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For the Hunton Hunters - It's "Brighton or Bust"



An idea borne in the Village Social Club became a reality when seven of the local residents of Hunton decided to get together to ride in the 54 mile London-to-Brighton Cycle Ride in aid of The British Heart Foundation on Sunday 21 June 2009.

With the help of hundreds of sponsors, the cyclists raised in excess of £2,500 for the charity. The team - led by Christina Harrison (far left to right) - comprised Steve and Wendy Bishop on tandem, Alan Bishop, Rachel Bishop, Rob King and Nic Davies, who all set off together from Clapham Common at 7am

"It would have been impossible to do this without the help and fantastic back-up of our support team", said Harrison. "Our thanks go to David Duce and Paul

Parnell who transported our bikes and to Peter and Bev Paterson who drove the team and others to London and cheered us all over the finishing line in Brighton".

Asked about the challenges the riders faced en route to the south coast, Harrison said that the most enduring moments were at Turners Hill and the infamous Ditchling Beacon.

"But once you're at the top it's then downhill all the way to Brighton and what a welcome sight that finishing line and medal is!"

Afterwards some of the team and supporters enjoying a well earned drink!



Christina Harrison

Last Remaining Tickets for Train and Tea!

Sunday August 9th 2-5pm at Wayside, Hunton

Train rides and tea included. Tickets to be purchased in advance from Sue Martin 01622 746125

Adults £10, Children £6 or family ticket of 2 Adults and 2 Children for £30

All proceeds are to help make the flower festival a magnificent event!

Applause Event ATONGO ZIMBA

Saturday 17th October, Hunton Village Hall

Ghanaian singer and musician of international acclaim

Tickets £8 Contact Alan on 820683 or Jane on 820127

Ring Found

A Ladies, silver coloured ring was found on a footpath bordering a field behind Hunton Court.

If you think the ring could be yours please phone Andrea Forster on 01622 820628

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309
Pre-School Supervisor: Nicola Julier	07972067110
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**
Associate Rector: Revd David Jones	741474*
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Clerk to Parish Council: Vikki Stancombe	842782
Village Hall Booking: Jane Crane	820127
Maidstone Police:	608186
Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Organist: Philip Moore	749356
PCSO Jo Watts	07772 225983

Dates for Diaries:

Sunday 9th August. 2-5pm Train Event in Hunton (746125)

Sunday 30th August from 2.15-3.00 pm Rubbish Freighter in the Village Hall Car Park

Saturday 3rd October at 2.30 pm The John Briggs Memorial Lecture in the Village Hall

2nd, 3rd and 4th October, Flower Festival Hunton Village Church

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman	
- Roger Sawtell	820731
Clerk to the Parish Council	
- Vikki Stancombe	842782
Cllr Les Leonard	820858
Cllr Moira Walter	745765
Cllr Gary Thomas	820691
Cllr David Heaton	820678
Cllr Keith Eatwell	745569
Cllr Ron Porter	820220

All items for the September edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th August, please

Dear Friends,

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:27 and verses following)

'What is an Anglican?' was the question asked of Revd. Dr Jim Packer a renowned theologian and biblical scholar at the inauguration meeting of 'The Fellowship of confessing Anglicans' at Central Hall Westminster, on July 6th. Anglicanism, he said, is a geographical term and has its definition defined and fixed at the Reformation under the reign of Henry 8th when the English church broke away from Rome. Its ethos was established under the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer and the birth of the Prayer Book, the Articles of Religion the Creeds, and the authority of Holy Scripture.

It is maintaining these truths that the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans has been established, to maintain the true faith in this country and support our fellow believers 'across the pond'. The Anglican Church in North America has deposed bishops and clergy who have held to these fundamentals. So much so that a new province of the Anglican Church has been formed - ACNA - '*Anglican Church of North America*' which now has those orthodox bishops and clergy and in excess of 63,000 Anglicans at its core. The Bishop of Pittsburgh was deposed for holding biblical truths and has just been elected and consecrated as the Archbishop of the new province.

Though saddening that this has had to happen, the 'Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans', supported and championed by our own Bishop Michael, has had to 'nail its colours to the mast' to stop what has been called 'drift away' from our fundamental beliefs by those who have held views which are contrary to Scripture.

St. Paul writes to the Philippian church to '*live a life worthy of the Gospel of Jesus*'. How can we do this? This statement states that our conduct is to be in tune with our calling, there is to be no separation between what we say and what we are. Secondly, Paul calls us to 'stand firm' in the Gospel. The Christian life needs stability. In many walks of life today we see much 'instability'. Thirdly, Paul calls for believers to 'contend for the faith of the Gospel'. That is to defend it and argue for its truth. Fourthly, Paul urges us to 'work together for the Gospel'. Mutually to work in unity for the essentials of the Gospel.

Lastly, Paul issues a call to 'suffer for the Gospel'. Not physical suffering (though some believers have suffered in other countries), but to understand that to speak out and stand firm on Christian matters might mean distress. Our own Bishop Michael has endured this of late as he has spoken out and stood firm on fundamental Biblical truths.

