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Parish Council News

Gunning for Speeding Motorists

A group of six village volunteers has agreed to undertake training by the police in preparation for carrying out checks on the speed of motorists driving through the village on West Street.

Parish Councillor, David Heaton, reported to the September meeting that residents commenting in the Parish Plan questionnaire had called for such a scheme to be set up and Guy Oliver had agreed to lead the group.

Council Chairman, Roger Sawtell, said that West Farleigh Council has a radar speed gun and is prepared to let Hunton use it.

Further details are awaited from Maidstone Borough Councillor, John Wilson, on plans for a 20 mph speed limit outside Hunton Primary School, one of several in the county being used for a pilot scheme.

Details are also to be finalised by the Kent Highway Services on the Gateways planned to make further checks on motorists' speed in West Street. Kent County Council has a new highways contractor, Enterprise, but no date has been fixed for the installation work.

KHS is also looking into the possibility of providing new water soakaway ditching from the Lughorse Lane junction to the foot of Hunton Hill to ease the drainage problem before resurfacing the road and filling in the dangerous potholes. BT had denied responsibility for water leaking from one of its inspection covers.

In his report from the King George V Playing Field Committee, Danny Peacock, acting chairman, said that there had been concern about the emptying of the hall car park rubbish bins but the situation had recently improved.

The hedge from the car park onto West Street is to be cut back to give motorists improved vision. Quotes of around £35,000 had been obtained from contractors for the total resurfacing of the car park.

Roger Sawtell suggested that Kent County Councillor Paulina Stockell should be contacted to see if funding can be obtained. Meanwhile temporary work may be carried out to repair the worst of the potholes.

Village Hall Chairman, Alan Bishop, reported that quotes have been obtained for installing solar panels on the roof in a bid to reduce the heavy electricity costs faced by the Hall Committee. The Hall has liaised with the village primary school which is carrying out a similar solar scheme.

When all the necessary information has been collated, a sub group of the Parish Council will meet to decide the best action.

Three residents have put their names forward to fill the vacancy which arose on the Parish Council when Keith Eatwell stepped down earlier this year.

Friends of St Mary's

BARN DANCE

Saturday 29th October 7pm

Hunton Village Hall

Tickets £10.00 including supper
children under 12 free, bar

Tickets from the trustees.

Call 820508, 820678, 820220

Litter Patrol – Volunteers Wanted

The first meeting of the Litter Patrol team has taken place and the first clean up is scheduled for **Saturday 15th October**. If you would be interested in volunteering could you please contact Nigel or Di on 01622 820115 in the first instance so that we can make sure we order enough pickups and gloves for everyone for the day. Further dates are planned for 17th March 2012, 16th June 2012 and 22nd September 2012.

Di Martin

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683
Rector: Revd Peter Walker	747570**
Non Stipendiary Minister: Revd David Jones	741474*
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495

Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
Village Hall Booking: Alan Bishop	820683
Maidstone Police:	608186
Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
PCSO Tom Mepstead/Richard Chainey	604392
Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Dates for Diaries:

Friday 7th October **Applause Event: Doudou Cissoko Ancient Strings & Fabulous Things** Village Hall
 Saturday 15th October **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Sunday 16th October **Knit and Natter** Yalding Gardens 2.30-4.30pm
 Thursday 20th October **Community Gardening Meeting** Village Club 8pm
 Wednesday 26th October **Parish Plan Steering Committee** 8pm Village Club
 Saturday 29th October **Barn Dance** Village Hall 7pm
 Monday 14th November **Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Village Hall
 Saturday 19th November **Knit and Natter** Yalding Gardens 2.30-4.30pm
 Friday 25th November **Applause Event: Tongues of Fire Village Band** Hunton Village Hall 8pm

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman	
– Roger Sawtell	820731
Clerk to the Parish Council	
– Sharon Goodwin	681238
Cllr Les Leonard	820858
Cllr David Heaton	820678
Cllr Moira Walter	745765
Cllr Gary Thomas	820691
Cllr Ron Porter	820220

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

Dear Friends

'Therefore ...pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom whom we may appoint to this duty' (Acts 6:3)

This duty was that of helping in the distribution of gifts and aid to the Greek speaking Jewish Christian widows in the early church. Seven were chosen and received the Laying-on of hands for the role of servants – assisting the Apostles as they preached the word. The most famous of these seven was Stephen who was later martyred for his faith. The role of Deacon has thus continued in the church and seen as part of the three-fold ministry of Bishop, Priest and Deacon.

