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

## HUNTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Following the information in last month's Hunton Herald regarding the Christmas Fair, I am very happy to announce that the Christmas Fair is **ON for 2019** thanks to the support of many people in the village who wish to see the event continue. A change this year is that everything will be held in the church or churchyard. We are planning to build on the excellent work of previous years and are looking to widen the variety of stalls! Father Christmas is already booked, face painting and biscuit decorating are planned again and who knows, we may even have a model railway again! Please book the date and time in your busy Christmas schedule: St Mary's Church & Churchyard, Saturday 14th December 2019 from 15:30 – 18:00

If you know of anyone who would like to provide a stall please contact Rev David Jones on 01622 741474 or [davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com](mailto:davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com)

*David Jones*

## Musicals on the Green 2019

What a dreadful morning we had, miserable, cold and with pouring rain! The gazebos went up, the BBQ was in place, the stage and sound all set and ready to go, but would the rain stop in time so that some hardy folk would venture out to come and listen to us? Or should we decide to move everything into the hall??? We stuck with the outside option. Luckily the rain stopped in good time, the sun came out to dry the grass and at 2pm the audience began to trickle in. They were entertained by a rousing opening number from the Greatest Showman with songs from A Star is Born, Sweeney Todd, The Sound of Music (a lot of tongue in cheek for this one) West Side Story, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia and Neil Davis' band the Equalisers played some cracking numbers that had members of the audience up and dancing - and singing too - Doe a Deer, Bohemian Rhapsody, Dancing Queen and of course, Thank you for the Music. They all sang very well and added to the fun. The weather we think put quite a number of people off visiting, as numbers were down from last year but we still raised a good surplus of £368 to give to charity and we had a lot of fun partaking in the performance. Well done to all the singers and soloists and a big thank you to those of you who supported us with such gusto!



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

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<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct: <b>Huntones Meeting</b> Barnside House 7.30pm	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct: <b>Harvest Festival Supper</b> 5.30pm for 6pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct: <b>Village Walk &amp; Lunch</b> Village Club 11am	Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct: <b>Autumn Lunch</b> Village Club 12.30pm – 2pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov: <b>Church Working Party</b> 9am – Noon	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov: <b>Huntones Meeting</b> Barnside House 7.30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov: <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> Hunton Village Hall 7.30pm	Tues 19 Nov: <b>WI Open Meeting</b> 7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov: <b>Friends of St.Mary's Supper Dance</b> 7pm	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec: <b>Huntones Meeting</b> Barnside House 7.30pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec: <b>Hunton Christmas Fair</b> St. Mary's Church 3:30pm – 6pm	

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)

## Bake-off or Brexit?

I'm not a great fan of 'reality TV', however I do watch 'The Great British Bake-off'.

'Bake-off' appeals not just for the range of cake-related items which are produced, but for the way the protagonists interact with each other - Paul and Prue act as the parent figures - giving instructions, setting the rules and the standards, giving feedback both positive and negative when needed - Sandi and Noel play the big brother and sister, who may in turn encourage the contestants or tempt them into 'misbehaving'. Contestants are drawn from diverse walks of life but share an enthusiasm for baking. Although as individuals they are keen to do well, gain the weekly 'star baker' accolade, and win the overall competition, they demonstrate remarkable mutual support and encouragement - this may be in practical ways - helping out with some last-minute decoration or lending a utensil; or by expressing empathetic care - with a consoling hug or reassuring words when some culinary disaster strikes.

Whenever a contestant is eliminated, the rest of the group seem as sad that they are leaving as the individual whose baking hadn't quite made the grade that week. The departing baker always speaks of how hard it is to leave because of the sense of belonging, the mutual encouragement, and the fun they have had. At the end of each series, the winner is announced at a party where all the other contestants, and their families, join together to celebrate their success.

We know that 'reality' shows are to a greater or lesser extent contrived for the sake of entertainment and to create the 'feel-good factor'. In contrast, the factual reality of our current political situation, due to the behaviour and attitudes of government and parliament who are tasked with the responsibility for the common good of all people, is sadly deficient. In these uncertain times, we need to work at discerning reality and truth, and demonstrating upbuilding and commendable behaviour in all we do.

St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi: 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others,' and 'whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.'

And I'm still waiting for Prue and Paul to set the challenge of making a 'Bible cake'.

(see [www.oakden.co.uk/scripture-bible-cake-recipe/](http://www.oakden.co.uk/scripture-bible-cake-recipe/))

*Peter Callway, Rector*

## Hunton Village Club

It's now been more than a decade since the Club bar has been run by volunteers. Over that time the number of volunteers hasn't dwindled but people tend to volunteer once a month.

The passing years have seen the Club change and become a valuable village asset. Used by several village societies: the Darts teams, Bowls Club, WI, Book Group, Needles & Natter, Panto and Musicals on the Green Rehearsals, including the Playing Fields Committee amongst others.

