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All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editors by 15th August

Huntonwatch Alert

You may already be aware via Facebook, or indeed through Huntonwatch, that the village has been targeted over the last 6-8 weeks by thieves who are breaking into isolated outbuildings. A number of mowers and strimmers have been stolen and ten incidents have been reported. This is not limited to Hunton and during the night of 14th/15th July there were at least NINE such events in the immediate area which police are now investigating. It is clear that these are not isolated opportunistic crimes which means that people have been scouting the area looking for targets.

We ask that you keep a note of any vans, cars, people that you see wandering around the village with no apparent good reason for doing so (trust your instincts - if it doesn't look or feel right then it quite probably isn't). Please report anything you see to the police (via 101) and us at huntonwatch@gmail.com 820403.

We also strongly recommend that you consider doing some or all of the following:

- If you have valuable equipment in outbuildings then lock the buildings with a high security lock (graded 8 or higher).
- Alarm vulnerable buildings - battery operated shed alarms are freely available.
- Lock any gates that you can as a matter of routine - it makes just one more thing the thieves have to overcome.
- Take photos of your valuables and keep the photos in a safe place - this may help with them being returned to you if they are stolen.
- Chain your mowers etc to the fabric of the outbuilding, or to each other using a high security chain and padlock (once again means one more obstacle for the thieves to overcome).
- Install covert wildlife camera traps in strategic positions - these are not expensive to buy and are triggered by movement. They may provide valuable evidence.
- Park cars close to garage doors if your valuables are stored there so that even if the door locks are forced the doors cannot be opened sufficiently to allow mowers etc to be taken out.
- Don't make obvious changes when you are away on holiday and alter your daily routine so as not to make it too predictable when the house is empty.
- Display neighbourhood watch signs on and around your property (we can supply window stickers).

You may not feel that some or all of these would work for you but everything you can do to make the thieves' job harder, longer and thus riskier might just deter them.

Huntonwatch huntonwatch@gmail.com 820403

The Pantomime: Peter Pan, Easter Weekend 2020.

Calling all would be thespians and back stage crew - if you would like to be involved in the village pantomime in 2020, please contact Sharon Winter - sharonwinter1975@live.com or Sue Pinks - suepinks@icloud.com so that we can write you a part if you wish to act, or know what you would like to do backstage. Costumes, lighting, prompt, scenery, etc etc. There is always masses to do! Hugely enjoyable experience for cast & crew who always welcome new participants. Please note that the Pantomime can only take place over the Easter weekend due to the Pre-School term dates.

Your Local Contacts:		Village Hall Booking:	
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Maidstone Police	www.huntonvillagehall.co.uk 690690 or 101
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Huntonwatch: huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403
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 - Martin Chivers	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	*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays or Tuesdays	
Village Club: Gil Robertson	820059		

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.hunton.org.uk/contacts

Parish Council Contacts	Diary Dates
Parish Clerk: Sharon Goodwin - 681238, huntonpc@googlemail.com	Tuesday 6 th August: WI Garden Party 7pm
Chairman: David Heaton - 820678, dhhuntonpc@gmail.com	Sunday 11 th August: Village Walk & Lunch 11am & 12.30pm
Cllr Jonny Goddard - 820096	Saturday 17 th August: St Mary's Working Party 9am-12 noon
Cllr Roger Lee - 820210, rlhuntonpc@btinternet.com	Sunday 18 th August: Musicals on The Green 2pm for 2.30pm
Cllr Tony Stanbridge - 820721	Saturday 7 th September: Hunton Club Beer & Gin Festival 12noon onwards
Cllr Annette Trought - 820448	Saturday 21 st September: Hunton Club Film Night 6.30pm
Cllr Helen Ward - 820810, hwhuntonpc@wardy.org	Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events.
Cllr Gary Thomas - 820691, gthuntonpc@gmail.com	If you would like to add an event, email diary@hunton.org.uk

Pastoral Letter

Nostalgia ain't what it used to be. Memory is a funny thing isn't it? The more mature reader will have many memories to draw upon, whilst younger readers are still making them (not that we ever stop). As we grow older, time seems to pass more quickly, and this is a function of memory. Significant events are more easily remembered as we live our lives, and the older we are, the fewer events are significant. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt. So, the gap between them is longer, and time seems to fly.

