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

## Beer and Gin Festival Returns to Hunton Village Club

We are delighted to be holding another Hunton Beer and Gin Festival this year, on Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Club, in the heart of the village, between 12.30 and 6.30pm. Small entrance fee for adults of £2 but free for under 18s. There will be local beers and gins to sample, a Tombola and activities for the children. The Boughton Ceilidh Band, to which you are invited to dance, will be playing during the afternoon, then Sharon Winter will be singing live and finally, Sharon & Sue Pinks will lead a general sing-a-long for all. There will be filled rolls, cakes & other food available and Steph's ices will come along about 5.30pm. Open to members and non-members, so bring your friends and family.

## Hunton Primary School Needs You...

You may have seen the item in the July Herald seeking a new crossing patrol person for the school. We undertook this role on a job share basis for nearly three years and only retired because of circumstances beyond our control.

It is a paid position but the real rewards come from talking to the children and watching them blossom and grow. West Street is a rat run which can make crossing the road extremely dangerous so a patrol outside the school is essential.

Full training is given and uniforms are provided. You may even get a new lollipop! If you would be willing to give up an hour in the morning and 45 minutes in the afternoon during school term - or share it with a friend, partner or spouse as we did - please contact KCC on 03000 422401 or email [scp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:scp@kent.gov.uk). You won't regret it!

*Steve and Sue (Mr and Mrs Lollipop)*

## Hedges and Pedestrian Safety

Although a distinctly rural Parish, we do have long sections of pedestrian pavements on West Street & Bensted Close, and recent site visits by KCC Highways staff (looking at Parish Council road safety requests) have noted that some properties are allowing their hedges to lean over and (in some cases) obstruct the pavement, forcing pathway users to step into the road. There are regulations that homeowners are required to follow, and KCC/MBC can issue Notices to cut back the hedges to the boundary line (I know, I once got one in Loose - albeit, it was for my neighbour's tree!) - the Council(s) would prefer to avoid paperwork in the first instance, so could Owners who have let their hedges 'grow outward' please ensure they are cut back in the next couple of months but check hedges for nesting birds first.

*Mike Summersgill, Chair of Parish Traffic & Road Safety Working Group*

## Visit Clock House Farm to see Soft Fruit Production & Robotics in Action

Oli Pascall, Managing Director at Clock House Farm, has kindly agreed that he and his team will organise a second visit to parts of Clock House Farm starting at 5pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. As last time, the tour will last about 3 hours and start from Hunton Village Hall car park.

The farm is a partner in the biggest agri-tech robotics demonstration project in the UK and it is hoped the tour will include seeing some of this in action plus parts of the farm locals did not visit in May.

Although it is primarily for members of Hunton Gardening Club, everyone will be welcome including friends who don't live in Hunton. Finally, as the Club will be open on a Wednesday night we can go there after the tour for drinks and a simple, cold supper (£7.50 each). Numbers will be limited so, if you would like to reserve a place, contact Lesley on 01622 820210 [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com).

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

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**Diary Dates**  
St Mary's Working Party — Sat 13 Aug, 3 Sept; Beer Festival — Sat 10 Sept; Clock House Farm Tour — Wed 21 Sept; Club Quiz — Sat 8 Oct;  
Film Night — Tues 18 Oct; Gardening Club Social — Fri 28 Oct; Friends of St Mary's Fireworks Party — Sun 6 Nov; Walk / Lunch — Thurs 17 Nov.  
Check out [www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/events-list](http://www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/events-list) for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email [huntonpc@gmail.com](mailto:huntonpc@gmail.com)

## Pastoral Letter

Following David's excellent Pastoral Letter last month about memories, good or bad, and the first record his sister bought, *Magic Moments* by Perry Como, I remember my Mum loved Buddy Holly and I knew the words to lots of his songs by the time I was five! His early death in a plane crash at the age of 22 in 1959 no doubt deprived us of many more toe-tapping songs.

I am on holiday in France as I write this but we are not detached from what is going on in the world. The main headlines at the moment are the assassination of Shinzo Abe, Japan's former Prime Minister; and, yet another mass shooting in the US. These are the sort of memories that we would rather not have. Cameron Norrie won through to the Wimbledon semi-final – that's a better memory. [Sometimes our memories of events are not accurate so we say things that are not true.]

Proverbs 23:16 says 'My inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.' There is another reference I would like to share with you. Proverbs 22:20-22 'Have I not written for you sayings of counsel and knowledge, teaching you to be honest and to speak the truth so that you bring back truthful reports to those you serve?' Who do we serve; our families, friends, acquaintances, neighbours, our God? Whoever we are, let truthfulness and honesty be the order of the day.

