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Fenstanton Surgery 01480461873  
Fenstanton Pharmacy 01480495159  
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St Ives RBL Women's Section 01480380882

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## LETTERS & NOTICES

### Calling all dog walkers!

We have a large number of dog walkers in the village who use the same footpaths and fields on a regular basis.

It therefore seems like a good idea to get together once a week for a social gathering of owners and hounds whilst we go about our dutiful business of 'walkies'.

To keep things simple I would suggest that all those interested meet up at the wooden bridge (entrance to Fenstanton cricket field) on **Saturday 10th October at 10.30am**. Plan would be to walk alongside the brook to the river and across the fields to the Fen and then back to the village (approx. 1 hour) - dependent of course on walking speed and the number of sniffs our canine friends decide to take along the way!

To make things a little more exciting I will readily dispense free Toffee Crisps to the first three attendees on the day and of course biscuits to their pooches.

Hopefully this idea meets with success, and we can make this a regular event.

PS...this gathering will involve no annual subscriptions, form filling, or health and Safety rules...we just need you to bring your camaraderie and spirit of adventure to the fold.

*Shaun and Kodi (01480 463276)*

### The Fenstanton Town Trust

The Trust dates back to the time of Queen Elizabeth 1 to help the villagers of Fenstanton. If you know of anyone residing in the village who would benefit by receiving financial help from the trust, please apply to the clerk of the trustees.

All applications will be looked at and treated in confidence.

Clerk of the Trustees: a former resident of Fenstanton,  
Mrs A Sinclair-Russell, Oakwood,  
West Park Street, Chatteris,  
West Cambs, PE16 6AL

### The Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust

This Trust was founded in 1728 by the will of Joseph Ellis. The objective of the Trust is to assist students who are residents of Fenstanton & Fen Drayton with the purchase of books for their further/higher education. If you would appreciate help then apply to this Trust. The fund is not a large one, but every little helps. Any student interested should apply in writing to the clerk of the trustees.

All correspondence is in strict confidence.

Clerk of the Trustees:  
Mrs C Collison, Holly Lodge,  
The Fen, Fenstanton, PE28 9JT



## **Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Panel** **at Addenbrooks, Cambridge**

I work at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge and co-ordinate a voluntary group known as the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Panel. We are currently pushing to try and recruit more members to expand the panel and some of our current members suggested that we try getting the word out to local parish newsletters and groups.

The panel is currently made up of 35 volunteers who get involved in and offer feedback on research, as lay-people as a vital, and expected part of the research that the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funds across our Cambridge University Hospital (CUH) site. Usually this work will involve being sent research documentation from researchers working here at CUH and being asked to reflect on it, review its accessibility and help develop the study from a lay-perspective. Occasionally we also run events for members of the group which may involve sessions held by researchers here and some training.

No experience is necessary to join and we are looking for people of all ages and from all backgrounds. There is never any obligation to take part in reviewing a particular study and almost all of the work will be conducted via email or post so no travel is necessarily required. When new members join we use a questionnaire to assess particular areas of interest to them so that we can match work they will hopefully find interesting and rewarding to be a part of. As we look to boost the profile of the panel we eventually hope to also be able to offer panel members opportunities to get involved in priority setting and steering groups.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in?  
I can provide more information if necessary.

Charles Smith  
Patient & Public Involvement Officer

NIHR Rare Diseases Translational Research Collaboration  
Barton House, Level 5, Box 406, Cambridge Biomedical Campus  
Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 0QQ, Tel: 01223 254620

### **A Prayer For Harvest Time:**

We bring before you our modest gifts, like tiny seeds,  
not knowing what fruits you may bring out of them.

We wait before you asking that our hands and gifts,  
offered in your service, will make a difference to the world beyond all our imaginings. In the name of Jesus, who once was weak and now is exalted.



## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting - September 10th

**Police report:** during the months of June and July, the latest information available, the following crimes and incidents were reported: 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 5 incidents of burglary; 3 incidents of criminal damage; 1 incident of other crime; 1 incident of other theft; 1 incident of public order; 2 incidents of violence; 1 incident of shoplifting.

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police telephone 101, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Chief Inspector Hunt attended the meeting and gave a comprehensive report of the Constabulary's current situation regarding policing. The meeting was advised that crimes are now prioritised which leads to some crimes receiving minimal investigation. Members expressed concern at this development in Police policy.

**Wiser Recycling unwanted electrical items collection:** the next Wiser Recycling collection of unwanted electrical equipment has been re-arranged and will now take place on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Proposed move to a new premises and branch modernization for Fenstanton Post Office:** the Post Office has advised the Parish Council that the proposed new operator has decided not to progress their application to operate the branch. The branch will, therefore, continue to operate from the current location for the time being. However, the Post Office added that they may carry out a further local public consultation on another location in the near future.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the public and press are welcome.

The minutes of previous meetings are available on the Village website or via the Clerk.

### **WORK AID**

If you are sorting out your shed or workshop and have any tools surplus to your requirements - donate them to WORK AID - we are having a collection of tools, sewing machines....anything which might be of use, when renovated, to someone else.

Please bring them along to:

**FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,  
Chequer Street,  
on Saturday 3rd October between  
10.00am and 1.00pm**

**Defibrillator:** The possibility of a village defibrillator was discussed further by councillors with additional information on its practical use, statistical use, suggested external locations and approximate costs. Volunteer “guardians” would be required to maintain the equipment.

**Rural Housing Exception Scheme:** Mr Frank Mastrandrea (HDC) outlined the Rural Exception Scheme to Councillors including a questions and answers session. The scheme has been running for twenty years and permits small housing development (in association with a local housing association) on land that would not normally be released for commercial housing. The starting point of any such development is the completion of a village-wide survey to ascertain if a viable need exists amongst residents. The PC would not be responsible for the survey. The previous survey was undertaken in 2009 and HDC hopes that the HPC will support another survey.

