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LETTERS & NOTICES

Fenstanton's first Safari Supper

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Wow! What an evening!

Over ninety people safari-ed around Fenstanton enjoying excellent food and company at four different locations. The evening culminated at the King William IV for a mini auction and raffle.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of everyone involved, over £1200 was raised during the evening for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Organisers Lynda Symonds and Eileen Sullivan said, "The Safari Supper was a spectacular success and judging by the positive comments received from all taking part, we can see this becoming an annual event in the village to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support."

Thanks again to all the hosts and their guests for making the evening such a success. Thanks also go to all the businesses, both local and national, who generously donated prizes, which helped to add to the grand total of money raised. Macmillan provides vital support to everyone affected by cancer. This may be practical help with everyday tasks that become difficult, to financial advice to help with the unexpected costs that cancer brings.

Joan Fleming.

Geoff, Keith & family wish to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy after the sad loss of their mother, Joan, and for their presence at the funeral. Their support was a great comfort and very much appreciated.

The Fleming Family.

Thank you

A very big thank you to all my wonderful friends for all the cards, letters, messages and help for Cis during my recent illness and long stay in hospital. Happily I am now on the road to recovery albeit slow.

You'll never know how much you helped me through what has been one of the darkest periods of my life.

Thank you all so Much *Laurie Gipson*

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

I would like to say a big thank you for all the support and donations that I received for my Christmas Day bike ride. Due to everybody's kindness I raised a wonderful £440 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Special thanks to all those who turned out to watch and an extra large thanks to dear Den, without whose garden, bike and most of all patience and encouragement it may not have happened.

Maggie Gallagher

Wanted!

Volunteers who would be willing to deliver 'Spectrum' in Hilton when the normal deliverers are on holiday.

Please phone Graeme on 830481

Fenstanton Parish Church

Open Gardens

May I alert all gardeners that this event will take place on the weekend of 12th and 13th June

We would be most grateful for plants/cuttings for the plant stall. We hope to see as many people from the village and from further afield as possible.

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Calling all Pudding Lovers!

If you like puddings then make a note in your diary for **Sunday 9th May** when we will be holding a fundraising Pudding Party in Hilton Village Hall from 2pm - 4pm. Have yourself a (very) light lunch then come and sample some of the tastiest desserts in Hilton. Tickets will be available closer to the time with all proceeds going towards the Hilton Church Roof Appeal. Children welcome, of course, as are volunteer pudding cooks & helpers for the afternoon. For more information, please call Rachel Wood on 830866.

Rats

If you are laying traps or trays of poison to kill rats please take time to inform your neighbours as this will also kill cats. When the rats run home to die they are very sleepy and easy targets for cats to catch. One bite and the cat has the poison.

From a cat lover who lost a 15 year old cat to rat poisoning. **David Buisson**

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(for full details see March Spectrum)

Let's Friday 9th April get Quizzical...

Take a duster to the cranial cobwebs, and get down to the fundraising Quiz Night at the Over Day Centre!

Enjoy a brain teasing evening of fun, starting at 7.30 pm on Friday 9th April 2010...

Bring your own team of six, or just come along!

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes will be on sale.

Tickets are available,
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The Five Pub Challenge Sunday 9th May

Join our 11.6 mile sponsored walk via five local pubs and help us to raise much needed funds to keep the Day Centre in Over thriving.

Starting at 11am from The Over Day Centre, follow a route map through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel, The Ferry Boat, The Three Inns** and then **The White Horse**.

Finish with a complimentary bowl of soup and a home-baked cake at **The Admiral Vernon** in Over.

£6 entry fee in advance, or free entry if you collect just £20 in sponsorship. £8 entry on the day from 10.30am.

Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from www.owdaycentre.co.uk or telephoning 01954 231807. Forms are also available at all five pubs.

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Police report.

During the period 10th February 2010 to 10th March 2010 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

2 attempted thefts, 1 incident of obtaining petrol without paying.

A Police representative will attend the April Parish Council meeting to answer questions on Village policing issues.

