



## WW1 Project Update

We have had some amazing responses to our appeal for information, not least from an ex Hunton resident now living in Cornwall, who just happened to visit the church when I was sifting through stored papers to see what I could find there! He could recall being taken to school in a Rolls Royce driven by its chauffeur on his way to work (a WW1 veteran with family still in the village) and was able to provide some great background on a number of further names!

We now have 93 names identified, most of which have service records (although these have varying levels of detail). If anyone can provide more information on William George, A Kimber/Kember and P Williams, that would be greatly appreciated. In addition, we have very limited service information on Stuart Hubble, Archibald R Jarrett, George Edward Jukes MM, Edwin Relf and George Sharp so anything you can tell us might be the key to finding out more.

So, thank you to those who have called and to the many of you who have shown interest and provided support - please do keep those calls and emails coming in, to James Forster on 01622 820628 / forsters.hunton@btinternet.com or to David Heaton on 01622 820678.

Finally, please note that we are holding a special Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November, to mark the Centenary of the end of WW1. Further details will be announced in the next edition of the Herald but all are welcome to attend and hopefully some of you will learn something you might not have known about your home and its inhabitants 100 years ago!

## WI Considers Colours

September's WI meeting was led by Ali Rigden-Gray, an Ambassador for the House of Colours. She gave a talk on her journey into colour explaining how wearing the right colours for her has really changed her outlook on life. She gave a brief history of colours including Isaac Newton's scientific discoveries concerning light and various artists preferences for certain colours. Ali went on to say that tones of colours are divided into four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter and dependent on hair colour and skin tone people are in one of those categories. She went on to describe how colour analysis is used in cinema, films, television by choosing the right colour for the actor's role whether it be sinister or chic etc. Ali also said how the right accessories play an important part of our dress code. She had started the evening beautifully dressed and made up but by gradually removing her accessories there was a change in her appearance as she graduated from "peacock to sparrow". It gave the ladies present food for thought for their next excursion into retail therapy.

The next WI meeting, held at the Village club, is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A bar is available, coffee and cake will be served. New ladies are very welcome.

Your Local Contacts:		Village Hall Booking:	
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Maidstone Police	690690 or 101
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Neighbourhood Watch: huntonwatch@gmail.com	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 helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk	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: Gil Robertson	820059		

Parish Council Contacts			
Parish Council Chairman – David Heaton	820678	Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin	681238
Cllr Jonny Goddard	820096	Cllr Roger Lee	820210
Cllr Annette Trought	820448	Cllr Helen Ward	820810
		Cllr Tony Stanbridge	820721
		Cllr Gary Thomas	820691

Diary Dates			
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>WI Meeting</b> Village Club 7pm for 7.30pm	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Harvest Service &amp; Supper</b> Church/Village Hall 4.30pm/5.30pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Gardening Club Supper</b> Village Club 7pm	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Stars in Their Eyes</b> Village Club 8pm
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Village Lunch</b> Village Club 12.30pm	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Wine Tasting &amp; Supper</b> Village Club 7pm
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>Village Lunch</b> Village Club 12.30pm	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<b>Church &amp; Churchyard Working Party</b> 9am-12pm

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**

My car has developed an intermittent fault. It is currently in the repairers who are trying to diagnose it. (If you are interested, or care, the automatic gearbox suddenly loses gears 2, 4 and 6). I have tried to provide as much information to help the repairers find the fault, and hope that the onboard computer has logged the errors when they occur (the fault goes away when the engine is restarted) because it is incredibly frustrating, and difficult to repair. When I was a computer repair technician in the dim and distant past, when the systems I repaired had moving parts as well as electronics, I prided myself in having the most reliable systems in my area. I worked hard to repair faults quickly and to carry out regular preventative servicing to keep it all under control. The bugbears were the intermittent faults that never showed up when I was actually working on the machine. Swapping parts and cleaning connections, probing the operators for as much detail as possible to find a clue, I did my best to reproduce the problems so that I could deal with them. Consistency, care, attention to small details and a dogged determination usually helped me to overcome the challenge, but there were always those that I just couldn't pin down. It was all down to circumstances and conditions that I had no control over. My car usually goes wrong on motorways when pulling up hill under load – so at least there is a clue there for the technician.

When we live our lives in ways that mean we find our satisfaction from our circumstances and conditions, we live life with intermittent pleasure, and intermittent peace of mind. When the stock market is doing well, when people like you, when you are in lovely surroundings, things are good. And we find peace of mind. When things are not going well, when we aren't so popular, when the markets are down, when the job is stressful, peace eludes us.