**A14 Update:** The Working Group (WG) had met many times since the last PC meeting including meetings with Highways England (HG) and their specialist consultants to discuss noise, air pollution and visual intrusion. We submitted our own commissioned sound report to the planning inspectorate and HE. This was backed up by a further detailed submission following a response from HE to our report. Our findings and the resulting level of mitigation suggested is still at odds with the recommendations proposed by HE. We will continue to press the case for appropriate levels of mitigation.

After much discussion the PC has signed a “Statement of Common Ground” to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

**Beacon:** The WG met in August and have reviewed the existing PC beacon. The desire is to revise the beacon design, more in keeping with the temporary intent, by utilising a tripod design. Two options are currently under discussion: a bespoke tripod or a “standard design” as used at recent national beacon chain events. Purchase costs for the two suggestions appear to be similar.

**The Green:** A small amount of immediate tree work was agreed and the PC will be taking a more active role in the agreed use of the football pitch, with weekly inspection to assess its suitability for the proceeding day’s matches. A draft letter to be sent to households adjoining The Green was read out and accepted. The letter confirms the PC’s claim on the land and its associated management.

**Draft Minutes:** It was agreed that draft minutes of Parish Council meetings will be published no later than 1 week prior to the next meeting. This will start from after the September meeting for a trial period of 3 months.

**Old Goalposts:** Councillors agreed to scrap the old goalposts. These are the full sized units that have been redundant since the purchase of the “junior” goal post.

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The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that the content must be related to an item on the agenda published in advance.

Notice of agendas, minutes of meetings and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; [www.hilton-pc.co.uk](http://www.hilton-pc.co.uk) and on the village noticeboards. You can contact our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez at [hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonparishclerk@gmail.com)

## WEATHER WATCH

What sort of summer do you think we had? The answer to this question very much depends on where you live in the UK. Scotland has been often cool and wet and rainfall amounts in England and Wales have generally been above average. On the other hand, much of mainland Europe experienced prolonged spells of very warm or hot conditions, which were still continuing at the end of August. East Anglia and South East England were on the fringe of the European heat wave with only brief incursions of the heat, the most notable being on 1st July when a new record high for a July day was set with 36.7C (98.1F) at Heathrow. My gauge recorded 34.7C (94.5F). I was on holiday in South West Ireland at the time and the warm air crossing the Atlantic produced thick fog and drizzle and a temperature around 20C (68F)!

In our part of England nearly two thirds of the days in the three Summer months reached 21C (70F) which is very similar to the proportion in last years Summer. However, it was windier than usual with even a "Fen Blow" with winds gusting to 63mph occurring at the start of June. The final week of July was also generally cool and quite windy before calmer conditions allowed the night time temperature on the 31st to fall to 6.4C (43.2F) which is low for midsummer.

Rainfall amounts can vary appreciably within small distances due to the convective/thunderly nature of much of the rain in Summer. This is well illustrated when looking at 17th July. On that day Cambridge Botanical Gardens recorded 3.47" (89mm) during a violent thunderstorm with hail which caused widespread flooding. In Hilton there was no measurable rain that day, although there was a vivid electrical storm. Hilton missed most of the thunderstorms which crossed East Anglia this Summer, for the most part receiving small amounts of rain, which quickly evaporated as soon as the sun came out.

Looking at the Summer overall in our region, June was slightly cooler than normal but with lower than average rainfall. July was rather warm apart from the last week with above average rainfall, most of which fell on four days and August was changeable with lower than average rainfall before its total was boosted by a wet day (the August Bank Holiday) on the 31st.

In summary, in our region it may not have been an outstanding Summer, but over the years we have certainly had much poorer ones and it was appreciably better than in most other parts of the UK.

Hilton's rainfall total for the first six months of 2015 was just under 200mm. compared with an average of 254mm. for the same period during the last 5 years. These figures are provided by Gillian Sheail, who is Hilton's official rainfall recorder for local readings to the Met. Office.

As usual I will finish with a couple of informative items. The first concerns the clouds. If you have read "Hamlet" you may have noted the very basic descriptions for clouds used by Hamlet and Polonius in Shakespeare's play. It was not until 1803 that Luke Howard, a British amateur meteorologist, proposed that clouds be described in much the same way as had been previously devised and was already in use for animals and botanical groups. Latin was the language used. He devised three basic groups: cumulus (a lump or heap), stratus (a layer) and cirrus (a wisp or curl of cloud). These groups could be combined or further split to include secondary characteristics e.g.nimbus (rainbearing), fractus (broken) etc. Cumulonimbus is therefore a heaped cloud associated with storms and precipitation. The principles and descriptions proposed by Luke Howard were adopted and have endured to remain in use today.

Lastly on a different topic, when reference is made to "Dog Days" do you know how the expression came about? After originally emanating from the United States and relating to very warm weather persisting for four to six weeks in Summer, in Europe this period can start in early July and continue to mid August, and is often the period for the greatest frequency of thunderstorms. Named after Sirius, the Dog Star, which lies in conjunction with the sun during this period it was once believed to intensify the sun's heat during the Summer months.

***Patrick Landucci***

## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - October

**Contact:** Sandy Monk (01480 830273), email: [sandy.monk@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.monk@btinternet.com)  
and Heather Woods (830686), email: [ianwoods1992@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwoods1992@btinternet.com)

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| <b>4th</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | Local Arrangement.  |
| <b>11th</b> | <b>11.15am</b> | <b>Harvest Festival</b> – United service in the Chapel, followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the hall. All contributions from our service to be donated to charity. |
| <b>18th</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | Mrs Leonore Charlton  |
| <b>25th</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | Rev. Pam Siddall - Holy Communion Service.  |



### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, October 3rd 10.00am until 12.00noon.**

Come along and have a drink and biscuit and a chat. There will be the usual mix of foodstuffs and gifts from Just Sharing in St Ives, for you to look at and maybe buy. Proceeds from the goods go to Fair Trade and those from our refreshments are donated to East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

We do appreciate the support we are given, as do the charities.

## The Bridge Church

### Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities

[www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)

Sunday Service: 10.30am at the St Ivo School, High Leys, St Ives, PE27 6RR.

