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District Councillor (Fenst.)	388925	<i>To report street lights not working</i>	0800 253529

Education:

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Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group	493067	Hilton Baby & Toddler Group	831524

Churches:

Fenst. United Reformed Church	352958	Fenstanton Church Centre	01954 230471
Fenstanton Parish Church	301068	Hilton Methodist Chapel	830686
Catholic Church (St Ives)	462192	Hilton Parish Church	830466/ 866
Men's Christian Fellowship	468718		

Clubs:

Hilton Areobics	832321	Fenstanton WI	395564
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Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	831715	Hilton Senior Citizens	830169
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Community:

Hilton Feast Week	831787	Hilton Visiting Scheme	830239/ 866
Fenstanton Village Hall	461751	Hilton Village Hall	07922 014991
Hilton Town Trust	831454	Hilton Neighbourhood Watch	831986
Fenstanton Neighbourhood Watch	395284	Village Cars Taxi	01954 232715

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LETTERS

In Sympathy

David Rossin – Geraldine, Mervyn & Helen would like to thank all family and friends for their messages of sympathy and support at the funeral following the death of their father David. They have been a great comfort at this sad time.

Editor's Letter

Time for June's issue already. Where does the year go? There was so much fun stuff happening in May, indeed I saw many of you pass my house doing the treasure hunt on Sunday. I would like to thank all those who sent in photos. The one we used was sent by Louise Clover to highlight their plea for leaders. This issue is close to my heart as my own son is on the waiting list. So I would urge anyone reading this to consider heading up the new scout group. Here's a little extract from the current Akela Anne-Marie Hindson:

"I thoroughly enjoy being a Cub Scout Leader. I got started because I wanted to get involved in the community in order to meet new people. It's also tremendously rewarding to see how much young people enjoy Scouting and how much they are actually learning each week."

Thanks for the anonymous fiver posted in the box. We welcome this kind of behaviour! I would also like to appeal for some help. The editing team would really like someone to collect the copy from Hilton & Fenstanton post offices. Once collected on the 10th we need it to be typed up and emailed over to Spectrum ready for editing on the 11th of the month. If no-one comes forward we may not be able to accept it in the future. Sorry.

Amanda

Letters from our Readers

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Another successful round of the Darts challenge took place at The George on 1 May. The winner was Lee Butcher with a score of 540 and he won £30, with £30 going to the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all of you who took part and also to Jo and Dai Heafield of The George for their kind hospitality.

POPPY DAY RACES

I am organising a trip to Newmarket Racecourse on 8 August for the 'Poppy Day Races' on the July course. Cost of the coach from Fenstanton will be £10 per head and tickets for entry to the race course can be obtained either on the day or by calling the ticket office on 0844 579 3010 and quoting the Royal British Legion offer (before 24 July). Premier enclosure is £12 and Grandstand and Paddock £9.50. The Racecourse will be giving a donation to the Poppy Appeal on ALL tickets sold to members and supporters. Come and enjoy a great days racing and also benefit the Poppy Appeal.

If you are interested, please contact me on 01480 353376, or by email at gill.dartford@cambridge.gov.uk for further details.

Gill Dartford

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We had a fantastic response to the door-to-door envelope collection in April raising almost £5,000 with an extra £900+ to claim back from the tax man via Gift Aid. We are still expecting some more envelopes back so we will post the final total on the notice board in the churchyard in due course. Thanks very much to our team of volunteers who went round the village knocking on doors and, of course, to all of you who gave so generously - It is heartening to know that our beautiful church building is so well appreciated! If anyone still has their bright yellow envelope, never received one in the first place or have mislaid it, and would like to make a donation then please either drop it off in the secure collection box in the church (behind the door) or ring Rachel Wood on 830866 to arrange for it to be collected. Every little helps!

By the time you read this article, we will have held our fundraising Quiz Night which was a joint undertaking with the Feast Week Committee – we hope you all had fun and that we made lots of money for both Feast Week and the Church Roof! Other dates for your diaries include the Plant Sale at the end of June (Sat 27th & Sun 28th to coincide with the scarecrow festival) and a Wine Tasting Evening in September / October (date to be confirmed). If you have any plants that you would like to donate to the Plant Sale then please let us know.

