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Remembrance Day Service - an 80th Anniversary

November 10th, 10.50am, St Mary's Church Hunton

Following the interest shown in the information put together for the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, we have been encouraged to see what is available in terms of memories of WW2. Happily, fewer Hunton men lost their lives. As census and military records are not generally available, this year is more about personal recollections - of those who lived here then, of those living in the village now, and of our parents/grandparents. This has already thrown up some extraordinary stories, as well as many more about daily life at home.



If you have anything that you would like to contribute, please call or e mail James Forster on 820628 or at forsters.hunton@btinternet.com.

Hunton Christmas Fair. St Mary's Church, Hunton on Saturday 14th December 2019 from 15.30 – 18.00

Only a month to go to this year's Hunton Christmas Fair and things are coming together very well. Thanks to those who booked early we have quite a few craft and gift stalls for inside the church already. Father Christmas has confirmed that he will be stopping off on his round as the grass in the churchyard is good for the reindeers. Thomas, the tank engine is appearing again which is great. Outside, the BBQ, mulled wine, bottle stall and many other attractions will hopefully add to the spirit of Christmas. Children can visit Father Christmas and his Elf helpers for a £5 charge. If there is a bit of a queue, there will be activities to keep small people busy. If you still want to book in your craft/gift stalls, then I'm sure we can still find a spot. Contact David Jones 01622 741474 or email davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com ASAP.

Christmas Fair - Bottle Stall

We are changing the collection method this year and a Herald delivery team member will collect bottles when they deliver your December edition of the Herald. Please give generously.

Sunday 17th November: Walk and Lunch in the Village Club

The penultimate 2019 walk and lunch took place on Saturday 12th October. Despite a forecast for rain, 22 people and several dogs, enjoyed a dryish circular walk from the Club, past the Village Hall, up Barn Hill towards Buston Manor and then back down over Lughorse Lane to the Club. They then enjoyed a tasty lunch with a further 17 people which raised over £300 towards Club improvements. Thanks to the many people who prepared and donated food, helped serve and cleaned up afterwards.

The last 2019 walk and lunch will take place on Sunday 17th November. Everyone is welcome at these events which start from 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. 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.

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Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones	741474*	Helen Grant MP helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk	0207 219 7107
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Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.hunton.org.uk/contacts			

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Diary Dates	
Sun 3 rd Nov: Family Christmas Crafts , Hunton Club, 3pm to 5.30pm.	Thursdays during Nov until 5 th Dec: Hunton Village Lunches , from 12.30pm.
14 th , 28 th Nov & 12 Dec: Huntones , at Barn Hill House.	Sat 2 nd Nov: St. Mary's Church Working Party , 9am - Noon
Tues 5 th Nov: WI Craft Evening , 7 pm.	Sat 9 th Nov: Gardening Club Social , 6.30pm
Sun 10 th Nov: Remembrance Day Service , 10.50am St Mary's Hunton	Sun 17 th Nov: Village Walk and Lunch , Start from the Club at 11am
Tues 19 th Nov: WI Open Evening , 7pm for 7.30pm	Sat 23 Nov: Supper Dance , Friends of St Mary's & 2BC. Hunton Village Hall, 7pm
Sun 1 st Dec: Kent Police Male Voice Choir , Coxheath Village Hall. 3:00pm	Sat 14 th Dec: Hunton Christmas Fair , 3.30pm to 6pm
Sat 14 th Dec: Christmas Tree Festival , Yalding Baptist Church, 1-5pm & 15 th Dec 1-4pm	
Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email diary@hunton.org.uk	

Autumnal thoughts

Dear Friends, I have to say I am one of those people who really loves the season of Autumn. The landscape takes on those beautiful autumnal colours of red, brown and orange. I love: the crisp sound of walking on the frosty and fallen leaves; the nights rapidly drawing in; and, the call of a warm fire to snuggle up to!

Of course, there are things that we leave behind until 2020. The warm sun on our backs; the beauty of the emerging flowers in spring; the trees filling out as their new growth turns skinny branches into well rounded foliage; and, the cool summer evenings to sit and enjoy a well-earned refreshing drink. I wonder which of the seasons are your favourite and why?

I know that as I look at the changing seasons I am in awe of their diversity, their beauty and the pleasure that each can bring. I am also in awe of the hand of the creator who planned, in detail, the changing seasons, each necessary for sustaining the planet and indeed all living things.

