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Hunton Beer Festival

Back by popular demand, the Hunton Beer Festival returns to Hunton Village Club on Saturday 23rd September from 12pm. Sample a selection of lovely local beers, all sourced from within a 10-mile radius, including our very own "Hunton Hooch". There will be live music throughout the afternoon, delicious savoury nibbles and treats from the WI, the pop-up shop selling local produce and a tasty BBQ. Apple pressing will be taking place in the club "garden" with bigger pressing facilities this year, and apple bobbing for the children. A small entry fee of £2 will be charged to all adults, which helps to cover the cost of the live music and other expenses.

Home Brew Competition

During the beer festival we will be hosting a home-brew competition. There are two categories this year: an open category where you can enter any home brew – wine, beer, cider etc – and an ale only category. Each entry must be presented in two sample bottles. Please confirm your entry to the competition to Liz Ridgway (email ridgwayliz@gmail.com or call Liz on 01622 820769).



"Hangover" Cricket Match

On Sunday 24th September there will be an East Street v West Street cricket match at the playing field starting at 12.30pm. This was great fun last year with a mixture of ages and abilities, including complete novices and teams supplemented with players from Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club. Don't worry if you don't live in East or West Street – all are welcome! If you fancy joining a team, please text or ring Richard Ridgway on 07766 206006 or sign up on the sheet in the club. For those not playing, why not bring along a picnic, sit back and relax and cheer on your side of the village.

Free Budgeting Sessions

Citizens Advice Maidstone has been funded by the NatWest Skills and Opportunities Fund to help local residents in West Kent improve their budgeting skills. They will be providing lively, interesting and informative one-off group sessions in local community settings to people living in rural areas of West Kent. These sessions will offer key tips to attendees regarding personal money management, as well as discussing the advantages and pitfalls of different types of finance and loans. One of the main learning points will be to help people successfully manage personal debt. The sessions are designed to be interactive, participative and geared to the needs of each group of attendees. Those who need additional one-to-one support will be referred to their local Citizens Advice Centre for in-depth personal help and advice. If you have a group or know individuals who would benefit from this service, please contact advice@maidstonecab.org.uk or ring 01622 750770.

Your Local Contacts:

School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking:	www.huntonvillagehall.co.uk
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Maidstone Police	690690 or 101
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch: huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403, 820429, 820731
Pond and Tree Warden: Mike Summersgill	820429	'Potholes' Hotline (KCC)	03000 418181
Rector: Revd. Peter Callway	747570*	Community Warden: Adam McKinley	07811 271021
Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones	741474*	PCSO - Jasmine Pay	101
Associate Rector: Revd Eileen Doyle	204241**	Helen Grant MP helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk	0207 219 7107
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716
Village Club: Philip Nichols	820804	*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays or Tuesdays	
Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.hunton.org.uk/contacts			

Diary Dates

Sat 2nd September	Village Walk & Lunch Village Club 11am
Sun 3rd September	East Farleigh Farmers' Market 10am-1pm
Tues 5th September	WI Meeting Village Club 7.15pm
Sat 9th September	Ride & Stride St Mary's Church 10am-6pm
Fri 15th September	Needles & Natter Village Club 8pm
Mon 18th September	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Sat 23rd September	Beer Festival & Pop-Up Shop Village Club 12pm
Sun 24th September	East v West Street Cricket Match Playing Field 12.30pm
Sat 30th September	The Runaways Village Hall Doors 7.30pm
Sun 1st October	Harvest Festival & Supper St Mary's Church 5pm

Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events.

If you would like to add an event, email diary@hunton.org.uk

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Council Chairman – Gary Thomas 820691	
Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin 681238	
Cllr Jonny Goddard	820096
Cllr David Heaton	820678
Cllr Roger Lee	820210
Cllr Tony Stanbridge	820721
Cllr Annette Trought	820448
Cllr Helen Ward	820810

