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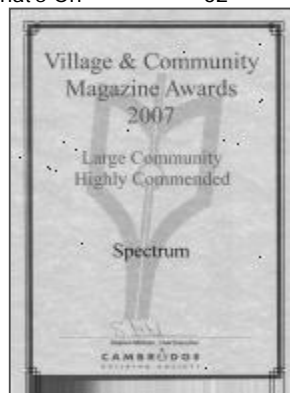
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# LETTERS

## Editor's Letter

Hello again... hope you had a pleasant Easter. I've spent the time enjoying the holiday with my children and doing the odd bit in the garden. I guess most of us had the same idea... I heard many a mower going! Take a look at Herbie Collen's tips for more inspiration for May. I'd like to make a plea for photos. Every month we need a cover shot and sadly we don't always have one. If you have any interesting shots taken in Hilton or Fenstanton, which are relevant to the season or month, and would like to share, just send us a jpeg. Further if you have any news items or notices please get in touch. The email is [spectrumparish-news@googlemail.com](mailto:spectrumparish-news@googlemail.com)

We would like to thank all our advertisers for their continued support without which the mag would not exist. Also, welcome to the newbies! Take a look through to see who they are.

Thanks for all the positive comments about the new-look Spectrum. Keep 'em coming along with any ideas to make it even better.  
Amanda

## Letters

### **HILTON CHURCHES' SUPPER**

A big thank you to everyone who supported this event in March. Thanks to Peter and Heather's superb planning and organisation, the evening was a great success and just over £1200 was raised for the Parish Church's Roof Appeal fund. Thanks also to all the cooks who gave us such delicious food that night. The Churches are both very grateful for your support.

Dear Editor,

I have become increasingly appalled at the level of dog faeces not being cleared by what surely must be a small number of irresponsible dog owners. Speaking to other owners - we all take a view that this minority of people - who surely live in Hilton, are letting down not only other owners but the whole village. I cannot understand how some people just will not clear up after their dog. I would like eradicate this problem to improve the village for everyone. I do hope however, that those owners who feel a tinge of guilt having read this will take a more responsible attitude in the future.

A I Brown

### **Christian Aid House to House Collection 10th – 16th May 2009**

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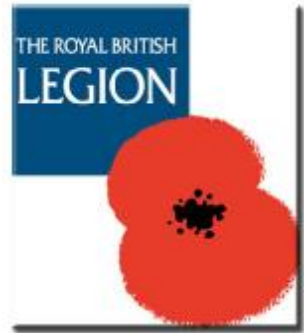
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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

### Speed Darts Competition

After the first successful round of the speed darts held in The George, Fenstanton on 20th March, I will be running another competition on 1st May.

The aim of the game is, using just three darts, to throw as many times as you can in one minute and the winner at the end of the evening takes 'half the pot' as the prize. It's just £1 to play and you can play as many times as you like.



The winner of the first round was Mike Adamson who won £30. With donations we raised £37 for the Poppy Appeal and I would very much like to increase this figure on 1st April.

So all of you budding darts players (and not so budding!) why not come along to The George on Friday 1st May and try your luck. Dai Heafield, Landlord of The George has offered four free pints to anyone who can beat Mike's score of 654.

The competition will start at 6pm and run through to 9pm and the person with the highest score that evening will be the winner.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Gill Dartford, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Fenstanton and Hilton.

If you would like any further information regarding the Poppy Appeal or if you are able to spare just two hours in November to sell poppies door to door please contact me at [gill.dartford@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:gill.dartford@cambridge.gov.uk) or on 01480 353376.

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Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please meet at Hayley Wood at 2.30 pm, GR TL292530. Please park on the road opposite the entrance along Hayley Lane. Admission: adults £2.00, children free. For more information please visit the website [www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/](http://www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/) or contact George on 01480 450809.

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# HILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

We are delighted to announce the co-option of Ettore McCarthy and Hilary Young, it has been a long time since we have been a full compliment of 9. We have a further person awaiting nomination at our next meeting pending the resignation of Cllr Ward. We thank Cllr Ward for all his hard work and dedication and wish him all the best with his new ventures.

