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

## Hunton Firework Event – Sun 6 Nov 5.30-8.00pm

The Friends of St Mary's raise funds locally, usually from social or village events, for the preservation of the fabric of our historic church that we are so fortunate to have in Hunton. We have previously organised several supper dances and barn dances as well as providing the bar and/or barbeque for the winter fairs and summer fetes, Musicals on the Green, village pantomimes and other such events as many of you will already know.

We are very aware of the wonderful wildlife locally and in this regard have agreed with our professional organiser to use low noise fireworks. You should also be aware that virtually 100% of the FoSM team have ownership of one or more of livestock, horses and dogs – all within the village. They are all very sensitive of concerns regarding animal welfare and the environment.

As we have employed a professional company, this inevitably comes with costs. We have reviewed the costs of similar events locally and after much discussion; the ticket prices reflect a balance between covering costs and providing a safe, secure and enjoyable evening for everyone attending.

We are encouraging all the pupils at Hunton School and the pre-school to join us, for the first ever Hunton Village Firework Event.

We look forward to seeing many of you on 6 November at the playing field where we will enjoy fireworks, a bonfire, barbeque, bar, live music and a guy competition to name but a few attractions. Buy tickets online at: [buytickets.at/foism/744091](http://buytickets.at/foism/744091) or from the Hunton Facebook page or simply search for Hunton Fireworks.

If you require any further information, please contact – [fosmhunton@gmail.com](mailto:fosmhunton@gmail.com). Many thanks and we hope to see you there.

*Friends of St Marys*

## Speed Watch & Lorry Watch to Recommence?

Three volunteers have come forward to help re-start the Speed Watch operation in Hunton but a few more are needed to have sufficient people to share the workload. The Parish has it's own equipment and used to carry out monitoring work on West Street by the Church and by the School. The work is supported by Kent Police who have a dedicated County officer for Speed Watch who will issue letters to speeding motorists. It is instructive to note that in Collier Street where there is an active village Speed Watch operation they have recorded over 5,000 speeding vehicles in two years with over 500 letters sent out to repeat 'offenders' (the Police are able to act separately on untaxed vehicles). I am obtaining confirmation from the Speed Watch co-ordinator about the equipment training that needs to be undertaken by volunteers and hope to have more detail included in the next Herald.

In the meantime, queries or other traffic observations may be sent to our new email address: '[huntontrafficreporting@gmail.com](mailto:huntontrafficreporting@gmail.com)' or contact MikeS directly via details shown in the Herald Local Contacts box.

The next Parish Traffic & Road Safety working group meeting will be in early October, where we hope to have more information on Lorry Watch, and some updated posters to affix to road sign poles.

*Mike Summersgill*

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**Diary Dates**  
Quiz Night, Sat 8 Oct; Litter Pick, Sat 15 Oct; Service at St Nicholas, Linton Mon 17 Oct; Film & Supper Night, Tues 18 Oct;  
Garden Club Supper & Talk, Fri 28 Oct; Time of Remembrance, Sun 30 Oct; Hunton Firework Event, 6 Nov; Christmas Market, Sat 26 Nov.  
Check out [www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/events-list](http://www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/events-list) for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email [huntonpc@gmail.com](mailto:huntonpc@gmail.com)

## **Pastoral Letter**

I'm writing this while the country is in a period of mourning for her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, but by the time you get to read it she will be buried and the country will be returned to whatever we consider to be normal.

Hopefully we'll have got into the habit of referring to Charles as King, rather than 'Prince' that we're managing at the moment. We'll have begun to see how he plans to rule, not only as the constitutional head of the country but also as the supreme head of the Church of England.

I don't know how long it will take the Royal Mint to begin to issue new coins with the King's face on, or how quickly the Post Office will issue stamps featuring King Charles but I think this time of readjustment will take a while to settle down, for us all to forget habits of decades and to confidently sing God save the King, especially as all these things don't tend to effect our lives on a daily basis. But we are human, and we are nothing if not adaptable!

I'm sure that when Lorna wrote her letter last month she had no idea how much of an adventure and a month of change this September would be!

