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Hunton's Heritage

Combined Flower Festival and Historical Exhibition 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th October

There is a plan afoot to have a flower festival, combined with a historical exhibition on the above dates in October in the Church. Each 'exhibit' will have a historical element to it and a flower arrangement to compliment the historical theme. The subjects we have discussed that are all very relevant to Hunton, are as follows:

Weaving & Wool	Victoria Cross	Bees
Fruit farming (& community orchard)	End of 1 st World War	Weddings
Hops/oast houses/pubs	Hunton Shops	AmDrams (possibly)
Bells	Sparrow & Rat Society	Sport
Semaphore	The Watermill	Hunton Court
Jennings	School	

That gives us 16 possible exhibits/arrangements. Ideally we will need to cut this down to 12.

What we need from you!

We would like to link a 'historian' with a flower arranger so that a good exhibit can be created. We need plenty of historical information, photographs and artefacts for each subject.

David Heaton already has a great deal of historical information to hand, but we are sure there are many more of you out there who can help with in depth history of Hunton in the particular subjects that we are suggesting.

If you would like to be involved please phone Sue Pinks 820709 or David Heaton 820678

Hunton Village Club BYO BBQ

Saturday 8th June from 8.00pm. Bring Your Own BBQ!

Yes, bring your own choice of food and cook it at the club so you don't have to cook at home or wash up afterwards! No need to book. Just turn up.

This event replaces the proposed Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 9th June.



Summer Ploughman's Lunches

Following the success of the Lent Light Lunches we are now offering a Summer Ploughman's Lunch. These will start on Thursday 13th June and continue on the next three Thursdays. We are asking £5 for the lunch which will be ham and/or cheese with salad, pickles and bread (there will be a gluten free alternative if I am advised of dietary requirements of those attending), followed by tea or coffee and homemade cake. All to take place in the beautifully newly decorated Hunton Village Club from 12.30pm to 2pm. Why not come along on the 13th and meet our new Rector, Reverend Peter Callway.

It would be really helpful if you could let me know if you are coming to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Many thanks, Louise (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: Kathy Reid	820092
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 1st June **Pop Up Shop** Outside the Church 9.30 – 12.30
 Saturday 1st June **Churchyard working party** Church from 9.00 – 12.00
 Saturday 8th June **BYO BBQ** Hunton Village Club 8pm
 Sunday 9th June **Community Orchard Clean up** Village Hall 1pm-4pm
 Thursday 13th June **Summer Ploughmans** Village Club 12.30 – 2pm
 Thursday 13th June **Friends of St Mary's AGM**
 Saturday 15th June **Litter Pick** Village Hall
 Saturday 22nd June **Hunton Fete** KGV Playing field
 Saturday 6th July **Pop Up Shop** Outside the Church 9.30 – 12.30
 Saturday 6th July **Pie Pickles and Pint Night** Hunton Village Club 8pm
 Sunday 7th July **Dressage Event** Hunton Court
 Monday 8th July **Hunton Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8pm
 Saturday 7th September **Antiques & Craft Fair** Hunton Church 9am-2pm

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 huntondairy@btinternet.com - new events are being added all the time.

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

I was talking to a friend recently about the state of my diary - it always seems to be packed with things to do! When it is displayed on a sheet for the month it can be quite horrific. My friend looked and said –‘And where is your time?’ I remember being at a concert once given by Marilyn Baker (a blind musician/evangelist) and she said that we can be so busy sometimes doing work, even God’s work, that we have no time for Him. I am sure you are familiar with the story of Mary & Martha in Luke 10. Martha is dashing about preparing a meal whilst Mary is sitting listening to Jesus teach. Martha complains but Jesus says that Mary ‘had chosen the better part’.

You don’t need to be a regular church goer to need time to stop, reflect, take stock. Some find time to go ‘on retreat’ which is something I find valuable. I haven’t done a residential for a number of years - the last one was spent at the Trappist Monastery on Caldey Island, just off the coast near Tenby. The day trip boat didn’t sail for four days so we were ‘stranded’ and it was wonderful, quiet and peaceful, joining the monastic offices and walking the island - Yes I did get up for Vigils (3:30am)!

I am much more successful at booking a quiet day. Some people host these either in their home or in their garden and they give participants the opportunity to take ‘time out’ without the mobile or ipad! The structure of the day varies depending on the host/group - some may remember the quiet days we had in Linton Church on a number of occasions.

I used to love taking solitary walks when I had a dog. Living in, or near the countryside gave me the opportunity to reflect, pray, think through problems and enjoy the wonderful sights of nature; solitary walks are not the same without a furry companion!! On Caldey a friend and I did manage an accompanied ‘silent walk’, walking together without the gossip/chat.

