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Parish Council AGM - Village Feedback

Hunton Primary School teacher, Catherine Wickham, reported that the 20mph speed limit in West Street had made the road a lot safer for the children while the safety situation would be further improved when the footpath from the Village Hall to Bensted Close is completed and pupils can use it to walk to and from the school. The busy school team continues to achieve high standards.

The Village Hall has a new booking secretary and caretaker said David Heaton. In the past Applause has staged events but with cutbacks in funding the Hall Committee is now successfully running them. The solar panels are expected to result in savings of £1500 a year.

King George V Playing Field Chairman, Danny Peacock, said the newly installed play equipment was well used. The state of the car park continued to cause concern but the cost of total repair was estimated to be too high at present. The annual meeting is on July 4th.

St Mary's Church was losing members of the congregation but newcomers kept the numbers about the same said churchwarden Alison Ellman-Brown adding that the Christmas Festival had been hugely successful encouraging more events to take place. The Church supported the School and David Jones had put in a great deal of work during the interregnum with other volunteers working hard to maintain the centuries-old church.

Hunton Herald had been kept busy reporting on a range of local events and organisations, said co-editor David Heaton with thanks to all those supplying features. Funds raised from advertising had been donated to Peace Cottages, the Village Club and for the new lighting equipment used at the Christmas Festival.

Hunton Parish Plan Committee's Annette Trought outlined highway and transport matters covered by other reports. Members had operated speed watch equipment gaining instant results in slowing down drivers. The Pop Up Shop had been a success while the fifth litter pick team had tidied up the Village. The Community Orchard Group had produced a questionnaire, which had the highest number of returns of the group of parishes bidding for funding.

Hunton Bowls Club is trying to recruit new members from the Village, said Danny Peacock adding that both the ladies and gents teams had enjoyed success last season.

Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club had seen a period of flux last year when groundsman John Adams stepped down. But this was a catalyst to bring the Club together, said Chairman Simon Taylor with two keen members now preparing the pitch with £1400 spent on maintaining the wicket surface, which despite the terrible winter weather was now in excellent condition.

Hunton Football Club, celebrating its 115th anniversary, is one of the oldest in Maidstone with teams in the Premier and Division One leagues. David Elliott said that recruitment was difficult and if any players or supporters wanted to join the Club they would be welcome. There were 22 players aged between 17 and 35.

Hunton Village Club membership was down with 30 not renewing, said Phil Nichols urging more visitors from the Village to use the club facilities. It is difficult to engage volunteer bar staff if there are only a few customers. On a positive note Parish Plan and other committee meetings were held in the Club while the Lent Lunches had proved popular with funds raised for new lighting and re-decoration by volunteers.

Peace Cottage Charity, the Village almshouses, had seen refurbishments take place in two houses in 2012 with further work to two more this summer, said Liz Oliver. Roof guttering downpipes had been cleared and sloping ramps are being installed for wheelchairs. *(continued over page)*

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Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch:huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403,820429, 820731
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*not available on Fridays
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Diary Dates

Saturday 6th July **Pop Up Shop** Outside the Church 9.30 – 12.30
Saturday 6th July **Pie Pickles and Pint Night** Hunton Village Club 8pm
Sunday 7th July **Dressage Event** Hunton Court
Monday 8th July **Hunton Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8pm
Saturday 7th September **Antiques & Craft Fair** Hunton Church 9am-2pm

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Check out www.hunton.org.uk for changes and see the latest up-dated version. If you would like to add an event to the village diary email huntondiary@btinternet.com - new events are being added all the time.

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

A few years ago a very good friend of ours took a break from ministry for a sabbatical and decided to put his trust in God and follow Jesus' command found in Luke chapter nine to "take nothing for the journey – no staff, no bag, no money, no extra shirt" when he sent out the twelve disciples. This friend dressed in a tunic similar to a monk's habit and left to walk around North Yorkshire for a month. The hospitality he received on his journey was amazing, and he never once had to fall back on the emergency credit card tucked in his sock!

