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Hunton WI “Re-launch”

I am pleased to report that the response to the article in the April Herald regarding the launch of the Hunton WI has been very encouraging, even attracting correspondence from a gentleman in Devon. He informed me that his mother, Madeline Mordey, had been an active member in the 1950s/60s so we were not in fact launching, but rather re-launching the Hunton WI. He was able to share with me photos and amusing stories of the former members and their activities. One that particularly struck a chord (as I had been asked to judge the baking contest at this year’s village fete) was when his mother entered a cake in the jam and cake-making contest. She won second prize but when she asked the judges why this was, as hers had been the only entry, she was advised that her cake wasn’t good enough to get first prize!

The first meeting of the “re-launched” WI will take place at **Hunton Village Club at 7.30 on 5th August 2014**, with subsequent meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. As is tradition with the WI, there will be superb homemade cakes and savouries to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you there. *Ann Sawtell*



Hunton WI c1952/53 at an event when the WI entertained a coach party of elderly folk from the East End of London.

Left to right: Back row – London lady, London man, Mrs Burbridge, Mrs Foreman, Brenda Sankey, Rose Pilcher. Front row – Elsie Saunders, Sybil Excell, Mrs Longhurst.

Hunton Parish Council

The vast majority of people in Hunton will have received the communication from David Hubble and his Agent together with a questionnaire and plan. You will also know that the Parish Council were as surprised to learn of it as you were and we sent out a note dated 3rd June to all houses in our Village in an attempt to put the whole issue into context.

In that note we confirmed that the Parish Council has already commenced preparing the way for our own Survey and we have been most fortunate to have professional resources available to us within the Village, which we have already engaged with.

You will be hearing further from us but the style, approach and consultation process will be what you expect from your Parish Council so that we can, together, draft a document that will hold good for the whole Village for many years to come.

Roger Sawtell, Chairman Hunton Parish Council

Your Local Contacts:		Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Village Hall Booking: Kathy Reid	820092
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Village Club: Philip Nichols	820804	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716
<i>*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays</i>			

Diary Dates
Saturday 5 July Litter Pick Village Hall 10am-12pm
Sunday 6 July East Farleigh Farmers’ Market 9am-12pm
Monday 14 July Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 8pm
Thursday 17 July Ladies’ Get-Together Village Club 8.15pm
Saturday 19 July Summer Fair Hunton CEP School 11am-3pm
Pop-Up Supper Club Village Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 26 July Pop-up Shop & Café Village Club 10am-12pm
Ploughmans’ Lunches Village Club 12-2pm
Tuesday 5 August Hunton WI Village Club 7.30pm

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available on the website
Parish Councillors Contact Details
Parish Council Chairman – Roger Sawtell 820731
Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin 681238
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Clr Tony Stanbridge 820761; Clr Gary Thomas 820691;
Clr 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 August edition to the Editor as soon as possible, and by 15th July, please

From the Rectory (horizontal in bed)

Dear friends,

On May 10th at a petrol station in Larkfield, I was in collision with a vehicle, which necessitated me being taken to hospital. Surgery followed a week later and subsequently I discover that I have a broken leg and a smashed up ankle. I will be out of action because of lack of mobility for some weeks and consequently I am dictating this into my iPad - isn't technology wonderful? I have to say that the support from the police, the ambulance paramedics, and the hospital staff at Maidstone and Pembury, from ancillary staff through to consultants and surgeons, was top notch. I was kept well informed of options and progress and could not have wished for better care.

Personally, I'm not of the school of thought that says that 'all things happen for a reason', but I do believe, as the Bible tells us, that God is intimately interested in what happens to us and that he will use all of our circumstances for good. He will seek to discover what is best for us wherever we are and whatever is going on in our lives. The difficulty, of course, is that in the middle of whatever is happening for us, whether we are physically hurt or struggling emotionally, or full of stress or illness, it's hard to acknowledge and sense God's presence in our lives in the midst of the challenge. But as the Psalmist tells us, no matter what our circumstances, even as we walk through the darkest valley, God's desire as that of a shepherd is to guide by his rod and to protect by his staff. I pray that whatever is happening in your life at present, whether joy or frustration, peace or struggle, you will be aware of God walking alongside you and sharing his love and peace. And if I might be so bold, I pray that for myself too!

Many blessings, Peter

Hunton Herald Advertising – Help Needed

Advertising is very important to the Hunton Herald. The revenue from advertising pays for the printing of the Herald for the year and supports donations to Hunton community organisations. Businesses are able to promote themselves and the community is informed of local companies that they may wish to support. The process of seeking advertisers is an annual one and we are looking for someone who is able to set aside a few hours to liaise with businesses and to work with the printer on the next edition of adverts, which will need to be agreed in time for insertion into April 2015's edition. If you are interested please contact Barbara on 01622 820218 or huntondiary@btinternet.com.