Traditionally, November is the time we tend to look back and remember, which is important. Our memories and experiences are not only part of our past, but also shape who we are today. This November, may I suggest we spend some time savouring each day and look for the signs of beauty that surround us. Not only remembering and looking back but also spending some time appreciating our present. Yes, we need to look back, but don't blink and miss the blessings and beauty of the present given by God to us daily. May God bless your moments, each and every day.

Rev. Eileen Doyle

Chartwell

I am sure that readers of the Herald are aware of the vital and important work carried out by The National Trust. They look after the places you love, from houses, buildings and gardens to coast and countryside. Our country, and tourist industry, would be so much poorer without them.

Where I grew up in Essex, Sir Winston Churchill was the Member of Parliament for that constituency of Woodford. I suppose therefore my interest in him, and his unmatched achievements, started from that time in my life. There is a magnificent Bronze Statue of Sir Winston on the High Road of Woodford Green that I often cycled past. It was there before the more famous statue in Parliament Square. It was these influences, and a growing interest in the Churchill family, that prompted me to volunteer to be a Room Steward at Chartwell. It has turned out to be one of the most rewarding moves I have made in a very long time. I work on Sunday mornings, finishing at 2pm. I often see up to 400 visitors to the house; of all ages and nationalities.

As I am new to the role, my knowledge learning curve is steep, to say the least, especially when I listen to my other volunteer colleagues. Everyone is so supportive, and I know where to go for help if I need it. You never know what questions you might be asked which in itself makes the whole experience so worthwhile. I hope that my experience might inspire others to consider a similar role. It does not have to be Chartwell, there are many opportunities available all around us.

Ron Porter

WI October Meeting

Our speaker was Charles Neve, talking on Rudyard Kipling. Charles is a volunteer Room Guide at Batemans, Kipling's home in Sussex, now run by the National Trust. Although everyone is familiar with The Jungle Book, Just So stories and If, Charles gave a very interesting insight into both the man and his extensive writing. Born in India in 1865 Rudyard spent his early years happily immersed in the various cultures and religions of the sub-continent which so influenced his later work. At the age of five, he was sent back to England and later attended Military College in Plymouth where he began to write and became editor of the school magazine. Aged 16, he returned to India as a newspaper reporter and began to write satirical verses on the Raj - 'Departmental Ditties' and short stories about the people he met - 'Plain Tales from the Hills'. Both became very popular in India and back in the UK. So, he returned to London where he continued to write stories about ordinary soldiers, often in dialect, and their poor treatment by officers. This made them quite controversial and also difficult to read!

After marrying the American Caroline Balestier, they moved to Vermont where he wrote The Jungle Book, and the 'Just So' stories. Now with a family, they returned to England, settling in Rottingdean. Being famous, they were somewhat pestered by the public; double decker bus tours went past their house so people could look over the wall into their garden, consequently they moved to the more secluded Batemans.

Sadly, two of their three children died, Josephine, aged 6 of pneumonia and then John in WW1 in 1915. Kipling struggled to come to terms with the loss and never mentioned either of his children, even in his autobiography. The iconic headstones of any War Grave are to Kipling's design. At his insistence, they are all of equal size regardless of rank with the soldier's regimental badge. He also devised the inscriptions used, such as 'Known unto God' and 'A Soldier of the Great War'.

By the early 1900s his popularity was in decline and he became a very conservative, controversial character, annoyed that the US was making films of his stories with no reference to him, and no payment either! He died in 1936 and is buried in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.

Our next meeting takes the form of a 'Craft Evening' on the 5th November at 7 pm.

WI Open Evening on 19 November

A talk by Martin Williams on his experiences during the Siege of the American Embassy in Tehran. Martin was the British Ambassador based in Tehran at the time of the siege. He now lives locally. His talk is really not to be missed. The scene is set when 52 American diplomats and citizens are held hostage for 444 days from November 4th 1979 by supporters of the Iranian Revolution. Entry, including refreshments, is £5 for non-members. The bar will also be open. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Here we go for the PANTO 2020!