Alison and I join you here in the United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton, and West Farleigh on a journey of faith that already has over 1,000 years of history. There is a Japanese proverb that says "when you have completed 95 per cent of the journey, you are only half way there". We know that there is a great heritage on which to build and a future, which will go far beyond our time here, and my desire is to build on the past to provide for the future life of worship across the benefice. It is an amazing privilege to journey in faith with you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for this small part of that journey. We are fully aware that we come carrying our own preconceptions, our own experiences, and our own preferences. We are also aware that we come and join people who are committed to Christ and who long to see God's Kingdom flourish and grow in the five parishes.

If you were able to join us for the service of institution you will have heard Bishop James preach from the passage in Ephesians about the Body of Christ. He spoke especially about the ligaments that hold the body together, and how important they are. I wish to echo that thought, and reinforce it. We all have our part to play, our function to fulfil, our calling to answer, our vocation to realise as we journey together to further God's Kingdom. I chose the Ephesians passage because it is, for me, the essence of the model of church that we need to aspire to. I am delighted to be the Rector, and to play my part, but I am only one person, and only one part of the Body. As we each take our part we will, as St. Paul says, "speaking the truth in love ... grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."

My desire is to see each person affirmed in who they are in Christ, to discover or re-discover their gifts, abilities, talents, and passion and then be released, equipped, enabled to serve Christ and each other that we might better travel the journey of faith together.

We thank you for your warm welcome and for your encouragement.

With love in Christ,

Peter

Friends of St Mary's, a charity operating for four years for the preservation of the Church, is backed by a group of hard-working trustees and fund-raisers, said Ron Porter. They agree objectives with the Parochial Parish Church Council. Founder John Scott has been made president and his place taken by Guy Oliver on the committee, which is giving support to a Dressage event at Hunton Court on July 7th.

Hunton Book Club begun in March 2006, initially with just 10 members with one aim being to bring more people into the Village Club, said Lorraine Redfarn. This has proved so successful that a second group has been formed. Yalding Library was thanked for its supply of books.

Hunton Gardening Club was formed from an idea raised at a Parish Plan meeting, said Lesley Lee and was initially supported by 18 residents from total beginners to professionals with the number now topping 50. They had enjoyed a range of visits to gardens and social meetings for talks by experts.

Hunton Walking Club attracts around 20 active villagers and a few from East Farleigh said founder Ann Sawtell adding that they have enjoyed a wide range of two-hour walks of around five miles in a wide radius of the village.

Steam Trains and Afternoon Tea Day

Sunday 28th July, 2pm to 5.30pm, Wayside, Amesbury Road, Hunton

As many rides as you like and plenty of sandwiches, cakes and tea

Tickets £12.00 adult £6.00 children under 12, Free for 2 and under

Book early as these events are very popular and sell out quickly. Tickets from Sue Pinks 01622 820709

Bitterly Disappointing

The BBQ was lit, charcoal turning from black to red to grey and ready to cook, the tables were laid - black and white gingham cloths, red serviettes, music was playing, the bar was open ready for customers. Except no one other than Committee members came! The planned Bring Your Own BBQ event at the club was bitterly disappointing. The only attendees dining were the Club's Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, a Committee Member and their wives. Just the ten of us. The same ten who are working hard to keep the Club open but we had a great night, ten friends who dined together without anyone in particular having to prepare it all.

Our next event is a Pie, Pickles & Pint Night on 6th July. However, by the time you are reading this in the Herald the closing date for tickets would have passed. Come along anyway and see how great the Club looks when turned into a Bistro!

On 3rd August we are planning another Caribbean Cook-Out. The one we held two years ago was phenomenally successful so make a note in your diary and look out for posters giving more information.

Finally, if you have an idea of an event you would like to see at the Club please let us know. Just pop a note into the Club's letterbox or contact tricia.nichols@btinternet.com and we'll try to put it on.

