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Planning for the Launch of the Questionnaire - 'Hunton Calling!!'

At our June meeting of the Parish Plan, the Events Working Group fed back on the success of the 'Ideas Night'. A small selection of comments are below; for the full list these can be found on the website at www.hunton.org.uk.

List of Good Points

- 1 Peaceful rural environment
- 2 Few people know where Hunton is
- 3 Peaceful
- 4 Beautiful peaceful location with a great community spirit
- 5 The people

List of Bad Points

- 1 Speeding traffic in West Street and East Street
- 2 Keep moaning/warning about speed on roads. We do not need lines or humps or red tarmac - keep village feel
- 3 Third World roads
- 4 Large lorries going through tight village roads
- 5 Level and type of traffic that is sometimes seen

List of Dreams

- 1 Village pub
- 2 Lots of 'get togethers'. For kids - youth club. For middle age - active interest groups getting together. For older age group - Active retirement club
- 3 Cycle routes away from roads
- 4 Tennis Courts
- 5 Village shop

The meeting focussed on our approach for the major event that will launch the questionnaire: 'Hunton Calling!!'. This is going to be a large village occasion, taking place on Saturday 18th September and will display a number of the clubs and services provided in Hunton. It is an opportunity for everyone to get to know all that goes on in the village and have some fun. More details will be revealed as we get closer to the date, suffice to say that we anticipate a lot of stalls and stands around our key village buildings with plenty of fun and activities.

Our next meeting is July 21st at the Village Club 8pm

Sue Heaton

Open Gardens with NGS

We had a very satisfying event early in June with the opening of four local gardens with the National Gardens Scheme. What started as a sunny and dry day turned at about 3 o'clock just as the gardens were full of visitors and the heavens opened. People retreated under their umbrellas or dived for shelter wherever it was to be had! This did not detract from the success of the day as we managed to raise a grand total of £965 on the gates and a further £285 from the superb teas to support the Friends of St Mary's.

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Clerk to Parish Council: Vikki Stancombe	842782
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking: Jane Crane	820127
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Associate Rector: Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Jo Watts/Gary Shaw	604392
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495		

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Dates for Diaries:

Thursday 8th July - Parish Council - Village Hall - 8pm
 Wednesday 21st July - Parish Plan Meeting Village Club 8pm
 Sunday 15th August, Freighter Service, 2.15pm-3pm, Village Hall car park
 Saturday 18th September - 'Hunton Calling!!'
 Friday 1st October- Applause Event 'Old Dance School' - Folk Group
 Saturday 9th October - Barn Dance - Village Hall
 Friday 3rd December - New Budapest Cafe Orchestra - With Chris Garrick

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman
 - Roger Sawtell 820731
Clerk to the Parish Council
 - Vikki Stancombe 842782
 Cllr Les Leonard 820858 Cllr David Heaton 820678
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 Cllr Gary Thomas 820691 Cllr Ron Porter 820220

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

Dear Friends,

I once saw a cartoon in which a parishioner is visiting his minister and says: 'I've got voice mail, e-mail, a pager, a fax machine and a mobile phone, so how come it takes God so long to answer my prayers?' (Befuddled look on minister's face).

The Evangelist J. John says about prayer: '*can we get to the position where we pray because of who God is rather than what God gives?*'

The call to prayer is never ending and yet so often it can be so difficult.

I recall when in training within a monastic community how going to chapel five times a day initially overwhelmed me! And yet as the years rolled on there came a rhythm about it which when I left and replaced it with a far less rigorous regime I felt I had lost something.

St. Benedict (5th century) stated that '*to pray is to work, and to work is to pray*'.

In other words one should look at life as one complete prayer to God; to offer to Him everything as an act of worship and praise. It is a hard thing to do, and yet in the Lord's Prayer we say: 'Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. To allow God's plan let loose in our lives. What a different world we would have if this were so!

The first disciples were at a loss when they believed Jesus had left them forever, and yet they were promised that He, Jesus, would never leave them, and so the Holy Spirit came to them to help them achieve all that God required. The same Spirit is with us now to help us in our prayers and to be the people God desires.

Praying is two-way traffic! God wants to speak to us as much as we to Him!