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We are planning to organise another Hobbies, Crafts & Collections Day on
Saturday 5th September 2009 at

Fenstanton United Reform Church, Chequers Street, Fenstanton.

If you have a hobby, craft or collection that you would like to share with us please contact Jean on 01480 498221.

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Cats Protection

We have been given the opportunity to have stalls at the following events, but need people to man them for us. They are:

Hilton Fete - 7 June
Sawtry Fete - 2 June.

If you would like to get involved, you will need to be a member which costs £7.00. Please phone Lesley on 01480 391777 and let her know what you can do, it maybe a morning or afternoon. We need all the help we can get for fundraising events as we have to decline opportunities as we are not always able to provide the volunteers to man the stalls. Volunteers who man these stalls may be able to use the Branch van to transport the goods and promotional materials to the events.

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1 breaking and entry, theft and criminal damage.

3 incidents of criminal damage.

The Parish Council urges all Parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. Telephone 0845 456 456 4, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 55 51 11 or in an emergency 999.

Members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the meeting and appraised the Council of the levels of policing currently taking place within the village. This is based proportionately to the number of identified issues, although the meeting was assured that regular patrols take place during the evening and night and a number in unmarked vehicles. Other subjects were discussed including response times to calls, inappropriate parking, speeding and the Speedwatch scheme. The Parish Council will consider becoming involved in the scheme at a later date.

Village transport links.

It is the intention of the Parish Council to enter into dialogue with the coordinator of the Nene & Ouse Valley Community Transport scheme and explore if the service offers any benefits for the Village. Parishioners may be interested in the Camshare car sharing scheme which is operated in conjunction with Travel For Work, Liftshare Network and the County Council. Full details can be obtained through the website : camshare.co.uk.

Whippet Coaches have introduced a new timetable which provides a little more flexibility for those traveling to and from Cambridge during rush hour periods.

Parish Council vacancy.

Following the advertisement of the casual vacancy on the Parish Council no request was made to call a bye-election. The Parish Council is now in a position to co-opt a parishioner to fill the seat. If you are interested and feel you could make a contribution to the Parish contact the Clerk (01480) 465300 for further details.

Compost giveaway.

Following the success of last years compost giveaway the District Council are repeating the promotion again this year. The Parish Council has obtained a supply bags which can be collected by Parishioners from the Clock Tower from 10:00 on Saturday 13th June. The bags of compost are on a first come basis and are restricted to Parishioners of Fenstanton only (please ensure you bring some form of proof of residency) and are limited to one bag per household.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th June 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

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Report of the Fenstanton 114th Annual Assembly of the Parish - 21st April 2009
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FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT CONT.	HILTON PARISH COUNCIL CONT.
<p>The Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting and expressed the Council's gratitude to the following parishioners:</p> <p>Mr. S. Barnett, although not a Councillor, for his attendance and contribution to Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>Mr. D. Burton, as the P3 co-ordinator.</p> <p>Mr. G. Turner, for his efforts in keeping the Village tidy and litter free.</p> <p>Mrs. D Butcher, for tending the flower bed at the base of the Village sign at her own expense.</p> <p>Mr. N. Tilbury, for producing and maintaining the informative Village web site.</p> <p>Mr. M. Hayward, as the Parish Council's small works contractor and the efficient manner in which all aspects of maintenance are repairs are undertaken.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a review of the Parish Council's activities and issues over the past year. This included such matters as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The refurbishment of the Headlands Park play area. . The reduction of the Stagecoach bus services. . The Guided Busway. . Parking and speeding in the Village. . Dog fouling. <p>A report on the Parish Council's finances was given by the Responsible Financial Officer. The meeting was advised that the Council's finances are in good order and expenditure for financial year 2008/2009 had been kept within budget.</p>	<p>Parish work is progressing well, the pathway along the B1040 is now complete. We have a contractor engaged to resurface the pathways across the Green and another to repair the Church Lych Gate and other projects in the pipeline.</p> <p>The Parish Council has set up a working party, led by Cllr Margaret Shardlow to explore options for renovating the Pavilion and applying for suitable grants. Possibly to make it available to other groups within the village as well as the Cricket Club. If you have any suggestions for the Cricket Pavilion or are interested in joining the working party please get in touch with the Clerk. Our next meeting is Monday 1st June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. We usually meet on the first Monday of each month, in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. 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. Planning meetings are arranged as and when required and notification of these meetings will be posted on the notice boards 5 days before the meeting date. All Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the village website once they have been approved by the Parish Council. 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.</p>
HILTON PARISH COUNCIL	
<p>Following our May Election Meeting, we are pleased to announce Ian Stott remains as Chairman, with Katy Dunn elected to the position of Vice Chair and as Chair of the Planning Committee. We look forward to a successful year, being a full complement of Councillors with both experienced and our newly co-opted members.</p>	

FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES

JUNE SERVICES

Thursday 4th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club

Sunday 7th

Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Joint Service with URC at URC Church
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong

Thursday 11th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 14th

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

Thursday 18th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club

Sunday 21st

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

Thursday 25th

Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 28th

Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with coffee at 11am
Hilton	PM	Plant Sale outside Church
Hilton	6pm	Evensong

Tuesday 30th

Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
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Regular Weekly Events

Wednesday

Hilton	10.00am	Discussion Group Hilton Hall
Hilton	11.00am	Morning Prayer/Communion Hilton Hall

Friday

Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians
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FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES

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. I work Sunday on parish business, together with Thursday and one other day in the week. I listen to my answerphone regularly. Please do call on 01480

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE.

Sunday 7th June	11.00 am	Mr Andy Nicholson
Sunday 14th June	11.15 am	United Holy Communion Service at the Parish Church Children's Sunday Club in Methodist Hall
Sunday 21st June	11.00 am	Mrs Pauline Zahner
Sunday 28th June	11.00 am	Mr John Bridge

HILTON CHURCHES' SUNDAY CLUB.

Our April Sunday Club session coincided with Easter Sunday, so we met in the Parish Church. While the grown ups were having their service we made an Easter garden each and went outside in the cold wind on an Easter egg hunt. Luckily we all managed to find some eggs!

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FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

JUNE SERVICES

Sunday 7th	9:30am	Revd Robin McKenzie and Revd Catherine Ball (Joint service with Parish Church at United Reformed Church)
Sunday 14th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday 21st	9:30am	Mr Matthew Stone (Fathers Day)
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday 28th	5.00pm	Alive@ 5. With refreshments

JULY

Sunday 5th	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
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OTHER EVENTS JUNE 2009

Tuesday 2nd	10.00 am	Knitters and Natters
Wed 3rd	2:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday 9th	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning
Saturday 13th	8.30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call John 468718
Saturday 13th	10:00am	Worldwide Knitting in Public Day. Knitters and Natters will be knitting in St Ives at the Free Church and Bryants Shop
Tuesday 16th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Saturday 20th	10.00am	Book Sale
Tuesday 23rd	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning
Tuesday 30th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters

JULY

Tuesday 7th	10.00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.
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COME AND JOIN US. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship Saturday Breakfast.

We will be meeting on Saturday June the 13th. Our speaker this month will be David Kinder and his presentation will be 'A prison Chaplin's story'. So if you have ever wondered what life is like for a prison Chaplin do join us for breakfast. It promises to be a fascinating presentation.

These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the social centre of the United Reformed church in Chequer Street Fenstanton, (opposite Ron's farm shop); from 8.30 am to approximately 10.30 am.

As always, all local men are welcome to this meeting. Last month John Guthrie gave a talk on the potted history of the Methodist Church which was fascinating to hear. Do come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

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FENSTANTON W.I.

There was just one Resolution to discuss at our meeting on Thursday 7th May. It was to urge HM Government to increase funding for research into Honeybee health. A disease is causing the destruction of bee colonies around the world and UK beekeepers are losing 30% of their bee population every year. Bees are central to maintaining the balance within our ecosystem and scientists have asserted that if they disappeared the world would run out of food within a matter of years. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Christopher and Janet South have travelled extensively around the world and have visited some countries many times. They were horrified to hear that 5000 people died when the Tsunami hit the Sri Lanka. They were anxious to find out if their 2 taxi driver friends had survived. Fortunately they had but their 'Tuc-Tucs' (Taxis) were completely destroyed as were their homes. They relied on them to earn a living for their extended family. Within 22 days Christopher and Janet raised enough money to buy replacement taxis. Later they visited Sri Lanka again and although the authorities were helping a lot to set people up after the Tsunami there were other things that were being overlooked.

