



## Hunton on Facebook

Did you know that Hunton has its own Facebook page? It's full of up to the minute village news, events and photos (there are loads of 'behind the scenes' photos from the panto); all sorts of extras that we can't put in the Herald for one reason or another.

We can also use it as an interactive means of communication within the village; for example, during periods of bad weather we can keep each other informed of which roads are passable, request and offer help, that sort of thing (although hopefully we won't have to worry about that for a while).

If you'd like to have a look just search for Hunton on Facebook (you'll recognise it by the village sign), or if you don't have Facebook you can find it by posting this link in your web browser <https://www.facebook.com/huntonvillage>. If you want to be kept up to date with village news just "Like" the page (you will need a Facebook account for this) and, because not everything always shows up in your newsfeed, click the little arrow on the "Like" button and select "get notifications" from the drop down menu. You'll then receive a notification when anything new is posted to the page.

If you have any questions just contact me using the Herald contact details.

*Helen*

## New Cricket Pavilion Gets Go-ahead

The Parish Council, with support from Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club, has gained a £50,000 grant from Sport England towards the cost of a new pavilion on the King George V playing field. The total cost of the new structure is likely to be in the region of £70,000 but additional funding has so far been pledged by the Cricket Club, the Parish Council and Kent County Council to help make up the difference.

Hunton Wanderers' spokesman Simon Taylor said: "We are delighted with the Sport England grant and thank Parish Councillors for their support. We aim to start demolishing the old pavilion at the end of the season and, providing there are no problems, have the new one in place for the 2015 season."

The existing pavilion dates back to 1938 and was originally thatched. It fell into disrepair and was re-roofed and renovated 30 years ago but, despite maintenance, the main structure is now riddled with decay and beyond economical repair.

"To attract more users, both to the cricket club and from the community in general, a better equipped and more attractive building is needed. There is still plenty of hard work to do to raise the remaining funds and see the project through, but this is a great start."

Parish Council Chairman, Roger Sawtell, said: "The cricket club has done a marvellous job in helping us obtain this grant from Sport England, which receives hundreds of applications every year from all over the country."

They stressed that the new pavilion would benefit the whole community and in the Parish Plan villagers said that they would like to encourage greater use of the playing field and facilities for the people of the parish. In longer terms, it could be considered whether the site provides an opportunity to develop more extensive facilities for community use.

**Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** This is a great opportunity to find out about what goes on in your community. Sports clubs, parish organisations and Village Club delegates will be giving reports on their activities. Chat with your neighbours over tea, coffee and biscuits, served from 7pm, before the meeting gets underway at 7.30pm.

### Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking: Kathy Reid	820092
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch: <a href="mailto:huntonwatch@gmail.com">huntonwatch@gmail.com</a>	820403, 820429, 820731
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Rector: Peter Callway	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Non Stipendiary Minister Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Richard Chainey	07989 992424
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

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

### Diary Dates

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>East Farleigh Farmers' Market</b> 9am-12pm
	<b>Open Garden</b> Gallants Manor 11am-4pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Open Garden</b> Gallants Manor 11am-4pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Open Garden</b> Gallants Manor 11am-4pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> Village Hall 8pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Beating the Bounds</b> Village Club 10am
	<b>Art Exhibition</b> Yalding Village Hall 11am-4pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> Village Hall 7pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Pop-Up Shop</b> Village Club 10am-12pm
	<b>Ploughmans' Lunches</b> Village Club 12-2pm
	<b>Battle of the Nations</b> Hunton Court 9am-5pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Battle of the Nations</b> Hunton Court 9am-4pm
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Fake Thackray</b> Village Hall 7.30pm

### Parish Councillors Contact Details

<b>Parish Council Chairman</b> – Roger Sawtell 820731			
<b>Clerk to the Parish Council</b> – Sharon Goodwin 681238			
Cllr Les Leonard	820858	Cllr Ron Porter	820220
Cllr David Heaton	820678	Cllr Tony Stanbridge	820761
Cllr Gary Thomas	820691	Cllr Steve Wyles	820403

**Check out [www.hunton.org.uk](http://www.hunton.org.uk) for changes  
and see the latest up-dated version.**

*If you would like to add an event to the village diary email  
[huntodiary@btinternet.com](mailto:huntodiary@btinternet.com). New events are being added all the time.*

