knew immediately that it was a 'special' village with a very caring community - but didn't contemplate that we would experience it first-hand. We must also thank Papworth Surgery, the Ambulance service, and everyone at Ad-denbrookes, especially the ICU, for their expert care and consideration. Happily I'm now at home convalescing, albeit slowly, and remain most grateful to all those who have made this possible.

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Fundraising Wine Tasting Evening - Saturday 17th October 2009

Fancy a little tippie? Why not join us at a fundraising Wine Tasting Evening which will be held at 7pm on Saturday 17th October in the village hall in Hilton. There will be the chance to try 15 different wines during the course of the evening before tucking in to a substantial ploughman's meal and plenty of wine to guzzle with the meal. Ticket price is £16 each which includes the tasting wine as well as your meal and wine to drink with it. It's not a promotional exercise to sell wine - there will not be anything available on the night but it can all be bought from one of the mainstream supermarkets at a reasonable price. The idea is to come along - enjoy good wine, good food & good company - and help raise some more money towards Hilton Church Roof. For tickets and more information please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

Dear Editor,

My name is Ben Owen, I'm 17, and a local babysitter in Fenstanton. Could you let your readers know I am available for evenings and weekends throughout the year and references are available on request. Please call 07515547738 for a chat. Thank you.

Dear Editor,

In October, the Over 60's club will celebrate it's 60th anniversary. On 21st October we will hold an open invitation to members past and present for a small celebratory afternoon get together. Please join us if you are able. We look forward to seeing some old friends.

Wyn Treeby

Dear Editor,

Did you know that you and your neighbours are among the top recyclers in the country? Thanks to residents, Huntingdonshire District Council ranked 5th for recycling and composting in 2007/8.



57.4% of your rubbish was recycled last year, and to support this excellent work and decrease the 36,600 tonnes that were still sent to landfill, Cambridgeshire County Council is building a £3 million state-of-the-art indoor recycling centre on Cromwell Road Industrial Estate in St Neots.

The new centre is due to open in October, and will replace the old, open-air site in the middle of St Neots which can be difficult to get to. It will be split level, so you'll be able to dispose of your waste without having to struggle up steps, and will be indoors which means you can recycle whatever the weather!

The Council is building this facility in an environmentally-friendly way, by reusing an existing building and recycling construction materials. Solar heating will be used in the office areas, and unnecessary concrete surrounding the centre has been dug up so that native trees, shrubs and wildflowers can be planted. Bird and insect boxes will be put up later in the year. For more information and a chance to view the building of the new recycling centre via webcam, visit:

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Dear Editor,

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Dr Starkey will give the first Mark Pig-gott lecture on Henry VIII. Other talks and debates include Dame Julia Neuberger, Professor David Ford, Sheikh Michael Mumisa and philosopher Professor Simon Blackburn on whether a new morality is needed for the 21st century.

The Festival, which runs from 21st October to 1st November, celebrates the arts, humanities and social sciences and drew over 5,000 people in its first year in 2008. The aim is to open up the University to the public and inspire people to learn more about the ideas in arts, humanities and social sciences which have shaped and are shaping the world.

The debates, talks and events, most of which are free, will be set in university lecture halls, museums, art galleries and

other venues around the town. The biggest day of the Festival will be Family Day on 24th October which will offer a range of activities for people of all ages, including talks by children's authors Michael Morpurgo, Anna Perera, Patrick Ness and Caroline Lawrence.

Further information available at: www.cambridgefestivalofideas.org or telephone 01223 766766.



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Hilton Church Roof Fundraising Update

Since we started fundraising last year, we have raised just over £19,000 which is a third of what we need to raise to top up the grant that we received from English Heritage.

A large part of this total was raised via our envelope appeal (currently £6,500 + Gift Aid) so thanks again to all who have contributed! We are also extremely grateful to those people who have organised their own fundraising activities in support of the church roof. Specifically we would like to thank Vine McGill & Ros Howells who organised a Garage Sale in August (£533), Roland & Dreda Randall who donated half the proceeds of their Open Day at Monarch Farm (£250) and Jane & Richard Garnett whose Garage Sale in September raised £801



If you have a good fundraising idea then do please get in touch with Rachel Wood on 830866 - we can help with planning and advertising as well as providing "bodies" to help on the day!

