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Pop Up Shop Update

The first pop up shop will take place on Saturday 30th March between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We aim to provide an opportunity for people to provide and purchase local produce – traditional and seasonal items, the likes of which cannot be found in local shops and supermarkets.

We want to make sure that everything is local and Hunton based. We will only be selling produce provided by Hunton residents. Produce will be sold and 10% will be taken as a contribution to the Shop Fund.

We will have Hunton eggs, Hunton potatoes, Hunton bacon, sausages and pork as well as a small amount of Hunton bread. So you can have yourselves a true Hunton breakfast.

We need contributions of home-made cake, bread, biscuits, preserves and anything else you may fancy, provided it is made in Hunton. Gardeners may like to provide seedlings or other items.

Please get in touch to discuss. Annette: 820448, annette@trought.com.

Hunton Club - Dates For Your Diary

An assortment of events to be held at the club have now been planned for this year. The first is a mixed doubles darts tournament and it will take place on **Saturday 9th March from 8pm**. The Club's darts team will be there to guide those of us who are novices through the evening along with, we hope, some members of the Farleigh's WI ladies team. Don't worry if you've never played before, or indeed don't have any darts, they will be provided. It's just proposed as an informal, friendly, fun evening. So please do come along solo or with your partner or friends and join in. The second event will be on **Saturday 20th April** and is another fish & chip supper night. Look out for the usual notice advising booking details towards the end of March or beginning of April. The third event is another of our ever popular Quiz Nights on **Saturday 4th May**. As before, come early, the quiz will begin at 8pm sharp. So, there you have three events to mark in your diaries. Watch this space for more information on future events throughout the year. They will include another Caribbean Cookout, a Summer BBQ (celebrating the Coronation), an Italian Night and a Photo Competition! We hope to see you there supporting your Club.

Light Lunches

Light lunches started on February 14th and an amazing turnout of over twenty enjoyed hot carrot and orange soup or curried parsnip soup, with bread and cheese followed by tea, coffee and lemon cake. A great gathering of chatter and lunching filled the village club.

These light lunches are taking place in the village club on each Thursday in Lent. There will be homemade soup with bread and cheese being served over the lunchtime in the Hunton Village Club. If you would like to come along and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and local chatter please give me a ring 01622 820225, (this is just for a rough idea of numbers). There is no fixed charge but a suggested donation of £5 to cover costs would be gratefully received. Lent lunches, 12.30pm - 2pm on 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and the last one on 28th March. If anyone would like to help with soup making or maybe even transport, if this is necessary, I would also love to hear from you.

Louise (mlferns@yahoo.co.uk, 01622 820225)

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

Thursday 7th March **Light Lent lunches** Village Club 12.30pm - 2pm
 Saturday 9th March **Mixed Doubles Darts Tournament** Village Club 8pm
 Thursday 14th March **Light Lent lunches** Village Club 12.30pm - 2pm
 Thursday 14th March **Community Orchard Meeting** Village Club 8pm
 Saturday 16th March **Litter Pick** Village Hall 10.00am
 Saturday 16th March **Bulky Rubbish collection** Village Hall 13.40pm
 Thursday 21st March **Light Lent lunches** Village Club 12.30pm - 2pm
 Saturday 23rd March **Applause Christine Tobin** Village Hall 8pm
 Sunday 24th March **Spring Serenade** Hunton Church 5-7pm
 Thursday 28th March **Light Lent lunches** Village Club 12.30pm - 2pm
 Thursday 28th March **Gardening Club** Village Club 8.30pm
 Saturday 20 April **Fish & Chip Supper Night** Village Club 8pm

Parish Councillors Contact Details

Parish Council Chairman – Roger Sawtell 820731
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 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 latest up-to-date 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 April edition to the Editors as soon as possible, and by 15th March, please

Dear All

The evenings are drawing out so fast, the snowdrops already open, crocuses not showing colour except in sheltered places and the daffs seem to want to burst open. So when you read this we may be inches under snow, drowned with yet more rain or perhaps enjoying a 'heat' wave! So it's always difficult to appear topical when writing this letter at this time of year knowing that the letter may have little relevance when read some weeks later. Things change so fast.

This time of year also sees the start of Lent with Easter not far behind. This period of 40 days preparation before the events of Good Friday and Easter is a period when Christians try to prepare for Easter by fasting. By tradition it is seen as a time when Christians are asked to 'give up' things, mainly chocolate or other so called luxury food as a sign of self-examination and reflection. But fasting from food is not the only activity that God is looking for. In the Gospels Jesus commands us to prayer and fast as a means of drawing us closer to God and his work in the world. He said to those listening to his teaching (Matthew 6 v 21) 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'. Where we put our treasure, whether in terms of time, money, energy or even fasting – there our heart will follow. So it is we are reminded that the way of true fasting is a way of prayer, repentance and turning away from self-centred pre-occupation that is often the way of our focus, and to seek the well being of everyone. This involves our whole way of life and living. It means taking time to examine our lives and to take time out of the rush of everyday living, to focus on what is happening around us.