**All items for the June edition to the Editor as soon as possible, and by 15th May, please**

Dear Friends,

I write this as thousands of people are running the London Marathon. My nephew has just finished in a creditable time of 3 hours 58 minutes and his girlfriend is a few kilometres from the finish line. Legend has it that the marathon was first run on the occasion of the Greek victory over the Persians in 490 B.C., when a soldier called Pheidippides ran 25 miles from the battlefield in Marathon, Greece, to Athens to deliver the news. After he arrived, Pheidippides yelled out, "Rejoice, we are victorious" then collapsed and died. The marathon was reborn at the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896 when 17 competitors ran the 24.8 miles (40K) from Marathon Bridge to the Olympic stadium. Marathons of around 25 miles continued until the London Olympics in 1908. Although the length was originally intended to be 26 miles, with a start at Windsor Castle and the finish at White City Stadium, Queen Alexandra requested the distance be extended 385 yards — or 26.2 miles — to the East Lawn so that the royal children could watch the race from their nursery. That distance would become the official standard of all marathon competitions in 1924. A typical marathon runner will take 40,000 steps and 13,500 breaths, 22,500 heartbeats and will release some 4 litres of perspiration whilst doing it.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews found in the Bible likened life to the running of a race, and suggested that we should run with perseverance the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus as the ultimate goal. St Paul, writing to his protégé Timothy, said that he had fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. When we look at our own situations, how are we doing? Are we on course? Will we be able to look back at our tracks and say with some satisfaction "that was a good race well run"? If we still have a long race ahead of us, how are we deciding which route to take? Let us learn from St. Paul and the marathon runners who are determined to persevere and stay on track, and look to God for our strength and guidance.

Many blessings,

Peter

## Jack and the Beanstalk

It's behind us! The Kingdom of Huntonia is safe, the Giant is sleeping 'like a baby', the villagers can stop worrying about having to pay his taxes, and Princess Hope has married Jack.

After five performances to packed houses, audience participation that would have been the envy of a professional panto and so much laughter, we can be forgiven for believing that we still live in Huntonia and expecting to see Dame Madonna Trot cavorting down West Street with Whinny-Moo GaGa, and Chicken and Chicklet pecking around the back of the village hall.

But after hugely lively performances from Wednesday to Saturday, we have to hand back our costumes and return to the real world and living in Hunton.

And the real villagers of Hunton can be proud of their achievement. More than 30 adults and children took part in the panto and about 400 people came to see it. The youngest member of the cast was just nine years old and the oldest — well, let's just say that several have had their bus passes for a few years! And we all had such fun — oh yes we did!

But as well as the 'actors' and dancers there were so many others helping with rapid prop changing, make-up, wonderful music, lighting and scenery, intense selling of tickets, and sterling work behind the bar.

Husbands, wives and families were deserted for numerous Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings during panto rehearsals and they too should be thanked for their support.

To name everyone who took part would fill half the Hunton Herald but enormous thanks must go to Sharon Winter (ably supported by Sue Pinks) who not only wrote Jack and the Beanstalk, but directed us all so professionally and cheerfully.

The aim of the panto was to have fun and give our audiences a lot of laughs, but in the process we raised in the region of £2,100 for charity, which will be divided between The Teenage Cancer Trust and the Friends of St Mary's.

Huntonia is taking a backseat for a little while but, who knows, in a couple of years' time it just might be taking centre stage once more.

Liz Oliver



### A Message from the Director

Wow, Huntonia is truly Shamazing! Thank you to everyone involved in Jack and the Beanstalk, and the brilliant audiences we had. The money raised has been fantastic and shows what great support and a fantastic community we have. We have had a brilliant time and can't wait to see you for the next one.

Sharon Winter

A professionally produced DVD of Jack and the Beanstalk is available for £12 from Timeline Creations on 01622 745123, email [timelinecreations@btinternet.com](mailto:timelinecreations@btinternet.com), or download the order form from the Hunton Facebook page.

## Be Hunton's Best Baker of 2014

There will be a cake baking competition at our village fete this year. As it is the first time there will only be one category – best chocolate cake or Victoria sandwich. More details next month.