Looking back and Looking Forward

There was a tradition some time ago for the ministers or their representative to write a short letter for each Spectrum entry. The editors have been kind enough for us to start this again. Thank you. I have the honour of starting off. Each year, as a family, we manage to do a bit of camping. This year's camping was on the Newark show-ground, hardly the place normally associated with a bit of a holiday.



We were there as part of New Wine, a Christian conference attended by over three thousand adults, and nearly as many children and young people. In an enclosed time and space, we were able to worship together – the force of Charles Wesley's first line, "O for a thousand tongues to sing" truly struck home – pray together, and to be prayed for. The highlight of our girls' sessions was seeing their leaders being gunged. Part of the role of New Wine is to encourage church leaders. Many of us live in great uncertainty and anxiety. A firm foundation based on a personal relationship with Jesus is what Christian faith provides. Next year we intend to take a larger group to New Wine 2010, running from 31 July to 6 August. All are welcome.

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This appeal is organised by the Mustard Seed Relief Missions charity who use volunteers to send wrapped, filled shoeboxes to, this year, children in orphanages in Moldova, Romania and the Ukraine. We know they are gratefully received by children from age 3 - 14. Leaflets, further information and donations of empty or preferably filled boxes, items or monetary donations towards the fuel for the boxes' distribution are organised through Jenny Stimpson and Alison Fox.

Our deadline will be the end of October/end of half-term (for those of you in tune with school calendars).

Boxes need to be wrapped with paper (with the lid separate) and any donation sello-taped to the inside of the lid. £1.50-£2 is recommended. After deciding on whether to be for a boy or girl, select either 3-6, 7-10 or 11-14 age ranges. The boxes can then be filled with toiletries (including toothpaste and brushes, flannels and soap, hair accessories, creams and gels but no aerosols), stationery, small toys (nothing war related nor battery operated and no books except for the youngest children) and sweets/chocolate. You might like to include a Christmas card (without any return addresses) The only clothing items recommended are gloves, scarves and hats. Finally, the box needs securing with an elastic band and a label added to the outside indicating the suggested gender and age range suitability of the box.

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We think this is the 53rd year of the event. All those years ago the volunteers gathered up garden rubbish, potato tops and straw from Docksey's farm and held the first bonfire. A few hundred people attended.

The bonfire and fireworks are now so much improved with the spectacular fireworks, supplied by Cambridge Fireworks, lighting up the sky.

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OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th

Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Harvest Festival, Parish Communion and Sunday Club
Fenstanton	12.30 for 1pm	Harvest Lunch
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

Thursday 8th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 11th

Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room

Thursday 15th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club

Saturday 17th

Hilton	7pm	Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Village Hall
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Sunday 18th

Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion and Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong

Thursday 22nd

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 25th

Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion by Extension
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee at 11.00am
Kimbolton	6.00pm	Deanery Evensong at Kimbolton

Tuesday 27th

Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
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Thursday 29th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club

Saturday 31st

Hilton	11am	All Souls Day Service
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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1st

Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion and Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

All Saints Sunday and Ely 900 Celebration

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays at Hilton	10am	Discussion Group Hilton Hall
	11am	Morning Prayer and Communion Hilton Hall
Fridays at Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians

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From the Vicar...

Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens:

For **Fenstanton**, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries)

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I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answerphone regularly. Please do call on 01480 466162 with a 1571 service, or email mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER SERVICES

Services apart from the United Services will begin at 10.00am starting in July

Sunday 4th October 10.00 am

Miss Pat Paddon

Sunday 11th October 11.00 am

United Holy Communion at the Methodist Church led by Revd. Katy Dunn –Children’s Sunday Club in the hall.

Sunday 18th October 10.00 am

Revd. Pam Siddall

Sunday 25th October 10.00 am

Mr Malcolm Sharp

MEETINGS.

Thursday 8th October at 7.30 pm—Our discussion group ‘Explorations’ will be talking about ‘Fair Trade’. We had a successful and interesting evening in September, talking about Dignitas. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us for refreshments and the discussion.

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 pm—Church Council meeting.

