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DATE	Location	What's On
02-06 Apr	Westwood School March	Easter
10-12 Apr	Inglescombe	Working W/E
17-19 Apr	Tall Trees	Mexican
01-04 May	The Lawns	
08-10 May	Banham Zoo	Region AGM
15-17 May	St Neots Club Site	
21-26 May	Lyndon Top	Marquee
29-31 May	Poplars Peakirk	Wine Tasting
05-07 June	Tall Trees	Caribbean
12-14 June	Springfield's Spalding	Shopping
19-21 June	Cross Keys P/H Molesworth	
26-28 June	Tottenham Village Hall	RCM
03-05 July	Inglescombe	Rose Fair
10-12 July	Tall Tress	Xmas in July

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## Chairman's Bit for April

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Well here we are, a quarter of the way through 2015 already, where is it going. I hope most of you have had a chance to air your caravans, motorhomes etc. already for a busy season ahead of us. I am proud to inform you all that I was elected as Chairman for Fenland again this year. It gives me great pleasure to take on the role once again. We, at Fenland, are in the enviable situation of our committee expanding again this year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Glenda & Brian Webb, Brian has been our Countryside Care man for a while now so it seems only fitting that they join us on the committee.

The rest of the committee are as last year. It is our 40th Birthday this year and I do hope that you will help us celebrate at Westwood School, March later in the year in October. There will be entertainment and fun to be had. An invite goes to all members, past & present to either come for the weekend or if you are no longer a member, come along for the evening on the Saturday. We will have memorabilia on display to jog your memories and to show the younger ones just what we used to get up to. Mid Anglia, from whom Fenland was derived, were given a special invite but sadly will not be attending en masse. They have just been disbanded as a DA so any ex members

will be, by then hopefully, Fenland members in their own right. Of course, they will be very welcome indeed.

Our charity for this year was voted in at The AGM in February and it's a local venture near Kings Lynn & Downham Mkt. It is the 'Magpie Centre', the home of Riding for The Disabled in our area. They do some magnificent work with both young and old, physically and mentally impaired people. It is a cause close to my heart as I enjoyed riding and carriage driving before my problems began. So I can understand the sheer thrill for these folk sitting on the back of some dashing steed! Well a steady old plodder anyway. I only hope we can come anywhere near the amount we raised for last years fundraiser. We raised the amazing amount of £853

for our 'Angel' last year, to help her on her way to Tanzania with the 'World Challenge' group where she will help to build a school etc. Best of luck for July Angel. Angel and her family were overwhelmed with such a large amount, showing their appreciation at our AGM. I for one was only too happy to help. Thanks to everyone for putting their hands in and digging deep. Well, its probably time I stopped waffling, you all hear too much of me already! I only have one more thing to pitch, our NFOL. I am sure most of you know that it is in our region this year, at Houghton Hall. It won't be back for another 12 years, so please make the most of it. . Lots of us are working hard to make it a success, so please help by supporting the event.

easy task, and Janet I need to thank you for making all your beautiful blankets. Thank you to everyone that has contributed, the amount of money that has been raised here is crazy and honestly without it I'm not sure I would have been on target to even go. With the money you guys have raised for me I have roughly 350 pounds left to find!! Which means you have all contributed around half of the money that I needed to raise.

There's really not much else I can say as Thank you won't ever seem enough. All I can do is assure you that I plan to help as many people as I can, I plan to make this a worthwhile trip and I plan to help those less fortunate.

So THANK YOU all so very very much.

Angel Osei-Kissi

my granddad and Gina told Gill what I was up to. From that point on I've been overwhelmed with the amount of support I have had from you all. I know that you guys sponsor a charity every year and I never thought that for one second that I would be considered. When Granddad and Gina said that Gill was putting my name forward I was amazed and honestly didn't think I'd win the vote..... You have all been so supportive of me and I cannot thank

you enough. I've worked really hard to raise money and I know it's really not easy asking people to part with money, especially when most people don't have it to spare. But everyone here at the caravan committee has surpassed my expectations of generosity and I am seriously so very grateful to you all. Gill, Thank YOU so much, you believing in me and convincing all these lovely people to keep contributing at every function is no

I am sure you will be very pleased with what we are achieving and it is such a beautiful venue.

Have a good start to the season and I am sure we will see you soon.

