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Fete Festivities

Smiling faces and waggy tails were in abundance at the Hunton fete on 18th June along with suggestions that this may well have been our best village fete yet. There was certainly a wonderful atmosphere and it was particularly noticeable that a large number of visitors stayed to enjoy the whole afternoon – it was still busy at 5pm – and the bar ran out of beer!

There was no shortage of entertainment with the tug-of-war and traditional games in the arena and Beautiful Creatures Theatre delighting visitors with the antics of their quirky chef and grumpy, giant octopus. Not forgetting, of course, the ever popular fun dog show,



Photo: Alison O'Doherty

which featured some impressive tricks, caused much hilarity as owners attempted to persuade their dogs round the obstacle course, and seemed to have a record number of entrants for the waggiest tail and most appealing eyes competitions. It was good to welcome back Dr Jazz who kept our toes tapping with their superb Dixieland jazz and local charity Pukka Ponies Equine Rescue, raising money to support their work by providing pony rides. We were also pleased to welcome the Kent Air Ambulance stall for the first time and hope they will join us again.



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Although there are a small number of outside stallholders (and we're very grateful for their support), the fete is largely a huge community effort and it's this that really lends it its charm and makes it such a success. So a big thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and to those who helped out on the day; to the clubs and groups within the village for running stalls, activities and providing refreshments; to Phil Nichols for his marvellous compering and to our dog show judges; to the football team who did a great job with "kick-a-goal"; to the cricket club for the use of their fabulous new pavilion; to the local businesses that donated prizes for the raffle and dog show; to those that donated bottles, cakes, plants and produce; and, of course, to everyone who came along on the day to enjoy the fun. If you would like to see more there are lots of photos on the Facebook page and Hunton website.

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Diary Dates

Sunday 3 rd July	Farmers' Market East Farleigh 10am-1pm
Tuesday 5 th July	WI Summer Garden Party 7.15pm
Saturday 9 th July	Churchyard Working Party 9am-12pm
Sunday 10 th July	Cream Teas & Pop-Up Shop Bishop's Cottage 3-5pm
Saturday 16 th July	Quiz Night Village Club 8pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 23 rd July	Village Walk & Lunch Village Club 11am
Sunday 24 th July	Track Dogs Village Hall Doors 6pm

Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events.

If you would like to add an event, email huntondiary@btinternet.com.

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What's in a name? That which we call a rose; by any other name would smell as sweet. (*Romeo and Juliet Act II Scene II*). William Shakespeare certainly had a way with words. And he introduced many words and expressions into our language. Some claim that over 1700 words in use were formed initially by him. Bedazzled, belongings, cold-blooded, eyeball, multitudinous, scuffle and swagger are just a few. The month we are in now is July – named after Roman Emperor Julius Caesar, likewise August (Augustus), June (Juno), January (Janus) and March (Mars). September, October, November and December take their names from the number of the month in the Roman calendar (seven, eight, nine, ten). Sometimes things that you never knew had names actually do! For example, did you know that the bumps on raspberries are called “drupelets”? And the space between your extended thumb and forefinger is called the “purlucue”? How about an ulage? That's the space between a bottle top and the liquid. “Griffonage” is unreadable handwriting and “dysania” describes the challenge of getting up in the morning (also known as Mondays!). In the Bible there is great significance in names - many have a prophetic significance while others reflect people's faith and gratitude to God. Samuel, for example, means “I asked God for him”. Solomon means “peaceful one”. Zaccheus, who Jesus called by name from the sycamore tree, has a name meaning pure, clean and just. It was what he became after his encounter with Jesus, having been a tax collector who previously swindled everybody. Jesus also famously changed his disciple Simon's name to Peter (Greek *Cephas*), which means “rock” as he told him he would build the church upon this rock. And elsewhere in the Bible we read that God knows each of us by name. “Fear not, I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine” (Isaiah 43.1). In Psalm 139 we read, “O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether”. God, the one who brings all things into being, knows us, loves us and cares for us. Whatever our name is, whoever we are.