It was a great joy to see our very own Eileen Doyle kneel before Bishop James in Rochester Cathedral and receive the Laying-on of hands for her ordination as a Deacon on September 10th. *'Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Eileen for the office and work of a deacon in your church'.*

In the Church of England a cleric begins his/her ministerial work at this point. A deacon cannot preside at the Holy Communion or absolve or bless, but through the ensuing year is trained to be ready for these actions together with learning how to take the many other services and duties of a Priest, so that when the year has been completed the Bishop together with the other priests present will lay- on their hands in the ordaining of the Deacon to the Priesthood. These 12 months and beyond will still continue a time of learning and study, and I as Eileen's Training Incumbent together with you will help her develop her particular ministry in our United Benefice. You will notice that deacons wear their stole across the left shoulder and tied under the right arm. As with the priest's attire the stole is moved to hang from both shoulders at the point of becoming a Priest. In whichever position it is a constant reminder to Bishop, Priest and Deacon that they are 'tied to Christ', and too the indelible holy orders which are conferred at their Ordination. It is also a reminder that whether Bishop or Priest, all are still Deacons.

May God continue to bless us all as we seek to exercise our own particular Christian ministry – by virtue of our Baptism – and so build up the church in this place to God's Glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

With prayers, Peter

An Opportunity to Garden in the Community?

For the opportunity to garden in a lovely setting with a long and varied past, to rub shoulders with the great and good of Hunton's history, and to gain some exercise into the bargain, look no further than St. Mary's Churchyard in Hunton. The churchyard is maintained by a small, friendly group of volunteers but more help or support would be welcome.

The group meets four or five times per year to work on the churchyard, we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with this but we would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would just like to hear news about the churchyard or perhaps be involved in planning the work.

Churchyards are beautiful evocative places, they offer a calm place to rest and reflect, they give shelter to wildlife from great trees to microscopic lichens, and they simply breathe history. Unfortunately unlike church buildings there are very few opportunities for funding so churchyards need to be supported by voluntary help. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you are interested please come along to an informal gathering at **Hunton Club on Thursday 20th October at 8pm** or register your interest with Sue Heaton 820678 susan.heaton1@virgin.net or Christine McSweeney 820852 christine.mcsweeney@gmail.com

Christine McSweeney

School News

Press Printing Workshop

On Saturday 10th September 2011 Hunton CEP School hosted a printing workshop for Gifted and Talented pupils from Maidstone schools. An 'A' level Art Teacher led the printing workshop for the day which was very well attended and the children enjoyed extending their knowledge and skills to create some effective art work. To begin the day they had been set a challenge to bring in natural forms to print from. The children then transferred this into a 2D block and to a range of papers. They were shown how to press print to create different effects initially just using black ink and white paper. The children created their own design into polystyrene tiles and printed from these. They introduced different colours to create effect.

Sunlight was used to develop photographic paper around a shape. This produced some lovely images and colours. All the children and staff enjoyed the day and were pleased with the work produced.

Catherine Wickham, Hunton Primary School



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 a cup of tea and cake from the Bushel Box Tearooms. Now from 2.30-4.30pm. Our next dates are:

Sunday 16th October, Saturday 19th November, Saturday 10th December. For more info phone Tracey on 01622 820019.

Hunton Village Club Caribbean Cook-Out

Wow, what a night! If you didn't come you missed a really good evening. Over 70 people came, many wearing Caribbean inspired clothing and bringing along an enthusiasm for a fun evening and it certainly worked! Your club was brightly decorated and we even had some palm trees along with a tropical flower arrangement. Jerk chicken with rice and peas was available to purchase and many tried this meal, savouring Caribbean flavours. Those who were not so adventurous enjoyed BBQ burgers and sausages. Three alcoholic and three non-alcoholic cocktails were flowing and there were certainly no shortage of takers. Adults and children even took part in limbo dancing, with one of the children winning the competition. All in all, it was an absolutely wonderful night and one we are sure to repeat in the future.