*Blessings, in Jesus' name, Sue – Pastoral Assistant*

## Chainhurst Egg Factory

UPDATE - After several months with no news, this project on the banks of the Beult was meant to be going to MBC's Planning Committee during July, but timetables have again slipped and may now run into 2023... Maidstone's recently changed Officer in charge of the project visited the site and the Council have apparently realised that some of the major concerns over technical documents that WeLoveChainhurst (and local Parishes/Councillors) had raised in 2020/21 require more examination. To that end, MBC have commissioned a third-party consultant to report on two environmental issues, specifically the risk of flood/pollution to the Beult SSSI and the effects of large new structures on the landscape/view from the Greensand Ridge.

*Mike Summersgill, Parish Councillor and Flood Warden*

## St. Mary's Church Working Parties

To prepare for weddings taking place in the following weeks, working parties will be held at St Mary's Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August and on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please come to join a small sociable team of volunteers tidy the churchyard or clean inside the church between 9am and 12 noon. You decide what jobs you will do but please let Lesley know if you hope to be there so she can organise enough cake or biscuits for the coffee / tea break. [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com)

## Linton Park Gardens Open Day – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am – 4pm

Linton Park Gardens will be open for the second and final time this year on Sunday, 7th August 2022 from 10.30am until 4pm. Admission is via a charitable donation of £8.50 (adults; children are free), which benefits the National Gardens Scheme charities, and also Linton Church and village hall. Tickets can be bought on the day or pre-booked via the NGS. [https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/3278/linton\\_park](https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/3278/linton_park) Overlooking the Weald of Kent this south facing, hillside garden is set in 450 acres of parkland. Re-imagined over the last 35 years, using original J C Loudon plans and historic maps, it boasts wonderful mature tree specimens of, amongst others, Copper Beech, Cedars, Limes and Oaks crowned by a magnificent avenue of Wellingtonia planted in the mid-19th century.

## Film Night at our Village Club

What a treat! I was eagerly awaiting Tuesday 28th June as the Club had arranged a film night fundraiser. A Jamaican themed supper and film night. The movie was a 90's classic starring the late, great John Candy. The true story of the first ever Jamaican bobsleigh team in the Calgary Winter Olympics.

As a student in 80's London, I fed my movie addiction at the Everyman Cinema Club in Hampstead and the Scala at Kings Cross. The former had great coffee and delicious cakes and the latter had all night chilled beer and good snacks. Neither, however, could cater a bespoke themed buffet meal to go with a movie. I loved the Jamaican food and Gil's triple spiked rum punch! The movie was good too; warm hearted and funny.

The Club Committee are in the process of arranging another film night on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for a film you would like to see again and for buffet ideas too. It can be a weekday or weekend. We have a spanking new kitchen, pristine new loos and most importantly a licence! Drinks and food are just a few short steps away from your seat. Oh, and we have contactless payment as well. Further information is on our website <https://huntonvillageclub.co.uk/>.

*Annette Trought*

## Hunton Walkers

Just nine walkers braved the soaring temperatures on Tuesday 12 July for a shortened walk from The Chequers pub in Laddingford. They all enjoyed a mostly shaded route with sections along a beautiful part of the Medway river. They were met back at the pub by five others to enjoy a lunch and raise a toast to Ann Sawtell who had set up the group 10 years ago and has managed to keep us all moving whilst exploring some lovely Kentish footpaths for all that time. Ann and Roger will be leaving us at the end of the month, moving to Thame in Oxfordshire to be nearer their daughters and grandchildren. They will be greatly missed but they leave with our love and best wishes for the next chapter in their lives.

*Jane Langdon*

## Christmas Fair – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Last month we were exploring the possibility of having the Christmas Fair/Market back again after the two years break due to Covid. The response from previous stall holders has been terrific and in addition 5/6 new stall holders have booked their places and still we are getting enquiries. So, the news is that the Christmas Market/fair is definitely being held this year. A check on the Football World Cup show that the England fixture is on the Friday so there's no clash and even the other 'home countries' are not playing that night – wonderful news! Book the event in your diaries, tell your friends and come along on the night. Guaranteed to be a cold evening. Contact David Jones on 01622 741474 or email [davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com](mailto:davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com) for more information on stalls.

