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Linton Garden Gala

Ten months of hard work finally paid off when the sun came out only a couple of hours before the Garden Gala began, and we had 4 hours of perfect weather! We had all spent the previous week watching weather predictions with trepidation and awoke on Sunday morning to a torrential rain storm. For us that was the most traumatic time, but it has been a great experience organizing the Gala and we have so many people to thank. First, all who opened their gardens, not a thing to be undertaken lightly! It has been wonderful to see the way everyone put body and soul (and not a little expense) into making their gardens look stunning and for the welcome given to complete strangers. Thank you also to the allotment holders who worked so hard to create a pleasing and interesting area. Radio Kent's Andy Garland was very impressed!

Second, an army of about a hundred helpers, before, during and after the Garden Gala, without whom this event could not have succeeded: Garden, car park and church stewards, ticket sellers, those who erected tents and signboards, coaxed shop owners to display posters, fetched, carried, loaded, dismantled and cleared away, those who served teas, washed up and produced a mountain of cakes and scones. And those who over many months produced and nurtured vast numbers of pot plants, and sold them on the day. Thanks too, to those who produced handmade cards and knitted goods for sale. I am sure an essential task will have been missed in this list—so a very special thank you to you!

We can be justly proud that almost 600 visitors enjoyed a very happy afternoon, which has been evident from so many comments received. Our village is well and truly on the map as a beautiful, welcoming village with a thriving community spirit! Finally! All your efforts raised a total of £4,660.09, which will be used to help with the day to day expenses of our lovely Church of St Nicholas. With our grateful thanks to you all, *Paul and Kath Cooper*

Friends of
St Mary's



BBQ BAR AND BAND

HUNTON COURT

(By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Demaraise)

Sunday 19th July 2009 from 2:30pm

Admission: Adults £10 Children (under16) £6

FAMILY TICKET £25

Tickets available from: 820678 / 820220 / 820731

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

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Dates for Diaries:

Sunday 5th July, Rubbish Freighter, Village Hall car park 2.15pm-3.00pm
 Friday 10th July 2pm Bridge Afternoon with Afternoon Tea Hunton Village Hall
 Thursday 16th & Friday 17th July 10.00am-3.30pm Charity Flower Workshops with Lunch, Yalding
 Sunday 19th July from 2.30pm BBQ and Band at Hunton Court
 Sunday 9th August Train Event in Hunton
 Sunday 30th August from 2.15-3.00 pm Rubbish Freighter in the Village Hall Car Park
 Saturday 3rd October at 2.30 pm The John Briggs Memorial Lecture in the Village Hall
 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, Flower Festival Hunton Village Church

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
Cllr Keith Eatwell	745569
Cllr Ron Porter	820220

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

Dear All

I listen to the radio a great deal either first thing in the morning or when driving. Classic FM is my favourite channel but a magazine or discussion programmes are a very close second. The other day I heard that the cuckoo was now an endangered species brought about by a series of events and happenings that were coming together to cause the numbers of these birds in our country to decline. It was not one factor alone that was causing the problem. In life that is often one of the lessons that needs to be learnt. There is often no one cause or solution to a problem.

I am writing this letter before the results of the election in June and certainly before the effects of those elections will be felt. We all look with anticipation to changes at elections, yet so often the expectation is greater than the actual result and this may in part be because there is no one thing that brings about change. but a series and other things needs to happen before a real change takes place.

Jesus knew this, as I suspect all of us do, yet he faced the issue head on. He said that change can only come about when it is a total change. Tinkering about with things doesn't bring about the change that is required. Jesus said 'Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.' (Matthew 7 v 13). He goes on to try to encourage us not to take the easy options but to look for the right way. That way is not always obvious and is narrow (v14).

I believe that as we have been drawn away from God's way in our lives, the way of truth, love and mercy, so we have found that no changes that we try to make brings any real change. Jesus calls for a total change. He asks us to put our trust in him and the Way, The Truth and the Life that leads to life in all its fullness. You don't vote for that way! You simply seek it through faith in the one who created and goes on creating wonderful relations in the world that God longs for us to live in.

Have a wonderful summer and remember the sun shines on the just and the unjust alike! Jesus wants us all to know his love and warmth in our lives.

David

Out and Out Beautiful Baddy

Most garden pests easily inspire disgust, think of slugs and snails or black fly encrusting tender stems and sucking sap. There is however a relatively new pest which may cause the gardener's crushing fingers to hesitate a while. With iridescent pyjama stripes of red, green and gold on its wing cases the Rosemary Beetle is most definitely beautiful. A little larger than the ladybird, this pest feeds on rosemary leaves but also lavender, sage and perovskia. There are chemicals which would see off this bug but choose carefully if you intend to use the leaves in cooking. A more fitting solution may be to resurrect the Victorian fashion for embroidering with beetle wings to capture their iridescence on fabric. Think of the famous Beetle wing dress worn by Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth and captured in a portrait by John Singer Sargent. Are there any embroiderers out there who might know the process and would like a few beetles?

