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## Last Call for Hunton Parish Plan Questionnaires!

Thank you for all those that have completed your questionnaires. If there are any more out there that need collecting please drop them into Hunton Village Club by November 12th or alternatively if anyone would like theirs collected please call Sue Heaton 01622 820678 to arrange for collection

Keep **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February** free in your diaries. This is our next big event to feed back the results of the Questionnaire and for you to help prioritise what needs to go into the Hunton Plan.

## Friends of St Mary's Barn Dance



## Applause Event - New Budapest Cafe Orchestra

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm** - New Budapest Cafe Orchestra (see insert for band details) This promises to be an exceptional evening, even by the high standards we have come to expect. Great music, great café atmosphere and great food (goulash!): so book early to avoid disappointment. Phone Alan on 820683 or David on 820678.

### Parish Clerk:

The Parish Council welcomes the new Parish Clerk, Sharon Goodwin. Her contact details are 01622 681238

## Hunton Village New Year's Eve Party

This year there will be a New Year's Eve party at the Village Hall from 8.00pm until 1.00am. There will be live music from *Ocean Blue* and a licensed bar run by volunteers from your club with the usual low prices. If you want to bring your own nibbles or supper, then feel free.

Tickets are on sale now from Kathy 01622 820092 (East St.) and Tricia 01622 820804 (West St.) at a cost of £8.00. However, leave it until December and the ticket price goes up to £10.00. We suggest you buy early to avoid disappointment as there has already been keen interest shown. Hope to see you there!



### Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
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:

Sunday 7th November White House Walk, between 09.30 and 10.30  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November Hunton Parish Council Meeting Village Hall, 8pm  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November Family Art and Craft Fun Day at the Village Hall, 11-1pm  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November Parish Plan Meeting at the Village Club, 8pm  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November The Yalding Gardens Christmas Fair 10am through to 6pm  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Applause Event New Budapest Cafe Orchestra with Chris Garrick, Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 'New Year's Eve Party' at the Village Hall 8.00pm until 1.00am.  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February Feedback from the Parish Plan Questionnaire Village Hall

### 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 David Heaton	820678
Cllr Moira Walter	745765
Cllr Keith Eatwell	745569
Cllr Gary Thomas	820691
Cllr Ron Porter	820220

*All items for the December edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th November, please*

Hi All

Remember how fleeting is my life! Rather a morbid thought as we get older, yet those words from Psalm 89 v 47 bring life and its meaning and purpose to the forefront in our thoughts. November is a 'remembering' month in so many ways. The changing of the clock reminds us that winter is not far off. The old rhyme, Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November... the mists and large piles of leaves collected by the road sweeper on my way to school, and the daily bonfires and resultant smoke they created when lit; and finally the haunting sound of the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, of marching feet and the singing of 'O God our help in ages past' and the last post.

Remembrance is part of life. We learn from the past and recall sad and happy moments and reflect on the experiences that have formed our lives. In one sense it is looking back and if that is all then we remain in the past with memories and the older we get those memories can well be tinged with regret. But memories can inform us of the opportunities we have been given and are still open to us.

In the Bible, the children of Israel, were reminded over and over again of their past. How their forefathers experienced God's goodness on their journey to the Promised Land, of slavery, of famine, and also of God's goodness to them when they followed his commands. Remembering was a way of being certain about the present and having confidence in the future in the ways that God had dealt with his people in the past. It's too easy to forget what we learn from the past. When we do that, life can become so uncertain and unsure.

So for me Remembrance Sunday reminds me of so much that war brings, and leaves us with, in terms of suffering and pain, and so often brings little of the peace that we fought to bring about. It reminds us of the futility of some many of our actions when we put our trust in ourselves and not in God. We hear the words 'Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.' Yet sadly their sacrifice given for us is not learnt. Remembering includes 'learning and applying' so this year as we stand for those two minutes out of the just over 5¼ million minutes in a year, stand to remember what we have done or are doing to bring about the peace in the world we long to live in.

David

## Yalding Gardens Christmas Fair

Come and visit The Yalding Gardens Christmas Fair on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Yalding Gardens, Benover Road, Yalding, ME18 6EX. Entrance will be free and it will begin at 10am through to 6pm so there will be plenty of opportunity to stock up on your Christmas presents and have some fun.

We are offering something slightly different at our Christmas Fair. As well as having a varied range of creative and delicious products we will be hosting a range of workshops. These will focus on skills such as Wreath Making by Blooming Green of Channel 4's My Dream Farm fame and other interesting crafts. Keep an eye on our website [www.yaldinggardens.org](http://www.yaldinggardens.org) where we will post more information about these soon. There will be delicious seasonal fayre on offer to keep all our visitors fed and watered, we have asked Father Christmas if he will pay us a visit so the kids can meet him and collect a small gift, and there will be a whole host of fun and games for old and young. Of course we will offer a variety of refreshments to keep you shopping!