Many blessings, Peter

Annual Parish Meeting Roundup

The annual parish meeting on 23rd May was well attended with representatives from twenty village groups and organisations reporting on their activities over the previous twelve months along with County Councillor Paulina Stockell, Borough Councillors Richard Webb and Emily Fermor, and Community Warden Adam McKinley. Below are summaries of their reports.

Police Report

Crime levels in the Coxheath and Hunton ward remain low with little change from the previous year in incidences of vehicle crime, criminal damage and theft. There have been 14 fewer burglaries to dwellings along with 14 fewer outbuildings and shed breaks. PCSO Matt Judges has been working with Community Warden Adam McKinley, allowing them to solve problems from a different angle.

Community Warden

The warden service is being increasingly called upon to help elderly and vulnerable people live safely and independently in their own homes and this is high on their agenda. They rely heavily on good neighbours and people in the local community to inform them of people unable to get out and attend community events, so that they can introduce themselves and help them to access the services and support they need. Adam continues to work closely with Kent Police, Social Services, District and Borough Councils and other agencies to help communities with local issues such as flytipping, alcohol sales, rogue traders, anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood disputes and low-level crime. If he can't solve a problem directly he can put you in touch with the right person. The wardens also help provide services for youth provision, having recently organised a successful football tournament across Maidstone and Tonbridge & Malling. They have football coaches coming to Coxheath in July to work with young people.

St Mary's Church

It was a very busy year with 10 weddings, amazing for a country church. They are aiming for 9 weddings this year. The restoration of the inside of the church has been completed – thanks to the Friends of St Mary's for their fundraising efforts. Thanks also to all the clergy and those who help out in and around the church. They now have a regular organist playing twice a month.

Friends of St Mary's

Since its inception in 2009 the Friends have raised almost £40,000 from events, donations from generous local benefactors, annual membership payments and a grant of £3,000 from The Cobtree Trust, which all goes towards the preservation of the church. By joining forces with the PCC it was possible to obtain additional grants, which enabled the completion of the interior redecoration this year. The pointing on the tower and the exterior wall are next in line for repair. Future projects will be decided upon after the church quinquennial review in 18 months time. Events planned for this year are a concert in the church in August and the Supper Dance in November.

Bowls Club

The club did well last season. A lot of maintenance has been carried out on the buildings before the start of this season. Other clubs enjoy playing at Hunton as it's a friendly club and a peaceful location. It's a shame that only two players live in Hunton but new members are always welcome, regardless of experience or ability. Contact numbers are on the gate or come along to a practice session on a Thursday evening.

Cricket Club

The pavilion is finally finished and was officially opened at the recent charity day (see separate report in The Herald). It will be used for a few other village events too this year. Chairman Simon Taylor thanked everyone involved in bringing the project to fruition. New wicket covers have been purchased with funding of £3,500 from EWCB and £500 from Councillor Paulina Stockell towards the cost. Following a league restructuring both the Saturday and Sunday XIs have been promoted – the highest either team has ever been.

Football Club

It was a successful season for the club, finishing 2nd in Division 2 of Maidstone & District Football League with promotion to Division 1 next season, and winning the Tunbridge Wells Charity Cup. Danny Peacock from the playing field committee was thanked for his support. The changing rooms need some repair and improvement and they would be grateful for some help with this. Danny asked them to make a list for the playing field committee to discuss.

Village Club

Events including the lunches, quiz nights, village walk and lunch, and the recent wine tasting evening have been well supported. Without income from events the club would not be viable. Regular events are planned throughout the rest of the year. A second darts team now plays at the club, so Wednesday evenings are usually busy but Thursday and Friday are quiet – it would be good to have a few more villagers using the club for a social drink and chat on those evenings. Due to low attendance the committee decided not to open on Monday and Saturday evenings, with Saturdays being reserved for club events and private hire. Yoga classes are held here on Tuesday mornings and the club was also used for pantomime rehearsals. The management committee and all the volunteers, particularly Lesley and Roger Lee, were thanked for their help in keeping the club running. It would help greatly at events to have a kitchen, the roof needs repairing and there are plans to re-landscape the frontage. The club will be fundraising for these and looking at available grants.

