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Have Fun at the Fete

All the fun of the fair awaits at Hunton Village Fete on Saturday, June 22nd between 2 – 5 pm. Attractions include a beer tent; Pimms; teas, cakes and ice cream; a plant stall; a barbecue; a jazz band; children’s games, face-painting and lots more.

And new this year! A posse of Palaeolithic cavemen will be causing mischief and mayhem in Applause Outdoor’s comedy performance, which will have audiences laughing and running to their recycling bins as the toothy troublemakers tell of their time frozen in ice, only to wake up to a world of problem plastic!

And don’t miss your opportunity to join in or watch the ever-popular dog show with prizes and rosettes for the winners and runners-up.

But, to help make this year’s fete bigger and better than ever, donations of cakes, plants, bottles and other produce are still needed. Anyone who can donate, or who can spare an hour or so to help on the stalls or in the refreshment and cake pavilion should contact Lesley on lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com for plants, cakes, refreshments and produce or Lisa on 01622 820508 with bottles for the bottle stall and wine tombola.

Alan Bishop Tribute Concert

Family and friends of Alan Bishop gathered in the village hall for a tribute concert in his memory, given by orchestra The Relative Minors orchestra and jazz group Back Row. Alan, known by some as ‘Mayor of Hunton’ for his wide-ranging support of village events, used to play the saxophone with both groups. Steve (Alan’s brother) and his family, who had come up from Cornwall, and Alan’s daughter Ellen were in the audience. Alan would have been delighted to see the village hall, in which he took a great interest, packed with people enjoying the varied programme ranging from Handel’s Water Music to an Abba Medley! A retiring collection raised £321 for Music for Change, a charity that delivers workshops to schools and community groups. The concert was an affectionate act of remembrance of a life well-lived.

Vote for Hunton and Let’s Get Cooking!

The race is on! Hunton Village Hall has applied to the Calor Rural Community Fund for £1,000 towards a new cooker. We need everyone in the village to vote for this project as the 10 projects with the most votes are the ones which receive the funding. And there’s not much time – the ballot ends on June 17th.

You need to go onto www.calor.co.uk/communityfund and register to vote. You will be sent an email to verify your registration. Once verified, you must log out then back in to place your votes. Click on ‘Vote Now’, search ‘village hall kitchen’, enter ‘£1,000’ under ‘fund amount applied for’ and ‘Kent’ under ‘location’ and our project should pop up – no mistaking our village hall picture. Each person registered gets 10 votes. Please use your 10 votes to add to our total.

There are 32 projects applying for funds – so vote now and let’s get money towards a cooker for Hunton Village Hall which works!

Your Local Contacts:		Village Hall Booking:		www.huntonvillagehall.co.uk
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Maidstone Police		690690 or 101
Under 5’s Pre-School:	820309	Neighbourhood Watch: huntonwatch@gmail.com		820403, 820429, 820731
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	‘Potholes’ Hotline (KCC)		03000 418181
Pond and Tree Warden: Mike Summersgill	820429	Community Warden: Adam McKinley		07811 271021
Rector: Revd. Peter Callway	747570*	PCSO - Martin Chivers		101
Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones	741474*	Helen Grant MP helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk		0207 219 7107
Associate Rector: Revd Eileen Doyle	204241**	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb		745716
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288			*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays or Tuesdays
Village Club: Gil Robertson	820059			

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.hunton.org.uk/contacts

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

Diary Dates			
Fri 7 th June	Quiz Night , Village Club 8pm	Sat 15 th June	Cream teas , Riverside Gallery 2-5pm
Mon 17 th June	Village cooker vote deadline	Sat 22 nd June	Hunton Fete 2-5pm
Sun 23 rd June	Hunton bowls tribute match 2pm	Sat 6 th July	Village Clean up , Village Hall car park 10am
Sat 13 th July	Wine tasting/supper , Village Club 6:30pm		

Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email diary@hunton.org.uk

Pastoral Letter

During my work as an Organisation Development Consultant prior to responding to the call to ordination, I used a number of tools and techniques to help teams and individuals to gain insight into their behaviour and attitudes so that they could maximise efficiency. One of my favourites was (and is) the Myers Briggs Type Indicator® This 88-question psychometric instrument gave insight into preferences - about how we are energised, how we make decisions etc and gives a four-letter code as a "Preference Type" such as INFP or ESTJ. You may have done this yourself at some point. There are several online equivalents available if interested. The point is that this gave just one insight (albeit a very well researched and accurate one) into a complex personality – yet people used it as a defining tag, saying "I am an ENFJ" for example. This is a complete misunderstanding and misuse of such a tool, and leads to many incorrect understandings and labelling of the other. The preference type does not define an individual, it merely shines a light on to one part of their nature. In the same way, I have been horrified to hear the labelling of "Remainers" or "Leavers" (or even worse "Remoaners" and "Brexiters") with respect to our views on membership of the European Union. I voted remain, but that doesn't make me a "Remainer", and certainly not a "Remoaner" - it makes me somebody who voted remain. Life is nuanced, and we seem to have lost the ability in a divided world to accept that, to see the bigger picture, to hold back on judging a person on one aspect of who they are, in their personality or their politics. I long for a kinder, gentler, more enquiring dialogue in which we respect the other's perspective and don't label them.