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FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th	9:30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall
Sunday 11th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton—Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	6:00pm	Evening Service
Sunday 18th	9:30am	Revd Chris Baker
Sunday 25th	9:30am	Revd David Viles

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton—Holy Communion
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OTHER EVENTS OCTOBER 2009

Tuesday 6th	10.00am	Knitters & Natters
Saturday 10th	8.30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call John 468718
Tuesday 13th	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning
Saturday 17th	10.00am	Book Sale
Tuesday 20th	10:00am	Knitters and Natters
Tuesday 27th	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning

November 2009

Tuesday 3rd	10.00am	Knitters and Natters. 2nd Anniversary Bring & Share lunch
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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

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship Saturday Breakfast

We will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday October the 10th. This month the discussion will be lead by Peter Tremlett of St James's church Hemingford.

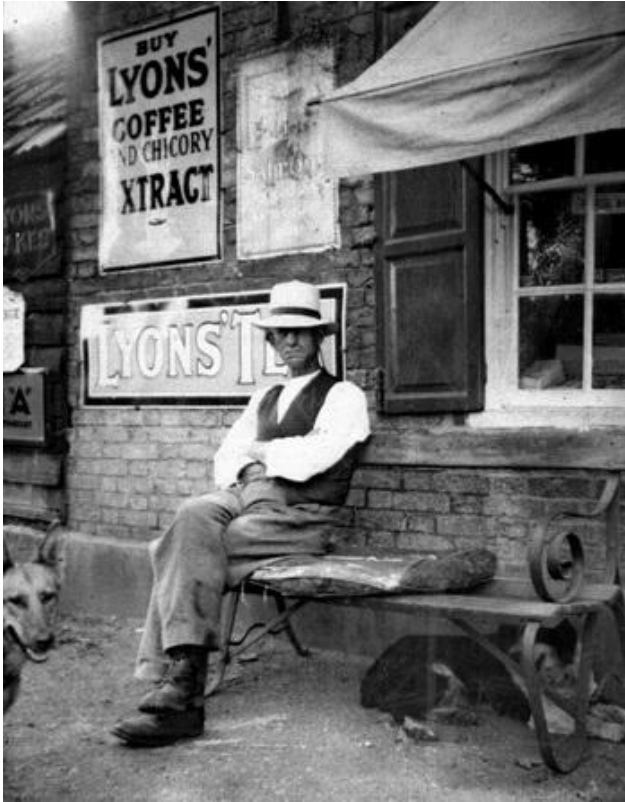
These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.30 am to approximately 10.00 am.

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

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R.S.P.B FEN DRAYTON LAKES

We held nine pond-dipping afternoons during the school holidays, entertaining 153 children, their adults and ourselves. Some children came for several sessions, and there was usually something new to see each time – even on the last session, when one boy discovered tiny, colourless water fleas. Had we missed them previously, or had they appeared at the shore because the water was rougher than usual? I was lucky enough to see an otter in Ferry Lagoon one evening in August. We have had a number of reports of otters in recent months, and this was the first one I have seen here. Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts will be having another work party at the Lakes in early October, continuing their work to remove tree guards from the plantation around Elney Lake. The trees were planted and the guards were to protect the young trees from rabbits. After 12 years or so, the trees have out-grown the guards. The hawthorn hedges appear to have a heavy crop of berries again, which will feed our local thrushes and blackbirds once the juicy blackberries have all been eaten. Migrant redwings usually arrive from the middle of October, and these birds will feast on the haws. Redwings usually arrive a couple of weeks ahead of the larger fieldfares. Both species come from Scandinavia and the former Soviet bloc countries. These thrushes live in flocks, and berries will quickly be stripped from hedges by these hungry birds. Redwings and fieldfares also feed on worms and other soil invertebrates, so long as the ground is not too hard, either from frost or drought. Once our berries have gone, the birds will continue southwards, stopping wherever they find supplies of berries. October is traditionally a colourful month, as leaves turn from green to

yellow, yellows, browns and reds before falling. We find it easier to watch finches and other small birds, as they can no longer hide from view as easily as they did in summer. Another tradition that has developed in recent years is the Fungus Foray, and we will be hosting one on Sunday 4 October. Mushrooms and toadstools may be mysterious, and have been associated with good and evil practices. Some are good to eat, some are not, but which is which? Local expert Alan Robbins will lead our event – join us to find out more. We have seven events in October, all beginning at the Holywell Lake car park. Where requested, please phone 01954 233260 to book your places. Charges are £4 per person (£2 RSPB members, £1 children) unless stated.

