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Last Chance to Catch the Train!

Sunday 14th September 2008 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Wayside, Hunton

For Tea and Trains. Tickets to be purchased in advance

Adults £10, Children £6 or Family Ticket for 2 Adults & 2 Children for £30.

Tickets from: Sue Martin 01622 746125

By kind permission of Sue and Lawrence Martin.

All Proceeds to Friends of St Mary's Church, Hunton.

Sponsored Ride and Walk

There is still time to get on your bike or walk for friends of Kent Churches, or to sponsor someone.

Saturday 13th September 2008 10.00am-6pm, bicycle or walk around Kent Churches.

Sponsorship money raised will be divided equally between the friends of Kent Churches and the Church or Chapel of your choice. Event Coordinator is Alison Ellman-Brown, for sponsor forms contact her on: 01622 820288.

Mothers' Union learn about the origins of 'Spadework'



Ten Members of the Mothers' Union plus friends enjoyed a visit to Spadework in Offham, West Malling on a hot summer day in July. We were welcomed and given a talk about how Spadework began; established by parents to provide training for their young adults with learning disabilities. The charity has grown and offers trainees opportunities in horticulture, catering, computing and woodwork. We had a tour round the site, meeting the trainees and visiting the plant nursery/glasshouses.

We then enjoyed a delicious 2 course lunch in the Tastebuds Café, where we were served by the friendly trainees. Afterwards we had an opportunity to buy plants, or just to sit, enjoying the afternoon sun in the grounds, before having

an afternoon cuppa and returning home.

It was a very enjoyable visit and well worth returning to. For more information on the work of the charity see www.spadework.net, or take a visit yourself and enjoy lunch or tea in the Tastebuds Café, in so doing you will be supporting the valuable work of the charity in helping these young adults acquire skills to equip them for life in the community.

For more information about Mothers' Union see www.themothersunion.org or contact Lesley Marsh Tel. 01622 745702. All our meetings are open.

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Clerk to Parish Council: Vikki Stancombe	842782
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 David Jones	741474*	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
		Organist: Philip Moore	749356
		PCSO Hannah Percival	07772226032

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Dates for Diaries:

Saturday 13th September, Sponsored Ride and Walk, 10am-6pm
 Sunday 14th September, All Aboard Tea and Train, 2-5pm, Wayside, Hunton
 Tuesday 16th September, Flower Arranging Course, 1-3pm, Hunton Village Hall
 Saturday 27th September, Freight Service, 7.45-8.30am, Hunton Village Hall
 Sunday 28th September, Back to Church Sunday, 9.15am, St Mary's Church, Hunton
 Thursday 2nd October, Autumn York Course, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Wardes Moat, Yalding
 Friday 3rd October, Harvest Barn Dance, 7.30pm-10.30pm, Coxheath Village Hall
 Saturday 18th October, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm, Mote Hall Maidstone

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman

- Roger Sawtell 820731

Clerk to the Parish Council

- Vikki Stancombe 842782

Cllr Les Leonard 820858

Cllr Moira Walter 745765

Cllr Gary Thomas 820691

Cllr David Heaton 820678

All items for the October edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th September, please

Dear Friends,

What would your last prayer be?

I recently read about Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer, who formulated the first modern theory of the solar system and proved that the sun, rather than the earth, is its centre. His teachings are looked upon as the starting point of modern astronomy.

Added to this, Copernicus was a mathematician, jurist, physician, diplomat, governor, and much more!

I recently asked a scientist his view on God. It was a case of 'I'm not really sure that I believe there is a God'.

There are many scientists who have a strong Christian belief and see no conflict with their scientific studies and belief in God come in the person of Jesus Christ.

Copernicus knew that he was a child of God who had learned to walk with his Saviour, Jesus of Nazareth, and also how he recognised his place before a mighty God.