The thing is to not miss the answer coming towards us because we are too engrossed in telling or asking Him about the same thing, or we have moved on to some other subject.

The hymn 'Our blest Redeemer' has the lines: '*And His that gentle voice we hear, soft as the breath of even, that checks each fault, that calms each fear, and speaks of heaven*'.

We sometimes sing 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here'.

These words offer good advice. As J. John puts it: to be still to understand who God is; for then we can start to grasp even more how we relate to Him and He to us.

With prayers, PETER

Martin Harley Band

Forthcoming Applause event on Friday 3rd September is the Martin Harley Band! Save the date in your diaries - see next month for more details.

HUNTON CALLING!! - 'Images of Hunton Today' - Exhibition

As part of Hunton Calling!! on 18 September we are 'calling' on everyone in Hunton who has an interest in drawing, photography (film or digital) or any type of image making to celebrate with us all that is good in Hunton. You can choose from the following categories: 'People', 'Architecture', 'Landscape and Wildlife' and will be judged within the following age groups - Children (0-12 yrs), Young Adults (13-18 yrs) and Adults (19-100 yrs). Please put on the back of your entry your name, address and telephone number, category and title of your image and your age group and finally how you would like your entry returned to you (or not) after the exhibition. Please give your entry to Barbara Wright at Wealden Hall House, East Street by 1 September. The entries will be assessed by an independent judge and you could win a prize and your image may be used in Hunton publications. Barbara Wright

Friends of St. Mary's, Hunton

Many of you will be aware that sadly the Trustees had to take the decision to postpone our planned Barn Dance due to be held on the 26th June. This has been postponed until the 9th of October so please enter the date in your social diary. The tickets will of course remain the same price and the same conditions of entry will apply.

We are most grateful to those of you who had bought tickets but the Trustees were faced with holding the event on an evening when England might be playing in the World Cup. Understandably many people could not commit so we decided to postpone rather than risk an evening that might not be the financial success that we planned for.

We are taking this opportunity of enclosing a flyer within the pages of the Hunton Herald inviting you to support this local Charity by becoming members. We have had great success in our various fund raising events and we continue to plan for future events. We have also been supported by donations from various people many having used the Church for a family event. However, we really would like you to think about donating just £10 pa (or more if you wish) to become members and signing the Tax declaration form so that we can reclaim the tax on behalf of the charity.

Details can be found on the enclosure I refer to above. It is a wonderful building and already we have contributed money to the PCC to be spent on it's preservation. By you becoming members we can plan with more certainty the money we allocate towards the Charity's objectives.

Thank you

Ron Porter, Chairman of Trustees

Hunton Club Book Group May Book Review

Life of Pi

Yann Martel's Booker Prize winning novel *Life of Pi* is about a sixteen year old boy named Pi who sees no reason why he cannot be a Muslim, a Christian and a Hindu all at the same time...after all, the rhinos in his father's zoo get along just fine with the goats, and all Pi wants to do is "love God." When Pi's family decides to move to Canada and boards a Japanese cargo ship along with their wild zoo animals in cages below deck, the story takes a sudden turn. Only days into the journey, the ship sinks leaving Pi the only survivor aboard a 26 foot life boat with a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena and a 3 year old male Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The story becomes one of survival for Pi as one by one the animals are killed off until only Richard Parker remains.

Although we only scored this book 6/10 it did provoke much discussion which made us realize that there was more to it than we first thought. In fact *the Life of Pi* is not really about a boy castaway and a tiger. Instead it is an exploration of faith and tolerance. Pi is literally set adrift with only himself and God to chart the waters of survival. Richard Parker is symbolic of all the challenges and fears we face in life - those we must overcome to not only survive, but to find meaning in our lives.

The book was well written, humorous and most certainly different.

Jackie

Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club

50 Mile bike ride across the Weald of Kent, Sunday 1st August

Bike ride for all those in the club who own a bike.

All event proceeds to be equally divided between Hunton Wanderers Pavilion Fund and Cancer Research UK

School News

May Fayre The May Fayre was once again a huge success with a relaxed, organised atmosphere. The members of the PTA worked tirelessly for weeks before hand and gave up a whole weekend. Dawn Dixon stepped up at the last minute to co-ordinate the event and other volunteers gave up their time to run stalls. The grand total raised was an amazing £1,878.58 profit. This is due to the hard work and support of everyone. The money will be used to support the development of the outdoor environment.