4th 1-4pm Fungus Foray – find out what is tasty, tough or toxic.

4th 6-8pm Evening rush hour – watch the spectacle from the car park. Free event, bring a torch.

8th 10am-12.30pm Migration Watch – looking for birds on the move

21st 10am-12.30pm Migration Watch – looking for birds on the move

24th noon-4pm Feed the Birds Day – make a bird cake (family event, free)

29th 10am-4pm Willow weaving workshop – please book. Create your own masterpiece with willow harvested from Fen Drayton Lakes. Bring a packed lunch. Cost: £15 (RSPB members £10, children £7)

30th 10.30am-12.30pm Natural Art – please book. Collect leaves and other natural items and make a picture. Children £2, Wildlife Explorer members £1, adults free.

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CLUB NEWS

FENSTANTON W.I.

On Thursday September 3rd we had a demonstration of Chinese Brush Painting by Mrs. Claire Seaton. First, Claire showed us some slides to explain the symbolism of Chinese Art and how it developed through the ages. In the Jin Dynasty 265 – 420 AD the paintings were all on silk and they did not use perspective. Later the gong-bi style paintings were very meticulous and carefully executed whilst the xie-gi style meaning one breath was more spontaneous. Literally take in a deep breath and paint. Plum blossom surprisingly symbolises Winter whilst Chrysanthemums symbolise Autumn and the age of retirement. Claire demonstrated two paintings. The first was a simple spray of Orchids and then a teapot with Chrysanthemums. Like the Chinese, Claire ground down the black ink from inkstone. We were all given the four treasures; black ink, orange ink, brushes and grasspaper and were invited to have a go. It didn't look too difficult especially when we were told that the Chinese describe a mistake as a happy accident. We had many happy accidents! It was great fun. Rhona very cleverly changed an accidental blob of ink into a spider coming to rest amongst her Chrysanthemums. Daphne Loveday gave the vote of thanks saying how much we had all enjoyed the experience. We were delighted to welcome four visitors and we hope they will come again. We are a lively, friendly group and if you would like to meet new people please come along. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information please phone our secretary

Beryl Harvey on (01480) 469278.

Future Events

1st October General Meeting followed by History of R.A.F. Wyton and the Pathfinder Force by Sqn. Ldr. Kevin Dalley (Rtd). This is an open meeting so any who are interested please come along for 8.00pm. 5th November The Life of a Racehorse by Mr. Geoff Evans. 3rd December Christmas Celebrations We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or for more information please ring our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

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becca.reynolds76@btconnect.com.

TOTS PRAISE

Autumn will be nearly with us and we hope you will be too! October 27th 2009 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Hilton Parish Church. As always it's the last Tuesday of the month, Mothers and Toddlers, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Carers, come and enjoy a nice cup of coffee, a little chat (to catch up whilst the children settle) then songs, story, a bit of art work to take home and a few surprises (which all will enjoy). Look forward to meeting again!

FENSTANTON PRE SCHOOL

The staff would like to thank all those of you who kindly gave us gifts & cards at the end of last term. It was very much appreciated, and we are pleased to report that all those children who have now started school wave very happily to us through the fence. Our Summer Fete was a huge success and great fun had by all. Thank you all for coming and supporting us we raised £369.29. We are extremely busy this term and have welcomed many new families to our group. We are currently, however, still able to meet the demand for places. Reminder: we take children's names on our waiting list from approx 18 months (this helps with forward planning) and they can join our group in the half term in which they become 3. For any further information, please telephone us on 01480-496156 between 8.30am and 3.30pm, term time. Thank you.

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Once again, it was interesting to observe that while the road was closed, HGV operators found an alternative route avoiding the B1040 through Hilton and after resurfacing was completed they did not immediately return to their favourite shortcut through our village. The Parish Council has once again applied to Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee for funding through the 2010/11 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme. HAT put forward separate justifications for additional traffic calming in Graveley Way and Potton Road. Traffic Engineers will assess and evaluate applications using a points system designed to score each scheme's contribution to Road Safety, Environment, Speed, Traffic Flow, Walking, Cycling, and Public Transport. Costed projects will then be reported back to the Joint Committee.