I am fascinated by dreams, and have read a bit about them in my time. The article that made most sense to me described how during deep sleep we process the day's events (sometimes a few days) and decide where in our internal filing system (aka brain) we are going to store memories so that they can be easily retrieved. We open up neural pathways to relevant events (e.g. events involving driving, or food) and if we change from deep sleep to a more conscious state (caused by a noise or a call of nature for example), we recall the dream as if it were real. Most often, they make little sense because we are remembering a previous time when we were eating a particular food, or driving a particular journey. The latest research shows that we actually split the memories and store parts of them in different parts of the brain. Because of that, and the challenge in recalling and reassembling our memories, we are often nostalgic for times that never actually existed!

On the night before he died, Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples (at the Last Supper) and he blessed the bread and the wine, giving thanks to God, and told his disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of his death on the cross. He used a powerful visual prompt which Christians re-enact week by week as we gather around the Lord's table and share in Holy Communion. It is good to remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his memory regularly. If you would like to know more about Holy Communion, or wish to explore Confirmation, when as adults we affirm the Baptismal promise made on our behalf and begin to take Communion, please do get in touch.

Many blessings,

Peter Callway, Rector: rector@unitedbenefice.church, 01622 747570

Hunton Village Fete 2019

What a great day we had. The sun shone on Hunton and our Village Fete was as well attended as ever.

We had Cavemen who'd driven down from Nottingham to entertain us. The band, Dr Jazz - sublime on a summers day. All of our usual attractions, including the Dog Show, Coconut Shy, Bouncy Castle, Cakes, Teas, Pimms, Bar and many others, were made possible by the efforts of a large number of volunteers.

The games tent once again proved to be a popular attraction for children of all ages with the archery, in particular, drawing the crowds. Judging by the number of gold trophies awarded Hunton must be full of would be Robin Hoods! The duck fishing, lucky dip and face painting were busy as always. This year the orchard quiz was complemented by a having menagerie of farm animals, thanks to some of our smallholders, which proved very popular with both children and adults and is likely to become a regular feature of future fetes.



The Fete and Village Events Fund does not raise money for any one specific project. Our primary objective is to provide a darn good event for the village; a reflection and celebration of life in Hunton. We aim to generate sufficient funds to put the same event on for the following year and to underwrite the Christmas Fair. Any remaining money goes into the funds we have amassed since 2011. We have funded a variety of things for the village - from Christmas lights for the Village Hall, to gazebos and lighting for village events.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped. We hope you enjoyed it!

Annette Trought, Chair Hunton Fete and Village Events Committee

P.S. Put it in your diaries now - Christmas Fair is Saturday 7th December and next year's Fete is Saturday 20th June 2020.

Hunton WI are Inspired by Herbs

In July, Lin Sains talked to the group about Inspirational Herbs. Lin has been growing herbs for 50 years and her expertise has led to her being the advisor at Rye Castle Museum's Medieval Garden and author of 'The Garden beyond the Tower'. At Rye, she has a courtyard garden with several very rare plants and the Still Room is set up as a Herbalist's Studio. She has also worked with English Heritage helping them to identify plants and herbs in Old Master paintings.

She gave a brief history of herbs which have been used in medicine, cooking and decoration since Medieval times and probably longer. The definition of a herb is any plant (from tiny creepers to mature trees) that are 'of use and benefit to man'. Although often thought of as ancient remedies, new uses are still being found: probably best known is the anti cancer drug, Tamoxifen, from the Yew tree and snow drops are currently being tested as an Alzheimer's treatment.

Lin then gave the ladies some tempting ideas for using herbs in their own cooking, from marinades for meat to nettle quiche, trout and samphire pate and violas or primroses in Spring salads. Flavoured oils and vinegars also make lovely, personalised gifts at Christmas, not to mention sloe or bullace gin/sherry!

Lin gave an insight into how to make the most of dishes that we tend to take for granted - there is more to herbs than a sprig of rosemary on roast lamb!