The Parish Council urges Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 03454564564, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800555111 or in an emergency 999.

Revised Stagecoach bus service.

From 4th April daytime journeys will be provided by the revised Citi 5 service. Service 15 will provide revised evening journeys only. Full details will be available from Stagecoach at www.stagecoachbus.com/cambridge.

A14 – Public inquiry.

The Parish Council fully supports the proposed route although two major issues exist:

1) The provision of greater sound proofing through bunding and tree screening is required.

2) The effect of water run off from the new road feeding into Hall Green Brook and, therefore, increasing the possible risk of flooding.

The meeting agreed to make a full representation at the Public Inquiry.

Potholes.

The winter has certainly taken a toll of the roads. Whilst the Parish Council regularly reports potholes, inevitably there are always some we miss. The County Council has now opened a specific web site for the reporting of potholes. If you see a pothole that requires attention contact the County Council on the following website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes. Our experience of the link so far is that it does work!

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held **on Thursday 8th April 8th** at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. The Annual Parish Assembly is to be held on **Tuesday 20th April** at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane Fenstanton. Members of the press and public are welcome.

Looking for a good book? If you are stuck for something to read on holiday or even just for a lazy day at home then pop over to Fieldsview Kennels & Cattery in Hilton and take a look at the second hand books for sale in reception. Most books are priced at just £1 each and all money raised will go towards the Hilton Church Roof Appeal. Fieldsview reception is open from 8:30am -10:30am and 4pm -5:30pm, 7 days a week, so there is plenty of opportunity to browse. If you have any spare books to donate these can also be dropped off whenever reception is open. For more information, contact Rachel Wood on 830866 or call Fieldsview on 830215



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We very much regretted having to cancel the Pancake Races event last month but the weather running up to the day had made the ground at the Headlands Play Area so waterlogged that no-one could have run safely. It was also bitterly cold on the day itself.

It now looks as if the Environment Agency is not going to allow us to build a Village Hall with sporting facilities on the Hall Green land because it is in the flood plain and there is concern about the flow of water when water levels are high. We have not given up, however, while we still have one or two alternative ideas to pursue.

Meanwhile our fund-raising ventures continue:

- You can still purchase **Village Hall/Pre-School cookbooks** from the Post Office, Fenstanton Family Butchers and Ron's Farm Shop
- Do come along to one of the monthly **Quiz Nights** at The George run with great aplomb by Dai Heafield, future dates being **7th April, 5th May, 2nd and June 30th**.
- **The Cycle Treasure Hunt** will take place on **Sunday, 16th May**, with three different routes – two mile, five mile and fifteen mile – followed by a barbecue in the garden of The George. If you enjoyed the Cycle Treasure Hunt last year, spread the word to all your friends and have another great day out this year.
- Then, in conjunction with the Church Appeal committee, we are holding a **Barn Dance** on **Saturday, 10th July**, at Hall Green barn – another fun event for all ages.

Jane Blunt,

Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt 2010

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HILTON PARISH COUNCIL—MARCH 2010

Hilton Parish Council is delighted to welcome Joe Saunders and Claire Sunderland as Parish Councillors to bring us back to a full complement of 9 Councillors.

The Parish Council will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting on **Wednesday 28th April** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend for an informative evening on village life over the last year. A full agenda will be published on the village website and on notice boards a week before.

Dog Fouling is on the increase all around the village, but particularly noted in the church yard. Owners are asked to clear up after your dogs and dispose of the waste in one of the bins provided or take it home with you. The District Council's Dog Warden is aware and action will be taken.

Because of the Bank Holidays our next meetings will be held on **TUESDAY 6th April and TUESDAY 4th May** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and parishioners are allowed to speak during the open session only. The Agendas for these meetings are posted on the 3 notice boards and on the village website 5 days before each meeting.

All Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the village website. www.hilton-village.com

If you need to contact Hilton Parish Council Please email Nadine Taylor, the Clerk thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

NEW APPOINTMENTS We are pleased to announce the appointment of a caretaker and also a cleaner at the village hall. Alan Cockwill has taken on the role as caretaker and Nicola Smith that of cleaner. We are very pleased to welcome them into their new positions and wish them every success.

DOG SHOW The Trustees are holding a dog show to raise funds for the Village Hall on **Sunday 30th May** on the village green. The judging for Pedigree Classes at 12 noon and Novelty Classes at 1pm. Please bring along your pampered pooches and show them off to the adoring spectators. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. In the case of bad weather the event will be held in the Village Hall. As a fun competition for the day please bring along animal replica's, either carved out of vegetables, wood, papier-mache or clay.

For details phone Deb Bridge on 830157.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Hilton Village Hall on Monday 19th April at 8pm. Audited accounts will be circulated and Officers will give an account of the past financial year followed by the election of Trustees and then questions from the floor.

Please come along to see the behind the scenes running of the Village Hall.

Cheese and wine will be served.

For further details contact Donna Holdaway on 830770 or any Trustee.

LIGHTING We are pleased to announce additional lighting has been fitted to the Britten Room. The new lighting will prove beneficial for classes carrying out detailed work such as handicrafts, etc. If you are interested in booking the village hall please contact Lesley Fordham on 07922 014991.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

We've endured the coldest winter for 30 years- wind, snow, ice, frost, sleet and potholes.

As I write this, it's grey and cold outside and I've been longing for some spring warmth, and some sunshine. I want to ask- Where are the daffodils?- or the bumblebees? Will Spring ever come? Will the heating be on forever?

I hope that when this copy of Spectrum hits your doormat that Winter will have well and truly gone, and that we will all be enjoying better weather.

The coming of Spring is marked by Easter. The exact date of Easter changes from year to year, but what never changes is the promise of new life that it brings. The new life of opening buds in our gardens, and of the lambs and ducklings in the fields and ponds. And for Christians, the offer of new life from God- a life of loving kindness and hope.

Most people experience times in their life when the going is tough- when their hearts are wintry. I want to commend my God to you, who brings light and warmth when we need it the most. Rev Katy Dunn

Christian Aid House to House Collection 9th-15th May 2010.

The house to house envelope collection in aid of Christian Aid is 9th-15th May this year. Could you help? I am looking for collectors to help cover each street/road in Fenstanton. It only takes a little time but you could help raise money for some of the poorest people in our world. I can deliver all the materials you need direct to your house. Please ring me if you would like to know more or can help. Many thanks Katie Hucklesby. Telephone 465211. Full details of the work of Christian Aid at christianaid.org.uk

The Bridge Church Serving St Ives and Local Communities www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

Sunday Church Services: We meet together at 10.30am on Sundays at Westfield School, Ramsey Road, St Ives, to worship Jesus and hear His good news. We also meet together in small groups' midweek where our church family make deep friendships and grow together in their faith.

There is a home worship group in Fenstanton which serves both Fenstanton and Hilton.

Bible Study & Prayer: We have weekly bible study for woman, monthly church prayer meetings and weekly men's prayer mornings.

For further information please see our website or call us on 01480 498 801

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES—APRIL SERVICES

Thursday 1st	Hilton	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 2nd	Fenstanton	10.00am	Children's Workshop
(Good Friday)	Hilton	11.45am	Devotional Service (followed by walk from Hilton to Fenstanton)
Sunday 4th	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion
(Easter Day)	Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
	Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
Thursday 8th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th	Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for All
(2nd after Easter)	Hilton	11.00am	United Service at Methodist Chapel with Sunday Club
Thursday 15th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th	Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion
(3rd after Easter)	Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Thursday 22nd	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 25th	Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
(4th after Easter)	Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am
Tuesday 27th	Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
Wednesday 28th	Hilton	7.30pm	Annual Parish Church Meeting in Church
Thursday 29th	Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	Fenstanton	7.30pm	Annual Parish Church Meeting in Church Centre

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays, at Hilton 10.00am Morning Prayer/Communion at 20 Chequers Croft

Fridays, at Fenstanton 7.30pm Teenage Christians

Tots Praise April is an exciting month with Easter Holidays but it's sad on Good Friday thinking of what happened to Jesus. Sunday Club presented posies on March 14th to Mummies... a very happy Mothers' Day!