Come for some lively worship, hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives. We also meet in small groups during the week, where we can build friendships and grow together in our faith.

We hold a:

- Monthly church prayer meeting.
- Men's prayer meeting early each Friday morning.
- Youth group for 11-18 year olds, Friday nights in term-time, 7.00-9.00pm.
- Chess and Games Club, 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month.
- Babies and Toddlers group, 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time.
- Bridge and Craft Clubs meet, 2.00pm on alternate Thursday afternoons.
- A woman's weekly bible study group meets on Tuesdays.

We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801 (Tuesday to Friday).

'Children's Church' at the Bridge Church is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15am on a Sunday morning at St. Ivo School?

## FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—OCTOBER

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| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>                                      |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (15 mins)   |
| Fenstanton  | 3.30pm  | Jaffa club   |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 7.30pm  | Teenage Christians, Church Centre  |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity 18</b>                             |         |  |
| Hilton  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion (BCP)   |
| Fenstanton  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion with Sunday Club.<br><b>Back to Church Sunday I</b>   |
| Hilton  | 10.00am | Children's Church  |
| Fenstanton  | 12.30pm | Baptism: A Denby and E Lee   |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>                                      |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (15 mins)   |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Trinity 19</b>                            |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 10.00am | Worship for All<br><b>Back to Church Sunday II</b>   |
| Hilton  | 11.15am | United Harvest Service in Methodist Chapel with Sunday Club in school room. Followed by Bring & Share Brunch – do join us! |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>                                     |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (15 mins)   |
| Fenstanton  | 3.30pm  | Jaffa Club   |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>                                       |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 7.30pm  | Teenage Christians, Church Centre  |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke (Trinity 20)</b>                  |         |  |
| Godmanchester   | 9.30am  | Joint Service Hilton & GMC in Godmanchester – <b>NOTE TIME!</b>  |
| Fenstanton  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, with Sunday Club & Prayer for Healing  |
| Fenstanton  | 6.00pm  | Evensong   |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>                                     |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (15 mins)   |
| <b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>                                     |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 7.00pm  | Huntingdonshire Guitar Ensemble Concert in aid of the Capability Brown 300 (CB300) celebrations                            |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Last after Trinity &amp; Bible Sunday</b> |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 9.30am  | Family Communion with baptism – Kunashe Nyajeka  |
| Hilton  | 11.15am | Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am  |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>                                       |         |  |
| Hilton  | 1.30pm  | Tots' Praise   |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>                                     |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer (15 mins)   |
| <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>                                     |         |  |
| Fenstanton  | 11.00am | All Souls  |

**Contact information:**

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

For **Fenstanton**: Rev'd Dr Robin McKenzie on 01480 466162 or [mckenzie\\_robin@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie_robin@hotmail.com) (baptisms, and matters of pastoral concern). Robin is usually available Thursday, Friday, and Sunday on parish business (urgent pastoral concerns at any time though); The Vicarage, Fenstanton, just next to Fenstanton Parish Church (opposite the entrance to the car park).

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund [FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com), or Niki Whitby 01480 370973 (weddings), or Josie Charter 01480 351059 (Fenstanton Welcome Pack), or Philip Blunt 01480 461751 (general enquiries).

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook

**Thanks and Invitation: Fenstanton Parish Church**

Thank you for all who have contributed to our house to house collection (still ongoing at the time of writing) for our Restoration Fund. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain the building for our community and the generations to come.

Our services in the Parish Church are always open services, which means that anyone can come in. I have a clutch of conversations each year where the person wishes they could come to church more regularly. I recognise that these are heartfelt wishes.

To help us to help you, each year we have a Back to Church Sunday, where we invite our family, friends, or neighbours to come to church with us. Even if you do not receive an invitation, you are welcome to come. This year we are holding two Back to Church Sundays to cover our different styles of worship.

**Sunday 4th October** at 9.30am, Holy Communion.

The service has a more formal feel, though is not stuffy. It will last for about an hour and ten minutes. We all start in church, then the children have their own activities in the adjacent Church Centre.

**Sunday 11th October** at 10.00am, Worship for All.

This has a more relaxed feel, when children and adults worship together. There is a supervised activity table for children, and an infants' play area. The service lasts 40 to 50 minutes.

In church we have a toilet and baby changing facility. We serve excellent coffee after, often with cake, where we take time to chat together. Whether you have come to church before, or whether you wish to come and try us out, then you are very welcome.

Every blessing,

Revd Dr Robin McKenzie, Priest in Charge, Fenstanton, (01480 466162)

**TOTS PRAISE (0- 5year olds) - HILTON**



We will be in the Parish Church in Hilton from 1.30pm on Monday 26th October. We hope to see Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and Tots for an hour of songs, stories and activities and drinks and hula hoops.

Contact Linda (830660), Laura (839110) or Mrs P (830155)

## FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE RENOVATION APPEAL



### Forthcoming events:

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – A Taste of India Evening**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Mulled Wine Evening**

If you would like further information on any of the forthcoming events or you would like to donate to our appeal you can contact Ian Hucklesby, 38 Walnut Tree Crescent, Fenstanton - Tel No. 01480 465211 (or alternatively you can email us at [churchcentre@outlook.com](mailto:churchcentre@outlook.com)), or you can send any donations via online banking; Account No. 93186830 / Sort Code 20-43-63.

### **The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW**

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm**

**and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**St Ives**, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

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

### **'Dessert Island Discs'**

**October 10th at The Church of Sacred Heart starting at 7.00pm.**

An Evening with a difference eight well known people will select their favourite piece of music, talk about it and then the music will be played. A selection of hot and cold puddings will be served throughout the evening.

Tickets: £10, from Kathy Bishop 01480 214 524.

