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Hunton Village Club Fish & Chip Supper Night

Saturday 20th April from 8.00pm - Meal served around 8.30pm

Fish & chips £5.50 or jumbo sausage & chips £3.50. French bread and butter

Link up with friends and book your table in advance.

Act quickly as there are limited table spaces.

Book a table and pay at the Club before Saturday 13th April.

For more information ring Lorraine on 820518



The Village Hall

It is pleasing to report that Hunton and Linton Pre-School has been seeing an increase in demand and have extended their current hours (Monday-Friday mornings) into Monday and Thursday afternoons.

The Judo Club meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1800-2130 and Zumba sessions are held on Thursday evenings 1900-2100.

An exciting Spring Music season has been planned offering a range of 'top drawer' performers. Christine Tobin appears on 23rd March, quite a coup for Hunton. If you missed her you have the delightful Sarah McQuaid appearing on 10th May. A fine singer/songwriter and a superb guitarist. Exceptionally, the following Thursday 16th May there is the opportunity to hear two superb bands warming up for their London gigs and likely Radio 3 appearance.

Basquiat Strings, a string quartet who were Mercury prize nominated in 2007, will be followed by 7 piece Oriole who made the MOJO top ten jazz CD's listing for 2012.

Bookings are now being taken on 820683 (Alan) or 820678 (Sue and David) or use our new email address info@huntonvillagehall.co.uk

The Village Hall Committee wishes to thank Jane Crane for all her sterling work for the Hall, first as Secretary and then as longstanding Booking Secretary. She is succeeded by Kathy Reid (820092). We also express thanks to Heather Smith who is retiring from the cleaner's job. The new cleaner is Raelene Whitmarsh.

The date of the AGM is to be confirmed. We are looking forward to strengthening the Committee so if anyone is interested in helping we would be pleased to hear from you.

Alan Bishop

Open House Coffee Morning

All Welcome!

Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat and a "Thought for the Day"

Tuesday 16th April at 10.30am till 11.45am

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

Contact Kay on: 01622 820488



Newsflash!

The winners of the Village Club fun darts evening were:

1st Doug & Lorraine Redfarn

2nd Norman & Marion Weston

3rd Jake (Gilly Devas' grandson) & Tricia Nichols

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:	747570**
Non Stipendiary Minister: Revd David Jones	741474*
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495

Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
Village Hall Booking: Kathy Reid	820092
Maidstone Police:	608186
Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
PCSO Jo Watts	604392
Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Saturday 20th April **Fish & Chip Supper Night** Village Club 8pm
 Saturday 4th May **Quiz Night** Village Club 8pm
 Friday 10th May **Applause - Sarah McQuaid** Village Club 8pm
 Monday 13th May **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8pm
 Thursday 16th May **Applause - Basquiat Strings/Oriole** Village Club 8pm
 Monday 20th May **Parish Council Meeting** with Annual Village Reports Village Hall 8pm
 Fri, Sat and Sun 24th-26th May - **Battle of the Nations** Hunton Court Grounds
 Saturday 8th June - **Churchyard working party**
 Saturday 22nd June - **Hunton Fete** KGV Playing field

Parish Councillors Contact Details

Parish Council Chairman - Roger Sawtell 820731
Clerk to the Parish Council - Sharon Goodwin 681238
 Cllr Les Leonard 820858 Cllr Ron Porter 820220
 Cllr David Heaton 820678 Cllr Tony Stanbridge 820761
 Cllr Gary Thomas 820691 Cllr Steve Wyles 820403

Check out www.hunton.org.uk for changes and see the latest up- dated 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 May edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th April, please

Pastoral Letter April 2013

Easter is now behind us, and we look forward to Spring and a new Summer. For West Farleigh and the Benefice of which we are part, the months ahead are of special significance. We have a new Rector in waiting, The Reverend Peter Callway: currently a curate at Paddock Wood. It is hoped that Peter's Induction will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 7th June at Linton church.

So once more, new life and new growth lie ahead. What can we do to contribute to these changing times? Prayer is always positive and helpful; but if you are not Christian, or don't believe in Spiritual matters, then attitude can be what counts: how do we view other people? How much help can we contribute? How welcoming can we be to Peter Callway? In the coming months we should have a new car park for West Farleigh church, will that mean that we might use the church more?

There seems to be a fairly general feeling in our culture today that whatever happens, or indeed threatens, then it is someone else who should deal with it. Too often individual responsibility is not generally seen as the first point of action. Do we want our environment to be compassionate, friendly, supportive and helpful: the sort of place where we wish to live, the sort of place in which we would like our children to grow up? If the answer to these questions is "yes", then the responsibility needs to start with each one of us, and the arrival of a new Rector ought to give impetus to this philosophy.

