



Editors: Sue & David Heaton, 3 New Cottages, Barn Hill, Hunton, ME15 0QT 01622 820678 herald@hunton.org.uk

Hunton Parish Plan - Hunton Calling Event 18th September 2010

The aim of this event is to involve Hunton's organisations, clubs, public bodies and local businesses to make residents of Hunton aware of what facilities the village offers. We hope we will have a good turn out on the day and that it will encourage residents to complete the questionnaire which will be distributed to every household at the end of September.

If you have a business (small or large) and would like to support the day by way of a donation we can, in return, display a business card or poster on a stand which will be situated in the Village Hall and mention your organisation in the programme of events. We will need to have the cards or posters by 17th August. If you would like to support your village in this way cheques should be made payable to The Hunton Parish Plan Steering Committee and sent to Di Martin, Silver Pines, East Street, Hunton ME15 ORD together with your advertising literature. We hope to see you there.

A Pub in Hunton?

I was surprised to learn that the Parish Plan dream list highlighted a desire for a village pub in Hunton. There is no doubt that pubs are struggling to survive in this country. With more than a dozen rural pubs closing every week the possibility of creating a new one in Hunton would prove to be something of a miracle. This dream surely prompts the question of how well known the Hunton Village Club is within the village and what can be done to highlight its benefits.

The club is no different in offering all a pub does except dining. The same drinks are offered but at least 15% cheaper. Families and children are welcome and members can enjoy a warm atmosphere amongst friends and neighbours for an annual fee of only £10. So for those who dream for a pub in Hunton, why not give the club a try. Everyone is welcome to visit prior to joining as a member.

The club is closed on Tuesdays but open on other weekday evenings 7.30-11.00pm.

At the weekend it's open Saturday 8.00-11.00pm and on Sundays 12-2.30pm and again at 7.30-10.30pm.

Help! - Hunton Calling!!

Hunton Calling!! on 18th September is an event to launch the Parish Plan questionnaire and aims to celebrate and promote the various clubs and organisations we currently have in the village. We are still at the planning stage and looking for lots of volunteers to help us make this event a success. The types of roles we are looking to fill are:

Before the event: Baking cakes

On the day: Car park stewards around key buildings i.e. church, club, school and village hall

Making teas & coffees

Help to serve refreshments and dealing with money

Help to clear the tables of crockery and washing up

Photographers to take photos of the day at the various buildings

After the event: Help to clear up

Please get involved in whatever way you can - the more the merrier! Please ring Di Martin on 01622 820 215

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Clerk to Parish Council: Vikki Stancombe	842782
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking: Jane Crane	820127
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Associate Rector: Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Jo Watts/Gary Shaw	604392
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495		

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Dates for Diaries:

Sunday 15th August, Freighter Service, 2.15pm-3pm, Village Hall car park
 Wednesday 18th August- Parish Plan Meeting Village Club 8pm
 Friday 3rd September at 8pm - Applause Event Martin Harley
 Saturday 18th September - 'Hunton Calling!!'
 Friday 1st October- Applause Event '4Square
 Saturday 9th October - Barn Dance - Village Hall
 Friday 3rd December - New Budapest Cafe Orchestra - With Chris Garrick

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman
 - Roger Sawtell 820731

Clerk to the Parish Council
 - Vikki Stancombe 842782

Cllr Les Leonard 820858 Cllr David Heaton 820678
 Cllr Moira Walter 745765 Cllr Keith Eatwell 745569
 Cllr Gary Thomas 820691 Cllr Ron Porter 820220

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

Hello All

August already and I sit writing this during the first really hot spell of the Summer so far. Well, the World Cup in Football turned out to be a damp squib for England, Murray did much better but was beaten on the day by a better player, the English cricket team won the One Day Cricket Series against Australia and the new Government (or do we call it a coalition?) have shown their teeth. Don't you look forward to the peace of August, holidays, the children at home and you can park at Paddock Wood Station to catch a train?

