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## Hunton Village Fete – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm

Our village fete takes place at the King George V Playing Fields on West Street. We will have all the usual favourites (see insert for details). The Applause Rural Touring act this year will be The Flying Bazazi Brothers. A good fun family act with ridiculous dancing, dad humour and super skilled juggling make this a show you won't want to miss. The Bazazi Brothers will also be offering "drop in and have a go" workshops on juggling, diablo, rola bola, bucket stilts, hula hoops and pedalos.

Offers of help for car parking or taking care of a stall for an hour would be gratefully appreciated as well as donations of wine for the bottle tombola. Please contact Annette Trought (01622 820448), David Heaton (01622 820678) or Lisa Halliday (01622 820508).

### Fete Refreshments

Once again we will be providing teas, coffees, squashes, cakes etc in the cricket pavilion. We are hoping that there are lots of "Mary Berrys" out there who are able to cook and donate a cake or buns for us. These can be left at the pavilion from 10.30am onwards and would be most appreciated. Last year, thanks to all those who donated, we had a wonderful selection and hope that this year everyone will be just as generous. Also, is there anyone who could volunteer up to an hour of their time that afternoon during the fete to help serve refreshments and also with the washing up? If so, please contact Jean 01622 820743 ([jeanmarylee@outlook.com](mailto:jeanmarylee@outlook.com)) or Lesley 01622 820210 ([lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com)).

## WI AGM, Food Tasting and Open Meetings

At the AGM in May the current committee was voted in to stand again. The main activity of the evening was a blind tasting of premium and budget examples of five different foods. Opinion was divided on the yoghurt and digestive biscuits, whilst preference for the premium versions of the cheese and apple juice was unanimous. The majority preferred the budget chocolate.

At our open meeting, Michael Smith spoke about the little known explorer, Tom Crean, an Irish farmer's son who ran away and joined the navy at fifteen. He was recruited to join Scott's expedition to the Antarctic, where he heroically helped three members of the team return to base camp whilst Scott and the other members perished in their quest to get to the South Pole. He was a remarkable man who also took part in Shackleton's Polar expedition.

Our next WI meeting, on 6<sup>th</sup> June, is also an open meeting and is a talk about The History of Arts and Crafts Gardens by Stephen Harmer. Held at the village club, doors open at 7pm, a bar and refreshments are available and all are welcome.

## School May Fair

It was an afternoon of fun and sunshine at Hunton Primary School May Fair on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, with a host of stalls and activities to keep everyone entertained. The giant inflatable, magic show and "soak the teacher" were big hits with the children, as were the reptiles, insects and furry animals brought along by Creepy Claws Animal Displays. The more mature visitors were happy to have a go at "welly wanging", try their luck on the bottle stall and tombola or to just soak up the rays with a glass of Pimms, whilst the BBQ and cake stall kept everyone well fed.

| Your Local Contacts:                    |             | Village Hall Booking:   |                       |
|---|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| School: Secretary/Head Teacher          | 820360      | Maidstone Police  | 690690 or 101         |
| Under 5's Pre-School:                   | 820309      | Neighbourhood Watch: <a href="mailto:huntonwatch@gmail.com">huntonwatch@gmail.com</a>         | 820403,820429, 820731 |
| Pre-School Supervisor:                  | 07972067110 | 'Potholes' Hotline (KCC)  | 03000 418181          |
| Pond and Tree Warden: Mike Summersgill  | 820429      | Community Warden: Adam McKinley   | 07811 271021          |
| Rector: Revd. Peter Callway             | 747570*     | PCSO - Jasmine Pay  | 101                   |
| Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones | 741474*     | Helen Grant MP <a href="mailto:helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk">helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk</a> | 0207 219 7107         |
| Associate Rector: Revd Eileen Doyle     | 204241**    | Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb   | 745716                |
| Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown       | 820288      | <b>*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays or Tuesdays</b>                      |                       |
| Village Club: Philip Nichols            | 820804      |   |                       |

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at [www.hunton.org.uk/contacts](http://www.hunton.org.uk/contacts)

| Diary Dates               |  | Parish Council Contacts                      |        |
|---------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June  | <b>East Farleigh Farmers' Market</b> 10am-1pm          | Parish Council Chairman – Gary Thomas        | 820691 |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>WI Meeting</b> Village Club. Doors 7pm              | Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin | 681238 |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Litter Pick</b> Village Hall 10am-12pm              | Cllr Jonny Goddard                           | 820096 |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Needles &amp; Natter</b> Village Club 8pm           | Cllr David Heaton                            | 820678 |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Village Fete</b> Playing Field 2-5pm                | Cllr Roger Lee                               | 820210 |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June | <b>Pre-School Quiz Night</b> Village Club 7 for 7.30pm | Cllr Tony Stanbridge                         | 820721 |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>Working Party</b> Village Club 10am                 | Cllr Annette Trought                         | 820448 |
|                           | <b>Karaoke</b> Village Club 7pm                        | Cllr Helen Ward                              | 820810 |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>Working Party</b> Village Club 10am                 |  |        |

Check out [www.hunton.org.uk/diary](http://www.hunton.org.uk/diary) for the latest events.