The Pop-Up Supper Club

July 19th sees the first Pop-Up Supper Club, which on this occasion will be held at Hunton Village Hall from 7.30pm. This is being run by local chef Fleur Heaney who lives in Yalding, whose experience came from working as a chef on board private yachts. Fleur herself has a passion for ethically sourced, and where possible, local products; the pork itself will be coming from the fields of Hunton! The intention of the Pop-Up Supper Club is to provide great food at a local venue in a relaxed atmosphere. Fleur hopes to hold the Pop-Up Supper Club at several times throughout the year at varied locations and with a menu reflecting the changing seasons. The menu for this occasion is as follows:

Salmon cured with gin, lemon and beetroot alongside a watercress salad and home baked soda bread

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Local Free-Range Gloucester Old Spot pork fillet, apple cider and mustard sauce, served with pomme puree and greens

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Strawberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake with berry coulis

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Coffee

Suggested donation of £25 per head. Only 40 places available.

For bookings of tables of up to 8 please call Fleur on 01622 812436.

Battle of the Nations – An Apology

As organiser of the Battle of the Nations (UK) event at Hunton Court, I would like to apologise for the cannon shots at 9pm on the Saturday night; in hindsight we should have warned the public. I must tell you that if the event is staged in Hunton again we will not be firing at all after 8pm for any reason. I do hope that this incident does not damage the relationship between the event and the residents of Hunton, because the event was staged here to put Hunton on the Map. I would like to thank the villagers for all their support for the last three years and their tolerance of a large group of re-enactors taking over the village. The owners of Hunton Court have been very patient with the invasion of the park and very generous in their support of the event; I hope that they will agree to host a Waterloo 200 event.

Stephen Seymour

Litter Pick

The litter pickers will be out and about again on Saturday 5th July. We will meet at the village hall at 10am for the volunteers to collect their gear. We normally get back to the hall around 11.30 - 12 noon for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like to join the litter pick team could you please ring Di Martin on 01622 820115.

Hunton Oil Syndicate

After three years of successfully lowering the number of tankers on our beautiful village roads and reducing the cost of our oil, I am on the move and would love to hand this easy baton onto another. Please believe me when I say the job is not arduous; I am able to give the new oil coordinator a master spreadsheet of everyone who has shown interest or had oil in the past. I send an email to all, about a month before proposed order date, a date of my choosing, convenient in my diary. I then have a system that I think is fool proof for organising the order. I phone about five oil companies and then send the email of spreadsheet order to them and send emails to those wanting the oil - bingo, all done! Anyone who has been part of the oil syndicate may apply for this easy rewarding job.

Louise mlferns@yahoo.co.uk

Village Hall Gig News

Time for our summer break, and I hope that the 19 pairs of gig-goers who attended John W's gig (as Fake Thackray) on 31st May were duly tickled by his humorous and slightly risqué renditions of Jake Thackray's 1970s songs. Certainly it was lovely to hear giggles and laughter in the Hall, albeit in the central half only. We also managed to 'dispose' of much of the stock left from the 2014 gigs and many people enjoyed a small picnic – John certainly was delighted with the audience reaction.

There won't be any gigs in the summer and we've decided that 'every last Saturday of the month' is too frequent, especially with declining 'local' audience numbers. We have an Applause gig booked for Saturday 11th October, www.emilymaguire.com for the artist, but nothing else certain for 2014. As before, if you have any particular ideas, local musicians to recommend, or alternative styles of music that might attract around 60-90 people, please email Mike on 'senseass@btinternet.com'.

Sutton Valence Choral Society's Summer Concert - 5th July 7.30pm, Sutton Valence School

Sutton Valence Choral Society's summer concerts are traditionally fun events with a mix of sacred and secular pieces. The society's other major concerts of the year attract professional soloists and orchestra, but the summer concerts still retain the high standards that people now expect from this strong, well-disciplined chorus of eighty plus.

Our concert, entitled A Blend of Choral Favourites, includes Schubert's The Lord is my Shepherd, Vivaldi's Gloria, Brahms' How Lovely are Thy Dwellings, Cesar Franck's Panis Angelicus and three Negro Spirituals arranged by Michael Tippett. Popular favourites in the second half include English folk songs Early One Morning and a lovely arrangement of Greensleeves by our own accompanist, Martyn Williams.

You can buy tickets for this concert at £10, to include a glass of wine, from any member, by ringing 01233 840540 or via the website www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk.

The concert starts in Sutton Valence School Chapel, then moves to the School's Refectory for wine and further song.

East Farleigh Farmers' Market - Sunday 6th July 9am – 12 noon

The June Farmers' Market was somewhat quiet and traders reported disappointing sales this month. We would urge everyone to try and support this very valuable monthly event, which provides an important social meeting place as well as a selection of locally produced goods and also raises funds for local charities. The profit of £70 from the May market was donated to the Loose Valley Conservation Society. If you have never visited us, why not come along to the next market on Sunday 6th July from 9am to 12 noon, to see what you have been missing? Our new stall, Grandma's Home Bakes, has all sorts of delicious cakes and savoury pastries, The Old Rose Garden offers a wide range of jams and marmalades as well as locally grown fruit, whilst Finesse supplies apple juices, eggs and seasonal fruit.