Pastoral Letter

I was born in the mid-1950s and during a career in IT saw the transition from computers that filled basements to the desktop personal computer. I was involved in making that happen in the company I worked for in the 1980s and loved it. I embrace technology, believing it to simply be a tool which is neutral and the good and bad of it coming from how it is used. I've held on to that view, but it is very shaky now. Further developments saw the introduction of the internet (I was privileged to see an early version before it was made public) and the rapid miniaturisation of electronics which have resulted in the smartphone and tablet. I have welcomed all of this with enthusiasm. As somebody who likes being informed, I also enjoyed the availability of news at the touch of a button, and signed up for social media with relish, not being an avid "poster" but an avid feed reader. I also loved the immediacy of the medium, knowing what world leaders were saying before it made the mainstream media. These last six months, or maybe longer, have caused me a great deal of angst, however. The stuff I read (making a conscious effort to follow those with whom I disagree as well as agree for balance) has become more personal, more pointed, more sarcastic, more nasty, more intolerant of other's perspectives, more insulting, more...dispiriting I suppose. It also made me feel powerless – all these people to whom I am exposed will not be influenced by me (and often just escalate the offensive remarks if challenged) and I turned to prayer. I was reminded of this, from the Bible: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen", and, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things...And the God of peace will be with you." (Ephesians 4:29 and Philippians 4:8-9)

So, the social media is off, at least for a season, whilst I follow that advice from St. Paul and seek to ponder the pure and noble things of life.

Many blessings, Peter

Pantomime 2018: 12th–14th March

A call for everyone who would like to be involved in the Hunton Pantomime - Robin Hood - in 2018. From youngsters to anyone who is not quite so young. Aladdin in 2016 was a brilliant panto and the next one will be even better.

There are parts for everyone who would like to be involved, but you have to let us know now, so Sharon can write you in!!!! And she is very good at that. We also need backstage crew. There is so much involved in putting on a production - computer whiz kids who can organise musical numbers, sound effects, lighting - we have an amazing person who can do most of it but needs help to produce it all. So if you want to get involved with lighting and sound, here is your chance.

All the jobs to make the pantomime need to be filled - actors, set design and painting, costumes, stage management and props, ticket sales, front of house on the performance days, bar (Friends of St Mary's) etc. We will be holding a read through in late October for anyone who would like to participate on stage. Back up crew is so important, we need you. No back up - no panto!

So please contact by email (if you haven't already) Sue suepinks@icloud.com, Sharon sharonwinter1975@live.com or Cassie cassie.lato@virgin.net or phone Sue on 01622 820709.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride Day - Saturday 9th September – 10am to 6pm

Would you like to help raise funds for our church by spending some time walking or riding between local churches? If so, you can download a sponsorship form from friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017-Churches-Visited.pdf and learn more about this event from friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/ride-and-stride.

Briefly, the Friends of Kent Churches was set up in 1949 in response to the poor state of repair of Kent's churches at that time. It has raised funds by various means including the annual Ride & Stride Day when anyone is welcome to raise sponsorship money by riding a bike, or horse, or walking between churches. Half the sponsorship money goes straight back to the church nominated by participants and half goes to the Friends of Kent Churches. Through the Ride & Stride and generous donations and legacies, Kent's churches have benefited by over £2 million in the last ten years. Our own St Mary's Church benefitted from a grant towards the refurbishment of our ancient entrance door.

If you do not have the time to take part in the event then perhaps you can give up an hour to help check people in at church. Please contact Alison on 01622 820288 or [text her on 07860 468321](mailto:hear.alison.here@gmail.com) or [email hear.alison.here@gmail.com](mailto:hear.alison.here@gmail.com)

Friends of St Mary's Train Day

The Friends of St Mary's thank Lawrence and Sue Martin for organising a truly wonderful Train Day at the end of July. Over 150 villagers and friends enjoyed an afternoon of great fun, excellent tea and glorious sunshine. With eight steam engines and numerous coaches, everyone enjoyed a number of trips around the five-acre layout. The photographers had a field day and clearly the train drivers and engineers also enjoyed themselves. Very well done to the Wayside Light Railway, a remarkable local railway!

East Farleigh Farmers' Market

The August Farmers' Market suffered a few problems with several stallholders unable to attend due to last minute emergencies. We welcomed Commungrow, a charity from East Malling who brought along a selection of their produce including squashes, beans, potatoes, onions and beetroot. We hope they will be able to join us at least for the next two months while we have no regular greengrocery stall. The volunteers were delighted to sell about £30 worth of produce to our customers! The market recently donated £80 from the June market to Maidstone Red Cross, which will be used to support local projects.

The September market will be held on Sunday 3rd from 10am to 1pm. More stalls will be in attendance, but Le Berger French Delicatessen will be on holiday. Low Wood Nursery will be back with their wonderful range of plants and shrubs, as will Marianne's Kitchen offering delicious homemade tarts, quiches and almond croissants. Treat yourself to a full English brunch in the kitchen for just £4.50, or coffee and cake as an alternative treat!

Adopt a Cat?