The School Council Award The School has received a certificate from the Speaker of the House of Commons congratulating the School Council on its hard work and achievements. This follows an entry to a competition where the school wrote about the practices of the School Council and especially their contribution to the Haiti Disaster Appeal.

Sports Day Congratulations to red and blue teams who tied in first place at sports afternoon. They won with enthusiasm and hard work. All the children actively participated and enjoyed the experience. The welcome refreshments were provided by the PTA.

Global Awareness Week The school had a former pupil, who is now a BA pilot, visiting Reception Class to take them on a special journey. Ginger Giraffe the famous well travelled 'pet' of Reception Class has been flying BA over the past few weeks and came back to explain his adventures!

Eco Schools The school had a visiting teacher from New South Wales, Australia who had found out about the school's gardening and cooking activities on the Eco-School website. She had been seconded by the Australian government to come to the UK to consider best practice. Jane Swan spent the afternoon with the school and spoke to members of their Eco Group about their gardens and eco activities.

Wateringbury Tournament The school took a football and netball team to the Wateringbury Tournament and despite the football team being 'one man' down, they played really well as did the netball team. The children wore new football kits purchased by the PTA and they looked very smart in their blue and white strip.

Farleigh Fireworks in the Park—Friday 5th November 2010

I am writing to you as a member of the organising committee for West Farleigh's Events. This year we are planning to host a feast of fireworks at the park in the village (Charlton Lane). We will be contacting your local schools to invite families to come along and enjoy the evening. Other individuals can also buy tickets from our distributor in the village from September.

We hope that you will feel able to support us in our venture, our aims are to bring people together and to develop the community spirit in our village, and with our surrounding neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you on the night

Beverley Hards, West Farleigh Parish Councillor

At St Mary's Church in July

Notices	Services
<p>Flower Arrangers 4th July Mrs Leonard 11th July Mrs Leonard 18th July Mrs Granger 25th July Mrs Granger</p> <p>Hunton Sunday Club Our July meeting takes place on Sunday July 18th from 5.15pm until 6.45pm at Grove House, Grove Lane. This will be our last meeting until September and I wish all the children and their families a very enjoyable summer holiday. Also many thanks to all the families who have hosted our meetings this year for the excellent teas and warm hospitality. For any information about Hunton Sunday Club contact David 741474.</p>	<p>Sunday 4th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Family Service - Rev David Jones Readings: Preachers Choice</p> <p>Sunday 11th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity 09.30am Holy Communion - Rev David Jones Readings: Colossians 1 v 1 - 14 and Luke 10 v 25 - 37</p> <p>Sunday 18th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity NO MORNING SERVICE 6pm SONGS OF PRAISE - Rev Peter Walker Readings: Genesis 18 v 1 - 10a and Luke 10 v 38 - 42</p> <p>Sunday 25th July - 8th Sunday after Trinity 09.30am Holy Communion - Rev David Jones Readings: Colossians 2 v 6 - 15 and Luke 11 v 1 - 13</p> <p>Sunday 1st August - 9th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 am Family Service</p>

SUNDAY LUNCH BBQ

To celebrate our 10th anniversary

29th August, 2010 from 12 noon
 At Church House, Yalding

♪ Live Music; Gambian Craft Stall; Games for the Family

Local groups are providing the music and Ian Palmer from BBC Southeast has agreed to be Guest of Honour.

Tickets £7.00 in advance
 or £20 for a family (2 adults & 2+ children)
 or £8 on the door and £25 for family

on sale from

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St. Mary's Churchyard Needs You

.....for grass cutting that is!

The PCC is looking for volunteers to help cut and strim the grass around St. Mary's churchyard. Garden maintenance firms cost a lot of money. Can you spare an hour or two during the summer months? If you are able to help, please contact the Rector: Rev'd. Peter Walker on 747570. Thank you!

July	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th	1 st August
Coxheath	11.00 HC	09.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 9.30 Matins	09.30 HC
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 Matins	9.30 HC	11.00 MP (mod)	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