The next WI meeting will be a garden party to be held in Ann Sawtell's garden from 7 p.m. on Tuesday 6th August. New ladies welcome, please phone Ann - 820731 for directions.

Brian Mortimer

It was with much sadness that Hunton learned of the death on the 24th May of a great friend and supporter of the Village Brian Mortimer.

Brian had suffered from cancer for a number of years but throughout that time retained his trademark cheerfulness and positive demeanour. He was our representative on the Maidstone Borough Council and it was very rare for him to miss a Parish Council meeting even when his illness and treatment could have kept him away.

Past and present members of Hunton Parish Council, and all those Parishioners who attended meetings, will remember Brian's openness and helpful attitude no matter how minor the issue might have been. His knowledge and experience of Maidstone Borough Council planning, and other matters, was extensive and available to all. A Liberal Democrat, he remained A-Political when dealing with anyone.

He did not only support Hunton through his Borough Council role, he was also the lead guitarist and vocalist in a band who twice supported The Friends of St.Mary's supper dance. The band was a great success made up of Brian's friends and all local. They made no charge at all so that all our proceeds could go straight to the Charity. The second time the band performed was after Brian had endured a particularly tough Chemo session. We all expected him to cancel, but not Brian who played and sang just as well as he had ever done. Quite remarkable. Those of you who attended will remember him, his band and the evenings so well. Hunton will be the poorer without him.

The White House Pub, Heath Road / Hill Top

The White House Pub, on the Hunton / West Farleigh border, is having an Open Day on Sunday 25th August, on behalf of Buttercup Goat Sanctuary and the Greyhound Rescue. Morris Dancers from Kits Coty and Boughton Monchelsea will be performing.

Jan, the much loved landlady, and her brilliant band of cooks, hold a charity lunch on the first Sunday of every month which is very well attended so booking is essential. Phone 01622 820520.

On the 3rd Friday of every month, there is an informal folk night in the pub - bring your own instrument, sing or just listen to our local talent.

In September there is a Harvest Festival in the bar, led by David Jones, with old favourite harvest hymns, sung with a pint in your hand. Date to be confirmed.

Hunton Village AGM

The Annual Village Meeting in May was well attended and although Charlie from The Kent Little Owl Project was unable to come to give a follow up on last year's presentation, there were interesting reports from most village groups, clubs and organisations on their activities during the year.

These were followed by a Q&A session with some lively discussion around a wide range of subjects including fly-tipping, the lack of visible policing, the future of Wilson's Yard in George Street, the potential 2000 house development in Marden and KCC's proposed pilot area for enforcement of HGV restrictions, of which Hunton is a part.

It was a productive evening with Huntonwatch seeing a renewed interest in membership and the village hall gaining a new handyman, as well as an increase in votes to the Calor Fund application to help buy a new cooker for the hall.

Village Walk and / or Lunch - Sunday 11th August

Meet at 11am at Hunton Club for a circular walk of about 1.5 hours followed by a Sunday lunch for only £10 a head with profits to Club refurbishment projects. Bring your family & friends including the four legged ones! Come for just the walk or just for lunch or both but please book your places by Wednesday 5th August if you would like to join us. Contact Lesley – 01622 820210 or lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com.

Litter Picking

We have had to suspend litter picking for the present time as, under a new regime, Maidstone Borough Council are unable to support us with insurance and collection of rubbish etc. on roads above 30 mph which means almost the whole of Hunton. James, Nigel and Di had a meeting with two of the team at MBC and they are keen for us to continue litter picking and will help all they can to try to find a way around this issue. This could be a lengthy process. More news as soon as it is available.

Musicals on the Green - Sunday 18th August: King George V Playing Fields, 2 for 2.30pm

Join us again for another magical afternoon of Music on The Green.

Bar, food stalls & BBQ available from 2pm. Music starts at 2.30pm – bring a chair. If it's wet, we will be in the village hall. Tickets £4 per adult. Children U14 free. All profits go to local charities. Do come and support us and enjoy a 'Wow' event. Tickets from Sue Pinks. Suepinks@icloud.com or 01622 820709.