Hugh Grainger

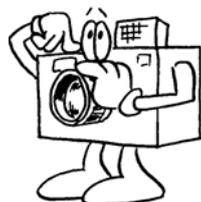
Hunton Village Club Photographic Competition

The redecoration of the club is progressing well and those of you who have been there recently would have seen how nice it is looking.

This work is being undertaken by Alan Blackledge-Smith and Doug Redfarn, what a wonderful job they are doing!

By way of celebrating the completion of their work, the Committee is to mark the occasion later in the year by hanging some new pictures in the club. We are, therefore, launching a photographic competition with the best pictures being enlarged and displayed permanently in the club.

We are hoping for contemporary, striking images and these can be in colour or black & white. They must be taken within Hunton's borders and should be of sufficient quality to be able to be enlarged. The competition will remain open until the end of October so Hunton can be photographed through the different seasons.



All entries will be displayed in the club in readiness for voting by members, which will take place in November.

So, get your cameras at the ready and by Christmas you could find your work enlarged and displayed in the club for prosperity! If you need further information, just talk to Philip or Alan.



Quiz Night

Saturday 4th May. Phil has prepared another superb quiz for you.

So, come early to secure your seat. The quiz will start promptly at 8.15pm at Hunton Village Club.



Out and Out

Camellias

Camellias will just be starting to come into flower around now, their perfect waxy flowers adding a touch of exotic to the springtime theme. Essentially a woodland shrub, camellias thrive in semi-shaded positions in soil which is slightly acid. Camellias will repay a little extra care over the summer with a healthy glow and more numerous flowers.

Whether in a pot or in the ground camellias should be placed where they will get a little shade but most importantly they should not be in an east facing position where they catch the morning sun. This early warmth would burn off any frost too quickly leaving the buds and flowers brown and blotched. Over the summer, when next year's flower buds begin to form, it is important to supply the plant with enough water so they do not dry out, otherwise the plant will cast off the young buds leaving few flowers for the next year.

Finally for that healthy dark green glow camellias need lime free soil so use ericaceous compost and feed, and water them with rain water if at all possible. Also give them a good mulch with leaf mould or garden compost to keep the soil moist. If you do have alkaline soil then it would be best to grow camellias in pots, a situation where they will thrive given a little extra attention.

Christine McSweeney

Zumba and Powerhoop

Zumba and Powerhoop are still running in term time on Thursday evenings in the village hall. Zumba is 7:45pm-8:45pm followed by 30 minutes Powerhoop class. For this half term up to Easter new Zumba ladies can enjoy a free Powerhoop class to see what it is all about!

Eating Out Review

Zarda, Indian Restaurant, Swan House, High St, Yalding

Tel: 01622 816807

You may have noticed, and indeed already ventured into, the newly opened Indian restaurant, 'Zarda' in Yalding; if you have, then you would have already experienced the superb food and excellent service provided by the manager Kajol and his team.

On our recent visit to celebrate my birthday with my husband on the 26th of February, we were more than impressed, hence writing this review. The food was very good and the presentation excellent. We found the prices on the food and wine menus were very reasonable. Kajol was also very helpful in regard of catering for my dietary requirements and what I should avoid.

We enjoyed four pompadoms with dips followed by two starters then two main dishes and two portions of pillau rice, a bottle of sparkling water and a very good bottle of Pinot Grigio, all this was great value at under £55.00.

Kajol extends a warm welcome and I can't recommend Zarda's enough.

Our Score: 10/10

Kay Mason



We Have a New Rector

Peter Callway has been a curate for the last 4 years at St. Andrews, Paddock Wood and has been closely involved with Church life for the last 20 years. In the business world he has worked for B.P. and latterly for Transport for London. In his "spare" time he is also a magician, so watch out children! We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Alison to Hunton after his institution on Friday 7th June, Linton Church at 7.30pm

Alison Ellman-Brown

Hunton Oil Delivery

This has been hugely successful and growing with each order, now we are ordering and delivering about 30,000 litres, on a good price which has to be better for our roads and hedgerows. I thank everyone who has supported this scheme. I am planning on making a village order in April. If you would like to be included please email before 5th April with OIL in the subject, with your name, address, contact telephone number and the quantity required to mlferns@yahoo.co.uk. I know it seems really repetitive to keep repeating your information for me, but it really does make my system easier, and if you could remember OIL in the subject that also is most helpful.

Many thanks.

Louise

School News

Football Success

The school football team played against Laddingford. There was a really good team spirit from both sides and all the children enjoyed the game. The score was 4-3 to Hunton!

The return football match at Laddingford saw Hunton winning again 6-2!