There is one thing that is different for me – when it comes to my faith. I do wish to be identified, to be defined by, my Christianity. It is the foundational, most important aspect of who I am. Indeed of who we are as a worshipping community who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. To be a Christian should define everything about us, and shape everything we do. As St. Paul wrote to the church in Philippi: "Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ". As we await his return, I pray that we would find a way to heal division and unite our country to the benefit of all.

Many blessings,

Peter Callway, Rector

A Match to Remember

Hunton Bowls Club is holding a tribute match on the afternoon of Sunday, June 23rd to two long-standing members Basil Seaward and Brian Maytum, who sadly died at the beginning of this year. (Basil who was still actively bowling last season would have celebrated his 100th birthday in September) The Basil v Brian match will be followed by a cream tea for their families and friends.

The new season of the bowls club is now in full swing with a green in superb condition and a busy fixture list of competitions and tournaments to be played off by the end of September, with the hope of bringing home a few trophies! New members are always welcome – no experience necessary.

The club's original plan to replace the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets has proved too costly and it has now received alternative quotations to replace only the changing rooms for a cost of about £14,000. There is a shortfall of around £5,000. Fundraising alone, which has already included a successful quiz night and coffee morning, will not bridge the gap and the club is hoping for support from local businesses and authorities. Anyone who could help with the project should contact Membership and Project Secretary Angela Baptie on 01622 820625 or John Apsey on 01622 743813. The aim is to start work on the project at the end of the season.

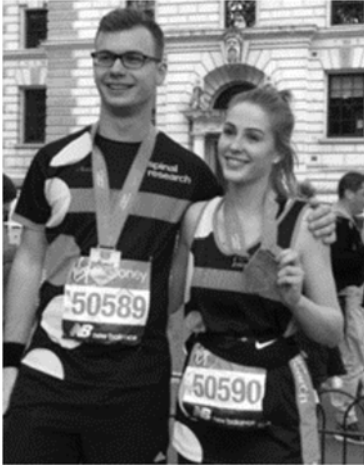
Sue Heaton's Gardening Jobs for June – Six Key Tasks

1. Keep up with the dead heading to encourage more flowers. Roses in particular respond to this treatment.
2. If you have not already done so, stake tall floppy plants as they grow before they get knocked about by wind or rain storms.
3. Plant annuals to fill in the gaps in the borders and don't forget any autumn flowering bulbs you might want to plant.
4. Take soft wood cuttings from perennials, such as Penstemon and deciduous shrubs such as Lavender.
5. Shrubs that have flowered in the spring can now be pruned back.
6. It is time to get the protected plants outside as the worst of the weather should be behind us, but make sure they are hardened off first.

Club Quiz

Come along to a summer quiz night at Hunton Club on Friday, June 7th at 8 pm. No charge, no prizes – just come with a team or by yourself. Fun guaranteed!

Young Huntonians rise to the Challenge



Emma writes after running the London marathon with Sam:

The whole experience was so surreal from collecting my race number to crossing the finish line.

I genuinely think I couldn't have done it without the crowd and support from my friends and family. One of the best moments was running over Tower Bridge, it was phenomenal. A once in a lifetime experience with memories I will cherish.

We have raised over £4,500 for a brilliant charity and I am so grateful to everyone who helped us achieve this. Although it was hard, it was the most rewarding thing I have done and I enjoyed every second of it.

Jack, who went to Africa with his dad Dominic for the Butale project, writes:

On my first day in Butale in Ethiopia, I met Aloysious who I have been writing to for three years since we

started sponsoring him to go to school. It was very hard because when I met him he was very ill. He was lying on the floor in his old house suffering with malaria. He was very weak and not able to talk. Thanks to the sponsorship and the team out in Uganda we were able to help by taking him by truck to the local clinic for assessment and treatment. During the week I was there he got stronger and by the end we were able to spend lots of time together playing ball games and with some story dice that I had sent him in a parcel last year.

I was so keen to get to the school on Monday and meet the rest of the pupils. When they saw us they were very excited, asking questions, dancing and singing songs to us, it was very moving. One of the highlights of the trip was helping to fit and give new shoes to all the children; another was playing football at playtime with the local boys.

The project raised £2,700 and every single penny was spent on projects when we were in the community. Projects like helping construct a new home for Aloysious as his current home was dangerous to live in. We managed to finish it before we left. Overall it was an incredible trip and I will never forget it. Very many thanks to everybody who donated.