## Come along and "Beat the Bounds" Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10am

The walk will begin outside the Village Club at 10am and it is proposed that we shall walk until around 12 noon, returning to the Club for a ploughman's lunch for only £3 for those who wish to. The second half of the "Bounds" will be walked later in the year.

So, come along with family and friends, no need to be a club member.

Please call Ann on 820731 to let her know if you want lunch.



## Fake Thackray at the Village Hall – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Tickets £15 a pair, £8 solo, £5 youngsters. Doors Open 7.30pm - Bring Your Own Picnic**

The last gig before the summer break will be 'Fake Thackray.' This is a one-man show by John Watterson, featuring the songs and humour of Jake Thackray (for those of you drawing pensions, Jake used to be on BBC1 on Saturday evenings, on The Braden Beat and Esther Rantzen shows). Jake's songs were exquisitely funny, satirical, incisive, irreverent, witty and gloriously un-PC – sometimes all of these at the same time. John toured his tribute show with Fairport Convention last year, performed at the Edinburgh Fringe and also played several festivals (where Mike saw him), gaining four-star reviews along the way.

As it will be nearing summer, we thought you could bring your own picnic, but we will be having the usual bar, discounting the remaining stock of red wine and beers (unless you've drunk them all at the Will Pound gig!)

**Please pre-book with Mike on 820429 or Steve on 820403.** Any suggestions as to who you might like to see (again?) in the autumn/winter, and whether a different day to Saturday would encourage greater attendance, please email Mike on [senseass@btinternet.com](mailto:senseass@btinternet.com). Let's keep live music going in Hunton into 2015.

## Garden Open

### Gallants Manor

Gallants Lane, East Farleigh,  
National Garden Scheme for Charity  
& East Farleigh Church

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 11am-4pm

Also on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am-4pm

for Heart of Kent Hospice

& East Farleigh Church

Admission £5, Children Free

Homemade teas will be available

## Get in Shape for the Summer

Hunton resident and personal trainer, Guy Baker, is running a weekly exercise class at the King George V Playing Fields on Sundays at 9.30am. The class is for all ages and abilities with the emphasis on challenging exercises (not boot camp style) with fun and enjoyment. Only £3 per session, pay as you go.

## Hunton Club Forthcoming Events

**Fathers' Day Celebration** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

A family day BBQ with fun, games and guest beers.

**Pizza Night** Early July - date to be confirmed.

Fresh pizza made by Hunton Bakery.

Watch this space for more details.

## Volunteers Still Needed for the Fete June 21<sup>st</sup> 2014

There are still plenty of tasks requiring volunteers at the fete this year. Maybe running a stall for an hour, helping with games in the main arena, selling raffle tickets or counting in visitors. Contact Annette 820448 [annette@trought.com](mailto:annette@trought.com)

**Les Leonard** Former Herald editor Les Leonard and his wife Marion would like to thank those who have sent messages for a speedy recovery after he underwent surgery at Guy's Hospital in mid-March.

## What a Load of Rubbish!

The first litter pick of 2014 was very successful and fortunately the weather was kind to us. The collection was as follows: 40 black sacks of general rubbish, 2 tyres, an electric fire, a computer monitor, an exhaust silencer, a sink and pedestal and sundry plastic car body parts. Someone kindly deposited a double mattress after we had left!!

If you would be interested in joining the litter pick team please call Di Martin on 01622 820115.

## Victory for Locals

The Village Club's friendly darts evening on 5<sup>th</sup> April proved a great success. Fourteen teams of mostly mixed doubles played three games of 301. Three teams won all their early round matches, which necessitated a play-off for the semi-finals. These enthusiastic semi-finalists were Martin and his young son Joey, Peter and Sue, Eddie and Shawn and play-off winners, Marion and Norman Weston. Marion and Norman, along with friends Peter and Sue, came through to play the final. Despite suffering a loss in the earlier rounds, Marion and Norman saw off their opponents to secure victory. Well done champions, a victory for the locals!

Thanks go to everyone who supported this event and also to Louise Ferns, who organised and ran a Bonus Ball Lottery Game, which not only provided £25 for the winner, but £24 to the club.

## Pop-Up Shop, Pop-Up Café & Ploughman's at the Village Club Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

The weekend when the re-enactors invade Hunton Court again is when we hold the May Pop-Up Shop with Pop-Up Café followed by Ploughman's Lunch.



