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All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editors by 15th April

HUNTON'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

Come along and join friends and fellow villagers at the Club on Sunday 5th June, from 12 noon until 6pm. There's no need to be a Club member; everyone is welcome. There will be activities for children, Jubilee cocktails, real ales and much, much more. Don't want to eat lunch at the club? Don't worry, just come along, join the festivities and stay as long as you wish. For those of you who want to dine, tickets for the lunch go on sale in May. Act quickly when tickets are released as it's strictly first-come-first-served! Watch this space as more details will follow here in *The Herald* and on Hunton's Facebook page.

Have you met Her Majesty?

Have you met the Queen? With Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee being celebrated this year, why not share your story with us? Be it a grand occasion or just a fleeting wave, we'd love to hear from you. Drop me an email: tricia.nichols@btinternet.com or call 820804. We will then share it with villagers at the party. Thank you!



Do you want to advertise in *The Herald*?

We are about to start a new advertising year at *The Herald* and will shortly be seeking commitments from old and new advertisers by no later than 30th April. *The Hunton Business Directory* is printed once a year and circulated to over 300 homes four times a year. It is used by many residents looking for local suppliers and services. The cost of advertising has been almost unchanged for the past 15 years and so is very reasonable; between £43pa to £150pa, depending on the size of the advert. If you, or anyone you know, would like to advertise please send details to me, James Forster (forsters.hunton@btinternet.com) and I would be delighted to provide an information pack.

What happens to our advertising revenue?

After covering its cost, and over its 19 years of operation, the *Herald* has distributed more than £18,000 to village causes with the four largest recipients being the school, the maintenance and fabric of the church, the Village Club and the Village Hall who together account for over 80% of funds distributed. We currently have an undistributed surplus of about £5,000.

Editorial Team

Our rota of editors needs updating for the coming year and we would be delighted to welcome new volunteers. I believe I can say that all have enjoyed the experience of being part of the editorial team but we always welcome new names. It is an excellent way of getting to know more about what goes on and to make new connections in the village. If you would like to join us, I am happy to pair you with a suitable co-editor, or if you come as a pair, even better. Please contact me, James Forster, by e-mail on forsters.hunton@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to the rota.

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Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk

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Diary Dates

1st April: Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage – 7:30pm - Village Hall; 3rd April Village Club Working Party – 10:00;
 13th April St Mary's Church Working Party 9-12noon; 16th April: Easter Walk & Lunch; 23rd April : Hunton Bowls Club Coffee Morning 10 am;
 19th May: Clock House Farm Tour 5-8pm –From Village Club; 5th June: Big Jubilee Lunch – 12 noon – 6pm; 18th June: Plant Sale -12 noon 4pm - Village Club;
 9th July: Summer Organ Recital – 7:30pm, 10th September: Beer & Gin Festival – 12:30 – Village Club;
 Check out www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/events-list for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email huntonpc@gmail.com

Pastoral Letter

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places — and there are so many — where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction."

These are the words of Howard Zinn. An American historian, playwright, philosopher, activist and Second World War veteran. I came across his words when wondering what on earth I could write about the hope of Spring and the joy of Easter at this time of turmoil and fear in the world. I confess I have felt deeply hopeless in recent weeks, watching the news unfold — war, violence, domination, the hunger for power — causing depths of human suffering most of us can't begin to imagine. In our farm communities around the benefice, we have those among us whose families are being directly touched by the horror of war. It is easy to feel utterly hopeless, utterly useless, in the face of what we see.

In the church at this time, we are anticipating the glorious celebration of Easter — a festival of freedom and new beginnings. The triumph of light over darkness. Life over death. Hope over despair. It may seem counter-intuitive somehow, to celebrate such a triumph when the world is in crisis. So, let me encourage you with some words from Jesus in John's Gospel. "*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*"

On the cross, Jesus carried the weight of the darkness of the world on his shoulders. A weight that none of us could bear. In his Resurrection, we find hope for life beyond the darkness of the cross. Hope that is there is a better way for humanity. A way that we might learn to reflect the God in whose image we have been made.

So, as we acknowledge the awfulness of what is wrong in this world of ours, let us also look for what is magnificent. Let's remember the magnificent things of the past; the places and people who have fractured the darkness through history. And let's look out for — and join in with — the magnificent things that are happening now; the people and communities and organisations that are fracturing today's darkness with the light of Hope.

May you and your families know deep and abiding Hope in your hearts and homes this Eastertime.

Lorna

St. Mary's Church pre-Easter Working Party Wednesday 13th April 9am – 12 noon

Come and help a small sociable team of volunteers tidy the churchyard or clean inside the church on Wednesday 13th April between 9am and 12 noon. Please let Lesley know if you hope to be there so she can organise enough cake or biscuits for the coffee / tea break. lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com

Summer Organ Recital

An exciting musical event is taking place in Hunton this summer. Celebrated international organist, D'Arcy Trinkwon, will be giving a recital in St Mary's Church. Mr Trinkwon, whose sublime mastery of the organ is not to be missed, will be playing at Hunton Church on Saturday, July 9th at 7.30pm. He will be playing a selection of music by composers including Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Dubois. The evening of music will include wine and refreshments. Tickets will be available nearer the time. Save the date!