To all you cat lovers out there; I'm looking for some help with two cats.

Firstly, a beautiful 13-year-old tortoiseshell and white female cat (fully neutered) is in need of adoption. She is currently resident in Hunton but is seeking a new home, preferably in a dog free household, due to her owners relocating. Could you be her new, loving family?

Secondly, my neighbour and I seem to have been adopted by a tabby and white female cat. She's very friendly but was very hungry and a bit skinny, so we think she may be a stray. Neither of us is in a position to take her in, so we are trying to find her owners, or failing that to rehome her before the winter. Do you recognise her?

If you can help with either cat please contact me using the Herald contact details on the front page.



Thank you, *Helen*

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Water Main Replacement

You'll probably have noticed that the B2163 at West Farleigh is currently closed whilst a new water main is laid. The good news is that Hunton Hill is next on the list. Whilst this will undoubtedly cause disruption, as the road will be closed throughout, it is long overdue and it will be good to see an end to the emergency repairs and road closures that became a regular occurrence last autumn and winter.

The parish council has been liaising with South East Water since the spring, but doesn't yet have a firm date for the commencement of works, although it is likely to be sometime in November. The work is scheduled to take 16 weeks, which includes a two-week embargo over the Christmas period when the road will be reopened. South East Water's project manager has been invited to attend the next parish council meeting on 18th September to give an update and we should be able to provide more information after that on the Hunton Facebook page and in the October Herald. Discussions have also been taking place with Nu-Venture buses with a view to maintaining the service, although this will probably require a revised route and timetable.

In the meantime, if you have any specific concerns that you wish to discuss please contact Helen Ward on 01622 820810 or email helen@helenward.org.

Harvest Festival

You are invited to a Celebration Service at St Mary's Church, Hunton on Sunday 1st October at 5pm, followed by Harvest Supper in the village hall. Cash Bar from 6pm for supper at 6.30pm. Adults £6.50, Children (under 12) £5. Everyone welcome – bring family and friends. To reserve places for supper please contact:

Bridget on 01622 820059 bridget@invictanet.co.uk; Fay on 01622 820644 fay.joyce@btinternet.com or Lesley on 01622 820210 lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com

Please tell us if you, or anyone in your group, has any food allergies or hates so the volunteers can do their best to provide a supper for everyone. Supper places must be reserved and paid for by Monday 25th September. Funds raised from this supper are for the maintenance of St Mary's Church.

Autumn Events at the Village Hall

After our refreshing spring break with no events, we have three interesting ones planned for you at the village hall in the Autumn. Following their successful Shadows-style concert last year, the **Runaways Reformed** are back on Saturday 30th September, sporting two new members and their good ol' Rock'n'Roll. Tickets for this are available from Mike on 01622 820429 or Steve on 01622 820403; advance £10, on-the-door £12 if available. Ticket includes ploughman's at the interval; doors 7.30pm, music 8pm, plus the usual bar.

Later in the year we have two Applause Rural Touring supported events: **A Taste of Latin** music on Saturday 25th November, and **Wind in the Willows**, a puppetry adaptation for families on Friday 29th December. The Latin music is provided by a 5-piece band called **Sonrisa** (www.sonrisamusic.co.uk), who reside in the Midlands now, but they will take us from Spain to the Caribbean and Latin America...Caramba! Anyone missing a dose of **TrackDogs'** fine foot-tapping music, they are playing at a church in Cobham on Thursday 14th September – a few Huntonians are going! Tickets from www.twowomenevents.com.

Local Orchestra Repeats Amazing Offer

The Maidstone Symphony Orchestra is offering a HALF PRICE season ticket for FIVE Concerts at Mote Park – that's £55.00 for the best seats in the house OR as little as £25.00 elsewhere. Why go to London at twice the cost? Enjoy local classical music.

Next season's programme includes cellist and BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, pianist Martin James Bartlett (BBC YMoY 2014), violinist Savitri Greer, oboist Olivier Stankiewicz and violinist Bartosz Woroch with some of the world's greatest "classics". The season kicks off on Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm when Savitri Grier joins the orchestra to perform Shostakovich – Festive Overture, Mendelssohn – Violin Concerto and Rachmaninov – Symphony No. 2.

Phone Nicci Whitaker on 07909 793475 or 01227 274448 to discuss your needs.

There is FREE car parking for concertgoers at the Mote, and bar facilities available in the interval. The full programme and details of prices for individual concerts can be found on the orchestra's website mso.org.uk.

