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Parish Plan Progress

Work streams are underway. If you want to help with any of the issues within the plan please come along to any of the Parish Plan meetings or contact Annette Trought. 820448 or Judi Arnold 07789002329 or by email at huntonparishplan@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you.

Since the Parish Plan was launched a number of issues are already being tackled.

Highways and Transport Speeding. Guy Oliver has a team of volunteers ready to assist with speed watch within the village. He is awaiting confirmation of his police contact, before training can begin.

Hunton has been selected as a trial site for a 20 mile speed limit outside the school and gates have been made to be placed at the 30 mile speed limit signs along West Street.

Village infrastructure The Heart of the Village and central hub and village activity. The Village Club has been providing a wide variety of events on a nearly monthly basis and there is something there to appeal to all tastes. The Village Hall held a feast of Applause events over the autumn period with some spectacular and talented musicians.

There is now an opportunity to keep fit with Pilates on a Monday evening or Zumba on a Thursday night in the Village Hall.

A group are exploring options for a community Orchard – currently there is spare waste land on the playing field behind the bowls club where a community area can be created.

Hunton Fete last year was a fantastic success and next year's fete is now on the agenda for 23 June 2012. The first meeting is 26 January at 8pm in the Village Club, so those that are interested please come along!

Environment Fly tipping and rubbish collection. Di Martin organised a hugely successful litter picking session in October and dates have been set for 2012.

Sustainability – the Village Hall is actively pursuing solar panels, for which quotes have been obtained, planning has been approved and funding is being sought. Even at the lower tariff this is still worth doing. A number of houses within the village have installed solar panels over the last few months and taken advantage of cavity wall insulation. Louise Ferns is organising oil deliveries so that not only can we benefit from cheaper oil prices with the bulk orders but also reduce the number of oil containers that need to come into the village.

Community Village Communications. Barbara Wright is working on the welcome pack and a Village Diary is up on the Web site and has been inserted into the Hunton Herald for the December Issue.

Would you like to help with the Hunton Fete?

After last year's successful fete we thought we'd have another one! Our first meeting to discuss the 2012 fete will be held on 26 January at 8pm in the Village Club. We welcome anyone who would like to come along and join the committee or if you fancy popping in and finding out what it's all about that's fine too. If you would like to help, no matter how small, we would love to hear from you. You can turn up on the evening or if you can't make it but would like to know more please contact Annette Trought on 820448 or email Barbara Wright at huntondiary@btinternet.com. The date for this year's fete has been set for 23 June 2012 - please put this date in your diaries.

Annette Trought

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
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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

Diary Dates Check out www.hunton.org.uk for changes and see the latest up-dated version. Look out for copies on the local notice boards.

Saturday 11th February **The Amazing Adventures of Pinocchio** Village Hall 6.30pm
 Sunday 12th February Snow Drop Sunday Event run by the Friends of St Mary's
 Saturday 17th March **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Saturday 16th June **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Saturday 22nd September **Litter Picking** Village Hall

Parish Councillors contact details

Parish Council Chairman – Roger Sawtell 820731
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All items for the February edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th January, please

Dear Friends,

'So Faith, Hope, Love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love'

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Michelangelo and Raphael were great Italian Renaissance painters. The story goes that Michelangelo visited Raphael's studio and examined one of Raphael's early drawings. Picking up a piece of chalk, Michelangelo scrawled across the painting the Latin word 'Amplius' which means 'greater' or 'larger'. To the older painter's trained eye Raphael's painting demonstrated too little vision.

Think bigger and better – could be a way of entering a New Year. The God who thinks big wants us to live greater and nobler lives. If we are to do this there are some things we cannot do without. Saint Paul lists three.

FAITH: We cannot do without it! Faith is listed as a gift of the Holy Spirit. We have faith to believe the Good News and the person it proclaims. The Evangelist, John Wimber once said that faith should be spelt: RISK. Many people cannot, as the old saying goes: 'take the leap of faith'. It was with an element of 'risk' that I left this country to live and train in Australia. It seemed it was what God wanted me to do. Sometimes we need to 'take a leap of faith'!

HOPE: A man whose shop was among the buildings lost in a great fire, arrived the next morning at what was his place of business. He set up a table in the midst of the charred debris. Above the table he placed a sign that read: 'Everything lost except wife, children and hope –business will be resumed as usual tomorrow morning'.

Christian hope is a two-pronged thing. Not only does hope give us victory in life's current crises, but it also gives us assurance of rest and peace with God when this life is over. The hope written of in the Bible is a confident expectation; hope is an assurance that is absolute. Paul writes in Romans 5:2 'We rejoice in hope of the glory of God'. Hope is as natural as the beating of our hearts. God has put it there.

