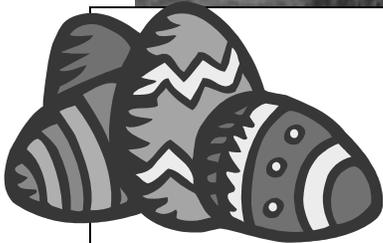
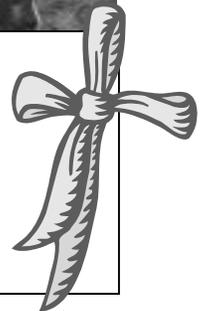


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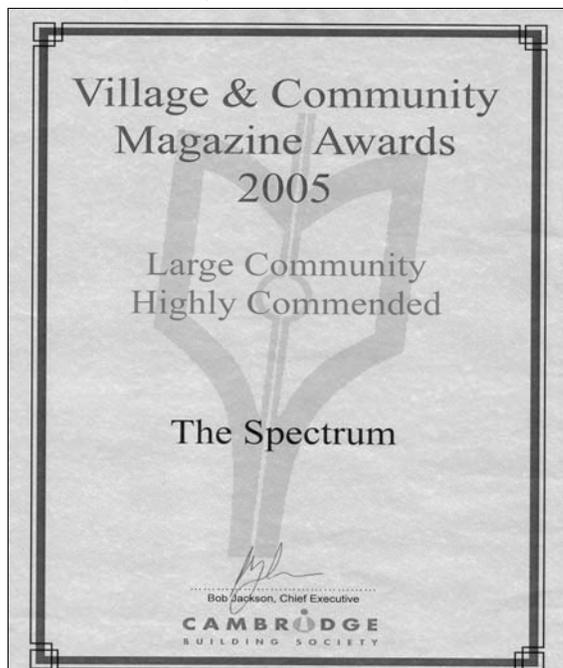
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Letters & Notices

Obituary and Acknowledgements

We are sad to announce the death of George Britten MBE of Hilton who passed away peacefully on 25 February 2007.

It was with great sadness that family and friends attended the funeral of George Britten on Friday 9th March. Thanks go out to those within the Hilton Churches who led the service, and particular acknowledgement goes also to John Miller who, though suffering with a cracked femur, persevered in playing the organ.

The retiring collection for East Anglia (Milton) Children's Hospice reached £1000. **Mrs Beverley Tack**

I should like to express my sincere gratitude for the messages of sympathy which I received following the death of my dear husband Ian.

The Thanksgiving Service held in Hilton Parish Church, in the presence of so many friends, was a great comfort and as a result of their kind generosity £562.50 (to date) will be sent to the Alzheimer's Research Trust. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Pam Gardner.

Hilton Spectrum Delivery Volunteer

After many years loyal service Phyllis See has decided to stand down as Spectrum delivery volunteer for Potton Road. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Phyllis for her support over the years.

Spectrum is now looking for someone to replace Phyllis, covering part of Potton Road, Hilton



Donations

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated money to Spectrum in the Hilton shop collection box.

PLANT SALE AND BOOK BRING AND BUY

On Saturday, 14th April

I shall be holding a plant sale, which will include hardy perennials from "Pennycross Nursery", as well as plants I have raised.

Also I will have a "bring and buy" book stall.

WHERE: 27 Scotts Crescent, Hilton
(in the back garden)

TIME: Between 10am and 4pm

This fundraiser is in aid of my trek to Iceland for **Action Medical Research.**

Look forward to seeing you,
Sandy Monk

FENSTANTON MORRIS

Fenstanton Morris are planning to welcome in the summer as usual by dancing at Fenstanton clock tower at dawn (5.30am) on proper May day, 1st May. If you are having a problem sleeping or are just interested do come and watch us!

Penny James

Fenstanton Glebe Allotments

Plot now vacant. Anyone wishing to take one on, please contact Fred Towle
15 Rookery Place
466753

Parish Council Report

FENSTANTON

Police Report.

During the period 5th February to 5th March 2007 the following incidents had been reported to the

Police :-

1 theft of a cycle.

1 incident of criminal damage.

1 non dwelling burglary.

1 non payment of petrol.

The Parish Council is concerned that matters reported to the Police are not always brought to the Councils attention. A full explanation has been requested along with a clear request for a representative of the constabulary to provide regular updates.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital .

The Council considered the options for the future of the Hospital as proposed in the formal consultation document. It was agreed to support the preferred option which allows broadly the same range of services at lower volumes through a major redesign of how services are provided across the hospital and community setting. The Council does still have concerns, however, and states that it is totally opposed to the abolition of Huntingdonshire Primary Care Trust. It also feels services should remain in the hospital environment and not be provided within the community as published evidence shows this to be more expensive than hospital provided services. The Parish Council have further stated that the long term future of Hinchingbrooke Hospital is essential due to the growth in population, not only in Huntingdonshire but in the surrounding area as a whole.

Roads and Verges.

Whilst some filling of pot holes has been undertaken, the Parish Council is aware and concerned at the poor condition of many of the roads and foot paths within the Village. The County Council Highways Department have been made aware of these concerns and site meetings have been held to discuss the problem. We are advised that budgetary constraints have prevented much of the work being undertaken but it is hoped an improvement will be seen over the forthcoming months.

