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APPLAUSE SECKOU KEITA TRIO

Hunton Village Hall, Saturday 8th September at 8pm

With the help of Applause Rural Touring, who have pulled out all the stops in securing Seckou Keitas' visit, Hunton is delighted to welcome back one of the world's most unique and exciting kora (harp-lute) players. His style blends melody with rhythm and is so unique that he is one of the very few kora players able to get people out of their chairs and up on their feet. Seckou and his band gave a captivating performance here in 2005.

Seckou started to perform at festivals in Senegal at the age of seven, supporting his famous uncle Solo Cissokho. Since then Seckou has gone on to perform internationally with performances world wide including festivals such as Womad and Glastonbury.

He is a charismatic performer and is shortly to be appearing with Antonio Forcione for a season at this year's Edinburgh Festival.

This Hunton concert is Seckou's one off Applause event and all the more special as a result.

Tickets now bookable on 01622 820683 or 01622 820678. £10 per ticket and £5 for under 21's. Licensed bar.

Please spread the word with your friends and take the opportunity to experience this dynamic blend of African music, percussion and song.

Hunton Village Club Indian Supper Night

Following on from our successful Fish and Chip Supper Night, Hunton Village Club will be hosting an Indian Supper Night on Friday 7th September 7.30pm for 8pm.

Tables will need to be booked and payment taken by Monday 3 September. The cost per person is £11.00.

Don't delay, numbers are limited. For more information or to book your table call Tricia on 01622 820804.



September Serenade

Come and enjoy a concert of relaxing music to mark the end of the summer. September Serenade will be on Sunday, 23rd September in Hunton Church at 5pm and will feature music played on violins, cellos, clarinets, flutes, a saxophone, a harp and a keyboard. Performances will be by Lisa, Becky and Megan Dolman, Mary Goddard, Daisy Andrews, Alison Moore, Sue Pinks, Nick Drewe, The Huntones and others. Tickets are £4 available from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 and Sue Pinks on 01622 820709. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of St Mary's Church.

Ride and Stride Saturday 8th September

Get sponsored and visit as many churches as possible on the day by bike (or walking) and raise money for your church. Churches are open all over Kent. There are plenty in your area, which you will be very welcome to visit. Plan your own route to start and finish any time between 10am and 6pm.

Contact Alison Ellman-Brown for more details 07860 147539

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
Non Stipendiary Minister: Revd. David Jones	741474*	PCSO Jo Watts	604392
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Saturday 7th September **Indian Night** Village Club 7.30pm – 11pm
 Saturday 8th September **Churchyard Working Party** 9.00am
 Saturday 8th September **Ride and Stride**
 Saturday 8th September **Applause** Village Hall 7.30pm
 Sunday 14th September **Songs of Praise** St Mary's Church at 11.00am
 Saturday 22nd September **Race Night** Village Club - 7.30pm – 11pm
 Monday 10th September **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8-9pm
 Saturday 6th October **60s Night** Village Club - 7.30pm – 11pm
 Sunday 7th October **Harvest Festival** St Mary's Church 11.00am
 Saturday 13th October **Litter picking** Village Hall
 Sunday 14th October **Harvest Village Lunch** at 12 pm for 12.30 pm
 Wednesday 31st October **Halloween Night** Village Club - 7.30pm
 Thursday 29th November **Gardening Club Meeting** - in the Village Club 8.30pm
 Saturday 8th December **Hunton's First Christmas Market** St Mary's Church 4pm – 7pm
 Saturday 8th December **Quiz Night** Hunton Club 8pm

Parish Councillors Contact Details

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Check out www.hunton.org.uk for changes and see the latest up-to-date version. If you would like to add an event to the village diary email huntondiary@btinternet.com - new events are being added all the time.