We were all given a leaflet with the title 'Pictures without a camera'. Inside there were 36 titles. We picked a number and then either Janet or Christopher would give us an illuminating detailed and funny talk. We didn't need slides we could see the pictures in our minds. The first we chose was 'Going to the lavatory with a Maharajah'.

Others included 'The bamboo train missed Ping Pong' and 'Fancy a frog in your throat?' Christopher and Janet give many of these talks and all the money they raise goes to the Charity in Sri Lanka.

Carol Crocker gave the vote of thanks saying that her only claim to fame was being in the next cubicle to Cherie Blair!

Dates for Future Meetings

4th June Table Manners and Traditions Through the Ages by Mrs Fiona Lucraft

2nd July Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook 1838 by Mr. Mike Petty

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Centre at 7.30 pm. For more info please ring our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

HILTON W.I.

Hilton WI were pleased to welcome Stuart Dobson to the meeting on 11th May to talk about bee-keeping and the importance of bees to all of us. In his presentation he explained how bees are kept today compared with the past, their life cycle, and how they have become endangered and most importantly why research into how they can be protected for the future is so important. Hilton WI found his explanations invaluable and agreed unanimously to support the NFWI Resolution which will be debated at the NFWI Annual Meeting on 3rd June this year - 'SOS for Honeybees' - calling on the Government for an increase in funding and support for the industry.. There are plenty of activities for Members to look forward to in the next few months, including a trip to Belvoir Castle on 16th July; a day of dog racing in Peterborough on 26th August - cost £13 per person; and the WI Summer lunch on Thursday 6th August.

At next month's meeting Christopher and Janet South will be telling Members how to 'Snap Out of It'. Cameras at the ready?

If you are interested in joining Hilton WI please contact the Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358.

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If you fancy a tea or coffee while the children play please come along - your first visit is free! Alternatively, if you would like further information please contact Becky on 01480 493067 or email rebecca@rjreynolds.wanadoo.co.uk.

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! We are also very pleased that Sharon Stevens will be joining us for a short Clap & Sing session approximately once a month. Come along for a cuppa and a chat and let your treasures burn off some energy. For more information call Jo on 831524. Session cost £2.

TOTS PRAISE

Faith or not! Just come for friendship, hear a story, sing some songs, coffee & welcome. We meet in Hilton Church on the last Tuesday of every month 1.30pm-2.30pm

See you next time June 30th

R.S.P.B. FEN DRAYTON LAKES

Springwatch is back on air! Many of us watch the programmes, comparing how the wildlife in our gardens and local areas is doing against the areas featured in the broadcasts.

Events at Fen Drayton Lakes will have similar themes, enabling us to make comparisons with our wetland wildlife. See below for more details.

The RSPB has run Big Garden Bird Watch for thirty years now, when people record birds in their garden at the end of January. This year, we are beginning a summer garden survey, organised in the same way. You can find more information on www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount or by collecting a form from our information point at Holywell Lake car park. Please remember that all birds nests are protected by law, so if you need to trim garden hedges at this time of year, please check for nests first, and avoid leaving nests exposed.

We have six events planned for June. I hope you will be able to join us. The events will cost £4 for adults (RSPB members £2), and £1 for children. Unless stated otherwise, events start at the Holywell Lake car park (beyond the busway).

6th, 7-10am Springwatch – how are birds faring this spring?

6th, 2-4pm Getting to know insects: basic identification workshop

7th, 2-4.30pm Springwatch – dragonflies and other wetland wildlife

10th, 2-4pm Getting to know insects: repeat of 6th
19th, 7.30-10pm Singing for Supper – a dusk chorus walk

21st, 1.30-4.30pm Midsummer in Middle Fen – a circular walk, starting from the Green in Market Street, Swavesey

Please book for the Getting to Know Insects events and the Springwatch event on 7th, by calling 01954 233260.

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HILTON ACTION ON TRAFFIC (HAT)

Two petitions from Hilton residents seeking effective traffic solutions in Hilton were presented to Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee on 20th April 2009.

Local Member Councillor Bates spoke in support of the petitions, stressing that the traffic problems had an adverse effect on the quality of life of residents. It was agreed that the highways engineers would investigate appropriate actions and report back to the Committee.