Book Group

The original book group celebrated their 10th anniversary with dinner at The Woolpack. They have read a great variety of books over that time with varying degrees of enjoyment. They look forward to discovering some new authors in the future at their monthly meetings. Book Group B meets on the second Thursday of the month. There are currently five members – new members would be welcome.

Huntonwatch

The third year of Huntonwatch saw membership increase to 136 households, all receiving regular information and updates. This year the Hunton Herald and the Hunton Community Facebook Group have been used to reach a wider audience, with the Facebook group also being used by villagers to report incidents. Crime in the village remains low but with a notable increase in reports of people and/or vehicles acting strangely – residents being more vigilant perhaps? An increasing number of scams and rogue traders have been reported in the county generally. The CCTV cameras at the village hall have captured useful information that has been passed to the police and they remain a visible deterrent.

Hunton Herald

It's been another very busy year with two bumper editions being produced. The advertising format has changed to a "Local Business Directory" – feedback has so far been positive. Many thanks to Sue Pinks for her hard work in bringing this about. A sizeable donation was made towards stage lighting for the village hall. Up to date news and information is available on the village Facebook page, twitter account, Hunton website and the KM column, all updated by the Herald team. The editor thanked the Herald team and the deliverers for their help.

Speedwatch

The team has been going out 2-4 times a month when possible, varying the days and times. By borrowing Yalding's equipment they have been able to monitor traffic in both directions simultaneously. The average speed of traffic in West Street is lower than a year ago and motorists are spotting the team earlier and visibly slowing, suggesting they are being more vigilant when approaching the school. The team's aims remain to protect children and parents by reducing speeding outside the school; to work with police to educate drivers about speed awareness; to lobby for a blanket 30mph limit throughout the village and a maximum 40mph limit between Yalding and Hunton. They hope to apply for an approved speedwatch site along East Street.

King George V Playing Field Committee

The committee has continued to ensure that the playing field is kept clean and tidy through grass cutting, cutting back trees and hedges, bin emptying and monitoring the rabbits and moles. During the last year the gate to the field and some fencing along the car park has been replaced. The pedestrian gate will be replaced soon. The car park surface is holding up well with occasional holes being filled using the scalplings left over from the resurfacing in 2014. The French drain is working well. Minor repairs have been made to the play equipment and the committee is now considering ways to improve the play area and how to fund this. Their AGM is on 12th July.

Parish Plan Steering Committee

Now in its sixth year, the committee has delivered and driven forward key developments and events in the village: the West Street footpath, fete, litter picking, neighbourhood watch, Speedwatch, pop-up shops, community orchard and phase 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan. These are all now embedded in the village and don't need to report back to meetings, so the committee will meet only twice a year in future. They will be looking towards phase 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan with the parish council in the autumn. The committee could do with more members.

Litter Picking Team

Since its formation in 2011 the team has held 14 litter picks and collected around 300 sacks of general rubbish, 75 tyres, 3 car seats, a toilet and basin, 3 estate agents boards, underwear, children's toys and DVDs, and an assortment of metal, various car parts and miscellaneous items. The major problem areas are fly tipping on Lughorse Lane and Barn Hill. Hunton Hill is another problem area but has attracted less litter recently. Maidstone Borough Council supports the team by supplying equipment and removing the

rubbish that has been collected. They also provide public liability insurance but only on roads with speed limits below 40mph, so effectively only on West Street past the school, Water Lane and Grove Lane. It would be beneficial to have a 30mph limit throughout the village. There are now 22 regular volunteers collecting three times a year. Could residents please help by clearing litter outside their properties?

Village Hall Committee

The hall continues to be a successful wedding venue with 18 held in 2015 and 12 booked for 2016. Mike organised seven musical events and two plays last year, which were attended by 500 people, raising £1,000 surplus for hall funds, with one event raising £500 for cancer charities. The hall now has an Entertainment Licence and PRS music licences. The new alarm/CCTV system has been useful, recording the time hirers spend in the hall, and is a deterrent to vandals. The accounts currently show a surplus of £5,000 and items of maintenance and replacement have been agreed. The external condition of the hall is declining and re-painting needs to be considered. A caretaker is needed to carry out maintenance duties.