Over these last few weeks we have been bombarded with news and possible changes that we may need time to reflect upon. We see so much abuse of children in society that has gone unrecorded by those in authority, the issue of single sex marriage and what marriage and family life means, corruption and lying in political life and the pressures on those we ask to govern us, are but a few issues being discussed.

Maybe this Lent – we still have a month left – we ought to be focusing not so much on our own well-being - on things that effect us, but more on our relationship with God so that we are motivated by acts of love, which can bring healing and wholeness, to a world that at times we despair over.

Have a good time seeking and searching and perhaps finding a way that puts God first so that our lives are transformed.

Yours David

Litter Pick - 16th March 2013

The first village clean up for 2013 will be on Saturday 16th March. We will meet as usual at the Village Hall at 10am to collect gloves, pickers, jackets etc. If anyone would like to volunteer their services for this would you please e-mail Di Martin in the first instance (di.martin1@btinternet.com) telephone 01622 820115 for more information.

Spring Serenade

Sunday 24th March 2013 Hunton Church 5pm - 7pm

An early evening entertainment of music and song.

Presented by talented local musicians and singers.

Tickets £5.00, Under 14 free

Interval refreshments

Tickets from Liz Oliver 01622 820200, Sue Pinks 01622 820709

Open House Coffee Morning

All Welcome!

Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat and a
"Thought for the Day"

Tuesday 12th March at 10.30am till 11.45am

Please come along to:

23 Bensted Close, Hunton, ME15 0SD

Contact Kay on: 01622 820488

Trumpeting Spring

There is no doubt that February's snowdrops are elegant, beautiful and welcome as an indicator that winter must come to an end. However it is not until the daffodils and forsythia get into their stride that we know that spring is truly here. Aesthetically my preference is for snowdrops but few can fail to have their spirits lifted by the sight of waves of yellow mocking March's shrill breezes and trumpeting the release of winter's iron cold grip. March also means Mothering Sunday when daffodils are almost obligatory in the traditional bouquet gifted at the Church service.

There are few wild colonies of daffodils left; in Hunton the churchyard probably has the best host of daffodils available to view at any time. These are the wild form often called lent lilies, smaller than many cultivated types but perfectly formed and gently spreading in their favoured position beneath the trees

Christine McSweeney

Hot off the Press We have a new Rector! More details to follow next month.....

Hunton Village Hall - Spring Music Season

Saturday 23rd March 8pm - Christine Tobin 'A Thousand Kisses Deep'

With support from Jazz Services and the National Rural Touring Forum we welcome the marvellous Christine Tobin celebrating the spellbinding words and music of Leonard Cohen. This new show brings together some Cohen staples previously recorded and performed by Christine and some new unexplored material. Together with long time collaborators Phil Robson on guitar and Dave Whitford on double bass they take you on a journey through Cohen's classic repertoire, with a few diversions to admire fellow Canadian songsmiths Joni Mitchell and Rufus Wainwright.



Friday 10th May - Sarah McQuaid

- 'A great songwriter and traditional singer and a wonderful guitarist' - Mike Harding

Thursday 16th May 8pm - Basquiat Strings/Oriole

A unique opportunity to hear two highly talented bands on tour. Basquiat Strings Mercury prize nominated 2007. Oriole MOJO top ten jazz CD listing for 2012.

Tickets for all concerts £10 - under 21 £5 - bookable now from 820683 (Alan), 820678 (David and Sue), or huntonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk. Licensed bar

Hunton Club Book Group Review

Running With Scissors By Augusten Burroughs

A 2002 memoir by American writer Burroughs, this book covers the period of Burroughs's adolescent years, beginning at age 12 after a brief overview of his life as a child. Burroughs spends his early childhood in a clean and orderly home, obsessing over his clothes, hair, accessories, and having great potential, with his parents constantly fighting in the background.

This is a supposedly true story of a boy whose mother (a poet with delusions) gave him away to be raised by her unorthodox psychiatrist who bore a striking resemblance to Santa Claus.

So at the age of twelve, Burroughs found himself amidst Victorian squalor living with the doctor's bizarre family, and befriending a paedophile who resided in the backyard shed. The story of an outlaw childhood where rules were unheard of, and the Christmas tree stayed up all year round, where Valium was consumed like candy, and if things got dull an electroshock-therapy machine could provide entertainment. This is a harrowing account of an ordinary boy's survival under the most extraordinary circumstances.

