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Community Orchard - Clearing Event 29th September 1-4pm

On our first community orchard clearing event on 9th June we got rid of the rubbish, cut down the really overgrown grass and took out dead branches in the hedge. A significant difference was made in three hours and the ground, although still having more than its fair share of docks and nettles, will continue to be mown by tractor to keep the vegetation at a manageable level whilst weakening the



weeds over time. On Sunday 29th September 1-4pm we will be tackling the hedging and taking out some of the ivy trees that have grown in front of the main hedge, making more room for the orchard. If you can spare an hour or so to help it would make a big impact. We will be meeting up at the village hall car park at 1pm - please bring your hedge trimmer or loppers if you have them, although some members of the working party will bring theirs, and a pair of gloves. Refreshments will be available mid-way through.



Barbara Wright

Hunton Music Shows

We are delighted to bring two more top quality shows to the Village Hall.

Friday 6 September at 8pm - Niamh Parsons and Graham Dunne. A rare opportunity to hear this great Irish songstress with a voice to die for, and her fine accompanist on guitar.

Friday 11 October at 8pm - Jo Harman and Company. A burgeoning blues talent and another special Applause event secured for Hunton. This one will rock.

Ticket orders now being taken. Contact 820683, 820678 and info@huntonvillagehall.co.uk

Ticket prices— Niamh Parsons £10, under-21 £5, Jo Harman and Company £12, under-21 £6

Alan

Light Lunches

Four weeks of Ploughman Lunches proved really popular and the Village Club sprung into action every Thursday lunchtime, different faces all enjoying home cooked ham, cheese, pickles and home made cake. Thank you to everyone who took the time to support this. Donations again have been made to St Mary's Church and to the Village Club. Jacket potatoes and various fillings will be in October after the Harvest Lunch and Flower Festival.

Your Local Contacts:

Parish Council Chairman: Roger Sawtell
School: Secretary/Head Teacher
Under 5's Pre-School:
Pre-School Supervisor:
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop
Rector: Peter Callway
Non Stipendiary Minister Revd David Jones
Village Club: Doug Redfarn

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Clerk to Parish Council: Sharon Goodwin 681238
Village Hall Booking: Kathy Reid 820092
Maidstone Police: 608186
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Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown 820288
PCSO Richard Chainey 07989 992424
Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb 745716

*not available on Fridays
**not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Saturday 10th August **Pop Up Shop** Outside the Church 9.30am – 12.00pm
Saturday 7th September **Antiques and craft Fair** Hunton Church 10.00am-5pm
Monday 9th September **Hunton Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 8pm
Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th October **Hunton's Heritage Flower Festival**
Sunday 6th October **Harvest Lunch** Hunton Village Hall

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

August - a month in which many of us will take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and have a holiday of some sort. Whether we stay at home or travel afar, holidays can be a great time for reflection. The very name of the month conjures up images of balmy relaxation. The word 'august' means grand; majestic; serene; revered; and is a glorious time of year. The author of books about gardens and gardening, Rose G. Kingsley, describes the season as "the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November." August is declared "Happiness Happens Month" by the Secret Society of Happy People, whose members encourage us to recognise moments of happiness and to share them with others. (Amazing what you can find out on the web, isn't it?!) So, as we take a break from the months of thought and care and toil in our gardens and in our working lives generally, let's take time to pause and ponder.

Did you know that the origin of the word "holiday" is "holy day"? These were days past when the church encouraged people to stop work and to celebrate the life of a saint or other holy event. There were lots of them, and they were needed, because work was hard and rest was not always easily achieved. They have largely fallen into disuse now, and although the saints' days are marked in our Christian calendars and lectionary (the reading plan for the Bible) we don't get the day off work for many of them in the UK. We get Good Friday and two days at Christmas, and that's about it! The origin of the late May public holiday was the feast of Pentecost, but that has now become just "the last Monday in May." Countries such as France, Spain and Italy where the majority of people are Roman Catholics have a few more holy days, and they treat them as days of rest and thoughtfulness – no Bank Holiday DIY shopping for them. In August there is only the one – the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of Jesus - which is August 15th and a day when France, for example, comes to a complete halt.

