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Hunton Village Club — New Look!

Your Village Club is undergoing redecoration. The entrance hall is being replastered and will be painted thereafter. Further inside, when you visit in the future you will discover that we will have created a meeting room. This idea was born from club meetings and members wanting a little more privacy at certain times. So if you attend cricket, bowls, football, parish plan, book group or other type of meeting, remember your meeting room will be there for you to use.

Externally, the car park is being tidied, hedges cut and there are plans to plant some evergreen shrubs. At the rear, in the very near future you will find that there will be an outside space for enjoying a drink in the open air. The whole area has been cleared and membrane and pebbles laid. This is where you will find the BBQ on 18th September - Hunton Calling Day - an event which the Club will be involved in. Come along and try your skill at darts or bar billiards, help will be on hand to explain the easy rules. Your Club will be open from 12 noon until 5.00pm. Hope to see you then if not before!

Last Call - Hunton Calling!!

Want to know what we do in our Village? Our clubs and organisations will be having an open day on 18th September to celebrate the activities we offer and to launch the Parish Plan questionnaire. Pop along to some of our buildings and green spaces that you may not have visited before to see the classic car concourse, art exhibition, display of school archives and a 3D model of Hunton and buy your tickets for the next Applause event. Try your hand at bell ringing, and take part in our treasure hunt, raffle, quizzes and games. There will be a BBQ and a bar at the Village Club from 12.30 and afternoon teas served in the Village Hall from 3pm. Leave the car at home and travel on the chartered shuttle bus that will take you from venue to venue or, if you are housebound, please call us and we can pick you up and take you back. The stands will be open from midday to 5pm with a finale at 6pm at St Mary's Church featuring our own singing group, come and hear the songs from the musicals over a glass of wine. Visit www.hunton.org.uk for more details. Look forward to seeing you there!

See the flyer of the programme of events in this edition of the Hunton Herald, (correct at time of going to press). This will also be displayed at the Church, Village Hall, Village Club and School.

Hop Aboard the Shuttle Bus

A shuttle bus will be running non-stop to each venue so park your car or better still walk to your nearest venue and take a ride round the stops of Hunton Calling!! There will be parking at the Village Hall and the School. We are trying to avoid too many cars having to drive up and down the road. If you are housebound or have difficulty walking please let us know if you would like a lift to Hunton Calling!! Please call Sue Heaton 01622 820678.

The Questionnaire is coming!

We are aiming that every household will receive their questionnaire early in the week beginning the 20th September following our 'Hunton Calling!!' event. These will be collected personally on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd October. If you would like to help in collecting these (even if it is just a handful of nearby neighbours) it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue Heaton 01622 820678

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:

Friday 3rd September at 8pm - Applause Event, Martin Harley
 Wednesday 8th September - Parish Plan Meeting, Village Club 8pm
 Thursday 9th September - Parish Council, Village Hall 8pm
 Saturday 18th September - 'Hunton Calling!'
 Friday 1st October- Applause Event, '45square
 Saturday 2nd October, Freighter Service, Village Hall, 1.40-2.10pm
 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
Cllr Moira Walter	745765	Cllr Keith Eatwell	745569
Cllr Gary Thomas	820691	Cllr Ron Porter	820220

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

Dear Friends,

(A personal reflection on life ... so far)

Balham has been described by the late Peter Sellers as 'gateway to the South with pretty colours of green, amber and red'! It was here that I arrived into this world at St.James' hospital, a sickly babe delivered by instruments and suffering bells palsy. Would I survive my parents asked? 'Take him home and keep him very still and quiet', was the advice from the doctor. Some weeks later when my mother took me to the post-natal clinic the nursing staff said 'that's that poorly little babe and how well he looks now!' They gave me the nickname 'Johnny Walker' and saw me grow stronger and healthier each time I was taken to the hospital.

A milestone will be reached this month on the birthday front and now I think back to how I did survive and how well my mother and father cared for me, and later my sister. Though my father passed away in 1997 my mother continues reasonably well marking her 90th birthday with us here on Mothering Sunday and attending the service at Linton. Still living in her bungalow way down there in Cornwall it's remarkable how she still has a great 'joie de vivre'. It's that which keeps her active.

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Applause Autumn Season

Martin Harley a fine acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter returns following a sell out show here back in February last year. Martin is a top quality performer. This time he is playing solo whilst touring the country on a bicycle raising cycle awareness.

Friday 3rd September at 8pm - tickets £8 booking now. Licensed bar.