But October continues as a month of new beginnings for us here in the benefice as we look forward to welcoming Lorna into the permanent position as our new Rector on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. In the past month she (and her family) will have moved into their new home and begun to work out what life in the rectory will look like. I'm sure they will receive much support, prayer and encouragement in this new chapter.

So October, for us here in the United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh, will continue to be a time of change and adjustment but one that we will embrace wholeheartedly, looking forward with positivity and trusting in our faith to help us when worries and anxieties threaten to overwhelm us. Following the example our late Queen set us, which seems to me to be the most fitting tribute we can give.

*God bless, Becky*

## **Time of Remembrance**

In one of the Benefice churches each year an afternoon is devoted for people to come and spend time in quietness to remember loved ones who have died. The names of those who have died will be displayed, a time of prayers and readings offered and the opportunity to light a candle given. This year the day is Sunday 30 October from 2.30-4.00pm at All Saints Church, West Farleigh where there is good parking. Invitations have been sent to relatives of funerals taken by Peter, Lorna, David or Becky but all are welcome. If you would like a name displayed and haven't received an invitation please contact David Jones 01622 741474 or davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com. All are welcome to come for as long or short a time as you wish.

## **New Rector Appointed**

Reverend Lorna Faulkner has been appointed as our new Rector. She will continue as Curate until 18 September before being appointed Rector in a service in St Nicholas, Linton on Monday, 17 October 2022. In the meantime she has been required to create separation between the two roles. We look forward to welcoming Lorna further into the community life of our village.

*Wendy Simmonds*

## **Christmas Market**

The St Mary's Christmas Market is to be held on Saturday 26 November from 3.30-6.00pm. Once again the event will take place either inside St Mary's or along the path from the lych gate to the church. Some sixteen stalls are expected inside the church offering a variety of gifts along with tea and cakes. Outside the church visitors can enjoy a BBQ and drinks from a bar. There will be other attractions including a bottle and other stalls. The children have not been forgotten with Father Christmas arriving as well as other activities for them to enjoy.

More details will follow next month but if you would like to help with cakes, bottles and teas please contact David Jones 01622 741474

## **Next Litter Pick – Saturday, 15 October**

We plan to hold our next litter pick on Saturday 15 October, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 10am. We suggest that volunteers choose where they are happy to pick litter and be responsible for their own safety. Rubbish sacks will be provided and there will be pickers and high vis jackets available to borrow but please bring your own gloves. If you can help, please let us know or just turn up on the day. Once again, thanks to Clockhouse Farm for agreeing to collect bagged rubbish and to dispose of it with their own commercial waste.

*James and Andrea Forster, forsters.hunton@btinternet.com*

## **Hunton Football Club**

The 2022/2023 season is an historic moment for Hunton FC, as it marks the start of the 125<sup>th</sup> year of the club's existence. Formed in 1898, Hunton has a proud history of local football. Despite many local villages no longer having grass roots football teams, Hunton men's first team's season kicked off in September, playing in the Rochester and District football league. To commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> year, the club formed a veteran's team that had its first fixture in August against Lenham with an entertaining result of 1-1. The Hunton team was made up exclusively of ex Hunton FC players, some of whom played their first game for the club over 30 years ago!

A fresh coat of paint has been added on the changing rooms and a refurbishment has also taken place inside the building, thanks to the efforts of the club committee members and support from the Parish Council. The club would also like to thank Hunton Engineering for sponsoring the first team kit this season.

## Film Night at Hunton Village Club

**Tuesday 18 October**

On Tuesday 18 October come along to watch *The Sting*, a film which has possibly the best ever background track! Paul Newman and Robert Redford play two conmen getting their own back on a villainous Robert Shaw. The evening offers proximity to a bar with excellent prices and a pre-booked two course meal costing Club members £10 and non-members £12. Please tell Lesley if you have special dietary requirements.

Contact Lesley 01622 820210 Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or Bridget 01622 820059 to book places. Closing date for bookings is Friday 14 October so the catering team can organise enough food.

Hunton Village Club Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 8 October - 7.30pm



Make a date in your diary for another popular quiz night. Doors open 7.30pm and the quiz will start promptly at 8pm. Come with your team of 4 or join one when you arrive. Regular attendees will tell you it's just a fun night and not at all taxing!