So, may I suggest that at some point during August, you stop, pause for a while and reflect? Ponder the good things in your life, count your blessings, and then give thanks to God. Have a Holy Day. And a great holiday.

Every blessing,
Peter Callway
Rector

East Farleigh Village Fete

Beautiful weather encouraged a substantial crowd to attend East Farleigh Village Fete on Saturday 6th July. Visitors enjoyed events in the arena including an impressive birds of prey display by The Hawking Centre. There was a varied selection of food and drink on sale, games for both children and adults to try, plus craft stalls and competitions. Pony rides were organised by The Horseshoes Riding School and many prizes were donated by local businesses for which we are very grateful. The KM attended and Maidstone MP Helen Grant came along, accompanied by her husband and dog Charlie! After all expenses the fete made a profit of around £1280. Thank you to everyone who supported this very successful village event.

Sue Morris

Hunton Club Book Group A Review

Great Expectations – Charles Dickens

It is true to say that my personal expectations of this particular novel were less than great. Scary black and white films I remembered from my childhood had put me off Dickens completely... to the point where I'd never actually read a word from any Dickens novel. However, all that changed within the first few pages. Great Expectations is the stuff of Hollywood epics – a story of wealth and poverty, love and rejection, and triumph of good over evil. It follows the fortunes of Pip – an orphan whose life is radically changed by a mysterious benefactor – the secrets of which tantalise the reader right through to the very last pages.

My assumption that anything 'Dickens' was all a bit depressing and grim was quickly erased with beautifully crafted characters, genuinely comic moments and a plot that remained engaging and interesting throughout. If there is a downside to all this, it is the fact that the book is demanding of its reader – the dialect of the Kent marshland was tricky, even for us relatively 'local' Huntonians! Every page seems to include a wry wink to the reader, or a deeply insightful observation, deceptively presented with simplicity and modesty, demanding your attention and complete concentration.

However, the majority of the Group agreed that it was a small price to pay for a wonderful read. Perhaps unsurprisingly, our score for Great Expectations, written by perhaps one of the greatest English writers of all time, is 8/10.

Next up: a collection of short stories by Alice Munro.
Liz Ridgway.

Parking Makes Corners Dangerous on Bensted Close

In response to your article in a recent Hunton Herald about cars parked on West Street during the school run. We know only too well the danger of this junction after an accident in October 2010.

My wife was turning left out of Bensted Close onto West Street. There were children on the corner waiting for the bus and parked vehicles on West Street including a refuse lorry to the left and we could not see to the left to see if there were any cars approaching. We had to turn left onto the opposite side of the road to go round the refuse lorry so had to edge out very slowly. A van approached the village from the left at I would say around 50-60mph and he did not see us coming out, or appreciate the danger, and we did not see him till it was too late and there was a huge collision sending our vehicle back into the junction and causing a fair amount of damage to both vehicles.

The impact clearly scared the children standing at the junction and my 4 year old son who was in the back. Thankfully no-one was hurt but highlighted the fact that had we pulled out any further the impact would have been nearer the passenger door and the potential for a really serious injury to occur.

It is a common occurrence to see a line of cars on both sides right up to the junction making visibility impossible in either direction. It will only be a matter of time before another serious accident occurs. The Highway Code states '**DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.**' This is flouted every day by parents bringing their children to school.

We wonder whether there is a way to highlight the matter to the local Council and seek approval for double yellow lines to be painted around the junction or maybe large circular mirrors to be installed opposite to allow a view down either side of the road when the line of sight is obstructed. We also wonder whether the school should be advised of the situation and ask them to inform parents of the issue.