History books tell us that, at the end of his life, Copernicus had asked for the following prayer to be written on his gravestone:

'O Lord, the faith Thou didst give to St. Paul, I cannot ask; the mercy Thou didst show to St. Peter, I dare not ask; but Lord, the grace Thou didst show unto the dying thief, that, Lord show to me'

What a great prayer! It shows the character of a man who was able to understand the greatness of the God of the universe while realising the insignificance of man.

Today, we see many who believe in the greatness of man while wondering at the significance of God.

As Christians our prayer should be that many the world over will recognise the greatness of our God and the hopelessness and helplessness without Him, and with Copernicus, pray for God's grace in their lives, and indeed in our own!

Peter Walker

Yeshua Messiah!

'Yeshua Messiah' is a new musical written by the award-winning husband and wife team of Roy and Jenny Etherton. Their musicals have been performed in Israel, the United States and New Zealand as well as in London and their local area. Yeshua Messiah is their 20th musical.

As part of the Hope 2008 initiative, a team of approximately 100 people from many different churches has been brought together to present a musical with a clear Gospel challenge and a Biblical insight into events to come.

The team consists of a choir of over 60 people, actors, dancers and narrator. There will be high quality music and stunning audio-visual effects.

Yeshua Messiah has at its core the Cross and Resurrection of Christ and His return to the city of Jerusalem as Messiah.

The central character is a real life surgeon who carefully draws parallels between medical and spiritual truths and introduces a number of characters on the way.

This is an evening not to be missed. It is an opportunity to bring guests along to hear the Gospel and also stimulate Christians to think about what they really believe concerning future events.

'YESHUA MESSIAH!'

at

Tonbridge Baptist Church, October 3rd and 4th

Christchurch, Tunbridge Wells October 10th

St Luke's, Maidstone October 11th

St Andrew's, Paddock Wood November 1st

All performances at 8 p.m.

Free admission Retiring offering

For further info: 01732 364517 or log on to: hopeintonbridge.org

A Tonbridge Christian Arts Group/Absolute Gospel Production

Applause Event - 'Make Do and Mend'

As part of Applause Rural Touring Autumn programme Ragroof Theatre presents 'Make Do and Mend' on Saturday 22 November at Hunton Village Hall (evening - time TBC).

A suitable for all ages show originally inspired by the Ragroof 'Button Museum', a growing interactive collection of donated and found buttons and their associated stories. www.ragrooftheatre.co.uk

Please make a note in your diaries. Further details to follow.

Alan Bishop

Flower Arranging

If you are interested in learning something about Flower Arranging, and having some fun, come along and join a very friendly group.

Following on from the successful series of lessons last year there will be a new course starting in September.

The course will run on Tuesdays, in term time, at the Hunton Village Hall from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Start date Tuesday 16th September.

The course runs for 5 weeks and costs £35.00.

The Winter term will start on the 28th October and again will run for 5 weeks.

Following on from the successful day last year, there will be a "Christmas Wreath" making session on Saturday 13th December between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

For more details on all the Flower Arranging activities, contact Jackie on 01622 753053.

Harvest Barn Dance

Holy Trinity Church Coxheath are holding a
Harvest Barn Dance on Friday 3rd October 2008

at Coxheath Village Hall, Stockett Lane

From 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm.

Music and dancing to The Springer Sisters Band

Tickets £8 to include Ploughman's Supper

(Under 12s free)

Please bring your own drink and glasses

Police Surgeries

20th September 10am - 2pm

Surgery at Yalding Farmers Market

18th October 2008 10am - 2pm

Surgery at Yalding Farmers Market

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Conductor Brian Wright will perform on Saturday 18th October 2008 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone.

The programme consists of three works

- Dukas - The Sorcerer's Apprentice
- Schumann - Piano Concerto, Soloist Llyr Williams
- Vaughan Williams - Job (A Masque for Dancing).

The famed exploits of Dukas's young Sorcerer make a popular prelude to a Welsh keyboard wizard, Llyr Williams, playing Schumann's delightful Piano Concerto. Marking the Vaughan Williams anniversary in 2008, we've then a rare concert airing for one of his finest works, Job, magnificently inspired by William Blake's illustrations.

Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392 for five concerts at £44, £64, and £80. Students £20. Half price for new subscribers.

Single tickets are £12, £16 and £21, seats for children or students with a Student card £5, available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Maidstone Leisure Centre Mote Hall Box office on 0845 1552277 when payment can be made by credit card.

This concert is sponsored by "The Friends of Maidstone Orchestral Society."

Out and Out Cobnuts

Cobnuts are the fruit of *Corylus avellana*, the Common Hazel, which is still found growing wild in hedgerows, copses and woodland in Hunton. However, the name is also used for filberts which come from *Corylus maxima*, an introduced plant from south-east Europe. In the 19th century both species were selected and often hybridised. They can be told apart by the nut - Hazel has the involucre, or husk, just around the base of the nut whilst the filbert is completely enclosed. Squirrels, Dormice and Jays love them, as do Great Spotted woodpeckers. In August and September, our local bird takes the nuts from the tree and flies onto a nearby wooden telegraph pole where it wedges it into a long crack and then hammers the nut open in the manner of North American woodpeckers.

Cobnut production in Kent declined after 1918 in the face of imports, and by 1990 only around 3% of the original acreage remained and most of this in a state of neglect. Three-quarters of world production comes from Turkey. There has been recent interest in restoring Kent production (see www.kentishcobnutsassociation.org.uk). I know of only one plant remaining in Hunton.

David Newman

At St Mary's Church in September

Notices	Services
Brass Cleaning: Marian Weston and Lorraine Redfarn	Sunday 7th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Family Service Revd Peter Walker Readings - Preachers choice
Family Service Coffee Rota: 7th September - Andrews Family	Sunday 14th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity Patronal Evensong Revd David Jones/ Revd Peter Walker Readings: Special
Flowers 7 th September Mrs McLoughlin 14 th September Mrs McLoughlin 21 st September Mrs.Ellman-Brown 28 th September Mrs Ellman-Brown	Sunday 21st September - 18th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 Morning Prayer (bcp) Mr D Barnes Proverbs 13-18 and Matthew 9: 9-13
Hunton Sunday Club A club for all children who live in Hunton and are of primary school age, meets again after the summer break on Sunday September 21st at the Gudgeon Farm House, West Street, from 5.15 pm. 6.45 p.m. Please give David a ring on 741474 or email david_w_jones@talk21.com for further details.	Sunday 28th September - 19th Sunday after Trinity 9.15am Holy Communion Revd Peter Walker Philippians 1: 21-30 and Matthew 20:1-16
	Sunday 5th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Harvest Revd Peter Walker Readings: Preachers choice

Bloopers and Bloomers

- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight watchers will meet at 7pm at the first Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance
- The associate Minister unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped my pledge - Up Yours".

Autumn York Course

(content in August Magazine)

The start date for this - "Faith in the Fire" - has been changed to Thursday 2nd October (enquiries 820551).

Joy McLoughlin.



Ruth's farewell service

Back to Church Sunday in Hunton

This nationwide initiative recurs for the second year in Hunton on Sunday 28th September.

Our Parish church, St Mary's, is participating again. Whether you have been a churchgoer in the past (even long ago) or not, there will be a special welcome for you at 9.15 am, from the congregation as well as the Rector, The Rev. Peter Walker.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Septembert	7th	14th	21st	28th	5th October
Coxheath	11.00 HC	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS HC	11.00 Harvest
E. Farleigh	9.15 HC	8.00 HC 10.30 MP	11.00 FS	8.00 HC 10.30 MP	9.15 HC
Linton	9.15 HC	8.00 HC (bcp) 11.00 FS	9.15 HC	9.15 HC	9.15 HC 3.00pm Baptism
W. Farleigh	8.00 HC	11.00 MP	9.15 HC	11.00 MP	8.00 HC

HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service,
SW: Service of Word

APCM Annual Parish Council Meeting