There is fierce competition for the very limited funds available within this scheme – last year the Joint Committee approved 5 out of a total of 51 bids from towns and villages in our area. A decision on this year's applications is expected by the end of October.

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We hope to keep the club going but at the moment we are like a ship without a sail. If there is someone in the village who think they could help, please contact 01480 384977.



In October, the club will celebrate its 60th anniversary. On 21st October we will hold an open invitation to members past and present for a small celebratory afternoon get together. Please join us if you are able. We look forward to seeing some old friends.

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FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

We had a beautiful sunny day on Saturday 5th September for the 1st half of finals "weekend"

It started at 10.30 with 2 singles matches. Roger (White) won the men's 2 wood singles in a very close match against Harvey (Loveday) and his wife Janice won the ladies 2 wood singles again a very close match against Margaret (Guthrie) well done to both of them.

The afternoon started at 2pm with 4 matches. We then all sat down at about 5.30pm to Pimms, Pate, Cheese and Crusty Bread, Lovely!!

Sunday started in the morning at 11am with the ladies 4 wood singles, another very close game, won by Janice over Margaret we returned after lunch at 3.30pm for the final match of mixed pairs.

Finally a scrummy tea (only time I get to eat home made cakes!)

My thanks to Pam (Hucklesby) for a very professional and friendly finals weekend.

The full results are as follows.

Men's 2 wood Singles --- Roger White bt Harvey Loveday

Ladies 2 Wood Singles --- Janice White bt Margaret Guthrie

Men's 4 Wood Singles --- Nigel Pratt bt Roger White

Mixed 4 Wood Singles --- Harvey Loveday bt Ben Turner

Hetheron Trophy --- Gill Burgess bt Brian Curry

Men's 4 Wood Pairs --- Peter Taylor/Roger White bt Pat Gilbert/John Guthrie

Ladies 4 Wood Pairs --- Daphne Loveday/Margaret Guthrie bt Val Spain/Joan Weston

Ladies 4 Wood Singles --- Janice White bt Margaret Guthrie

Mixed 4 Wood Pairs --- Janice White/Roger White bt John Guthrie/Val Spain



My congratulations go to all the winners but especially to Janice and Roger (White) who had an exceptional weekend, a great asset to the club.

On a social note our congratulations go to Jane and Ernie who were married on Saturday 22nd August well done.

Don't forget AGM on Thursday 22 October 2009 at 7.30pm at the Church Centre. Any proposals to me please ASAP.

Also Presentation Dinner is on Saturday 7th November 2009 at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives. Please let Janet (Hinson) know if you have not already put your name on the list at the clubhouse, if you want to come, Details from Janet.

Our teams finished as follows:-

Men's League – Champions Division 3.

Ladies Blue Team - Stay in Division 1

Ladies Red Team – In Division 4 next year.

Cambs & District – In Division 4 next year.

Over sixty's – In Division 4 next year.

I wish all those who play indoors good luck. Another season over I look "4 wood" to 2010

Remember Line, Length and Luck.

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

We are now well into autumn but there is still plenty to do in the garden with all that tidying and planning for next year!

As you may well be getting bonfires ready for Guy Fawkes on November 5th please do check that no hedgehogs have taken up residence for the winter.

Looking further ahead, the committee will soon be considering the schedule for next year and next July's Produce Show. So, if you have any burning issues, don't hesitate to contact us in the usual way.

Herbie's tips of the month

- * October means readying the garden and vegetable plot for winter and next year.

- * Dig over any empty areas of soil before winter rains set in.

- * Tidy up by raking up fallen leaves from trees, shrubs and deciduous plants. Pile them up for leaf mould.

- * Tidy roses by pruning 15-23 cms/6-9 ins back from the tips – do NOT hard prune them.

- * I have two borders of Hostas that need to have dead leaves and flower stems removed as they are underplanted with snowdrops, crocus, scillas, and dwarf daffodils, which will give a colourful display until the hostas regrow.

- * Check that fences, arches, trellis and any stakes are secure before the autumn gales.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

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

HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee's AGM was held on the 8th of September at the Village Hall and was well attended. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us on the evening. The AGM does allow some reflection on how not only the week itself went but also a chance to review the other events that took place during the year. It is very apparent that without the continued support of the various fund raising events that take place over the course of the year Feast Week itself could not take place.