The Parish Council appreciate that car parking is a problem, particularly as many residents own more than one vehicle. Parking on verges and grassed areas appears to have become common practice. This is causing considerable damage especially after the period of wet weather recently endured. We would request that residents do not park on these areas as ultimately the cost of repair has to be met by the County Council, District Council or the Parish which of course is reflected in your Council Tax bill.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th April 2007 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. All members of the press and public are welcome.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held 25th April 2007 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Parish Council Report

HILTON

A14 Consultation Process. The Council had formally responded to the Highways Agency Consultation expressing its support for the “Brown“ route and objecting to the “Orange” option. Residents had been urged to respond individually and a petition of support for the Council’s line had been obtained. In addition, the Hilton initiative to work with other local communities to jointly urge the Highways Agency to introduce adequate measures to mitigate the environmental impact of the road had been very successful. Sixteen villages had agreed to be joint signatories of the initial letter to the Agency. This letter has also been widely circulated and had been discussed in committee by Huntingdonshire District Council. The Parish Council had also made a presentation to Cambridgeshire County Council who had promised to support the call for environmental protection. The Parish Council and the A14 Action Group will now direct its efforts to ensure that the Highways Agency deals with the environmental issues and also to prepare for a Public Enquiry, should one be called.

PARC Project The ‘Young Lives’ organization had recently advised that the PARC Project pilot scheme involving our young people was to end in June. Thereafter, Hilton would be responsible for the support and organization of the scheme. The Council was to explore ways to keep this project going but the feeling was that this must be lead by residents and would ask for volunteers.

Gate to the Wilderness. The Council were negotiating to replace the broken dropping-bollards at the top of Wraggs Row with a gate.

Management of The Green The Council believed that the stakes and ropes along Wraggs Row had eased off-road parking problems in that area over the wet winter but were concerned at vehicle damage elsewhere on the Green and urged motorists not to park on the grass. The Council were particularly concerned about the damage near the Cricket Pavilion caused by joy-riders. The damage would be repaired when conditions permitted.

“Lorry Watch” Cambridgeshire County Council were hoping to introduce a new scheme aimed to reduce the numbers of HGVs breaching weight restrictions and had asked the village to take part in the pilot. Notice of Lorry watch would be circulated to local hauliers and appropriate road signs displayed. Residents would be asked to report breaches to the County Council who would take action with firms and the various transport associations to reduce out of hours transits through the village. The Parish Council had agreed to join the pilot scheme and were currently waiting for more information.

Crime Report. There had been no crimes reported to the police since the last meeting.

Ditches Following the recent wet weather and calls from residents, the Council had inspected the ditches and drains serving the village. With the exception of a potential blockage caused by a dumped washing machine, the ditches were considered satisfactory, but the need for some routine maintenance work was identified.

Planning. Planning Applications to refine the refurbishment of 2 & 3 Graveley Way and for the demolition of Clare Cottage were recommended for approved. An application for a new dwelling on the site of Clare Cottage was recommended for refusal as presented.

Annual Meeting The Annual Village Meeting will be held on 30 May 2007.

Resurfacing Rutland Green. Highways had confirmed that the surface of Rutland Green would be repaired in the near future and were currently negotiating a start date with their contractors.

Resignation Cllr Ashby Swain. Cllr Ashby Swain announced her resignation from the Council. The Council thanked her for all her work and wished her well for the future.

Mr George Britten. The Council noted with sympathy the recent death of Mr George Britten and wished to record a note of appreciation for all the work he had generously done within the village for the benefit of residents, and for his contribution over many years to the Parish Council.

London to Paris Cycle Ride

June 13th -17th 2007

I AM DOING THE ABOVE RIDE IN AID OF



MY HUSBAND, MOTHER & ONE OF MY BEST
FRIENDS HAVE ALL DIED FROM CANCER IN THE
LAST 3YRS AND THERE ARE MANY OTHERS
FIGHTING THIS DISEASE

IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT IF YOU WERE ABLE
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MANY THANKS
Julia Mitchell

Fenstanton A14 Action Group

The Fenstanton A14 Action Group was formed to co-ordinate and pursue the rejection of the various Blue Route Variation options for the proposed upgrade of the A14 during the Highway Agency's Consultation process, which finished on March 9th.

Many Fenstanton readers will have filled in the formal Consultation Questionnaire for return to the Highways Agency. You will have seen the poster campaign and also sent personal letters to the Highways Agency and our local MP asking for the Blue Route Variations to be rejected.

We know at least 30% of the Village responded and the Action Group would like to thank all participants for their efforts – we have made our voice heard!

The Action Group also developed a Technical Review of the impact the Blue Route Variations on Fenstanton and sent this to the Highways Agency as part of our own detailed arguments against these routes.

The next step in the process is for the Highways Agency to review the Consultation responses and recommend a route in the summer of 2007 - this may lead to a Public Enquiry but this is not certain.

In the last issue of SPECTRUM, the Fenstanton A14 Action Group laid out its objectives which largely have now been met, but the Action Group will continue to meet at least until the Preferred Route is announced. Our short term objective is to continue pressing the relevant public bodies on the choice of route and to keep the Village community informed on what's happening.