We Have a Footpath.... Those of you that attended the fete, or with children at Hunton CEP School, may have noticed that the long awaited footpath between the Village Hall and Bensted Close is now a reality. It was a long hard struggle to get the path laid and many promises were made and broken but the new team assigned by KCC has worked wonders and at last we have a safe walking route along this stretch of West Street. Our hope now is that the school can go ahead with its plans for a walking bus between the hall and the school which will help improve the traffic congestion around the West Street/Bishops Lane/Grove Lane junction at school start and finish times and significantly reduce the chances of an accident involving any of the children. Hunton Parish Council

Hunton Watch

A group of residents are getting together to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Hunton and are seeking volunteers from all parts of the village in order to set up a network for communication.

The leaflet enclosed with this issue of the Hunton Herald gives you an insight into the workings of a Neighbourhood Watch and highlights the benefits of getting involved. You may also have seen the display stand at Hunton Village fete. We have already had several offers of help and are asking for your support in this community venture.

We plan to hold a launch meeting at Hunton Village Club at 8:15pm on Thursday 19th September for all those who are interested in finding out more.

A letterbox drop with membership application form will also follow.

In the meantime if you would like to contact the Hunton Watch team ring Sue Wyles (820403), Chris Summersgill (820429) or Ann Sawtell (820731) or e-mail huntonwatch@gmail.com.

Litter Pick A big thank you to those of you who were able to make the clean up. Thank goodness the weather was kind to us this time. For those of you who were unable to make it we hope to see you next time at the end of October. The total collection today was: 27 sacks of general rubbish, 2 car tyres, a pouffe!!, a spade and pick axe head, a metal signpost. Di Martin

School News - Term Topics

Devas class topic will be castles and learning about knights and princesses and will focus on the actual building of castles and non-fiction activities. **Bannerman** class will learn about the brave nurse Mary Seacole and her journey from Jamaica to the Crimea. The children will explore some of the traditional remedies she used on the soldiers and compare this to what we use now. In Art the children will be developing their sketching and painting skills; creating a battle scene from the past. **Porteous** – This term are studying the Tudors. Looking at Tudor buildings and their construction and hope to design and build their own class model of a Tudor building. **Borton** - This term have been researching superheroes and then creating their own superheroes.

Walking Miles for Smiles

Becky and Megan are identical twins aged 17 from West Street who were born with a cleft lip and palate .

In August they are walking 192 miles across England to raise money for children in poorer countries born with a cleft lip and palate who cannot afford surgery. Please help by sponsoring them! Find them on the JustGiving Website under Dolmans (<http://www.justgiving.com/dolmanc2c>) or on 07505 209350. Thank you

Outdoor Exercise

Would you be interested in being part of a keep fit outside exercise group. This will be for ALL ages, abilities and fitness levels. The idea is to enjoy the outside with like minded people and improve your fitness at the same time. I'm a fully qualified personal trainer with 30 years experience in health and fitness. To register an interest, please either text/ phone on 07946 258730 or email guybaker@live.co.uk. If we get enough numbers, further details will follow.

All Things Health & Fitness

Why exercise? Regular exercise is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. People who lead an active life are more likely to live longer and less likely to develop serious diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Exercise not only makes you physically fitter, it also improves your mental health and general sense of wellbeing.

Who needs to exercise? Everybody can benefit from doing some exercise. It's important that physical activity is a part of life for children, adults and older people.

It doesn't have to be a vigorous workout and you can find ways to fit physical activity into your daily routine – it may be as simple as walking to and from the shops. If you have never exercised or haven't for a while, it needn't take much effort to get started.

Why do I need to keep active? Doing regular aerobic activity can help prevent major illnesses. Aerobic exercise is anything that uses oxygen, raises your heart rate and makes you slightly breathless, for example brisk walking or cycling. Whether you're just starting to exercise or have always been active, make sure you take steps to stay injury free and able to perform to the best of your ability. Nutrition and hydration also play key roles in this – it's important to eat the correct nutrients to provide the fuel you need to exercise and drink water when you feel thirsty.