Peace Cottages Charity

John Scott, a trustee for over 30 years, has retired. Fay Joyce and Celia Kennedy-Sloane are new trustees. Two new residents have taken over cottages as their previous owners became too old to cope on their own. A quinquennial inspection stressed the good condition of the cottages overall and highlighted repairs and maintenance required – urgent matters were addressed immediately. A gardener cuts the grass and carries out minor repairs as required. There was a small increase to the residents' contribution.

Pond and Tree Warden

Ponds had refilled satisfactorily over the winter and most drainage ditches are running freely. Mike attended two courses on recording trees and is about to embark on tree measuring and recording within the parish. Entries of significant old/large trees will be made on the Kent Heritage Trees website.

Walking Group

The group has continued to walk every other Monday morning, seeking out hard paths in Rochester, Leybourne Lakes and Haysden Park when conditions were bad underfoot, and covering most areas of Kent. They celebrated their 100th walk at Hythe in February in the wet, with three unfortunate walkers demonstrating their inability to keep upright on the Military Canal towpath, one of which had been laughing so hard at the others that they lost their footing and joined them in the mud. The walk was followed with lunch at a seafront restaurant looking out to sea through the mist. In August 2015 they enjoyed a walk around Hunton followed by a BBQ in Hunton Club. This will be repeated in 2016.

Hunton WI

The WI is now in its second year. Membership remains steady at 26 and any ladies wishing to join would be very welcome. They have had a wide variety of speakers, activities and discussions at meetings and have also enjoyed trips to the theatre and local businesses. Many members have taken part in activities organised at district level, including a visit to Bletchley Park. As is WI tradition, they have already gained a reputation for the quality of their baking and have been asked to bake apple pies for the first Hunton Beer and Cider Festival in September.

Gardening Club

In 2015 members and their friends visited East Malling Research, Linton Park Gardens, and Saltwood Castle and grounds. The plant and produce stand at Hunton fete raised a record amount of over £650. Two social evenings and suppers have been held. The March evening included a talk from Sue and David Heaton about the planning and construction of their garden, the November event a presentation on invasive plants by the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership. Members continue to maintain the churchyard. Membership now numbers over 70 and new members are always welcome.

Hunton Primary School

Much progress has been made over the year. The school now has two accredited leading maths teachers. Four children have achieved a grammar school place from September. Challenges have centred on financial aspects and negotiating pupil numbers with the diocese and the PCC. They are long overdue an Ofsted visit, the last was in 2011. KCC requested a meeting in February, as they were concerned that the school "required improvement", but by the end of the meeting they were viewed as "good to outstanding". They are looking in to the on-going drainage problem and will be moving the school sign as requested by the parish council. The school would like to be more involved with the community.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

In the year to 31st March 2016 the council was mainly financed by a precept of £20,000 (£65.04 for a Band D property) raised on local householders and collected within the council tax. MBC also passed on local council tax support of £842 and provided Parish Services Scheme funding of £1,874 to assist with maintenance of the recreation ground and play area. Feed-in tariffs of £1,909 were received from the solar panels on the village hall roof. Funding of £50,000 has been received from Sport England over 2014/15 and 2015/16 for the new cricket pavilion and the council contributed £3,451 towards its construction. Other main items of expenditure were £5,800 for playing field maintenance, £6,620 for the CCTV system around the village hall, £1,096 towards the cost of village hall insurance and £990 for replacing the porch, and £788 to the Parish Plan Steering Committee mainly for costs incurred on the Neighbourhood Plan. The council was consulted on 21 planning applications and commented on the Draft Local Plan. In addition to its many activities already widely reported in the Herald, the council agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the running costs of the village hall following agreement that certain village events and activities should take place at no charge and with priority over

private hires. Members are currently looking at extending the West Street footpath up through the playing field and land beyond to Lughorse Lane to allow parishioners to walk safely between different sides of the village.