Come to the next meeting on **April 27th** and maybe there will be a new song to sing again after the March meeting. Come for a coffee, make friends, relax and play in St Mary Magdalene Church. We always meet on the last Tuesday of the month.

From the Vicar—Do phone or email me with any questions or issues about faith, or about matters of pastoral concern. For more regular matters such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, please first contact one of the churchwardens: For **Fenstanton**, Martyn Saunders, 01480 301068 (baptisms, weddings and funerals) or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 (general enquiries) For **Hilton**, Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (weddings and baptisms) or Ralph Slayter (funerals) 01480 830466

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Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Mr Don Moorman
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	United Holy Communion Service Revd Katy Dunn
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Mrs Lynn Taylor
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Mr Derek Rutherford

EXPLORATIONS - Discussion Group.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 26th April; in light of the imminent General Election, the topic will be 'Faith and Politics'. Coffee and cake will be served.

COFFEE MORNING

The first monthly coffee morning on Saturday 6th March was a great success. A big thank you to all the helpers. The next one will be on Saturday 3rd April, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, in the Methodist Hall. There will be FairTrade products to buy, as well as coffee/tea and cakes for refreshments.

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		3:00pm	Easter Praise
Sun 11th		9:30am	Revd Roy Muttram
		6:00pm	Taize Evening Service
Sun 18th		9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Sun 25th		9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
Sun May 2nd		9:30am	Revd Derek Newton

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday , 13th & 27th	10.00am	THE OPEN DOOR
Tuesday , 6th & 20th	10.00am	KNITTERS & NATTERS
Saturday , 11th	8.30am	MEN'S BREAKFAST (All men welcome, call John on 468718)
Saturday 17th	10.00am	BOOK SALE

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At present we are making baby items for 4 different baby units, blankets for Kosovo and hats for Jimmy's Night Shelter.

If you would like to join us, just come along on Tuesday April 6th and 20th. 10.00-11.30am. We are a friendly group, and you will be made welcome, you don't even need to knit, as long as you can natter!!!!!!

Jean Ding

**FENSTANTON & HILTON MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

We will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday April 10th. When we will be considering the Holocaust and how it is viewed through modern day eyes. It will be Holocaust Martyrs Remembrance Day the following day, Sunday, 11th.

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

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Under Sixes train regularly on a Saturday morning, subs are just £2 per week, with no commitment at this stage, just turn up and play.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents for taking turns in providing refreshments pitch side. Refreshment profits are a valuable source of income – thank you.

Something to think about next season our oldest boys, will join a new Hunts Youth League and not be part of the Hunts Mini Soccer League. The set up of our Committee will need to change to accommodate the new league and we need to recruit volunteers to join our Committee to enable to the Hunts Mini Soccer Teams to continue. If you can help us, please contact Helen Rodriguez.

If you would like any further information please contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338 or email our Administrator: Helen Rodriguez – Helen.rodriguez@ntlworld.com

FENSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

***DON'T FORGET OPEN DAY ON
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We are going to have a family fun day on Saturday 15th May at the bowls club. Look out for details in next month's Spectrum

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All families in our Group are expected to have at least 1 adult apply for CRB clearance through us, as we expect every family to help on parent rotas, with fundraising, at events and activities (and believe it or not it can actually be fun!)

We have a published waiting list policy on our web site. This highlights the fact that if a space does become available priority is given to the children of uniformed leaders in our Group.

Due to the large numbers of families involved in our Group we communicate via the password area on our web site and via e-mail (as otherwise we'd probably get through a tree a week in paper!).

Our waiting lists for Cubs and Scouts are currently overflowing, so whilst you are welcome to add your child to these please note it could be a very long wait!! (Although of course, if we had more adults as leaders.....)