Lost in Swing

The era of Swing came to Hunton Club on Saturday 17th September. Les Blackburn entertained a full house with his rendition of swing. He treated us to an evening of songs featuring all the old favourites, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Neil Sedaka, Cliff Richard and many more.

The next event at your club will be Trick and Treat on Monday 31st October. The club will be open earlier to give children a chance to scare us all with their Halloween costumes. So, bring your little Devils along from 7pm and be prepared to scream!

Hunton Club dates to remember: *Trick or Treat - Monday 31st October, 50's Night - Saturday 19th November, Quiz Night - Saturday 10 December*

Have We Got You on the List?

Every year the Village Hall hosts a series of events run by Applause Rural Touring. If you would like to receive details on future events please send an email to huntonvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk to join our electronic mailing list.

Applause Events Coming Up

Doudou Cissoko: Ancient Strings and Fabulous Things

Friday October 7th at 8pm Hunton Village Hall A sparkling fusion of ancient instruments from diverse cultures blended with a thoroughly modern and electric vibe. With music ranging from the gently hypnotic to the irresistibly danceable, Doudou – accompanying himself on the beautiful 21 stringed West African harp/lute – and his dynamic cast of international musical troubadours weave a magical spell to captivate audiences of any age. World class world music, on your doorstep! www.myspace.com/doudoucissoko **Tickets 820683 or 820678**

Tongues of Fire

The November Applause event at Hunton Village Hall Friday 25th November 8pm Tongues of Fire are a riot of reeds, brass and percussion making a joyful noise for dreaming, dancing and celebration. They are inspired by traditions of village and town bands both in England and around the world, and play a rich blend of traditional and modern sounds. All members of Tongues of Fire are dedicated improvisers, sweeping people along with their unpredictable but hugely accessible playing. www.tongues-of-fire.co.uk **Tickets 820683 or 820678**

Hunton Club Book Group A - Review of 'Mrs Dalloway' by Virginia Woolf

Set in the summer of 1923, this is the story of one day in the life of Mrs Dalloway, wife of a Member of Parliament, as she prepares for a party she is to hold that evening. We also meet Septimus who has had serious mental problems since fighting in WWI, although there seems to be little sympathy for or knowledge of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Various other characters intertwine through this novel as their paths cross in London on that hot summer day.

Of the ten people in the group only three finished this book. They all agreed that it was worth the concentration needed to read this novel which they felt had been written in beautiful prose with the characters drawn in great depth; they liked the way the story went seamlessly from one character to another. The remaining seven members of the group failed to finish this book which they felt was muddled, unnerving and manic! Our score, which ranged from 1 to 9, gave an average of 5. Our book for September is 'The Museum of Innocence' by Orhan Pamuk *Lorraine Redfarn*

Hunton Club Book Group B – Review of 'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel

Pi is a young Indian boy whose father owns a Zoo. Pi is a young teenager growing up with a yearning to 'love God' and decides to become a Muslim, a Hindu and a Christian. His need to love God is recounted in this first section of the book together with his appreciation of the knowledge he has developed of the needs and behaviours of some of the animals within his father's zoo. In the second part of the book, when the family decides to move to Canada, some of the animals are shipped with them on a Japanese cargo ship. The ship goes down and Pi, the only human survivor inhabits the lifeboat with a zebra, hyena, orangutan and a tiger. After some gruesome events, the tiger and Pi are the only ones to stay alive during the 7 month ordeal and Pi's experiences are recounted in the way he learns to handle his harrowing situation and the tiger. The group agreed that this challenge enabled Pi to keep going, but debated the reality of the story in the main and in some parts it particularly seemed unlikely and wondered whether there was a deeper meaning that we had missed. We all agreed we would be hallucinating under such circumstance! Those that finished the book (4 of the 6) thought the story was a good read and worth it after the battle through the first part. The total score for the group was 4.5, ranging from 1 to 6. Our September book is 'The Book Seller of Kabul' by Asne Seierstad. *Sue Heaton*