"The worst book I have ever read", "Can it really be this bad?" and "Disgusting". These are just three of the comments made by book group members. It is reviewed as being funny and amusing but only one member found it so. Nine of us began the book but only four finished it. As to the score out of ten, four of us gave it a zero! Overall, the average score was 3.

Our book for February is Among The Fans by Patrick Collins.

Friends of St. Mary's Church Snow Drop Day

The weather on Sunday the 10th February for our annual snowdrop event was predictably as bad as it usually is cold, wet and snowy. I recall that last year the snowdrops were in fact buried under snow so this year was a slight improvement.

However, that did not dampen the day at all and it is pleasing to report that the Friends raised over £200 for our charity, boosted in no small way by a very generous donation from Mrs Gilly Devas who is a great supporter of our charity.

The snowdrop day coincided with a special church service conducted by The Ven. Clive Mansell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge to dedicate the repaired doors in the church. Many of you will know that the doors, which date back to between 1400 and 1420, were repaired after extensive fundraising by David and Anke Way, David himself being the main driving force to establishing such a beautiful display of snowdrops in the churchyard which has led to the Friends annual snowdrop day. It was fitting that both David and Anke Way were able to visit the church and enjoy the warmth from the congregation, see the doors that they had worked so hard for, dedicated to the church, then enjoy refreshment offered by the Friends before they left.

Snowdrops have long been a part of St. Mary's Churchyard in Hunton but, had it not been for David Way, as well as the churchyard working party and the Friends combining in their efforts, then this annual event would not happen. The continued work means that each year the display becomes even more dramatic with our own snowdrop, the Hunton Giant thriving.

Thanks to all those who donated cakes, coffee tea etc. and to the Friends team plus children who willingly gave up their time to make this event such a success.

At St Mary's Church in March

Notices

Flower Rota
Lent – No Flowers
Easter – All helpers

Churchyard Working Parties

The first date this year is to split the snowdrops on **Saturday 23rd March**

Do come along with what ever tools you have to hand anytime from 9.00am until 12 midday.

The following sessions are:

Saturday 8th June,
 Saturday 7th September
 Saturday 9th November.

Services

Sunday 3rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion—Rev David Jones

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

11.00am Family Service—Miss Chris Bostock

Readings: Exodus 2 v 1 – 10 and Luke 2 v 33 – 35

Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Eileen Doyle

Readings: Isaiah 43 v 16 – 21 and John 12 v 1-8

Sunday 24th March- Palm Sunday

11.00am Holy Communion – Rt Rev Brian Castle (Bishop of Tonbridge)

Readings: Isaiah 50 v 4 – 9a and Luke 19 v 28–40

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday –

7.30pm Holy Trinity Coxheath

Friday 29th March - Good Friday (see table below)

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

9.30 Holy Communion – Rev David Jones

Readings: Exodus 14 v 10 – end and Luke 24 v 1 – 22

East Farleigh Farmers Market – Important – Change of Venue!!!!

Regretfully we can no longer use the car park at The Bull for our Farmers' Market.

We are very grateful that Mandy and Gary at the Old School Hall (to the left of the church, about 50 metres from the pub) have stepped in to rescue us and I hope you will all support this change and help us cope with any teething problems which may arise.

The market will run from 9am to 12 noon on Sunday March 3rd, and hot drinks will be on sale from the hall kitchen. Many stalls will now be indoors, which will be more comfortable in cold or wet weather, though some of the larger stalls will still be located outside.

Customers will find parking spaces in the lay-by opposite the hall and in Vicarage Lane, as well as in East Farleigh station car park just over the bridge.

Please come and make the most of wonderful local produce from traceable sources!!

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 7pm

Our Benefice Churches join together with the Congregational Church for this annual service. Both men and women are warmly invited.

This year's service will be held at the Congregational Church, 157 Linton Road, Loose, ME15 0AL.

The service is entitled 'I Was A Stranger And You Welcomed Me' and has been prepared by Christian Women of France. Our guest speaker is Jenny Thompson. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

Battle of the Nations 24th-27th May 2013

Hello All,

Yes I am afraid we are back again bigger and better. Is there anyone in the village who would like to help or anyone who would like to make up a Hunton Volunteers unit preferably with licences for shotguns so they can get an opportunity to fire?

I would like to thank the village for their support and hope that we can forge a long and happy future. We would like to give a framed photo to the school. If people could bring their children to the event so that we can take a photo with as many children and locals as possible that would be great thanks.

Stephen Seymour,

"42nd Royal Highlanders" Battle of the Nations (UK) organiser 07594918705.

<http://battleofnations.webs.com/>

March	3rd	10th	17th	24th	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	31st
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	11.00 HC	11.00 FS and Baptism	7.30pm	2.00pm	11.00 FS/HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC		12.00 MD	09.30 MP
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC			09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	09.30 HC			10.30am	08.00 HC

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