The club is open four evenings a week for general use including special entertainment evenings which include; wine tastings, quiz nights, private hire functions such as birthday, engagement and anniversary parties. These events all need to continue in order to make the club viable. The venue is also used for daytime activities such as lunches on some Thursdays and after the village walks, the Beer and Gin Festival, Yoga and Pilates sessions and Christening Celebrations. We now even have Sunday lunches on offer!

However, in order to stay open and offer these events the club needs more volunteers to operate the bar. It's not an onerous task and full training will be given. The reduced number of volunteers has meant that it cannot open every day as it used to - sessions are now down to Sunday lunchtimes, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings. If you are willing to volunteer for even one night a month or a Sunday lunchtime -it would be most helpful. Please contact Gil Robertson on 820059 to find out more. It's vital that we keep the Club open for all villagers to enjoy.



## Coming Up! Friends of St.Mary's Supper Dance

Readers of the August Edition of the Herald will have seen the tribute to the late Brian Mortimer. Since that publication Friends of St Mary's have been approached by the members of Brian's band 2BC suggesting that as this is probably one of the last of their performances they would very much like to perform in Hunton Village Hall. You may recall that 2BC played at both Autumn Supper Dances and so enjoyed both occasions that they felt it would be just what Brian would have wanted.

Friends of St Mary's and 2BC invite you to join them for a Supper Dance on Saturday 23rd November 7pm at the Village Hall. The cost is £20 per adult and £8 per child aged 16 years or under. There will be a hot supper included in the ticket price and fully stocked cash bar.

To save administration, time and cost we are proposing to sell tickets on line but of course are very happy to accommodate people who may prefer to do this the traditional way. Mindful of Brian's history the demand for tickets will be high. Early ticket purchase is advisable, 50 tickets have been sold already. To pay online please email our Treasurer Ian Pinks: [ianpinks@gmail.com](mailto:ianpinks@gmail.com). Sort code 40-52-40, Account number 00018225.

The proceeds of this event will be shared between The Friends of St Mary's and the Hospice where Brian spent his final days. We look forward to seeing you at this event!

## **Toad in the Hole**

It doesn't take a lot of sun and extra warmth before the pigs want to wallow. We have sheep footbaths that even Gerry the boar can fit in, but the best are the pig made wallows, complete with mud at the right consistency. Dotty probably uses them the most, because she has more spots, is blacker and feels the heat more.

The wallows are deep enough to enable them to lie almost subterranean and sometimes looking across the field you would barely know they were there. Imagine the cool earth being a respite from the hot overhead sun.

One day I found Gerry in Dotty's hole...upside down, tummy in the air looking pretty relaxed but very wedged in! I was worried how long he had been like that – a very laid-back pig (excuse the pun) seemingly unbothered by his predicament. I started pulling at his legs before realising how ridiculous I was being, I wasn't going to be able to pull a 350kg pig out of a hole, let alone a wedged in 350kg pig! The embarrassing thought of calling the fire brigade crossed my mind until I reconsidered and thought I could dig him out! I set too with a spade as David arrived and we dug around him. Given all the space we had created, we couldn't get him to turn over in order to get out. David then threw a bucket of water on his tummy and up he jumped up completely unphased by his ordeal. What a relief!!

*Sue Heaton*

## **Anyone for Bowls!!**

A fun evening introducing bowls to 17 ladies from the WI who held their Annual Garden Party at the Bowls Club.

Well done ladies you all did brilliantly and a huge thank you from the Bowls Club for sharing the delicious supper that followed.

Anyone interested in joining the Bowls Club please contact Angela Baptie on 01622 820625.

Or if you are interested or would like to join the WI contact Ann Sawtell on 01622 820731.



## **Hunton Village Club Beer Festival Saturday 7th September**

The fourth annual beer festival at the Village Club attracted about 150 people who supped 7 cask ales including those from Musket, Westerham, Tonbridge and Goachers breweries. In addition, a gin shack provided a range of cocktails for the non-beer drinkers. The sunny day gave a welcome opportunity to dance outside to the Boughton Ceilidh Band, followed by a local rock group, Clueless, who played a well received session. The BBQ provided further sustenance and children were catered for with face painting, games & making their own Mocktails - the Club would like to thank all those volunteers who helped set up the event, served food and drink and cleared up afterwards as well as everyone who attended. Thanks to kind donations, the costs of this event were minimal and the proceeds amounted to £1,000 which will contribute to various Club improvements, including an upgrade to the toilets.

## **Poppy Appeal**

This year poppies, supporting the work of the Royal British Legion, will be available from the Village Club, Hunton Primary School and Hunton and Linton Pre School, from 25<sup>th</sup> October (or following the half term holiday). Last year, spectacularly recognising the 100th anniversary of WWI, over £380 was donated by residents of Hunton. Please give generously again this year.

## **WI Enjoy A Wine Tasting Evening**

The speaker at the WI September Meeting Graham Ashlin gave a superb wine appreciation talk where WI members learnt all about grape varieties and enjoyed sampling their produce. Graham who lives in the village and is well known for his fund raising wine tasting evenings, provided generous donations of fine wines.

Graham started with Chablis which is produced from the Chardonnay grape variety - this is a white wine on the lighter scale of wines - next was an oaked Chardonnay, being in contrast to the light Chablis. The third wine was a Sauvignon Blanc, which proved a favourite with a few ladies but too sharp for some.