At St Mary's Church in September

Flowers		Services	
3rd	Wedding - Sue Pinks	10th	Sandra Bullivant
17th	Sandra Bullivant	24th	TBA
Hunton Village Club Opening Hours			
Wed-Fri 8-11pm			
Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm			
		Sunday 3rd September – Trinity 12	
		11.00am Family Service – Rev David Jones	
		Sunday 10th September – Trinity 13	
		9.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev Eileen Doyle	
		Sunday 17th September – Trinity 14	
		11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Peter Callway	
		Sunday 24th September – Trinity 15	
		11.00am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones	

Scenes of Crime at WI

The August WI meeting was attended by 12 members and the speaker was Jack Deans, who gave a brilliant highlight of his 35 year career at New Scotland Yard as a fingerprint expert and crime scene examiner. He examined over 120 scenes of murder and dealt with all levels of crime including terrorism. He highlighted three murders he had been involved with, the first of which concerned a disgruntled ex-employee from an amusement arcade in Soho and two young thugs who robbed and murdered one of the cashiers. The second case involved the defendant attacking and murdering his victim in a hotel bedroom. Again Jack's fingerprint expertise brought the man to justice. The third example was of a man who murdered his ex-girlfriend in the victim's own flat and his fingerprints were found on a half drunk can of fresh lager which set the time of his presence there. A very interesting talk of how ingenuity and piecing together of information triumphed.

The next meeting will be on the Tuesday 5th September in the village club when the doors open at 7.15pm. Drinks are available from the bar and coffee/tea and cakes are complimentary. New members are very welcome to join us when we welcome David Fagg, who will be giving a talk on the work of the air ambulance and will explain the lengths taken by the crews to save life.

Riverside Pop-Up Gallery

We are drawing to a close our second year of exhibiting a rich and varied amount of artwork and we will be setting up our last exhibition for September which features Sue Batt (mixed media), Pauline Budd (miniaturist), Valerie Lovett (photography) and Karon Ann Sharp (driftwood sculpture).

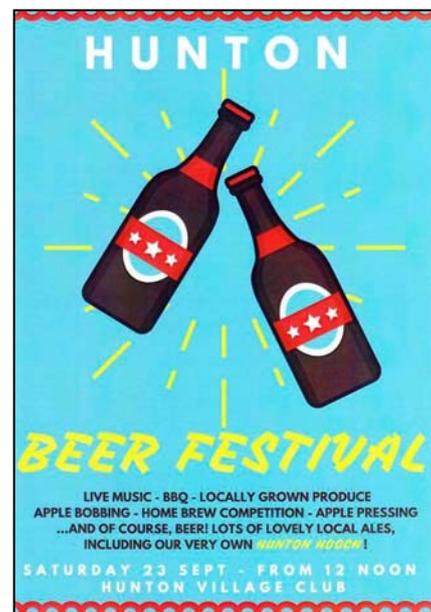
We have had brilliant workshops throughout the summer including 2D Felting, Brusho Watercolour, Mixed Media and Block Printing. We are ending on our messiest, but most enjoyable, sculpture workshop throughout September with Danae Mylonaki.

We will also be preparing for the Pre-Loved Exhibition. This will be for the first three weeks in October and will feature all the pictures visitors to the gallery have grown tired of on their walls! Last year we had a spectacular Monet in a beautiful frame as our centrepiece. I wonder what picture will be the star attraction this year?

Our very last day of exhibiting for 2017 will be Saturday 21st October, which will end with a celebration of this year's work, so come and join us from 7pm.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited and supported the gallery and our artists who worked hard giving us some truly spectacular exhibitions throughout the summer. We would also like to thank Valerie Lovett, our catering director, who made the Cream Tea Saturdays and High Tea Sundays really special. We think they will definitely be coming back next year!

The gallery is located in Yalding, next to the bridge just behind the post office. Opening hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays 2-5pm, or by arrangement – just ask in the post office.



Village Walk and Lunch - Saturday 2nd September

This is another chance to catch up with old village friends and meet new ones whilst enjoying a circular walk from the village club followed by a buffet lunch. The walk leaders aim to leave promptly at 11am for a walk lasting about one and a half hours returning to the club where lunch will be available for a £5 donation. Funds raised this time will go towards improving club facilities. Join the walk or come to lunch, or both and do bring friends and relations but please let Lesley know so the walking group doesn't start without you and she can organise enough food for everyone. 01622 820210 lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com

September	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
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 Mod
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service				

All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editor by 15th September, please