If you would like to add an event, email [diary@hunton.org.uk](mailto:diary@hunton.org.uk)

## Pastoral Letter

I'm writing this pastoral letter after returning from a weekend singing with a choir in both of the Liverpool cathedrals. The Roman Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral is modern, round and has some stunning artwork. The Anglican Cathedral is the biggest in the country. It is huge! It also has some beautiful artwork. Cathedrals have long been supporters of the arts - sculpture; painting; tapestry; music; and stained glass. At the moment there is a wooden and iron sculpture called *The Outraged Christ* in the Anglican Cathedral. It shows a Christ who looks as if he is about to leap off of the cross. His mouth is open and he is angry at the injustice. It is challenging. What injustices might Jesus be angry about today?

I also saw a Titian painting, *Supper at Emmaus*, in the Walker Gallery in Liverpool. It shows the moment when, after walking alongside two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus without them realising that it was Jesus who walked with them, he was invited to share a meal and at the moment he broke bread they suddenly recognized him. One disciple, on the right of the picture, is in a worshipful pose – he has seen Jesus. The one to the left is shown in a posture of surprise. It is hard to know why they didn't recognise him earlier but they had seen Jesus die on the cross three days earlier. They weren't expecting to see him; they were grieving and may not even have given him a second glance.

We don't know what Jesus looked like; we have no photographs or images from that time. If he was unrecognisable by people who had known him he could turn up anywhere and not be recognised. Could he be the homeless person that you passed by recently and that I passed in Liverpool? Could he be an asylum seeker? Could he be a hungry child in the Yemen? Could he be a lonely old man that lives along your road? The answer is yes, he could.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25 v 35, 36, 40.

Doing nothing is not an option. Christian discipleship is not easy!

Blessings, Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant Coxheath Benefice

## Yalding Summer Play Scheme

The Summer Play Scheme in Yalding will be held for three weeks from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August and will again be open to children aged 5 to 13 (4 if they have started school) resident in Hunton. Sessions each day will run from 11am until 3pm at Yalding School with activities including crafts, messy play, music, table tennis, pool, outside sports, Jaws 'n' claws, water fights and an end of scheme party with entertainer. The cost is £5 per day or £4 per day per child for families with two or more children attending the same session. (Children will not be excluded on financial grounds, please talk confidentially to the Yalding Parish Council Clerk if you have any concerns). For further information please contact Angela Gent on 01622 814134 or email [clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Pre-School Quiz Night

The Hunton & Linton Pre-school quiz night that was due to be held in May has now been re-scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the village club. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry £5 per head. Come with a team of six or join with others on the night. There will be a licensed bar to provide liquid refreshment but bring your own nibbles. For advance booking and payment, please email [huntonpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:huntonpreschool@hotmail.com)

## Litter Pick

There will be a litter pick on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June to ensure the village looks clean and tidy ready for the fete the following weekend. We will meet at the village hall at 10am as usual to collect the "gear". If you would like to join our team of volunteers to help out with this or any future clean ups, please ring Di Martin on 01622 820115.

## Garden Visit

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, East Farleigh Gardening Club has arranged an early evening visit to Goddards Green, a five-acre garden near Cranbrook. A donation is to be made of £5 per visitor under the National Gardens Scheme, which is donated to charity. Meet at the garden for a 6pm start – directions will be provided. The garden surrounds a 500 year-old Clothier's House. If any non-members are interested in joining them please contact Sue Morris on 01622 726164. There will be a nominal £3 per person charge made towards club funds.

## Strawberry Cream Teas

Linton Cream Teas has been appearing every year for sixteen years now, and almost every single year it has got bigger, better and has increased in popularity. Last year's event was again a big success and already there are ideas for new things to do next year which will add to the event.