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH—OCTOBER

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

**Fenstanton United Reformed Church**

**is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.**

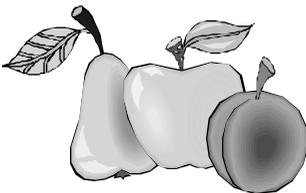
**Contact Revd Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058**

**or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535**

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|------|--------|--|
| 4th  | 9.30am | Rev Derek Newton - <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> |
|      | 3.00pm | Harvest Praise                             |
| 11th | 9.30am | Rev Catherine ball - <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> |
|      | 6.00pm | Jo Dyke                                    |
| 18th | 9.30am | Rev Catherine Ball                         |
| 25th | 9.30am | Keith Cakebread                            |

### OTHER EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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| Sat   | 3rd         | 5.30pm  | Harvest Supper                         |
| Tues  | 13th & 27th | 10.00am | Knitters & Natters,<br>and Jigsaw Swop |
| Tues  | 6th         | 10.00am | Coffee and Chat                        |
| Tues  | 13th        | 2.30pm  | Meditation                             |
| Thurs | every       | 10.00am | Sewing Bee                             |
| Sat   | 17th        | 9.30am  | Book Sale                              |
| Tues  | 20th        | 11.30am | Lunch Club                             |



## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHEQUER STREET

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am**  
**& HARVEST PRAISE at 3.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME TO COME AND SHARE THESE  
CELEBRATIONS WITH US**

## SHOE BOX APPEAL

It is that time of year when my house starts to look like a warehouse. It is the beginning of the 'Love in a Box' collection. Many people have given me empty shoe boxes ready for wrapping, so now it is time to start filling them. As many of you know I have collected for this charity for many years. So if anyone would like to help to fill boxes or donate items I would be most grateful.

Items required are flannel, soap, toothbrush and paste, note book, pencils, pens, crayons, sharpeners, rubbers, toys (for BOYS playing cards, marbles, bubbles, dominoes, ball. Doll, jewellery, make-up, deodorant, shampoo (for GIRLS), both have hats and gloves, a cuddly toy and a few sweets.

We also ask for a donation of £3 towards the transport costs. The boxes are taken by volunteers who give their time free of charge. This year the boxes are going to Moldova.

Wrapped boxes are available from the United Reformed Church please help yourselves or call at my house (details below).

The closing date for full boxes is 28th October.

May I thank each and everyone of you for your generosity, I could not do this without you all.

*Jenny, 13 Little Moor, Fenstanton (01480 464939)*



## THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Unfortunately we did not have the pleasure of hearing Mr Kennedy the Irish singer due to a bereavement but he will be coming to our group next year. Instead, we enjoyed Bingo and also heard about the professions of some of our members.

Do you know what a coder does within the National Health Service? Come along and find out and learn more interesting facts about our members.

Fourteen members went to the Windmill Somersham for lunch for our second meeting in August. We had a very enjoyable time, the food and the company was excellent

### Future meeting

**October 14th:** Peter Jackson from Scotsdale Garden Centre will talk to us. If you would like to know more about what to do in your garden for the autumn, do come and join us. Now is the time of year to arrange what we will be doing during our meetings in 2016. I would appreciate any suggestions. The group has grown but we could still do with more members.

Thanks to all who support us. We meet alternate Wednesdays, at 2.00pm at the URC, Chequers Street

**Marie Newns 01480 350677**



**The Wyton & Brampton Military Wives Choir** visited Fenstanton United Reformed Church on Saturday 12th September. Two Fenstanton ladies, Alison Carrington and Susan Kearns, accompanied by Patricia Skinner, contributed solos and duets. Overall it was an excellent evening and very much enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience.



Some of the choir and their conductor with the soloists and their pianist



Members of the choir and audience enjoying refreshments in the interval

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On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, more than 15 groups of keen cyclists donned their helmets and rode along a route for the annual Cycle Treasure Hunt.

Early on Sunday, Jane Blunt, Chairwoman of the Fenstanton Village Hall Trust, and her team set up tables and gazebos at the



## Fenstanton Village Cycle Treasure Hunt

Tudor Hotel. They were ready to receive the groups of cyclists, young and old, looking forward to spending a day out in the open air, with the blazing sun and cloudless sky watching over them. “The most rewarding part for me and the rest of the team has got to be seeing people enjoy a day out with family and friends in such nice weather,” Jane said. She also discussed how taking part in the Treasure Hunt has quite a few advantages: “For one, you support the Village Hall Trust in raising funds, you spend time with family and friends, and you keep fit”.

The Crocker family were one of the groups taking part in the event: Simon, Karina, Mia and Jesse (pictured) all agreed that it was a fantastic day out

**Matt Morris\***

(\*Matt has agreed to report on village events - Hilton or Fenstanton - for Spectrum, if you would like him to come to anything you are organising, please contact Spectrum)

## CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDENS

### Hot Plants!



Earlier this summer thousands came to witness the dramatic flowering of one of the Garden's rarities, a titan arum from the rainforests of Sumatra. Also known as the corpse flower for the stink of rotting meat it emits in flower, the titan arum produces one of the largest single flowering structures in the world – ours reached 130cm and this was tiny compared to others! The dramatic structure is not actually a flower at all, but an inflorescence, comprising a central, spike-like spadix, surrounded by a frilly, funnel-shaped spathe. At its base, the spathe, really a highly modified leaf, forms a protective chamber enclosing thousands of actual flowers. These are arranged in rings; the lower rings of female flowers open on the first night of full flowering and the upper rings of male flowers open on the second night.

Thermal image showing the tip of the Spadix beginning to heat up

## Hot Plants! (continued)

When the female flowers are ready for pollination, the spadix heats up through a series of chemical reactions – a process known as thermogenesis. As night falls, temperatures in the middle of the structure can reach 40°C, which is higher than human body temperature. The heat helps to distribute sulphurous compounds – the atrocious stench for which it is famous – across vast distances to lure its pollinators, thought to be carrion beetles and blow flies. With the help of volcanologist Dr Clive Oppenheimer and his phenomenal thermal imaging camera, we were able to record the titan arum heating up over the course of its two-night flowering and a sequence of remarkable images clearly shows the spadix heating up from the tip downwards, rather like a Star Wars lightsaber but in reverse!