Christine McSweeney

Dulcibella King-Hall

One of Hunton's former residents, still known by some, died on Trinity Sunday aged 107.

Dulcibella was well known for her individualistic approach to life and was much loved by the staff at the Halliwell nursing home in Tunbridge Wells for her sharp mind, great sense of humour and love of fast cars. She consistently visited the family grave in the old churchyard where her grandfather, The Reverend John Hall, Rector of Hunton from 1865 until his death in 1892, and other family members are buried. Some parishioners will recall her last attendance at a church service in St Mary's at 9.15 am, on her 102nd birthday, which concluded with a 'country spin' in a new Porsche sports car back to Tunbridge Wells and lunch with the Mayor.

Her love of high speed cars never faded. To celebrate her 107th birthday, in late March this year, she went to Brands Hatch. Here the managing director of BMW Ltd UK had personally arranged for her to be driven round the race course in the latest BMW Mach 3 sports car at 108mph. A model of it will be attached to her coffin at her burial. Nobody need be surprised that she has left strict instructions for the funeral directors that on no account must the hearse be allowed to travel at the customary 12 m.p.h.

Midsummer Music

Maidstone United Reformed Church, Week Street. Church open from 12.30p.m. Music begins at 1.00p.m.

July

1st	<i>Sue Greenham and Piano Pupils</i>	
8th	<i>Maidstone Grammar School Students</i>	
15th	<i>Trevor Brearley</i>	Organ
22nd	<i>Brian White</i>	Bass Baritone
	<i>Peter Willsher</i>	Piano
29th	<i>Richard Kent</i>	Tenor
	<i>Hannah Fox</i>	Soprano

August

5th	<i>Judith Buckle</i>	Mezzo Soprano
	<i>Matthew Craven</i>	Baritone
	<i>Admission Free</i>	<i>Coffee Available</i>
	<i>Retiring Collection for The Heart of Kent Hospice</i>	

Hunton School News

Guinness Book of Records!!

Hunton School took part in the skipping challenge - here is the official email received after the event:

'Adventure Ltd would just like to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who took part in the skipping! We have smashed the current record of 7,632 by getting over 18,896 skippers skipping.

Official confirmation from Guinness will take a number of weeks but unofficially 'we've done it!!' so well done!

Brick making by Lower School

Lower School had a wonderful trip to Bore Place where they saw for themselves how bricks are made. The children made their own bricks which are now being fired and will be back in school soon.

New Year R Children

Our new Reception children for September came for their first visit. We have a full class for September and we are looking forward to them having their own large classroom and outdoor area.

The Storm Project

The children were shown a video of a storm that happened in America in 2005. They were asked to imagine that a similar storm was forecast for Kent and the school would be used as a shelter for us and our families. We had to see what was dangerous on the school grounds (such as the big oak tree and the pergola) and decide what would need to be moved to make it safe. Then we thought about how many people and pets would come to the school and how we would use each room in the school. We would use the hall for sleeping, Reception's classroom for eating, Upper School for the pets, Middle School as an entertainment area, Lower School as a play room for the younger children, and the staffroom as a first aid room. We have counted how many sleeping bags and pillows we would need, and we have designed a menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We have planned an entertainment programme and decided what we would need in an emergency box.

Global Awareness Week

Once again we will be having our annual Global Awareness week which has been organised in conjunction with our Vice Chair of Governors. This year we are going to be focusing on the similarities between ourselves and other people with a focus on our partner school in Malawi. This will include considering the similarities in our values towards our families and friends, leisure pursuits and the value we put on our earth as a resource. In June we invited a musician to work with the children to produce a song about our culture, which was recorded and sent to Malawi; we are hoping they will reciprocate. We also had the planetarium which came to the school and considered the earth as a precious resource. We had a 'how low can you go?' day when we look at our normal energy consumption and how far we can reduce it for one day. The highlight of the week was a whole school trip to Bore Place where the children worked with a range of people considering all the above themes.

Class room update

The new building becomes ours!!! The Upper School furniture will be moved on Friday 19th June,

Oliver!!

This summer we will once again be staging an end of year production. The production is based on the musical Oliver, which fits in with their learning earlier this year of Victorian childhood and poverty. All children are involved and we will, after our global awareness week, be busy practising ready for the two performances in July.