In these somewhat uncertain days of the worldwide Anglican Communion we need to take heart that there are those whom as Scripture tells us in the letter of Jude who '*contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints*'.

With prayers, Peter

School News

Global Awareness Continues

We tried to discover the size of our school's carbon footprint by becoming energy detectives: we visited each classroom at playtime to discover which classes had been wasteful by leaving lights or electrical equipment on.

We have looked at the daily lives of children in France, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, India and Malawi, in particular looking at what people in different countries typically eat. We compared this with the types of food we like to eat. We also looked at where the food we like to eat comes from, and how it is packaged with a view to eating more local food and recycling packaging where possible. Lower School found out what happens to rubbish, in particular plastic when it is not disposed of properly.

We have discussed our use of water and how important it is for our survival and found out how much individuals use in a day by carrying out a survey over the course of three days. After investigation into water and energy supplies around the world, we looked at how we can save water and energy in our own lives.

Grand Reception Lunch

Once again our Reception children harvested, counted, measured, weighed and prepared the produce they had grown throughout their reception year and hosted a wonderful lunch for their parents

Building Work Classroom Update

Upper School have now moved into their new classroom and it has a very calm atmosphere and is so roomy; the children are enjoying the new grown up environment. We are in the process of refurbishing the other classrooms and will eventually have what is now the Reception Classroom as a room for children to work in small groups or one to one; this room will also be used for meetings.

Dog Handlers

The whole school was fortunate enough to watch a display by the Kent Police dog handlers to support the topic on pets.

Oliver

The Performance of Oliver was received by an enthusiastic audience and the costumes were superb, which made for a wonderful family evening.

Hunton Club Book Group June 2009 Book Review

Notes from an Exhibition by Patrick Gale

The majority of us thoroughly enjoyed this book and found it a worthwhile read. The overall average score was 7. Artist Rachel's beloved youngest son, Petroc, once gave her six stones collected from a Cornish beach, each chosen to represent a member of the family. Rachel treasures these stones and, while engaged on a groundbreaking new series of paintings possibly inspired by them, dies of a heart attack in her Cornish loft-studio. Patrick Gale uses Rachel's death cleverly using notes from a posthumous retrospective of Rachel's work, which head each chapter. The narrative offers an unusual way into the half-dozen changing viewpoints that dot around in time and place, like apparently random pieces of a jigsaw. Most of us liked these "parallel" themes and how Patrick Gale writes about each family member in depth making the characters well rounded and plausible. The book held together well, presenting us with a clear view of the whole story.

Rachel is bipolar and is alternately wonderful and terrible to her gentle Quaker husband Antony Middleton and her four children. As a young English postgraduate, Antony "rescued" her in Oxford when she was pregnant and suicidal. His devotion, his calm, tolerant religion and his childhood home in Penzance combined to make marriage to him her haven, and her abstract painting came to attract critical acclaim. Only after her death does Antony discover the hair-raising secrets of her upbringing.

Notes from 2007 Guardian Review gives a pretty good insight which most of us touched upon

"One of Gale's great strengths is his detailed acquaintance with the inner lives of his characters, which leap fully formed from the page. Rachel's erratic mothering has indelibly marked all her children. Garfield, the fearful, striving, buttoned-up eldest, feels a sense of release when he opens the letter Rachel bequeaths him, explaining the truth of his paternity. Morwenna, a drifter, has inherited her mother's talent and her mental problems. Some of the most revelatory scenes are the birthdays - each child gets to spend their day alone with Rachel, enjoying a treat of their choosing, but often these times become memorable for the wrong reasons. Morwenna's 10th birthday is ruined by a drunken Barbara Hepworth, who snubs Rachel in St Ives. Rachel takes out her anger on her daughter in a monstrously cruel way.

Rachel's third child, Hedley, was trained in boyhood never to upset his mother's delicate equilibrium. As a man, he feels powerless to challenge Ankie, the woman annexing his lover Oliver, because, like Rachel, Ankie is "powerful, dismissive, erratic, a threatening, clamorous, emotionally hungry presence".

Rachel's bipolarity is convincingly drawn and this includes the upside of her condition - the novel offers interesting insights into the mystery of creative inspiration. She knows that when she is free of medication, soaring towards a high, she produces her greatest work, and so she often refuses to take it, pregnancy being one useful excuse. Do we applaud her for bravery or blame her? The lows, when she is suicidal, are the punishment, not least for her family.

One would like to know more about Antony, especially whether he was fulfilled by his marriage to a woman he has to mother and who always claims everyone's attention. He is the still, solid, positive presence, his Quaker philosophy and way of living supplying a warmth and spirituality that transforms sometimes depressing material.

Out and Out - Flowers for Inspiration

The flowers in the Church in early July were wonderfully refreshing, they moved away from the traditional style and reflected a movement in gardens and in our churchyard to be more wildlife friendly.

Containing a beautifully selected range of native and cottage garden flowers and grasses displayed in rustic garden containers including trugs and a watering can the arrangements were a lesson, perhaps unintentional, in what plants to grow to encourage wildlife into the garden.