Just before Jesus died, he told his friends that he offered a peace that was not dependent upon circumstances at all. His message to them – and to us – is 'believe in me, and believe in God, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will bring a peace beyond your understanding.' He went on to say that he doesn't offer peace as the world does – transitory, contingent, intermittent peace – but a constant, persistent peace. Christian writer and preacher Tim Keller describes it thus: The world's peace is intermittent based on transitory circumstances. Christian peace is constant, based on the never changing love of God.

May you find God's peace today, whatever your circumstances.  
Many blessings,

*Peter Callway, Rector*

## **Hunton Hill Resurfacing**

You will no doubt have noticed that the scheduled closure of Hunton Hill for resurfacing at the beginning of September did not take place. This was due to the bad weather and subsequent delays on other jobs. The work has now been rescheduled for **9-11 October between 09:30 and 15:30**. The diversion route will be via Heath Road, Ewell Lane, Smith's Hill, Yalding Hill, Vicarage Road, West Street and vice versa.

## **Gardening Club Meeting and Supper**

Malcolm Withnall, who has worked in the fruit industry as a grower, lecturer and author, has kindly agreed to talk to the Gardening Club meeting in the Village Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. His talk will be 'How do you garden when you get over 70' so should give us all some ideas whatever age we are. As usual Club doors open at 7pm with a buffet supper available for a donation of £7.50 each with funds raised going towards the Club kitchen. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting even if they are not members of Hunton Gardening Club. So enough food can be prepared please contact Lesley on 01622 820210 or email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com) if you hope to attend. Also please let her know if you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements and she will do her best to accommodate you.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper**

A reminder that the Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church will take place at 4.30pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The service will be followed by Harvest Supper of sausages and mash, plus desserts, at 5.30pm in the village hall and costs £6.50 for adults, £5 for children under 13 and £20 for a family (2 adults and 2 children under 13). Numbers are limited and reservations should be made through Wendy Simmons on 01622 820875 and Liz Oliver on 01622 820200.

## **Village Lunches are Returning!**

Starting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October there will be another series of village lunches in the Club. These will run every Thursday for six weeks. The final event will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November when the Linton Walkers will be joining us. They have invited anyone interested to join them in a pre-lunch walk from the Club which will leave at 11am sharp. The Club opens at noon for lunch at about 12.30pm with a choice of two homemade soups, bread and cheese followed by cake or biscuits with tea or coffee all for just a £6 donation. Food is on a 'first come, first served' basis. Funds raised go to support the Club and St Mary's Church. Do bring your friends and relations but please let Lesley know if anyone has special dietary requirements so she can do her best to accommodate them. Also please contact Lesley if you are willing to make a soup, cake or some biscuits. Email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com) or phone 01622 820210.

## **Wine Tasting and Supper - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in The Village Club**

At the time of going to press most of the seats for this event had been reserved. But, there are a few seats remaining for a donation of £17.50. Funds raised are going towards the new kitchen facilities in the Club. Contact Lesley if you are interested in attending. Email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com) or phone 01622 820210

## **September Village Walk and Lunch**

Twelve walkers and three dogs did a circular walk from the Club including a part of the Greensand Way, which provided excellent views after the climb up to the ridge. A further 12 people joined them for lunch when donations raised money for the Club kitchen which has now been prepared but is still lacking any equipment. Thanks to all the volunteers for their contributions to the walk and lunch. You can find out about these and other events by being a Club member (pop into the Club and get an application form) or keeping an eye on the Hunton Facebook page.

## **"Stars in Their Eyes" at the Village Club**

Don't forget that the Hunton Village Club is holding a "Stars in Their Eyes" night based on the popular TV show on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

If you fancy having a go at performing, then all you need to do is let us know who you want to impersonate and which song you'd like to do and we'll help you perfect your star turn!

If you just want to come and watch and vote for your favourite act then tickets are free including snacks and light nibbles. The club will be open from 7.30pm with the fun kicking off at around 8pm.

To reserve tickets or volunteer to be a performer, call Sharon Winter on 07840 168052 or email Neil Davis on [neilcdavis@gmail.com](mailto:neilcdavis@gmail.com).



## **Planning Update**

*Wares Farm / Berry Gardens – 18/501181/FULL*

Maidstone Borough Council's planning committee voted in favour of granting permission to change the conditions of the original planning consent to increase the number of overnight HGV movements from 8 to 32 despite strong objections from Hunton and Linton parish councils. Our local Borough Councillor Lottie Parfitt-Reid, a member of the planning committee, voted against the application.