**Compost Giveaways** – Huntingdon District Council are providing free bags of compost, one bag to each household as a thank you for all the recycling done by householders. The bags of compost will be distributed from the Village Hall around the middle of May, we will publish the date and time on notice boards and on the village website.

**Cambs and Peterborough Village of the Year Competition** – we have been invited to submit an entry into this annual competition. It requires a dedicated and hard working person/group of people to take the lead. If you think you could take the lead in this please get in touch with the Clerk, the closing date is the 15th June, and we must, therefore, make a decision by our June meeting.

**B1040 Footpath** - When the new houses in Scotts Crescent were built the Parish Council received a P106 grant which must be used for leisure purposes within the village. Different options were explored by the Parish Council which then, voted for a new foot path along the B1040 from

The Paddocks to Five Arches Bridge so that parishioners could enjoy a circular walk around Hilton. This has been pursued over the past 18 months and we had expected the work to be completed by now. Unfortunately there has been a delay with the Contractor, but we are hopeful that the works will soon be completed.

The Parish Council 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 5 days before each meeting and are now available on the village website. 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](mailto:thehiltonclerk@btopenworld.com) or write to 9 Mill Hill End, Hilton

## Fenstanton over 60's

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## **Police report.**

During the period 11th February 2009 to 10th March 2009 the following incidents had been reported to the Police :-

1 burglary.

1 theft from a motor vehicle.

2 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.

## **Dog fouling.**

The past months has seen a considerable increase in the number of owners allowing their dogs to foul pavements and footpaths in and around the Village. The Parish Council has considered the provision of specific dog waste bins in the past. However, it is the District Council's policy not to empty these receptacles and the responsibility falls to the Parish Council. Because of the nature of the contents the Parish Council must employ the services of a registered contractor to undertake the task of disposal with the associated costs falling to the Parish Council. This one aspect would incur a substantial increase on the Parish precept. This is not a reason for owners not to clean up after their dogs as it is perfectly acceptable to put dog waste in the ordinary rubbish bins situated around the village or indeed take it home.

The act of allowing a dog to foul a footpath or pavement carries a maximum fine of £1000.

It is the Parish Council's intention to explore methods, possibly by involving enforcement by the District Council's dog warden, to stop this anti social action. Although the simple solution is for, irresponsible, dog owners to become aware of their actions.

## **Village Bus Services.**

The Parish Council continues to campaign for adequate public transport to serve the Village. To this end the Chairman, Clerk and our County Councillor convened a meeting with the County Council's Head of Passenger Transport Services to flag up the problems currently being faced by travelers and the expected and foreseen implications the Guided Busway will have once it becomes operational.

## **Parking on Greens and Verges.**

The Parish Council is concerned at the increased levels of parking on Village greens, verges and green areas. Whilst the problem is understood and appreciated with, in many instances, residents owning more than one car available on road parking becomes a premium. However, the problem is further compounded by the use of company vehicles and vans being brought home at the end of the working day and over weekend periods and therefore reducing, further, the amount of available parking. The resultant parking on verges, greens etc is causing considerable damage. The Parish Council feels this matter must be addressed and is seeking assistance through the District Council to find options to improve parking provision and prevent parking on the greens and verges.



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### **Parish Council grant funding.**

Organisations within the Parish wishing to apply for grant funding are reminded that all applications must be received by the Clerk no later than 30th September for consideration by the Finance and Constitution Committee at its October meeting.

### **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th

April 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish will be held on 21st April at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton. The Annual meeting of Fenstanton Parish Council will be held on 14th May 2009 at 7:30pm at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, School Lane, Fenstanton.

Members of the press and public are welcome.

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Pancake Races event laid on with the Youth Football Club on 22nd February. The day was dull and cold so the pancakes sold like hot cakes but where were the runners? The under-10s and the adults ran some good races but the rest of you missed out. This event raised £163.70 for Village Hall funds.

We were successful in being awarded a Grassroots Small Grant of £800 from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation for the purchase of an electric generator, a two-burner gas stove, connector and bottles, and a PA system. All these items will make it much easier for us to stage our outdoor fund-raising events.

