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Restoration Begins on the West Door of the Church

Work commenced on the west door of the church on Monday 1st August. Following adequate protection, the existing door was loaded into a van and the space blocked in. The contractor carrying out the work is Hugh Harrison from South Molton in Devon who was the only person the Diocese of Rochester would accept so it would seem that we have "the best". The programme for the two south doors will be somewhat easier insofar as no temporary doors will be required. The inner south door can act as an external door while the outer one is being repaired. The total anticipated time required to complete the whole of the work is six months.

This project would never have got off the ground had it not been for the tremendous effort of Anke and David Way in securing grants to cover the cost and further offers of help if needed from The Friends of St Mary's. *Guy Oliver*

Applause Events

Friday 30 September and Friday 7 October, 7.30 for 8pm

Responding to popular request for more events we offer two sparkling shows on consecutive weeks:

30 September - Kit Holmes - Kit's trademark sultry vocals and virtuoso guitar playing have been wowing audiences across the UK. 'Impressive...a new guitar heroine' The Guardian.

7 October - Doudou Cissoko - Acclaimed Senegalese Kora maestro and his band provide irresistible music from diverse cultures. Exceptional world music and truly inspirational.

Licensed bar. Interval bread/cheese. Tickets £10, under 21 £5. Second ticket will be £8 for those attending both shows.

Please contact 01622 820683 or 820678 or email huntonvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

Friends of St Mary's Barn Dance

Hunton Village Hall ~ 7.00pm
29th October

Tickets £10 including supper
Children under 12 free.
Bar.

Tickets from the trustees

Call 820508, 820678, 820220

Friends of St. Mary's Hunton - Train Ride Day

On the 24th July, just over 160 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, blessed by perfect weather, at the home of Sue and Lawrence Martin in Amsbury Road.

The train rides were as popular as ever for people of all ages, a splendid tea was provided, which was kindly donated by so many in the Village, and amusements for the children. The face painting was a particular success. All this was included in the ticket price and from the feedback that we have received we have been told that this was a most happy and successful family afternoon and Friends raised just over £1200 towards our Charity. Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped and donated.

None of this would have been possible however without the most generous kindness and hospitality afforded to us by Sue and Lawrence to whom we are most grateful.

Finally, for those of you who were disappointed at being unable to attend and enjoy the fun of the train rides, on October the 2nd there will be another opportunity, commencing at 2pm, with tickets at £10. This event is not for Friends, but to support the trains themselves who through Sue and Lawrence raise thousands of pounds every year for Charity so it is a most worthy cause in itself. Tickets from Sue and Lawrence on 01622 746125 *Ron Porter*

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
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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
Associate Rector: Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Tom Mepstead/Richard Chainey	604392
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Dates for Diaries:

Thursday 8th September - Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Village Hall
Saturday 10th September - Sponsored Bike Ride Churches open all over Kent
Friday 30th September - Applause Event-Kit Holmes, Hunton Village Hall
Friday 7th October - Applause Event: Doudou Cissoko, Village Hall
Wednesday 26th October - Parish Plan Steering Committee, 8pm Village Club
Saturday 29th October - Barn Dance, Village Hall 7pm
Thursday 10th November - Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Village Hall
Friday 25 November - Applause Event: Tongues of Fire Village Band, Hunton Village Hall

Parish Councillors contact details

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– Roger Sawtell 820731

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Cllr Moira Walter 745765 Cllr Ron Porter 820220

Cllr Gary Thomas 820691

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

Dear Friends,

"I saw an Angel flying in the midst of Heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to all those who dwell on earth" (Revelation 14:6)

'Was the car journey ever going to get there?' I thought as we wound our way ever upward Mount Lofty with Brother Gilbert and Richard a student at St. Michael's House. I had that night flown into Adelaide and was on my way to St. Michael's. The place had been established back in the 1940's as a training ground for those hoping to become ordained in the Anglican Church. It was a society of brothers who were dedicated to the training of ordinands. 'Was this the place for me?' I had been thinking and praying about this for some time. Those next few days were to decide my future.