Young Leaders—Since around 2005 we have welcomed a series of teenagers (aged 14+) into our Group as Young Leaders, we normally have around 8 or 9 at any one time. Some have been in our Scout Group themselves and are keen to help support the next generation in making the most of what scouting can offer, others join us as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award - with no previous experience of scouting at all.

2010 sees 4 of our current Young Leaders celebrating their 18th birthdays, which means they can then opt to continue scouting but in an adult role. So we will soon have space for more Young Leaders to join the adventure! Supporting your local community in this way is not only great personal development but it can help with 6th form, college and job applications. As Explorer Scouts our Young Leaders may also have the opportunity to join in a local international jamboree (CamJam) and spend a couple of weeks in Switzerland, both during 2011.

To find out more simply visit the “Explorers and YLs” section on our website and get in touch!

Adults—We know how busy everyone is (after all we work and have families too!) but please do consider finding out more about how you could help. We're always keen to hear from anyone aged 18 or over who would be able to spare time (at some weekly meetings, at weekend events, with specific skills or interests) to make the fun happen for over 80 local youngsters each week. If you'd like to arrange to visit and see what's involved please get in touch. It's a great way to meet other people, learn new skills and support your local community.
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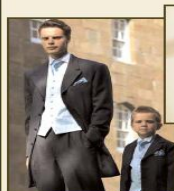
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HILTON WI

Celia opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and gave a very nice tribute to Olive Stokes who had been our president and secretary in the past and a WI member for many years. Joan Wilding thanked everyone for their help and support and for making cakes for the funeral.

Geoff Evans' slideshow and talk about the wilds of Alaska and Canada transported us for a while to quite another world. He had travelled to places only accessible by helicopter or small plane and showed breathtaking views of lakes and mountains and huge bears waiting patiently in the river for salmon to swim into range. We heard how the mother bears were very protective of their cubs which they rear until they reach about 3 years and everyone agreed Geoff had again treated us to a captivating evening

As usual there is plenty going on in the Institute: the craft group has had its first meeting which was very successful but there is plenty of room in the village hall for more to come along next month so Donna says bring your sewing, knitting, painting or whatever you are working on

at the moment and join in. Or just come along to see what others are doing and maybe get inspiration from them.

**Next craft group meeting
Thursday 1st April. 12.30 - 3.30pm.**

Our Hilton Walk leaflet is still bringing in visitors and we shall be welcoming a large group of ladies from Cambridge Federation on Sunday **18th April** when they will be taking the walk followed by a cream tea.

Our Spring Dinner will be on **April 16th** at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives and Summer outing to Woburn Abbey **15th July**. The summer lunch date has changed to **Tues10th August**.

If you are not already a member but interested in coming along to WI, please contact our Secretary Ruth Salem on 830358. Next month our speaker on **April 12th** will be Peter Carter whose talk is entitled The Last Eel Catcher.

Carol Yarrow

Date for diary:

The Thursford trip will take place on Sunday 21st November 2010.

BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

Fenstanton Group

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Thank you We would like to thank Mrs Riley of Fenstanton for her very kind donation of toys. These are much appreciated and the children have already had lots of fun with them.



Hilton Group

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FENSTANTON WI

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Paul oversees the work to enter Huntingdonshire in the competition 'Anglia in Bloom' run by the R.H.S. In the regional competition Huntingdon was awarded a Gold Medal and St. Ives and St. Neots both won a Silver Gilt Medal. To win, community involvement and environmental concerns are just as important as flowers. Huntingdon has a very successful recycling scheme and encourages compost collection. Six schools in Huntingdon have been given 500 bulbs each to plant and brighten the environment. The hope is that if children are involved and interested there will be less vandalism. New gardens are being created. One is near the bus station in St. Ives. It is hoped that not only will local people benefit but it will help to increase tourism.

Anne Groome gave the vote of thanks commenting that there were some lovely ideas that we could incorporate into our own gardens like planting hanging baskets with plants to attract butterflies.

