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Dried flowers & bulbs • Festive fare

Jewellery • Cheesemaker • Glassmaker • Honey • Candles & Soap • Children's books • Wooden boxes •

Hunton Christmas Market

14 December 2013

4 till 7

In Hunton Churchyard & Church

Hot chocolate, tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

Mulled cider, hot BBQ food from 'Spot-on Produce'
and 'Woods' in the Churchyard.



Art • Christmas cards etc. • Cobsnuts •

Sweet Sensations • Yalding Forge • Olive Oils • Spot-on Produce • Dine Thyme • Venison • BBQ • Mulled Cider • Bottle Stall

The Herald Welcomes a New Editor – Helen Ward

A new editor has stepped forward and will be taking on the Herald from the January 2014 issue. Please continue to send your items to the herald@hunton.org.uk email address by the 15th of the month

Hunton Club

Please note that the AGM is on Thursday 5th December at 8pm. It is open to all members, so come along and hear what is going on with the Club.

Please do come along as there is much to discuss and the Committee would like to know your views. There are vacancies on the committee (including a Secretary) and we really do need to fill these.

As a Committee member it does not mean you have to work behind the bar (unless you want to) but we would like to have a full committee to help out with the running of the Club in general. The committee meets one evening per month so it is not too demanding. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Alan Blackledge-Smith alan.blackledge@tiscali.co.uk.

Hunton School Christingle Service followed by Christmas Bazaar

Come join in the festive spirit with the children of Hunton School, at their beautiful Christingle carol service on Wednesday 18th December at 6pm followed afterwards with an exciting new Christmas bazaar held in Hunton Village Hall till 9pm. Lots of lovely things to buy, drink and nibble, but most importantly help raise some funds for Hunton school and make sure the children have a special evening. All welcome.

Sharon Winter - PTA Chairperson

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: huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403, 820429, 820731
Pond and Tree Warden: Anne Bishop	820683	'Potholes' concern (KCC): Kim Hills	0845 824 7800
Rector: Peter Callway	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Non Stipendiary Minister Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Richard Chainey	07989 992424
Village Club: Doug Redfarn	820495	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th December **Village Club AGM** Village Club at 8pm.
Saturday 14th December **Christmas Market** In and around the Church 4-7pm
Sunday 15th December **Carol Service** Hunton Church 6.00pm
Monday 13th January **Parish Council Meeting** Hunton Village Hall 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

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

I don't doubt you've seen the TV ads for Christmas. You may be fed up with them already! Have you seen your first Christmas decoration yet? Any houses in your road lit up with bright lights? Light is an amazing and fascinating thing. Scientific experiments have shown that if you have a perfectly dark place, and a single candle is lit, that candle flame can be seen from a very great distance. Not 100 yards, nor even half a mile, but 26 miles away. A single candle light would be visible from here to Canterbury. Such is the power of light to overcome darkness.

Some other quite interesting things about light follow.

Light is the fastest travelling thing known in the universe. A couple of years ago some scientists thought that they had discovered some sub-atomic particles called neutrinos travelling faster, but the findings were disproved.

The Greeks thought our sight came from something dashing out of the eyes and into objects.

Did you know that light makes some people sneeze? About a quarter of the human population is estimated to be affected by a so-called "photic sneeze reflex," a condition that results in sneezing when the person is exposed to bright light.

Light from the Sun takes 8 minutes and 17 seconds to reach us, but inside the sun the energy takes millions of years to go from the centre to the surface.

The Bible speaks of a time when people who are walking in great darkness will see a great light. Light came to earth in many ways. The angels who announced the good news of great joy to the shepherds shone with the light of the glory of God; so powerful was the light that at first it caused the shepherds to be terrified. And light came in the form of a star that led wise men to the birth place of the long awaited saviour. Jesus Christ, is called "the light of the world." Some other names given to Christ are: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

As we approach Christmas, during the season of Advent, take time to ponder on these names. And as we look forward to celebrating his first coming at his birth in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, let us invite him into our lives on a daily basis and consider his final coming, when all things will be made new, and there will be no more disease, heartache, hurt, pain, fear or sadness.

Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Peter Callway

Rector

Hunton Oil

I am planning on placing an order for oil in December, so if anyone would like to be part of the syndicate, please email me by 6th December with your requirement, and PLEASE put in the body of the email, your address, name and contact telephone number. Heading of the email to be OIL. I am hoping that I can persuade them to deliver before Christmas week beginning 16th December, (no promises). Many thanks Louise

Potato Lunches

The Village Club yet again turned into a hub of enthusiastic diners in October, hot potatoes were served every Thursday and 96 potatoes filled with tuna or cheese, over four weeks were devoured followed by homemade cake. These lunches have been so successful - keep an eye open for the Lent Soups next year. The profit has been shared with the church and the club, thank you everyone who came and ate, and an enormous thank you to Sandra for serving behind the bar and washing up. Louise

Games

Mahjong is played on the first Monday of the month at Hunton Club, and on the third Monday of the month, a group of us are meeting with various other games, backgammon, scrabble, cards, Monopoly. In fact we are all enthusiastic about learning new games and welcoming new people, we would love to see you.