This ability to self-generate heat is not unique to the titan arum but is seen in quite a number of plants. Heating up helps the plant to disperse the smells (chemical compounds) and it may also help cold-blooded insect pollinators get up to operating temperature. Our Santa Cruz waterlily in the Tropical Wetlands house also heats up to release its pineapple scent to lure in pollen beetles.

The Botanic Garden is open in Sept 10–6, Oct 10-5 and Nov – Dec 10-4. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden are as follows: - Adult: £5.00, adult Gift aid £5.50. Concession: £4.50, Gift aid concession £4.95. Please visit the website for details at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk)

### FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, was a glorious day for a cycle ride. Those that took part thoroughly enjoyed cycling or walking the three routes of the Cycle Treasure Hunt. We thank Tina Yates for setting the 15-mile route, where photographs were matched to sites identified on a map, and the Palmer family for setting the more usual question and answer 8-mile route. Julia Mitchell and Keith Page were the winners of the 15-mile route, the Nabeih family the winners of the 8-mile route and the Almond family the winners of the 2-mile route. The hot dogs were much appreciated by everyone. Despite the lovely day, cyclists taking part were down in numbers from last year, just 28 adults and 20 children. A big thank-you to them and to Mrs Ped Young for allowing us to use the area around The Tudor Thai. We hope for a better turn-out next year.

Our next fundraising event is on **8<sup>th</sup> December** for the **Christmas Lights Event** when Father Christmas switches on the lights on the Christmas tree at the Clock Tower and also draws the tickets in our very special **Christmas Draw**. Once again we will be serving mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cookies, the Scouts will be selling hot drinks and 'glow' items and doing activity games for children, and there will be a Christmas mini-market. If anyone would like to hold a stall on the night, please do get in touch on [fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com) or telephone 01480 461751. Remember that all this effort is to raise money to pay for the construction of a new village hall, do get in touch if you feel you could help us by selling Christmas Draw tickets on your street, at your place of work, or to any group to which you belong.

**Jane Blunt**

## FENSTANTON WI

On the 3rd September our speaker was Mr Gary O'Shea, his title was "Hazardous Occupations".

He told us that he had been a professional soldier and had served in the Falklands and Iraq.

On leaving the forces he looked for something that would use many of the skills he had learned. The result was that he joined International Rescue as a volunteer. This organisation goes to the sites of disasters anywhere in the world to help recover casualties and provide shelter where needed.

Often, the local customs mean that care and diplomacy are needed to work alongside the population.

One of Gary's jobs in Afghanistan was to negotiate with Tribal elders of the Taliban! He found that the best approach was to chat about families; something they had in common!

He was always conscious that a word in the wrong place might result in death.

International Rescue doesn't only go

to disasters in remote parts of the world but have been involved in search and rescue in this country too. Gary was an inspirational speaker who obviously is passionate about his voluntary work and conveys that to his audience.

### Future events:

#### **October 1st:**

Annual General Meeting

#### **November 5th;**

Scarf Tying by Mrs Mary Blackhurst-Hill

We are a lively, friendly group who meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January. If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our Secretary Deborah Markl on 01480 831320

## Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup

'Fenstanton Fireflies Playgroup' and are a friendly group running a weekly play session for children from birth to school age. We are open every **Wednesday (including school holidays), 10.00am - 12.00noon at the Church Centre.**

We would love to welcome any new faces so please feel free to come along and have a coffee.

The first session is free, £2.50 thereafter.

**Contact** Sarah on [Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Fenstantonfireflies@yahoo.co.uk) for any further information.



### **BABY CLINIC IN FENSTANTON**

The St. Ives Health Visitors run a baby clinic in the village, offering the chance for parents to have their babies weighed or to ask any questions. Sessions take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Church Centre, 10.00am - 11.00am. Please drop in or contact your usual health visitor if you would like further details.

1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group presents

**FAMILY**

# BINGO

17th October at the Church Centre



**Ticket price: Adult £10, Children £7.50, Family Ticket 2 Adults 2 Children £30. Children under 3 are free. The ticket price includes:**

**Bangers & Mash and Bingo with non cash prizes**

**Doors open at 6.30, eyes down at 6.45. Bring your own drinks of choice**

To book tickets call Rebecca Cumbers on 01480 496335 or Amanda Martin on 01480 380850

This event is fundraising for Cubjam 2010

## Fenstanton Places and Street Names Part 2:

**Church Lane**, a lane from the lower end of the village and as the name denotes, leading to the church.

**The Cemetery:** Being situated by the church, the field once called **Dove-cot Field** (now the cemetery) probably joined the **Bee-Garden Field** and formed part of the church property.



**Lands' End:** A lane leading from Honey Hill to the village, it once denoted the end of the enclosed land of the village, now known as 'ancient enclosures' the land beyond **Land's End** was open common. Lancelot Brown's 1777 map of Fenstanton shows all the land at the bottom of **Honey Hill as Fenstanton Green**. This land was lost to the village in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when it was enclosed for agriculture purposes.

**Hall Green Farm:** The name of the farm house, once known as '**The Hall**'. Gertrude Peet was unable to find any historical references to this hall. Although she did suspect that it was the site of the original Saxon village Manor House. However, Jack Dady believed that this honour belonged to the Gables.

Where the **Headlands estate** is now was originally named as '**Simmer Headland Field**'.

**Low Road:** A road rightly named as it is in the low marshy land near to the river and it is flooded in wet weather.

What is now the **London Road** was originally called the **Top Road** and ran parallel with **Low Road** leading to the **St Ives causeway** and was not subject to any serious flooding.

**Galley Hill:** The name Galley denotes a gallows and it was the hanging place used by the people of St Ives in whose parish it is.

**West End Farm:** As the name denotes 'beyond the village' a Weston or wash land a wilderness.

**The Park:** Originally part of the Oaklands estate this piece of land between the A14 and the slip road is still called **The Park** by natives of the village. In 1777 this piece of land was known as '**Spittle Furlong**' and this name would suggest that at one time this area was where Lepers were confined.

