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## Police Surgery Hunton

Neighbourhood Officer, PCSO Hannah Percival is holding a Police Surgery at Hunton Village Hall on Saturdays every 6 weeks from 10 -11.30am.

*Future surgeries:* Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Please see notice boards for future dates and changes.

The surgery gives you a chance to raise any concerns you have about local policing issues. PCSO Hannah Percival will see people individually on a first come first served basis.

If it is not possible to see everyone during surgery hours, she will take your contact details and get in touch later.

PCSO PERCIVAL is based at MAIDSTONE police station and can be contacted on 07772 226032.

## East Street v West Street Cricket Match – A Result!

After a wash out in 2005 and a pair's game last year, it was great to get two 13 a-side teams together and complete a match uninterrupted by weather. Both sides were a mixture of youth and experience and, as a very welcome change, we had four members of the fairer sex playing, a doubling of the highest representation to date! West Street batted first and set a reasonable total of 127 for 12 with the most notable contributions coming from Alex Newman and Tim Forster. Wicket takers for East Street were Dan (4), George Moss (3) Matthew Connell (2) with John, Julie and Hugo St John picking up one each.

East Street looked in control as they set off at a furious rate with George Moss and Rowan Connell both not out on 27 and 30 respectively. The run chase then slowed and in spite of 27 runs being scored by John, Julie and Brad Heasman on their first appearance, East Street eventually ran out of overs with the score on 122 for 7. This was thanks to some very controlled bowling by Alex Newman (2 for 4), Marcus Newman (1 for 9) and Billy Townsend (1 for 4) - all bowling 3 overs each. At economy rates not seen in the Twenty20 World Cup!

Once again major votes of thanks to John and Lynn for making us so welcome and for preparing a pitch and outfield in such good condition, to Andrea Forster and all those who worked to provide such an excellent tea and to Edward Connell who looked after the score board so diligently.

Finally thanks to all who played; if you enjoyed it, please look out for next year's match date and put it in your diaries and then don't be shy of calling to put your names down – to play, umpire, score or be involved in any way!

*James Forster*

**Crack down on Speed** Police are vowing to crack down on motorists who speed through rural villages and are setting up mobile speed traps in some areas. Drivers are advised to stick to the speed limit or they could face a fine of £60 and 3 points on their licence.

## Back to Church Sunday in Hunton

In support of a national initiative to help anyone who may not have attended a church service for some time, many Kent churches are organising a back to church service at the end of September.

Hunton has decided on a slight delay. Our Back to Church Service at St Mary's Church, Hunton will be held on Sunday 7th October, starting at 11 am, allowing it to be combined with Harvest Festival. This will appeal to all age groups and provides a chance to sing traditional hymns and reflect.

Already some invitations have been given to friends, who are prayed for by the person they have invited. Everybody is very welcome to enjoy this service in the decorated church.

*Anke Way*

### Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Clerk to Parish Council: David Swan	814445
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Village Hall Booking: Jane Crane	820127
Pre-School Supervisor: Nicola Julier	07972067110	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Associate Rector: Revd Ruth Bierbaum	743866*	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
also: Revd David Jones	741474*	Organist: Philip Moore	749356
		PCSO Hannah Percival	07772226032

\*not available on Fridays \*\*not available on Mondays

### Dates for Diaries:

Saturday 8th October 7.45 - 8.45am bulky refuse freighter, Hunton Village Hall carpark.

*All items for the November issue to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th October, please*

## Rich or Poor?

I've just finished reading a letter from an unnamed Turkish Christian. It is printed in the latest *Christian Solidarity Worldwide* magazine - a sort of Christian version of Amnesty International.

There are only about 2000 Christians in Turkey, in a population of 75 million. The writer tells of how very difficult it is to be in such a minority, and asks the challenging question of the rest of the church: "Brother, where are you in the hour of our distress?".

It reminds me of how privileged we are to have freedom to worship Jesus Christ without fear in this country, and how important is the fellowship we share, particularly when we meet together.

Around 70% of people in this country call themselves Christian. Maybe you are one of them. Yet fewer than 10% of us come together to worship God on a weekly basis.

Is that why, I wonder, the persecuted church feels forgotten by their brothers and sisters in the rest of the world?

Is it that those of us who are free to worship without fear, forget to worship at all?

It is that we have forgotten that God wants to be at the centre of our lives and not just an add on for when we need help?

Is it that when we fail to put God in his rightful place in our lives, we also forget about his people - our spiritual family?

Is it that we, who seem to be rich, are more spiritually desperate than those who cry to us for help?

Could it be that this letter from Turkey is a wake-up call to Christians in the "free-world" to come back to the heart of worship in Jesus, who was persecuted because he held you at the centre of his heart?

If you have been away from the fellowship of the church for a while, why not take the opportunity this autumn to come back. You'd be welcome at any of our services. We can arrange a lift if you let us know your need. Or if you prefer, why not try a fellowship group? If you can't get out, you could call us to ask for a visit or home communion.

Our fellowship is precious. In it we all become rich.