However, even after the Preferred Route is announced, there is so much detail that has yet to be decided about the road design for any of the Routes that will have a major impact on Fenstanton, that there will still be a place for the Action Group in the longer term. We have proposed the ongoing purpose of the Group is: -

- To provide ongoing co-ordination and representation of the Fenstanton Residents on the development of the A14 beyond the current Consultation stage up until the completion of the new road

You will see more news on this in future issues of SPECTRUM plus information on the Fenstanton Village website.

ARE YOU IN THE DARK?

Do you want to be kept up to date with important parish issues - like the A14? Then join the FENSTANTON Parish Mailing List!

We are creating a directory of residents' email addresses and posting relevant information only. These addresses are NOT revealed nor passed on to any third party. The mailing list is both private and non-commercial being intended for occasional notification of important issues such as A14 Upgrade Public Meetings.

Please visit the website www.fenstanton-village.co.uk and click on the "Join the Parish Mailing List!" link.

WANT TO GET SOMETHING OFF YOUR CHEST?

If you do want to have a rant or just ask a question – about anything, then visit the same site and click on the Parish Forum link!

Hilton Village Web Site

(www.hilton-village.com)

*** New Features ***



The village web site has now been running very successfully for over a year and we would like to encourage more villager interaction.

To that end we have added exciting new features that will allow you to let everyone know what YOU think.

- Polls – The front page will regularly feature a poll which will allow you to register your opinion on various issues in a simple anonymous “point and click” way. Please let us have suggestions for future polls.
- Discussion Forums – will allow you to openly raise and discuss topics which you feel important. We will start with a couple but please feel free to add your own.
- Mailing lists will enable new information to be sent to you via email on a regular basis if you request it. Examples could be Neighbourhood Watch alerts, village events, Feast Week activities etc. Please let us know if you would like to create a mailing list for your activity, club, society etc.

We want to encourage greater village community interaction, communication and “gossip” “THE VILLAGE PUMP”

We always endeavour to give you the most up to date information about events and activities in and around the village and provide information about local businesses, club and societies, and now with the new web site capabilities above, we would like to know what YOU think, so keep on checking to see what's new. Remember, if you can't find what you are looking for on the site, especially as the amount of content increases, you can easily search the site from the search box at the top of every page, and if you can't find something let us know what you would like to see. You can contact us through the web site, or by emailing editor@hilton-village.com

So please frequently check out www.hilton-village.com to discover what's happening and what the current opinion is in your community.

The Editorial team (Editor@hilton-village.com)

Fenstanton Parish Church

April 2007

- Sunday 1st *Palm Sunday.***
9.15 a.m. Procession with donkey from Headlands play area.
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (traditional).
6.00 p.m. Evensong with Lent Sermon.
- Thursday 5th *Maundy Thursday.***
7.45 p.m. Holy Communion followed by Vigil.
- Friday 6th *Good Friday.***
10.00 a.m. Children's workshop
11.45 a.m. Devotional service at Hilton followed by walk to Fenstanton.
2.45 p.m. Devotional Service at Fenstanton.
- Sunday 8th *Easter Day.***
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary) with Baptism of Harry Hucklesby.
- Sunday 15th *2nd Sunday of Easter.***
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary).
6.00 p.m. Evensong.
- Thursday 19th 3.30 p.m. Jaffa Club**
- Sunday 22nd *3rd Sunday of Easter.***
9.30 a.m. Family Communion.
- Thursday 26th 7.45 p.m. Annual Parish Church Meeting in Church Centre.**
- Sunday 29th *4th Sunday of Easter.***
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (contemporary).

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 'INTERREGNUM' PLEASE REFER ANY MATTER CONCERNING THE PARISH CHURCH IN FENSTANTON (Baptisms, Weddings etc) to THE CHURCHWARDENS (Martyn Saunders on 301068 and Ian Hucklesby on 465211)

The Parish Churches now have an e-mail list, which sends out notices of general interest to parishioners. If you would like to be on this list, please send your e-mail address to hilfens@btinternet.com

Hilton Parish Church

We currently do not have a vicar in this parish. Until a new vicar is appointed, please contact one of the Churchwardens for all matters relating to the church, services, weddings, baptisms and funerals - Ralph Slayter (830466) or Rachel Wood (830866)

- Wednesday mornings 10.00am in term time – Discussion Group and Ecumenical House Communion (11.00am) at Hilton Hall. All are welcome to either or both.
- Please ask one of the Churchwardens about other Bible Study and Discussion Groups

APRIL 2007

Sunday 1st *Palm Sunday*

8.15 am	Holy Communion	Derek Billings
11.15 am	Family Service	Harvey Marshall
6.00 pm	Lent Evensong at Fenstanton	Derek Billings

Thursday 5th *Maundy Thursday*

7.45 pm	Holy Communion at Fenstanton	Derek Billings
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Friday 6th *Good Friday*

11.45 am	Service in Hilton, followed by walk across the fields (with picnic) and service at 2.45 pm in Fenstanton	Harvey Marshall
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Sunday 8th *Easter Day*

11.15 am	United Communion Service	H-N Sheehan
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Sunday 15th 2nd *Sunday of Easter*

8.15 am	Holy Communion (by extension)	Harvey Marshall
11.15 am	Family Service	Lay led