Noted in the local press in 1897

*At St Ives rural district council meeting Mr Barlow said that the Fenstanton pump was only about eight feet from the pond and every time cattle or horses went to the pond the water was stirred up and became black, and this water found its way into the well. If they cleaned out the well a dozen times they would never make him believe the water in that well would be good because the water would percolate through to the well*

John Deeks  
2015

## HILTON WI

Our trip to Lincoln was very interesting. The Cathedral was impressive and climbing up to the Castle ramparts was not for the faint-hearted!

The Celebration Tea Party for 100 years of the WI was held in our Village Hall on August 20th. We had a fantastic time, tables set with fine bone china, sandwiches, blinis, scones and cakes galore. All made by our members in true WI fashion with care and attention to detail. Phyllis Brookes was our guest of honour and Joan Wilding, our most senior member, cut the beautifully decorated cake. WI tradition and modern ideas blended together to make the perfect Tea Party.

We held an open meeting on September 14th when Michael Lewis came to tell about some of his experiences in the Parachute Regiment.

He joined the Army when he was only 17 years of age and spent 10 years living dangerously. He was sent on five tours of duty ending up near Helmand province to fight the ever present Taliban. As his platoon was only about 28 in number they had a very difficult task as there was always more of the Taliban than them. The heat was terrific: carrying a backpack and trying to keep their water and themselves cool was impossible.

Eventually they were trapped in a building; Michael and one of his group were injured. They were rescued by a brave medic who, with stretcher bearers, carried them to a Chinook helicopter and flew them to Camp Bastion, where they were

promptly treated by the fantastic doctors and nurses, which doubtless helped to save the injured man's arm.

He was flown back to England to Selly Oak hospital recuperate. He stayed at the hospital for about a year.

One day a British Legion man came to talk to him about his experiences and to tell him he was there to give as much help and support as he needed to live a different life. At the same time the man helped other service men who had been traumatised through injury like him. They help people by providing clothes and other amenities and also provide somewhere for relatives to stay and support their families.

So Michael decided to become an Ambassador for the British Legion and now he helps to fundraise by coming to talk to groups like us, organise walks and other activities to publicise what the British Legion can do to help our brave men and women when they return from active service to civilian life.

Our next meeting on October 12th is our AGM, so do come and have a natter and help make our evening both good business and a good social gathering. In the Village Hall at 7.30pm as usual.

We have a work shop on October 17th, Sian Fox on Christmas Food.

Another, different' workshop, is arranged for February 6th.

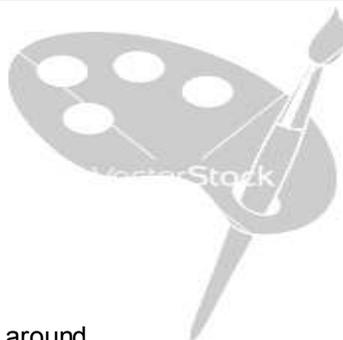
*Kath Charter.*

## HILTON ART CLUB

We have had a productive Summer, with the Feast Week Art Show, and outside visits to Houghton, Abbots Ripton and Brampton, as well as our village hall sessions.

In September, Sue Eddy was our tutor once again (we always enjoy her sessions!) for watercolours, acrylic inks and clingfilm.

**16<sup>th</sup> October:** 9.30am to 12.00 noon  
'Shades of Autumn'. A good opportunity to look around us and bring an autumnal set in to work from, or pick a suitable picture.



### Advance Notice

To give you the chance to save the date for your diaries, the Club are having an Acrylic Workshop led by Dorothy Dunnell on **20<sup>th</sup> November**. Non-members most welcome for a small charge of £5 (including refreshments), although this would be waived if you would like to be a member. Booking essential. Please ring Gina on 830696 or Diana on 831410.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE

#### Christmas Fayre in Hilton Church

**Saturday 28th November, from 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

Get your Christmas shopping done early! There will be stalls selling Christmas Gifts and Stocking Fillers as well as Teas & Coffees, a Raffle and activities for the children. Father Christmas will also be putting in an appearance during the course of the afternoon so come along and meet him. If you are interested in having a stall, we do have a couple of tables still available at a cost of £5 each

For further information,  
please contact Rachel Wood on 830866.

## HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 10.00 - 11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

**Contact** Kate Middleton on [ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ktmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk)



## The National Memorial Arboretum, near Lichfield Staffs.

This area of the Arboretum commemorates all the service personnel killed in action since the end of WWII in all fields of operation.



As we approach Remembrance Fortnight ending this year on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we would like to thank everyone's generosity over the last year and for your support of our memorial services as part of the Royal British Legion's "Every Man Remembered" tributes. This is when we remember the hundredth anniversary of Hilton villagers who died during the course of the Great War, 1914-1918. The first of these was Lenham Yates who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 then his brother, Bertram on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1915. Our next memorial is for Lenard Beck who was killed on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1915 and we will be remembering him during the morning service in the Parish church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We will be contacting the people who very kindly help to support the Royal British Legion by selling poppies around Hilton to confirm that they can help again this year.

If you would like to join us in ensuring that every house is visited during Poppy Fortnight please contact Hilton's Poppy Appeal Organisers:  
Margaret Shardlow (831 186) and Julie Briggs (830 580).

### **HILTON BRITISH LEGION**

As always we owe a huge thank you to all the fantastic people who knock on our doors to sell poppies during Remembrance Fortnight and we will soon be in touch hoping you can do so again this year.

If anyone would like to help please get in touch .

***The dates are from Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>.***

Remembrance Sunday is on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Julie (830580) & Margaret (831186)

## HILTON FEAST WEEK

Our AGM was held early September and it was good to see a number of new faces at the meeting. The committee was encouraged by the support given by the villagers attending and also to have an opportunity to share how Feast Week went and the work required to stage the event for our village.

Whilst no new Committee members came forward, a number of pledges of support were offered at the AGM. The committee understand that there may be a people willing to help, but they are unsure of the commitment they would have to give. Rest assured there are jobs for everyone ranging from an hour or so to as much time they can give. If there is anything you want to know about Feast Week, or if you are able to help, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member for further information. After all, many hands do actually make life easier!