Borough Councillors' Report

Emily Fermor was elected as a new borough councillor at the recent elections, replacing John Wilson. Emily is on the Policy & Resources Committee at MBC and a substitute member on the Planning Committee. Richard Webb and Brian Mortimer remain as councillors for the ward, Brian being back in circulation and in good health following cancer treatment. There is no borough council election next year as it is the county election. The MBC Local Plan has been sent to the inspector, who will check its worthiness. Sainsbury's has recently submitted a planning application for a mini supermarket in Coxheath.

County Councillors' Report

A variety of issues have been tackled on behalf of the residents of Maidstone Rural West in 2015/16 and support provided to a number of community and highways projects through Councillor Stockell's Combined Member Community Grant. These have included grants to local primary schools, sports clubs, village halls and parish magazines, and contributions towards speed reduction initiatives. In 2015/16 £500 was spent on highways investigation work at the crossroads at the bottom of Hunton Hill. In 2016/17 £500 was donated towards the cost of new wicket covers for Hunton cricket club. Cllr Stockell is committed to delivering 20mph zones outside all schools in her ward.

Cricket Club Charity Day

Hunton Wanderers CC held a Charity Day on Sunday 22nd May in aid of the British Lung Foundation, and to coincide with the official opening of the new cricket pavilion, which was funded by Sport England under its Inspired Facilities scheme, Hunton Parish Council, Kent County Council and the cricket club. The pavilion was formally opened by County Councillor Paulina Stockell and a plaque was presented to the club commemorating the opening and dedicating the facility to the memory of Paul Matthewson, former HWCC Chairman, who sadly died in 2014. The Charity Day was organised by Paul's wife, Lesley and son Tom and comprised a T20 cricket tournament featuring a Hunton T20 side, the Hunton Legends and Blue House CC. Matches were umpired by Stuart Chilmaid, Chairman of the Kent Association of Cricket Officials. The Hunton T20 side won the tournament and the day's activities raised £700 for the British Lung Foundation. Club Chairman Simon Taylor thanked all those involved in the 3-year pavilion project, aimed at increasing local participation in sport and community activities and Lesley Matthewson said, "We're really chuffed to have raised £700 today. Paul would have been so proud of the new pavilion".



Organic Farm Visit

Thursday 2nd June was an unseasonably cold evening when over 30 members of Hunton Gardening Club visited three farms run by Peter Hall, but his enthusiasm for growing organic crops profitably whilst caring for the environment made a fascinating and informative evening. We saw examples of fields of organic hops, apples and grapes as well as learning from Ray Morris MA MSc about the conservation work being undertaken by the RSPB in conjunction with Peter Hall. The visit was rounded off when welcome hot drinks and ploughman's suppers were consumed during which Peter and Ray answered questions from the group. Thanks to them both for a really educational and entertaining evening.

Cream Teas at the Pop-Up Shop

Sue and Steve Wyles are kindly serving cream teas along with a selection of homemade cakes (including gluten free) in their lovely garden at Bishops Cottage in Bishops Lane on Sunday 10th July from 3-5pm to raise funds for our community orchard. Tickets £5 per head. There will be a marquee should the weather be wet but please bring your own picnic chairs. Numbers are limited so please book in advance with Sue and Steve on 01622 820403.

The teas will be running alongside the pop-up shop, which will have all the regular local produce plus plant and craft stalls. All are welcome to the shop but don't forget to book your tickets for the cream tea! Parking will be available at the Bishops Lane/Water Lane junction where Iain and Wendy Simmons have kindly offered the use of their field.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to our preschool manager, Louise, who married her fiancée Steve at St Mary's Church on Saturday 4th June followed by a reception at the village hall – not many people can say they celebrated their wedding at their workplace! Best wishes to them both for the future.

Anniversary Celebrations

Hunton Bowls Club celebrated their 80th Anniversary on Sunday 29th May with a match between teams headed by President Esme Mercer and Chairman John Apsey, which the Chairman's team won by 12 points. Esme and John also cut a special celebration cake to mark the occasion. Anyone interested in joining our small, friendly club or taking up the sport is welcome to come along to a practice session on Thursday evenings from 6pm. The club is situated behind the village hall at the King George V Playing Field in West Street.



