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County Councillor Upset Over Footpath Delays

Kent County Council work to construct a footpath between the Village Hall and Bensted Close, due for completion by the end of May, was delayed when specially-built wooden bridges "went astray".

Upset over the further delays, Parish Council Chairman, Roger Sawtell, contacted KCC to learn that the bridges, despite being labelled for Hunton, were used by another contract manager.

"We were all annoyed by this latest delay after agreements were finally received from the two landowners giving the go-ahead for the footpath, which we hoped would be completed in time for the Village fete."

Apologising, Kent Councillor, Paulina Stockell said that she had called an emergency meeting with the director responsible for the work, who was also disappointed by the delay and has now made the work "number one priority."

Rector to Leave for Pastures New

The following letter was read to all the church congregations on Sunday 8th July:

For some time both Diana and I have felt that we need to slow down in our parish work and ministry. The recent death of my mother has in one sense changed the situation we are currently in and, with both of us having some health issues to consider, I have decided that it is time to semi-retire from my work and, to that end, I have been offered the care of five very small villages in the Diocese of Exeter in the county of Devon. The post is part-stipendiary and part-time. The parishes are near the town of Honiton and comprise of: - Offwell, Cotleigh, Northleigh, Farway and Widworthy. The appointment will commence after the statutory three months' notice, in mid-October.

We have worked in the South West before and I have many contacts and friends in that area. We will be returning to an area we know well.

I have been grateful for the seven years I have ministered here and leave the parishes in the very capable hands of Revd's. David Jones, Eileen Doyle and Cilla McKenzie, together with the Readers and an Evangelist (Kay) soon to be commissioned.

There will be other opportunities to talk to you all personally in the coming weeks about all of this and my prayer is that God may already have in mind the person He wants to take you on towards the next few years of Christian witness in this United Benefice.

With my Love and Prayers,

Peter Walker

Hunton Village Fete

The event was such a success this year, building on last year's event. In spite of all the recent rain, the weather held out and the many people that came to support and help at the fete had a fantastic day.

The Village Fete Committee wants to build on this legacy and the funds raised will go towards improving the event for next year.

We need some more great ideas and some more members on the Committee. If anyone would like to help, participate or would even like to provide secretarial support to the Committee, **please contact Annette Troughton on 820448 or just turn up to the next fete meeting on Thursday 18th October 2012 in the Village Club.**

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
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

Diary Dates

Saturday 18th August **Hoedown** at the Village Club - 7.30pm – 11pm
 Saturday 8th September **Churchyard Working Party** 9.00am
 Saturday 22nd September **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Saturday 22nd September **Race Night** Village Club - 7.30pm – 11pm
 Monday 10th September **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8-9pm
 Thursday 29th November **Gardening Club Meeting** - in the Village Club 8.30pm
 Saturday 8th December **Hunton's First Christmas Market** 4pm – 7pm
 Saturday 8th December **Quiz Night** Hunton Club 8pm

Check out www.hunton.org.uk for changes and see the latest up- dated version. If you would like to add an event to the village diary email huntondiary@btinternet.com - new events are being added all the time.

Parish Councillors Contact Details

Parish Council Chairman – Roger Sawtell 820731

Clerk to the Parish Council

– Sharon Goodwin 681238

Cllr Les Leonard 820858

Cllr David Heaton 820678

Cllr Gary Thomas 820691

Cllr Ron Porter 820220

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

Dear Friends,

What a Summer! Was there ever such rainfall for so long?! I have just heard that the water companies have called off the hose-pipe ban.

I am reminded of that verse from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem of the Ancient Mariner in which we read of the experiences of a sailor who upon returning from a long sea voyage tells of his adventures on the high seas, not least the shooting of an albatross and the misfortune which followed.

'Water, water everywhere, and all the boards did shrink, water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink'.

We often take water from the tap as granted. Yet, without a ready source of water our bodies will cease to function. Our bodies are mostly made up of water. Approximately 85% of the brain, 80% of blood and 70% of the body's muscles. Every cell in the body needs water. Water cushions the joints – carries oxygen and nutrients to our cells and regulates the body temperature. These functions plus many others are all water dependent, so it is no surprise that we are all recommended to drink 6 to 8 glasses of water a day – (some say that tea and coffee do not count).