We thanked Emma Payne and Emma Stubbs for all their help on the committee, they are standing down this year. Other roles have changed within the committee as well. For others, including myself, 2016 will be our last year.

A summary of the finances were presented to the meeting. Profit for the year was £751.95 (previous year £929.33). Profit was down mainly because of lower attendance at the various fund raisers throughout the year, and the bad weather on the Produce Show/Floats Day. However on a more positive note the overall Feast Week continues to remain financially healthy.

Cash at Bank: £129; Deposit Account: £5053.75; Balance: £5182.90

During the AGM it was explained that each year Feast Week should be financially self sufficient. However, it must be accepted that on occasion (eg: bad weather) a financial loss could occur. If a loss does occur the committee members are personally liable for the loss, this has never happened yet. The committee needs to meet that year's financial obligations. The cost of Feast Week is approximately £26000. So it is vital you support our fund raising events during the year.

Since the AGM two further questions have been asked:

### **Why do we continue to use the same suppliers?**

We have three core principles when it comes to choosing and using a supplier: Value for money, quality of service/product and the flexibility of supplier. We continue to consider different suppliers and have in recent years made changes. However there are a few we continue to use because they continue to meet the above principles where others could not at the time of being approached.

### **Do the committee members get a "float" of money which they can use for Feast Week?**

The answer is no. All expenditure incurred by Committee members has to be agreed by the committee and then claimed back by the Committee member who made the purchase (supported by receipts on a claim form). A number of other controls are also in place to safeguard the Village's money for example two signatories needed to operate the bank account. As a village we are very lucky that a number of suppliers, friends, families (and the Committee members) who work hard to keep our costs down. Examples of these are: the TV we purchased for this years raffle, the parents of one of our Committee members got discount on the TV via their employer and also donated a DVD player; a donation of a bike from another villager; and a number of cash donations from villagers and non-villagers alike.

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If you would like to help out as a FEAST WEEK HELPER, please contact myself or any of the committee to offer help with setting up events, or during Feast Week itself, for an event or an evening. We will be re-contacting last year's helpers again to ask if you are happy to continue and what you feel you may be able to do.

A massive thank you to the people without whom Feast Week 2015 wouldn't have happened, as we rely on so many people to help!

We will be supporting the Hilton Parish Council with the fireworks display on the 31st October 2015 (tbc) in the Wilderness, off the Green from 6.00pm, with the display at 7.00pm, by providing hot food and drinks. So please come along to support this excellent village event.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank-you to all of the Feast Week committee who have worked hard to pull all this together for our community. We as a village are so lucky to have such a great events for everyone to enjoy.

See the website at [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com) for all the latest events.

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| COMMITTEE MEMBERS: | CRAIG SUTHERLAND, GILL GILL,<br>SARAH BLACKWELL, JOE HOLMES.   |

### **Concert by the Boy Choristers of Ely Cathedral**

On Friday 2nd October in the Godmanchester Parish Church there will be a concert of sacred and secular music by the boys of the Ely Cathedral choir, starting at 7.00pm.

This will be a fitting prelude to the church Gift Day on the Saturday and Harvest Festival on the Sunday.

Tickets at £10 for adults and £8 concessions (school children free) may be booked by phone in advance at any time through Ros Fletcher (01480 351077) or Ken Diffey (01480 458846).

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night on a 'first come, first served basis', within the seating capacity of the church.

It promises to be a most enjoyable event which is not to be missed.

## **A colourful month of autumn activities with Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF)**

Be sure to join local charity CambridgePPF this October for a variety of nature-based family events in the spectacular outdoors. As the days draw in we'll be welcoming the changing season with its beautiful bursts of colour, and having fun at the same time.

Wonderful Wandlebury – History and Fun Day.  
Saturday 3 October: 12noon to 4.30pm

Hinxton Watermill Open Day  
Sunday 4 October: 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Fungal Foray at Wandlebury Country Park  
Saturday 17 October: 11.30am to 1.00pm

Late Autumn Walk and Views (around Coton Country Park)  
Saturday 24 October: 10am start

Awesome Autumn  
Tuesday 27 October: 10am to 12noon

Spiders!  
Wednesday 28 October: 10am to 12noon

Warm Woods!  
Friday 30 October: 10am to 4pm

Halloween Fun at Wandlebury  
Saturday 31 October: 3.30pm to 6.30pm

**Directions:** Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Adenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members all year round.

**Space only allowed for this list of activities**

For more information visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)

**All events need to be booked and for most there are entrance fees, unless you are members of Cambridge PPF**

## **OCTOBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

WINTER is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or call 01480 444500.

### **St Ives Branch- Workers Education Association**

is running a

Ten week course from September 4th - November 26th  
on Thursday mornings, 10.30am - 12.15pm  
in the Methodist Church Hall, The Waits, St Ives

#### **From Barber Surgeons to the NHS**

Tutor: Mike Muncaster

The course will study the development in medicine from 1800 - 1950  
Including: regulations; changes in education; development of surgery; public health; women and medicine; war and medicine; hospitals and the NHS.

**FEE: £48**

(Some courses are free to students on income-based benefits, or those depending upon someone.)

Contact: Kate Hart (01480 469906, email: [katehart96@gmail.com](mailto:katehart96@gmail.com)  
[www.eastern.wea.org.uk/map/by-county/cambridgeshire/st-ives.html](http://www.eastern.wea.org.uk/map/by-county/cambridgeshire/st-ives.html)

## **The East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Cambridge Abseil on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October to raise money and awareness for EACH.**

*Can you challenge yourself for charity?*

*Would you like to see Cambridge from a unique perspective?*

*Do you know anyone brave enough to scale the 80 foot drop off the historic Cambridge Guildhall? Registration is open to be part of the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Cambridge Abseil on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Sign up, take part and help raise valuable funds for EACH, who care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions across Cambridgeshire.*

*Spaces are limited so please do book quickly to avoid disappointment.*

*People who take part always feel a great sense of achievement – so even if you don't have a head for heights why not push yourself to take part and raise money for a great cause at the same time!*

*Entry fees are £15 per person, with a minimum sponsorship figure of £85 per person for anyone aged 17 and over, or sponsorship figure of £30 per person for anyone aged 16 and under.*

*Minimum age for participants is 12 years.*

*Abseilers will be in the safe hands of professional company, Creation Climbing Centre, who will be running the event on the day.*

*To sign-up for the abseil visit: [www.each.org.uk/cambridgeabseil](http://www.each.org.uk/cambridgeabseil) or call: 01223 204916.*

### **Timely reminder to consider your heating needs for the winter ahead**

As summer fades into memory and the nights begin to draw in once again, it's a good time to consider your heating oil requirements for the colder months ahead. Heating oil tends to be cheaper in the early autumn months and deliveries made faster than once the winter sets in, so now is a good time to think about ordering.