Mahjong 2nd December, general games 16th December and then starting again 6th January with Mahjong.

Peace Cottages

A register of interest is being set up for Peace Cottages almshouses. It will not be a waiting list and does not guarantee a place when there is a vacancy. But people on the list will be informed should a vacancy occur and then would be eligible for the normal selection process. Anyone who would like to put their names on the list should contact Roger Sawtell on 01622 820731 or Liz Oliver on 01622 820200.

Vacancy for a Mid Day Supervisor at Hunton CEP School

There is a vacancy for a Mid Day Supervisor at Hunton CEP School for three days a week - the job is to supervise the children whilst they eat their lunch, and then go out onto the playground with them. It is a paid position for one hour a day, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, term time only. To apply please contact Hunton CE Primary school on 01622 820360.

Lorraine Redfarn

Farewell to Mrs Weston

The children, parents, staff and governors of Hunton said a fond farewell to Mrs Marian Weston with a special assembly at the end of October. Hunton School is a caring community with a heart and for many years Marian has been the heart of our village school.

Marian was a pupil of Hunton Primary School and later became a valuable member of staff. For many years, Marian undertook cleaning before school, put on her Teaching Assistant hat for the morning, swapped into Midday Supervisor come rain or shine before swapping back to the TA hat for the afternoon, and then cleaned the whole school all by herself until 6pm every evening. In her spare time she undertook speech and language with a range of children, and in the past Mrs Weston was also the Road Crossing Patrol! School holidays for Marian meant undertaking the big clean. I have never known so many children take off their muddy shoes so they didn't make Mrs Weston cross!

Marian knows everything about Hunton School, the quiriness of the building and who to phone when a problem arises; her standard of cleaning set a standard that continued after she resigned from this post. We should also thank Norman, Marian's husband, who has spent many hours over at Hunton School shovelling snow, clearing drains, climbing ladders and generally taking as much care of Hunton School as Marian has.

It is well known that many children remember one person from their school days with love and affection. I am absolutely positive that there is a huge number of Hunton pupils in the past 23 years for whom Mrs Weston is that special person. Mrs Weston could always be relied upon to provide reassurance, support with learning and time to listen to every child when needed.

Over 23 years Marian has looked after the people at Hunton School as she has looked after her own home and family, and for that we are truly grateful and owe her a huge debt.

On behalf of Hunton CEP School, thank you Mrs Weston for everything.

Huntonwatch Update

We have issued our first Huntonwatch newsletter to Members and this included details of a number of information leaflets and free samples (key chains and UV marker pens) that are available to Members. A second newsletter is planned for early December. There have been a small number of incidents reported to us since the launch, mainly involving people in vans (one in particular) acting suspiciously, and a couple of phone scams. All have been reported to the police.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about preventing crime - although historically this is a large element - it is also about creating a good community spirit, looking out for our neighbours and providing a framework in which we can ask for help if we need it. For example, when Maidstone Borough Council changed its refuse collection contractors, the village hall refuse bins were not emptied for several weeks. Huntonwatch was asked to help and the bins were emptied within 48 hours and have been regularly since then.

It costs nothing to join Huntonwatch and you probably will not need to do any more than you are doing now, but the benefits to the village can be immense. House insurance premiums are often lower for members of an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme and crime figures nationally are lower in Neighbourhood Watch areas. Close to 100 properties in the village have already signed up to Huntonwatch and more are joining every week. This is great news and we have Members in all parts of the village but there is still room for more so, if you have yet to join, then please consider doing so and get in touch with us at huntonwatch@gmail.com or by calling 820403. *The Huntonwatch Team*

Hunton Community Orchard Site - Final Clear up of the Year 8th December 2013 1-4pm

At the end of September we cleared away a lot of ivy covered trees that had encroached on the boundary hedge and into the main space of the orchard. There was a lot to clear but the difference was enormous and provided us with a good idea of the size the community orchard site will be. Depending on the weather, we are having a final clear up of the year, this time tackling the height of the boundary hedge, this will allow more light to enter the site. The clearing of the area has not been in vain since, with the help of Pippa Palmar at Kent Orchards for Everyone, we have been successful in getting group funding from the Heritage Lottery fund for the community orchard, together with Yalding and other villages. If you are free and want to help out with the final tidy up of the year please join us on Sunday 8th December at 1pm at the village hall car park - we aim to finish hedge trimming by 4pm or before it gets dark.