The good news is that there was a modest surplus over the year and that there is a vibrant committee in place to take forward Feast Week. This year Peter and Andy have stepped down from the committee and 3 villagers have joined for the first time, namely Keith Miller, Gill Gill and Hilary Holmes. This will allow a good mix of experienced heads and newcomers to take the event forward with Justo Perez taking on the role of Chair.

The new committee will be meeting soon to plan out the next series of fund raising events and these will start to be notified soon.

The need for a couple of people to take on the responsibilities for Sports Day remains and if you would like to become involved in that please do let Justo know on 831106 or by email at maftel@aol.com The committee would like to extend the deadline for entries to the photo competition. Please could we have your photos encapsulating the spirit of Feast Week sent to Justo at maftel@aol.com and if yours is the winner it can grace the cover of next years Feast Week Programme.

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In the meantime the committee would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who has been involved in helping them throughout the last 12 months in ensuring that Feast Week and the fund raising events were so successful.

Updates on Feast Week can be found at www.hilton-village.com

The new committee details are as follows:

Chairman: Justo Perez 831106

Vice Chair: Sara Sampson 830383

Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin 830481

Secretary: Tracy Wilkinson 831302

Other committee members:

Craig Sutherland, Gill Gill, Hilary Holmes, Keith Miller, Adrian Snooke, Ett McCarthy, Sharon Walker

SCOUTS

Young Leader Vacancies

We currently have the opportunity for two young people (aged 14-15) to join our seven Young Leaders, perhaps to carry out relevant elements of a Duke of Edinburgh Award or simply because they would like to help local boys and girls make the most of scouting. Fun and adventure guaranteed!

No previous experience is required as full training and support will be given. For more information simply visit our website at www.scubes.co.uk - the "Explorers and YLS" section.

Beaver Scout Waiting Lists

Our annual reminder that boys and girls maybe placed on our waiting list from the age of 4, and as we are so popular it is

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something we recommend you do to increase your child's chance of being offered a place in due course. Beaver Scouts normally join us aged 6. Simply visit our website at www.scubes.co.uk - the "How to Join" section.

Remembrance 2009

After much discussion (and as a result of our growing numbers and the enthusiasm of Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families to be involved) we will be taking part as usual but in a slightly different way. We will be using the Fenstanton United Reformed Church building for an event and then joining the congregation from the Parish Church service at the War Memorial as usual. Full details will be provided to the families of the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to explain exactly what we will be doing.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank John Deeks, who has kindly offered to help the Scout Troop as they find out about the men behind the names on the Fenstanton Memorial as part of our preparations.

Come and join the fun

Want to do something for you, but that will make a difference to others? Then why not come and join the fun? Whether you can offer a few hours a year or a few hours a week there is bound to be something you can help with. We're always looking for adults (aged 18 or over) to help at meetings, with fundraising or as leaders. So what are YOU waiting for? Stop thinking about it and come and see what's involved. Remember it's all about what you can do, not what you can't

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HILTON FLOWER CLUB

A good gathering for the start of the Autumn session, when we welcomed back Monica with her demo, titled "Mish and Mash ". This proved to be a most inspiring variety of arrangements.

We saw vibrant coloured flowers placed in glass containers, very simple but result stunning, very economical! Another tip was the use of foliage used in contemporary work, quite intriguing to see and learn about. A very cheery social afternoon, lots of information, laughs and good raffle prizes. We are sorry it was Monica's "Swan-Song" a big thank you.

NEXT MEETING: October 5th D.I.Y.
Beverley has given us all oasis and instructions, so it is up to us ENJOY!
FUTURE: November 2nd CHRISTMAS JOY with LESLEY BEETON

WILDLIFE TRUST

The next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, will be held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton. This month, Martin Baker will offer us an illustrated talk on the Living Landscape Project in Cambridgeshire.



Martin has been Conservation Manager for the Wildlife Trust in Cambridgeshire since 2001, and has previously worked in conservation with the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, as well as working as a warden on the Farne Islands, the Chilterns and in Hampshire.

Martin has a broad interest in flora and fauna, but his predominant concern is in achieving conservation on a large scale throughout the UK. Martin will explain the Trust's vision of habitat restoration and creation by connecting previously isolated areas of habitat, such as woodlands, wetlands and meadowlands, thereby creating large linking corridors where wildlife can develop naturally.