LOVE: 'Love came down at Christmas' was one of the choir items at the East Farleigh carol service. That is the reality of God's love for us. God who came in human form to show us the way of love. That way of love eventually led up a hill on which criminals were crucified. It was in truth the way of Love itself.

Love's healing touch is desperately needed in all sorts of places and situations.

The hymn tells us: 'Thy touch still has its ancient power' The touch of the Loving Jesus Christ.

May that touch be upon you this New Year.

So as we commence a New Year, more than anything God wants to write 'Amplius' across our lives. He wants to make them bigger and better. If we embrace these three qualities as Saint Paul wrote of in that Corinthian letter, we will go a long way towards making this year 2012 a good year, and one in which we can actively demonstrate Faith, Hope and Love.

With every blessing for the Year ahead,

Peter

Hunton Oil Delivery

This has been very successful and I thank everyone who has supported this scheme. I am planning on making a village order in January. If you would like to be included please email before 15th January with OIL in the subject, with your name, address, contact telephone number and the quantity required to mlferns@yahoo.co.uk. Many thanks.

Louise Ferns

Hunton Club Book Club October Review

Washington Square by Henry James

This book is not fast paced nor is it riveting but this story of an heiress who falls in love with a gold digger and her family's reaction to it certainly got this group talking.

Henry James' narrative is well considered and enthralling he gives just enough information so you can see where the characters are going but withholds some to leave you wondering. You are fairly sure Morris is a gold digger but maybe not, you feel the father is unfair to his daughter but again what would you do in a similar situation, Mr James keeps you moving on but with no rush.

Our score for the book ranged only from 6 to 8 giving an overall average of 7.5 and an endeavour to read more of this author.

Christine Mc Sweeney

Hunton Based Body Control Pilates Teacher

Do you want to improve body tone, posture, joint flexibility, core stability and mind-body awareness? Excellent for body conditioning for all types of sports, posture related back pain and general well being. Hunton based Body Control Pilates Certified teacher for mat classes and 1:1s.

Contact Jo on 01622 820767 or email Jo4Pilates@gmail.com

What's Going On?

'Want to know when the next walk with the Hunton Walking group will be? When is the panto? Fancy taking up bell ringing or Judo? Want to know what activities are on at the Village Hall, Club, Church and Schools? I have listed just a few examples of Hunton activities but there are lots more on the Hunton Village Diary on our village website. Just go to www.hunton.org.uk/diary. If you would like to add an event to the village diary email huntondiary@btinternet.com'.

Barbara Wright

Friends of St. Mary's

On the 29th of October the Friends held another successful Barn Dance that was enjoyed by just over 70 adults and children. It was a family event with excellent food provided by volunteers, an extensive bar and great music and dancing. The Hall had been decorated to the theme of a real Barn Dance and looked quite spectacular.

Sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this evening such a success, this raised over £200 for our Charity.

The next event planned by the Friends is the **Snow Drop event in St.Mary's Churchyard**. The date for this is the 12th February so please mark your diaries so as not to miss this event.

Incredible Talent

Finally, nothing to do with Friends this time but those of you who attended the Applause event in the Village Hall on Friday the 25th November had a fantastic time. Over 80 people sat down to listen to Tongues of Fire who played a mix of Jazz and Folk music demonstrating incredible talent.

This was the last event for this year and this series of events went out on a true high.

However, without Alan Bishop and his band of helpers none of this would have happened. We can now all look forward to 2012 and more Applause events.

On behalf of the Village thank you Alan.

Ron Porter

Get Out and About in February

Get to an unusual event in Hunton on Sunday 12th February.

One of the most charming harbingers of spring are snowdrops and several kinds are to be seen in the churchyard.

The Friends of St Mary's Church will be welcoming snowdrop visitors to both its churchyards which have a wealth of snowdrops in a charming setting

Open between 11am and 4pm. Refreshments, information and displays and videos for sale. Entrance free

Applause Event

Sunday 12th February 2012, **The Amazing Adventures of Pinocchio**

Suitable for Children over 5years, Village Hall 6.30pm

Tickets from Contacts 820683, 820678 and huntonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets £10 and £5 for those under 21

Stangeface Theatre Company brings 'The Amazing Adventures of Pinocchio' to Hunton.

This is a show that can be enjoyed by all (except the very young). The imagery is so good and the cast so talented this is one performance not to be missed!

The original puppet in a pickle..... Based on the story by Carlo Collodi, award winning Stangeface bring an extraordinary mix of masks, puppets live music and song to this tale of wild mischief and temptation. In a style closer to Roald Dahl than Disney, the Amazing Adventures of Pinocchio takes us on a fantastical journey from his first moments as a talking log through a madcap series of scrapes and escapades. In turns thrilling and heart-warming, moving and comical, Stangeface brings an inimitable magic to a masterpiece of surreal fantasy.

Hunton Walking Group

We complete our 2011 walking programme on 12th December. Since last writing we have enjoyed 5 walks.