Village Club News

The recent quiz night was hotly contested with only a 10-point difference between the teams and the possibility of a tiebreak with the winning team only one point ahead at the end. A 'marathon round' proved popular as the answers were provided — the challenge being to match the question to the correct answer. Another quiz will be organised later in the year.

We are organising a voluntary working party on Sunday 3rd April from 10am to tidy up external areas, treat the doors and gates, touch-up damaged paintwork, clean the windows etc. We hope members will come along to lend a hand. Please bring paint brushes etc. It will no doubt be possible to open the bar at a convenient time after noon!

The project to remove the front hedges and extend the car park over the grassed areas may have to be put on hold or dealt with in manageable slices over a longer period of time, as available funds dictate.

There are no immediate plans to open the Club more frequently and it would be nice to see more members using the facilities in between the events that are held. If there is a demand for more opening times the Committee will no doubt respond in a positive way.

Phil Nichols

Village Club Easter Walk / Lunch Saturday 16th April

Come on an Easter Saturday circular walk, leaving Hunton Club at 11am for about 1.5 hours, then enjoy a buffet lunch in the Club. Everyone is welcome at this event, raising funds for maintenance of the Club. Lunch will be £12 a head for non-members, £10 a head for members and £5 for children aged 11 or under. Membership is only £20 a year and application forms are available from bar volunteers or on the Club website <https://huntonvillageclub.co.uk/membership-info>

An Easter Egg Raffle is now open in the Club and tickets can be purchased before this event or that morning. Prizes will be drawn during lunch. Please contact Lesley if you would like to book places for either the walk or lunch or both. If booking for lunch please let her know if you have any food allergies. Bookings close Monday 11th April. lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com

Cricket Club News

With spring almost here, the cricket club are looking forward to what we hope will be a full season of league cricket. Last season proved to be very successful, with the 1st XI ending as champions of their division and bringing home the club's first silverware for a few years. Work has begun on the square and the field should get its first cut of the season as soon as conditions allow. We have a game most Saturdays from early May to mid-September, so if you're visiting the playing field, please pop over and say hello and we may be able to offer you a cup of tea. We are always looking for new players to join our friendly, sociable and inclusive cricket club. You can find details of our club on the ECB website at <https://hwcc.play-cricket.com/home>, where you can also follow our results and progress during the season.

Steve Jones Secretary

WI Last Supper

Sadly, following a unanimous vote at a Special Meeting in February, in favour of suspending Hunton WI, this was to be the final meeting for WI members in the village. Members enjoyed an excellent meal provided by a local caterer to celebrate the 7 years of Hunton WI. They were all presented with a Queen's Platinum Jubilee mug, an appropriate gift (as dated 2022) that could be handed down in the future, maybe with an account of the memories and friendships made through the WI. In those 7 years, many of the residents of Hunton and the surrounding area have enjoyed a wide range of activities and talks from an eclectic mix of guests. Topics have ranged from forensics and wine-tasting to an art class and African drumming. We even allowed men in on occasions when evenings included talks on Hallmarks, the sinking of the *Titanic* and Kent as 'Bomb Alley' in WWII. Everyone who came to our meetings learned new things and made new friends. Many aspects will be missed by the community – not just the cakes! The committee was thanked for their work over the years and our President, Ann Sawtell, given a beautifully scented bouquet. Committee members were given notebooks.

Many of the ladies would like to keep up the friendships made at WI meetings, so it has been proposed to set up an informal group who will meet in the village club on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining, a WhatsApp group is being set up by Chris Summersgill, c.a.summersgill@btinternet.com

Hunton CE Primary School

Two of our pupils from Borton Class have written pieces this month. Trips and experiences are so important for the children's learning. They enrich their lives — not just in an academic away — and create special memories for them.

World Book Day — written by Lavinia, Year 5

On Thursday 3rd March, Hunton celebrated World Book Day. People were required to dress as a phenomenal word to try and win the vocabulary parade, march around the playground and even win a prize. At the start of the day, the whole school lined up on the playground starting with Devas (YR) class. Devas displayed words like 'effervescent' and 'artistic' — only a couple of the excellent words chosen. Even the teachers were dressed as words including 'incognito' (Mrs Makey) and 'monochrome' (Mrs Evans). Before lunch, the pupils from every class watched a BBC live lesson where they learnt about the 'story mountain' (the opening, the climax, the dilemma and the ending, followed by the resolution). In the afternoon there was a book sale of donated books for twenty pence each. The children were given a gift token to exchange for a book.

At the end of the day, the winners of the best word had been chosen. Chloe, with the word 'artistic', Maddie, with the word 'explorer', Noah, 'endangered' and Peter, 'camouflage'. Each of the winners won an excellent book for their wonderful choice of words and detail.