With cautious optimism we hope we are on our way to completing the sale of the old Village Hall site.

Then the pressure is on to buy another site on which to build the modern community hall this village needs.

We continue with our fund-raising. Don't forget our alternating fortnightly Wednesday Quiz Nights and Bingo Nights held, courtesy of Dai and Jo Heafield, at The George from 8pm, starting with Quiz Nights on 6th May, then 3rd June, 2nd July and every 4th Wednesday from then on and Bingo Nights on 22nd April, then 20th May, 17th June and every 4th Wednesday from then on.

Our next big fund-raising event will be the Cycle Treasure Hunt followed by a Barbecue in the garden of The George on Sunday, 10th May 2009 (see our posters round the village and in Spectrum). Come out and enjoy the countryside in the spring sunshine and you might be the lucky ones to find the winning clues!

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# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES

## MAY SERVICES

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Said Evensong
<b>Thursday 7th</b>		
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	10.00am	Worship for all
Hilton	11.00am	United Service in Methodist Church with Sunday Club in Methodist School Room
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Hilton	8.15am	Holy Communion (with Healing)
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club
Fenstanton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
Fenstanton	3.30pm	Jaffa Club
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Family Communion
Hilton	11.15am	Family Worship with Coffee served at 11am
Hilton	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>		
Hilton	1.30pm	Tots Praise
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
Fenstanton	9.30am	Parish Communion and Sunday Club
Hilton	11.15am	Parish Communion
<b>Regular Weekly Events</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Hilton	10.00am	Discussion Group Hilton Hall
Hilton	11.00am	Morning Prayer/Communion Hilton Hall
<b>Thursday</b>		
Fenstanton	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
Fenstanton	7.30pm	Teenage Christians



# FENSTANTON & HILTON PARISH CHURCHES

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Sunday 3rd May	11.00 am	Mr Colin Webber
Sunday 10th May	11.00 am	United Holy Communion Service –Rev. Katy Dunn and Rev. Dr. Robin Mckenzie.
Christian Aid Week		Children’s Sunday club in Methodist Hall.
Sunday 17th May	11.00 am	Mrs Lottie Taylor
Sunday 24th May	11.00 am	Mr Derek Rutherford
Sunday 31st May	11.00 am	Miss Pat Paddon
Pentecost	6.00 pm	United Healing Service with Rev. Katy Dunn

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## APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 3rd	9:30am	Revd Derek Newton
Sunday 10th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball.
Sunday 17th	9:30am	Revd David Viles
Sunday 17th	6:00pm	Mr Keith Cakebread
Sunday 24th	9:30am	Revd Catherine Ball
Sunday 24th	5:00pm	Alive@ 5. With refreshments.
Sunday 31st	9:30am	Mrs Maureen Kendall

## JUNE

Sunday 7th	9:30am	Revd Robin McKenzie and Revd Catherine Ball (Joint service with Parish Church at United Reformed Church)
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## OTHER EVENTS MAY 2009

Tuesday 5th		
Tuesday 12th	10.00 am	The Open Door Coffee Morning.
Wed 13th	2:30pm	Bible Study
Saturday 16th	8:30am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men welcome. Call John 468718.

Tuesday 19th	10.00am	Knitters and Natters
Wed 20th	2:30pm	Bible Study
Saturday 23rd	10.00am	Book Sale
Tuesday 26th	10:00am	The Open Door Coffee Morning
Wed 27th	2:30pm	Bible Study

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## FENSTANTON W.I.

On Thursday 2nd April Mervyn Foster gave us an interesting and informative talk with slides about Complementary Therapy. Mervyn was in the Army for 24 years serving in the Special Forces with tours of duty in the jungle, the desert and escorting convoys. After this he served 11 years with the police in Cambridge in the I.T. Department so Mervyn was no stranger to stress. Nearly 14 years ago he trained in Shiatsu which is similar to acupuncture but uses the pressure of thumbs and fingers instead of needles. Because 750,000 people suffer from work-related stress or depression and are off work for at least a month Mervyn holds Stress Management courses in offices not only in this country but across Europe and in America. His aim is to help people before stress seriously harms their health through high blood pressure, strokes, ulcers and heart attacks. He has also trained in Quantum Touch Healing which is a hands-on healing that incorporates different breathing techniques. He has worked at the Penny Brohn Cancer Care Centre in Bristol where a large proportion of people suffering from cancer said that his technique helped them to feel better and helped them tolerate treatments better. He would like to see Complementary Therapy work alongside Conventional Medicine but at the moment only three hospitals in this country allow this to happen. Margaret Blount gave the vote of thanks. Our thanks to Anne Groome who held a coffee morning at her home on March 12th. We all had a good time and raised £110 for our funds.

