



Housing Survey Update

The Parish Council has received the results of the Housing Needs Survey that was commissioned by Mr David Hubble, a private landowner now living in the West Country. The land that he owns is agricultural land alongside Bensted Close. The survey included a draft proposal for development of that land. The return rate for the questionnaire was 42%, which is higher than the standard return rate for such surveys. Below is a summary of the report's key findings:

- 88% of respondents were AGAINST such a development.
- 7% of respondents supported the development.
- 5% were 'unsure'.
- There may be a potential need for up to 3 open market homes for 2 couples and 1 family (the report does not venture an opinion as to whether or not this need would be met by natural turnover).

Respondents were given the opportunity to comment in their own words on their response to the proposed plan. The report lists 86 comments of which 5 were supportive of the scheme to some degree with all referring to the housing element but none specifically supporting the proposed village facilities. The remainder (just over 94%) were not supportive. The Parish Council will take account of these findings in the creation of its updated Neighbourhood Plan, the objective of which is to secure and develop the future of Hunton as decided by the village. We will keep everyone informed of progress over the coming months. Further correspondence has been circulated to the village stating Mr Hubble's intention to continue to pursue this matter.

The report is available at <http://www.hunton.org.uk/docs/survey.pdf>. If you would like further information please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Antiques & Craft Fair

The occasional visitor could be forgiven for thinking that the sun always shines in Hunton, as yet again we were blessed with perfect weather conditions for another major event in the village calendar. The Antiques and Craft Fair proved popular with locals and those from further afield, who were treated to a colourful and varied array of antiquities and knick knacks; jewellery, furniture, clothes, glassware, toys, figurines and much more, whilst the valuer from Ibbett Mosely was kept very busy indeed with the wide range of items brought along for his appraisal. There were also high quality contemporary craft items from local craftspeople, including delightful ceramics from Hunton's Georgina Ferns, intricate wooden bookends and ornaments from The Kenward Trust at Yalding, knitted scarves, jewellery, beautifully turned wooden bowls and pots and even artisan jams and pickles. Thanks must go to all those who came along to support the event, to the stall holders, the Friends of St Mary's for their ever popular BBQ and the army of cake makers who kept everyone well fed, and to all those involved in organising the Fair and helping out on the day. A sum in the region of £900 was raised, which will be divided between the Church and the Friends. Photos from the day are available on the Hunton Facebook page.

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*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Sunday 5th Oct	Harvest Supper Village Hall 6pm
	East Farleigh Farmers' Market 9am-12pm
Tuesday 7th Oct	Hunton WI Village Club 7.30pm
Saturday 18th Oct	Litter Pick Village Hall 10am-12pm
	Hunton Music Nights Village Club 8pm
Saturday 25th Oct	Pop-up Shop & Café Village Club 9.30am-11am
Friday 31st Oct	Halloween Night Village Club 6.30pm-8.30pm
	West Farleigh Fireworks 6.30pm tbc

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available on the website

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Check out 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 huntondiary@btinternet.com. New events are being added all the time.

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

Dear Friends

During the summer I sang a few services in Lichfield Cathedral with a choir that I am a member of. With the start of the First World War Centenary they had a display of memorabilia, modern art and poetry. Next to one lithograph there was a poem by Wilfred Owen, a poet who was killed in the trenches. As I read the poem, which was about Abraham and Isaac, I looked at the picture. Yes, there was Abraham with his son bound up and laid upon the makeshift altar. Yes, I thought, then the angel of the Lord tells Abraham not to slay his son and God provided a ram caught in a thicket instead. I looked at the picture. Yes, there was the ram and the angel. At that point, however, the poem departed from the Bible story and ended with the words, 'But the old man would not so, but slew his son, And half the seed of Europe, one by one' and there in the picture were rows and rows of soldiers queuing up to be slain. That really shocked me.

Of course, Wilfred Owen was using a familiar Bible story as a framework to present a very tragic truth – the huge loss of young men. World War I was meant to be the war to end all wars. Sadly we know only too well that there has been almost continual war somewhere in the world since then. Today, Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and Afghanistan spring immediately to mind.

