



## Lorry Crashes into School Entrance

A concrete mixing lorry crashed into the metal safety railings at the pedestrian entrance to Hunton Primary School on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. It seems the wheel of the lorry became entangled in the severely damaged railings, causing the driver to lose control and forcing the lorry up on to the verge where it went on to demolish part of the hedge alongside the school playground and beyond, together with the 30mph sign. The lorry was travelling to Amsbury Farm with a full load of concrete and the driver, together with his colleague who was travelling in the vehicle behind him, were said to be very shaken as they had feared the lorry would tip over under the weight of the concrete it was carrying. The police were contacted but as the driver returned to the scene to leave his details and no one was injured, it was not considered to be a police matter.



It was extremely fortunate that this occurred at around 11am when the road was relatively quiet and not at school drop off or pick up time, when the outcome could have been considerably more serious.

This incident highlights the very real danger of the increasing number of heavy goods vehicles using our narrow village roads, despite the extensive 7.5 tonne weight limits, an issue that has concerned many within the village for some time. The parish council were coincidentally already due to discuss the matter of HGVs and road safety at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September, and following the incident asked concerned residents to attend the meeting to share their views. A report of the meeting will follow in the November Herald.

## Harvest Supper

Don't forget the Harvest Village Supper on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm in the village hall, following the Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church at 5pm. Do come and join us for a 'fish and chip' supper, followed by delicious puddings. Adults £6.50, senior citizens and children £5. If you haven't already got tickets, they are available from Wendy Simmons on 01622 820875

### Your Local Contacts:

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Rector: Revd. Peter Callway 747570\*  
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Village Club: Philip Nichols 820804

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at [www.hunton.org.uk/contacts](http://www.hunton.org.uk/contacts)

### Village Hall Booking:

Maidstone Police 690690 or 101  
Neighbourhood Watch: [huntonwatch@gmail.com](mailto:huntonwatch@gmail.com) 820403, 820429, 820731  
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Community Warden: Adam McKinley 07811 271021  
PCSO - Megan Day 101 (or via Huntonwatch)  
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\*not available on Fridays; \*\*not available on Mondays or Tuesdays

### Diary Dates

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October **Farmers' Market** East Farleigh 10am-1pm  
**Harvest Supper** Village Hall 6.30pm  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> October **WI Meeting** Village Club 7.30pm  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> October **Karaoke** Village Club 8pm  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October **Needles & Natter** Village Club 8pm  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> October **Litter Pick** Village Hall 10am  
**4Square** Village Hall Doors 7.30pm  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> October **Village Lunch** Village Club 12.30-2pm  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> October **Church & Churchyard Working Party** 9am-12pm  
**Spooky Stories** Village Club 6pm  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> November **Village Lunch** Village Club 12.30-2pm  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November **Village Walk & Lunch** Village Club 11am  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November **Friends' Supper Dance Village Hall 7.30pm**

Check out [www.hunton.org.uk/diary](http://www.hunton.org.uk/diary) for the latest events.

If you would like to add an event, email [huntondiary@btinternet.com](mailto:huntondiary@btinternet.com).

### Parish Council Contacts

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## Pastoral Letter

By the time you read this we will be celebrating and giving thanks for the Harvest. The starting point for Harvest has always been a veneration of and thanksgiving for the natural created order of things. Although the Old Testament prescribes a feast to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest and another to celebrate the ingathering of the threshing floor and the winepress, the church does not appear to have observed any such festivals until relatively recent times. The Ember Days of June, September and December were agricultural in origin, and very probably related to the pagan observances of Rome at the time of sowing and harvests of corn and wine; but in Christian liturgy these have always been observed as fasts. However, Lammas (loaf mass: 1 August) has been observed in England from Saxon times and throughout the Middle Ages with the blessing of bread made from the first ripe corn.

In the Book of Common Prayer (1662) no mention is made of Harvest Thanksgiving. A special prayer of thanksgiving for an abundant harvest was first officially provided for use after the General Thanksgiving in 1796. Similar provision was made at intervals for the next fifty years, whenever the abundance of the harvest seemed to justify it. This led to the belief that such an observance should be made regularly. It was about this period that most of the popular harvest thanksgiving hymns were written. Today the festival is recognised and provided for in prayer books of the Church of England and elsewhere.