Mount Lofty is just that! The bright lights of the City of Adelaide were just like Christmas tree lights way in the distance. Three massive television masts dwarfed St. Michael's. Away from the House it was very dark and the feeling of remoteness was real.

I had arrived on the evening of St. Michael and All Angels. A special feast day for the House. September 29th is that date in the church calendar when we recall the work of the Angels and that of St. Michael. Three days later I left St. Michael's and returned to England to get ready to move to Adelaide and thus commenced my four years with the brothers learning not only about Christian theology but also how to clean, do my laundry, cut firewood and cook meals! A very thorough training! The month of September is so called because the Latin 'Septem' means 'seven'. The Roman calendar counted September as the 7th month. September is always a special month for me since my visit to the brothers on Michaelmas Day, but also the month of my birth and the month of my marriage to Diana.

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Hunton Club Quiz Night

Question: Was the August Quiz Night an enjoyable success?

Answer: Yes, absolutely, complimentary feedback has proved this. There was a wonderful atmosphere with friendly banter among the ten teams.

Question: Did many villagers attend?

Answer: Over 70, so many in fact that it resulted in standing room only for some. However, no one minded at all.

Question: Did the quiz differ from the normal style?

Answer: It did. This quiz had a musical theme with categories of Sport, Colours, Geography and Films, to name a few.

Question: Is there another Quiz Night planned?

Answer: Certainly, the date is set for 10 December. It would be advisable to arrive early to ensure a seat!

Question: Which team won?

Answer: A team self-named The Monkey Trousers won and graciously accepted the prize of chocolates even sharing them with the losing team called The Grafton Grafters.

Thank you to all who attended – what a great night it was!

Heating Oil

Further to my little piece in May's Hunton Herald I am delighted to say that the SOD/COP was well received, and eight deliveries were made to the village in the second week of June. The final price was 53.7p + VAT which for a couple of people was less than they had paid on their previous orders. If we have orders totally in excess of 10,000 litres my bargaining power is increased. I am thinking of doing an order at the end of September, so if anyone would like oil, please email, mlferns@yahoo.co.uk with OIL in the subject heading, let me know your delivery address, and how many litres you want. Please also give your telephone number, and the oil company that gains our order, will then phone you to get payment.

Thanks, Louise

Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club – a win for the Sunday X1

Early August saw the Sunday X1 break their eight game losing streak with an exciting win away to table topping Detling by five runs with nine balls remaining in the match – with several players pitching in with valuable runs including Matt Jones with his best ever innings for the club of thirty three followed by a great bowling and fielding display by the entire team, most notably wicket keeper John Aldous who took four wickets behind the stumps, Dave Leppard who took four wickets with his left arm spin bowling and a stunning one-handed catch by skipper Dan Taylor in the deep. The first and second X1s both had a number of good wins under captains Dave Niblett and Ashley Maguire and both teams are currently placed just outside the promotion places with three games remaining in the season, so all to play for still. On the club front, it will be with much pride that a number of members will be travelling to the Kent match at Canterbury on Friday August 19th to accompany groundsman John Adams who will be the guest of Kent County Cricket Club having been nominated for a Kent Cricket Board unsung hero award for all the great work he does for HWCC including the preparation of what most visiting clubs agree is one of the best pitches in the league – richly deserved recognition for John!

Steve Jones (Secretary HWCC)

Farleigh's Farmers Market

Our next market will be held on September 4th, so pop that dates in your diary now. We look forward to welcoming you!