Gigs at the Hall – Trackdogs – Sunday 24th July

Thanks to those that turned up to hear Hannah Sanders on Friday 20th May, and Kirsty Macleod – lovely voices (and also thanks to the bell-ringers for foregoing practice on the Friday evening). We discussed the falling attendances for musical evenings at the Village Hall AGM earlier that week and have decided to hold fewer events in the future albeit possibly more Applause-sponsored plays/theatre.

We have one summer event lined up though, on **Sunday 24th July** – a ‘rollocking’ trumpet-led 4-piece band from Madrid, who are touring Kent for a week – **Trackdogs**. Our idea is (being a Sunday) that we start earlier (6pm bar open; music from 7-9pm) and have the music open-air, at least for the first hour, and have a BBQ facility so that people can cook their own steak, veggie burgers etc. And maybe there will be Hunton’s own Spot On Produce burgers & sausages to purchase, to make it easier. We’ll throw in some salads and bread rolls as part of the £10 ticket price (£15/couple if pre-booked by the time of the Pop-Up Shop on 10th July – call Steve 01622 820403 or Mike 01622 820429); communal bowls most welcome. The band are staying overnight in Hunton, so maybe it might roll on after 9pm (to the club?) for those not working Monday...if it’s wet, this will all be indoors and/or on the back patio under cover.

Mike

Churchyard Clear Up

The next churchyard working party will be on Saturday 9th July from 9am-12pm, with a break for tea or coffee and biscuits. We need to keep the churchyard looking tidy, especially as there are a number of weddings over the summer, and with all the wet weather we have had recently there will no doubt be a good deal of strimming and weeding to be done, so any help would be very much appreciated, even if you can’t stay for the whole time. If you think you might be able to come along please let Lesley know on 01622 820210 or email lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com.

The West End comes to West Street!

Sunday 21st August 2016 – 4pm to 7pm.

Musicals on the Green - A late summer afternoon's musical extravaganza, with music from the shows, including Les Miserables, Grease, Mamma Mia and many more. There's a BBQ and licensed bar with local ales. Don't worry if it rains, we'll simply move into the village hall next door!

Advance tickets: £3 adult / £2 under 13, available via www.huntonevents.com.

On the day: £4 adult / £3 under 13.



WI Learns About Doodlebugs and Rockets

The speaker at our June meeting, (also open to men), was Bob Ogle who was the editor of Sevenoaks Chronicle for 20 years until 1987 when the Great Storm hit the South East. He published a book of aerial photos of the devastation entitled “In the Wake of the Hurricane”, which became a best seller and prompted him to leave the Chronicle and become a full time author.

He was asked by the RAF to write a History of Biggin Hill and this, in turn, led to another book “Doodlebugs and Rockets”. The book was largely based on the memories of the 400 or so replies he received from a request for information from those who had lived through the experience, people high up in the technological aspects of warfare, as well as those with personal stories to tell. The doodlebug or flying bomb campaign lasted 80 days in 1944, 1300 being launched over Kent from Northern France – our area of Kent became known as “Doodlebug Alley”. These were immediately followed by the much more devastating V2 Rockets, which at 3500mph, were too fast to see and gave no warning at all. Fortunately, a plan to evacuate all East Kent towns because of the rockets never had to be implemented. Despite everything, Bob found that the people of Kent managed to keep their sense of humour and we all found his tales and detailed information fascinating.

Our next WI meeting is a summer garden party to be held in Ann Sawtell’s garden on Tuesday 5th July at 7.15pm instead of the village club.

Can you Help?

I’ve been contacted by a gentleman from Durham City, whose wife, Pauline Gilman nee McCaffrey, sadly died some 18 months ago aged 78. Pauline was a Maidstone girl and whilst going through her documents he came across a business card saying simply, “**John and Pat – Tel: Hunton 224**”. He presumes that John & Pat were friends of Pauline’s and is trying to trace them but without a surname this is proving difficult. It is an old type telephone number so must have been a long time ago. Does anyone remember John and Pat? If you can help please contact me using the Herald contact details.