If you can’t get away then find a quiet spot in the garden or the house to ‘retreat to’ and ignore the phone or emails. A group I belong to are currently praying daily for a situation. We discussed the best time to pray ‘together’ and agreed a good time of day for most people. We pray wherever we are knowing the others are doing the same. Those who use Daily Bread Bible notes may have read the reflection:

He gives me work that I may seek His rest,
He gives me strength to meet the hardest test;
And as I walk in providential grace,
I find that joy goes with me, at God’s pace. — Gustafson

So I ask - where is your time? Where ever and when ever I hope it is a blessing.

With kind regards
Chris Bostock

Call for Action at Danger Junction

Fearing that there could be a fatal accident on a dangerous road junction in Hunton, a 20 year-old village student has urged the Parish Council to take action to make the intersection safer.

Alice Simmons told last month’s annual meeting that her older sister Hannah had been involved in a serious accident in which her car was badly damaged when she was trying to pull out of Bishops Lane into West Street.

“The problem is that motorists – often parents visiting the school - park on the other side of the junction forcing cars travelling from Yalding to pull out onto the wrong side of the road making it dangerous for the drivers whose sightline is restricted when they come out from Bishop/Water Lane”

Former Councillor, Lorraine Redfarn, who works at the school, said that the staff were aware of the problem and in the past police had attended and requested that motorists park sensibly in West Street. “Often they seem to follow the police advice for a couple of days and then return to parking in the same places.”

Acting Chairman, Gary Thomas, said that the council was aware of the difficulties that arose for village residents and had considered the possibility of seeking parking restrictions or cones in West Street to try to ease the situation. The situation could be improved when the footpath opens later in June between Bensted Close and the Village Hall, allowing parents to park there instead of in West Street so that pupils could use the path to get to the school.

The matter is being put on the agenda of the next council meeting as one of urgency.

Councillors decided to oppose a variation of a condition of planning permission granted on appeal (being the change of use of land to residential for three mobile homes for a gypsy family) to allow for the stationing of a further two mobile homes for family members at Mulberry Farm in East Street. Neighbours attended to express their views.

A report from chairman Roger Sawtell, was presented by Gary Thomas. Reports were also given by representatives from 15 village groups and organisations and will appear in next month’s Herald.

Charity Auction

The unclaimed Easter raffle prize of a delicious Easter Egg was auctioned at the Club’s Quiz Night. We are pleased to announce that £15 was bid and this sum was donated to the Kent Air Ambulance fund.

Hunton Fete 22nd June 2-5pm

Wanted: - Donations of cakes and books and volunteers to help on the day, setting up or helping on a stall.
Please contact Annette 01622 820448 or Lisa 01622 820508

Hunton Club

Pie, Pickles & Pint Night



Saturday 6th July from 8.00pm

Hunton Club will be hosting a Pie, Pickles & Pint Night! Or, if the ladies prefer there'll be Pimms or Pinot. Supper will include: a chunky slice of hand raised Kentish farmhouse pork pie, pickles, homemade coleslaw and a selection of breads. All for £4 - a bargain! To make sure you don't miss out ring Lorraine on 820518 or Tricia 820804. This will be a limited number ticketed event so don't delay, buy your ticket early. Hope to see you there supporting your club.

Quiz Night

Once again a Village Club Quiz proved popular. There was a competitive but fun atmosphere and the evening was enjoyed by all. The winners were a team of six led by Mike and Corrine from Grove Lane. Well done to them and thank you to all of you who supported your club!

Next quiz date: 7th December – mark it in your diary!



Keep the Day Free – Steam Trains and Tea!

Sunday 28th July. Tickets will be available soon. Details next month

Farleigh's Farmers Market

The May market was held on a beautiful morning when the sun shone in a cloudless sky! It was our largest ever, with 19 stalls and large numbers of customers who certainly seemed to enjoy themselves. Coffee and home-made cakes were served in the kitchen, bacon rolls and hot sausages outside. Our new stalls, Yalding Forge, Simply Sweet, Hunton Bakery and The Kenward Trust had excellent sales and found everyone very friendly. This month we have to use the stall fees to pay for our annual market insurance and membership of Kent Farmers' Market Association.

The June Farmers' Market will be held on Sunday 2nd June in the Old School Hall and car park from 9-12am. We are hoping to see the return of Rosebank Apiary with their 2013 honey and will be welcoming Mish Mosh Cookies with a selection of delicious biscuits including peanut butter, choc chip and gluten free. Hunton Bakery will be bringing more wholemeal bread as requested by customers at the May market!

Please come along and support your village enterprise and our chosen charity for June, which is The Loose Valley Conservation Society.