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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FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

Fenstanton Cricket Club has gone from strength to strength since the last Spectrum account in May. Indeed the team have chalked up FOUR whole victories in that time and STILL have a (mathematical) chance of avoiding relegation!

Late May saw a first triumph of the season over a fairly embryonic Sutton team: Moody's 57 was instrumental as Fenstanton bullied their way to victory Sutton's toddlers to provoke wild scenes of jubilation as well as an NSPCC investigation. Normal service was resumed over the next fortnight as Fenny fell to home defeats versus first Burwell and then Littleport with the team only taking scant solace from Mike's 85 in the first game and Brett's 54 in the second. Both games did, however, feature excellent teas courtesy of skipper Roger and Moody (well, obviously not them but their good ladies) The second victory of the season occurred at Over as a team cruelly deprived of star all-rounder Mike and skipper Roger contrived to win by 73 runs. Andy took charge of more than just the lawn mower as his stand-in captain's innings of 58 set up a challenging total which might have been even higher had Brett – going well on 28 – not got himself out for handball (law 33)! Sadly Brett was unable to take any revenge with the ball as his bowling was rubbish, so it was left to Sean and Moody to take the necessary wickets though Fenny did surprise themselves and the cricketing world in general with two (count them - TWO) run-outs. Two defeats then followed at the hands of league leaders Soham (whom Fenny did at least bowl out) and City Of Ely

(whom they didn't!). Fraser dismissed the entire Soham middle order single-handed and then top-scored with the bat – a bit of a wasted effort with the benefit of hindsight. Likewise Brett's tail-end batting and catching proved just as futile in Ely.

Fenstanton then recorded back-to-back wins over child-heavy Sutton and equally youthful Burwell. Sutton's team was so young that Mike's teas should have consisted of rusks rather than sandwiches and his batting showed just as much compassion as he thrashed the kids for 86. Will and Moody also bagged half-centuries as Fenny set an orgasmic total of 264 which proved too much for Sutton who were all out for 86 and disappeared to watch CBeebies. A damp low-scoring affair at leafy Burwell followed with a vaguely competent Fenstanton fielding display restricting the home side to 95 before the batsmen made a determined effort to create tension by throwing away six wickets before stumbling to 96.

And that's been that for Fenstanton victories; since then some dire batting displays (55, 0 – we didn't turn up, 99 and 73) have led to four successive defeats and the potential comfort of a 2010 promotion campaign. Mike's award of the Hunts Post Cricketer Of The Month for July was a pleasant surprise though Mike's printed assertion that it was because of the team's efforts should instead have contained the word "despite". Any readers out there who have a vague knowledge of batsmanship, please, home your skills over the winter and then call Ronnie on 374858. Good teas and £8 for five hours of entertainment – you couldn't do better!

WHAT'S ON

October 2009

1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm
4th	Fungus Foray	Fen Drayton Lakes	1pm-4pm
4th	Evening Rush Hour	Fen Drayton Lakes	6pm-8pm
5th	Hilton Flower Club	Please call 830363 for details	
7th	Over 60's Meeting	Please call 384977 for details	
7th	Fireworks @ Hemingford	London Rd, Nr St Ives Bridge	5pm
8th	Migration Watch	Fen Drayton Lakes	10-12.30pm
12th	Volunteer Open Day	Milton Children's Hospital	3pm-6pm
14th	Wildlife Trust Meeting	Brampton Memorial Hall	7.30pm
17th	Wine Tasting	Hilton Village Hall	7pm
21st	Migration Watch	Fen Drayton Lakes	10-12.30pm
21st	60th Anniversary Celebration	Over 60's Club	Afternoon
22nd	Bowls Club AGM	Fenstanton Church Centre	7.30pm
24th	Feed the Birds	Fen Drayton Lakes	12noon-4pm
24th	Family Fun Day	Cambridge Festival of Ideas	Call 01223 766766
27th	Tots Praise	Hilton Parish Church	1.30pm-2.30pm
29th	Willow Weaving Workshop	Fen Drayton Lakes	10am-4pm
30th	Natural Art	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.30pm-12.30pm

November 2009

2nd	Hilton Flower Club Meeting	Please call 830363 for details	
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Hall	8pm
7th	Bowls Club Presentation Dinner	Dolphin Hotel	TBA

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