We are inviting a carefully selected range of local retailers as our aim is to have a really interesting variety of stalls offering the best products to our discerning audience, keep checking our website [www.yaldinggardens.org](http://www.yaldinggardens.org) as we will have the up to date list of exhibitors on there.

## Harvest in Hunton

More than 70 people went to the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall and, judging by the noise level, a good time was had by all! Long tables were set with green tablecloths and decorated with apples, grapes and flowers. After many years of cold meats and salads, hot shepherd's pie for everyone came as a nice surprise. This was followed by a variety of puddings including blackberry and apple crumble, apple and plum crumbles, profiteroles and ginger pudding. The meal was rounded off with cheese and coffee. Many helpers made surprisingly light work of catering for such a large number. A variety of people had cooked the pies and puddings and there were lots of willing hands to help with clearing tables and washing up. A bar was run by Hunton Club and there



was also a raffle. The lunch followed the Harvest Festival service led by David Jones in St Mary's Church. The full church had been transformed with beautiful autumnal flower arrangements in reds, yellows and gold and the service included several favourite Harvest hymns.

Liz Oliver

## Hunton Club Book Club

### October 2010 Review - 'Killing Floor' by Lee Child

'Killing Floor' is Lee Child's first book, and introduces the reader to Jack Reacher who is now the main character in fifteen crime thrillers. In 'Killing Floor' Reacher arrives by chance in Margrave, a small town in Georgia, where he is very quickly arrested for the first murder to be committed in the town for thirty years. He soon discovers that the town is not as idyllic as it first appears and as nasty secrets are revealed, the body count mounts and Reacher sets about uncovering a major crime conspiracy.

The Book Club came to the conclusion that Reacher is a very 'blokeish' fantasy - a 6'5" mysterious drifter who throws away and replaces his clothes when they need washing and is able to slug his way out of any trouble that comes his way. The first half of the book seemed quite promising but most of the group thought that the constant beatings and killings were gratuitous and that the story dragged on far longer than was necessary. Lee Child is undoubtedly a very popular and successful author in this genre, but the majority of the group thought 'Killing Floor' was overlong and too violent.

Our score for this book was 4.5 out 10, with marks ranging from 2-6.

The book for November is 'Mansfield Park' by Jane Austen.

Tricia Nichols

## Would you like to be a Member of a Book Group?

The Hunton Village Club Book Group does not have any vacancies for new members. However, we are compiling a list of people interested in forming a second Hunton Village Club Book Group.

If you would like to find out a little more about how a book group works, or even join the new group, give me a call. The existing group meets at the club on the first Thursday of every month at 8.00pm. Should you wish to learn more we would welcome you to "sit" in with us at one of our meetings.

Other local book groups envy us our ready made venue at the Village Club. The other good news is that Joan at Yalding Library will even source the books for you - so no purchases are necessary.

So if you're interested call me, Tricia on 820804. We already have six people interested!

## Autumn Walk

On the 7th November 2010 The White House, West Farleigh is holding it's Autumn treasure hunt walk.

This is going to be a 5 mile circular walk starting and finishing at the pub and taking in the pretty village of Yalding and some fantastic views across the Weald of Kent. As an added challenge there will be various clues for you to answer as you go round with the possibility of winning a small prize. Apart from the fresh air and exercise the purpose of this walk is to raise much needed funds for two important charities, the first is the Old Folk Four a charity that provides food hampers to local elderly people at Christmas and the second is Buttercups Sanctuary for Goats, the only UK registered charity exclusively for goats, based just up the road in Boughton Monchelsea. You can set off any time between 09.30 and 10.30, take it at your own pace and be welcomed back with hot soup and a roaring log fire.

Cost is £5 for all those over 14, under 14s free and if you would be willing to raise even more, sponsor forms are available at the pub or at Buttercups, a prize will be awarded to the person who raises the most money. For more information please call Jan on 01622 820520 or Simon on 07980068792

## Birds and your Garden East Farleigh Gardening Club

East Farleigh Gardening Club will hold their Autumn meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November in the Church Hall, Lower Road. There will be an illustrated talk on the private lives of birds in our gardens (Surprising (even shocking) things you didn't know about our feathered friends!!!) by Ray Morris MSc (ornithology). There will be refreshments, a raffle and the opportunity to ask questions. Hunton villagers are very welcome to join us for the evening. Admission is £3. For further information call Sue Morris on 01622 726164

If you are thinking about a garden club for Hunton - why not come along and see what's involved!