Sunday 22nd 3rd *Sunday of Easter*

11.15 am	Family Communion	Peter Hill
6.00 pm	Evensong	Harvey Marshall

Tuesday 24th 1.30 pm Tots Praise (ages 0 – 5 welcome)

Sunday 29th 4th *Sunday of Easter*

8.15 am	Holy Communion (by extension)	Harvey Marshall
11.15 am	Family Service	Harvey Marshall
12.15 am	Annual Vestry Meeting in Church	
6.00 pm	United Healing Service	H-N Sheehan

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

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

April

1st	9.30am	Revd Derek Newton
3rd	10.00am	Open Door
6th	2.15-3.00pm	Good Friday Service
8th		Easter Morning Service at the Parish Church
8th	3.00pm	Easter Praise
15th	9.30am	Revd Bill Mahood-Holy Communion
17th	10.00am	Open Door
22nd	9.30am	Revd David Viles
29th	9.30am	Revd Bill Mahood

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Revd Bill Mahood has pastoral oversight of Fenstanton.
Tel: 01480 301518
or at the Free Church, St Ives
Tel: 01480 468535

May

1st	10.00am	Open Door
6th	9.30am	Mrs Mary Kendall

Hilton Methodist Church

April

1 st	11.00 am	Rev. Pam Siddall (Palm Sunday)
5 th	Good Friday	See Parish Church Notices
8 th	11.15	Easter Sunday: Parish Church led by Rev. Hugh Sheehan NB Sunday Club children will have activities in the church during the service.
15 th	11.00 am	Mr John Stent
22 nd	11.00 am	Deacon Sue Roberts
29 th	11.00 am	Mr John Garner
	6.00 pm	United Healing Service at Parish Church, led by Rev. Hugh Sheehan.

Hilton Churches Sunday Club

We have had three successful sessions during January, February and March while the grown ups have been at the United Services. In January we thought about labyrinths and how God is the light shining along the pathway of our lives. It was great fun going through the dark tunnel and coming out into the light. At our February session we talked about God's love and how he made different people all over the world. We made faces on paper plates. In March we listened to and watched a godly play about the ten rules God had given us. We made a cup containing one of the rules to remember in our lives. In April, we are staying in the Parish Church to do our activities, as it is Easter Sunday and the United Service is in there. We hope to see you at 11.15 am. HAPPY EASTER!

Tot's Praise in Hilton

HAPPY EASTER to everybody. Easter will be over but we will look forward to welcoming you, parents, grandparents, carers with pre-school children ages 0-5 at Hilton Church. Put the date in your diary: April 24th 1.30-2.30pm.

Hilton A14 Action Group

The further consultation on the A14 options (Ellington to Fen Drayton) closed on Friday March 9th. Thank you to everyone who signed the final petition (all 335 of you) and who wrote individual letters. The Action Group and the Parish Council have been busy lobbying the Highways Agency, our MP and local councils on the route and on mitigation measures to reduce the impact of the road, such as screening and noise barriers. Hilton has also lead a joint initiative of 16 Parish Councils who have joined together to press for the highest possible standards of mitigation.

There will be a quieter period now until the preferred route is announced; we are not sure how long that will take. In the meantime, we will be preparing to represent the village in the detailed design phase when issues such as the height of the carriageways and the design of any screening will be decided. We will continue to keep you informed of what is happening and will be in contact with other villages along the route so that we can work co-operatively whenever possible.

For more information contact Peter Balicki on 831787 or Lissie Wright 830577 or look on the Hilton Village website (www.hilton-village.com) for copies of recent letters.

Hilton Flower Club

A sunny afternoon and a very full room of ladies greeted Nicola, a club member, who lives in the village. She has a great deal of experience with flowers, which was demonstrated in her excellent 'Spring-Time' arrangements. They all varied and the

colour combinations were lovely. We hope to see her again soon.

Sadly, there will be no Flower Festival this year due to unforeseen circumstances.

Coffee Morning on April 4th will be held at 10 Tithe Close, so please come along.

Next Meeting

April 2nd 2pm Village Hall. Demonstration 'Spring is Sprung' with Julie Woods.

Future

May 23rd Flower Club Outing – Broughton Grange Estate Gardens and Broughton Castle (near Banbury). Leaving Village Hall 9am Return 6pm. Names & payment will be collected at the April meeting. Contact numbers Pat 830449 & Gill 830319.

Day admission £2.00 (incl. tea & biscuits)
Sales table, Raffle.



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Feast Week

Our next two events are a Quiz Night on the 28th of April and the Dog Show in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee on the 27th of May. Tickets for the Quiz Night will be on sale shortly at a cost of £7.50 per ticket to include supper. Please contact any committee member to purchase them or see village notice boards for further details.

Finally, as some of you may be aware, we now post information about Feast Week matters on the village website which can be found at www.hilton-village.com

As ever, if you wish to speak to any member of the committee, their contact details will follow.