Even in the most urban of parishes both the tradition and attraction of decorating the church for Harvest is strong and popular. A need to give thanks for the fruits of the harvest is, quite rightly, deep-rooted in the hearts and minds of most worshipping Christians.

Harvest Thanksgivings have changed in recent years. An awareness of global and environmental issues has highlighted more of the challenges associated with modern farming and agriculture. Our knowledge of what conditions are like elsewhere can also tarnish something of the 'rosy glow' we can feel when it comes to Harvest, when the questions around world hunger, starvation, gross inequality, food surpluses and international debt come into focus. Yet being thankful can also spur us into action to help others less fortunate.

*Many blessings, Peter Callway*

*(with acknowledgement to Philippa Seagrave-Pride for background information)*

## Letter to the Editor

I recently received this wonderful email from international angler, former BBC broadcaster and writer, Martin James MBE, and wanted to share with you all:

"I've just returned home to Grindleton, Lancashire after a few days fishing the River Beult at Hunton, after a 40 year break; I first visited Hunton in 1947 as a 10 year old from my home in Rochester to fish the river as a junior member of Winget AC. On my return I was extremely pleased to see the village was no different from when I first visited, except the Bull Inn is now a house, the red phone box along with the village shop have gone, nice to see the parkland looking resplendent, also the village hall being used. The villagers must be congratulated on keeping the village litter free and the houses in good repair; it's a credit to everyone. I spent much of my leisure time, summer and winter, on the banks of the river, often camping for two weeks at a time with the landowner's permission. As often happens work had taken me away from my birthplace, as a broadcaster it was with the BBC, which included working in North and South America, Europe, Scandinavia and the Middle East. There were many occasions when my thoughts were of Hunton, wishing I was in the area. My best wishes to everyone."



*Martin fishing on the Beult during his recent visit.*

For the fishing enthusiasts amongst us, a more detailed account of Martin's recent visit can be found on his website - [www.martinjamesfishing.co.uk/news-229.html](http://www.martinjamesfishing.co.uk/news-229.html).

## This is Not Just a Ploughman's...This is a Hunton Ploughman's!

Over 40 people sat down to a fabulous lunch following the village walk in September, which included an amazing range of home grown salads along with homemade savoury and sweet tarts and cakes – so much more than your usual ploughman's! Many thanks for all the wonderful food donations and to the volunteers for mapping and testing the walk, opening and closing the club, running the bar and clearing up afterwards.

The next village walk and lunch will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, leaving promptly from the village club at 11am. This will be a circular walk lasting around one and a half hours and returning to the club, where lunch will be available for a donation of £5 with proceeds shared between the church and the club. If you would like to join the walk, come for lunch, or both, please contact Lesley on 01622 820210 or email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com). All are welcome – why not bring your family and friends?

## Needles & Natter

Twelve ladies turned up to the first Needles & Natter at Hunton Club. Some were knitting, one making friendship bracelets for Brownies, one quilting, one discussing the best way to manage paper patterns in differing sizes and two learnt the first steps in crochet. One of us wasn't holding needles of any kind but sketched a picture of some of us in action. It was a lovely friendly, easy chat evening. So if there are any more ladies out there who want to join in for any craft pastime, come along to Hunton Club on the third Friday of the month at 8pm.

## At the Village Club in October

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> from 8pm – Karaoke

Come along for another fun evening of rock anthems, soul classics and much more...there are over 5,500 songs covering all genres to choose from. No pressure to sing, there will be plenty of willing friends and neighbours ready to entertain you. All welcome.

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – Halloween Fun

We are having a spooky stories night along with our pumpkin competition. If you've grown your own, come and show it off! The club will be opening earlier than normal at 6pm to allow little ones to enjoy the evening with some (not so) scary stories and games.



#### Advertisement

### Waitress Service Available

Are you having a party? Would you like someone to...

- Take coats
- Serve drinks and hand around nibbles
- Serve dinner
- Clear the plates away and tidy up the kitchen?

I am 16 and offering my services for parties in and around Hunton.

References available. Call Jess on 01622 820508.