At the end of September we met at East Malling Church for a walk that gave views up to the North Downs, through woods and many orchards belonging to East Malling Research Station. We all popped into The King and Queen for a well deserved drink in their garden as it was another sunny Monday.

Our first walk of October saw us positioning cars at Linton church and Sutton Valence for the continuation of the walk along the Greensand Way. We enjoyed wonderful views across the Weald, passing the goat sanctuary and on to Sutton Valence. Finding somewhere for our pint was more challenging than the walk. Surprising for a village with 4 pubs, but our determination and thirst won the day as the 3rd we tried was open.

The next walk took us on a circular walk of Pluckley. This was well worth the drive, the countryside was stunning, and the weather was also perfect. We met at The Black Horse and not surprisingly we finished up with a drink in their comfortable bar.

Early November was time for us to rejoin The Greensand Way. We positioned cars in Sutton Valence and at The Pepperbox at Ulcombe. This section was more challenging as it is fairly hilly. It also helped to increase some people's vocabulary when some very large horses became too friendly and would not let us pass; luckily we had a horse whisperer with us who saved the day! When we arrived at the Pepperbox we all enjoyed another well deserved drink.

On Monday we squeezed ourselves into as few cars possible to drive to Shipborne for a circular walk from The Chaser Inn. As there had been heavy rain during the previous days the ground was very muddy, but we again experienced a sunny Monday. The first half of the walk was mainly through woods, the 2nd part passing through The Fairlawns Estate. A few styles tested our climbing and balancing skills but we all ended up in one piece ready for a Christmas lunch together at The Chaser. 19 sat down to eat and I think most came away thinking they would return to The Chaser.

We walk for about 5 miles on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, all welcome, including dogs. If you are interested in joining us contact ann.sawtell@btinternet.com or on 01622 820731.

Ann Sawtell

At St Mary's Church in January

Notices

Coffee Rota

Sunday 1st January Leonard family

Flower Arrangers

1st January - Mrs. Scott

8th January - Mrs. Scott,

15th January - Mrs. Porter

22nd January - Mrs. Porter

29th January - Benefice

Hunton Sunday Club

We will be meeting on Sunday January 29th at 5.15pm at a home in Hunton. For details of the venue please contact David Jones 01622 741474. The Club is open to all primary school aged children either living or attending school in Hunton and meets from 5.15pm to 6.45pm one Sunday a month.

Services

Sunday 1st January – Naming & circumcision of Jesus

11.00 am Family Service - Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 8th January – Epiphany 1

09.30 am Holy Communion - Rev David Jones

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:4-11

Sunday 15th January - Epiphany 2

11.00 am Morning Prayer - Rev David Jones

Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 and John 1:43-end

Sunday 22nd January – Epiphany 3

11.00am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Walker

Readings: Revelation 19:6-10 and John 2:1-11

Sunday 29th January - United Benefice Service

10.30am Holy Communion at LINTON

Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20, Revelation 12:1-5(a)
& Mark 1:21-28

Sunday 5th February

11.00 am Family Service

Readings: Preacher's choice

Switchover to Digital TV Programme Coming to Kent

Action in Communities in Rural Kent have been contracted to run the local 'Outreach' programme to ensure that no-one is left without a picture after Switchover – June 27th 2012.

They are also looking for local people to be trained to be 'local champions' and speakers to give out information and answer the basic questions. They will NOT be asked to set people's equipment up for them, but refer them to the BBC Help Line

Training for them will be held at the following location:

January 10 th	Tunbridge Wells Age Concern, Wood St	16:30
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Anyone interested should contact us digital@ruralkent.org.uk or 01303 813790.

In addition, they are looking to recruit volunteers who can find 5 or 6 ‘trusted voices’ in their community who can encourage more isolated people they know to contact a dedicated helpline.

You may like to volunteer yourself, or you may know of people that will be able to help.

For further information please contact Kathy Bugden on 01303 813790 or email kathy.bugden@ruralkent.org.uk

Farleigh's Farmer's Market

The organisers of East Farleigh Farmers' Market would like to thank all stallholders and customers who made the Christmas market such a success on Sunday 4th December.

Special thanks must go to members of East Farleigh Church Choir who came along and sang carols for us, and to John Grout who provided free punch to warm us up on a very chilly morning! It was great to have such a wide range of products including lots of festive treats.

This final market of the year brings the total raised for Kent charities since April to almost £900!

There will be no market in January as it would fall on New Year's Day, so the first market of 2012 will be held on Sunday 5th February and we look forward to welcoming you all for what we hope will be another successful year.

Sue Morris

<i>January</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>February 5th</i>
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	10.30 at Linton	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 10.00 MP	10.30 at Linton	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	10.30 at Linton	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	09.30 MP(Mod	09.30 HC	10.30 at Linton	08.00 HC

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