4Square is an exciting, one to watch out for, young group from Manchester who are taking the folk festival circuit by storm. Check them out on www.4squaremusic.co.uk

Friday 1st October at 8pm - tickets £8 - advance bookings taken. Licensed bar.

New Budapest Cafe Orchestra is led by the wonderful Chris Garrick who returns following an exceptional gig here with John Etheridge in May 2008. Expect he and his band to deliver a driving blend of East European music. This should be an intoxicating show. Anyone for goulash?

Friday 3rd December at 8pm - tickets £10 - advance bookings taken. Licensed bar.

For enquiries please contact Jane on 820127 or Alan 820683.

Parish Council News

Plans for Hunton's Iconic Brick Kiln to become a Home

No objections were raised by Hunton Parish Councillors at their July meeting to plans to convert an oasthouse next to the Gudgeon Farmhouse in West Street into two-bedroom accommodation.

Owners Dennis and Elaine Collins, who have lived in the area for 30 years, said that they acquired the single brick kiln oast in 2004 and gained planning permission for its commercial use four years later. The market was then buoyant but in the past couple of years with the recession bringing falling property prices and rentals, they had been advised that the development was not viable. Interest had originally been shown by printers and builders wanting to use the building - and yard for storage of vans and vehicles - but there were no buyers.

The Collins had therefore decided to apply to convert the oast into a small residential unit which would mean less intensive use than if the building was used commercially. The Kent highways department felt that the access was good for vehicles. "The oast is not listed but is an iconic structure worth retaining in the Kent countryside," said Mrs Collins. One matter of concern for Parish Councillors was that the planners had recommended slate on the adjoining barn while the oast had Kent peg tiles.

Pests Under Control

In his King George V Playing Fields report, Chairman Keith Eatwell said that the Bowls and Football Club had decided to share the cost of pest control with the Village Hall to extend the area of control.

Members had been disappointed not to be able to stage a Hunton Village fete this summer but were giving priority to the 2011 event.

Little in Kent Council's Lorry Control Strategy

Maidstone Borough Councillor John Wilson and Parish Councillor Gary Thomas, expressed concern at the lack of plans by the Kent Highways Authority to take action to control heavy lorries using narrow country lanes in the parish. Mr Wilson outlined a scheme in Leicestershire where the authorities had looked at the problem of freight vehicles and re-routing them.

He said that Kent County Council had produced a lorry control strategy but in it there were just five lines relating to producing a map of the area. "I think that they are concerned that it will cost a lot of money but that is not the case. They need to look at re-routing the lorries and keeping them out of the villages."

An urgent call is also being sent to the Highways Authority about the "shocking and dangerous" state of the pot-holed roads including Hunton Hill and East Street.

A Great Sadness as Vikki Prepares to Leave the Parish Council It is with great regret and sadness that the Parish Council has been informed by Vikki Stancombe, the Parish Clerk that she will be standing down due to ill health and will be leaving her office at the end of October. She has guided the Parish Council over the last few years and will be so greatly missed.

Hunton Club Book Group, July Book Review

The Disappearing Act of Esme Lennox By Maggie O'Farrell

Esme and her older sister Kitty were born in the 1930's in colonial India. After an outbreak of typhoid kills their baby brother the family return home to Edinburgh. It is there that Esme, who has always been a free spirit and it seems, disliked by her mother, rebels against the stifling rules of polite society that is expected in their new lives. The family struggles to cope with her lack of conformity and volatility. Kitty, who is considered perfect, becomes extremely jealous when she realises her sister is attracting the attention of a young man she is determined to win for herself. After Esme is raped by this man she feels unable to tell anyone and spirals into a temporary breakdown. When Kitty tells the doctor that her sister has hallucinations it seals Esme's fate to be committed to a mental asylum, and separated from the family.

Sixty-one years later we meet Iris Lockhart, a free spirited single woman who runs a second hand clothes shop in Edinburgh and who has secrets and problems of her own. She receives a letter from that same asylum which is soon to close down. The letter informs her that she is the only known relative of Esme Lennox and suggests that she might like to make arrangements for her great aunt. Iris reluctantly finds herself taking a sane, dignified, old lady back to the family home, now made into flats.

The story of Esme unfolds through three viewpoints - those of Esme, Iris and fragments of Kitty's memories from childhood, adolescence and her eventual loveless marriage. When Esme discovers that Kitty is still alive, albeit suffering from Alzheimer's, she asks to see her. Iris agrees with unexpected and disturbing consequences.