But for one group of people August brings the tension of those examination results held earlier in the summer. For 30 years, as an examination officer, I issued the results to students who over the years increasingly became more and more anxious about the grades they obtained. In the early days the results didn't seem to have the same importance, the results came in by post and often students didn't bother to come in to school to collect them relying on the post to deliver them some days later. Increasingly the results have taken on greater importance in young people's lives and the queue waiting for results grows each year. Expressions of joy and sadness, relief and tears are shown by the students as they open the envelopes. The results are so important for future careers. It is only when we grow older that we realise that life does not depend upon them. What is important at the time, be it the apparently trivial from our team winning a tournament, or the league to the importance of examinations, are simply 'happening' on our journey through life. One of the prayers used by the church says 'that with you (God) as our ruler and guide we may pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal.' Let these words be our prayer for the young people today as they wait for those important results amidst all the tension within themselves and from family and friends. Pray that their sights are set on the bigger picture and whatever the results of the examinations their lives will be measured in the end on things eternal - the gifts that God gives us, love, joy, peace, gentleness, forgiveness and not always on the 'successes' of the worlds values.

Pray for the young people waiting for examination results and for those starting new schools, further and higher education and those fortunate to have work to start.

David

Hunton Club Book Group

June Book Review: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Atticus Finch is a lawyer in America's Deep South. A man with an enormous conviction in the equality of people regardless of their race, social standing or intellectual ability, he takes on a case to defend a black man accused of raping a white woman. The court case and the events before and after it are told through the eyes of Scout, Atticus's eight-year-old daughter. She and the reader come to know her father's outstanding integrity and stature. Although the book is set in Alabama in the 1930s and highlights the ugliness of racism, it has lessons for us all about all-too-hasty judgements of people we are too slow or too frightened to get to know. The majority, although not all, of the Book Club found the book very readable and felt it had a depth which stayed with us long after finishing it. As the 50th anniversary of *To Kill a Mockingbird*'s publication is currently being celebrated, several of us also listened to a radio programme about it, read some press articles and watched the 1960's film with Gregory Peck as Atticus. The Book Club's score was 8. Our next book is *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell.

Liz Oliver

Applause Events

We are pleased to announce the Autumn Applause season at Hunton Village Hall.

Applause Rural Touring is our local (Kent and Sussex) scheme bringing live arts to rural venues. Supported by the Arts Council, KCC and the Borough Councils we are able to bring you a superb range of exciting performances and have been doing so at Hunton Village Hall since 2002.

This season promises to be exceptional. 4Square replaces the originally billed 'Old Dance School'

Martin Harley a fine acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter returns following a sell out show here back in February last year. Martin is a top quality performer. This time he is playing solo whilst touring the country on a bicycle raising cycle awareness. **Friday 3 September at 8pm - tickets £8 booking now.**

4Square is an exciting, one to watch out for, young group from Manchester who are taking the folk festival circuit by storm. Check them out on www.4squaremusic.co.uk. **Friday 1 October, 8pm - tickets £8 - advance bookings taken.**

New Budapest Cafe Orchestra is led by the wonderful Chris Garrick who returns following an exceptional gig here with John Etheridge in May 2008. Expect him and his band to deliver a driving blend of East European music.

This should be an intoxicating show. **Friday 3 December, 8pm - tickets £10 - advance bookings taken.**

There will be a licensed bar at the shows and we hope, subject to confirmation, to provide a bread/cheese buffet as part of the ticket price.

For enquiries please contact Jane on 820127 or Alan 820683.

School News - End of Year Review

'If it is the end of the year are we soon going to be writing letters to Santa?' A question asked by one of the youngest pupils when her teacher spoke about the end of the academic year. It always seems strange that while the rest of society are in the middle of the year enjoying the sunshine and barbeques schools are reviewing the year and preparing for goodbyes and new beginnings.

As Hunton School reflects on this past school year we have many things to celebrate and think about. In the autumn term we gained Kent Safer School Accreditation and our annual pupil interviews showed again that the children feel safe in our school and that every child can identify someone in the school they would speak to if worried. Once again Hunton School was invited to join events in the local community and we actively participated in the very successful Hunton Flower Festival by producing a copy of a section of the newly renovated stained glass window and two fabric banners depicting village and school life.