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### **Dates for Future Meetings**

**7th May** Resolutions

**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. If you would like to join our friendly group please come along or for more information please ring our secretary Mrs. Beryl Harvey (01480) 469278.

## HILTON ACTION ON TRAFFIC (HAT)

A very big thank you to the people of Hilton for your overwhelming support for a residents' petition to the County Council on our traffic problems. Thanks also to our volunteers who visited homes and collected over 400 signatures. Our petition is an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting of the Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee. We will keep you informed on progress (via Spectrum and [hilton-village.com](http://hilton-village.com)).

To contact HAT or for more information: e-mail: [HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:HAT-Hilton@hotmail.co.uk)  
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If you visit the lakes, please keep to the paths – wildlife expects you to be there. If people or dogs go off the paths, then they may disturb nesting birds. Amazingly, some birds were setting up nests in April close to the guided busway, while construction was taking place. They seem to adapt to the noise and vehicle movements, because they occur in the same place day after day, and not in the hedges, bushes or reeds where the birds will build their nests.

If you enjoy meeting people, would you like to join our team of volunteers to welcome visitors to the Lakes at weekends? We have an exhibition trailer in the Holywell Lake car park on Saturday-sand Sundays from April, serving as an information point for visitors. If you can spare some time occasionally and would like to know more, please contact Neil (details below).

Perhaps volunteering at Fen Drayton Lakes is not for you, but you would like to give something back for all the enjoyment you get from nature. Street collections will be held in Cambridge and Huntingdon on Saturday 6 June, as part of Love Nature Week, and the RSPB is looking for people who can spend a couple of hours (or more).

If you are interested, please visit [www.rspb.org/lovenatureweek](http://www.rspb.org/lovenatureweek) or call 01767 693680.

We have five events planned for May. Sunday 3 May is International Dawn Chorus Day, and our event starts at 5.30am, a little after dawn. We'll try hard to make your early start worthwhile! If that is too early for you, how about an 8am walk on Saturday 9th, when we will concentrate our ears on the warblers. We will do an evening walk on the 20th.

I hope you will be able to join us. Please book for the events on 3rd, 9th, and 27th, by calling 01954 233260. The events on 27th will cost £2 for children, £1 RSPB junior members, and are free to their adults. The other 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).

**3rd**, 5.30-8.30am Dawn Chorus

**9th**, 8-10am What's that warbler

**20th**, 7-9pm Middle Fen Dusk Chorus – meet at the Green in Market Street, Swavesey for an evening walk

**27th**, 1-4pm Pond-dipping – please book a timed slot to catch some of our underwater residents

**31st**, 10.30am-1pm Late Spring guided walk You can collect our new events leaflet from the information team in the Holywell Lake car park at weekends, Ron Jacob's farm shop, or other outlets.

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## HILTON W.I.

This year the National Federation of WIs is debating just one resolution at the Albert Hall AGM in June: SOS for Honeybees. Bee colonies are under threat from pests and diseases - a problem which concerns us all - and the NFWI resolution is seeking to address this decline by calling for an increase in funding and support for the industry from the Government. Hilton WI is inviting a bee keeper to come to its next meeting to find out the problems first-hand.

A touring WI exhibition is coming to Peterborough Museum next month. Entitled 'Exploding the Myth - the WI Revealed' it explains how the Women's Institute has been helping change the lives of women for nearly 100 years. There will be inspiring crafts and much more to enjoy! The exhibition runs from 2 May - 7 June. Any WI member willing to act as a steward for a few hours please contact Ruth on 830358.