Helen

Handyperson Needed

The village hall is becoming the victim of its own success as a wedding venue, and needs to look more presentable around and about on a regular basis. We need another person to do odd-jobs clearing vegetation, leaves from gutters, overhanging branches, changing light bulbs, minor damage repair inside (not cleaning; we have someone doing that weekly), checking external bins aren’t ‘abused’, attending monthly/bi-annual utility inspections, etc. We’re looking for someone in the village or from nearby, who has daytime availability and can use step-ladders (inside) safely; our treasurer would be delighted to have someone take those roles from him, on an ad-hoc hourly paid basis. Contact Kathy on 01622 820092 or Mike on 01622 820429 in the first instance, if you feel up to helping out!

Please Help Save Yalding Post Office

You may remember last year we were entered into a competition for best local shop/post office in Kent. We had fantastic support from everyone, but were just beaten by another shop near Charing. This year we have our own category: 'Peoples Choice – Most Valued Post Office'. We will have the voting forms ready soon. We would love to win the award for Yalding, especially as we are under threat of closure by the Post Office Network Transformation Programme. So look out for us on www.kentruralretailers.co.uk. The votes are counted and collated as a percentage of our local population, so we need everyone to join in. Many thanks for your wonderful support for your Post Office.

Tim & June Chapman

Happy Birthday Your Majesty!

The Queen's 90th birthday was celebrated in style at the village tea party at Hunton Club on Saturday 12th June with best china, bubbly and a fabulous spread of cakes and savouries. The club was tastefully transformed into a vintage tearoom with fabric bunting, tablecloths, flowers on the tables and a stunning multi-tiered floral cake display cleverly constructed by Alison Ellman-Brown. Villagers of all ages enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon munching through all the goodies on offer whilst catching up with friends and neighbours, watching the birthday celebrations in London on the big screen and raising a glass to Her Majesty. The afternoon raised £145, which will be divided between The Friends of St Mary's and the club.



East Farleigh Farmers' Market

The July Farmers' Market will be held on Sunday 3rd July. We hope to welcome all our usual stallholders to give customers a wide range of local produce. Please come along and support us – we promise you will have a warm welcome! At this time of year there will be lots of locally grown summer fruits and vegetables on sale. Knife Ninjas will be on holiday this month so collect up your items to be sharpened ready for Paul in August! White Peak Jewellery will also be absent, but you can see a wonderful selection of Pamela's necklaces, bracelets and earrings on her stall at East Farleigh Fete on the previous Saturday.

Defibrillator

The village now has its own defibrillator! It is located on the outside of the village hall next to the doors nearest to the football club changing rooms. It is contained in a locked cabinet for which a passcode is required - this can be obtained in an emergency from the ambulance service by calling 999. The defibrillator can be used safely without any medical training, as it will guide you through the process with spoken instructions and visual prompts. It will monitor the heart's rhythm and will only give a shock if it is needed. More information on the use of defibrillators can be found here www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/nation-of-lifesavers/about-defibrillators. There are plans to give the passcode to key people and organisations within the village and the parish council are also looking into the possibility of arranging some familiarisation training – more information to follow. The defibrillator was provided by the pre-school and part-funded by the British Heart Foundation with the cabinet and installation being paid for by the parish council, pre-school, playing field committee and Hunton Herald.



Yalding Summer Playscheme

The Yalding Parish Playscheme for this summer will again be open to Hunton residents. Activities for children aged 5 to 13 (aged 4 if they have started school) will be held at Yalding School 11am-3pm each day from Monday 25th July to Friday 12th August. The cost is £5 per child per day or £4 per child for families with two or more children attending the same session. For more information and an application form please contact Angela Gent, Clerk to Yalding Parish Council, on 01622 814134 email clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk or Linda Gilbert on 07970 981794.

Bell Ringers Needed

Would you like to learn the art of campanology? The Hunton bell ringers would welcome anyone interested in joining them. They meet on the first and third Friday of each month from 7.30-9pm, with ringing for the church service on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am. If you are interested or would like more details please contact Michael Webb on 01622 745716 or email leahcimbbe@yahoo.co.uk.

Litter Pick

Thank you very much to those who gave up their time to take part in the litter pick on 11th June. The team collected 25 sacks of general rubbish, a tyre and various pieces of metal - quite a bit considering the verges were so very long. The next litter pick will be in October.