In November we had the official opening by Ann Widcombe MP, of our new extension and classroom. There was great excitement as Ms Widcombe brought a film crew from the BBC with her who filmed the whole event! Once again the Nativity and Christingle Service saw St. Mary's Church full to the brim with families and parishioners all enjoying seeing our young children decked in angel and shepherd costumes to once again retell the wondrous story of the birth of Jesus. The snow saw the school only close for two days despite many of the staff travelling long distances; Wellington boots, scarves and the dedicated work of our staff to clear paths meant that science experiments and cooperative games were quickly developed to enhance children's learning using the delights of nature. The plight of the people of Haiti galvanised our children to initiate a range of fund raising activities which later led to a commendation by the Speaker of the House of Commons. The beginning of 2010 was also a great time of sadness for everyone when we were faced with the death of one of our beloved teachers Mrs. Turner, after a brave fight against cancer. Children, parents and staff and governors shared their grief and worked together to support each other.

Continued on back page

Kent Free Trees Scheme The Kent Free Trees Scheme offers up to 25 trees completely free of charge to individuals and organisations in Kent. All of our trees are species native to the county.

All you need to do is pick up the trees, plant them yourself and care for them as they grow.

Why are you giving trees away for free? Trees make a vital contribution to Kent's natural environment. By encouraging the planting of native trees there is a positive effect on the landscape and biodiversity of Kent's countryside.

What are the trees like? The trees we supply are very young, and typically **no more than one metre in height**. They are supplied as bare-rooted 'whips', and will easily fit into the boot of a car.

Just take the following five easy steps to apply for your free trees, and make your own positive contribution to Kent's natural environment. Make sure your application reaches us by **30th October** to be included in the current year's scheme.

Where can I get the application booklets from? You can call Kent County Council's Contact Centre on 08458 247 600 who will be able to provide you with booklets.

Yalding Organic Gardens

Yalding's famous organic gardens have re-opened under new ownership.

Loddington Farm Ltd has signed a 15-year lease with the Congelow Trust to manage the gardens, which depict organic gardening through the ages, on a 10-acre site in Benover Road, Yalding.

With a well-stocked farm shop and tea room serving tasty home-made cakes, cream teas and meals (from Full English breakfast onwards!), the Yalding Gardens are a great place to take the family for a fun day out.

With loyalty schemes for regular visitors and annual memberships for only £20, you can enjoy this local attraction through the seasons.

Check the website - www.yaldinggardens.org - for details of forthcoming events, opening times and prices.

Summer Events 2010 A series of events has been planned to ensure there's fun for all the family. Monday will be Fun Day every week during the school holidays, with a packed programme of activities for little ones, while there are events, talks and tours to inspire and excite green fingered friends of all ages throughout the summer.

Monday 2nd August- Bug in a Box

Wednesday 4th August- National Play Day - 'Our Place'

Saturday 7th August- Bringing in the Hay!

Sunday 8th August- Cream Tea and a Tour of the Yalding Gardens

Monday 9th August - Pond Dipping

Monday 16th August - Make a Bee Home

Monday 23rd August - Pick and Press.

Thursday 26th August - An Introduction to Organic Gardening- Tour and Talk.

Monday 30th August- Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday 4th September- Beginner's Guide to Cut Flowers and Arranging

Thursday 9th September- Gardening for Wildlife- Tour and Talk

The Heart of Kent Hospice

Moonlit Walk

Saturday 18th Sept 10pm

David Lloyd Leisure Club, Kings Hill

A 10 or 6 mile circular sponsored walk

www.moonlitwalk.org

01622 790195

enquiries@moonlitwalk.org

At St Mary's Church in August

Notices

Coffee Rota

Sunday 1st August McSweeney Family

Flower Arrangers

1st August Mrs Lawrence/Mrs Oliver
 8th August Mrs Lawrence/Mrs Oliver
 15th August Mrs Granger
 22nd August Mrs Granger
 29th August Mrs Scott