I am writing this as the Invictus Games are taking place. Each one of the competitors has had an injury caused, for the most part, by war, a life-changing moment but one that has not destroyed their spirit to strive with courage and fortitude to succeed in sport as part of their rehabilitation.

This summer I had what could have been a life-changing moment. In fact, in some ways it was. I had an accident as I walked with my family beside a river in Devon, falling down the riverbank, colliding with tree roots and ending up in the water. I was taken to hospital with a crushed vertebra ... but three days later I walked out of the hospital! This story could have ended so differently.

Whilst in hospital I was visited by a Pastoral Visitor, a lovely lady who spoke with me and then knelt down and prayed with me. I can't tell you how comforting this was and, somehow, it made me want to draw nearer to God myself. A favourite verse sprang to mind. 'Come near to God and he will come near to you' (James 4:8).

Do you take the time to be still, to be near to God, listening to him? It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of life with so many things competing for our attention that being still with God can often get pushed out; I know it does for me. How can we know God's voice and his will for us if we don't spend time with him? Fortunately, Abraham knew God's voice and did not slay his son. Can we be this certain with the choices we make?

Yours, in Jesus' name, *Sue*

Here in the Benefice we have a Pastoral Care Team. Just like my visitor in hospital they are happy to visit, talk and, if you would like, pray with you or for you. Do get in touch if you or someone you know would like a visit. Contact Judith Barnes on 747934.

To read more of Wilfred Owen's poetry and his biography <http://www.wilfredowen.org.uk/home/>

Autumn Lunches

As some of you may know, Louise Ferns is sadly leaving the village and has persuaded me to continue the occasional lunches she established in the Village Club. These started in the spring of 2013 and not only gave people the chance to meet up but also raised a considerable amount of funds for both the club and the church. I do hope you will support me by volunteering to help or simply turning up and enjoying lunch.

My aim is that every Thursday for five weeks, starting on Thursday 6th November, soup, bread and cheese followed by tea, coffee and cake will be available in the club from 12.30 to 2pm. As in the past a donation of £5 per person will help cover any costs and raise funds for the club and church. These events are not just for those living in Hunton – anyone is welcome...friends, relations and those in local villages.

If you are able to help by collecting those unable to drive, making soup or cake, opening the club, running the bar etc, please contact me on 01622 820210 or lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com and do please say which dates you are available so that I can produce a rota.

Looking forward to hearing from you with fingers crossed!

Lesley

End of Season Sports Roundup

Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club

It has been a year of mixed fortunes for our three league sides. Our Saturday 1st XI finished 4th in its Kent Regional Cricket League division, winning and losing an almost equal number of games. With some better performances we could have been competing for promotion; however it just wouldn't be Hunton without our infamous and spectacular batting collapses. Highlights included the double win over local rivals Yalding; the low point of the year was probably our match away against Holborough. Having dismissed the opposition for 57 on an atrocious wicket, we were unbelievably bowled out for 27. We even got a headline in the KM!

The Saturday 2nd XI gamely battled on despite often having a shortage of personnel. When they won games it was a day of major triumph; when they lost they took it in good heart and came back for more. What was most encouraging was that we didn't have to cancel a single fixture and always got a side out, when teams around us were conceding fixtures and some even withdrawing from the league.

Following our promotion last year, the Sunday Kent Village League side had high expectations for the 2014 season. After an excellent start, with a record beating 340 scored against Harbledown, we underachieved for the rest of the season to the extent



Hunton Wanderers at Broadhalfpenny Down, Hambledon

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that we lost games we expected to win, not to mention the poor weather in July and August, which robbed us of points in three games. Nevertheless, due to a restructuring in the league this year, we find ourselves promoted to Division 5, despite a mid-table finish.