Further to HAT's meeting with him earlier this year, Jonathan Djanogly MP has taken up Hilton's traffic issues with Mark Kemp, Director of Highways and Access at Cambridgeshire County Council. We did not find Mr. Kemp's written response to our MP at all helpful. There appears to be no recognition of our present problems. Instead, he refers to his own department's resource limitations and to previous decisions and measures taken over the past nine years.

HAT will continue to work for effective action, but it seems that results will only be secured by continued pressure on the local authorities. If you are frustrated at the lack of progress, you might wish to express your personal concerns and dissatisfaction directly to your elected representatives. This will help to make it clear Hilton will not be deflected by the kind of responses we have received so far.

To contact HAT or for more information

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WILDLIFE TRUST



Waresley and Gransden Woods

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to the next of this year's Wonderful Woodlands walks on Sunday 7th June 2009 at 2.30pm when we will be visiting Waresley and Gransden Woods.

Waresley and Gransden Woods are adjoining ancient woodland, predominantly comprising ash and oak. Graham Moorby has been Warden for the past 5 years, but has been visiting the reserve for over 15. His main conservation interests are butterflies and traditional woodland management to encourage ground dwelling plants

- such as oxlip, purple loosestrife, greater butterfly orchid and hairy wood-rush. The woods are also home to breeding birds such as tawny owl and blackcap. Browne's Piece, on the western edge of the wood, is also an interesting example of the Trust's management, whereby the present meadowland is being 'encouraged' to revert to woodland.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at 2.30 pm at GR TL258549. Park in the car park signposted on the minor road between Gransden and Waresley. Suggested donation: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website:

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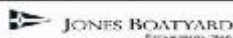


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FENSTANTON OVER 60'S

Since the last edition we have had two Bank Holidays. Hope some of you managed to enjoy them.

Our April meetings were well attended and to get us in the mood for the holidays our first visit was from our good friend Ted Barlow. He showed a film of his holiday by rail across America. We saw places many of us will never get to see away from the Glitz & Glamour usually associated with America. It was really enjoyed by all.

For our next meeting we were entertained by Christopher & Janet South who showed us their "Pictures without Camera"

Not really knowing what to expect it turned out to be the most interesting afternoon. Christopher & Janet are a well traveled couple and have been all over the world but not to the holiday resorts and they never take a camera. They rely on the truest camera there is, *their own eyes.*

But with their stories some funny, some sad. You could feel you were really at the places they described. They had such feeling and passion for the places and people they met along the way. No camera could truly portray.

We will certainly be calling on their services again.

Our next meeting is 20th June 2-4pm Church Centre. New members always welcome. Why not give it a go even if its just for company, a natter and tea & biscuits?



HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Hello again! We trust you are well on the way with your entries for the Produce Show on Sunday July 19th.

If you won a cup last year we'd be grateful if you would give it a final polish and return it to Jane Hazlewood (830896) by July 1st.

Herbie Collen's Tips for the month:-

Roses.

June is known as 'The Month of the Rose' - but for the show in July you will also need good blooms. This is possible if you remove dead flowers once they have bloomed and give them a high nitrogen feed – not forgetting to water them if the weather is dry.

Showing fruit.

Always leave fruit on the stalk that attached your fruit to the plant and, with blackberries, currants (black & red), cut them from the plant rather than breaking them off.

What to do this month. As this is probably one of the busiest times of the year in the garden a few tasks which are worth spending time on are:-

* Feeding spring-flowering bulbs now as this encourages new flower buds to develop for next year. Overcrowded clumps of bulbs can be lifted and divided.

* Watering is especially important for containers, newly-planted and young plants...and have you thought about a water butt both for convenience and saving money on your water bill?

* Pruning spring-flowering shrubs, tidying and cutting back perennials.

* Taking cuttings from pinks.

* Planting out summer bedding in borders, containers and hanging baskets now that the threat of frost should have passed.....but keep an eye on the

weather forecast just in case of an unexpected 'nip'!

* Trying planting some of your strawberry plants in hanging baskets – both attractive and tasty...and no slugs! Peg down strawberry runners into pots of compost (peat-free) if you want to make new plants for next year.

Junior corner.

* With the Show next month we hope that your sunflowers are growing well and that your seed tray garden entry is coming on nicely.

*For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 830838.