## For Children in Need — Family Art and Craft Fun Day

Hunton Village Hall, Sunday 14th November, 11 - 1pm

£1 per child, please wear old clothes as things could get messy!

For more info please call Emma or Helen on 01622 820723 or 07786545496 or 07525243056

## Clay Sculpture and More Exhibition

At the Graham Clarke Gallery, Maidstone near the Hazlitt Theatre in Rose Yard

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Monday - Sat 10am -6pm, Free

The exhibition showcases a group of local artists who work regularly together but individually produce diverse pieces of sculpture and artwork



## At St Mary's Church in November

Notices	Services
<p><b>Flower Arrangers</b>            7th Mrs Simmons            14th (Remembrance) Mrs Simmons            21st Mrs Joyce            28th Mrs Joyce</p> <p><b>Hunton Sunday Club</b> - our November meeting will be held at Freelands, West Street, Rebecca's home and starts at 5.15pm. This month's activity is still to be decided but tea is arranged and we plan to finish by 6.45pm. The December meeting has been moved to Sunday December 12th to avoid the Carol Service at St Mary's on the 19th.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 7th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent</b>            11.00 am Family Service - Rev Peter Walker            Readings: Preachers Choice</p> <p><b>Sunday 14th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent</b>            10.50 Remembrance Sunday Rev Ron Gamble            Readings: Micah 4 v 1-5 &amp; Romans 8 v 31 - end, or Corinthians 50 - end</p> <p><b>Sunday 21st November - 1st Sunday before Advent</b>            11.00am Morning Prayer - Rev David Jones            Readings: Jeremiah 23 v 1-6 and Luke 23 v 33 - 43</p> <p><b>Sunday 28th November - Advent Sunday</b>            11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Peter Walker            Readings: Romans 13 v 11 - 14 and Matthew 24 v 36 - 44</p> <p><b>Sunday 5th December</b>            11.00 am Family Service</p>

### Annual Bereavement Service 2010

The Annual Bereavement Service will be held on Sunday November 7th at 3.00pm at St Nicholas' Linton. All are welcome at this service which will include the reading of the names of people who died in the last twelve months and whose services were taken by either Peter or David. There will be refreshments after the service. Good parking on the left, off the A229, just before Linton Village.

### Stainless Steel Pins Secures the Fane Memorial

The large Fane memorial at the front of St Mary's Church, which weighs about two tonnes, has been examined and repaired by The Stone Shop of East Farleigh. It was feared that the wall fixings may have deteriorated over a period of nearly 300 years but, in fact, they were found to be in remarkably good condition. Just to be on the safe side, stainless steel pins have been inserted to make sure the memorial stays fixed to the wall



### Knit and Natter Group, Yalding Gardens

Come and join in our monthly knitting group. All experience levels welcome, just bring some needles and wool. A chance to swap ideas or learn new skills. £4 per session includes cup of tea and cake from the Bushel Box Tearooms. Our next dates for your diary are: Saturday 18th December 2.30-4.00pm, Saturday 15th January 2.30- 4.00pm, Saturday 12th February 2.30m- 4.00pm. For more info phone Tracey on 01622 820019.

### Life on the River Medway

The Medway Valley Countryside Partnership's annual photographic competition on the River Medway is now live with entries already coming in. The photo competition about the river Medway is open until the 1st of May 2011 and is open to everyone. There will be 2 groups, under 18's and over 18's.

Like last year, this year's competition focuses entirely on the river Medway, from Tonbridge to Rochester. We have named our competition 'Life on the river Medway', so your photos can be wildlife related or community/recreation related.

There is a limit of 5 entries per-person so why not enter for your chance to win a fantastic photographic workshop day with professional wildlife photographer Terry Whittaker and your winning photo will be put on canvas for you to keep. If you would like to find out more about the competition please feel free to look at our website, [www.rivermedwayphoto.org](http://www.rivermedwayphoto.org) for further information, rules and regulations and to enter.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at Medway Valley Countryside Partnership, Tel: 01622 683695. Email: [medwayvalley@kent.gov.uk](mailto:medwayvalley@kent.gov.uk). We will be happy to answer any questions.

November	7th	14th	21st	28th	5th December
Coxheath	11.00 HC	10.30 Remembrance Sunday	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC 10.30 Remembrance Sunday	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC 3.00pm Bereavement Service	10.00 Remembrance Sunday	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	10.45 Remembrance Sunday	9.30 MP	09.30 HC	08.00 HC

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