## At St Mary's Church in May

### Flowers – May

4<sup>th</sup> – Nicky Williams      18<sup>th</sup> – Andrea Forster  
11<sup>th</sup> – Andrea Forster      25<sup>th</sup> – tba

### Services

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 3

11.00am Family Service – Rev. Peter Callway  
Readings: Preacher's choice

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 4

09.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev. David Jones  
Readings: Acts 2.42-47 and John 10.1-10

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 5

11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev. David Jones  
Readings: Acts 7.55-60 and John 14.1-14

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6

11.00am Holy Communion – Rev. Eileen Doyle  
Readings: Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension

7.30pm Holy Communion – Rev. David Jones & Rev. Peter Callway  
Readings: Acts 1.1-11 and Luke 24.44-53

### Yalding Art Exhibition

Yalding Art Group will be holding their Spring Exhibition and annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 4pm at Yalding Village Hall in Lyngs Close. Refreshments and cream teas will be available. **Free entry.**

For more details contact June on 01622 817324 or see our website [www.yaldingartgroup.weebly.com](http://www.yaldingartgroup.weebly.com)

### Battle of the Nations

The re-enactors come to Hunton Court again this year on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9am–5pm and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9am–4pm.

Come and see, smell and hear the sights and sounds of a Napoleonic camp: see them go about the day to day tasks of a private soldier; watch them practice their drill; observe a military surgeon dealing with malingerers and carrying out amputations (not for the faint hearted). This year there will be a small cavalry group displaying their skill at arms on horseback – not to be missed. This is a non-profitmaking charity event supporting Macmillan Nurses, Heart of Kent Hospice and UK Homes for Heroes. Entrance £5 adults, £6 weekend entrance, £3 under 16s, under 5s free.

### A Plea to Dog Owners

I recently received an email from a local resident, himself an owner of two dogs, concerned at the number of people within the village who do not keep their dogs under control. In recent weeks he has had a number of unpleasant experiences with uncontrolled dogs, including one where a dog being walked off the lead ran at his wife, grabbed and pulled at her coat and then bit her on the back of her leg. He makes the following plea:

“Dog owners need to understand that not all dogs or people want to get up close and meet other dogs. You don't know the history of the dogs or the people. Yes let your dog off the lead if you want, but be more thoughtful for other people and dogs if you come across them. Please put your dogs on leads when near others if you aren't able to control them. We should all be able to enjoy our dog walks in Hunton together.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Helen

### Hunton Community Orchard

On 10<sup>th</sup> March the Community Orchard Group planted 30 native hedgerow saplings. The saplings were obtained for free from the Woodland Trust to create a 'community hedge'. These plants (hazel, hawthorn, rose, beech and dogwood) have been used to fill in the gaps in the existing hedge along the boundary with the track, providing a more diverse hedgerow for wildlife. It was a lovely day to plant as the weather was really fine and it was great to be adding something back to the site.

An “I Remember When” event was held at the Lent Lunch in the Village Club on 27<sup>th</sup> March. It was lead by Pippa Palmar, Project Officer from Kent Orchards for Everyone, who is assisting the orchard group in the development of our community orchard. It was a successful event with many long-standing Hunton residents able to share their knowledge of where orchards were in the locality and the varieties of produce grown. There will be a follow up event to this one, details to be announced, so anyone who was unable to contribute this time will get another chance.

There will be an official launch of the Hunton Community Orchard Development Project at our village fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. More details to follow.

### Hunton Club Book Group A. Review of ‘Mudwoman’ by Joyce Carol Oates

This is the story of a girl abandoned by her mother on the mud flats of the Black Snake River. She is rescued and adopted by a Quaker family and grows up to be the first female president of a prestigious Ivy League university, until she is confronted with her past which threatens the life she has built for herself.

Unfortunately, nobody in our group enjoyed this book and only four people finished it, most giving up after a couple of chapters; those who read further than that described the book as miserable, depressing, vague and boring. There didn't seem to be any likeable characters and the style of writing and punctuation was irritating. Not a popular book with our group!

May	4th	11th	18th	25th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	8.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 1662	11.00 MP Mod	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC Mod

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