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Hunton Village Club

60's Night Saturday 6th October

Love those old records from the 60's? Remember Mini Skirts, the Twist, Twiggy and Mods & Rockers? Get in the groove and, if you want, throw on some 60's gear and take a step back in time. It's going to be groovy!



Halloween Night - Wednesday 31st October



There may be ghosts, ghouls and witches creating havoc around Hunton.

Look out for the monsters and zombies too!

If you have a little devil out to make mischief why not pop into your club and see if there is anyone they can "Trick or Treat"!

Enthusiastic Response to Seckou Keita Trio

Seckou Keita Trio - Seckou and his band recently brought the melodic and rhythmical sound of West Africa to the Village Hall in the first of two Applause concerts this Autumn. This was a beautiful display of music making led by the charismatic Seckoudis playing world class playing on the kora and warm singing supported by a fine young female singer and a lively percussionist. The audience response was enthusiastic and led to an exuberant encore with Seckou showing off his masterly percussion skills.

This was quality music of a kind not often available around these parts and it was good to receive positive feedback including comments that this was somewhat out of the ordinary, unexpected and all the more enjoyable as a result. Thanks to all who attended and helped on the night.

Applause - next up '52 Skidoo' Friday 23rd November at 8pm

52 Skidoo are a 3 piece Harlem swing band that have turned back the clock to play a dazzling set of vintage American music. Titled 'The Joint Is Jumpin' expect classic favourites like 'Ain't Misbehavin', 'The Joint Is Jumpin' and 'Your Feet's Too Big' carefully interwoven into well known hits like 'Sing Sing Sing' and 'Sweet Georgia Brown' to create an authentic 1920's Harlem party atmosphere - www.52-skidoo.com

Hunton Village Hall as a Speakeasy?! Sounds too good to be missed.

Tickets £10 - under 21 £5 - available now. Licensed bar/interval food available on 820683, 820678 and huntonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Litter Pick The last litter pick of 2012 will be on 13th October from 10am- 12pm. If you are aware of any verges which are particularly badly affected or would like to volunteer your services please contact Di or Nigel on 01622 820115.

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:	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Non Stipendiary Minister: Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Jo Watts	604392
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Saturday 6th October **60s Night** Village Club - 7.30pm – 11pm
 Sunday 7th October **Harvest Festival** St Mary's Church 11.00 am
 Saturday 13th October **Litter Picking** Village Hall
 Sunday 14th October **Harvest Village Lunch** at 12 pm for 12.30 pm
 Wednesday 31st October **Halloween Night** Village Club - 7.30pm
 Saturday 10th November **The Changing Scenes of Life** St Mary's Church 7.30pm
 Friday 23rd November **Applause '52 Skidoo'** at Village Hall 8pm.
 Thursday 29th November **Gardening Club Meeting** - in the Village Club 8.30pm
 Saturday 8th December **Hunton's First Christmas Market** St Mary's Church 4pm-7pm
 Saturday 8th December **Quiz Night** Hunton Club 8pm

Parish Councillors Contact Details

Parish Council Chairman – Roger Sawtell 820731
Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin 681238
 Cllr Les Leonard 820858 Cllr Ron Porter 820220
 Cllr David Heaton 820678 Cllr Tony Stanbridge 820761
 Cllr Gary Thomas 820691 Cllr Steve Wyles 820403

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.

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

Dear Friends

On the 23rd March 1967 I moved into my present home in Woodlands, Coxheath, then in the parish of St Nicholas' Linton and the Diocese of Canterbury. Had Woodlands been 100 yards further west or 100 yards further north my house would have been in Hunton or East Farleigh respectively and in the Rochester diocese. Today, 17th September 2012, I live in the benefice of Coxheath now in the Diocese of Rochester. In the intervening 45 years my house has not moved nor have I! Such is the excitement of living in a country with an Established Church and operating a parish system. A succession of five rectors or vicars (now is not the time to explain the difference and to be honest there is very little difference except in the spelling!) have been in charge in that time and by October 23rd the parish will once again be without a rector as the present incumbent moves to Devon. What now happens?

Well, the full might of the Church of England descends upon this part of Kent as the search begins to find our new incumbent, the person for whom the Bishop will jointly exercise the 'cure of souls' to the nearly 7000 people in the Coxheath Benefice. Clergy throughout the country will be encouraged to look at these villages and to seek God's calling to come amongst us and to lead us spiritually for the next 'however many years'. The process is simple. We produce a 'glossy brochure' about the attractions of our communities, lyric loud about the advantages of living in this area – close to London, near the continent, with areas of outstanding beauty on our doorstep not to mention 'the take away village' of Coxheath with its many food and retail outlets! We then wait for someone to 'bite' ('feel called' is the official language), invite them to view and interview them and then in due course, if we like them and they like us and the Bishop approves, they are appointed. The Bishop then comes and Licenses him or her to the 'Living of the United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh.