Hunton Has a New PCSO

Our PCSO, Matt Judges, has moved to a new area and we welcome in his place PCSO Megan Day. We would like to thank Matt for his help and support and wish him well with his new responsibilities. Having met with Megan twice since she took up her new role we are sure she will continue to help and support us here in Hunton. You can contact Megan via the 101 service or through us here at Huntonwatch.

Karaoke

Having opened the club early at 6pm so that children would have an opportunity to come along and join in the fun, it was disappointingly rather quiet. Clearly everyone was exhausted after an afternoon at the fete! However, things picked up later on and there were enough talented vocalists (and Mark) to ensure an entertaining evening with lots of laughs, despite some of our most enthusiastic singers being too unwell to come – hope you're feeling better now! We hope to hold another event later in the year, perhaps on New Year's Eve again?

Helen

At St Mary's Church in July

Flowers

3 rd	Moira Ensoll	10 th	Moira Ensoll
17 th	Alison Ellman-Brown	24 th	Alison Ellman-Brown
31 st	Benefice Service		

Services

Sunday 3rd July – Trinity 6	11.00am Family Service – Rev David Jones
Sunday 10th July – Trinity 7	9.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev Eileen Doyle
Sunday 17th July – Trinity 8	11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Peter Callway
Sunday 24th July – Trinity 9	11.00am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones
Sunday 31st July – Trinity 10	10.30am Benefice Service at East Farleigh

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wed-Fri 8-11pm
Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

The Masons Move On

To all of you in Hunton...With happiness and sadness both Tony and I are moving on to begin a new chapter in our lives. We leave with fond memories that we have enjoyed since coming here in 2008, and now we are off to Worthing, Basingstoke. We just want to say how friendly and welcoming Hunton has been for us, making it a very special place indeed and both Tony and I will never forget you all. We exchanged on 8th of June and moved on 10th June, so very quick. We will surely miss Hunton and you all! This is our new address and contact details if you would like to stay in touch:

Sunny Top, 14 Highlands Road, Worthing, Basingstoke, RG22 5ES
Tel: 01256 817205

Kay Mason

Quiz Night – Saturday 16th July

Phil is busy putting together another brain busting quiz for your enjoyment at the village club on Saturday 16th July. Come along with your ready-made team of 4-6 people, or join one at the club. These quizzes are always extremely popular, so come early to secure your spot. The club opens at 8pm with the quiz starting promptly at 8.15pm. All welcome!

Village Walk & Lunch – Saturday 23rd July

Following on from the success of the St George's Day Walk in April, there will be another village walk on Saturday 23rd July at 11am. Please arrive between 10.45am and 11am so that we can leave promptly. Everyone is welcome so feel free to bring along family, friends and well-behaved dogs. This will be a circular walk lasting approximately one and a half hours and finishing at the club where a ploughman's lunch followed by tea or coffee with cake will be served for a donation of £5 (all profits will be shared between St Mary's Church and the club). If you would like to come along please book a place in advance by entering your details on the form in the club or email lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com. You are welcome to just walk or just eat if you don't wish to do both, but please let Lesley know to ensure that there is enough food and that we don't leave without you. Lesley can also be contacted on 01622 820210 for further information.

RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY July Exhibition

From 2nd to 27th July we will be featuring husband and wife artists Andy and Reem Acon – fine art and plaster sculptures. Reem's watercolours are inspired by Arabian scripts and she combines words and pictures in a unique and exciting way. Andy complements her work with his Arabian inspired plaster sculptures. There is a small selection of work from Julie Smith – landscape and animals in watercolour and, straight from her Trinity Theatre exhibition, Lucy Ames who has a large selection of diverse and exciting work. We are very excited to showcase all these artists so they complement one another. RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY can be found just behind the post office in Yalding and we will be open every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 2-5pm. Other times of opening can be requested by dropping in to Yalding Post Office or by text to 07925 201617.

July	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC; 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08:00 HC	10.30 Benefice Service
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	
W. Farleigh	08:00 HC 1662	11.00 MP Mod	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC Mod	

HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service

All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editor by 15th July, please