## Church and Churchyard Tidy Up

Around a dozen people kindly gave up at least an hour of their time to help with tidying the church and churchyard in September. Inside, cobwebs were removed, floors hoovered and washed, brass cleaned and woodwork dusted and polished, whilst the outside team mowed, strimmed, weeded, trimmed and had a general good tidy up.

The final working party for the winter will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 9am-12pm. If you would be willing and able to lend a hand, please contact Lesley on 01622 820210 or email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com).

## Friends of St Mary's Autumn Supper Dance

### Hunton Village Hall – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Tickets are on sale now so please do not delay to avoid disappointment. There will be live music from 2bc, the local band who played at our previous event and proved so popular, a hot meal and a well stocked bar. It promises to be a most enjoyable village event supporting your local charity. To keep costs down ticket sales will be by email with provision for those who do not have access to email. Cost is £12 per adult and £5 for all those up to and including 13 years old. To secure your tickets by email please send to [mary@cheveneyfarm.co.uk](mailto:mary@cheveneyfarm.co.uk) and Mary Goddard, who is handling these for us, will send you an email as your entrance ticket. Payment will either be by cash or cheque to be delivered or posted to Mary or Ron Porter. Unfortunately FOSM's bankers do not yet have an online facility. Will you kindly mark in the heading on your email "FOSM SUPPER DANCE". For those who do not have access to email then please call Ron Porter on 01622 820220.

## Farmers' Market Charity donations

East Farleigh Farmers' Market has made a number of charity donations since the start of 2016, the most recent ones being:

- May - £100 to The Heart of Kent Hospice, providing specialist end of life care.
- June - £80 to Involve Older People, offering activities to improve the wellbeing of older clients.
- July - £100 to Maidstone COGS Club, working with those with memory problems.
- August - £60 to Hi-Kent, providing services locally for the deaf and hard of hearing
- September - £80 to the Valley Conservation Society, working with wildlife in our neighbourhood.

The market is held on the first Sunday of each month from 10am-1pm at the Old School Hall on Lower Road, next to East Farleigh Church.

### Litter Pick Paying Off

It was very pleasing to receive a compliment recently on the lack of litter around the village (see Letter to the Editor) and to know that the efforts of our volunteer litter pick team are paying off and being noticed by visitors to our community. The last litter pick of the year will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, meeting at the village hall at 10am. At present the hall is free that day, so we should be able to have coffee, biscuits and a chat afterwards; something we haven't managed to do for a while. If you would like to join the team of litter pickers please ring Di Martin on 01622 820115.

### Remembrance Service Wreaths

The Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on 13th November. Community clubs and societies are again invited to lay wreaths. Last year nine groups were represented and more would be welcomed. Contact Wendy Simmons for details on 01622 820875.

## Gigs at the Hall – 4Square – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the village hall hosts the welcome return of 4Square, the young 4-piece Manchester alt-folk group who first broke into the mainstream as teenagers at the Fairport Cropredy Festival in 2009, playing before 30,000 people and having to send home for another thousand copies of their debut CD to satisfy audience demand. They've played Hunton before; the last time being in May last year, and some might particularly remember the violin-playing while clog-dancing number.

This time round they are on a UK tour promoting their fourth CD 'Fuel'. It's the usual doors at 7.30 for music at 8pm; please pre-book for tables of five or more with Mike on 01622 820429, or Steve on 01622 820403 - £10 entry including a Ploughman's. We've had quite good pre-sales of the '£15 a couple' tickets during September, mostly from other villages and 4Square's website, and these may have run out by the end of the month. It helps with planning beer and food amounts if we have pre-sales.

There are no more musical events in 2016, but we have had confirmation of Applause Rural Touring's family-friendly event for the New Year; a spectacular variety show "**Avanti and Artizani: 6 Impossible Things**" on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December** (described by one reviewer as "*Eric & Ernie meet Men in Black*"), and including a revolving stage, conjuring, songs, acrobatics and animatronics – all in our village hall! More information in the next Herald on this one, including start time and ticket prices.