More next month. Please feel free to contact Guy Baker, Personal Trainer, gbpt@live.co.uk, 07946 258730, to answer any questions or for a free consultation.

At St Mary's Church in July

Notices

Flowers July

7 th	Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence
14 th	Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence
21 st	Ruth Porter
28 th	Ruth Porter (Wedding)

Farleigh's Farmers Market

The June Farmer's Market was very well attended so thank you to all our customers! This month our chosen charity was the Loose Valley Conservation Society and we were able to make a substantial donation of £100 to their funds. Bryn Cornwell, their chairman has sent his appreciation for our support.

The Pop Up Shop Saturday 6th July

Our next Pop Up Shop will be on Saturday 6th July outside St Mary's Church at 9.30am. Along with supplying the components for a delicious Hunton breakfast (bread, eggs, sausages and bacon). we also want to help you to create a memorable Hunton BBQ. We will have handmade soft bread baps, Hunton gammon steaks, sausages and diced pork to season and sizzle into fragrant kebabs and serve with homemade chutney. For afters how about soft fruit traybake, a handcrafted fruited teacake or a bowl of local strawberries. Please come along and support us and enjoy something which you cannot find at the supermarket. Contributions of chutney, jams, cordials or whatever you fancy are all gratefully received. We take only 10% which goes back into the Fete & Village events Fund. To discuss contact Annette: 820448, annette@trought.com. Future dates: August 10th, September 14th and October 5th

The 75 year Old Pavilion

Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club has made a plea to the Parish Council for advice and support in its bid to replace the 75 year old pavilion which is riddled with woodworm and in danger of falling down.

Chairman, Simon Taylor, reported to Councillors that the building, despite club members' efforts to extend its life, is suffering from the cladding falling to pieces and the gable ends leaning out dangerously.

"The pavilion is on land purchased by the Council from Mrs Campbell-Bannerman of Hunton Court, so the club has no rights of ownership or tenancy over it and is unable to secure a grant to rebuild the pavilion. The full cost of around £65,000 for changing rooms, kitchen and showers, could possibly be obtained from Sport England under its Inspired Facilities scheme."

To gain this grant, the Club has asked the Council to consider options, including granting the Wanderers a formal tenancy at a nominal rent; making a funding bid on behalf of the club; or adopting the responsibility of carrying out the renovations or replacing the pavilion with the support of the cricketers.

"We are not asking the Council to take the difficult or expensive route as we can do most of the practical work. But without input from the Council as guardians of the site, the Club is locked in the current situation until the pavilion simply falls down in a few years time," said Mr Taylor.

Another alternative would be to develop a much larger combined multi-purpose sports and community building but this could cost between £150,000 and £200,000.

The Council called an emergency meeting with the cricket, football and bowls club officers to discuss a future replacement pavilion.

Visit to Loose Valley

In June members of Hunton Gardening Club with friends and relations enjoyed a guided tour from Cave Hill in Tovil through the Loose Valley led by Bryn Cornwall, Chairman of the Loose Valley Conservation Area. Bryn's knowledge of the history of the area and determination to protect it from development ensured a very informative and interesting stroll along footpaths by the Loose stream via ponds and ancient mills to the Chequers Inn at Loose for a welcome lunch break before the return walk along the top edge of the valley. For those who missed this walk, Lesley has a few leaflets with a map of the valley 01622 820210 lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or more information is available from www.valleyconservation.org.uk

Services

Sunday 7th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Family Service—Rev Peter Callway
Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 14th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

09.30am Holy Communion— Rev David Jones
Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 and Luke 10.25-37

Sunday 21st July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Morning Prayer – Mr David Barnes
Readings: Genesis 18.1-10a and Luke 10.38-42

Sunday 28th July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Holy Communion— Rev Peter Callway
Readings: Genesis 18.20-32 and Luke 11.1-13

Sunday 4th August

11.00am Family Service
Readings: Preachers Choice

July	7th	14th	21st	28th	4th Aug
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 MP
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	09.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC

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