Services

Sunday 1st August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Family Service - Rev David Jones

Readings: Preachers Choice

Sunday 8th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

09.30am Holy Communion - Rev David Jones

Readings: Genesis 1 v 1-6 and Luke 12 v 32-40

Sunday 15th August - 7th Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MORNING SERVICE

6pm Evening Service, Songs of Praise - David Barnes

Readings: Jeremiah 23 v 23-29 and Luke 12 v 49-56

Sunday 22nd August - 12th Sunday after Trinity

09.30am Holy Communion - Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Isaiah 58 v 9-114 and Luke 13 v 10 - 17

Sunday 29th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Benefice Service Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Proverbs 25 v 6,7 and Luke 14 v 1 & 7-14

Sunday 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Family Service

On Your Bike!

Get on your bike on the 11th September and raise money for St Mary's Church 10am -6pm. Phone Alison Ellman-Brown for a sponsorship form. 01622 820288

The children turned out in force for the Mothering Sunday service where children delighted in retelling stories of their mums. Also in March our older children enjoyed a week at an 'outward bound' centre where every child challenged themselves with abseiling, high ropes and zip wires! Trips to enhance learning have been ongoing throughout the year and have included trips to the Sea Life Centre in Hastings and Hestmonseaux to undertake a range of 'hands on' science experiments, Maidstone Museum and Bedgbury Pinetum to name a few! We have also enjoyed a French speaking production by a French drama group and our oldest children have attended a range of workshops where they have learnt about keeping safe and gained awareness about potential dangers in society; skills and knowledge they will need as they move into the next chapter of their education in secondary school.

Our annual sports afternoon, which was originally cancelled due to bad weather, took place at the beginning of June and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, even the toddlers, who ran as fast as they could to gain a sticker and a pot of bubbles!

The recent World Cup became a focus for much learning when the children had a competition to learn the 32 flags of the countries competing. Issues surrounding the manufacturing of sports wear in third world countries and the use of cheap labour encouraged our children to pose philosophical questions regarding social injustice and our participation in this when we purchase such items.

The England V Slovenia game which kicked off at 3pm meant that we invited our children to view the game in school with us using the internet and our interactive whiteboard. Everyone was very excited and at 2.45pm we settled down decked in football shirts, face paints and waving flags to watch the game, a memory that we thought would stay with the children for ever. Unfortunately the memory grew as much to our disappointment the internet access failed and we had expectant children and no football match! Quick as a flash Mrs Weston agreed to us decamping to her home to watch the match on her TV!!! Thirty plus children with staff walked to her house and settled in her sitting room!! Bensted Close was filled with loud cheers emitting from the sitting room window and later a group of children enjoying a picnic on the green during half time. Mrs. Weston this year celebrated twenty years of service at Hunton School and her generosity and the high regard in which she is held is reflected in such a kind act.

We have also been very involved in the development of the Hunton Parish Plan. Our children have made a presentation about the village and undertook a vote on the things we like about Hunton and the things we would change. Children then attended the launch to present our results. We are now looking forward to playing a part in 'Hunton Calling!' in September. We have already made a rather large 3D map of the village and undertaken research about Hunton and places of interest. The older children have produced beautiful art work of local properties which are on show in the school entrance.

As this school year draws to an end we are truly grateful for another successful year and thank the local community for their continuous support. We look forward to being part of 'Hunton Calling!!' on 18th September and we send all our youngsters moving onto their new schools all our best wishes and prayers for their well-being and personal fulfilment.

Sue Wood

<i>August</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>29th</i>
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	10.30 BENEFICE SERVICE HUNTON
E. Farleigh	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 9.30 Matins	10.30 BENEFICE SERVICE HUNTON
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	10.30 BENEFICE SERVICE HUNTON
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP (trad)	9.30 HC	11.00 MP (mod)	10.30 BENEFICE SERVICE HUNTON

HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word