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

Dear Friends,

“A look back on thirty two years”

It was the last flight into Adelaide Airport that evening of the 29th September. It was Michaelmas Day. I stepped out into the now seemingly deserted concourse to see Brother Gilbert there to greet me. As we drove up the winding hill the lights of the City became ever distant as we arrived at St. Michael’s House, the home of the Society of the Sacred Mission whose mission there was to train young men for Ordination. I was there to see if I was being called to ordination in that unusual environment, and then to see if I truly was! The rest was history for I returned to England and resigned from my job with a High Street Bank and spent the next four years with the brothers and nine other students studying, and I might add, cleaning and cooking! It was a thorough training. I was later ordained to serve in the Diocese of Tasmania where for eight years I progressed from an Assistant Curate to be in charge of a number of small rural communities. I also found a wife! Diana.

Over the ensuing years I served back in England in the Dioceses of Lincoln, Bath and Wells, Europe and this the Diocese of Rochester. My ‘final’ move is to the Diocese of Exeter.

Europe was a challenge in that I was a chaplain to ex-pats on the Western end of the Costa del Sol. It was no holiday I might add but a busy and exciting three years of my ministry.

Now it is time to say farewell to another group of parishioners who have all been our friends over seven years in Kent. There have been many events, challenges and activities that I can look back on over these years and cherish them all (well, most!)

I thank all who have contributed to the life and worship of the five churches; to my fellow Clergy and Readers and all who have served as Churchwardens, PCC members and in the many other tasks which people give of their time and talents lovingly towards the ministry the church offers.

The Bible reminds us through the words of Jesus that we are fellow workers in His vineyard. That means that we are working in some area or corner of this Estate and the Estate owner is the Lord Jesus Himself.

I wish you well in this part of the vineyard, and we both assure you of our prayers in the days to come, and that the next Incumbent will be a man or woman of God’s choosing.

The following prayer may be helpful as you pray and contemplate the future:

‘Great Shepherd, you have committed your flock to those who serve you as pastors and teachers; we now ask and pray that you will send to us the person of your choosing that he or she may serve you faithfully in these parishes of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh. We ask it in the Name of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Amen’

You are very welcome to visit us if you are holidaying in the South West. Our address will be circulated later.

May God bless us all in His service!

With our Love and Prayers,

Peter & Diana

Coffee Mornings: Bringing the Community Together

For the last two years I have been training for the office of Evangelist, a calling I responded to in 2008. The training is now complete and I look forward to my commissioning service on September 30th at Rochester Cathedral.



I have always had a passion to share the good news of our God with others and I have been blest in so many ways and long for others to know the blessings of God and the transformation that His love can bring into our lives.

Those of you that live in Bensted Close will have seen or met me delivering the Hunton Herald each month and it is my hope in the initial year of my ministry to concentrate on bringing people together through friendship in the local community by having regular coffee mornings, the first being on Tuesday 18th September at 10.30am till 11.45am. In between times, if at anytime you would like a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee why not call me?

In small ways I hope to connect with people and share something of the love of God in this community.

Open House Coffee Morning. All Welcome!

Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat and meet new friends on Tuesday 18th September at 10.30am till 11.45am

Please come along to 23 Bensted Close, Hunton, ME15 0SD

Contact Kay on: 01622 820488

Bringing people together through friendship in the local community and the love of God.



Hunton Oil Delivery

Our oil syndicate is growing which is really fantastic – fewer tankers on the roads, and hopefully a better price for our oil – benefits all round. I am planning on making an oil order in September, should you wish to be part of the order it is very simple, just email me at mlferns@yahoo.oc.uk with OIL in the subject heading, please give your name, address and contact telephone number and obviously how many litres you would like. I then, put all the orders together, work out how much is getting delivered to Hunton, and phone around and get the best price. I will email you all with a price which holds for just 24 hours before I place the order, this gives you the opportunity to pull out, advertise my good price or even increase your order. It is quite a lengthy process but at the moment this is my most efficient way of doing it. I do endeavour to answer all your emails so that you know I have received your order. I look forward to hearing from you by 7th September with a view to the oil being delivered about 11th September.