## Hunton Gardening Club Social & Supper - Friday 28 October

Everyone is welcome to attend this Gardening Club social evening and supper in Hunton Village Club on Friday 28 October. Doors open at 6.30pm for drinks and a pre-booked two course meal costing Club members £10 and non-members £12. Please tell Lesley if you have special dietary requirements. After supper, Hunton resident Richard King will say a few words about the local food education charity, Communigrow.

Contact Lesley 01622 820210 Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com to book places – please tell her if you have special dietary requirements. Closing date for bookings is Monday 24 October so the catering team can organise enough food.

## Hunton Village Club Beer Festival 2022

If you saw the posters displayed around the village and the comings and goings at Hunton Village Club on Friday, Saturday and Sunday over the weekend of 9-11 September you probably realised that preparations and clearing up were underway for the annual popular Beer Festival. With the passing of Her Majesty the Queen consideration was given as to whether the event should go ahead but following Government guidelines the decision was taken to proceed. A minute's silence was held at the opening.

Eleven beers were available to try from four breweries: Goachers, Old Dairy, Tonbridge and Musket. These all varied in alcoholic strength from 3.4% to 5.1% with interesting names such as Copper Top, Trigger, Coppernob and Gold Star. There was much enthusiasm to taste these beers and the volunteer bar staff were kept extremely busy throughout the whole afternoon.

It was not only busy at the bar though. Once again a variety of gins were on offer, eleven to be precise. These too had interesting names and flavours incorporating marmalade, gingerbread, pink strawberry fool, damson & elderflower and raspberry & blueberry all offered with a variety of mixers.

Whilst thirsts were being quenched, stomachs were being tempted with helpers busy in the kitchen making hot bacon rolls. Also, our local lady cake bakers between them provided eighteen various cakes, all homemade and all delicious, from lemon drizzle to coffee & walnut to spiced pecan, apple & plum!

The Ceilidh band and Sharon Winter provided the music with help from Neil Davis. Children were not forgotten, there was a special area put aside for them with face painting, games, apple pressing and even mocktails for them to try. Volunteers working the Tombola were kept busy and thanks must go to those who gave some amazing donations as prizes, Hunton Bowls Club, Hunton Dog Grooming, Hunton Spirits Gin and Spot on Produce. There were many others, too many to mention in fact, but grateful thanks goes to all.

Thank you to all who came along and supported the club and an almighty big thank you must go to everyone who made this occasion so special. Work began weeks ago with the rallying of volunteer troops, the ordering of the beers, organising the tombola, shopping, gardening and tidying up and many other tasks too many to list. All this achieved by volunteers giving their time and effort as is the way with Hunton Village Club that has been run solely by volunteers since 2006. The event proved successful for the club providing much needed income to help maintain the building. Raising funds at events such as the Beer Festival and Quiz Nights etc are the only way it is possible for the club to remain open. It remains a wonderful venue for Hunton not just for club events that bring villagers together but it is also available to hire for family celebrations.

Make a note in your diary for the next Hunton Village Club Beer Festival that will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023.

## Hunton CP School

So far at Hunton CE Primary, the Year 6s have been given their Year Reception buddies. The new YRs have already settled in and have been enjoying their start at Hunton. Not only this, but the Year 6s have also loved their company.

Recently, our local churches have come together with the Mothers' Union and have very kindly donated the Devas class (YR) with pretty handmade 'bags of love' which contained: tissues, a KitKat, tea, coffee, Lovehearts, a child's prayers and advice! Thank you to all involved in this kind act of generosity. Our new parents were very touched.

On 8 September Her Majesty the Queen sadly passed. In honour and to pay our respect, Hunton decided to write their thoughts, feelings and fond memories on Her Majesty's reign. These pieces of paper asked how we are feeling, what we remember about her, what she showed us to be and what we can never forget about her. Following on, we hope that she is able to rest in peace and we shall remember her greatly.

Last but not least, we are so lucky and glad for Adrian to be teaching free cricket lessons in Key Stage 2 PE, as part of the charity 'Chance to Shine.' We all very much enjoy the opportunity to play cricket. Once again, we are very lucky so thank you so much. This leads us to the end and we look forward to writing the next edition.