Thank you from the Dolmans

The Dolmans would like to thank everyone for their amazing support for their long walk "- it really made a huge difference knowing that so many people were behind us! Two intrepid Huntonians even travelled all the way up to the Lake District to join us for a pub meal as a show of support!! Thank you Ron and Ian! We did the whole walk as planned - only got lost once and no injuries other than some blisters. Even Emma, at 13, did the entire walk and proved herself to be a mean map reader. We met so many interesting people along the way and several even contributed to the cause. We were blessed with wonderful weather - one day of rain in the lakes but otherwise clear skies and sunshine - bit better than Julia Bradbury in the video.....We have updated the just giving web page ("the dolmans") to show a few pictures if anyone is interested and will close it at the end of November as we have still had a few donations trickling in - we are now just shy of £4000 which far outstripped our original target of £1000! That means 26 children in poor countries can be offered a free cleft lip repair and the chance to have a normal life - so thank you to everyone. If anybody wants to look at our photobook of the event feel free to drop in!"

At St Mary's Church in December

Notices

Flowers – December

1 st	Alison Ellman Brown
8 th	Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence
15 th	Liz Oliver/Sue Lawrence
22 nd	All for CHRISTMAS
29 th	Coxheath Benefice

Christmas Spectacular

15th December 2013 3pm – 5pm

BAE Systems Brass Band & Maidstone Wind Symphony. Conductor Jonathan Crowhurst
Programme

Traditional arr. Alan Fernie Gaudete, Jingle Bells,
 Away in a Manger, Winter Wonderland

Sergei Prokofiev arr. Ray Farr Troika

John Rutter Candlelight Carol

arr. Darrol Barry When a Child is Born

Paul Lovatt Cooper Christmas Finale

Jan Sandstrom esisteinrosentsprungen

Mitch Markovich Teamwork

Leroy Anderson A Christmas Festival, Sleigh Ride

Pyotrilyich Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker Suite

Mortenlauridsen O Magnum Mysterium

All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6YE

Sunday 1st December – 1st Sunday in Advent

11.00am Family Service—Miss Chris Bostock

Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday in Advent

09.30am Holy Communion— Rev. David Jones

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10 and Matthew 3.1-12

12.30 Hunton Pre-School – Rev Peter Callway

Friday 13th December (at White House)

8.00pm Carol Service – Rev David Jones

Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent

6pm Carol Service – Rev David Jones

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 and Matthew 11.2-1

Wednesday 18th December

6.00pm Hunton CEP Christingle service – Rev Peter Callway

Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday in advent

11.00am Holy Communion— Rev. Peter Callway

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16 and Matthew 1. 18-25

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

9.30pm Holy Communion— Rev. Peter Callway

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16, Acts 13.16-26, Luke 1.67-79

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

09.30am Family Service/Holy communion – Rev David Jones

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-20

Sunday 29th December—1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Benefice Service - Coxheath

Alan Bishop

Friday 1st November saw the village church absolutely packed to the gunnels to 'celebrate' the life of Alan Bishop who passed away earlier in the month. Alan took a very strong interest and pleasure in nature and the countryside. Another passion of his was music, including the Applause events and the Relative Minors. Alan was always around as a friend and a listening ear, he had a real ease with people; fully involved and engaged with the Village, he was nicknamed the Mayor of Hunton. Throughout his 30 odd years in the village Alan will be particularly remembered for the Hunton Fetes, the extension to the Village Hall, more latterly the solar panels on the roof and the professional musical events in the Village Hall. The photos displayed in the village hall of Alan as a young boy and through his life, demonstrated what a full life Alan led, and the many people present confirmed the many friends he had as it took Steve his brother over an hour to see everyone into the Village Hall. Alan will be missed.

Hunton Club Book Group A Review of Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons

Cold Comfort Farm tells the story of Flora Poste, a sophisticated and determined young socialite. She is orphaned at the age of nineteen and decides her only option is to stay with the Starkadders, her strange relatives at Cold Comfort Farm in Sussex. The entire family live in fear of Aunt Ada who "saw something in the woodshed" as a child and has spent the last twenty years controlling the farm from her bedroom; she forbids any of the family to leave the farm. Flora has her own ideas and manages to change the lives of her cousins. Cold Comfort Farm parodies the rural melodramas popular when the novel was published in 1932.

The book was thoroughly enjoyed by one member of the group who found the author's "tongue in cheek" style endearing but others did not find the humour they had expected. The scores ranged from 4 to 9 out of 10, with an average score of 6.

<i>December</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>29th</i>
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	5.30pm Carol Service	11.00 FS	10.30 Benefice
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC 11.00 FS	6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols	08.00 HC	
Linton	09.30 HC	9.30 FS	08.00 HC 4.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols	09.30 HC	
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	11.00 MP	6.00pm Carol Service	09.30 HC	

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