Hunton CEP School Summer Fair

Saturday 19th July 2014, 11am-3pm

All Welcome

Parking available in the field at the back of the school

Refreshments, live music, BBQ, games, stalls and much more

Missing Cat?

On Tuesday 20th May I found a marmalade tabby and white cat that had been hit and killed by a car on the opposite side of the road to the Village Club. I lifted the cat out of the road and laid him to rest on the verge. It is terrible not knowing what has happened to a pet that seemingly just disappears, so if you think this may have been your cat and you wish to call me about this please do so on 07824 601945.

Christina Harrison

Pop-Up Shop, Café and Ploughmans' Lunches - Saturday July 26th Hunton Village Club

Our Pop-Up Shop this month will have an al fresco dining theme with homemade quiches, cordials and salads on offer in addition to all your usual local favourites. After you've shopped why not relax with a coffee and croissant in the café? The shop and café will be open from 10am to 12 noon, followed by Ann's delicious Ploughmans' Lunches, from 12 to 2pm.

At St Mary's Church in July

Flowers – July

6th – Louise Ferns 13th – Louise Ferns
20th – Liz Oliver/S Lawrence 27th – Liz Oliver/S Lawrence

Services

Sunday 6th July – Trinity 3
11.00am Family Service – Miss Chris Bostock
Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 13th July – Trinity 4
09.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev. Peter Callway
Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13 and Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Sunday 20th July – Trinity 5
11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev. David Jones
Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8 and Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Sunday 27th July – Trinity 6
11.00am Holy Communion – Rev. Peter Callway
Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12 and Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Churchyard Clear Up

Hunton churchyard is looking magnificent following enthusiastic work by 18 helpers who mowed, weeded round the gravestones, edged and swept paths, strimmed long grass, trimmed bushes and generally cleared up.

The three-hour stint by the volunteers was greatly helped by a coffee break (which happily coincided with a short burst of rain!) with delicious croissants made by Lisa Halliday at Hunton Bakery. The team was led by Christine McSweeney and Sue Heaton, who both directed operations.

Hunton Book Club Review - 'A Passage to India' by E M Forster

When Adela Quested and her elderly companion Mrs Moore arrive in the Indian town of Chandrapore, they quickly feel trapped by its insular and prejudiced 'Anglo-Indian' community. Determined to escape the parochial English enclave and explore the 'real India' they seek the guidance of the charming and mercurial Dr Aziz, a cultivated Indian Muslim. But a mysterious incident occurs while they are exploring the Marabar caves with Aziz, and the well-respected doctor soon finds himself at the centre of a scandal that rouses violent passions among both the British and their Indian subjects. A masterly portrait of a society in the grip of imperialism, A Passage to India compellingly depicts the fate of individuals caught between the great political and cultural conflicts of the modern world.

There were rather mixed feelings about this book. Two members loved it, enjoyed the story, and thought it was very well written, whilst another two were disappointed as they thought it rather slow with too much conversation. The dialogue was sometimes confusing as it was not clear who was "speaking". The remainder of us did not finish the book. However the Book was still scored as 7.

GamBLE Sunday Lunch BBQ 31st August 2014 from 12 noon

GamBLE (Gambia Building Links in Education) will be holding a Sunday Lunch BBQ on 31st August 2014 from 12 noon at Thatchers, Benover Road, Yalding, ME18 6AS. It will feature live music from Childe Rolande, The Relative Minors and Village Voices, as well as a Gambian craft stall and Games for all the family. Parking in the road and bring a rug or chair. Tickets £7 each, £20 for a family (2 adults & 2 children) in advance, or £8 on the door and £25 for a family, available from 01622 814267. www.gam-ble.co.uk

It's a long way to Paris!

At the end of July Alan Bishop's daughters, Siân and Ellen, and his partner, Maryjane, will be donning their padded cycling shorts and hopping on their bikes to take on the challenge of cycling London to Paris. Siân said, "We're celebrating Alan's life and aiming to raise as much money as we can for The Heart of Kent Hospice and Cancer Research. If you'd like to sponsor us, we'd really appreciate it (and it might just make our legs go a little faster!)."

Sponsor us at <http://www.justgiving.com/sian-bishop>. Merci Beaucoup!"

Ladies' Get-Together

A few ladies who frequent Hunton Village Club have decided to have a get-together on the third Thursday of each month at 8.15pm in Hunton Village Club – please come along and join us. If you want to learn to crochet or learn a new craft, there's bound to be somebody who can teach you. Or if you want to 'knit and natter' or just come along for a drink and a chat in a friendly environment, you'll be very welcome to join us. Our first evening will be Thursday 17th July, and we look forward to seeing you there!

July	6th	13th	20th	27th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC; 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 1662	11.00 MP Mod	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC

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