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Hunton School gets a Good Rating from Ofsted

This is a good school - pupils flourish academically and personally and feel extremely safe.

Ofsted visited Hunton CEP School on the 5th and 6th October this year. They inspected the school for two days and found: "This is a good school. It is on a journey of sustained improvement and has many strengths. Pupils develop a love for reading and make excellent progress in this subject in Reception. Pupils flourish academically and personally and feel extremely safe. The good teaching, curriculum, care, guidance and support all contribute to pupils' good behaviour and achievement. The Head Teacher is a strong leader and is well supported by the senior team. One parent expressed the views of many saying "Hunton Church of England Primary School consistently goes above and beyond to assist all children and to develop each child as an individual."

The inspector said that she had the impression that everyone in the school community really wanted the very best for every child. She noted that there had been a real improvement since the last inspection and, as this is a new Ofsted framework, it is even more difficult to achieve an overall 'good' rating.

In our Foundation Stage it was reported that:

Children make good progress in all areas of their learning. More able children are quickly identified and provided with more challenging work. Very positive relationships ensure children feel safe and secure. Staff's strong focus on developing children's language and personal skills enables all children to make a good start. Teaching and learning are good and excellent for reading, including phonics (sounds and letters). In an excellent story and phonics lesson, children were mesmerised as they helped the teacher and 'puppets' identify initial sounds in words as they listened to the 'Owl Babies' story. Whole-class singing of well-chosen songs and exciting practical group activities reinforced children's early understanding of sound and letters extremely well. The staff work closely together as a team and ensure there is a good balance between activities directed by the adults and those chosen by the children. Children's independence is well promoted by the children planning those activities they will be doing themselves. The recently built Reception accommodation permits stimulating purposeful play activities. The recently refurbished outside area is spacious and used to provide suitable learning opportunities across most areas of learning.

This was followed by a Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools who judged that our school had maintained its 'outstanding' church schools status and said:

'Hunton is a small school' where everyone is cared for as a unique individual and 'child of God'. These Christian values are evident in all aspects of school life. They create a cohesive, supportive community of adults and pupils, a happy, calm working environment and pupils who behave well and work well together.

Sue Wood Head Teacher

50's Night at the Club

On Saturday 19th November take a step back in time at Hunton Village Club 50's night. Shake, rattle and roll your way down from 8pm in your 50's style clothing and accessories.

Check the website for more details www.huntonvillageclub.co.uk

HUNTON VILLAGE CLUB

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Have we got you on the list? Please note corrected email!

Every year the Village Hall hosts a series of events run by Applause Rural Touring. If you would like to receive details on future events please send an email to huntonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk to join our electronic mailing list.

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell	820731	Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin	681238
School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking: Alan Bishop	820683
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309	Maidstone Police:	608186
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch:	608173
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
Non Stipendiary Minister: 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:

Monday 14th November **Parish Council Meeting** 8pm Village Hall
 Saturday 19th November **Knit and Natter** Yalding Gardens 2.30-4.30pm
 Saturday 19th November **50's Night** Village Club
 Friday 25th November **Applause Event: Tongues of Fire Village Band** Hunton Village Hall 8pm
 Wednesday 7th December **Parish Plan Steering Committee** 8pm Village Club
 Saturday 10th December **Knit and Natter** Yalding Gardens 2.30-4.30pm
 Saturday 10th December **Quiz Night** Village Club
 Saturday 17th March 2012 **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Saturday 16th June 2012 **Litter Picking** Village Hall

Parish Councillors contact details

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 – Roger Sawtell 820731

Clerk to the Parish Council
 – Sharon Goodwin 681238

Cllr Les Leonard 820858 Cllr David Heaton 820678
 Cllr Moira Walter 745765 Cllr Gary Thomas 820691
 Cllr Ron Porter 820220

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

Hi All

With Christmas approaching, my next task is to write the Family Christmas Letter – you know the one, the one nobody likes to admit they read. Well we always kept the letters we received at Christmas over the years from family and friends and Anne used to file them in used A4 envelopes clearly marked with 'Christmas and the Year,' I was going through the box that they are all filed in and came across another envelope with 'Interesting Things' written on the outside. Curiosity got the better of me and a very pleasant hour was spent reading the collection. One in particular I thought might interest and challenge you. So I am reprinting it and acknowledge its source is unknown as it is in Anne's handwriting with no acknowledgement. It is called:

'The Devil's Beatitudes'

Blessed are those who are tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour or so once a week in Church with their fellow Christians – they are the best workers.

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked – I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy – with a bit of luck they may stop going to church for they are my missionaries.

Blessed are those who are very religious but get on everyone's nerves – they are mine forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers – they shall be called my children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray or read the Bible – they are easy prey for me.

Blessed are the complainers – I'm all ears for them.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it's about other people and not you – I've got you!

If you want to read Christ's beatitudes then read St Matthew's Gospel chapter 5

Keep smiling!

Yours David

Village Clean Up – 15th October 2011

A very big thank you to everyone who gave up their time on 15th October for the village clean up. We were very fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day and this helped in carrying out the rather daunting task of litter picking from the roads and lanes. Hunton Hill, East Street and West Street were particularly hazardous i.e. traffic etc. but David Heaton's truck was invaluable in clearing Hunton Hill and collecting rubbish from the various lanes.