Ian Hollingworth

Gardening Club Outing

The Hunton Gardening Club visited a very impressive private garden in Yalding. This stunning garden, lovingly tended for many years by Don and Jane Vaughan with its array of fruit on espaliers and cordons and a vegetable garden to die for was a pleasure to behold. It was amazing to wonder around their magnificent garden of perennials and shrubs, to soak up the sun, or sit in the shade of a *tiliacordata*, with a welcome drink and the soft scent of its flowering blooms. Our thanks go to Don and Jane for their very generous invitation.

Cheap Oil

I will be doing an oil order in August, and anyone wanting to be in the syndicate will need to send their oil requirements to me by 9th August. I have been assured that oil prices are greatly reduced in August and hopefully a big order can secure a further reduction. As before, please head email to mlferns@yahoo.co.uk with OIL in the subject, and give me your name, contact details and quantity.

Many thanks.

Louise

Singing in the City

2013 marks a decade of working for Great Ormond Street Hospital and I am organising a concert up at City Temple to raise £10K, The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be singing and Huw Edwards is the Compere for the night. The tickets are on sale at £20 now. There is likely to be a coach going from the Maidstone area if anyone is interested. Please do give me a ring if you would like to know more, and equally please advertise it as much as possible. Many thanks.

Louise 820225

Farleighs Farmers Market

The July Farmers' market was held on another hot and sunny day. Following immediately after East Farleigh Village Fete, it was a little quieter than usual. However we have still been able to make a donation of £60 to the Blackthorn Trust in Barming. Hunton Bakery sold out for the third month in succession, which is a tribute to the quality produce. Next month The French Deli will be on holiday, but The Kenward Trust will be back again and we hope that Rosebank Apiary will finally have sufficient honey after a very late start to the season! Thank you to all villagers who supported us and see you again on 4th August.

At St Mary's Church in August

Notices

Flowers August

4th Sandra Bullivant
 11th Sandra Bullivant
 18th Joy McLoughlin
 25th Joy McLoughlin

Poultry Sale

at The Chequers, Laddingford

Saturday 14th September 11am to 3pm

Tabletop sale £8.00 per pitch - Prebooked only.
 Bring birds, equipment, anything related to poultry.
 Refreshments available.
 For details and to book a pitch,
 please call 01892 835033.

Services

Sunday 4th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Family Service—Mr Brian Banks

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 11th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

09.30am Holy Communion— Rev David Jones

Readings: Genesis 15.1-6 and Luke 12. 32-40

Sunday 18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Morning Prayer — Rev Eileen Doyle

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 23-29 and Luke 12.49-56

Sunday 25th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Holy Communion— Rev Peter Callway

Readings: Isaiah 58. 9b-14 and Luke 13. 10-17

Sunday 1st September

11.00am Family Service

Readings: Preachers Choice

All Things Health & Fitness, Part 2.

Taking exercise can help you to manage your weight. Physical activity burns up calories and so helps to create a healthy energy balance. Exercise is essential for everyone for maintaining a healthy weight.

You're more likely to be obese if you're inactive. Physical activity alone can help you lose weight if you're overweight or obese – the more you do, the more you will lose. However, combining exercise with a healthy diet will mean you lose weight faster.

Children and exercise

With about a third of all children in England aged between two and 15 now classed as being overweight or obese, it's more important than ever to get children active. Physical activity in childhood has a number of benefits including healthy growth and development. It helps children maintain a healthy weight and gives them an opportunity to interact with other people and make friends. Activities that put stress on children's bones, including jumping and skipping, can help protect against osteoporosis in later life and develop strong, healthy bones.

Outdoor exercise

Would you be interested in being part of a keep fit outside exercise group. This will be for ALL ages, abilities, fitness levels. The idea is to enjoy the outside with like minded people and improve your fitness at the same time. I'm a fully qualified Personal Trainer with 30 years experience in health and fitness.

This article is written by Guy Baker, Personal Trainer, gbpt@live.co.uk, 07946 258730, Please feel free to contact to answer any questions or for a free consultation on "All things health and fitness.

GamBLE - Sunday Lunch BBQ

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August	4th	11th	18th	25th	1st Sept
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	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					