The 2017 Linton Cream Teas will take place over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, open from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. This is one of the social highlights of the Linton year, a "must attend" event. Enjoy our famous strawberry cream teas, with Linton strawberries and homemade scones. Buy a slice of cake or some buns to take away. Look around the church, or enjoy the sunshine outside at the tables provided.

In addition to the church itself you will be able to view an exhibition of local photos ... and there will be a sale of jams and preserves, as well as jewellery and pottery. And Charles Judd will once again supply a handcrafted bird table for the famous bird table raffle. On the Sunday, the village hall across the road will be open as well, for the sale of second-hand books

The venue is Linton Church, Linton Hill. Admission is free and plenty of free parking is available.

## Pet Show and Summer Fair

St Margaret's School, Collier Street will be holding their annual Summer Fair and Pet Show on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 12-4pm on the Collier Street parish field. Do you have a pet you want to show off? Enter them in one of the following fun categories:

- Best Trick
- Most Lovely Lady
- Trampiest Tramp
- Anything but a Dog
- Most Handsome Hound
- Best in Show

The fair will also feature games, a bouncy castle, bar and BBQ and a raffle with amazing prizes.

## Flood Resilience

As you may be aware the Environment Agency has undertaken research into what can be done to prevent a repeat of the floods of 2013 and 2000. Modelling of flood prevention schemes such as flood storage areas on the Beult and the Teise, and the raising of the height of the Leigh barrier on the Medway were carried out. Unfortunately for a number of reasons the former two were deemed to be not practicable. MBC commissioned its own consultants to look at the various schemes and have more or less agreed with the EA. What the EA are proposing to carry out is the "Middle Medway Flood Resilience Scheme". Councillor Heaton attended one of the meetings to launch this scheme. Residents of properties who are thought to be at risk of a one in twenty year flood (or one in twenty risk per year) will have the opportunity for a feasibility survey to see whether they are suitable for property level resilience schemes. If this is thought not practicable, phase two will look at whether community level resilience is an option (localised walls and embankments for example). The EA aims to have an exhibition of these proposals at Yalding, Marden and Collier Street on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June, where questions can be put to EA staff.

Members of the Parish Council attend the Joint Parishes Flood Group, which the EA recognise as the local forum for flood related matters. If you have any questions please contact Councillors Gary Thomas and David Heaton initially.

## Village Club – Can You Help?

### Working Parties

In the past few months the club has needed to replace the central heating boiler, install a new oil tank and carry out extensive roof insulation, replacement and repair. These major repairs obviously required hiring professional tradesmen, cost £20,000 and have severely drained the club's finances. However, there are a number of smaller tasks that still need doing and the committee believes that they can be carried out by volunteers on the basis that "many hands make light work". Two working parties will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to undertake the following jobs:

- Cellar room – ceiling and wall cleaning
- Toilets – damp wall cleaning / replace skirting boards
- Store room – general cleaning and tidying
- Front door – wood preserve
- Front, rear and sides weeding
- Painting sink bar flap

Please come along and help on one or both days – with a good turn out of volunteers it should not take long.

### Management Committee

The committee currently comprises of the Chairman (Phil Nichols), Treasurer (Lisa Halliday), nine committee members and two Trustees (Roger Crooks and Peter Day). Phil Nichols is also acting secretary and after 12 years on the committee is stepping down, although will remain an active volunteer. In order to maintain the Club Premises Licence to retail alcohol it is essential that the club has a full Management Team to include a Chairman and Secretary. The roles are not particularly onerous as with the committee's help the functions are autonomous. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for these positions please do so by leaving a letter at the club or by email to [pk.nichols@btinternet.com](mailto:pk.nichols@btinternet.com).

## West Street Closure

Road surface improvement work is scheduled to be carried out on West Street between the junctions with East Street and Mill Lane (but not including the section in front of the school between Bensted Close and Bishops Lane). The works will start on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May for three days** and will be completed after the weekend on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Working hours will be between **7am and 7pm**. During the works it will be necessary to close the road completely for the safety of both the workforce and road users. The diversion route will be via Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, Heath Road, Ewell Lane, Smith's Hill, Yalding Hill and Vicarage Road (and vice versa). For further information please see the Hunton website or Facebook page.

### New PCSO

Hunton has a new PCSO, Jasmine Pay, who can be contacted via the police non-emergency number 101.

### Karaoke at the Club

Another Karaoke night is being held at the village club on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 7pm. It just keeps getting bigger and better - now with over 10,000 songs from all genres to choose from! All welcome, free entry and absolutely no pressure to sing. Put the date in your diary now!