Hunton Club Book Group A

A Stranger's Child by Alan Hollinghurst

Set at five different moments of time, spanning 1913 – 2008, A Stranger's Child is a story about the repercussions of the life and times of Cecil Valence. Cecil is sly, rich, irrepressible, handsome and selfish in equal measure. A man of broad sexual preferences, his impact on a visit to the home of a Cambridge university friend has implications for the entire family and beyond. Over the course of that one weekend, teasing and seducing his friend, George Sawle, and George's sister, Daphne, Cecil writes a poem. When Cecil dies during the war, the poem becomes famous, perhaps beyond its merits. As one character comments, Cecil is "a first-rate example of the second-rate poet who enters into common consciousness more deeply than many great masters."

Despite his death, Cecil remains a constant figure throughout the novel, at some moments taking centre stage, and at others, hovering in the shadows. The realities and detail of that one weekend are lost in time, and replaced by hearsay and an alternative 'history' that emerge as the characters strive to add their own twist to the events.

The Book Group agreed that the idea of the novel was appealing, and most of us thoroughly enjoyed the first section, detailing the events of the infamous weekend. However, despite the beautiful prose, the whole group felt disappointed by the book. At times, it appeared that the author was extremely self indulgent, constantly reminding you of his literary prowess rather than moving the plot along. It is a novel teeming with intellect, class and sexual snobbery and for that, the Group scored it a woeful 5.

One question kept a few of us going through the 600 page tome; the title. Who was "A Stranger's Child? A quick 'Google' revealed the answer. The phrase "the stranger's child" comes from a poem by Tennyson. In an interview with The Oxonian Review this year, Hollinghurst commented of the epigraph that "[t]he music of the words is absolutely wonderful, marvellously sad and consoling all at once. It fitted exactly with an idea I wanted to pursue in the book about the unknowability of the future".

Next up is "Baking Cakes in Kigali", by Gaile Parkin.

Liz Ridgeway

Deer in Hunton

Following last month's article on deer in Hunton, we can report the presence of Muntjac deer at Hunton Court Farm. The last sighting was in mid-July on the driveway that runs beside the church. Two summers ago we found a solitary Roe deer in the field behind our house and recently a neighbour came across a Fallow deer, standing on the grass island at the junction of George Street with Redwall Lane!

Andrea and James Forster

Battle of the Nations

Dear All,

I am Stephen Seymour (formerly 94th) the organiser of the Battle of the Nations event in support of 'Help for Heroes'. This year we raised £1,377 for the charity, which was a great achievement.

I have the honour to announce that plans are already underway for a second event on 24th to 27th May 2013 at Hunton Court, West Street, Hunton. The reason I have contacted you all is that for the event to be a success we need to raise funds to pay for items such as gunpowder which cost £1804 last time and will be a similar sum next year, there is also £180 for skip hire for rubbish clearance, printing (posters, leaflets) cost £100, toilets which will cost approx £750 and hire of PA system, bales of straw, hi viz vests and sundry items.

We have to raise in excess of £4,500 to be able to improve on this year's event and make a success of next year's.

Some of the sponsors from last year have agreed already to support next year's event, companies such as,

Batleys Cash and Carry Ltd,

Ellis Viner (burger van),

Tonibell ice cream van (Gary),

Napoleonic Association,

Castle View Hotel Canterbury,

KVS Fruit and Veg (stall in Earl Street Maidstone),

Thanks all of you but we need more, there is no minimum amount for sponsorship whatever you or your company can afford. If you are a newspaper then we need publicity, so please contact me and help with publicity.

If you want to donate goods then please just inform me of what you would like to donate.

All sponsors of the event will be publicised and names printed on the programmes this year and you may display a sign at the event site. If you wish to receive more details please contact me and I will answer any questions you may have.

Stephen Seymour, "45 Regiment de Ligne" Battle of the Nations (UK) organiser 07594918705.