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



Sports Day

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2009

Starting at 2.00pm

· Races · Produce/Craft Show · Side-shows · Hog Roast & Barbecue food · Licensed Bar

Fenstanton Football Field

SCOUTS

In these challenging economic times our fundraising becomes even more crucial to help make the fun happen. As always we try and involve the youngsters of all ages, so they can learn that you really do get out of life what you put in.

In addition to equipment, running costs etc 2010 is then going to be a costly year - our Scout Troop have been invited to a national event in Croatia; the Scout Group will be 40 so we intend to celebrate (with both current and former members and supporters) and we will be running a Family Camp for the first time in recent history!

We look forward to continued great support from everyone at our forthcoming fundraisers:

Big Breakfast

Saturday 13th June 9.00am-11.30am

Our annual chance for our Scouts to show they can cook for you, as well as a family tombola and the sale of some delicious cakes.

Car Wash

Saturday 18th July

9.30am - 1.00pm

Wilderspin's Garage
in Fen Drayton have

kindly agreed to host our youngsters as they wash cars in return for donations.

Joining the fun

Scouting in 2008 has seen nearly 15,000 more boys and girls able to join in the fun across the UK than in 2007. We are delighted that our numbers remain high but still have the sad task of adding youngsters to waiting lists, simply because we don't have room for any more. The most urgent need is for adults to help with the Scout Troop (ages 10-14) so that we can open on a second night - and wipe out that part of the waiting list in one go.

We have lots of opportunities for adults, from an hour or two a year to several hours a week so please do think about how you could help. Remember it's all about what you can do, not what you can't!



GIRL GUIDING IN GALLEY HILL

Were you a Guide, a Brownie or a Rainbow? Do you remember what fun you had, the skills you learnt and the friends you made? Would you like to share your enthusiasm and skills with the current generation of girls? GirlguidingUK is approaching its Centenary and this is a great time to get involved again. Galley Hill District comprises Hilton, Fenstanton, the Hemingfords, Elsworth and Papworth. We have Rainbows in Hilton and Papworth and Brownies in all the villages.

After Brownie the girls can progress to Guides and we currently have one Guide Unit in Papworth. However, this unit is losing its leaders at the end of this term and if we don't find anyone to carry on we will have no Guide Unit. Also Papworth Brownies and Rainbows need new Leaders as the current Guider is moving to Canada. The other villages are also keen to recruit new helpers. If you enjoy working with children, young people and are enthusiastic, we would love to hear from you.

GUIDES CONT.

No experience needed as you will have the support of experienced guiders. If you don't want to lead a unit, we need Assistant Guiders too and if you don't want to go into uniform, you can be a Unit Helper, you don't even need to commit to every week. Do you know anyone aged 14 – 18? They can be a Young Leader.

This looks great on CVs as you get lots of experience in planning, carrying out activities and working as part of a team. Interested? Want to find out more before committing yourself? Please contact Galley Hill District Commissioner – Mrs Karen Baker on 01480 830156 or email: girlguidinghilton@googlemail.com

FENSTANTON YOUTH FC

Apart from a few tournaments our season has now officially ended – how are we going to fill our Saturday mornings now? Hope you all have a great summer.

Thanks to all the players who have turned up week in week out, in sometimes, dreadful weather conditions. We think you are all FANTASTIC and you are a credit to our Club,

We also Thank our Coaches, Charlie, Kevin, Justo, Mark, Chris, Darren and Gareth for their expert training sessions and encouraging touchline support.

Thanks also to all the parents who, not only support their child on the touchline, but support the Club, our refreshment stall has made a massive profit and its thanks to our parents (and grandparents) for providing the “goodies” to sell, selling them and very importantly buying them!

End of Season Celebrations and Registration for Next Season

Saturday 20th June, at the Football Field, Kick Off time of 10 am.

www.fenstantonyouthfc.co.uk

If you have trained with us this season do come along for some fun and enjoy something from our BBQ. All those who have played in the Hunts Mini Soccer League will receive a trophy and those from our under six group who have trained all year get a prestigious medal. Registration for next season comprises of a £10 fee and a short form must be completed. If you cannot attend but do want to register your child please speak to Helen Rodriquez (or your coach) as soon as possible because deadlines are tight.