As this task hasn't been carried out for some time it took 14 volunteers 4 hours in all to cover the roads and lanes and the result was 33 bags of rubbish, 20 used tyres, 3 car seats plus an assortment of metal and miscellaneous items. It would certainly help future clean ups if residents could keep the areas around their houses tidy.

The next big clean up will be March 17th 2012 from 10 a.m. until midday (hopefully) and it would be good if we could have a few more volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, names will be required by the end of February as the Council require these details 2 weeks in advance of the event for insurance purposes. The Council supply the jackets, pickers and gloves so all you have to do is turn up on the day.

If you would like to join the team please contact Di or Nigel on 01622 820115.

Di Martin



Hunton Village Diary

I am writing to tell you about the new Hunton Village Diary which was launched on the village website last month. The aim is to get all the events and meetings that are held in the village on to the diary to show not only that there is a lot going on in the village, but also as a way of encouraging new people to participate in some of the activities, and to avoid a clash of big events so that we can all enjoy them without having to decide which one to go to. The diary will be evolving over time to include sports fixtures and any new club/group events that will be taking place over the year.

Please take a little time to look at the diary on the village website www.hunton.org.uk/diary and choose a month. I hope you will find it useful and continue to visit the website regularly for updates. If you have an event that you want to add to the diary or, if there has been cancellation or postponement of an event already in the diary, please let me know by emailing me on huntondiary@btinternet.com Barbara Wright

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 12th November, 9.00am - 12.00pm

Anyone is welcome to come along and help with Autumn clearing.

If you would like to help regularly can you make sure that we have your contact details to inform you of future events. Contact Christine on christine.mcsweeney@gmail.com, tel 01622 820852 or Sue Heaton susan.heaton1@virgin.net, 01622 820678. Or check the Village Diary for future dates on www.hunton.org.uk/diary

Village Hall Working Party

Saturday 19th November at 9.30am. General external tidy up and leaf clearing. At the Village Hall - anyone welcome!

Applause Rural Touring Autumn Events at the Village Hall

Both the Kit Holmes evening on 30 September and the Doudou Cissoko: Ancient Strings and Fabulous Things show on 7 October were very well attended.

Kit Holmes was accompanied by Allan Greenwood on guitar and there was something for everybody to enjoy in her eclectic and entertaining show. Her guitar playing displayed a superb technique and beautiful, clear sound which was of the highest order.

Doudou Cissoko and his excellent band soon got into a groove with Doudou accompanying himself on the beautiful 21 - stringed West African kora (harp/lute). It really was world class world music on our doorstep and deservedly received a rousing ovation from the audience.

Thank you for your support and especially to all those who worked on putting the shows together.

Tongues of Fire Village Band - Friday 25 November at 8pm.

Tongues of Fire conclude our Autumn season and are a hugely talented band described as a riot of reeds, brass and percussion playing a rich blend of traditional and modern sounds inspired by the traditions of village and town bands both in England and around the world. All members of Tongues of Fire are dedicated improvisers, sweeping people along with their unpredictable but hugely accessible playing. Expect a joyful evening inspired by dancing and celebration. www.tongues-of-fire.co.uk

Tickets (to include interval food) are now on sale at £12 (£6 under 21). Contacts 820683, 820678 and huntonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk. Licensed bar. Book early to avoid disappointment, as they say... Alan Bishop

Hunton Club Book Group A

Review of The Museum of Innocence by Orphan Pamuk

Kemal, the novel's protagonist spends the majority of his life in love with Fusan, a beautiful shop girl and distant relation. In an attempt to preserve their relationship he begins to hoard inanimate objects relevant to his and Fusan's story. The back-drop of this tale is an insight into the fascinating social history of Istanbul in the 70's and charts the development of the city's customs from an Eastern dominated conservatism to a much more Western system of values and conceits.

Pamuk's handling of this rather twee story soon becomes so repetitive that the theme of collecting soon descends into farce. Fusan comes across as a stropky juvenile woman whilst Kemal is selfish, obsessive and irritating.

We all thought that perhaps the book suffered in its translation. Some of us preferred the first half whilst others stoically read on to enjoy the latter part of this overlong novel.

Our mixed opinions reflect the fact that our scores ranged from 3-9 resulting in an average score of 5 out of 10.

Our book for October is Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T S Elliott.

Tricia Nichols

Out and Out Wild About Gardens – Result!

After what seemed like a very long wait the results of the Wild About Gardens scheme are out and I am very proud to have been awarded a silver. I think that is fair comment on my efforts and I feel encouraged to start a wildlife diary and go for gold next year, pond digging though will have to wait.

Anyone could have a go at doing this next year. I was a little sceptical, at first, but it is fairly clear what is needed and it is fun to watch out for signs of visiting wild life. With the weather getting colder birds will be looking for food to see them through the winter. Blue tits are checking roses for signs of aphid eggs and we will soon see the first visiting long tailed tits.