Cornflowers, achillea, privet, marigold, buddleia and globe thistle are all flowers which will attract beneficial insects that will pollinate fruit and vegetable, eat aphids and feed birds. Grasses are a food source for caterpillars, and the seeds will feed birds as will the seeds of sunflowers.

If you missed the July flowers in Church and want to learn more about gardening for wildlife the Kent Wildlife Trust is a mine of information, alternatively you could join the band of volunteers who get together three or four times a year to keep the church yard tidy but always with an eye to encouraging wildlife. *Christine McSweeney*

Hunton Gardens

The weather on Sunday 14 June was perfect for garden visiting and the day was perfect too for the owners of the Queen Anne House and the Old Stables at Cheveney farm and Southover in Grove Lane.

Roses were at their best and a profusion of other plants were looking wonderful, unaffected then by the current drought.

Two hundred and forty visitors made the most of the opportunity to see gardens new to many. Walking across the fields between gardens was immensely popular, as were the cream teas provided at Cheveney. Well over a £1000 was raised for The National Garden Scheme charities and Leukaemia Research.

All who helped can feel that their efforts were well rewarded.

David Way

At St Mary's Church in August

Notices

Coffee Rota
2nd August - Mary Johns and Anke Way
Brass Cleaning
August - Sandra Bullivant and Ruth Porter
Flower Rota
Aug 2nd Mrs Pinks
Aug 9th Mrs Pinks
Aug 16th Mrs Scott
Aug 24th Mrs Scott
Aug 31st Coxheath Benefice

Services

Sunday 2nd August - 8th Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Family Service Revd David Jones
Readings: Preachers Choice

Sunday 9th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity
9.30 Holy Communion Revd David Jones
Readings: Kings 19 v 4-8 and John 6 v 35 & 41 -51

Sunday 16th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Morning Prayer Chris Bostock
Readings: Proverbs 9 v 1-6 and John 6 v 51-58

Sunday 23rd August - 11th Sunday after Trinity
09.30 Holy Communion Revd Peter Walker
Readings: Joshua 24 v 1-2a & 14-18 and John 6 v 56-69

Sunday 30th August - 12th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 Benefice Service at Coxheath
Readings: Deuteronomy 4 v1-2 & 6-9 and Mark 7 v 1-8, 14 -15, 21 - 23

Sunday 6th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Family Service - Revd David Jones
Readings: Preachers Choice

Cathedral Prayers Our parishes are being remembered at the morning and evening services on Monday August 31st. The Dean and Chapter would be glad to welcome members of our parishes at Evensong which is a sung service and starts at 3.15pm. A lesson reader is requested and Lay-Readers and Clergy are invited to robe. Please let Peter know if you intend to be present.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MAIDSTONE FORUM MEETINGS 2009

Thursday September 17th at 7.30 pm for 7.45pm start at Maidstone Baptist Church, Knightrider Street

Work in Schools with Children and Young People - the speakers will be from Family Trust and CAST. Work in primary and secondary schools is a vital work in the Christian mission and both these Organisations play a valuable role in the Christian education of our young people. For further details of all these services/meeting please contact Rev David Jones (Chairman of Churches Together in Maidstone) on 01622 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com



Swine Flu

Bishop Michael has issued guidelines for the churches in respect of how we deal with the swine flu outbreak. A long document summarised:

- If showing flu like symptoms do not attend Church or mass
- Identify a 'flu friend' who will be able to collect medicine, food etc.
- Wine at the Holy Communion will always be administered in a chalice of precious metal
- The practice of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine is to be discouraged) Accidental contact with the wine may spread a virus.
- Guidelines have been given to clergy on how best to maintain hygiene in the handling of bread and wine.
- Pastoral visits will be done only when absolutely necessary.

Further information: by phone to NHS direct or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

West Farleigh Twinning Fair Saturday 1st August

Programme: 1200 - Gates and Stalls Open, 1230 - Adults Football Match Starts: - East Farleigh vs Ringstedt, 1430 - Village Games Commence incl. Tug-o-war; Egg & Spoon Race; Welly Throw, 1530 - Grand Prize Draw 1700 - Close. Stalls Include: Coconut Shy, Crockery Smash, Hook a Duck, Local Produce, Crafts, Bottle Tombola, Penalty Shoot Out, Refreshments: Licensed Bar - Hog Roast - Ice Cream Van - Sausage Stall - WI Tea & Cakes Proceeds from Fair will support 5 local charities/clubs: Dandelion Time - Farleigh's WI - Farleigh Sports Club - Farleigh Parish Council - All Saint's Church

August	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th	6th September
Coxheath	11.00 HC	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	10.30 Benefice Service	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	9.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	9.30 HC	08.00 HC 09.30 Matins		9.30 HC
Linton	9.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 MS		9.30 HC
W. Farleigh	8.00 HC	11.00 MP Trad	9.30 HC	11.00 MP Modern		08.00 HC

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 Peter Walker