Hunton Club Book Group - July Review 'My Family and Other Animals'

This is the story of Gerald Durrell's childhood on the Greek island of Corfu and his relationship with his family and some interesting local characters, like Spiro, the taxi driver and Theodore, a scientist who taught Durrell much about the animals and nature of the island and remained a good friend of the family after they moved back to England. The family were a collection of eccentrics: Mother is described as being always either knitting or cooking; oldest brother Larry, who was a budding writer at that time, was always inviting strange artists to come and visit; middle brother Leslie was an outdoor and hunting nut; and sister Margo was always worried about her appearance. Durrell describes his family and some of their adventures, the nature and animals of the island, the animals he kept as pets, and the teachers who tried to educate him with varying success.

The setting of this book is the beautiful picturesque Greek island of Corfu. A young Gerald Durrell and his family set off from cold, depressing England and arrive as if in a dream on the sunny island of Corfu. This island is a veritable treasure of animal life and olive groves. In the narrative, Gerald takes the reader on his explorations of the island. With him, the reader visits old islanders and shares in their bread and olive oil, finds a scorpion and the cure for its poison and even observes a women giving birth in a room where no males are allowed!

The majority of our members agreed that this is a delightful book, easy to read, not exciting or compulsive but beautifully written. We enjoyed the trip back to that period in time on Corfu and could all picture the scene vividly although some thought the "creepy crawlies" chapters were a little too lengthy and became rather boring.

NOTE FOR THE PURISTS!

We were left wondering how this lifestyle was funded as nobody seemed to work and there was no mention of his father or a fortune. On the whole enjoyable, amusing and as such we scored the book an overall 6.5. *Jackie*

Come to Hunton Village Harvest Lunch

Hunton Village Harvest Lunch follows the Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 2nd in the village hall. All are welcome and tickets are available from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 or Tricia Nichols on 01622 820804. The tickets are £5 for adults, and £3.50 for children under 12 and £15 for a family of two adults and two children. It is important to buy tickets before the lunch as none will be sold at the door. The lunch is at 12 pm for 12.30 pm. Look forward to seeing you there!
Liz Oliver

Yalding Question Time - Friday 11 November – Yalding Village Hall 7.00pm

Are your politicians working for you....? We thought it would be informative, interesting and entertaining to allow our local community to raise matters of concern with their political representatives. Unlike Question Time on TV, where panellists from different political persuasions give their views on current national affairs, we have invited representatives from local, county and national government to respond to points you want answers to.

Your MP, Helen Grant, Leader of Kent County Council, Paul Carter, Borough Councillor/Deputy Mayor Rodd Nelson-Gracie will be on the spot and kept in order by Dennis Fowle, the founder of the much respected and widely circulated Downs Mail.

To bring some structure to the event we are asking you to submit your questions in advance along with your application for tickets. Although this event is being organised by the local Conservatives it is open to everyone. Entrance is free but will be by ticket only. The number of tickets is limited so get your application in early to avoid disappointment. A cash bar will be available.

email your request for tickets and up to two questions you would like to raise at the meeting to smcl@tiscali.co.uk.

HUNTON (B) Book Club – July Review - 'Ines of My Soul' by Isabel Allende

"Not a gripping yarn" I think is a fair comment made by several members of the group, four members of our reading group actually finished the tome with one saying that she was not going to be beaten, a couple of others gave up, feeling life is just too short!

The story is a researched historical fiction as well as being a love story, retelling the story of one woman who played an enormous role in conquering what is now Chile. Inés, a poor seamstress from Spain, comes to the new world in a ship with her niece to search for her husband Juan de Málaga. In reality, she is determined to escape from poverty and the backward thinking of the society she was born into. When she learns her husband is dead, she tries to make it on her own with her nursing and housekeeping skills. After this, Inés wants to move on to other towns in the new world, partly with fear of being found out. It is at this time that she meets Pedro de Valdivia, the conquistador of Chile, and becomes his mistress. Even if the story is filled with battles, cruelty, and blood and gore, the central theme is the passionate love and companionship between two lovers. The violence in the book we all felt was probably slightly too much, and so vividly described. Isabel is obviously a talented and prolific writer and a few of us felt that possibly the score the book received did not credit the writing; however, the content was not everyone's cup of tea! Six readers gave an average score of 3.6. There did not seem to be much enthusiasm to investigate any of the fourteen or so other novels by Isabel Allende.