Other activities on the calendar for Hilton WI include a trip to Belvoir Castle on 16th July - places on the coach are still available; and a day of dog racing in Peterborough on 26th August - cost £13 per person. Payment at next meeting please. The spring supper had been a great success and Celia Sutton was thanked for organising an excellent evening for more than 60 people. The WI walk leaflet has been circulated to every house in the village as well as other WIs in the Federation, and Hilton WI have offered to serve cream teas to any groups taking the walk. Two groups have already taken up the offer.

Thanks were reiterated to the Parish Council and Hilton Town Trust for their support for this project.

After the tea break Yvonne Barlow, a trained midwife who had worked with nurses and children in Africa, gave an outline of her research into childbirth conditions in the UK in the 40's, 50's and 60's, a subject which stirred many a twinge of memory amongst her audience.

At the next meeting on 11th May there will be discussion on the resolution re honey bees, followed by social time. If you are interested in joining Hilton WI please contact the Secretary, Ruth Salem on 830358.

It is with great regret that Hilton WI has heard of the death after a short illness of one of its members, Pam Gardner. She will be sadly missed.

### HILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

#### **INVITE YOU TO ENTER OUR SCARECROW COMPETITION FOR 2009**

Over the weekend of the 27th & 28th June 2009, the Hilton Village Hall Committee are hosting a Scarecrow & Open Garden Event and invite you to join in the fun and make a scarecrow (or two). We would love to see any scarecrow, large or small and the theme this year is Children's Nursery Rhymes. We are using the same system as last year with a voting slip per household so it is very important that you register your scarecrow with us. Any villagers wishing to open their gardens on Sunday 28th June could they also please register with us so we can include you on THE MAP! More information will be available shortly on the Hilton Village Website ([www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)) and details of how to enter are available from Deb Bridge (830157) and Liz Bush (830202).

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## The Fenstanton & Hilton Men's Fellowship

### Saturday Breakfast

For one month only the May meeting of the men's fellowship has been moved from the second Saturday to the third Saturday. We will now be meeting on Saturday May the 16th. The fellowship breakfast will be led by John Guthrie of the United Reformed Church Fenstanton, and John will be giving us a talk on the potted history of the Methodist church. These interdenominational fellowship breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of each month in the jhsocial 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 amongst other things we discussed computer technology, fishing and the rationale behind the Christian lent period. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and some lively discussion.

For catering purposes please book in or for further information please contact John Deeks on 468718 or 07748 653443 or [john.deeks@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.deeks@ntlworld.com)

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## HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

We hope everyone has been able to enjoy time in their gardens, spring having sprung so suddenly! Hopefully the new schedule has inspired new planting ideas so with seed choices made and successional sowing started things should be well on the way.

Herbie Collen's Tips for the month:-

Roses

\*Watch out for pests! Caterpillars are best removed and disposed of. Aphids (black /greenfly) do much damage and again are best removed by hand by cupping your finger around them and gently pulling them up to the top of the stem.

The Victorians used 'aphid brushes'. Don't forget to feed your roses.

Junior corner.

\*Hope your sunflowers are growing well for the 'Best Single Sunflower on the Day' competition in the show and it's now time to start planning your seed tray garden entry.

...and if you have time.....

\*As it has been so dry don't neglect the watering - especially newly planted shrubs.

\*Feed, weed and mow lawns to encourage good growth.

\*Harden off summer bedding plants.

\*Move tender shrubs in pots outside for summer.

\*Sow biennials for next spring's bedding plants.

\*Plant out dahlias at the end of the month.

\*Protect crops from carrot fly.

\*If you feel you need to use a bug killer spray make sure that it is one that will not harm other insects such as bees or ladybirds.

\*.....and finally....watch out for late frosts.

\*For any horticultural advice please call Herbie on 01480830838.