Borton (Y5/6) Trip to the National Gallery by Mia

On Wednesday 23rd February, Borton class went on a school trip to the National Art Gallery in London. It all began at Marden train station. The pupils and teachers were buzzing with excitement as going to London was going to be a wonderful experience for people who hadn't been there before and after school trips hadn't taken place for two whole years. The children were fascinated by all the landmarks such as: The London Eye, The Gherkin and lots of others. Getting off the train, the children were specifically sorted in groups with members of staff: Mrs Makey, Mr Ming, Mrs Evans and Mrs Underdown. All the children were in partners while walking to the art gallery.

Outside the art gallery, the children were all amazed at seeing Trafalgar Square. It had four huge fountains that are taller than you probably! It had stone lions that stood before Nelson's Column.

The teachers and children made their way to the back of the art gallery. All the children's mouths fell open in amazement. The inside of the art gallery was beautiful and amazing. There were paintings such as: *The Hay-Wain* by John Constable; *The Horse* and also *The Surprise* by Henri Rousseau.

The halls were fantastic; the ceiling was made of gold. Lots of the artwork was of Gods and Goddesses. After a long lunch, the children and teachers were told about the gallery and looked at further paintings. The first picture was a religious painting. The art expert told the pupils that the painting was made from berries and rock. The canvas was made from wood and it took two years to make. This painting was magnificent and the children enjoyed looking and listening at *The Surprise* (a picture that is of a tiger going to surprise the hunters that are trying to hunt it!) Then it was time to go home. On the train, all the children were exhausted and happy. It was a very successful trip!

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wednesdays 8 - 11.00pm & Sundays 8 - 10.30 pm

Hunton Bowls Club News

Once again our new bowling season is just around the corner. With all restrictions having been lifted, we are looking forward to our opening fling on Saturday 30th April. The Club's fixture calendar welcomes back our Friendly and Weald League matches along with our own competitions and fundraising events.

The green is looking superb, as always at this time of year, and has already had its first cut. Thanks to the greenkeeper and his team for their hard work scarifying and top-dressing in the autumn, ready for the forthcoming season.

Sadly, Ron Hickman, one of our most senior members passed away in January this year. Ron was Club Captain from 1998-2003 and again from 2005-2010. He had also been manager of Hunton Football Club and Chairman of Hunton Village Club.

If you would like to try your hand at bowling, why not come along to our coffee morning on the 23rd April at 10 am.

If you would like further information on the club please drop me a line at angela.baptie@btinternet.com or call 01622 820625/07759 296265 or look us up on Facebook under Hunton Bowls Club.

Hunton Bowls Club Coffee Morning

**Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 10:00am
(Situated behind the Village Hall)**

**Plant Stall : Tombola : Cake Stall
Bring & Buy
Bowling Tuition (Weather Permitting)
(flat soled shoes to be worn)**

Any donations of Plants & Cakes would be most welcome.

Please come along & support us!

Hunton Gardening Club Evening

On Saturday 19th February, during a weekend of turbulent storms with inevitable power cuts, a most welcome respite was spent at Hunton Club enjoying a fascinating talk from Victoria Golding, a garden advisor, from the Kent Wildlife Trust. Victoria's presentation was preceded by a wonderful supper produced by Sandra Field.

The evening was organised by the Hunton Gardening Club and enlightened us all on ways to attract an array of wildlife to our gardens.

Victoria showed how with any size garden an assortment of insects, frogs and birds will be attracted, as long as the basics of natural food, water and shelter are provided. A pond or water butt, an old log pile and natural food in the shape of seeds, berries, fruit and blossom, are all that's required to turn any garden into a natural habitat for an abundance of wildlife.

Stephen Banks

Coming Up...

Clock House Farm Tour on Thursday 19th May, 5pm – 8pm

Plant Sale Outside Hunton Club – Saturday 18th June 12 noon to 4pm

Hunton Club Beer & Gin Festival on Saturday 10th September from 12:30

Benefice Service Rota – April 2022

	3 rd	10 th Palm Sunday	17 th Easter Sunday	24 th
Coxheath 11:00 am	Communion <i>LF</i>	Morning Worship <i>LF</i>	Communion, <i>DJ</i>	Morning Worship <i>BP</i>
East Farleigh 9:30 am	Morning Worship <i>LF</i>		Communion with West Farleigh <i>LF</i>	
West Farleigh 9:30		Morning Worship <i>LF</i>		Communion <i>DJ</i>
Hunton 9:30 am	Communion <i>DJ</i>		Communion <i>DJ</i>	
Linton 9:30 am		Communion <i>DJ</i>	Sunrise Communion 8:00 am <i>LF</i>	Morning Worship <i>LF</i>
Coxheath	Every Thursday, 10:00 - BCP Holy Communion			
Linton	Last Wednesday of each month, 12:00 noon , BCP Holy Communion (followed by Lunch)			

HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service, LF – Lorna Faulkner, DJ – David Jones, BP - Becky Parnham, SE - Sue Elliott

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