Chairman: Hazel Platt (831922)

Vice Chair: Paul Williamson (831958)

Treasurer: Peter Balicki (831787)

Secretary: Emma Stubbs (839027)

Other committee members:

Helen Cooper (830914),

Bernie Ashby (830455),

Alistair Stewart (830301),

Judy Ward (831875) &

Sharon Walker (831299)

1st Fenstanton & Hilton



Scout Group

Our Scouts will be ready and waiting so please come along and support us on the day. The fun and adventure for our 80 youngsters can only happen with your support 😊

Sat 5th May, 9.30 am – 2.00pm
Wilderspin's Garage, Fen Drayton
Minimum suggested donation £3

Fenstanton Over 60's Club

My apologies for omitting the writing last month, it was due to illness on my part. We held our AGM meeting on 28 February it was duly attended by the majority of our members. The Chairman started the proceedings with appreciation to various members for their commitment over the past year. The Treasurer then gave out the annual accounts for the past year in which we have had to apy for the hall etc, including heating and electricity. We now have decided to increase our yearly fees and also our entrance fee which will cover this extra cost to us all. We will endeavour to keep the raffle continuing with some gifts brought in by our members.

We proceeded with the voting we now have a new vice chairman and the chairman, treasurer and secretary are all ongoing for another year. We have six committee members and hope to have another successful year with new ideas for entertainment on Wednesdays and lunches and day trips of our members' choice.

I wish well those of our members who are not well in health and wish them better soon and hope to see them at the club soon.

You are welcome to join us and make new friends or meet up with old ones. We meet every other Wednesday in the Church Centre between 2pm and 4pm.

Forthcoming meetings:

April 11th and 25th.

Hilton Toddler Group

We are a small friendly group who meet every Thursday from 1.45 until 3.15 in the Village Hall, all children 0 – 5 and their carers are welcome to come along, sessions

cost just £1.50 per family. We are open as usual during Half Term. Just turn up or call Emily on 831142 or Nadine on 830839.

Fenstanton WI

On March 1st we heard about The Secret Life of the Freelance by Mr. David Self. In medieval times a Freelance was a Freeman with a spear who would hire himself out in times of war to the lord who would pay him the most. Today a Freelance always says 'Yes' to any assignment to keep himself in work..

Mr. Self worked for the B.B.C. for their schools programmes and wrote questions for Gambit and Top of the Form. He also worked for various radio stations including Durham. One day he was busy splicing tapes when a young lady offered him a cup of tea. She was the now well-known Kate Adie. Mr. Self worked for Anglia T.V. and was responsible for recording The Epilogue at the close of each day. Whilst doing this he was asked if he would set General Knowledge Questions for The Generation Game hosted by Nicholas Parsons. He did this for 8 years. In those days there was no Internet to check answers so he had to rely on The Encyclopædia Britannica. One question was "What does the Yellow Flag signify if flown on a ship?" The contestant answered that it meant there was disease on board and was awarded the point. Next day Mr. Self received thousands of letters saying that the answer was wrong. A yellow flag was flown as a ship entered harbour to show that there was no disease on board. The Plague flag was yellow with a black spot in the middle. An irate Mr. Self contacted Encyclopædia Britannica straight away. Because radio and television broadcasts are ephemeral he decided to write books. In fact he has written 60 and started by using all of those questions to write Quiz books. Sylvia Shaylor gave the vote of thanks saying that we had enjoyed sharing with him the ups and downs of his varied career.

Dates for Future Meetings.

April 5th The Work of the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity by Christopher Donaldson.

May 3rd Resolutions and Presentation of Body Shop Products by Mrs. S. Gronow

May 19th Cake Stall at the Clock Tower 9.30 a.m.

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

Hilton WI

The February Jumble Sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped with collecting, sorting, selling and clearing up, (not forgetting the husbands), and to those who supplied jumble and supported the event, without whom we would not have raised £248 for WI funds.

The March Open Meeting speaker was Mr. Bob Burn-Murdoch who spoke on Cromwell's Local Links – an educational and entertaining insight into the area during the Cromwellian period.

The next meeting will be on the first Monday in April and the speaker will be Marion Radford on the subject of 'Living with Animals' – not to be missed!

Diary Notes

6th July – outing to Kentwell Manor

7th August – Summer Lunch.

We are hoping to arrange a visit to the dog racing at Peterborough; and The Picture Group regularly visit Huntingdon Cinema – contact Jane Hazelwood.

If you would like to join our friendly group please contact our Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358, speak to one of the committee members, or just arrive at the Village Hall by 7.15pm on the night – you will be made most welcome.

Swavesey Camera Club Spring Exhibition

The second Swavesey Camera Club Spring Exhibition is being held on Saturday 21st April at the Memorial Hall in Swavesey. The inaugural exhibition last year was a great success with over 200 visitors and the club will be adopting a similar format this year.

The main elements of the exhibition are as follows.

- The club is running a photographic competition with the winners being announced at the exhibition. It will have various themes and is primarily aimed at getting school children interested in photography, although there will also be an open class. Each of the classes has a substantial cash prize. The competition entries will be on display at the exhibition.
- Exhibition of members' prints. Each member will be exhibiting 4 prints, together with a short narrative. Alongside these there will be a display of the winning entries from internal club competitions.
- There will be an audio visual presentation featuring a selection of club members' work, lasting approximately half an hour.
- The club participated in the 'Orchestra in a Village' event in Swavesey and the surrounding villages in November, with members of the club recording many of the events photographically. The exhibition will include a display of prints and an audio visual presentation featuring member's work from this event.
- Additionally, refreshments will be available and there will be items of members' work on sale.