For organisational advice email Jane Hazlewood on [jane.ernie@talktalk.net](mailto:jane.ernie@talktalk.net) or 01480830896, and you can also find us in the events section on the village website - [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

April saw us all in the Britten Room enjoying "Easter Tidings" with Ann Purt: always a joy to watch and learn from. Her arrangements were varied, tucking in the traditional nests and eggs. Her "cracked eggs" which she had made were most realistic. She presented a great chicken and other charming floral and leaf arrangements. We had a good afternoon since Ann is ace in the floral world of NAFAS. We were lucky to have her come to visit.

Contacts P. Tuft 830499, G Dempster 830319 Next: May outing on 2<sup>1st</sup> May



Future: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2pm. Demo "East meets West" with Beverley and Visse.

# HILTON FEAST WEEK

Short entry this month owing to Easter Holidays which we hope you have all enjoyed.

Our next event is the joint fundraiser with Hilton Parish Church. Details follow: •  
Saturday 16 May 2009

Hilton Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30 start.

Tickets £10.00

Please contact a committee member to purchase your tickets ahead of this event. Following the success of the last quiz which was a sell out we will have to again make tables available on a first come first served basis. So book today! Profits from this evening will be divided between the Church (for their roof repairs) and Feast Week, so please do come book to come and support us.

Sunday 7 June 2009

Village Jamboree

More details to follow in next months Spectrum but please do make a note of the date.

Feast Week

This summer Feast Week will commence on Sunday 19 July with the parade of floats and the produce show. This year the theme is to be 'Great Britons'.

If you would like any further details please do not hesitate to let us know.

Main contact points are

Chair Peter Balicki 831787

Vice Chair Justo Perez 831106

Treasurer Graeme Gribbin 830481

Secretary Sara Sampson 830383

We will be looking at the end of the Easter break to get the website

[www.feastweek.com](http://www.feastweek.com) updated again so please do keep checking this site for further information.

## Fenstanton Cycle Treasure Hunt 2009



Sunday 10th May at 11am

Come along and join in one of the three routes:

2 miles - Fun for all the Family

5 miles - Intermediate route

15 miles - Challenge route

£5 per adult

£1 per child  
(under 16)

Start and finish at The George

Answer a series of questions on the route and get back to the finish line as soon as possible - 10 minute penalty for each wrong answer.



Refreshments and barbecue

Fenstanton Village Hall Committee

FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

## Car Boot Sale

Football Field, Hall Green Lane,  
Fenstanton

Bank Holiday Monday 25th 2009  
9am - 1pm

Pitches £6 ( no need to book just  
turn up on the day )

Sellers please arrive before 9:00am.  
For further details contact John  
Wosahlo 01480 - 395284

# VILLAGE SPORTS

Your barely literate sports reporter writes from a safe house somewhere in the village, away from the clutches of matron's goons.

The rest of the committee have let me write to you again this month, dear villagers. Well, they had no choice really since they were all stupid enough to get caught by matron, dragged back to the home for the totally bewildered and thrown in the cooler. They should have known better really, when you are just about to get on a bus to the border the last thing you do, after the secret police have scrutinised your papers, is reply in English when they wish you good luck! It's a basic mistake that a fully trained sports committee operative should never make. And people wonder why I keep on about getting new volunteers!

On that subject, I see that we have had a smattering of villagers step forward to offer their services on the weekend of 4th July for which we are very grateful. I will not hold my breath expecting any more of you miserable beggars out there in Fenstanton land to offer any help. Still, once matron is happy to let the others out on parole and their medication kicks in, we should get it all together for Sports Day.

Of course they got it wrong last month so I have to inform you of alterations to the Produce Show, not that any of you read last months missive anyway.

A vegetable model for all ages was missed out

Pre school category should read: - a summer picture and decorated egg.

It will all be in the programmes delivered through your doors in June anyway so I don't know why I bother.

We are looking for some specific helpers, and this is important!

We need people to help collect tombola donations or all of you to drop things in to Ron's farm shop. Please do your best on this one as the money raised will help secure Sports Day for another year.

If you have trophies would you please return them to Ron's before the end of May? Can anybody provide a disco at a reasonable rate to entertain the younger sprogs for 1 to 2 hours in the early evening?

If you are familiar with the kids in the village through school etc. we are desperate for two people to act as race recorders and hand out rosettes to the winners during the races.