Poultry Sale - The Chequers Laddingford

Saturday 22nd September. 11am to 3pm

Table top £7.00 per pitch to be pre booked only

Bring birds, equipment, or anything related to poultry.

Refreshments or lunch available. Lunch booking advisable, call 01622 871266

For more details about the sale and to book a pitch please call 01892 835033

At St Mary's Church in September

Notices	Services
<p>Coffee Rota</p> <p>Sunday 4th September - Andrews Family</p> <p>Flowers</p> <p>2nd Sept Faye Joyce 9th Sept Faye Joyce 16th Sept Andrea Forster 23rd Sept Andrea Forster 30th Sept Benefice TBA</p>	<p>Sunday 2nd Sept – Trinity 13 11.00am Family Service–Rev David Jones Readings: Preacher's choice</p> <p>Sunday 9th Sept –Trinity14 09.30am Holy Communion -Rev Peter Walker Readings:Isaiah 35: 4-7 (a) and Mark 7: 24- end</p> <p>Sunday 16th Sept – Trinity 15 11.00am Songs of Praise and Baptism –Rev Peter Walker FOSM will be attending the service Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9 (a) and Mark 8: 27 - end</p> <p>Sunday 23rd Sept – Trinity 16 11.00am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Walker Readings: James 3: 13- 4: 3, 7-8 (a) and Mark 9: 30-37</p> <p>Sunday 30th Sept - 10.30 Benefice East Farleigh – Rev Peter Walker</p> <p>Sunday 7th October 11.00am Family Service–Harvest Festival Readings: Preacher's choice</p> <p>Sunday 14th October The Archdeacon will be taking the service at Hunton</p>

Help Cleaning the Church

Can you spare an hour to help clean the church on Thursday September 20th at 10am? All help gratefully received – and it might be fun too! Contact Alison Ellman-Brown on 01622 820288 or just turn up.

Two Dates for Harvest Festival and Village Lunch

The Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church will be on **Sunday, October 7th at 11am** and the **Harvest Village Lunch** will be in the village hall a week later on **Sunday, October 14th at 12pm for 12.30pm**. A previous booking for the village hall for the weekend of October 6th/7th means that the lunch cannot follow the church service.

All are welcome at both events. Tickets for the lunch at £5 for adults, £3.50 for children under 12, and £15 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children are available from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200, Di Martin on 01622 820115 and Lisa Halliday on 01622 820508.

Farleigh Farmers Market

The August 5th Farmers' Market did not completely escape the rain, but was well supported as usual. There were 16 stalls including the new 'Creative Cakes by Laura'. Laura sells individual slices of large cakes as well as tray bakes. The market has recently made donations of £100 to the Blackthorn Trust and £110 to Help a Maidstone Child which is a charity launched in 2012. We have also invested in some larger, professionally made signs which we hope will attract more customers.

Make sure you are around on Sunday September 2nd from 9am to 12 noon for the next East Farleigh Farmers' Market. All our popular stalls will be there, including Spot-on-Produce offering delicious bacon baps for your breakfast! Your favourite sausages and meats are supplied by Marsh Produce and Sutton Park. There will be lots of soft fruit available from PJ's, The Old Rose Garden and Little Court Lodge Farm and you really must try the infused oils from Farleigh Herbs and amazing Indian Pickles by Spice of Life. As Autumn approaches it is time to start thinking about planting some new shrubs or hedges before the cold weather arrives in earnest, so Low Wood Nursery can help you there. There will be honey, jams, marmalades and chutneys in abundance and a new stall selling home-made biscuits and fruit pies! The French Delicatessen will also be back after a summer break, with cheeses, pates and other French delicacies and a new stall will be offering home-made biscuits. Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and tasty food.

September	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 10.00 MP	10.30 Benefice Service
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 9.30 Baptism	11.00 MP (Mod)	09.30 MP (Trad))	09.30 Harvest	

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