Whilst visiting Trengwainton Gardens a few years ago – it is a National Trust garden near Penzance, I was fascinated to discover that the walled vegetable garden as viewed from a high wall overlooking the garden has been constructed with the same dimensions as Noah's Ark! Noah knew a lot about water! (Read Genesis chapters 6-9). The Ark itself does pose some interesting practical questions as it bobbed about on that vast expanse of sea. With all those animals aboard what happened about waste disposal and the lighting of the interior? There have been many alleged sightings of Noah's Ark over the years – Mount Ararat in modern day Turkey is still explored today as that is where we are told the Ark came to rest. I do believe we can trust the Biblical account and that all the practical aspects were taken care of by God.

All these facts and figures about the importance of water in our bodies and all the many things it does reminds me of that verse in Psalm 139 verse 14: *'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made'*. Can we doubt that our bodies are made by a Wonderful Creator and that 'Adam's Ale' is His provision to keep us going!

With love and prayers,

Peter

Welcome to Hunton!

The introduction of a 'Hunton Welcome Pack' for new residents was part of a list of actions outlined in the Parish Plan under Community - Village Communications. The welcome pack has been completed and is now on the village website (www.hunton.org.uk). The inclusion of the welcome pack on the village website will be a useful tool for would-be residents to Hunton as part of their research on the area. However, some of you may like to welcome your new neighbour to the village with a printed copy of the welcome pack, providing an ideal opportunity to introduce yourself and to make our new member to the community feel welcome. When the time arises, i.e. when someone nearby moves in, please contact me and I will print a copy of the pack for you for this purpose.

We hope the pack contains useful tidbits that even current residents who have been living here a while will find new and helpful - the main aim is to make living and navigating around Hunton and our immediate environs as stress-free as possible. Please take the time to read it and if there is something that you think would be useful to new members of our village please don't hesitate to contact me, Barbara Wright, at huntondiary@btinternet.com

While I'm on, why don't you check out the online village diary, which can be accessed through the village website, and find out what is going on in Hunton?

Barbara

Road Closure

6th to 12th August

West Street closed at the Village Hall/ playing field area (again!)

Hunton's First Christmas Market

Saturday 8th December 4pm - 7pm

Keep the date free!

Hunton Gardening Club Follows Lyster the Tagged Cuckoo

On the afternoon of the 7th July, BTO received the last tag transmission from England and then early on the 10th July Lyster, the last of the English Cuckoos to remain in the UK, set off! A series of locations with uncertain accuracy placed him in the Champagne-Ardenne region 25km (15 miles) north of Troyes, 303 miles from his last location. (Last year Lyster took the westerly route into Africa, through Iberia).

This means that all the tagged English Cuckoos are now on their way south!

Deer Spotted in Hunton

A deer was spotted crossing Hunton Hill one evening in July. Has anyone else seen deer around the area?

Garden Opening

A big thank you must go to all those who made such delicious cakes and those who helped with the teas and on the gates during the day.

We had a good day and were very lucky with the weather. We think we had around 140 visitors to both gardens and took a grand total of £486 on the gates and £180 for the teas.

We took out the cost of the toilet and have already made the donations of £65 to the Friends of St Mary's and £65 to St Mary's Church.

September Serenade

Come to a concert of light and lively music to celebrate the end of the Summer!

The concert is in St Mary's Church on Sunday, September 23rd and will be given by Nick Drewe (who played at the pantomime) and friends. Music includes short recitals by the Huntones, a harpist, a saxophonist, Nick on the keyboard and others. The concert starts at 5pm. Tickets at £4 for adults (children of 14 and under free) available from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 and Sue Pinks on 01622 820709. Refreshments of tea and cakes in the interval.

Peace Cottage Vacancy

A vacancy has occurred at Peace Cottages almshouses in West Street. Applicants should have a close connection with Hunton or the surrounding area. Applications to Roger Sawtell, Bishop's House, Bishop's Lane, Hunton, ME15 0SH.