During the autumn we look forward to starting work on the new pavilion. We are expecting planning permission in a few days time and we hope to start work on the foundations by the end of October. This is a time of anticipation, more than a little worry but above all optimism that the cricket club is about to embark on a new and positive era. This has been borne out by the enthusiasm of our members, the hard work of those involved every week with preparing wickets, raising teams and organising on the day, and our fundraising efforts – about £3,000 over the past three years towards the pavilion project.

Our thanks also go to the Parish Council, Paulina Stockell and our Borough Councillors for their support. The pavilion is a village project and we are delighted that so many local people are embracing it with enthusiasm.

Simon Taylor, Chairman, Hunton Wanderers CC

Hunton Bowls Club

Once again we have reached the end of the outdoor bowling season. Our last home game was on 21st September following which the Clubhouse was put to bed for the winter, but the work of our marvellous green keeper continues throughout the year, ensuring we can return in April and start all over again. 2014 has been a good year for the Club. We attracted new members from Hunton and beyond, all of whom have made great progress and proved to be good Club members. The Ladies have won the Maidstone & District League and three of our ladies reached the final of the M & D Triples Competition. In the Men's Friday Night Triples League our A Team has been promoted to Division 2. Congratulations and well done to all the participants. We enjoyed a very successful Open Day in August and would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for enabling us to use the Hall, without which we would have had to cancel the fixture. Our Finals Day was played on 23rd August in brilliant weather and our winners and runners-up for 2014 will receive their cups and prizes at our Annual Dinner in October. We finish the year with our AGM in December.

The continued support of the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee has been much appreciated by HBC and we look forward to the 2015 season and perhaps some more new members from Hunton.

Margaret Carpenter

Pop-Up Shop & Café - Saturday 25th October 9.30am –11am

The last pop-up shop of the year will be Halloween and Harvest themed. It takes place on Saturday 25th October at the Village Club, so drop by for spooky cakes and orchard fruits as well as all our usual favourites – Hunton Bread, Hunton pork, bacon & sausages, Hunton eggs, Hunton veg, Staplehurst cheeses and Staplehurst cold pressed rapeseed oil and more...see you there!

Hunton Herald Advertising – Help Needed

Advertising is very important to the Hunton Herald. The revenue from advertising pays for the printing of the Herald for the year and supports donations to Hunton community organisations. Businesses are able to promote themselves and the community is informed of local companies that they may wish to support. The process of seeking advertisers is an annual one and we are looking for someone who is able to set aside a few hours to liaise with businesses and to work with the printer on the next edition of adverts, which will need to be agreed in time for insertion into April 2015's edition. If you are interested please contact Barbara on 01622 820218 or huntondiary@btinternet.com.

Village Hall Gig Postponed

Unfortunately the Emily Maguire gig scheduled for 11th October has had to be postponed, as Emily is unwell. We hope to be able to reschedule this for early 2015. There are no further Hall gigs planned for 2014, but we already have some interesting (and returning) acts booked for four gigs in the first half of next year, and the Applause roster of artists for 2015 is still to arrive – more on these events in later Herald issues.

GamBLE Cycle Ride

A team of 10 riders took part in the Do IT for Charity London to Brighton Cycle ride on 7th September to raise funds for GamBLE. None of the team were experienced cyclists and so the first leg of the journey was a nerve-wracking tour of the busy streets of South London. Once on the open road, the going became easier but even so, the roundabouts, towns and frequent hills provided quite a challenge. We were determined as we headed up hills, exhilarated as we flew down them and amazed that we completed the route in about 5 hours. We have raised approaching £2000 for GamBLE, with possibly more sponsorship coming in. So thanks to all who supported us.



Karen Di Marco

Thefts from Outbuildings

There have been a number of reports recently of thefts and attempted thefts from outbuildings in the surrounding villages (notably East Farleigh and Coxheath). Please check your outbuildings regularly and ensure that they are suitably protected.

October WI Meeting

The next meeting of the WI will take place at the Village Club on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm. Louise Ferns will give a talk on Great Ormond Street and funds raised from the raffle will be donated to the hospital.