The evening moved on to reds, starting with a light red, a pinot noir, followed by a heavier Merlot, finishing with the third red, a Shiraz.

Graham advised that due to the tax, shipping, growers costs and supermarket profits we were better buying a wine of £8 from the supermarket than £5 as we were only buying 40p worth of wine in the cheaper bottle. The members learnt that the American market favoured a heavier glass bottle and the Argentinians produce wine for them in different bottles than the rest of the world - we also learnt the dimple at the bottom of a bottle allows for sediment to settle. Thanks to Graham the members enjoyed learning more about wines and the various methods and places of production.

WI meetings are held at the Village Club on the first Tuesday of each month, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. New ladies are very welcome. Our October speaker is Charles Neve and the subject is Rudyard Kipling.

## **Harvest Festival Service and Supper**

Only a few days left to get your tickets for the village Harvest Supper. The supper will be held in the Village Hall at 5.30 pm for 6 pm on Sunday 6th October and follows Harvest Festival Service at 4.30 pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets for the supper are £6.50 adult, £5 child and £20 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children (14 and under). Reservations for the supper from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 (liz.oliver@waitrose.com) and Wendy Simmons on 01622 820875. All welcome.

## Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

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

### Oh yes it is!!!! Panto Time 2020

As we start writing the script for Next Year's Panto, we would like to ask anyone who is interested in performing, or helping with this great event to please get in touch. It's hard work but amazing fun.....so come and join the Panto Family. For further details contact sharonwinter1975@live.com or suepinks@icloud.com

Shows commence on Wednesday 8th April for Sponsors Night and Open Dress Rehearsal, evenings Thursday 9th and Friday 10th April, matinee and evening Saturday 11th April. Mark those dates in next year's diary!

### Come and Join the Huntones!

To anyone who enjoys singing - no experience needed and no need to read music - the Huntones meet every fortnight at Barnhill House, beginning on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December. 7.30 - 8.30pm. For details please phone Sue Pinks 820709.

### Gallery Closure

Tim and June Chapman have recently announced that due to unforeseen circumstances RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY in Yalding will sadly be closing following a September 2019 exhibition.

The Hunton Herald were very sorry to learn that Tim has been unwell and wish him a speedy recovery.

### Saturday 2nd November - Last Church Working Party in 2019

A final working party for this year will be held in St Mary's Church & the Churchyard from 9am to noon on Saturday 2nd November. Please let Lesley know if you can join the team so there are enough biscuits etc for the coffee break.

Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com 01622 820210.

### Village Walks & Lunches

Two more Village Walks and Lunches are planned for 2019. The first will be on Saturday 12th October and the final one on Sunday 17th November. Everyone is welcome. As usual, the walking group will leave the Club at 11am for a walk of about an hour and a half. Lunch for a £10 donation will be available from about 12.30pm. Funds raised from these very social occasions go towards the running costs of the Club and upgrading projects. If you would like to join the walk, and / or have lunch, or are willing to help, please contact Lesley on 01622 820210 lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com.

### Hunton Bowls Club Christmas Concert

*Presents*

The Kent Police Male Voice Choir

Coxheath Village Hall

Sunday 1st December 2019 at 3:00pm

A Program of Carols and Popular Music

Light Refreshments    Tickets £10

Contact: John Apsey 01622 743813

Mob 07707 808801

Angela Baptie 01622 820625

Mob: 07759 296265

### Thursday Village Club Lunches Returning

Another series of six Village Lunches will start on Thursday 31st October in the Club with the final event for the series on Thursday 5th December. Doors open at noon with lunch served from about 12.30pm to just after 1pm - these extremely good value tasty meals are available for a donation of £6 a head. There is usually a choice of two home-made soups with bread followed by gammon, a selection of cheese & pickles, cakes or biscuits with tea or coffee. Funds raised go towards projects in the Club and at St Mary's Church. There is no need to book ahead unless you aim to bring a large group with you or if you have special dietary needs, in which case contact Lesley so she can try to provide a lunch you can enjoy. Lesley will be very happy to hear from you if you are willing to help in any way.

Email: Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or Tel: 01622 820210.

### At St Mary's Church in October

Flowers	Services
Harvest Festival <b>6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> All to Help <b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> Sandra Bullivant	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> 5pm Harvest Festival - Rev David Jones <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.30 Family Service – Mrs B Parnham/ Rev.Lorna Faulkner

#### Other services in the Benefice

Oct	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	Other Services/events
<b>Coxheath</b>	11am HC	11am; Harvest	11am; HC	11am; FS	10am - Every Thursday - HC
<b>E. Farleigh</b>	9.30am; Harvest	8am; HC	9.30am HC	8am; HC	First Wed of the month – Compline 6.45pm
<b>Linton</b>	9.30am; Harvest	9.30am HC	8am; HC	9.30am MP (Matins)	Last Wed of the month - HC 12 noon
<b>W.Farleigh</b>	8.00am; HC	9.30am; Harvest		9.30am; HC	

HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service

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