At St Mary's Church in October

Notices

Coffee Rota

Sunday 2nd October Dixon Family

Flowers

Sunday 2nd October HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL

Sunday 9th October Mrs. Mason

Sunday 16th October Mrs. Mason

Sunday 23rd October Mrs. Grainger

Services

Sunday 2nd October – Trinity 15

11.00 am Harvest - Rev David Jones

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 9th October- Trinity 16

9.30 am Morning Prayer – Rev David Jones

Readings: Exodus 32:1-14 and Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 16th October -Trinity 17

11.00 am– Family Service Morning Prayer Mrs. Alison Ellman-Brown

Readings: Exodus 33: 12 - end and Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday 23rd October -Trinity 18

11.00 am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Walker

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1- 8 and Matthew 22:34 - end

Sunday 30th October – All Saints

11.00 am United Benefice West Farleigh

Readings: Revelation 7:9 – end, 1 John 3: 1-3, and Matthew 5: 1-12

Hunton Walking Group

The Walking Group is now well into it's stride with the completion of three of the scheduled walks. Our first walk from Yalding to the Swan at West Peckham along the Greensand Way saw us positioning cars at the Swan for our return to Hunton, then packing as many into a few cars to return to Yalding to start our walk. It was a beautiful sunny day, scenery was stunning, we walked across fields and parkland. It was not without incident, we found ourselves trespassing through the grounds of a splendid house, another wrong turn lead us to a dead end but despite this and crossing the very busy Seven Mile Lane we soon found ourselves back at The Swan for a well deserved drink.

Our second walk was a circular walk from the Gun and Spit Roast in Horsmonden. Once again the sun shone on us and we found beautiful views, although it has to be said this walk also tested our climbing skills as we encountered numerous styles, some of which were challenging, especially for those of us with short legs. Once again the walkers were rewarded with a drink in the Gun at the end of the walk.

Last Monday our good fortune with the weather seemed to desert us when we met to position cars at Linton and Yalding for our continued walk of the Greensand Way. By the time we reached Lughorse Lane it stopped raining and then the skies cleared as we reached Buston Manor. The sun then shone for the rest of the walk and we all found our wet weather gear rather warm and were ready for our drink at the Bull.

I think all would agree it has been a good way of meeting people we had not previously known in Hunton and also catching up with old friends whilst also taking in the beautiful Kent countryside.

We are a group of about 20. We have two walks planned for October. Our first walk is on 10th October and continues along the Greensand Way from Linton to Sutton Valence. The second is a circular walk on 24th October in Pluckley. If you are interested in joining us contact Ann Sawtell at ann.sawtell@btinternet.com or call 01622820731.

Ann Sawtell

Baroque Concert

A big thank you (in a small space!) for all the support for our Baroque concert on 12th August commemorating Kathleen and Philip Moore's musical contribution to Hunton Church over many years. As more and more loyal friends arrived, it was as if the little church lit up with delight to be so filled with generosity. Furthermore, the kind donations, together with gift aid benefits, totalled £542. We are very grateful to the wonderful musicians who, in turn, gave their time and skill to play such beautiful early music.

Joy McLaughlin

Talk on Evolution

Holy Trinity Church has invited Professor Berry, a scientist of repute and committed Christian with a record of publications in both fields, to speak on evolution. We feel that in the minds of many people there is an unnecessary contradiction between scientific knowledge and the truth revealed in Jesus Christ. This is one attempt to influence the climate of opinion. Those within and without your churches would be most welcome.

The Vicarage, East Peckham 01622 871278

October	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	10.30 United Benefice
E. Farleigh	09.30 Harvest	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 09.30 Matins	10.30 United Benefice
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 Harvest	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	10.30 United Benefice
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	9.30 MP (Mod)	09.30 HC	10.30 United Benefice
HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word					