Rehearsals will start in January in earnest - same as usual - Tuesday nights in the club, 7pm onwards and Sunday 5-7 pm in the village hall. Please do let us know if there are others who would like to be involved in the panto; it is great fun! Sue, Sharon & Neil

Harvest Festival

More than 60 people enjoyed Harvest Supper in the village hall; including villagers and children, teachers and parents from Hunton School. Supper, which had been cooked by a team of volunteers, included extremely tasty sausages from East Sutton Prison and a mouth-watering variety of puddings among which were crumbles, chocolate and fruit roulades and cheesecakes. Many different helpers made the evening a success, assisting with setting up the hall for the supper, cooking and shopping. Thank you to children from Hunton School for making attractive seasonal table decorations. A busy bar was run by the Friends of St Mary's. Thanks to the generosity of so many people who came to the supper and who gave not only their time but all the puddings. Donations were given to St Mary's Church and to the village hall. The supper followed a well-attended Harvest Festival service in St Mary's Church, which had been decorated with many colourful autumnal flowers and fruits. The Harvest gifts have been distributed to 'The Homeless in Maidstone Centre', Knechtlinger Street.

Family Christmas Crafts at Hunton Club.

Sunday 3rd November, 3pm to 5.30pm. Contact Edna on 746103. All welcome. Due to space, we could not fit the super poster into this edition of the Hunton Herald.

Table Top Sale

Sunday 17th November 9am-11am in Hunton Village Hall. If you are having a de-clutter before Christmas and would like to have a table at this event please contact 01622820092 or huntonpreschool@hotmail.com. Tables are £11 for a large table and £8 for a small table. There will be tea, coffee and bacon rolls also available to purchase. So come along and pick up a bargain, £1 entry for adults, children free entry.

Friends of St Mary's & 2BC Invite you to join them for a *Supper Dance*

To celebrate the life of Brian Mortimer.
Saturday 23 November 7pm
Hunton Village Hall.

Tickets £20 per adult £8 per child (16 and under)

Please pay online: Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00018225
Email Ian Pinks to confirm your payment.
ianppinks@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church Working Party: Saturday 2nd November: 9am - Noon

If you read this in time...please come along to help tidy the churchyard for winter and / or try to make the inside of the church a tad cleaner. Please let Lesley know if you think you can join the team so she can take enough biscuits etc for the coffee break. Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com 01622 820210.

Wilding and Wildlife in the Garden

Sue Heaton writes having read Isabella Tree's latest book on Wilding...Yes you may have heard about it recently on the 'Archers', but Isabella's Wilding project at Knepp Castle, in Sussex, has been in the making for 10 years or more. Isabella's project is on a grand scale of about 3,400 acres. After years of intensive farming the soil had become impoverished and the land devoid of wildlife. To be true to the rewilding concept, the process relies on allowing land to go wild and the addition of free roaming animals (deer, horses, cattle and ideally wild boar) to trample, turning the ground and grazing in order to encourage a rich ecosystem to evolve. Within 10 years, Isabella now boasts rare plants that have returned in profusion together with insects, bats and other organisms. There is an increase in the variety and abundance of birds. The Turtle Dove, for instance, is on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red list and is the fastest declining bird in the UK; she now boasts, from nothing, to at least 16 singing males.

Within my lifetime, I am horrified at the rate of decline of some of our popular songbirds, those I used to see in great numbers in suburbia where I grew up, barely now so common even in rural Kent. We all need to do our bit to encourage the wildlife back into our gardens. Whilst we don't all have hundreds of acres necessary for a wilding project, we can provide hedges, ponds, plants and flowers or even a wildflower patch to attract wildlife. More importantly, gardening can be a way to get close to nature and enjoy and appreciate the wildlife we have by noticing what is around us, to look up and listen.

In gardens I have had Robins flit through my hair and brush my arms and a Blackbird perch on my back eager to grab the rich pickings I turn up when working the borders. I nearly walked into a Kingfisher as it flashed past me and heard the Cuckoo in time to see it fly across. It's a joy to work under the heartening mew of the Buzzard, once never considered a bird to be found in Kent and now with us constantly. I have come across newts, including the Great Crested, toads and frogs, and even disturbed a basking lizard. There are plenty of unusual caterpillars, moths and large dragon flies that seem to bomb around noisily; grass snakes and their eggs in compost heaps and a slow worm to name but a few Hunton residents!

St Mary's Bells

We all hear Church bells when out and about ringing for services, weddings, funerals and practice nights -every other Friday at Hunton. But do you know what is involved in ringing? It is not what you normally see on television but something very different. At Hunton there are six bells, the heaviest, or Tenor, weighs over 11 1/2 cwt. These six bells are mounted in a steel frame above the church clock, they are rung by ropes from the ground floor which are about 20 -30 feet in length. Bell ringing is a hobby that gives you gentle exercise, particularly good for back aches and hand and eye coordination. It even improves the memory!

