



## News from the Village Club

### 70 Years in the Making

The Club has invested in a reconditioned bar billiard table. The table, made of oak some 70 years ago, will offer members, over the age of 16, the opportunity to play this "older" type of bar game. Maybe a club league could be formed? Signs are that this, as well as the balls, will go down well!

### Local Artists' Picture Display

Thanks to our artists Nicky Grainger, Mary Johns and Jenny Boatwright for providing the club with such a wide and accomplished selection of original water and oil paintings. The Sunday opening display was a tremendous success with many "old and new" members, visitors and friends attending. A number of the paintings have now gone to "good homes" and will be treasured by their new owners. There are still a number of exhibits on display so please call in to see us.

### Barnardo's Benefit

The substantial sum of £600 was raised at the Village Club's Race Night for the benefit of the world famous charity for young people. Our thanks go to all who attended and/or supported the event which once again proved to be most popular.

### We will have to wait

The Village Club "Half a Ton" Celebration did not take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> but will be rescheduled for a date to be advised in **July**. Hopefully members, guests and friends will be able to attend and support the Club's 50 years in their West Street premises.

### Hoping to see you at the Club

## Mid Summer Concert

We are planning a Mid Summer Concert at St Mary's Hunton on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm, when Brian Moore, the organist at All Saints Maidstone and Elspeth Robertson, Maidstone Young Musician of the year 2006/7 will be performing. The concert promises to be a pleasant mixture of music, on the organ and recorder, suitable for an English summer's evening.

The concert is being held to mark the 'return to playing condition' of our fine 'Willis' organ at St Mary's. It sadly fell silent for some 16 months from September 2005 to January 2007 as a result of asbestos being found in the blower box and bellows of the instrument. Fortunately, after over £11,000 of testing and treatment and a new blower box, the organ is back and some have said 'brighter than ever'.

Tickets costing: £10 for Adults, £8 Concessions and £25 for a Family Ticket. Available from the Parish Office 01622 747570 or on the door on the night.

Mr Philip Moore,  
Organist and Choirmaster  
St Mary's, Hunton

## Hunton School May Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who supported the School's May Fayre on Sunday 20th May, we raised £1,800, which will be used to furnish our recently refurbished school library.

### Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Clerk to Parish Council: David Swan	814445
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Village Hall Booking: Jackie Crooks	820226
Pre-School Supervisor: Pippa Fordham	746829	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Associate Rector: Revd Ruth Bierbaum	743866*	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
also: Revd David Jones	741474*	Organist: Philip Moore	749356

\*not available on Fridays \*\*not available on Mondays

### Dates for Diaries:

Saturday 23rd June Mid Summer Concert, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm (tickets 747570)  
Saturday 30th June refuse freighter, Village Hall car park 7.45am-8.45am  
Saturday 14th July, Barn Dance, Hunton School  
Sunday 12th August, East Street v West Street cricket match, 2pm (820628)

*All items for the July issue to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th June, please*

Dear Friends,

Trinity Sunday is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This has been referred to as 'the preacher's nightmare!' This was said because the preacher has to address the question: 'how does one speak intelligibly about our God who is 'Three-in-One' - yet still 'One'?

One simple analogy is that of St. Patrick's example of the shamrock leaf. In many people's thinking down the centuries it has been to think of God as three separate entities. In truth no person of the Trinity is any less God than the others, in particular, the Son and the Holy Spirit are not 'demigods' or intermediaries, subordinate to the Father.

We say in the Creed that 'We believe in One God' - yet in our thinking we tend to drift towards three. Christianity is 'Monotheistic' - but in our thinking we are often 'Tritheistic'. We have the earliest indications of our Monotheistic God in the Book of Genesis. God sees that the world He has created needs someone to look after it. So we read in Genesis 1:26 -

*'Then God said: Let us make Human Beings (Mankind) in our own image, in our own likeness.'*

Here is the first Biblical reference to the unity of the Godhead. In what ways are we made in God's image? God didn't create us exactly like Himself because God has no physical body. Instead we are reflections of God's glory. Our entire self reflects the image of God. We have the ability to reflect God's character in our love, patience, forgiveness, kindness and faithfulness. Because we bear God's image we can feel positive about ourselves, to know that we are of worth. It is a sad reflection on modern day society that in so many ways the image of God is defaced in many people's lives. How this must sadden God.

As many of you know Diana recently returned from seeing her family in Australia. One of the things which she commented on as she looked at the countryside was 'the greening', that time when Mother Nature bursts forth and the trees and hedgerows have that bright green glow. The Church uses the colour of green during the season of Trinity to indicate the time of growing in faith. The long pilgrimage which we begin on Trinity Sunday is a time to 'grow with God', He who comes to us in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Peter*

## **The force behind the abolition of The Slave Trade - a local connection**

Our local connection to the abolition of the slave trade is unlikely to become known as history will be distorted by the feature film on William Wilberforce, however good it may be. Perhaps the 'Teston Circle' and the work of the Rector of Teston, James Ramsey should be better remembered.