Many of the group enjoyed the book and thought it was cleverly written and an interesting topic. They thought O'Farrell gave a good insight to life in the 1930's and showed the torment and bewilderment of Esme's inner world. Some also enjoyed the way the story was told using remembered snapshots from the different characters, these all coming together like a jigsaw to complete the story. Others found this way of writing confusing and irritating. A minority felt there was not enough depth to the book and so were not satisfied even though they felt the subject matter was interesting. It was agreed that it was an easy read. Several members admitted they had to reread the last few pages just to confirm they had understood the final turn of events! Scores ranged from 5 to 9 giving an average of 7 out of 10. Next month's book is Salmon Fishing in the Yemen by Paul Torday. *Ruth Porter*

Poultry Sale A sale of local, pure bred poultry from private collectors will take place at Yalding gardens on Sunday 12th September by kind permission of the new owner Paul Smith. Doors open for viewing at 9:30, sale commences at 10:30. The cafe is open for refreshments and you are welcome to view the garden for a small additional cost. Enquires to Lucy Owen 01892 835033

Art Exhibition

24-26 September in Church of St Peter & Paul, Yalding

Local artists—professionals and talented amateurs—display their work, all of which will be for sale with a percentage donated to the local charity, GamBLE.

Friday evening PREVIEW, Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 11am-3pm. ENTRANCE FREE, REFRESHMENTS and GamBLE Craft Stall. **For further details email: artgrass@dircon.co.uk**

The Heart of Kent Hospice Forthcoming Events 2010

Skydive, Sunday 5th September, Headcorn (other dates also available) A sponsored 10,000 feet tandem free fall parachute jump. No experience is required as all training is given. If you raise £400 you can skydive for free. Please call our Corporate Fundraiser on 01622 790195 for more information and dates.

Teas and Trains, Sunday 12th September, Wayside, Hunton A fun event for all the family. Take a trip by miniature train through the beautiful gardens, enjoy a cream tea and lots more. Tickets are £10 adults and £6 children. To book please call Fundraising and Marketing on 01622 790195.

Dragon Boat Race, Sunday 12th September, Bewl Water A great family day out. 16 rowers and one drummer per team. Entry fee £300, £2,000 minimum sponsorship required (£120 sponsorship per team member). To book please call Fundraising and Marketing on 01622 790195.

Moonlit Walk, Saturday 18th September, a 10 or 6 mile walk for ladies only, starting at 10pm from David Lloyd Leisure Club in Kings Hill. Entry fee £15. For more information or to register visit www.moonlitwalk.org.

Stately Home Boot Fair, Sunday 19th September, in the grounds of Leeds Castle 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Over 100 sellers, prices vary from 5p to £500. Refreshments and family entertainment all day. To book please call Fundraising and Marketing on 01622 790195.

HUGS Group Quiz Night, Saturday 25 September, Capel Morris Centre, Hall Road, Aylesford Starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 per person, with teams of 6 or 8 welcome. The price includes a Ploughmans supper, and there will be a bar and raffle available on the night. To book tickets please call Beryl Maybank on 01622 727632.

At St Mary's Church in September

Notices	Services
<p>Coffee Rota Sunday 5th September - Andrews family</p> <p>Flower Arrangers 5th September Mrs Scott 12th September Mrs Pinks 19th September Mrs Pinks 26th September Mrs Ellman Brown</p> <p>Hunton Sunday Club will be meeting again after the summer break on September 19th from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at Scott's House, the home of Jessica Haliday and family. The Club is open to all children of school age either living in or attending school in Hunton. Contact David Jones 01622 741474 for details. Our October meeting will be at 3 Grove Cottages, West Street.</p>	<p>Sunday 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Family Service - Rev David Jones Readings: Preachers Choice</p> <p>Sunday 12th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity 09.30am Holy Communion - Rev Michael Shaw Readings: Patronial Festival: Isaiah 61 v 10,11 and Luke 1 v 46-55</p> <p>Sunday 19th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Morning Prayer Mrs Eileen Doyle Readings: Amos 8 v4-7 and Luke 16 v 1 -13</p> <p>Sunday 26th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev David Jones Readings: Amos 6 v 1a & 4-7 and Luke 16 v 19 -31</p> <p>Sunday 3rd October - 18th Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Family Service</p>

By sending both me and my sister to the local CofE Primary school, the seeds were sown for my Christian ministry. 'Why don't you join the church choir?' asked my mother (the church being next door to the school). The vicar came in one day and asked for volunteers - my friend George and I raised our hands, and we were in!