*Wilsons Yard, George Street – 18/503755/PNPA*

This was an application for prior approval of a change of use from light industrial to five dwelling houses under permitted development. The application was refused by Maidstone Borough Council as they are of the view that the use of part of the existing building is unlawful and therefore prior approval can not be given.

*Durrants Farm, West Street – 17/504579/OUT*

The outline application to demolish the existing buildings, currently used as storage for a demolition business, and develop the site with eight houses was due to be considered by Maidstone Borough Council planning committee on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The planning department was recommending approval although Hunton Parish Council had objected to the development.

*Spice Lounge Restaurant, Coxheath – 18/503194/FULL*

The application to demolish the existing building and replace it with 16 retirement properties has been refused by the borough council.

## **Update on the Church Beam**

In the June Herald an article described the issues we have had with an old Deathwatch Beetle infestation in the church and how this has led to a fall of plaster when at least two large oak beams shifted slightly. Anyone who has been into the church recently will be aware that scaffolding has been set up to provide structural support while we sought approval from the Diocese to replace the failed beams. Happily, the required approval has now been given and the beams have been replaced, supported by steel plates where they meet other beams, to make them even more secure. Some further work remains outstanding (to hide the steel plates and to carry out the replastering) but we hope this will be completed, and the scaffolding taken down before, the Harvest Festival service.

This work could not have been accomplished so quickly if it had not been for the help and support of the Friends of St Mary's and we are very grateful to them.

## At St Mary's Church in October

<p><b>Flowers</b> Moirá Ensoll</p>	<p><b>Services</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 19</b> 4.30pm Harvest Festival – Rev David Jones</p> <p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Trinity 21</b> 9.30am Family Service – Rev Peter Callway</p>
<p><b>Hunton Village Club Opening Hours</b> Wed-Fri 8-11pm Sun 12-2.30pm &amp; 8-10.30pm</p>	

### St Mary's Working Parties

Thanks to those who kindly supported an additional working party in late August ready for a wedding as well as one in September. St Mary's Church and the churchyard round it have been looking tidy. The last working party for 2018 will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9am to 12 noon. Please spare an hour or more to join other volunteers doing a variety of jobs inside and outside the church. As usual there will be a break for coffee, tea and biscuits or cakes so please let Lesley know if you can attend so she can take enough supplies. Email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com)

### Riverside Pop-Up Gallery Charity Auction

What a wonderful summer season we have had! Lots of brilliant artists, photographers, sculptors, jewellers, glass artists...need we go on? And our list for 2019 is nearly full too, so we'll be opening next year in March.

To finish this year we are holding a Charity Auction – come along and view items for sale by auction from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Auction night will be Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October – everything must go! If we get a no sale on an item it will go to a charity shop, so don't miss out.

All proceeds of the auction will go to Yalding Church Preservation Society. Items will be posted on our Facebook page throughout the three weeks of viewing, so if you have your eye on something, you can give us a bid to put in on the night. Canapes and wine will be served, so we will have a brilliant night.

Contact us on [chapman.june59@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.june59@gmail.com) for any enquiries or look at our website [www.RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY.com](http://www.RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY.com) or Facebook page [riversidepopupgallery](https://www.facebook.com/riversidepopupgallery), which is updated daily. The gallery is situated just behind the post office in Yalding, next to the bridge.

### Iyengar Yoga

From October 6<sup>th</sup>, Erika Hana will be holding a yoga class in Hunton Village Club every Saturday morning at 10am. All levels and everyone is welcome, £8 per session. Further details from Lisa on 01622 820508.

### Christmas Fair

A date for your diary - the Hunton Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and once again will be held in the church, churchyard and village hall. Santa will be in his grotto, there will be a barbeque, mulled wine, teas and coffees, stalls galore and plenty for the kids to do. The snow machine will be there again - it proved very popular last year with many taking advantage of the photo opportunities it presented - and we are planning some new attractions for the young and not so young.

Santa's elves are already making presents for the event and we are taking bookings now (phone 01622 820403) at £5 per child to see the man himself in his magical grotto.

More details will be published in the November and December Heralds.

*Christmas Fair Committee*

### Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available locally in Hunton this autumn. The Village Club, Hunton Primary School, Hunton Playgroup and The White House Pub have all kindly offered to have poppies available on their premises from approximately 25<sup>th</sup> October. This year marks the centenary of the end of WW1 and is therefore a very special occasion. Please give as generously as you are able to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

October	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Coxheath</b>	11.00 Harvest	11.00 FS	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
<b>E. Farleigh</b>	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
<b>Linton</b>	09.30 Harvest	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 MP
<b>W. Farleigh</b>	08.00 HC	09.30 FS		09.30 HC
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service				

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