The Teston Circle was a group of literary philanthropists and political figures who met at the London and Teston (Barham Court) homes of Sir Charles Middleton, controller of the Navy (later Lord Barham and the first Lord of the Admiralty) it was from this group that the successful campaign against the slave trade was launched.

Middleton had the living of Teston Church. In the 1780s this fell vacant and he offered it to his secretary, James Ramsey. Ramsey (1733-1789) had had first hand experience of the iniquities of the slave trade, firstly as a Royal Navy Surgeon, and later, for 15 years as a surgeon and ordained minister on St Kitts. In 1784 he published two works: "Essay on the treatment and Conversion of African Slaves in the British Sugar Colonies" and "An inquiry into putting a stop to the African Slave Trade". These works were crucial in inspiring Thomas Clarkson to devote his life to the abolitionist cause. And with a member of the Teston Circle, Granville Sharpe, Clarkson set up a committee for effecting the abolition of the slave trade in 1787. It was Ramsey's work which also persuaded and influenced William Wilberforce and William Pitt to carry the campaign into parliament in 1789.

The playwright Hannah Moore, a member of the Teston Circle predicted that "Teston will be the Runnymede (Magna Carta site) of the Negroes" *David Heaton*

## **A new website for walkers in Kent**

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking - it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink, and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the county. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for - he had better create it! So [www.walkinginkent.co.uk](http://www.walkinginkent.co.uk) came into being.

**HELP WANTED!** Local family require help, 2-3 hours per week around the house. Light work and domestic chores. Ideal small job for pupil/student or retired person. Call Vicky on 01622 749762

## Anyone for Cricket?

**East Street v West Street Save the date - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

Yes it's that "East Street v West Street" time of year again when those of us who enjoy a very occasional game of cricket have the opportunity to play on our own village ground ... and enjoy an excellent tea!

As always everyone is welcome to play, whatever your age, sex or ability and there is an emphasis on trying to ensure that there is a reasonably even game that can be enjoyed by all. Please call Andrea and James Forster on 01622 820628 if you would like to play and we will add your name to the list.

## HUNTON CLUB BOOK GROUP

### APRIL BOOK REVIEW The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens

The Pickwick Papers, Dickens' first novel is widely regarded as the most famous of all pre-Victorian novels. Originally serialised in monthly instalments, its sales reached 40,000 copies by the fifteenth number. In 160 years since the book's first publication, Mr Pickwick, Sam Weller and the Pickwickian crew and their adventures have entered the consciousness of all who love English literature in general and the works of Dickens in particular.

As a group of keen readers we somehow felt that we let Dickens down. There are a couple of us who thoroughly love Dickens work but the majority found this book hard to get into. We caught snippets of his superb wit and can appreciate his style but felt that perhaps we are too removed by time to understand his humour completely, our failing not his.

We feel that perhaps The Pickwick Papers was not a good choice for us to start our Dickens pathway and although many of us didn't finish the book we are determined to give this celebrated author another chance and will read more of his work.

Because we failed to finish these "papers" we didn't feel we were in a position to award scores and considered it would have been insulting to this renowned writer.

Our book for May is The Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger.

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## Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club

Fixtures for 2007 at George V Playing Fields, West Street

**Saturday Fixtures** All league games start at 1.30pm

Date	Opposition	H/A	L/F	Opposition	H/A	L/F
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sandwich Town 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	H	L	Upchurch 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	A	L
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sheppey 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	A	L	Hartley 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	H	L
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sandwich Town 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	A	L	High Halstow 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	H	L
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Holborough Anchorians	H	L	New Ash Green 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	A	L
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Old Williamsons 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	H	L	Pembury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	A	L

### Sunday Fixtures time 2.30pm

Date	Opposition	H/A	L/F
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pluckley Sunday XI	A	L
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Minster 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	H	L
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Aldington 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	H	L
24 <sup>th</sup> June	New Ash Green 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	A	L

### LOCAL BABY SITTER

Burford Lodge Redwall Lane  
Hunton ME15 0RH

Please Call Amber on:

Mobile: 0797 909 2956

Home: 01622 820882

## Out and Out - Ways with Wisteria

Wisteria is one of the wonders of the early summer garden dripping with deliciously scented flowers in shades from deep mauve to pink and white. Wisteria are traditionally seen sprawling across walls or hanging from pergolas. If you don't have that much room their size can be contained by pruning to grow them in pots, over arches and even trained to form a standard as a lawn or centre of bed feature.

I recently 'met' a wisteria which was 34 years old and no more than 5 feet tall, it had been grown in a pot and was almost totally covered in flowers.

When buying a wisteria choose a named cultivar that has been grafted. These will generally flower sooner and with more consistency than seed grown specimens. If you can buy a plant already in flower so much the better, you'll know what you're getting and have a guarantee of future flowers.