Yours in faith, Ruth

## Flower Arranging

If you are interested in learning something about Flower Arranging, and having some fun, come along and join a very friendly group. The Winter Term will start on the 13<sup>th</sup> November and will run for 5 weeks.

Following on from the successful day last year, there will be a "Christmas Wreath" making session on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00am and 12.00pm. For more details, contact Jackie on 01622 753053.

## Don't Buy Your 2007 Christmas Cards

*until you've seen the cards produced for St Nicholas Church, Linton!*

Ve Gibbard has produced a range of Christmas cards in aid of St Nicholas Church, Linton. There are 6 different packs of 5 cards with views of the area surrounding Linton and flowers in the Church, a greeting, and acknowledgment that the proceeds will go to St Nicholas Church.

The cost per pack will be £2.50 including envelopes. We shall be pleased to meet your individual requirements with regard to the greeting on the card. Samples of the cards are displayed in St Nicholas Church and the Bull Inn, Linton. Alternatively, to see samples and to order your Christmas Cards, please contact Kath Cooper 01622 741494, email: cooperkathryn@btopenworld.com.

## Hunton Bowls Club

It has been another successful season for the bowls club. Hunton 'B' mixed team has been promoted to Division 2 in the Weald League and Hunton 'B' gained promotion to Division 5 in the Maidstone Men's Triples.

The sun shone for the Finals Day competitions on 25 August, organised by Arthur Bryan. The winners were Alwyn Chapman and John Jefferis (Medcalf Doubles), John Apsey (Vi Phippen Trophy), Roz Apsey (Joe Keeping Shield), David Holt (Hubble Cup), Ron Hickman (Hunton Challenge), Pam Thomas (Gouge Trophy), Alwyn Chapman (Crystal Cup). The triples champions are Hilda Prudence, Pam Thomas and Laurie Thomas.

*Margaret Carpenter*

## Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 13th October 2007 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone

Conductor Brian Wright

The programme consists of three works

Elgar/Payne - Pomp & Circumstance March No.6

Sibelius - Violin Concerto, Soloist Jennifer Pike.

Elgar - Symphony No.2.

Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392.

**Hunton Village Hall**  
**Cat Weatherill presents Mermaid**  
**Shimmering Tales from Beneath the Waves**

Mermaid is a promise of pleasure: sea kissed stories, enticingly told with music and song.

So what are you waiting for? Come on in the water's lovely....

'She is beautiful: shining and bursting with life' The Times

The show is intended for adults, but older children 12+ are welcome

**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

Tickets Adults £7.00 Children £4.00 For Tickets phone 820683 or 820127

*Licensed bar and refreshments available*



## **Hunton Club Book Group - August Book Review**

### **The Glass Palace by Amitav Ghosh**

A stately and vibrantly detailed family saga set in south-central Asia against the tumultuous backdrop of the 20th century. *The Glass Palace* is the story of Rajkumar, an Indian shop boy orphaned in Mandalay, who, on the eve of the 1885 British invasion, falls in love with Dolly, a handmaiden to the Queen of Burma. The conquering British send Burma's King Thebaw and his loyal court, including the young handmaiden, into exile in remote India. Rajkumar, left behind in Burma, is adept at working the new colonial system, and he manages to build a thriving lumber business in the growing teak trade.

Years later, elegantly dressed in English clothes, Rajkumar sets off to India to find Dolly. The long years in exile have devastated the royal family, leaving Dolly as their only servant. Through the wiles of the colonial administrator's wife, Uma Dey, Rajkumar wins an audience with Dolly and convinces her to return to Burma and marry him. She agrees, and shortly after her departure everything falls apart. The royal family is embroiled in scandal, the administrator commits suicide, and Uma, grieving more over the absence of her dear friend Dolly than over her husband's death, eschews the traditional life of an Indian widow and goes abroad, where she becomes a revered leader of India's burgeoning independence movement. This is only the beginning. The story of Uma, Dolly, Rajkumar and their children, nieces, and nephews takes us from the rubber boom of the industrial age to the front lines of World War II, from India's struggle for independence to Burma's fall and its transformation into Myanmar under a military dictatorship.

The draw of distant and lush lands, of the rubber plantations of Malaysia, the teak forests of Burma, the bustling city streets of Rangoon and Singapore, bearing witness to the demise of the Burmese monarchy and the rise and fall of the British empire, these were the historical events that enticed us into wanting to read this book. The reality of the novel surprised some of us and we were left feeling just a little disappointed. The characters were one-dimensional, there were too many names to recall, the military sections dull and we became bored with the detailed description of each and every car that any member of the family drove! Most of us finished the book but some members didn't. We felt that some chapters were really exciting and encouraged us to read on, then we'd move onto a section that would cut our interest. Somehow the promise was not quite met. Although one or two of us gave high scores, the majority didn't which gave us a score of 7 out of 10.