Will anyone show interest? Will anyone want the challenge? Only time will tell but in the meanwhile the work of God in this place goes on under the leadership of the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, churchwardens and ministry team (the last two groups of people offer their services on a voluntary and free basis). The process can be a long one, we could be without a vicar for a year, maybe more, maybe less. God knows! Our task is to pray for ourselves in the meanwhile, pray that God will be working in the hearts and minds of people wanting a fresh challenge, wanting to serve God in our midst and leading us in the work he has called us.

We also pray for our 'outgoing' incumbent and his wife, Peter and Diana, as they move to Devon and pray for the parishes they are going to, that jointly they have listen to the 'calling' of God and responded appropriately. An exciting time for all of us and a time of change and all the challenges that brings. Keep on praying!

Yours in Christ

David

Hunton Club Book Group A Baking Cakes in Kigali by Gaile Parkin

Angel Tugaraza has recently moved to Rwanda from her native Tanzania. She looks after her husband and five orphaned grandchildren and runs a business baking cakes for the celebrations of her neighbours and friends. The book is set after the war and genocide in Rwanda and many of her customers have witnessed and survived horrors of that era. The book club's members had widely differing views on this book. Several of us enjoyed it, finding it an easy read but uplifting, with interesting characters and a sensitive approach to the human suffering of the Rwandan war. Others thought that the serious subjects were trivialised and found the book unconvincing with irritating dialogue. Many of us thought that the writing was very similar to that of Alexander McCall Smith but not as good. The average score was 5. The book next month is *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy.

Liz Oliver

Oil Ordering is a Success

There were about 30,000 litres of oil ordered last month in the village with about 26 drops, definitely resulting in less vehicles driving through the village! Louise negotiated a final price of 58.5p per litre.

Come Along and Play Mahjong

We have managed to have two tables of Mahjong going at the Club on the first Monday of every month - none of us are experts, however, some have played before, others complete beginners - if you fancy coming along to observe or play we would love to see you. Because you can only play as a table of four, please don't be disappointed if you have to double up with another player whilst learning or even teaching. We think we have access to a third set, so maybe three tables will soon be a regular feature!

Mahjong Dates: 1st October, 5th November, and the last one for 2012 is 3rd December.

Louise Ferns

Farleigh's Farmers Market

The next East Farleigh Farmers' Market will be held in The Bull car park from 9am to 12 noon on Sunday 7th October. We are hoping for a dry day and a large number of enthusiastic customers! If you haven't yet visited the market please do come along for a warm welcome and experience the wonderful locally grown/prepared/created products on sale. Bread, cakes, juices, herbs, pickles, jams and honey, meats of every variety, cheeses, fruit and veg, eggs, plants and shrubs and various handcrafted items. Support your local community project and local charities will continue to benefit from our donations.

Sue Morris

School News

Paralympics and High Tea at Hadlow

24 children attended the Paralympic road cycling. The children were really excited to sit upstairs on a double decker shuttle bus and to be part of the crowd watching a range of time trials. They saw Sarah Storey win her third gold of the Games and everyone said what a great start to the term.

Four of the students attended Hadlow College for high tea and the presentation of the award of **Kent Life Primary School Garden of the Year Award**. The School was runner up in the school category and received a beautiful framed award and £100 gift voucher from Ruxley Garden Centre. Schools throughout Kent had entered and to be in the finals and then be the runner up was amazing.

Hunton Gardening Club's Tagged Cuckoo

Of the four Cuckoos tagged in England, only one is currently still in regular contact. This one Cuckoo is Chris and he is the only Cuckoo who has travelled the eastward route through Italy.

He remains in Chad but is only around 195km (120 miles) northwest of the border with the Central African Republic (CAR), an area he visited last year, before continuing into the Congo Rainforest. Last year Chris remained in Chad until early October before travelling into CAR and then quickly on to Congo. It will be interesting to see how closely his activities this year matches last year.

Fancy a Warble!

The Friends of St Mary's is pleased to present 'The Changing Scenes of Life' an evening of music and readings from the Georgian era by the Marsh Warblers from Tenterden on Saturday 10th November at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Please see insert for more information on the Warblers.

Tickets at £10 (children under 14 free) are available from the Trustees on 820678, 220,508 and 700.

Drinks and light refreshments available during the interval.

Two Harvest Dates in October

Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church will be at 11am on Sunday, 7th October. All are welcome. Do come to one of the loveliest services of the year and help us have a full church.