## Hunton Primary School

Of course, as you read this we will be on our summer break but as I compose this piece I wonder how the end of the academic year always comes so suddenly. There's such a mix of emotions for the whole school family. It is a time when we reflect and praise the children for the progress they have made; children's books are a delight to look at and compare from September to July. It's a great time of celebration of achievements academic, personal and physical as well as a time for thank yous.

It is also a time to say 'hello' to our new 4-year olds who have come for their introductory visits and most importantly a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils in Borton Class and others who teach or help us. Steve and Sue have loyally ensured that our children cross the road safely whatever the weather. As an aside from magnificently carrying out their important role they have developed relationships with families. I know how much they will be missed. We also have said a fond farewell to our SENCo (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) Mrs Denney who frequently went above and beyond to ensure our vulnerable children had great chances to succeed. We wish Miss Ali (a former Hunton pupil) all the very best in her pursuit of becoming a qualified teacher and thank her for her dedicated work at our school this year.

After 2 years we have now been able to welcome parents and visitors back in to school. We are incredibly grateful to those kind volunteers (plus their gentle dogs, Elvis and Daisy!) who come in to hear readers and help the children with their writing. Our parents on the PTA have been so focused on supporting school improvement and raising funds, volunteering their time to organise events such as the Quiz Night, May Fayre, Sports day refreshments and Christmas treats for the children. We can never underestimate the time given to make things happen and create memories. Thank you!

It was great to welcome families to our Sports Day – eventually after 2 years! Well done to all of them and especially the winning Blue Team. Thank you to our PTA for the burgers, sausages and drinks and for helping us set up and pack away for the day.



Our Y6 were able to attend a very special day at Rochester Cathedral alongside other schools in the Diocese. We spent the day thinking about the promise of Jesus found in Matthew, **'I am with you always.'** (Matthew 28:20). The day was full of workshops from singing, to making beaded key rings and reflecting on their time at Hunton as well as thinking about their future journey ahead. The Bishop of Rochester, in all his regalia, told them about his own life journey from where he was brought up in the East End of London and how he had to make the right friends and choices. I am sure our Y6s came away with their own special thoughts for their future.

We also had a trip to the Tower of London with free entrance into the spectacular Superbloom. We were proud to be specially selected through our links with the RHS. We took 17 children who were either eco-councillors or

have been actively supporting our environment at school. What a great day we had with a giant slide from the Tower's walls into Superbloom plus a look at the Crown Jewels and ravens. The children were a delight to be with.

This has been my first full year at Hunton CE Primary; I could never have predicted how warmly and quickly I was made to feel part of the community. Every year group, except one, is now full with families eager to put their child's name on the waiting list.

What magic moments there have been this year and how all these extra opportunities which we have shared with Hunton Herald readers have made school even more exciting not only for the children but for us who are fortunate to work here at Hunton.



*Anita Makey, Head Teacher*

## Hunton Village Club – Chairman's Report

June was a busy month for the Village Club. In addition to the well reported Jubilee lunch, we hosted a Plant Fair in mid-June where plants, produce and cakes, donated by many generous people, were sold as well as providing snacks and the usual bar drinks for all. Thanks also goes to those volunteers who helped. Money was raised towards further repairs to the Club and general running expenses. We plan to run a similar event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Our film night in June is written up elsewhere in this issue. We are having a relatively quiet August with the usual openings on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 8pm where darts are played and our good value local beers and other drinks are served. Our annual Beer Festival is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and a Quiz Night on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. To enjoy these activities, you can become a member for just £20 a year. Pop into the Club on a Wednesday or Sunday night, or at an event, and someone will help you with an application form.

Finally, we are always looking for feedback on our events and suggestions for future events. Please contact me with any ideas at roger.c.lee@btinternet.com or 01622 820210.

## Ann Shirley Fulcher 1942 – 2022

The sudden and unexpected death of Ann Fulcher on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Good Shepherd Wing of Iden Manor Nursing Home, Staplehurst brought to an end Ann's ten years connection to Hunton. Born on the Isle of Sheppey in 1942 Ann and David had become partners following the deaths of their spouses. Ann was an experienced bell ringer and rang regularly at Hunton. She and David had been mathematics teachers together for a time at Mascalls in the last century and in fact their journey's had crossed many times in the 45 years they had known each other. In these last ten years they had been allowed to have small, non-speaking parts in the bi annual Hunton Pantomime and felt honorary villagers of Huntonia! Ann accompanied David when he took services at St Mary's and he will always cherish and be grateful for the love and warmth of the Hunton welcome towards Ann. In the early years the confusion between Anne, his first wife and Ann his partner raised a smile but the relationship between a wife and a partner is different and that was always respected and never a problem for them both. Thank you Hunton and God bless you Ann.