Dates for Future Meetings

April 1st Snap out of it by Mr and Mrs Christopher South.

May 6th Resolutions and Bring your Arts and Crafts.

June 3rd Around Alaska by Mr. Geoff Evans.

It was great to welcome six new members at our last meeting.

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

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from within the tall grey forbidding granite walls of the home for totally bewildered.

Thanks to the anonymous benefactor who threw a bag of frozen sloes and two quart bottles of cheap supermarket gin over the main gate. They hit Matron on the well reinforced rump and bounced off into the fish pond which being frozen at the time gave up it's bounty quite easily with the help of a long pole and a pair of the aforementioned's magic knickers. We don't make a habit of pinching unmentionables off of clothes lines you understand but they were the only thing we could find big enough at the time. We passed the week in the slammer making a new batch of the ruby nectar and that should last us until the end of April when we **will be looking**

for more.

We are also still looking, as you may have guessed, for more volunteers as per my previous insults: - **Sports Day 3rd July help manning stalls, marshalling races etc.** Sorry about having to shout the last bit but you lot out there in Fenstantonland don't seem to respond when I ask nicely. You can of course contact us on 01480 370973 or tell a committee member whilst exchanging a friendly insult or two.

The Tombola box is starting to fill up nicely but we can still do with more so drop all those unwanted gifts and bribes into Ron's on your way past, the box is bottomless, unlike Ron.

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FENSTANTON OVER 60's

Hello everyone

I've decided it may be safe to come out of hibernation, or is it? What a long, cold, dark, miserable winter it's been but hopefully things can only get better weather wise and spring is on its way.

I do hope you have all kept well and warm in the long cold spell. It was nice to see so many members turn up for our February meetings despite the weather and also to welcome some new members.

Thanks to Beverley for coming with her lovely display of flower arrangements which were raffled as prizes and the winners were quite delighted to take the displays home. Our next February meeting was the AGM. We were advised of the audited accounts by the treasurer (Mr R Jacobs) for the past year.

We continued by nominating and voting in members for the committee for the coming year as follows:-

Mrs D Davenport (Chairperson),
Mrs B Woods (Assistant Chairperson)
Mr R Jacobs (Treasurer),
Mr W Treeby (Secretary)
Committee members: Mrs Letts, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Gildersleve and Mrs L Reily.

Our March meetings were well attended and we enjoyed games and bingo and were just glad to be able to get together among friends and make plans for the future.

We will be pleased to welcome new members, so please come along and give us a try.

Our next meetings will be:

April 10th & 24th in the Church Centre

HILTON FLOWER CLUB

We welcomed Alan Moores with his slides and commentary on "Gardens". When we "travel" with Alan we know we are in for a good tour! Starting in Cornwall, through other counties in Great Britain and finishing in Scotland.

As ever the photography was splendid, such diverse gardens with some breath-taking features, all made very interesting with Alan's descriptive comments. We are so lucky to live in such beautiful countryside. The ladies certainly enjoyed their "travels".

Thank you Alan.

Our afternoon was saddened when we heard of the death of Ken Morris that day. We offer Pat and her family our deepest sympathy. We will always remember Ken's kindness at our annual Garden Party in July. He had the garden looking great, then chatting away showing us around, particularly his fish! A very good host who will be missed.

For your diaries.

Next Meeting in the Village hall

Monday April 12th - 2pm.

Demonstration with Denise.

(NB not the first Monday which is Easter Monday)

Wednesday 26th May - £20.

