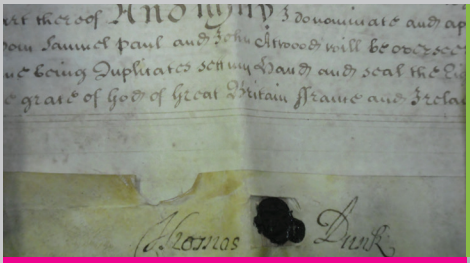
“A slice of Hawkhurst history”





1723 to the present day



And how you can make it live on

A lasting legacy



In 1723 Sir Thomas Dunk created a lasting legacy from which the residents in and around Hawkhurst have now benefitted for 300 years: the Dunk's charities.

Although he is one of the greats of this village relatively little is known about him: from a family of clothiers and ironmongers, Thomas Dunk lived at what is now St Ronan's School and attained high office as Sheriff of London. In his will he made provision for the building of a school and almshouses in Hawkhurst and so the almshouses – sitting proudly in the centre of Hawkhurst village opposite Waitrose, with their green lawn and beautiful clock tower – were first occupied in 1723 and the first 20 boys admitted to the school. Interestingly, some of the first pupils' surnames are still familiar in the Hawkhurst village today.

Today, a full 300 years later, Sir Thomas Dunk's gift is as relevant as ever. The Educational Foundation in particular, which administers the educational part of Sir Thomas's bequest, is active in various ways supporting young people with a Hawkhurst connection in their quest for continuing education.

Each summer the Educational Foundation's Trustees – a group of committed local volunteers – hand out grants to assist 16-18 year old students in full-time education contemplating apprenticeships or further training. The grants help with travel expenses to school or college, a special project, extra lessons, school uniform or course materials.

When you speak to the young people and their families who have benefitted from a grant, the value of such support is clearly evident. It is now up the present-day custodians of Sir Thomas Dunk's brainchild to make it fit for our times and the needs of our village.

Dunk's Charity
Since 1723

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Be part of it



Dunk's Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit charity. At present all grants for young people are solely funded by income from hiring out the hall – the former schoolroom – in the Dunk's almshouses, supplemented by private donations.

The Trustees on the Education Committee would like to raise the level of income to hand out as grants and widen the scope of what they can do for local young people. We are looking for partners to help us support the children of Hawkhurst – in any way you can.

These are some of the ways in which you can support us:

- make a donation, large or small, to the Dunk's Educational Foundation
- become a Friend of Dunk's Educational Foundation, pledging a regular monthly sum to DEF
- become a Trustee and get involved in shaping the course of the charity
- volunteer your time and expertise now and then to help raise our profile and income
- leave a legacy in your Will

If you are interested in becoming involved in what Dunk's Educational Foundation does, or feel you can help in any way, please contact us.

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