If you are available for any of the above or wish to offer you help at some time over the weekend please let a committee member know (a note written on a crisp white fiver shoved through the fence of the home should do) or call 370973

Remember: - careless talk costs committee members.



# FENSTANTON YOUTH FC

## **Under Sixes - Football Fun**

Our Under Sixes continue to train, due to the cold weather numbers have dwindled, but please feel free to turn up and train on a Saturday morning at 10 am. Gareth Bridges, the Coach has a couple of friendly matches planned, he will keep you informed. Sessions cost just £2 per week, please wear shin pads and bring a drink. All welcome in Reception and Year One.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the Village Hall Committee's Pancake Races and those who turned up and bought refreshments from us, we made a whopping £92 profit. Thanks also to those who manned the stall all afternoon.

**Thank you** to the Fenstanton Town Trust who have generously agreed to support the Club. We are all very grateful.

**Under Sevens and Under Nines** - Continue to do well, previously postponed matches are being squeezed into the schedule. Our Under Nines have enjoyed a couple of floodlit training sessions at Hinchingsbrooke which have been enjoyed by all who attended. We hope to enter into a tournament in May and will let you have details as soon as we have them.

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.

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

# HILTON CRICKET CLUB

After more than 160 years of cricket at Hilton, we have decided to follow in the footsteps of the MCC Committee at Lord's and we will, with the greatest of reluctance, allow our supporters to wear fancy dress while watching our matches. Please note that this change in our rules will be for a trial period only and any abuses will result in the immediate suspension of this concession. Strict conditions will apply, as follows:

- Spectators assuming the guise of MCC Members by wearing "bacon-and-egg" style blazers, caps, wigs, waistcoats, spinning bow-ties, spats, monocles or moustaches, will be refused admission
- Spectators dressed as Mickey Mouse will be similarly discouraged, for fear of confusion of identity with players of our opposing teams
- Spectators dressed as Elvis Presley will be detained for 30 minutes after the match and forced to listen to some of his "music"
- Spectators dressed as WG Grace may be asked to bat for Hilton
- Spectators wearing fancy dress may only occupy the cheapest seats, i.e., those along the boundary with the football pitch (where people can actually be seen propelling balls with their feet, rather than elegantly driving, cutting or sweeping them with a willow blade)
- Spectators adopt their characters at their own risk. The Cricket Club will not be responsible for Joans of Arc who are seized and burned at the stake, giant teabags who are unceremoniously kettled by the Police or Spidermen who have their legs pulled off by small boys.
- Responsible disguises will be encouraged, especially those with a practical value. For example, a group of spectators collectively posing as a wind-farm would be welcomed and plugged into the floodlights to enable the match to be completed after nightfall.

This masterpiece of legal drafting could mean the difference between success and failure for our team in the coming season. Wish us well!

# WHAT'S ON

## MAY

1st	Speed Darts	The George	6.00pm
3rd	International Dawn Chorus	Fen Drayton Lakes	5.30-9.00am
4th	Bowls Club Car Boot Sale	Football Field, Fenstanton	8.00am
4th	Hilton Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
6th	Fenstanton Over 60's Meeting	Church Hall, Fenstanton	2-4pm
7th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm
8th	Indulgence Evening	Primary School Hall	7.30pm
9th	Warbler Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	8-10.00am
11th	Hilton WI (Honey Talk)	Village Hall, Hilton	7.30pm
16th	Christian Fellowship Breakfast	United Reformed Church	8.30am
16th	Hilton Village Hall Quiz Night	Village Hall, Hilton	7-7.30pm
17th	Wonderful Woodlands Walk	Haley Wood	2.30pm
20th	Middle Fen Dusk Chorus	Fen Drayton Lakes	7-9.00pm
20th	Fenstanton Over 60's	Church Hall, Fenstanton	2-4pm
25th	Car Boot Sale	Fenstanton Football Feild	9.00am
27th	Pond Dipping	Fen Drayton Lakes	1-4.00pm
31st	Late Spring Guided Walk	Fen Drayton Lakes	10.30-1.00pm

## June

4th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7.30pm
7th	Hilton Village Jamboree	More details to follow	

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