Hunton School Year 6 Report

Recently, we have been to PGL at Marchant's Hill, Surrey. We took part in loads of activities such as: Giant Swing, Trapeze, Aeroball, raft and buggy building and a hike. Throughout the trip, which was 4 nights long, we learnt lots of new songs - many of which are still stuck in our heads! The meals were exceptionally good, with a really nice cafeteria. Additionally, the staff made sure we were not bored for a single moment! In summary, the children who attended the trip had the most fantastic time!

We will be sad to move on and leave these wonderful Hunton CEP School memories behind. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers that have helped us and for putting so much effort into every lesson. We would also like to show our appreciation to our amazing friends. Every second has been enjoyable and with Hunton being a small school, we will miss everyone. Thank you to everyone and farewell!

Written by Year 6 Pupils.

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

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

Pre-School v Bowls Club Fun Morning

Hunton Bowls Club invited the Children of the Pre-school for an End of Term treat of fun and games on the bowls green. 15 budding bowlers, all who will be moving on to primary school next term, had a very busy morning followed by a well earned drink and biscuits. Good Luck to them all in their new schools!



A Match to Remember

Hunton Bowls Club held a Tribute Match on Sunday 23 June 2019 for two long-standing members, Basil Seaward and Brian Maytum, both of whom sadly died in February. Basil, who was still actively bowling last season, would have celebrated his 100th birthday in September. Brian was 85. Both had been members of HBC for over 30 years. The afternoon was enjoyed by 50 members, including Basil and Brian's families, followed by a Cream Tea.

Hunton Village Club Wine Tasting on Saturday 13th July

Almost 60 people attended this popular event which is now a regular Club occasion. Our local wine guru Graham Ashlin hosted this 'Sizzling Summer Wine' tasting which included a Prosecco, an English sparkling wine, an Australian and Sicilian white, a Provencal rose, 3 reds from Australia and California and a French Sauterne. The wines were accompanied by a four course dinner provided by a team of volunteers (many of whom made and donated dishes) all for a mere £17.50 a head. A raffle and prize draw along with a wine auction and bin end sale, helped to raise just over £1600 for upgrading the Club's toilets. Many thanks to Graham and the band of Club volunteers.

Hunton Club Beer & Gin Festival

Saturday 7th September

Doors Open 12 noon: BBQ & Other Food from 1pm

Local Beers & Ciders & Other Drinks

Live Bands

Adults £2 includes free Raffle Ticket. Children Free

Scones & Songs or Scones & Tones!

An afternoon of music and food with luxury Cream Tea, a variety of musicians, Bric-a-Brac stall, Raffle, School Gambia stall and much more.

St Peter & Paul Church, Yalding, Sunday 25th August from 3.00 – 6.30 PM. £7.50 all inclusive

St Mary's Working Party - Saturday 17th August: 9am – 12 noon

Please join us for a fun morning tidying the church yard and moving spiders in the Church. Do let Lesley know if you think you will be there so she can bake biscuits for the very sociable Coffee Break! lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com 01622 820210

Hedge Cutting, Strimming, Weeding

The 'Garden Barbers' are three local university students offering to take on projects or simply general garden maintenance throughout the summer. Contact Max on 07469 702196; gardenbarbers1@yahoo.com

Stop Press:

Fantastic News. We won £1,000 from the Calor Rural Community Fund towards replacing the cooker in the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who voted.

At St Mary's Church in August

	Services				
Flowers Sue Pinks	Sunday 4th August 9.30am – Holy Communion Service, Rev David Jones Sunday 18th August 9.30am – Family Service, Rev Peter Callway				
Other services in the Benefice					
August	4th	11th	18th	25 th	Other Services/events
Coxheath	11am HC	11am MP	11am HC	11am FS	Every Thursday 10am HC
E. Farleigh	9.30am MP	8am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC	First Tuesday of the month Compline 6.45pm
Linton	9.30am FS	9.30am HC	8am HC	9.30am MP (Matins)	Last Wednesday of the month HC 12 noon
W. Farleigh	8am HC	9.30am MP	No service	9.30am HC	
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service					

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