## Fifty Years of Flan Flinging

The 50<sup>th</sup> World Custard Pie Championship will be held at Coxheath Recreation Ground, Stockett Lane on 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 12pm. Inspired by Charlie Chaplin, the World Custard Pie Championships have been held in the village since 1967 and have gone from strength to strength. They started out as a fundraiser for the village hall but this year will be supporting Children in Need.

The chance to "pie" has become so addictive that once again teams have entered from as far afield as France and Japan. Points are awarded for left handed throws that land on target, with six points at stake for a direct delivery to the face. The public are invited to watch for free, for a donation, as the teams of four, dressed in Victorian regalia or futuristic 2020 outfits fight it out. The world famous flan-flinging contest is sure to be a great family fun day out.

## At St Mary's Church in June

### Flowers

|      |                |      |                |
|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 4th  | Di Martin      | 11th | Di Martin      |
| 18th | Andrea Forster | 25th | Andrea Forster |

### Services

#### Sunday 4th June – Pentecost

11.00am Family Service – Rev Eileen Doyle

#### Sunday 11th June – Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev Peter Callway

#### Sunday 18th June – Trinity 1

11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Peter Callway

#### Sunday 25th June – Trinity 2

### Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wed-Fri 8-11pm

Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

## Village Club Wine Tasting

Over 70 people attended this popular event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the fourth time it has now been run. Our local wine guru, Graham Ashlin, hosted the tasting which included a sparkling wine, three whites, a rosé, three reds and a sweet wine. In addition there were three wines in a blind tasting competition. The wines were accompanied by a three-course dinner provided by a team of volunteers. A raffle and prize draw, along with a wine auction and bin end sale, helped to boost the club funds by over £1,300, which had been depleted recently due to major roof repairs. Many thanks to Graham, the volunteers and to all those who supported this event.



## Friends of St Mary's Train Day – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

The Friends of St Mary's are very pleased to have been able to accept a kind invitation from Sue and Lawrence Martin to hold a Train Day on our behalf as part of our fund raising activity. This will be the third time that we have been fortunate enough to have this opportunity and those of you who have been before will know what a really great event this will be. We hope that you will be able to support us again. Tickets will be priced at £7.50 for children up to 12 years old, Adults £12, babes in arms free. Further details will be published in the July Herald and on the Hunton Facebook page and Twitter, but we just wanted to give you notice now so that you can make a note in your diary.

*Ron Porter*

## Village Walk

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, about 50 people met for just under an hour and a half's sunny walk through Hunton's lanes, fields and bluebell woods. This was the largest turnout so far for the sixth of such walks followed by lunch at the club for the thirsty and hungry souls who were joined by several non-walkers. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made food, helped at the bar and organised this successful event. Donations for the lunch will go towards restoring the club's finances after a recent major repair to the roof. It is hoped that there will be more Saturday walks and lunches later in the year. As walks are often organised at short notice, so do not appear in The Herald, please let Lesley know if you would like to be contacted when a date has been fixed. [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com) 01622 820210.

## Beer & Cider Festival – Back by Popular Demand

Prepare yourselves! Plans are afoot for the SECOND Hunton Beer & Cider Festival! Please make a date of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and head to Hunton Village Club to enjoy live music, a selection of (very) locally produced beverages, apple pressing, apple bobbing and a host of booze related family fun. There will be a competition for the best locally produced Hunton home-brew, so time to get those demijohns bubbling. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September a village cricket match is taking place - East Street v West Street, to be held at the cricket ground. Please do come and join us. To get your name down for the cricket, please email [ridgwayliz@gmail.com](mailto:ridgwayliz@gmail.com) or sign up at the club when you are next down.

## WANTED – Pantomime Coordinator for Pantomime 2018

Job Spec:

General organisation and co-ordination of most aspects of the production, working closely with the director to put on a spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> Hunton Pantomime. Help, guidance and "training" from the previous productions, are available!!

Please contact Sue Pinks 01622 820709.

### Keep the Date Free

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Hunton's

### Musicals on the Green

4.30 – 6.30pm

Music, BBQ, Bar

## Farm Visit in Offham - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 5pm

Bring your friends and family to join members of Hunton Gardening Club on a tour of the Laurence J Betts Farm. We will learn about what happens to the salad crops grown around Hunton, visit the cold store, pack house, trials area and workshop at Church Farm, Offham. There are about ten spaces left on this tour. If you would like to join it please email Lesley on [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com) or phone 01622 820210.

| June        | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 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         |
| 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 June, please**