The exhibition is open from 10am to 4:30pm, and entry is free. More details of the exhibition are available on the clubs website at

http://www.swavesey.org.uk/camera_club/programme/spring_exhibition

Fenstanton Pre School

Happy Easter to everyone, and a big Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Easter Egg stall. All proceeds will be put towards our new outside play equipment, so thank you once again.

On the subject of Fundraising, our next event will be our Fashion Show which will take place on Thursday 14th June. We are still looking for people to help out on the night so please see Tracey Read if you are interested. This is always an enjoyable event and a chance to do some clothes shopping. Refreshments are available during the night. Also, If anyone has any new or creative ideas for fundraising then please let us know.

Pre-school is busier than ever, especially our morning sessions. With this in mind we would like to ask any Parents or Grandparents who are able to lend a hand during one of our sessions, to add their names to the calendar. This can be found in the cloakroom at Pre-School.

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

Huntingdonshire Geranium & Fuchsia Society

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Wednesday 25th April,
Hilton Village Hall,
7.45pm

Refreshments, Raffle.

ALL WELCOME

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

www.scubes.co.uk

The help we currently need ranges from just a few hours a year (such as a Secretary) to a few hours a week (such as Assistant Leaders) – so there really is something to suit everyone aged 18 or over ☺

And please remember :

- we all tell our children that they shouldn't say they "don't like" or "can't do" until they have at least tried whatever it is - so what makes you think adults should be any different? ☺
- please read the "urban myths" below, come and see what's involved and THEN decide!

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You have to help every week

No you don't! Even as uniformed leaders you don't have to be able to make it every week.

You have to go camping

No you don't! If camping is simply not your thing you don't have to ☺

You have to go to every event or activity

No you don't! As many people know well the key to everything is in the planning – so as long as it's planned and there are enough appropriate adults you don't need to go to everything.

Scouting takes over your life

Only if you want it to! You can choose how much time you want to devote. So yes some of us do choose to spend many hours every week but equally some people only choose to spare a few hours a year.

Training takes up all your free time

No it doesn't! The training is now "NVQ" style. For some roles only a few modules are needed and even if going into uniform you have up to 3 years to complete all the training. Many modules involve a DVD and / or a workbook so don't involve a course.

Some modules can be signed off simply by showing what you already do at work or at home.

I have other children and they can't come too

Yes they can! Unless an event or activity is not suitable then it is usually possible to bring other children along – even on camps.

I can't help until my children join

Oh yes you can! Some of our adults have grown up children, and some don't have any children at all.

I don't want to go into uniform so I can't help

Oh yes you can! There are lots of ways you can help, for example we need a Secretary so that basically involves taking minutes at 6 or 7 meetings a year.

Everyone else would be much better than me

What makes you so sure? Just come along and see what's involved.

I'm too busy

Aren't we all? Why not come and find out what's involved and then decide ☺

Scouting is a great way to make new friends and to help make a difference in your local community.

Centenary

Did you know that this year we celebrate an amazing 100 years of Scouting?

To contact us or find out more about the fun and adventure that awaits simply visit our website at www.scubes.co.uk or contact Louise Clover on 01480 831715.

Fenstanton Baby and Toddler Group

We hold our meetings every Wednesday in Fenstanton Church Centre from 10.00 - 11.30am. All parents and carers with children up to school age are welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat while the children play, it is a good way to meet other parents with children in the village.

Sports News

Fenstanton Youth Football

In preparation for joining the Hunts F.A. mini soccer league in September **our new name of Fenstanton Youth Football Club.**

Friendly Results: 18th Feb against NST Strikers, Stapleford a bitter defeat despite some excellent play. *Player of the Match: Red: Daniel Malley, Blue: Jake Balaam.* 25th Feb against Somersham (at Home), 8 – 2 VICTORY superb play from everyone and excellent goal keeping. Goals from Blair Reid (3), Harry Taylor (2), Jordan Heaford, Jake Balaam and Lewis Cooke.

Player of the Match: Red: Harry Taylor, Blue: Jordan Heaford. (Player of the Match voted for by the Fenstanton Spectators/Parents).

Registration Day – 28th April This is the date we shall hold our signing-on session, on that day we will need an FA registration form signed and completed (forms will be handed out beforehand) and a payment of £10 per child. This one-off annual membership fee will cover the affiliation fee, public liability insurance, league registration and handbooks we need for the season. If you haven't yet come to our club but would like your under eight year old to play competition football from September it is important you register this month.

Under Sevens Football: We are seeking volunteers to take on Under Sevens football from September. If you can spare 90 minutes every Saturday morning to train boys and girls please get in touch, the more the merrier! (CRB checks will be done and if appropriate FA training course).

Fundraising: Fenstanton Football Club will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Monday 28th May. Youth Football will have a tombola stall and a car boot table to help raise funds for our club. If you have anything to donate for our stall please contact Bridget Parr on 01480 384365.

Please look out for details of a quiz and curry night coming soon in Fenstanton. **NO TRAINING – Easter Saturday 7th April**, otherwise training as usual over Easter Holidays.