We all look back at our childhood days and for many they bring back happy memories, but for others sad ones. It is said that we are 'the sum of all our experiences'. Living the Christian life for me has been a great adventure which really 'took off' at age 14 when I made a real commitment to follow Jesus. It was a great turning point in my life. At age 16 I felt God saying that He wanted me to work for him, not just in what subsequently was a time with a high street bank, but in ministry full-time.

I felt like the prophet Jeremiah. We read in chapter 1: 'the word of the Lord came to me, saying 'before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart'. Or again the prophet Isaiah in chapter six which recounts his call. He made all sorts of excuses when he felt God calling him. I made excuses too!

All of us by virtue of our Christian baptism (I chose to be baptised at age 14) have a calling to be the person God created us to be. The tricky question is: 'how does one find out what that is?' It is, I suggest, listening to what God is saying through bible reading, praying and listening to what others may say as you seek their wisdom.

God can often use the most unlikely people to give us the nudge in the right direction!

'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love'. It was part of that harvest hymn we sang regularly before our meal times at St. Mary's CofE primary school, Balham. We will soon be singing that as part of that harvest hymn: 'We plough the fields and scatter' and my mind goes back every time to my childhood days, and I thank God that he has given me life and that I want to continue serving Him in that which He has called me. May we all serve Him wherever He has placed us and be the person He has called us to be.

With my prayers,
PETER

5P Men Group

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6th September** at the White House Pub (end of Heath Road) in West Farleigh where we will be enjoying a game of Petanque . All welcome and no experience required, just come along and enjoy the evening. Time 7pm for 7.30 start - refreshments afterwards. Contact David Simpson 743977 or Mike Marsh on 745702 for more information or help with transport.

Churches Together in Maidstone

Open Forum Meeting, Wednesday September 8th at 7.00pm

United Reformed Church, Week Street

Speaker Revd Harvey Richardson, County Ecumenical Officer for Kent

Refreshments from 6.45pm



September	5th	12th	19th	26th	3rd Oct
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 HARVEST	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC 09.30 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 FS (Dandelion Trust)	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	9.30 HC	09.30 MP	08.00 HC

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

Hunton Calling!! - 18 September 2010

What's On

The event opens at 12:00 and stands close at 17:00.

Finishing up with a finale at 18:00 in the Church by Sue Pinks' Singing Group.

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall stand - buy your tickets for the next Applause Event	All afternoon
Pre-School stand	All afternoon
Parish Council stand	All afternoon
Parish Plan stand incl. raffle, quiz and treasure hunt	All afternoon
Hunton History stand	All afternoon
Farming stand	All afternoon
Action with Communities in Rural Kent stand	All afternoon
Neighbourhood Watch stand	All afternoon
Hunton Herald stand (incl. website)	All afternoon
Hunton website (incl. website)	All afternoon
Peace Cottages stand	All afternoon
Afternoon Tea - Tea & Cakes	15:00 onwards

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Classic Car competition – judging from 14:00	All afternoon
Cricket pairs competition	14:00 onwards
Petanque (car park)	All afternoon
Kent Fire & Rescue Service – fire safety advice	
Police	
Refreshments	

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Bell ringing and demonstrations – try it out for yourself	14:00 onwards
Kent Wildlife stand	All afternoon
History of St Mary's stand & quiz	All afternoon
PCC stand	All afternoon
Hunton Flower Arrangers stand	All afternoon
Screening of Hunton Flower Festival DVD	All afternoon
Hunton Sunday Club stand	All afternoon
Friends of St Mary's stand	All afternoon
Fabric Committee stand	All afternoon
Sue Pinks' singing group – songs from the musicals	18:00-18:30

VILLAGE CLUB

Images of Hunton Today Exhibition – judging at 11:00	Viewing all afternoon
Bar & BBQ – come and see the new outside area	12:30 onwards
Darts competition	All afternoon
Bar Billiards competition	All afternoon
Book Club	All afternoon
Scalextric Hill Climb	All afternoon
Rename the Club competition	All afternoon

HUNTON CEP SCHOOL

Guided tours	
3D map of Hunton made by pupils of Hunton CEP School	All afternoon
PTA stand	All afternoon
School archives and old records display	All afternoon
School presentation for the Hunton Parish Plan	All afternoon
Medway Valley Partnership	All afternoon
Sustainable Hunton	All afternoon
School artwork of Hunton	All afternoon

**All information above correct at time of going to press.
Each building will have the final version on the day.**