At St Mary's Church in October

Flowers – October

5 th	Harvest Festival - All;	12 th	Ruth Porter
19 th	Ruth Porter;	26 th	Susie St. John

Services

Sunday 5th October – Harvest/Trinity 16
5.00pm Harvest Service – Rev. David Jones
Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17
09.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev. Peter Callway
Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9 and Matthew 22.1-14

Sunday 19th October – Trinity 18
11.00am Morning Prayer – Miss Chris Bostock
Readings: Isaiah 45.1-7 and Matthew 22.15-22

Sunday 26th October – Bible Sunday
11.00am Holy Communion – Rev. Peter Callway
Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-6: 8-12 and Matthew 24.30-35

Chat-A-While Coffee Mornings

Yalding Baptist Church, Vicarage Road
10.30am to 12pm
Thursday October 2nd, 16th & 30th
Including GamBLE Stall on 16th
All Welcome

World War II Tea Party

Those of you who attended the WWII themed tea party at the Village Hall on 14th September might be interested to know that over £1,500 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. By all accounts it was a superb afternoon. Unfortunately details of this event didn't make it into the Herald, but it was advertised on our Facebook page and in the Diary on the Hunton website, so it's always worth checking there for extra news and events.

Sutton Valence Choral Society - Remembrance Sunday Concert 9th November 2014

In this season of moving and varied events to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War, Sutton Valence Choral Society are marking the occasion with a remarkable concert. They are joining with a German choir, Ars Nova, to sing Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace. The evening will include readings of Wilfred Owen's war poetry as well as some beautiful sacred pieces such as Stainer's God So Loved the World and Purcell's Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts. Music Director Bryan Gipps conducts the choir of 90, accompanied by the Beresford Sinfonia. All the choir will wear poppies which have been made by choir members. The collection will be for the Royal British Legion.

The concert takes place at All Saints' Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6YE on Remembrance Sunday 9th November at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £12 (£6 for under 18s and those in full-time education) are available from choir members or by ringing 01233 840540. Further information may be found at www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk

West Farleigh Fireworks Display

West Farleigh Sports Club has taken up the baton to organise this year's fireworks display, to be held on Friday 31st October at 6.30pm (time to be confirmed) at Elmscroft Park, Charlton Lane, West Farleigh, ME15 0NU. Tickets can be purchased at www.westfarleighsportsclub.com/tickets. Tickets purchased no later than 26th October are Adult £8, Child £5 or Family (2 Adults 3 Children) £22. Prices after 26th October and on the gate are Adult £10, Child £5. No family tickets are available after 26th October or on the gate.

Village Club News & Events

Hunton Music Nights – Saturday 18th October from 8pm

October's Hunton Music Night will be jumping to the sounds of rockabilly, rock 'n' roll & old time country from the fabulous Rockahillies. Admission is free so get your glad rags on and join the fun!

Halloween Night - Friday 31st October 6.30 – 8.30pm

There may be ghosts, ghouls and witches creating havoc around Hunton. Look out for the monsters and zombies too! If you have a little devil out to make mischief why not pop into your club where we'll keep them busy before or after they've seen if there is anyone they can "Trick or Treat"!

Quiz Night

Early September saw another quiz night take place at the Club. Over sixty people made up ten teams all ready and eager for an evening of fun. There was not a spare seat in the club and extra tables and chairs had to be brought out. It was a successful, good-humoured evening and the team entitled "Still Thinking About It" were the well deserved victors.

Another free quiz is planned before Christmas and will take place on Saturday 6th December. This quiz will have a music theme similar to one that everybody enjoyed a few years ago. Mark this date in your diary and come early.

And to give you a "taste" of the jovial atmosphere of the evening - friendly debate ensued about when Simnel Cake is traditionally eaten. Some of us believe it to be Easter, others believe it is Mothering Sunday. What would your answer have been?

October	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Coxheath	11.00 Harvest	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 Harvest	08.00 HC; 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 Harvest	09.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 1662	11.00 Harvest	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC
HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word				