## Funding available for fun and activities for children

Money is available to fund exciting, fun and different activities involving Children and Young People (8 to 19yrs) during this summer (2007). Any organisation/group can apply be they big, small, Voluntary/Community, Public or Private anywhere in Kent. Sums available of between £500 and £5000 are available now through a straightforward application process, but must be spent by 31st August 2007. Please contact Dorothy Alsop of the Kent Children's Fund, 01233 667331 or email [dorothy@kentchildrensfund.net](mailto:dorothy@kentchildrensfund.net)

## At St Mary's Church in June

Notices	Services
<p><b>Brass Cleaning:</b> Marian Western</p> <p><b>Flowers:</b> 3rd June Mrs St John 10th June Mrs St John 17th June Mrs Adams/Mrs Taylor 24th June Mrs Adams/Mrs Taylor</p> <p><b>Church Family Service Coffee Rota:</b> 3rd June Andrews Family</p> <p><b>Hunton Sunday Club:</b> Hunton Sunday Club meets on Sunday 17th June at 5.15pm until 6.45pm at Freelands, West Street. The club is open to all primary aged children living or attending school in Hunton. For further details contact David 741474.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 3rd June - Trinity Sunday</b> 11.00am Family Service <span style="float: right;">Revd David Jones</span> Reading: At the preacher's discretion</p> <p><b>Sunday 10th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <span style="float: right;">Revd David Jones</span> Readings: 1 Kings 17 v8-24 and Luke 7 v11-17</p> <p><b>Sunday 17th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Morning Prayer <span style="float: right;">Miss C Bostock</span> Readings: 2 Samuel 11 v26 - 12 v10 &amp; 13-15</p> <p><b>Sunday 24th June - 3rd Sunday after Trinity</b> 9.15am Holy Communion <span style="float: right;">Revd Ruth Bierbaum</span> Readings: 1 Isaiah 40 v1-11 and Luke 1 v57-66 &amp; 80</p>

### A woman came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. Luke 8.44

There is a story of a doctor who worked devotedly among leprosy patients for many years. Every day he would greet them, 'Good morning, my brothers and sisters'. What an affirmation of worth this must have been to those whose biological families, and whole of society, had ostracised them. But one day his greeting changed, and they heard these doom-laden words, 'Good morning, my fellow lepers'. His identification with patients was complete. Jesus' incarnation was a similar kind of identification. Laying aside his divine majesty, he took on mortal flesh, and entered human society. Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity, wrote the author of Hebrews.

But Jesus did more even than that. As he went about, he identified himself not only with human nature but also with uncleanness, sin and death. When the desperate woman, suffering from incurable bleeding, reached out and touched his robe, Jesus could have ignored her. But in acknowledging her touch he was, according to the Levitical law, making himself ritually unclean. On other occasions, he took the initiative, as when he touched a man with leprosy and the dead body of a widow's only son. And ultimately Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree. (Galatians 3:13) How far such actions set Jesus apart from the Gods of other religions! I hope that it is not irreverent to say that I would find it hard to believe in a loving God if it wasn't for Jesus.

Jesus self-abasement is, however, far more an argument for our view of God. It gives us deep assurance of Jesus' love for individuals, for you and me, for thug and granny, for prostitute and pimp, for president and pop star. Far more intimately than any human friend or relation, Jesus knows, understands and loves us, and wants to help us to become what he created us to be. But we can also learn from Jesus to regard and treat people, all people, with the same passionate empathy and self-giving love.

*Helen Parry*

#### Up and Running

A Baby and Toddler Club for the whole benefice meet every Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.00pm at Holy Trinity Church. Everyone is welcome. Contact David 741474 for further details

*The Benefice of Coxheath, Linton, Hunton, East and West Farleigh*

#### KIDZONE

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-12.00 Coxheath Infant School  
A workshop of craft, games, stories, music and fun.

"WATER"

All Primary aged children welcome  
Call Sue 728252 or Ruth 743866

#### June Mini Bible Services

This Series meets on Tuesday in June at 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm at various homes in the parish. The topic being studied for the four weeks is New World, Old Faith and looks at the Brave New World, Environment and Ethics, Church and family in Crisis & One World - Many Faiths. Contact Peter Walker for details and venues 747570.

June	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	9.30 MP	11.00 HC 18.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	9.15 HC	8.00 HC (bcp) 10.30 MP	11.00 FS	8.00 HC (bcp) 10.30 MP
Linton	9.15 HC	8.00 HC (bcp) 11.00 FS	9.15 HC	9.15 HC
W. Farleigh	8.00 HC 11.00 SW	11.00 Service on the Green	9.15 HC	11.00 MP

HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word  
APCM Annual Parish Council Meeting

For Weddings, Thanksgivings, and Baptisms, please contact Revd David Jones (741474)