*Head Girl Evey and Head Boy William*

## Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wednesdays 8 - 11.00pm & Sundays 8 - 10.30 pm

### Bowls News

Once again as we come to the end of another bowling season on reflection it has been less of a challenge than previous years although probably one of the hottest.

It's a busy 6 months in our bowling calendar with League and Friendly matches, Competitions and Tournaments all to be played by the end of September. At the beginning of the season we cancelled a match due to the green becoming waterlogged and in August we saw temperatures rise to the hottest on record. Crazy weather!

We are pleased to report that we have welcomed seven new members this season. The green unfortunately has not been at its best due mainly to the hot conditions and not helping by the return of moles making their way round the perimeter of the 4 rinks and destroying the edge of the green before being caught. Alas, much work and the making good of the greens will be required by our grounds man during the winter months before next Spring.

On a brighter note we were able to host once again a very successful Open Day Tournament the first since 2019. It was lovely to see our old friends again who travel from Clubs as far as Cornwall and Oxfordshire. Other enjoyable fund raising events this season have been a Quiz Night and a forthcoming Race Night. All proceeds will be put towards a new water sprinkling system that hopefully will help to return the green to its former condition.

We were pleased to welcome the Pre School once again to a fun filled morning of 'bowls themed' activities at the end of their summer term. They were all winners at the end of a very exhausting morning and enjoyed a refreshing drink and presented with a winner's medal.

Anyone interested in joining the Club next season please contact Angela Baptie on 01622 820625 or why not look us up on our Hunton Bowls Club Facebook page.

### Hunton Ladies

Hunton Ladies enjoyed using their sewing skills at the August meeting. It was a quieter evening than usual as they concentrated on embroidering beautiful bookmarks and needle cases. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at Hunton Club, starting at 8pm and new members are very welcome. Just come along.

### Tea Boxes

We are again calling on our fantastic community to bake or donate savouries and cakes for this amazing event on Saturday 19 November when we will be distributing Tea boxes for the elderly and vulnerable of Hunton, Linton, Coxheath, East & West Farleigh. For more info contact Edna Dennison [Edmaden@gmail.com](mailto:Edmaden@gmail.com) or [lottieParfittReid@Maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:lottieParfittReid@Maidstone.gov.uk) 07919 360000

### Working Parties at St Mary's Church

As summer slips away, we are once again delighted to thank all those who have kept the church and churchyards in such good shape. Our thanks must go to all those volunteers who have helped both in the churchyards and in the church itself, especially Lesley Lee who organises us and bakes the biscuits! The churchyards and church both look well maintained and clearly cared for.

Thanks also go to Barrett Roofing and all involved in getting the roof repairs carried out, the repointing done to two areas that were in desperate need and the weathervane back in place.

Lastly, whilst not a guarantee of an easy ride, the recent Quinquennial (a 5 yearly check on the church structure) raised a manageable number of tasks to carry out so we can turn to a much bigger project, namely the replacement of the woodpecker damaged oak shingles on the tower. This has been listed as "desirable" for 15 years and, having now seen the ridges close up, looks to be worth starting to plan for. Happily, we have a full complement of volunteers on the Fabric Committee so once again Hunton's spirit makes things possible!

*James Forster, on behalf of the PCC*

**Benefice Service Rota – October 2022**

CHURCH	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Coxheath 11:00 am	Communion <i>DJ</i>	Morning Worship <i>BP</i>	Communion <i>DJ</i>	Morning Worship (Preacher's Choice) <i>LF</i>	
East Farleigh 9:30 am	Morning Worship (HARVEST) <i>SE</i>		Communion <i>TBC</i>		
West Farleigh 9:30 am		Communion <i>DJ</i>		Morning Worship <i>BP</i>	Remembering Service 2:30 – 4:00
Hunton 9:30 am	Communion <i>DJ</i>		Morning Worship (HARVEST) <i>DJ</i>		Benefice Communion 10:30am <i>LF</i>
Linton 9:30 am		Morning Worship (HARVEST) <i>BP</i>		Communion <i>LF</i>	
Coxheath	Every Thursday; Holy Communion; 10:00 am				
Linton	Last Wednesday of each month; Holy Communion; 12:00 pm (followed by soup)				
DJ– David Jones, BP - Becky Parnham, SE - Sue Elliott, LF – Lorna Faulkner					

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