The Pond

Some landscaping work has been done around the pond area. The pond itself has been re-lined and there is a pontoon just under the water level so that children cannot fall into it. Sections of the pontoon can be removed in order for the children to take part in organised pond dipping when the pond becomes more established.

Farleigh's Farmers' Market

The first Farmers' Market of 2013 took place in its new venue – The Old School Hall, Lower Road. This proved a great success attracting a considerable number of passing customers as well as our regular supporters. Mandy and Gary, owners of the hall, served teas, coffees and home-made cakes which proved very popular and feedback from our stallholders and customers was really positive.

Our charity of the month was Porchlight, which assists those sleeping rough in Maidstone by offering both advice and a bed for the night. We raised £83.27 from stall fees and donations, as well as publicising the organisation's work with posters, magazines and leaflets.

Our new notice board will be used each month to give more information about our chosen charity.

The April Farmers' Market on Sunday 7th will take place in The Old School Hall. Teas, coffees and home-made cakes will be served. We hope to have both Creative Cakes and J J's Bakes back again and we welcome two new traders - Bakhtar Fresh Foods selling olives and other specialities, another with hand-made silver jewellery. Our chosen charity of the month will be 'Help a Maidstone Child' which is a unique local fund offering emergency welfare to meet the needs of individual children or their family.

Sue Morris

At St Mary's Church in April

Notices	Services
<p>Flower Rota 7th—All 14th—Di Martin 21st—Di Martin 28th—Andrea Forster</p>	<p>Sunday 7th April – 11.00am Holy Communion—Rev Eileen Doyle Readings: Preacher's choice</p> <p>Sunday 14th April – 09.30am Family Service—Rev Ron Gamble Readings: Acts 9 v 1 – 6 and John 21 v 1-19</p> <p>Sunday 21st April - 11.00am Morning Prayer – Miss Christine Bostock Readings: Acts 9 v 36 – 43 and John 10 v 22 - 30</p> <p>Sunday 28th April 11.00am Holy Communion – Cannon Dr Brian Stevenson Readings: Act 11 – 1 – 18 and John 13 v 31 - 35</p> <p>Sunday 5th May 11.00am Holy Communion Readings: Preacher's choice</p>

Tearfund The next meeting of the Maidstone TEARFUND Group is on:

Wednesday 17th April 2013 at 7.45pm in the Vine Church (previously Loose Baptist Church), Maidstone

John Archer, Tearfund Specialist Volunteer Networks Manager, South East England will talk on the topic of "ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF" followed by prayers for Tearfund projects and for the needs of the World.

Gordon & Karen Mackley

Maidstone Wind Symphony Saturday 27th April 2013 7.30pm

All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone

Origins

Jonathan Crowhurst Conductor David Thornton euphonium
 John Williams **Star Wars Theme** David Maslanka **Morning Star**
 Peter Meechan **Origins (Concerto for Euphonium)** Bert Appermont **The Big Bang**

Tickets £10/£8 Concessions (under 12's free).

Available from 01580 291056 or to book online www.MaidstoneWindSymphony.org

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Saturday 18th May 2013, 7.30pm

Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park,

Conductor Brian Wright

Wagner : Overture, Die Meistersinger

Korngold : Violin Concerto.

Tchaikovsky : Symphony No.4.

Our great friend Ulf Hoelscher is the doyen of German Violinists and on this visit he brings the luscious delights of Korngold's Violin Concerto. Many consider his recording as the finest. Our season closes with the visceral excitement of Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony.

Concert ticket £10, £20 and £25, students with a Student card £5, available from Membership Secretaries on 01622 735830, with cheque payment, collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall. Or from Maidstone Leisure Centre Mote Hall Box office on 08451552277 when payment can be made by credit card, a booking fee applies.

Bookings can be taken on www.mso.org.uk using the booking form.

Tickets for all Children up to and including 18 years of age are FREE. MSO Registered Charity No.287986

Hunton Pre-School

It has been a great start to the year, the pre-school has made a change to its hours and is now open from 9.15am to 2.45pm on Monday and Thursday's and the remaining 3 mornings from 9.15am to 12.15pm.

We are looking forward to Easter and spring time with the children and have lots of activities planned.

We have just spent £500 of our fund raising money on new resources for the children such as bean bags, dressing up clothes, dolls house, push chairs and much much more.

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and would very much welcome the local community's support, collecting them on our behalf, so please drop them down to the hall?

If you are interested in a place for your child at our pre-school, then please contact Sally Clifton on 01622 820309 or register your interest through our website www.hunton-linton-preschool.co.uk

April	7th	14th	21st	28th	5th May
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 MP
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	09.30 HC	09.30 HC	08.00 HC

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