May outing -Leaving from the Village Hall at 9am. visiting "Olivers" and Beth Chatto Gardens

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HILTON FEAST WEEK

The Feast Week Committee would like to belatedly thank everyone that supported us to do battle at our **'Quiz Night' on 30th January** at the Village Hall. Unfortunately I couldn't attend but as ever Steve was the consummate host delivering another of Neil and Jon's fiendishly frustrating and always hugely enjoyable quizzes. The food was hearty, tasty and a welcome distraction from the brain-teasers – A big thanks to the cooks and bar staff who kept you all fed and watered! Another big thank you to the 'movers and shakers' who battled through the rain and flooded lanes of Hilton on 27th February to attend the **'Feast Week Party Night' –** and to Dean of 'Eclipse Disco, sound and lighting' www.eclipsesl.co.uk who kept the 'party-people' moving all night. By the time that this goes to press we would have had our inaugural **'Hilton Family Quiz'** – This event is another example of the Feast Week Committee's commitment to providing a range of fundraising events to cater for as many Hiltonians as we can. Pictures and a write up on the event will be available on the village website (www.hilton-village.com)

Saturday 24th April – 'Bavarian night with Oom-pah band and bratwurst' If you haven't experienced the unbridled joy that is a night with good company, good food, good beer and wine accompanied by an Oom-pah band then you are missing out on what will be one of **the** nights of this year's fundraising calendar. The 'Bavarian Strollers' are much more than just a band, with their stylish Bavarian sound they are bringing a 'Bierkeller' atmosphere to Hilton and will entertain us throughout the evening singing, amongst others, the Bavarian Drinking Song: 'Ein prosit, ein prosit We'll learn to 'seat sway', appreciate a polka, play team games and sing along to old favorites and much, much more. Miss it, miss out! Tickets will sell out fast at just £12.50 to include a

'Bavarian Supper' (Vegetarian option available)

The creative members of the team are currently working on the finer details of a couple of other fundraising events for your calendar. A **'Salsa & Cocktail'** evening in **May** which promises to be every bit as good as the previous cocktail evening with the added 'spice factor' of Latin America's hottest dance style! The **'June Jamboree'** this year promises to be our best yet! More interactive, more fun...just plain MORE!

Due to popular demand we may, we may even squeeze in another quiz to give all those that came 'close but no cigar' in January a chance for revenge!

I am also happy to announce/remind all that the theme for Feast Week will be **'Disney.'** Adults and children alike have all been charmed by the magic of Disney and will, I am sure be able to draw inspiration from all that fine body of work to put toward their floats and artwork creative contributions. Good Luck!

Peter Sampson has kindly offered to take on the challenge of running 'Sports Day. However, many hands make light work, so if you would like to get involved? Or help out on the day? Please contact Peter via Sara Sampson on 830383 or Justo on 831106 or by email at maftel@aol.com

The committee would like to further extend the deadline for entries to the photo competition. Please could we have your photos encapsulating the spirit of Feast Week sent to Justo at maftel@aol.com and if yours is the winner it can grace the cover of next years Feast Week Programme.

We are working much more closely with the Village Website to can bring you updates on how preparations and fundraising for Feast Week is progressing. These will be found at:

www.hilton-village.com

Committee details are:

Chairman: Justo Perez 831106

Vice Chair: Sara Sampson 830383

Treasurer: Graeme Gribbin 830481

Secretary: Tracy Wilkinson 831302

Other committee members: Craig Sutherland, Gill Gill, Hilary Holmes, Keith Miller, Adrian Snooke, Ett McCarthy, Sharon Walker

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again all you gardeners, and hopefully we're having warmer weather now that April is here. We hope that you like the changes to the Produce Show schedule and are planning your gardening now. At the time of writing it's 5°C with a cold easterly breeze blowing thereby delaying an early start in the garden. The soil is still very cold from the prolonged frosts but covering with polythene, cloches or other protection will give a small but significant boost when you come to sowing. Be careful however to avoid compacting the soil by using a board to stand on whilst preparing the ground.

Herbie's Hints/Tips

However it is Spring so time to start sowing peas, broad beans, onions (sets and seeds), parsnips, carrots and cabbages. The shops are nearly out of seed potatoes, so if you haven't started them off then now is the time to start. Wait until later in the month to sow runner and French beans as any late frosts will prove fatal to the young growth and you'll have to start

again. Also, later in the month, roses, lawns, herbaceous plants and shrubs will all be grateful for a high nitrogen feed, whilst a general feed, avoiding the foliage, will benefit bulbs.