If you are interested in joining us, to play or help, we meet on the Football Field in Fenstanton (Off Chequer Street Park) every Saturday, 10 – 11.30. Coaching is professional with emphasis on taking part and fair play. For further information contact Charlie Darling on 01480 395338 after 6 pm. or Nadine Taylor 01480 830839

Fenstanton Bowls Club

Open Day, Saturday 21st April 2007 at 1430. Come and have a go, we would love to see you. Good season last year, lovely dinner & dance at Girton Golf club for Cambs & District presentation dinner, where we picked up 3 trophies! We play in this league which is mixed, also Huntingdon men and ladies league and over 60's, we also have a great deal of friendly matches to play on Saturdays and club competitions.

The 2007 outdoor bowls season will soon be upon us. Please note that this year's chairperson is Nigel Pratt (830052). Secretary Daphne Loveday (tel: 498050). If you need any help or information, please ring either.

Club fees this year are as follows:

Adult Membership £30; Juniors £15 (under 16 or in full time education); Club competitions £2; Rink Fee £2; Rink fee for the Men's & Cambs & District Leagues in £2.50; Ladies League £2.

It was also agreed at our AGM that passengers in the car make a contribution to the cost of petrol of at least £1 to the driver on away matches. *I look forward to seeing you when the season starts and I wish you all good bowling and a lucky year in all competitions you enter. Remember, Line, Length & Luck*

Sports News cont

Hilton Cricket Club

When George Britten, MBE, died a few weeks ago, Hilton Cricket Club lost a good friend, supporter and benefactor. George loved to watch cricket being played on the Green, upholding a tradition of over 150 years. He was particularly thrilled to see Hilton's youngsters taking part and he presented the Cricket Club with a trophy bearing his name, to be awarded at the end of each season to the Young Player of the Year. For the past ten years George was our Honorary Patron -and our only season ticket holder.

As trailed in last month's Spectrum, our AGM was held on 7 March. The venue was filled to capacity and the hospitality was unparalleled, with complimentary drinks for all and gifts of silverware handed to a few lucky participants.

The Board reported excellent trading in 2006 and at year-end we were ranked third in our market sector, namely, Division 5 of the Hunts League. Our field force once again achieved commendable results and the best performers earned substantial bonuses. Forecasts of the Club's performance going forward are very favourable, despite current market conditions tending towards soggy pitches and slow, green outfielders. Competitor activity is expected to be aggressive in the coming season, but we hope to maintain our healthy, winning margins.

Our business is seasonal and the generation of our main products (runs and wickets) is liable to slow down during the winter months. We hope to normalise this cyclical trading by setting up a new office in Barbados as soon as we can raise the capital.

As a responsible organisation, we are dedicated to protecting the environment. To this end, we have, at no cost whatever, hired experienced staff to mow and roll the square while holding their breath, so as to avoid releasing CO₂ into the atmosphere and inducing climate change over Hilton.

Recent stockmarket falls have affected the price of shares in the Club and we will extend a warm welcome to new investors in our enterprise, by offering attractive "perks" to shareholders. Those holding more than 100,000 shares will receive a 50% discount on tickets for home matches. Holders of more than 1 million shares will, in addition, be allowed to operate the scoreboard. Our shares are particularly suited to the small investor, and if anyone having the appearance of a cricketer approaches you and asks for a cash contribution to our fundraising in return for a valuable-looking piece of paper, please give generously. You could be heading for a windfall profit.

Warning: Shares in Hilton CC can fall as well as go down.

Fenstanton Cricket Club

Once again we must start to think about the coming cricket season and new players will be welcomed. Running only one side it can be a big struggle some weeks to get a team out. The majority of the team is nearing the 50 mark (not average runs, average years old!) and younger players are needed to safeguard the future of the club. Helpers are welcomed to assist in the running of the club as well: teas, groundwork: committee. If you are interested contact us at the numbers below. We have received our fixtures for the Cambs league and have booked some indoor nets to try and remove some of the cobwebs from our ageing bodies.

May fixtures. All Saturday fixtures

5th May Witcham home
12th May Burwell 3rds home
26th May Ely/Haddenham 2nds home

Indoor Cricket Nets at St.Ivo Rec Centre

Sunday 8 April 10.30 - 12.00

Sunday 22 April 9.30 - 11.00

Secretary Richard (Ronnie) Corbett

07766130392 Andy Taylor 07749057178

Website: www.fenstanton.play-cricket.com

What's On

April 2007

2 nd	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.15 pm
2 nd	Hilton Flower Club	Village Hall	2.00 pm
4 th	Hilton Flower Club Coffee Morning	Tithe Close	11.00 am
5 th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
8 th	EASTER SUNDAY		
8 th	Fenstanton Cricket Club net practice	St Ivo Rec Centre	10.30 am
11 th	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
12 th	Fenstanton Parish Council Meeting	Primary School	7.30 pm
14 th	Plant and book sale	Scotts Crescent	10.00 am
21 st	Fenstanton Bowls Club Open Day	Bowls Club	2.30 pm
21 st	Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition	Memorial Hall, Swavesey,	10.00 am
22 nd	Fenstanton Cricket Club net practice	St Ivo Rec Centre	9.30 am
24 th	Hilton Tot's Praise	Parish Church	1.30 pm
25 th	Hunts Geranium & Fuschia Society	Village Hill	7.45 pm
25 th	Fenstanton Annual Parish Meeting	Primary School	7.30 pm
25 th	Fenstanton Over 60s Club	Church Centre	2.00 pm
28 th	Hilton Feast Week Quiz Night	Village Hall	
28 th	Fenstanton Youth Football Registration Deadline		

May

1 st	Fenstanton May Day Morris Dance	Clock Tower	5.30 am!!!!
3 rd	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30 pm
5 th	Scout Troop Car Wash	Fen Drayton	9.30 am

Hilton Feast Week Produce Show 2007

A preview of the proposed show schedule.
For some advanced planning!