*David Jones*

## Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wednesdays 8 - 11.00pm & Sundays 8 - 10.30 pm

### Hunton Community Engages with Local MP Helen Grant to Help Tackle Local Issues

Helen's details appear in the 'Your Local Contacts' section at the bottom of the front page of the Herald and any resident is welcome to contact her if they have a problem that they think she might be able to help solve. Topics including fly tipping / litter picking and the lack of a PSCO in our area have been raised with her, and her team are now trying to arrange an informal meeting to discuss these in the hope that she can help with some of them. Please contact David Heaton, Parish Council Chairman if you would like anything else raised at this meeting. David Heaton (dhhuntonpc@gmail.com) 01622 820 678.

### Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club Mid-season Report

After a very wet March, April sunshine dried out the square so quickly that pre-season pitch preparation turned out to be a challenge, particularly as our roller decided to stop working at a critical time! After much head scratching and fiddling, the problem was eventually resolved and the season got under way.

It has been great to see such good player availability so far this year, to the extent that, as well as our two Saturday league sides, we have run an additional friendly side occasionally. It's also good to see youngsters playing at Hunton again, as we are partnering with the Mote Cricket Club this year to provide additional facilities for their very popular youth sides.

We have a side playing at home most weeks through the summer, so please pop over and say hello if you are out for a walk. There's always a cup of tea and a friendly chat on offer. You can also follow us on the PlayCricket website at <https://hwcc.play-cricket.com>. We are holding an Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2022, with the aim of inviting the local community, and particularly children, to join in an afternoon of fun based around cricket. Please come and support this event - there will be a barbecue, drinks and a raffle and, if we get enough able bodies, we hope to revive the ancient rivalry between East Street and West Street. With a soft ball, we promise!

*Simon Taylor, Chairman*

### Summer Concert's Success

Spectacular playing of the church organ, a balmy evening, delicious refreshments and more than 100 sold tickets all served to make Hunton's summer concert a great success. Internationally acclaimed organist D'Arcy Trinkwon delighted a full St Mary's Church with works written over a period of five centuries by composers including Josef Haydn, Johann Sebastian Bach and Ralph Vaughan-Williams. His playing was full of variety, colour and sensitivity and demonstrated the beauty of the Willis organ to its full.

Having enjoyed the music, the audience spilled out into the churchyard to enjoy sparkling wine and plentiful and imaginative refreshments prepared by a team of villagers.

The warmth of the evening and the late rays of sunshine meant that conversation flowed and the enjoyment of the concert continued long after the music had ended.

Wendy Simmons who led the small committee of organisers thanked D'Arcy for his wonderful playing and quoted Plato: 'music.....gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight of the imagination and charm and gaiety to life and to everything'.

Thanks go to D'Arcy Trinkwon for agreeing to play at Hunton, the organisers and everyone who bought tickets and gave donations. Proceeds go to the running costs of St Mary's Church.

### Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

This annual charity event for walkers, horse or bike riders enables those sponsored to raise money for their church and others in Kent. You plan your own route taking in as few or as many of the 700 churches as you wish to visit. More information - [kentrideandstride.co.uk](http://kentrideandstride.co.uk). It is hoped that St Mary's Church will be open from 10am to 6pm. David Jones (01622 741474 [davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com](mailto:davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com)) looks forward to hearing from anyone wishing to take part in the event or willing to sit for an hour or two in church to welcome visitors.

#### Benefice Service Rota – August 2022

CHURCH	7th	14th	21st	28th
Coxheath 11:00 am	Communion, <i>DJ</i>	Morning Worship, <i>BP</i>	Communion, <i>DJ</i>	Morning Worship, <i>TBA</i>
East Farleigh 9:30 am	Morning Worship, <i>SE</i>		Communion, <i>DJ</i>	
West Farleigh 9:30 am		Communion, <i>DJ</i>		Morning Worship, <i>TBA</i>
Hunton 9:30 am	Communion, <i>DJ</i>		Family Service, <i>TBA</i>	
Linton 9:30 am		Morning Worship, <i>BP</i>		Communion, <i>DJ</i>
Coxheath	Every Thursday; Holy Communion; 10:00 am			
Linton	Last Wednesday of each month; Holy Communion; 12:00 pm (followed by soup)			
DJ– David Jones, BP - Becky Parnham, SE - Sue Elliott				

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