Our book for September is *The Sixth Lamentation* by William Broderick.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's is on Sunday October 7th at 11.00 am. This year we plan to hold a Harvest 'carol' Service - the idea being to sing as many harvest hymns as possible, with readings and prayers and a short talk. Why not come and join us in the service of 'Thanksgiving'?

*David*

## **Out and Out**

### **Topiary**

Topiary is probably the best fun you can have in the garden with a pair of clippers in your hands. The art of clipping shrubs into controlled shapes dates back to Ancient Egypt and appears throughout gardening history as the mainstay of formal gardens and the anchor for informal gardens. Today topiary is ideal for use in smaller gardens when not only the shape but the size of the plant can be determined.

Box is probably the best plant to use for a first foray into this art, its small leaves and dense growth are ideal as is its ability to recover from close clipping. Yew is also good but is best used for a larger feature.

Simple geometric shapes are easiest to start with, then as you get more confident a cone could be converted to a spiral or a ball into a chicken. Clipping need only be done twice annually and even this task is described as pleasurable and highly satisfying by those who have had the fun of creating their own topiary sculpture.

*Christine McSweeney*

## At St Mary's Church in October

Notices	Services
<b>Brass Cleaning:</b> Ruth Porter <b>Flowers:</b> 7th October All helpers 14th October All helpers 21st October Mrs Ellman-Brown 28th October Mrs Ellman-Brown  <b>Hunton Sunday Club</b> We meet on October 21st at Scott's House, West Street from 5.15pm until 6.45pm. This club is open to all children of primary school age living in the Village or attending school in the Village and has a Christian focus through fun activities. We meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are interested in coming please contact David Jones 741474.	<b>Sunday 7th October - Trinity 18</b> 11.00am Harvest Family Service <span style="float: right;">Revd David Jones</span> <span style="float: right;">Reading: At the preacher's discretion</span>  <b>Sunday 14th October - Trinity 19</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <span style="float: right;">Revd Peter Walker</span> <span style="float: right;">Readings: Jeremiah 29 v1 &amp; 4-7, 2 Timothy 2 v8-15 and Luke 17 v11-19</span>  <b>Sunday 21st October - Trinity 20</b> 11.00am Morning Prayer <span style="float: right;">Revd Pete Walker</span> <span style="float: right;">Readings: Jeremiah 31 v27-34, 2 Timothy 3 v14 to 4 v5 and Luke 18 v1 to 8</span>  <b>Sunday 28th October - Trinity 21</b> 9.15am Holy Communion <span style="float: right;">Revd David Jones</span> <span style="float: right;">Readings: Jeremiah 14 v7-10 &amp; 19-22, 2 Timothy 4 v6-8 &amp; 16-18 and Luke 18 v9-14</span>

### 5p Men's Group

The group is a benefice group with an outreach aim and open to all men and their friends. Please support it if you can.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Men's Breakfast** Hunton Village Hall  
8.15 to 10 am please invite your friends

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Curling event** at Fenton's Rink near Tunbridge Wells - 8 pm No experience needed and great fun  
24 places available £16 (inclusive of shoe hire/instruction etc.)  
Mike Marsh, Organiser 5p Men's Group, Tel 01622 745702 or e-mail mmarsh@talktalk.net

### Service for the Bereaved

On November 4th at 3pm in the Ancient Parish Church of East Farleigh there will be a service for all who have been bereaved. Names of those who have had their funeral service taken in the Benefice over the past couple of years will be read out; hymns sung; prayers said and the promise of God pondered, and candles lit. Please do feel welcome to come, whether your bereavement was decades ago or more recent.

### Amazing Grace

As part of our marking of the 200 years since the abolition of the Transatlantic slave trade, Holy Trinity, Coxheath will be showing the film Amazing Grace. You have 2 opportunities to see it.

Sunday 21st October 3.30pm

Saturday 17th November 7pm

On both occasions there will be an opportunity to purchase Fair-trade products.

The price of the evening is £1.50, and any other donations will go towards the current campaign to stop modern day slavery. Bring a cushion!

### A Walk on the Wild Side

October will see the start of another of our mini-Bible study series.

All are welcome to join in, either on the first 4 Monday nights in October at "Iona" on Linton Hill, (next to the Village Hall), or on the first 4 Tuesday nights at The Barn on Shingle Barn Lane. Each starting 7.45pm for 8pm.

We will be using a new DVD series presented by Jeff Lucas, well-known for his wit and wisdom. A Walk on the Wild Side is based on the life of Jonah. It shows God as passionate for His people, looks at how we can partner with Him in mission, and shows that He can be trusted even when we don't understand.

<i>October</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>28th</i>
Coxheath	11.00 Harvest	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	9.15 HC 13.00 Baptism 18.00 Harvest Evensong	8.00 HC (bcp) 10.30 MP	11.00 FS and Scouts	8.00 HC (bcp) 10.30 MP
Linton	9.15 HC	8.00 HC 11.00 Harvest	9.15 HC	9.15 HC
W. Farleigh	8.00 HC 11.00 SW at White House	11.00 Harvest	9.15 HC	11.00 MP
HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word APCM Annual Parish Council Meeting				