Basquiat Strings/Oriole

Eight highly talented young musicians arrived in Hunton to play the opening gig of their major venue tour (yes, Hunton Village Hall made it into the listings of a national newspaper "The Independent" that day). They arrived in sunshine with little knowledge of the venue and what to expect. A wonderful house totalling 90 arrived and the scene is set. The first half was performed by Basquiat Strings. They played beautiful chamber style jazz with lovely interplay among the four parts cello, guitar, double bass and drums. Difficult playing and for some in the audience quite difficult to get into but no dispute about the high quality of the playing.

The second set by 6-piece Oriole was a compelling affirmation of all the talent on display. Haunting, beautiful and always rhythmical Brazilian-Spanish flavours poured out of the musicians underpinned by the great tenor sax playing of Idris Rahman and the fabulously sympathetic and insistent drumming of Seb Rochford. Most of the titles were from their last album 'Every New Day' which is one to try to listen out for. The musicians had a great night and so did we.

A memorable gig. Thank you to all those who made it possible.

Sublime Sarah Captivates Audience

Sarah McQuaid appeared on stage at Hunton Village Hall on 10th May and put on a fine show that left the audience buzzing with appreciation. She has a rare talent as a completely natural performer and personality drawing in all around her. Beautiful songs, mainly self penned from her album 'The Plum Tree and the Rose', and a lovely alto voice perfectly enhanced by superb guitar work that weaved in and out of the songs. She is a hard working performer who tours far and wide and deserves all the success coming to her.

Thank you to everyone who came to make this an enjoyable evening.

At St Mary's Church in June

Notices

Flower Rota

2nd Sue Pinks
9th Susie St.John
16th Susie St.John
23rd tba
30th Benefice - Linton

Services

Sunday 2nd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Morning Prayer—Chris Bostock

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 9th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

09.30am Holy Communion— Rev David Jones

Readings: 1 Kings 17 v 17 – end and Luke 7 v 11 - 17

Sunday 16th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Family Service – Rev Peter Callway

Readings: 2 Samuel 11 v 26–12 & 12 v 10, 13–15 and Luke 7 v 36 – 8 v 3

Sunday 23rd June – 4th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Holy Communion— Rev David Jones

Readings: Isaiah 65 v 1 – 9 and Luke 8 v 26 - 39

Sunday 30th June – 5th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Benefice Service at Linton - Rev Peter Callway

Readings: 1 Kings 19 v 15 – 16, 19 – 21, Galatians 5 v 1, 13 – 25 and
Luke 9 v 51 - 62

Sunday 7th July

11.00am Morning Prayer

Readings: Preacher's choice

Hospice Service

Heart of Kent Hospice. 30th June 3.30pm. All welcome.

Friends of St Mary's

AGM will be on Thursday 13th June

A Walk through the Loose Valley

Saturday 15th June 11am

Bryn Cornwell, Chairman of Loose Valley Conservation Group, has offered a walking tour through the Loose Valley to a pub for drink/lunch and different walk back. Anyone interested please contact Lesley - lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com.

The Community Orchard Proposal Goes Forward

Don't forget the Community Orchard Clean up event -
9 June 1pm - 4pm

We need help to cut out dead and overgrown branches in the hedge and take out as much of the nettles as possible. If you can help in anyway; even an hour of your time would be an enormous help. Refreshments will be available midway in the clearing. If you would like to help please turn up at the village hall car park for 1pm with a pair of gloves and a spade.

GamBLE

Sunday Lunch BBQ

Live music, Gambian craft stall & games for all the family

25th August 2013 from 12 noon

at

Thatchers, Benover Road, Yalding ME18 6AS

Tickets £7.00 in advance

or £20 for a family (2 adults & 2+ children)

or £8 on the door and £25 for family

on sale from

T: 01622 814267, E: gambleproject@aol.com

www.gam-ble.co.uk

East Farleigh Summer Fete – Saturday 6th July 2-5pm

Make a note in your diaries of this important date to ensure you don't miss the 2013 Fete! Children and adults alike will love what we have in store! There will be a wonderful professional display of birds of prey from The Hawking Centre, Doddington.

The falconers entertain the crowds flying Eagles and Vultures, Owls and Hawks, whilst the grand finale is a Peregrine Falcon or White Gyr Falcon diving in and out of the arena at speeds of over 150mph, all complemented by an exciting and entertaining commentary. There is also a formal static display so that visitors can meet the birds and talk to the falconers.

The Summer Raffle will be drawn, with prizes of £100, £50 and a family ticket for 4 to the Kent County Show. Tickets will be circulating around the village next month, so make sure you buy yours!

There will also be a wide selection of interesting stalls selling both crafts and food, an ice cream van, bouncy castle, beer and Pimms bar, Tea Tent and other fun attractions for everyone. Admission free, donations welcome.

June	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th	7th July
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS		11.00 HC
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC	10.30 Benefice Service	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	09.30 HC		08.00 HC

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