Coaches Needed for next Season Next September, our current under sixes, those currently in year one, will hopefully join the Under Sevens League. The next intake will start in September and they will need a coach. If you think you may like to help we would like to hear from you. Please contact Charlie Darling.

And Finally June sees our Head Coach celebrate a very special birthday – from all of us

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY CHARLIE.

If you would like any further information please contact our Head Coach, Charlie Darling on 395338

FENSTANTON CRICKET CLUB

This has been a tough start to the season for Fenstanton's Hardy Perennials, occasionally (but not always accurately) known as Cricketers. Since last season the Club has had to come to terms with the deaths of two of its most stalwart and respected members, Alan Tack and Justin Reynolds; the massive contribution of these two gentlemen of the game on and off the field can neither be underestimated or easily replaced. The further bad news of groundsman/wicket-keeper/opening batsman Mick Curtis's retirement owing to injury meant that the 2009 campaign could not have got off to a worse start.

Until we started playing. The now traditional pre-season friendly at Houghton & Wyton saw the home team's Josh Meadows score 115 not out and give Fenny a nigh-on impossible 242 to chase down. But our own dynamic Mike gave it his best shot, also plundering 115 before being caught behind. With clearly something good on the telly, the rest of the batsmen hurried themselves back to the pavilion 45 runs short of the target.

The first league game saw us welcome Over to our ground which was looking a picture after hard work from the aforementioned Mr Curtis, Steve, Sean, Chris, Harry and Andy. In an almost unprecedented move Fenstanton batted first with Andy (62 - runs, not years) the

pick of only three batsmen to reach double-figures as a barely adequate 156 was totalled.

Steve's excellent hot-dogs at tea clearly slowed the usually lightning-fast Fenny fielding and despite Andy's parsimonious bowling it was Over and out with seven overs to spare as the visitors won by three wickets.

City Of Ely were the next guests of honour and in a return to form Fenstanton skipper Roger inserted the opposition and thus invited them to rack up a high score that would be impossible to chase down. All went exactly to plan as Ely scored 188 with Fraser's 4-23 nearly amounting to the "pick" of the bowling though Roger's running catch was probably the highlight. A further sticky problem awaited as Ronnie's tea, stored in the fridge during the Ely innings, emerged with the mustard component frozen, thus making the ham'n'mustard sandwiches a particular adventure. This rare culinary experience can be the only explanation for Fenny's abject batting which saw only Mike and Moody hit the twenties and the entire side skittled for 73. If only M.P.'s expenses could match our batting...

So the only way is up. We've been happy to add Kevin, Paul, Gary and Alan W into our fold this year but we could always do with more. If you, dear Spectrum-reader, can add something worthwhile - and your presence would be enough - call me on 374858Richard Corbett, Secretary

**Ladies watch
Found in Fenstanton Church car park
Please contact Julie Morris 385980**

WHAT'S ON

June

1st	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
4th	Women's Discussion Group	Elsworth	7.30pm
4th	Fenstanton WI, Table Manners	Fenstanton Church Hall	7.30pm
6th	Springwatch	Fen Drayton Lakes	7-10am
6th	Insect Workshop	Fen Drayton Lakes	2-4pm
7th	Wildlife Trust	Waresley & Granden Woods	2.30pm
7th	Springwatch	Fen Drayton Lakes	2-4.30pm
8th	Hilton WI	Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Insect Workshop	Fen Drayton Lakes	2-4pm
11th	Fenstanton Parish Council	School Hall	7.30pm
12th	Race for Life	Manor House, Fenstanton	10-12noon
13th	Mens Fellowship Breakfast	URC	8.30am
13th	Scouts Big Breakfast	Clock Tower	9-11.30am
13th	Compost Giveaway	Clock Tower	10am
19th	Dusk Chorus Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	7.30-10pm
20th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Centre	2-4pm
20th	End of Season Football Celebrations	Fenstanton	10am
21st	Mid Summer Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	1.30-4.30pm
26th	School Summer Fair	School	6-8pm
27 & 28th	Plant Sale & Scarecrow Fair	Hilton village Hall	12pm
30th	Tots Praise	Hilton Church	1.30pm

July

2nd	Fenstanton WI, Pickwicks Talk	Church Hall, Fenstanton	7.30pm
16th	Hilton WI	Belvoir Castle Trip	TBA

See inside for Church Services & Events

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