## At St Mary's Church in October

Flowers				Services	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Festival – All	9 <sup>th</sup>	All	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Trinity 19</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Susie St John	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Susie St John	5.00pm Harvest Festival – Rev Peter Callway & Rev David Jones	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Bullivant (Benefice Service)			<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 20</b>	
				9.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev Peter Callway	
				<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 21</b>	
				11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Eileen Doyle	
				<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Bible Sunday</b>	
				11.00am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones	
				<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October – All Saints</b>	

### Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wed-Fri 8-11pm  
Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

## Return of the Village Lunches

A new series of six village lunches returns for the Autumn, with the first taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 12.30-2pm at the village club, continuing each Thursday throughout November, with a final one on 1<sup>st</sup> December. There will be a choice of homemade soups served with bread, cheese and crackers, and followed with homemade cakes, tea and coffee all for a suggested donation of £5. Proceeds are shared between the club and the church. There is no need to book ahead, but please be aware that food is available on a first come first served basis. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and to catch up with friends that you may not have seen much over the summer. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## Maidstone Symphony Orchestra – Opening Concert of the 106<sup>th</sup> Season

An exciting opening concert of the season, celebrating Brian Wright's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and his 25 years as conductor of MSO, takes place at the Mote Hall, Mote Park Leisure Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. The programme features Dvorak Overture, Carnival; Shostakovich, Piano Concerto No 2 with young, prizewinning Russian pianist, Alexander Panfilov; and Berlioz, Symphonie Fantastique. Tickets £26, £21 and £12, Students £5, Under 18s Free, available from [www.mso.org.uk](http://www.mso.org.uk). A special half-price season ticket offer is also available to first-time subscribers with all five concerts of the season for only £55. Contact Nicci Whitaker on 07817 429143 for further details.

## Polý Kaló Food Tasting at the WI

Our September speaker was unable to come to our meeting and Sue Hollins kindly stepped in at late notice to demonstrate Greek cookery. After some facts about Greece, which apparently has between 1,200 and 6,000 islands, Sue discussed the healthy Mediterranean diet with lots of fresh food, olive oil and herbs. Sue used liberal amounts of oil in all her dishes when she demonstrated several recipes, including quick 'hob to table' moussaka. This included a jar of aubergines – which like several of the ingredients used was only available from Lidl! The moussaka was followed by a Greek salad, tzatziki and omeleta horiatiki (village omelette). Then for desert, baklava (strictly speaking a Turkish dish) and galaktoboureko, a semolina custard baked in filo pastry. As Sue refused to take any of the food home, we all had to tuck in! It was delicious, so it was no great hardship and left very little room for our usual cake and coffee. We all appreciated Sue coming along at short notice, and providing a most enjoyable evening.

The next WI meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> October, and our speaker is John Mills, who will give us insight into "Life Inside" (a prison!). Meetings are held at Hunton Village Club on the first Tuesday of each month and new members are very welcome.

## SingFest 2016 – A Chance to Take Part!

Available slots are filling up fast for those wishing to take part in the "Marasong" at Yalding Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in aid of GamBLE, Yalding's sister school in The Gambia. The Huntones are booked in for 5pm (don't miss it!) but there are still some times available between 9am and 9pm for singing groups and soloists who would like to be included. Performers will be sponsored to sing and the audience will listen for free; any kind of repertoire welcome. (Perhaps some of the talented Hunton Karaoke singers might like to take part?).

The Marasong will be followed on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November by a "Sing from Scratch", a chance for anyone and everyone to take part in famous works from the sacred and light popular repertoire. Experts will guide you through the music in two separate sessions: 1½ hours before lunch and then 1½ afterwards; a combined rehearsal and then a fine performance in the early evening.

If you would like to take part please make contact on 01622 814267 or [gamblegambia@gmail.com](mailto:gamblegambia@gmail.com).

## Wine Tasting and Supper

Following the popularity of the last wine tasting evening, Hunton Village Club are pleased to give advance notice of their "Christmas in 8 Bottles" Wine Tasting and Supper on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7 for 7.30pm. Limited tickets available only in advance for a donation of £10 per person from Tricia on 01622 820804 email [tricia.nichols@btinternet.com](mailto:tricia.nichols@btinternet.com) or Lesley on 01622 820210 email [lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com). Further details in the November Herald.

October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Coxheath	11.00 Harvest	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	15.00 Remembrance & Thanksgiving
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC; 11.00 Harvest	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 MP Mod	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC Mod	
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service					

**All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editor by 15th October, please**