FRUIT CUP

1. Plate of mixed soft fruit
2. 1 eating apple
3. 1 cooking apple
4. 1 pear
5. 1 tomato
6. 1 stick rhubarb
7. 4 sticks rhubarb
8. 1 bunch of grapes
9. Plate of any 3 distinct fruits
10. Any fruit not named in schedule

VEGETABLE CUP

1. 4 runner beans
12. 4 French beans
13. 1 carrot
14. 4 carrots
15. 1 onion
16. 2 courgettes
17. 1 potato
18. 4 pods of peas
19. 1 beetroot
20. 4 whole garlic
21. Any vegetable not otherwise named in schedule
22. 3 sprigs of 3 varieties herbs
23. 3 distinct salad items
24. Most unusual carrot
25. Longest runner bean
2632. Heaviest marrow

Vegetable and fruit should be clean, disease and pest free as possible

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CUP

27. Arrangement F.W. theme, flowers, foliage and sundries. No size limit.
28. Tall & thin, three flowers
6" wide and 24" high. Foliage and oasis may be used.
29. Tall & thin, five stems flowers
9" wide and 32" high. Foliage and oasis may be used
30. In basket with handle, arrangement, any live plant material and oasis may be used.
31. Table decoration 6" max
Shallow container. Flowers, foliage, seeds and oasis may be used. No sundries.
32. Table decoration
Flowers, foliage, seeds and oasis. No sundries. No size limit.
33. Table decoration 4" max. Flowers only and oasis may be used.
34. Dried flower arrangements, dried foliage and seeds, no sundries. No size limits.
35. Victorian style bowl all fruit (including exotic fruit).
All fruit may be bought.

FLOWER CUP

36. 1 rose stem, single head
37. 1 rose stem, multi head
38. 3 rose stems, single head
39. 1 dahlia stem, ball shaped head
41. 1 stem sweet pea, perennial
42. 1 stem sweet pea, annual
43. 3 stems sweet pea, any type
44. 3 stems, mixed flowers
45. 3 stems, any one variety flowers
46. 3 stems, any shrub mixed
47. Flowering plant in 6" or below pot
48. Foliage plant in 6" or below pot
49. Any cactus or succulent
Flowers should be clean, disease and pest free as possible and at the peak of their beauty.

HILTON WOMENS INSTITUTE BAKING AND PRESERVES SALVER

50. Semi rich cake to show recipe
51. Fruit pie, pastry top and bottom
52. 5 cheese scones, 2.5" cutter
53. 5 fruit scones, 2.5" cutter
54. 5 home made cookies
55. Victoria sandwich cake to show recipe
56. Loaf, machine made bread
57. Loaf, handmade bread
58. Bread rolls x 5
59. Jar soft fruit jam
60. Jar any stone fruit jam
61. Jar any fruit marmalade
62. Jar any fruit curd
63. Jar of any chutney
64. Jar of any pickles
(no weight specified for any jars)
65. 3 chicken eggs

DRINK

Produce Show Committee Cup

66. Bottle of lemonade
 67. Bottle of fruit smoothie
 68. Bottle of cordial
 69. Bottle of table wines, all types
 70. Bottle of fortified wines and spirit based drinks (sloe gin etc)
 71. Bottle of beer, all types
 72. Bottle of any drink not named in schedule
- Quick wine recipe available from
Brian Vincent. Tel 831776

CHILDRENS CLASSES

- Alice Collen Cup, under 5's
73. Saucer of cress
 74. Jam jar of flowers
 75. Egg cup of flowers
 76. Decorated hen's egg
 77. Packet mix fairy cakes x 3
(You may want to eat the rest!)

Thomas Collen Cup, age 5 but under 9

78. 1 carrot
79. Egg cup of flowers
80. Jam jar of flowers
81. Planted shoe/boot
82. Garden in seed tray
83. Model from fruit, veg, seeds, flowers
84. Jewellery from fruit and veg
85. 5 melting moments to show recipe
86. 5 jam tart
87. 5 fairy cakes, decorated
88. 5 fairy cakes, undecorated

Jacob Collen Cup, 9 to 16 years

89. 1 carrot
90. Egg cup of flowers
91. Jam jar of flowers
92. Planted shoe/boot
93. Garden in seed tray
94. Model from fruit, veg, seeds, flowers
95. Jewellery from fruit and veg
96. 5 melting moments to show recipe
97. 5 jam tart
98. 5 fairy cakes, decorated
99. 5 fairy cakes, undecorated

Children may also enter any of the other classes

Enquiries,

Technical to Herbie Collen, Show Secretary 830838 and
Organisational to Ali Dunk, Show Chairman 831877.

Web site www.hilton-village.com in the events section. You can email us from this site.

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