When ringing it would soon become boring if the bells were continually rung in the same order. So, the order is changed to a set pattern called a 'method'. There are hundreds of different methods; the ringers memorise these methods and this is where the mental skill comes in! Anyone can be a bell ringer, but they should be of a certain height and weight to be able to handle the bell safely. Would you like to try bell ringing at Hunton - could it be your new hobby? Give it a try, you never know.

Ring Jeff Young on 07812896772, you will be very welcome

Hunton Practice night is every 1st and 3rd Friday 7-30 to 9 pm. We ring at Linton on the other Fridays.

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

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

Gardening Club Social: Saturday 9th November 6.30pm

This Gardening Club meeting will be held at Hunton Club, where the evening will start with a pre-booked supper for a donation of £10 each. Funds raised will be used to improve Club facilities. There may be a 'surprise' speaker! You do not need to be a member of the Gardening Club to attend. Everyone will be welcome. Contact Lesley to reserve places and do let her know if you have special dietary requirements. She will also be pleased to hear from volunteer helpers! lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com 01622 820210.

Winter Pruning Course - Thurs 19th November 2019

This will take place partly in the Hatton Fruit Garden; formerly the kitchen garden of the Grade 1 listed Bradbourne House. Full day course (9.30 am to 3.30 pm). Lunch will be available to buy in the on-site cafe. The course is for those with some experience of winter pruning and wishing to gain more information on pruning and tree forms. Also useful for people who would like to plan a fruit garden. More details from Lesley, or on the course website - <https://emsc.org.uk/product/winter-pruning/>

Huntones.

The dates for the Huntones are: 14th November , 28th November, 12th December. Meeting at Barnhill House. Additionally, the Huntones are invited to join the choir for the service of Remembrance at St Mary's. The service commences at 10.50am on Sunday 10th November.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Are you part of a local group or business? If so, decorate a tree and join our Festival in aid of renovating and improving the Baptist Church, Vicarage Road, Yalding, Kent, ME18 6DP. Saturday, 14th Dec 1-5pm & Sunday 15th Dec 1-4pm, £10 to enter & visitors will vote for the best one which will win a prize. Put information about your group/business around your tree, so visitors can find out all about you. Register at Yalding Post Office or contact chapman.june59@gmail.com

Friends of Yalding Youth & Community Centre

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

Welcome Lorna

Peter Calway writes..... At our benefice service on September 29th in St. Mary's, we welcomed and commissioned Rev. Lorna Faulkner as a new member of the ministry team for the Benefice. As Assistant Curate, Lorna will be with us for 3-4 years to learn all about being an ordained minister, with a view to becoming an incumbent in due course. The post is a training one; it is fully funded by the Diocese as part of the wider ministry of the Church of England. Lorna's father, Rev. Barry Wilson, preached at the special service and about 60 people enjoyed a fellowship lunch in the village hall afterwards. Please do welcome Lorna, along with Rich and their sons, as she settles into her new post.

Village Lunches

Bring your family & friends for lunch at Hunton Club on Thursdays during November. There will be a final lunch, for this series, on Thursday 5th December. Drinks available from midday with food, on a first come first served basis, from about 12.30pm to just after 1pm. For a donation of £6 a head, there is usually a choice of two soups, bread & cheeses then tea / coffee with cakes or biscuits. Funds raised go towards projects in the Club and St Mary's Church. No need to book, unless you aim to bring a group, or have special dietary needs. If so, please contact Lesley so she can try to provide a suitable meal. If you are willing to help, Lesley will be delighted to hear from you. lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com 01622 820210.

To Look Forward to...

Due to space, it has not been possible to include 'Down Memory Lane' by Martin James MBE, in this edition of the Hunton Herald.

At St Mary's Church in November

Flowers	Services	
3 rd November: Sue Scott	Sunday 3 rd November	9.30am – Holy Communion Service
	Sunday 10 th November	10.50am – Remembrance Service, Rev. David Jones
	Sunday 17 th November	9.30am – Family Service
10 th & 17 th November: Wendy Simmons	Sunday 24 th November	No service

Other services in the Benefice

Nov	3rd	10 th	17th	24 th	Other Services/events
Coxheath	11am HC	Remembrance 10.30am	11am HC	11am FS	Every Thursday, 10am HC.
E. Farleigh	9.30am Matins	Remembrance 10.30am	9.30am HC	8am HC	
Linton	9.30am FS	Remembrance 10am	8am HC	9.30am Matins	HC 12 noon, last Wednesday of the month.
W.Farleigh	8am HC	Remembrance 10.45am	No service	9.30am HC	

HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service

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