Hunton CEP School

At the time of writing the School is preparing for the end of term and looking forward to a well earned summer break.

However, inevitably, this time is tinged with some mixed emotions as we say goodbye and good luck to Emma White, Holly Bishop, Holly Taylor, Jayden Maytum, Billy Stevenson, Henry Lee, Amelia Farrant, Mary Price and Charlie Haffenden. We all wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Such is the reputation of the School that the reception class is full with a waiting list of children whose parents would like them to attend. Ofsted granted a good judgement and we have Outstanding status as a Church of England Primary School and that has been achieved through the hard work and professionalism of the Head Mrs Susan Wood and her teaching staff, the teaching assistants, support staff, plus of course, the PTA who do so much to support the School..

The Governing Body have been very pleased with the obvious progress but there are considerable challenges ahead and the School is well positioned to meet those challenges.

Hunton is fortunate to have such a successful Primary School within its bounds and as we know that means some children have to be transported some distances to attend. That does mean that sometimes the parking and traffic can cause problems both for residents and parents alike. There are no private roads in Hunton other than Grove Lane so there are no restrictions on parking but parents have been asked to be considerate when dropping off and picking up their children. The much heralded footpath from the Village Hall to Bensted Close should be in place before the start of next term and residents are asked for a little more patience if there are any further delays in the completion of that work.

Ron Porter
Chairman of the Governors

School News

Olympics

Study of Olympics and the Olympic Values, and a variety of trips and visitors were arranged to enhance the children's education.

The children participated in an Olympic Circus Skills workshop based on the Olympic values and undertook an Olympic justice day with an outside facilitator.

Some of the children played in a rounders tournament at Laddingford School.

Vile Victorians

Borton and Porteous classes went to see 'Vile Victorians' at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford, and Borton class made their final visit to Bore Place to complete their year's work on 'Grow, Cook and Eat'. They enjoyed preparing and cooking a full lunch using freshly picked produce from the gardens and even grinding their own flour!

Hinduism

The School had an introduction to Hinduism where the children were dressed in traditional Indian costume, and danced the 'Dandiya Rasa' dance to music as well as covering topics related to Hindu worship, culture, values and lifestyle. At Reception and Key Stage 1 there was storytelling and at Key Stage 2 there were discussion of key Hindu philosophical concepts.

Able Writers

Four children attended the Able Writers' Workshop at Watlington School; they worked with a published author Roy Apps to write a story based on their childhood memories.

At St Mary's Church in August

Notices	Services
Coffee Rota Sunday 5 th August - The Banks Family Flowers 5 th Sandra Bullivant 12 th Sandra Bullivant 19 th Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence 26 th Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence Sunday Club Hunton Sunday Club, a Christian Club organised by St Mary's church, for primary school aged children either living in the village or attending Hunton School meets on the 3 rd Sunday of each month from 5.15pm until 6.45pm. Please contact David Jones for detail 01622 741474	Sunday 5th August – Trinity 9 11.00am Family Service- Readings: Preacher's choice Sunday 12th August –Trinity 10 09.30am Holy Communion -Rev David Jones Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9 & 15: 31-33 and John 6: 35, 41-51 Sunday 19th August–Trinity 11 11.00am Morning Prayer–Rev David Jones Readings: 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14 and John 6: 51-58 Sunday 26th August – Trinity 12 11.00am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Walker Readings: Ephesians 6: 10-20 and John 6: 56-59 Sunday 2nd September 11.00am Family Service- Readings: Preacher's choice

The Ordination of the Revd. Eileen Doyle

Eileen Doyle extends an invitation to join her at the service of her ordination to the Priesthood. This will take place on September 8th 2012 at 4pm in the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Paddock Wood. The service will be conducted by Bishop Graham Cray.