I was fascinated to find that Jays are a great spreader of acorns burying them for eating later. Some are forgotten and grow on but a resourceful bird will pluck a tiny, newly germinated tree from the ground to eat what is left of the nut attached to the root. Inevitably some will escape and grow up into trees.

These intimate connections between plants and animals often go unnoticed, encouraging wildlife into our gardens allows nature to succeed.

Christine McSweeney

Lost and Found A "Fast Track Card" for Transport for London has been found. It was in a book bought at the Fete. Please contact Tricia Nichols at tricia.nichols@btinternet.com

Tea, Coffee & Cakes in aid of Tearfund

Saturday 12th November 2011, 2-5pm.

Fairly traded products will also be on sale.

New Lodge, Kenward Road, 01622 812838

Hunton Pilates Group Gets Going

Just to let everyone know that the beginner's pilates class will be starting on Monday 24th October at 8:00pm in Hunton Village Hall. Our tutor is Joan Clews.

The cost will be £6 per session. It will be pay as you go to start with and then move to prepayment for blocks of lessons, once everyone is established in the class

Please bring your own yoga mat. You should wear loose clothing - ideally jogging bottoms, soft trainers or go barefoot. It will be suitable for both men and women.

The maximum number for the class is about 15 - approximately 12 people have expressed interest so far.

Celia Kennedy-Sloane ksloaneh@hotmail.com

At St Mary's Church in November

Notices	Services
<p>Coffee Rota</p> <p>Sunday 6th November The Simmons family</p> <p>Flowers</p> <p>Sunday 6th November Mrs Simmons</p> <p>Sunday 13th November Mrs Simmons - Remembrance</p> <p>Sunday 20th November Mrs Way</p> <p>Sunday 27th November Mrs Way - Advent</p>	<p>Sunday 6th November – Trinity 20 11.00 am Family Service - Rev CB Readings: Preacher's choice</p> <p>Sunday 13th November- Remembrance 10.30 am Remembrance Service – Rev E. Doyle ED Readings: Preacher's choice</p> <p>Sunday 20th November –Next Before Advent 11.00 am– Family Service Morning Prayer – DB Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25:31-end</p> <p>Sunday 27th November –Advent Sunday 11.00 am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-end</p> <p>Sunday 4th December – 11.00 am Family Service Readings: Preacher's choice</p>

Pastoral Care

Do you know someone who is going through a tough time right now, who would benefit from some pastoral care? Did you know that we have a Pastoral Care Team for our Benefice that you could refer them to? The Pastoral Care Team is authorised by the Rector to support those in need, by generously giving of their time, prayerfully listening, practical help, and offering prayer. The aim is to share the love of Christ, the redemptive power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God, with those who are members of our churches and also people from the wider community, who are suffering or otherwise in need, as an expression of the Churches pastoral care. You can make a referral by calling one of the numbers below and giving the name address and phone number of the person to be visited. Please make sure that anyone you refer has given their consent.

For East Farleigh call Pat Wilmshurst 01622 728241, for Coxheath call Marion Simpson 01622 743977, for Linton call Rev Cilla MacKenzie 01622 741318; or call Pastoral Assistant Judith Barnes on 01622 747934

Farleigh's Farmers Market – October

A beautiful sunny morning brought a steady flow of keen shoppers to this month's market. Our new stall 'Creative Crates' featuring hand-made rustic wooden boxes attracted much interest and gave us great ideas for Christmas presents! The pitch fees meant we were able to support two charities - The Kent Wildlife Trust at Sandling and our local branch of the Alzheimer's Society. Last month we made a single donation to The Heart of Kent Hospice.

The 6th November market will see a full range of stalls including many of your favourites -Enzo's Italian bakery, the Old Rose Garden preserves, honey from Rosebank Apiary, East Sutton Park sausages, fresh local juice from Little Court Lodge Farm and Marshies Munchies tempting sweet treats! We hope that Linton Chocolates will make it in November. The Christmas Market on the 4th December will have several extra stalls with treats and gift ideas. *Sue Morris*

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 3rd December, Mote Hall Maidstone Leisure Centre, Concert starts at 7.30pm

The programme consists of three works, conducted by Brian Wright

Brahms – Variations on a theme by Haydn.

Mozart – Clarinet Concerto. Soloist David Campbell.

Dvorak – Symphony No.5.

David Campbell is one of our finest clarinetists and his two CD recordings of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto have received critical acclaim. We begin with Brahms's glorious set of orchestral Variations on a theme by Haydn, often called the St. Anthony Variations. Brahms first championed the works of his younger colleague Dvorak whose beautifully crafted 5th Symphony could well have been called his "pastoral".

Concert tickets £10, £19 and £23, seats for 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 0845 1552277 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 FREE. MOS Registered Charity No. 287986

November	6th	13th	20th	27th	4th December
Coxheath	11.00 HC	10.30 Remembrance	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	10.45 Remembrance 13.00 Baptism	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 11.00 Matins 15.00 Baptism	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC	10.00 Remembrance	08.00 HC	09.30 HC + 150 Anniversary	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	10.45 Remembrance	9.30 MP (Mod)	09.30 HC	08.00 HC

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