The Harvest Village lunch will be a week later on Sunday, 14th October at 12pm for 12.30pm and there is still time to get your tickets. The lunch is always good fun and is an opportunity to chat to old friends and to make some new ones. Lunch will be shepherd's pie and a variety of puddings. Tickets at £5 adults, £3.50 children under 12 and £15 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children are available from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200, Di Martin on 01622 820115 and Lisa Halliday on 01622 820508.

Maidstone Wind Symphony Concerts

Sunday 7th October 2012 3pm, All Saints Church, Maidstone.

A concert in aid of Kent Air Ambulance and the Heart of Kent Hospice.

Out from the walls (World Premiere - MWS Commission) Peter Longworth, October Eric Whitacre

Pinocchio Symphonic Suite FerrerFerran (UK Premiere), The Sea Hawk Erich Wolfgang Korngold

Toccata Charles Marie Widor, A Brown Bird Singing Haydn Wood

Shenandoah Traditional arr. Quentin Thomas, Seize the Day Peter Graham

Irish Tune from County Derry Percy Grainger

Tickets £10 - £8 (Concessions). For more ticket information and booking please contact: 01580 291056 or email: info@MaidstoneWindSymphony.org. All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6YE

More events :

Jubilate Concert, Saturday 10th November 2012, All Saints Church, Maidstone

O Magnum Mysterium - Christmas Concert, Saturday 8th December 2012, All Saints Church, Maidstone

Check out at <http://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org/calendar.html>

At St Mary's Church in October

Notices		Services	
Coffee		Sunday 7th October – Trinity 18	
Sunday 7th October Dixon Family		11.00am Family Service—Harvest - Rev David Jones Readings: Preacher's choice	
Flowers – October		Sunday 14th October –Trinity19	
7 th HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL HELPERS		09.30am Holy Communion –The Archdeacon Readings:Amos 5 v 6-7, 10-15 and Mark 10 v 17 - 31	
14 th Sue Scott		Sunday 21st October – Trinity 20	
21 st . Sue Scott		11.00am Morning Prayer —Mr David Barnes FOSM will be attending the service Readings: Isaiah 53 v 4 – end and Mark 10 v 35 - 45	
28 th Di Martin		Sunday 28th October – Trinity Simon and Jude Apostles	
		11.00am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones Readings: Isaiah 28 v 14 – 16 and John 15 – 17 - end And 3pm Bereavement Service - Rev David Jones	
		Sunday 4th November - Trinity 22	
		11.00am Family Service— Harvest - Rev David Jones Readings: Preacher's choice	

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on **Saturday 13th October 2012** commencing at **7.30pm at Mote Hall**, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone.

The programme consists of three works:

Shostakovich : Festive Overture.

Rodrigo : Guitar Concerto.

Mahler : Symphony No.1.

Here's a sparkling programme to open our season featuring Mahler's spectacular 1st Symphony and world famous guitar virtuoso Carlos Bonell playing Rodrigo's popular concerto. His superb recording was awarded a coveted rosette in the Penguin CD Guide.

Bookings by Cheque for Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 735830 for five tickets at £40, £80 and £100. Season Tickets for all Children up to and including 18 years of age are FREE.

Single concert tickets are £10, £20 and £25, full time Students with a student card £5, again available from the Membership Secretaries 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 are FREE.

Localism Act 2011 Code of Conduct

Notice is hereby given that Hunton Parish Council adopted the Kent Code of Conduct on 2nd July 2012, copies of which are available for public inspection either by arrangement with the Parish Clerk or are available on the Hunton website.

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September Churchyard Working Party

Many thanks to all those who helped on the working party! There was a lot to do and a lot got done. James and David were sweating it out with the scythe and Di, skillful with the shears, attacked the box, Lesley's painstaking clearing round the tombstones stumbled across a flat stone under the grass which was excavated to reveal a large stone between a cluster of the tomb stones. Chris and Barbara took on the mammoth job of clearing some of the saplings and fallen branches and twigs at the back of the new churchyard, whilst the rest of us mucked in with the weeding and edging and clearing up around the churchyard. The working parties are not that frequent, and there is always work to be done. A team of ladies did a great job with an impromptu weeding the path area last month. It all helps to keep the church area clean and tidy for villagers and visitors alike. More helpers welcome please contact Christine McSweeney 820852 and Sue Heaton 820678

October	7th	14th	21st	28th	4th Nov
Coxheath	11.00 HC Harvest Archdeacon	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS Baptism	11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 Harvest	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	09.30 MP
Linton	09.30 HC Archdeacon	9.30 Harvest	08.00 HC	09.30 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP (Mod) Archdeacon	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					