Despite the weather what a beautiful show of snowdrops, aconites, crocus and hellebores we have had to brighten up the last few weeks. Watch that pots are not becoming dry now and keep watering new shrubs and trees. Protect young growth from slugs and snails and keep on top of the weeds. Planting sweet peas will be a welcome task in anticipation of their long flowering season and wonderful scent. Prune spring-flowering shrubs immediately after flowering and trim grey/silver leaved shrubs to keep them bushy.

For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

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

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FEN DRAYTON LAKES

April and May are possibly the busiest months for wildlife – plants will be growing vigorously, insects will be emerging from hibernation and beginning their breeding season. Mammals and birds are busy breeding – in the case of birds, they'll be at various stages, from courtship, nest building, incubating eggs and looking after chicks.

I hope you can make some time to get out and see some of this for yourself. Walk the same route each week or sit in a favourite spot, and notice how many changes there are each week – more leaves on the trees, flowers in bloom, different birds singing.

The information point at Fen Drayton Lakes will be open each Saturday and Sunday from the start of April, and on bank holidays. It will usually be in the car park next to Holywell Lake (150 metres beyond the Busway), but we may set up at the Busway crossing occasionally. Our new events programme leaflets are available from us at the Lakes, and at Ron's Farm Shop in Fenstanton. (Thanks Ron!)

We have two guided walks and two family events in April.

7th – World Health Day Walk – 10am-1pm. Booking required.

We'll walk from the Busway stop in Swavesey through Fen Drayton Lakes to The Three Tuns (Fen Drayton) for lunch. Lunches can be ordered at the starting point, and are paid for separately.

13th – Build a Nest (for families) – 2-3.30pm. Booking required.

Learn about different kinds of birds' nests, and then have a go at building your own with materials you find here.

23rd – What's that Warbler? Guided walk – 10am-1pm

Enjoy hearing the songs of birds that have spent the winter hundreds of miles away.

Meet at Holywell Lake car park.

24th – Storytelling (for families) – 5.30-7pm. Booking required.

Malcolm Busby will tell us tales of the Cambridgeshire Fens and wetlands

Please book places for the World Health day Walk and the family events, on 01954233260—there are charges for these events.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL GROUP



The Beautiful Bluebells of Brampton Wood

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to come and experience the delights of a carpet of bluebells in this ancient woodland, which lies on our doorstep.

You are welcome to share this enchanting scene by participating in a guided walk through Brampton Wood on **Sunday 25th April**.

George Cottam, who is Warden of Brampton Wood, is also Chairman

of the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust. George will be delighted to lead us through this ancient woodland where a rich variety of flora can be seen. His aim will be to highlight the beautiful scent, colour and freshness of the bluebells that encapsulate the essence of a traditional English spring.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton at 10.30 am, GR TL 184698. Park in the Trust car park. Admission: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

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WHAT'S ON — APRIL

1st	Hilton WI Craft Group		12.30pm	p25
1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm	p27
6th	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7.30pm	p13
6th & 20th	Knitters & Natters	URC Church	10.00am	p19
7th	World health Day Walk Fen Drayton Lakes		10.00am	p35
8th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Church Centre	7.30pm	p9
9th	Over Day Centre Quiz		7..30pm	p7
10th & 24th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2.00pm	p29
11th	Men's breakfast	URC Church	8.30am	p19
12th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2.00pm	p29
12th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village hHII	7.30pm	p25
13th	Build a nest		10.00am	p35
19th	Hilton Village hall AGM	Hilton Village Hall	8.00pm	p13
23rd	Guided Walk		10.00am	p35
24th	Old Fenstanton Photos	URC Church	From 10am	p19
24th	Bowls Open Day	Bowling Green	3.00pm	p21
24th	Storytelling		5.30pm	p35
24th	Hilton Bavarian Evening			p31
25th	Brampton Woods Walk		10.30am	p35
May 3rd	Bowls Car Boot sale	Football Ground	9.00am	p21

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