Hunton Club Book Group A

'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society', by Mary Ann Shaffer

The title of the novel refers to the spur-of-the-moment alibi created when a group of wartime Guernsey islanders were discovered breaking the curfew by the occupying German soldiers. There was a severe food shortage and inhabitants were subsisting on a meagre diet, which included potato peelings. The group were feasting on a pig they had managed to conceal. Gradually the literary society acquires reality as the group start to read and discuss books. Literature becomes a refuge from their grim situation.

The book is written in the form of letters between Juliet Ashton, a writer based in London and various islanders who were members of the society. The novel has a light touch with gentle humour but serious underlying substance.

Most, but not all, of the group enjoyed the novel. Comments included: "...a good sense of the deprivation under German occupation ...people's coping mechanisms made you warm to them." Members' scores ranged from 4 to 8 with an average score of 6.5 out of 10.

Next month's book is The Stranger's Child by Alan Hollinghurst.

Fiona Newman

When to Call 999 and When to Call 101

Use 101 to report a non-urgent crime, speak to your local officer or when making an enquiry. 101 is **available 24 hours a day 7 days a week** and each call will never cost more than 15p even from a mobile

Need immediate help?

If life is in danger or a crime is in progress call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired text '**police**' and your message to **60066**

Remember:

Call 999 if you can see a crime in progress

Call 999 if someone's life is in immediate danger or they are hurt

Call 101 to report a theft after it has happened

Call 101 to report nuisance vehicles or to speak to your local officer

Call 101 to report minor collisions or if you suspect drug use or dealing

For more information on 101 visit www.kent.police.uk

August	5th	12th	19th	26th	Sept 2nd
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC 11.00 FS & Baptism	09.30 HC	08.00 HC 10.00 MP	09.30 Matins
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC & Baptism	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP (Mod)	09.30 MP (Trad))	09.30 HC (Mod)	08.00 HC
HC: Holy Communion, MP: Morning Prayer, (bcp) Book of Common Prayer, FS: Family Service, SW: Service of Word					

Hunton Fete 2012

"The bells of St Mary's rang out to signal the opening of Hunton Fete 2012. What a glorious start to a wonderful afternoon. His worship the Deputy Mayor Clive Ellis added his contribution to opening the proceedings. In what has been declared the wettest and dullest June since records began the sun shone



again for us in Hunton. What fun was had! From my vantage point at the inflatable assault course I could see a busy, fun and entertaining afternoon unfolding. It was good to welcome Mrs Lynda Desmarais to our dog judging panel of the Reverend David Jones and Mrs Gilly Devas. I'm sure they were firm but fair in their decisions!

We raised a whopping £2750 this year. A big shout out of thanks to all the valiant volunteers of the fundraising stalls whose fantastic sales helped boost our fundraising total. I think the ladies of the gardening and cake stalls did especially well. But no matter how large or small the amount raised by stalls and contributors we are grateful for every

single penny. Money raised this year will be used to buy some Christmas lights for the village as well as for providing an even bigger and better fete for you all next year. "

People thought the event was a great way to bring the village together and all the hard work everyone put in was well worth the effort. It was very well attended and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Looking around it was fulfilling to watch people relaxing and enjoying the simple pleasures of a truly country fete with all the time honoured activities.

Sue Pinks' Cake stall raised just over £200 and Sue said that the cakes and bread were flying off the stall

- the 'quality' reputation of the Hunton Bakers

has obviously got around. The tombola stall proved very successful and all of the prizes went



Andrea and Faye on the Hunton Garden Club, Plant and Produce stall raised a total of £265! They say a big thank you to those who helped out on the day and to all those who

contributed plants, preserves, and bird feeders etc.





Annette adds "Thank you to all those below and to everyone who came along, gave their time, had fun, spent money and contributed to making the afternoon a great success for the village:

Hunton Engineering,
Hunton School and Hunton & Linton Under Fives play school

Hunton Football Club
Hunton Cricket Club
Hunton Village Club and Phil Nichols



The fete committee: The fete committee: David Heaton, Sue Heaton, Barbara Wright, Alan Bishop, Lisa Halliday, Fay Joyce, Kathy Reid, Guy Oliver and Judi Arnold And all the volunteers on the day!"



Annette Trought, Chair. Hunton Village Fete & Events Committee