If you rely on oil to heat your home, community building, church or business premises, you might like to consider joining Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme.

Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, our scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power. The larger the order we place, the more likely the heating oil suppliers will offer a reduced price for our members.

The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and that covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of a year. We find that members need to order around 1000 - 1500 litres a year to achieve sufficient savings to justify the membership fee.

We offer an easy, online ordering system and send out email reminders each month so you'll never forget to order oil again.

To find out more about the scheme, please visit <http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme.php> or call Alison Brown on 01353 865029.

Play Papworth with SVC FAST Campaign present...

# FAST AND FURIOUS

Saturday  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2015

7.00 pm at Swavesey VC!

A night of **ROCK** to raise money for  
new school equipment for SVC

Headline: **PALE FIRES**

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**PLUS** - Four of the best SVC student bands!



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Tickets? Check Play Papworth facebook page!



All profits from this event will be donated to **The Swavesey Village College Funding for Arts Sport & Technology campaign**

Swavesey Village College opened a new building this September incorporating a new canteen, sports hall and classrooms for ICT, Drama, Art, Graphics, Product Design and Engineering. The college aims to raise £250,000 to equip the new building and create a centre of excellence. Funds raised will be spent on equipment such as desks, chairs, projectors, lighting for Drama, a kiln for Art and PCs for the ICT suites. To raise the required finance, the college has launched the F.A.S.T. campaign. Click on the F.A.S.T. button at <http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk> for more details.



## Wildlife Trust - Huntingdonshire

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. Registered Charity No: 1000412

### Amphibians and Reptiles

In October, the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present an illustrated talk entitled Amphibians and Reptiles. This will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our speaker will be Terry Moore, who is an active member of the Ely Group of the Wildlife Trust. Terry's talk will help us to identify those 'amphibians and reptiles' found in the UK and he will also outline the challenges facing these creatures today. Terry has been surveying for amphibians, and great crested newts in particular, since the 1970s. Until the new biodiversity recording system, he held the official records for all great crested newt sites in Cambridgeshire.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

### Dates of future events:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Nov 7th     | Fenstanton Parish Church, A Taste of India Evening                                   |
| Nov 21st    | URC November Fayre   |
| Nov 28th    | Hilton Christmas Fayre   |
| Dec 5th/6th | URC Christmas Tree Festival  |
| Dec 5th     | Fenstanton Parish Church Mulled Wine Evening   |
| Dec 8th     | Fenstanton Christmas tree lights   |
| Dec 13th    | 'Lets Sing Carols' with members of the Bury & Ramsey Band and Alison and Susan - URC |
| 2016        |  |
| Feb 6th     | Hilton WI Workshop   |
| July 2nd    | Fenstanton Sports Day  |
| July 7-10th | Fringe in the Fen  |

(If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it 'Dates of Future Events')

## WHAT'S on in October

|      |                               |  |                            |     |
|------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----|
| 1st  | Fenstanton WI                 | Church Centre  | 7.30pm                     | p27 |
| 2nd  | Ely Cathedral Boys Choir      | Godmanchester Parish Church                                    | 7.00pm                     | p37 |
| 2nd  | Hilton Village Harvest Supper | Village Hall   | 7.30pm                     |     |
| 3rd  | Workaid collection            | URC Church   | 10.00am                    | p11 |
| 3rd  | Hilton Coffee Morning         | Methodist Church   | 10.30am                    | p17 |
| 5th  | Hilton PC                     | Village Hall   | 7.30pm                     | p13 |
| 5th  | Hilton Flower Club            | Village Hall   | 2.00pm                     |     |
| 6th  | Coffee & Chat                 | URC Church   | 10.00am                    | p20 |
| 8th  | Fenstanton PC                 | School Hall  | 7.30pm                     | p11 |
| 8th  | LIBRARY VAN                   | Hilton, Village hall<br>Fenstanton, Headlands,<br>Chapel Green | 2.05pm<br>3.15pm<br>3.35pm |     |
| 10th | Calling all dog walkers       | Bridge by the cricket pitch                                    | 10.30am                    | p7  |
| 10th | 'Dessert Island Discs'        | RC Church St Ives  | 7.00pm                     | p20 |
| 12th | Hilton WI                     | Village Hall   | 7.30pm                     | p30 |
| 14th | Wildlife Trust                | Brampton   | 7.30pm                     | p46 |
| 15th | Bowls AGM                     | Church Centre  | 7.30pm                     | p23 |
| 16th | Hilton Art Club               | Village hall   | 9.30am                     | p31 |
| 17th | Hilton WI Workshop            | Village Hall   |                            | p30 |
| 17th | Family Bingo                  | Church Centre  | 6.30pm                     | p28 |
| 17th | Fast & Furious                | Swavesey Village College                                       | 7.00pm                     | p45 |
| 18th | EACH Cambridge Abseil         | Cambridge  |                            | p43 |
| 24th | Huntingdon Guitar Ensemble    | Fenstanton Parish Church                                       |                            |     |
| 31st | Hilton Fireworks              |  | 6.00pm                     | p37 |

### Regular Weekly Meeting:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p27)  
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p31)  
Sewing Bee at URC  
Football  
St Ives Art Group (p40)

### Regular fortnightly meetings:

Knitters & Natters  
Friendship Club (p22)

For Church services etc. see (p17-21)