Gill

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28th December 2014 to 2nd January 2015

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec... Arrived at Westwood School early to get everything ready. I helped move tables in the school hall ready for the cheese and wine evening. A great way to welcome everybody to this fun filled week. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.... Today was the indoor bowls tournament, the winner was Christina she knocked me out in the second round. Then it was time to dress the hall ready for the evening dinner dance. We had a lovely meal and danced the night away to "off the record". Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec... Today was my favourite activity. Ten-pin bowling 2 games and lunch, beef burgers were yummy. The kids watched a movie in the afternoon, and played beetle drive. This is where my lucky streak started with a £10 win for beetle drive. Casino night in the evening lots of games to play including roulette. Aimee Holly

and myself won £5115 (in funny money) shame it wasn't real. My luck continued when I won a bottle of Brandy for my granny, I was the person who got a pound coin the closest to the bottle. To end the evening we had an auction for charity, raising a fantastic £200. Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

... Great way to start the day, we all had breakfast in the school hall, made by my awesome granny, Gill and the catering team. After clearing up after 70 breakfasts, it was time to starting preparing for the big night. We set up tables ready to party, and we blew up lots of balloons ready to celebrate New Year at midnight. I made a new friend called Fatso. The DJ deserves a big thank you John Stevens entertainment, he kept us

partying till 2am. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!.... it was a very late night so we all had a lazy day. In the afternoon we watched a movie "How to train your dragon", and a game of bingo. I was lucky again winning £6. Evening entertainment in the hall was everyone joining in with youth games it was fun.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan... Time to clear up and go home, but first was coffee morning and a raffle, I won 2 prizes such a lucky week for me!! I had a fantastic time with my family and all the people that attended. A big thank you to all at Fenland DA I hope to see you soon (if Granny & Granddad let me go)

As Reported by Caleb  
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dreams, but letting me jet off to foreign lands was not going to be an easy sell! I convinced my mum and dad to tag along to another presentation, one based on telling the parents what it was all about..... and thankfully we came out with lots of positive feelings except ..... Not only would I have to apply in writing and then go through a selection process, where only 15 students would be selected from the 100, but we had to be confident and 100% sure that we

could raise £2,300 pounds each! So my fundraising began. Over the last year I have packed a million shopping bags at Tesco's and Sainsbury's, I have collected boxes and boxes of bric a brac to sell at local car-boots and table top sales. I've saved birthday money and Christmas money, sold tea, coffee and cakes at every school function, taken part in many team activities, raffled off donations and even abseiled down a 100 foot bridge!! But then one weekend

WOOP'S it's 11am time for coffee morning and raffle, I love a good raffle as it started being called 77,30,20,oh dear not me yet, Then 106, yes it was me .A bottle of wine if you please ! Then 108,I pulled my own ticket to receive another bottle of wine and a mystery prize What was it ?? Excited! I opened the envelope to find out, yes you guessed it! I had to write a piece about my lovely Valentine weekend meet. Thanks to all the committee members for making a lovely welcoming time possible .Hope to be back soon

Pauline.

**Fenland D.A. Member.**

## Angel's Speech

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Hi everyone.

Around 16 months ago a presentation was made at my school. The teachers put forward an idea to a hall full of students that they wanted to take a select few to Tanzania to help a community less fortunate than our own.

The process was not going to be straight forward and around 100 students decided they wanted more information. I was one of them!! My first task was convincing my mum! This I knew was one of her personal

## Valentine Meet 13th-15th February

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On Friday the 13th of March we arrived at Westwood School March to join Fenland DA, for there Valentine meet, It was getting dark and drizzling with rain we where met at the entrance by Janet [the whisperer] Who had lost her voice bless her;

We went into the hall to see some lovely friends that we had not seen for a long time, we chatted and of course drank the evening away it soon turned 11 o'clock, time to go. Saturday morning came and love was in the air.

IT'S VALENTINES DAY.  
What shall we do?.

Let's ride our new bikes to town. what shall we do for the American supper, let's go to the pub and think things over, 3-4 Hrs later we had decided,

So back on our bikes, we got and headed of to prepare our food, now we have to get ready what shall we wear ?? red,? black? trousers or skirt a bit of makeup oh that will do.

There was a disco with 70s love songs great ; Lets dance the night away, there was an American supper wow what a feast sandwiches, pastries, cakes what a great selection and to all the ladies a surprise ,each received a single red rose to end a perfect evening. Soon Sunday morning came around back on our bikes and back to town for breakfast at the ship public house [well worth a visit], It was a brilliant morning with warm sun shining down on us as we cycled back to the site to clear away,