Charity Flower Workshops with Lunch

At 2 Oast Court, Yalding, Thursday 16 & Friday 17 July, 10.00am- 3.30pm

Learn how to make, wrap and take home a gorgeous hand-tied bouquet and a fabulous table arrangement.

Flowers, foliage and other materials will be supplied.

Enjoy morning coffee, a scrumptious lunch with wine and afternoon tea.

Proceeds will go to the Heart of Kent Hospice.

Kent florist Caroline Grimble will be trekking along the Great Wall of China to raise money for the hospice where her mother, Hazel, recently passed away.

Book soon as places are limited to 15 per day, Tickets £50, Available by phoning Caroline, 07979803174 or Karen Martin, 01622 814444 www.carolinegrimbleflowers.co.uk. email: carolinegrimbleuk@hotmail.com

Bridge Afternoon

Friday 10th July 2009, 2pm, Hunton Village Hall, Afternoon Tea provided, £6 per person

Raising funds for the Hunton Flower Festival (2-4th October 2009)

Please bring your own table and cards. Chicago score cards will be provided and you will remain at your own tables

To book a table please contact:

Michele Kirkdale, Downs Cottage, Shingle Barn Lane, West Farleigh ME15 0PL, Tel 01622 820297

At St Mary's Church in July

Notices	Services
Coffee Rota 2 nd August – Mary Johns and Anke Way Brass Cleaning July- Sandra Bullivant and Ruth Porter Flower Rota July 5 th Mrs Oliver and Mrs Lawrence July 12 th 14 th Mrs Oliver and Mrs Lawrence July 19 th Mrs Johns, Mrs Gurr and Mrs McLaughlin (Wedding) July 26 th 28 th Mrs Johns and Mrs Gurr Aug 2 nd Mrs Pinks Hunton Sunday Club will meet for their last meeting before the summer on Sunday 19 th from 5.15pm until 5.45pm at Durrants Farm House, West Street for our annual 'swim in the pool'. We've only postponed one in the last 5 years so I hope that the sun shines for weeks before to heat the water and then on the day to keep us warm. Remember Hunton Sunday Club is open to all children of primary school age living or attending school in Hunton. Contact David Jones 741474 for further details	Sunday 5th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Family Service <div style="text-align: right;">Revd David Jones Readings: Preachers Choice</div> Sunday 12th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity 9.30 Holy Communion <div style="text-align: right;">Revd David Jones Readings: Ephesians 1 v 3-14 and Mark 6 v 14-29</div> Sunday 19th – 6th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Morning Prayer <div style="text-align: right;">Revd Peter Walker Readings: Jeremiah 23 v 1-6 and Mark 6 v 30 – 34 & 53-56</div> Sunday 26th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity 09.30 Holy Communion <div style="text-align: right;">Revd David Jones Readings: Ephesians 3 v 14-21 and John 6 v 1-21</div> Sunday 2nd August – 8th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Family Service – <div style="text-align: right;">Readings: Preachers Choice</div>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MAIDSTONE

FORUM MEETINGS 2009

Wednesday July 8th at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start at **Allington Baptist Church**, London Road, Maidstone

Hospital Chaplaincy - The speaker will be the Rev'd Stuart Piper who is the Lead Chaplain for the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospital Trust. Stuart has experience with Hospice chaplaincy work and has been Lead Chaplain at Maidstone since January 2008. He leads a team of chaplains across the Trust and also a large team of chaplaincy volunteers from churches in Maidstone.

For further details of all these services/meeting please contact Rev David Jones (Chairman of Churches Together in Maidstone) on 01622 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com



Those of you who would like to be Confirmed this year please contact Rev'd. Peter Walker at Coxheath Rectory - Tel: 747570. Already there are 3 adult candidates. No upper age limit!

Church Pews – Pitch Pine 12ft long one end only – 4 right ended and 4 left ended for sale at £25.00 each (offers accepted) Ready to collect from mid July from Holy Trinity Coxheath. Contact David Jones 01622 741474 or email david_w_jones@talk21.com if interested.

Organ Recital St Faith's Church, Maidstone By Scott Farrell (Rochester Cathedral)

Saturday 4th July 2009 at 7.30 pm, Admission £5 at the door Including tea and coffee
 St Faith's is next to Brenchley Gardens a few yards south of Maidstone East Station

July	5th	12th	19th	26th	2nd August
Coxheath	11.00 HC	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	9.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	9.30 HC	08.00 HC 09.30 Matins	9.30 HC
Linton	9.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 MS	9.30 HC
W. Farleigh	8.00 HC	11.00 Matins	9.30 HC	11.00 Modern Matins	08.00 HC
HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word APCM Annual Parish Council Meeting					

For Weddings, Thanksgivings, and Baptisms, please contact Revd Peter Walker