Popular Pink Panther

More than 40 people went to the second film night at Hunton Club to see The Pink Panther and, as well as watching the film, were treated to delicious food prepared by Roger Lee and a variety of puddings made by members of the audience. Organisers hope to arrange another film in June and perhaps one for children after that. Suggestions for films would be welcome – contact Bridget on bridget@invictanet.co.uk

Jennie's Paintings in Show

Hunton artist Jennie Boatwright will be among exhibitors at the Riverside Gallery's June exhibition in Yalding. Her paintings will be on display together with work by sculptor Charlie Samuell and artists Christie Monahan and Emily Hinchcliffe. The exhibition is from June 1st -24th. All are also welcome at the gallery's art club on Saturday, June 22rd and for cream teas on Saturday June 15th between 2 and 5 pm. Jennie will be exhibiting sculptures at a subsequent exhibition at the gallery in July.

Hunton Walkers Go to Town

Eighteen members of The Hunton Walking Group swapped their cross-country boots for more casual footwear as they embarked upon a guided tour of The City of London led by Phil Nichols. They walked through Hay's Galleria, past HMS Belfast and across Tower Bridge to St Katherine's Dock. The tour continued to the site of the old Royal Mint and around part of the moat of the Tower of London. They were reminded of home when it was pointed out that the Roman London Wall, part of which can be seen at Tower Hill Station, had been built from stones from Boughton Monchelsea quarry!

While enjoying a welcome break for refreshments at the Community Gardens at Aldgate, walkers learned from Iain Simmons, who has recently retired from working in the City and lead the Aldgate project, how a £25,000,000 traffic scheme had completely turned around the air quality there from being one of the worst in London to one of the best. From here the group walked to 120, Fenchurch Street to marvel at spectacular views of Greater London from the roof garden there. They continued past Lloyds of London and into Leadenhall Market, then past The Monument to the Great Fire of London, the old Billingsgate fish market and the Customs House buildings. Walkers ended their tour in Borough Market having had an enjoyable, informative walk under clear blue skies, which made the day!

Anyone who would like to join the Hunton Walking Group should contact Ann Sawtell on ann.sawtell@btinternet.com

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wed-Fri 8-11pm Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

Church Spring Cleaning Follow-ups

St Mary's Church has been looking well cared for both inside and out, thanks to the very well supported church and churchyard working parties in the Spring. But the interior of this ancient building keeps producing dust & grit, and the churchyard weeds go on growing, so further working parties are planned for Saturdays 6th July, 17th August, 21st September and 2nd November. Please come and help – you will be very welcome. As usual, there will be a mid-morning refreshment break. Please let Lesley know on lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com if you are able to attend so she can organise enough coffee mugs and biscuits!

Summer Play Scheme

Hunton youngsters aged between 5 and 13 (4 if at school) will be welcome at a summer play scheme in Yalding between Monday, July 29th and Friday, August 16th.

The cost for residents of Hunton and Yalding is £5 a day or £7 for those living elsewhere. For further information please contact Angela Gent on 01622 814134 or email clerk@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk.

New Curate for Hunton

Lorna Faulkner will soon start work as curate in Hunton and in the other parishes in the Benefice. She is currently finishing her theological training and will begin her ministry after her ordination in September.

She has lived in Maidstone with her husband and three sons for nearly 24 years and used to be a teacher.

She writes: 'We are very much looking forward to enjoying life in a more rural part of Kent and exploring the villages where we will be working.'

When our boys were little we often used to drive out to Hunton Village Hall to play in the little park and watch the cricket (one of my sons plays for Yalding now and watching Hunton play certainly helped ignite his passion!) It is lovely to think that we now get to be part of the community we visited back then and we are very much looking forward to getting to know everyone.'



Wine Tasting and Supper

A few places are still available for the Wine Tasting and Supper in the Club on Saturday 13th July. Doors open 6.30pm. A donation of £17.50 per person is requested. Contact Lesley on lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com for more information or to reserve a place.

At St Mary's Church in June

	Services					
Flowers Erika Hanna	Sunday 2nd June 9.30am – Holy Communion Service, Rev Eileen Doyle Sunday 16th June 9.30am – Family Service, Rev Peter Callway/Mrs Alison Callway					
Other services in the Benefice						
June	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th	Other Services/events
Coxheath	11am HC	11am MP	11am HC	11am FS		Every Thursday 10am HC
E. Farleigh	9.30am MP	8am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC		First Tuesday of the month Compline 6.45pm
Linton	9.30am FS	9.30am HC	8am HC	9.30am MP (Matins)	10:30 Benefice Service	Last Wednesday of the month HC 12 noon
W. Farleigh	8am HC	9.30am MP	No service	9.30am HC		
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service						

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