Louise Ferns

At St Mary's Church in September

Notices

Coffee Rota

Sunday 4th September Andrews Family

Flowers

Sunday 4th September Mrs D Martin

Sunday 11th September Mrs. Joyce

Sunday 18th September Mrs. Joyce

Sunday 25th September Mrs Ellman-Brown

Services

Sunday 4th September – Trinity 11

11.00 am Family Service - Rev David Jones Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 11th September - Trinity 12

10.30 am Holy Communion – United Benefice at Coxheath

Readings: Exodus 15:1(b) – 11,20 & 21 and Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday 18th September -Trinity 13

11.00 am Morning Prayer – Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Exodus 16:2-15 and Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday 25th September -Trinity 14

11.00 am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32

Sunday 2nd October

11.00 am Family Service—Readings: Preachers Choice

Hunton Village Club – September Event

There are monthly events at the village Club. Please check out the website www.huntonvillageclub.co.uk

September's event is Live Music with Singer Les Blackburn.

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Now we recall this month for Eileen Doyle who will, after her searching and prayerful seeking and training, become a Deacon on September 10th in Rochester Cathedral. Our prayers are with her and her husband Barry as they enter this new phase of Christian work and ministry.

I still keep in touch with the brothers who have now diversified in Christian ministry. They have Priories in Milton Keynes, South Africa, Japan and Australia. St. Michael's House sadly burnt down many years ago in one of Australia's bushfires which raged through the hills around Adelaide.

Meanwhile keep an eye out for Michaelmas Daisies which will be flowering this month. A reminder of St. Michael and the ministry of God's angels.

With my prayers, Peter

Huntone Singing Group

If you enjoy singing for fun, come and join us. We sing all sorts of different types of music - lots from the shows and other 'easy listening' songs that are not difficult and occasionally we try something more testing!. You don't need to read music and you don't need to be a 'Katherine Jenkins' to join in. Our first meeting is on September 22nd at Barnhill House, Barn Hill from 7.30 - 8.30pm. Contact Sue Pinks 820709

The Hunton Gardening Club has held its first meeting, notes will appear in the next issue. Anyone interested in further information or joining please contact Lesley 01622 820210 or lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com



We are holding another 'Alpha Course at Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath commencing on Monday September 19th from 7.00pm to 9.15pm each night. The evening will start with a meal at 7.00pm and be followed by either a DVD or life talk lasting approx. 40minutes and ending with a time of discussion. The Course lasts 10 weeks.

The Alpha course is open to everyone interested in discovering what Christianity is about. Come, relax, eat, share your thoughts and explore the meaning of life.

For further details contact David Jones 01622 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com

Why attend the Alpha course?

Guests do Alpha for a wide variety of reasons - some want to investigate whether God exists; others are concerned about what happens after death. Some people have particular questions that they would like to discuss; others want to understand other peoples' beliefs or would like to explore what the purpose of life is.

HUNTON PANTO TIME

Plans are afoot to produce the pantomime 'Cinderella' next March. We have the script, we have a meeting date - 29TH SEPTEMBER 7.30pm Barnhill House, Barnhill. Now we need you - the cast and backstage crew. Song and dance will be included of course - musical maestro has been appointed!! So if you would like to be part of the Hunton Panto please come on the 29th September. If you cannot come that evening, but want to be included, please phone Sue Pinks on 820709

September	4	11	18	25	Oct 2
Coxheath	11.00 HC	10.30 United Benefice	11.00 HC	11.00 FS Harvest	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00am HC 10.30 United Benefice	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC	10.30 United Benefice	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	10.30 United Benefice	09.30 MP(Mod)	09.30 HC	08.00 HC

HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, FS: Family Service
For Weddings, Thanksgivings and Baptisms please contact Rev Peter Walker