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The Rebirth of The Hunton WI

It was amazing to have 27 ladies all meet to discover if Hunton WI will exist again. The area co-ordinator introduced herself and her role within the WI and explained what the WI strives to achieve. Ann Sawtell, whose brainchild this is, showed a book sent to her by the son of a lady who used to be in Hunton WI back in the 50's; he had also sent his mother's beautiful old WI membership badge. We were then introduced to Liz Hall, who talked about her obsession since a child for collecting anything natural and her skill in making some interesting pictures. After tea and homemade cake there was time to mingle and chat and decide whether this new addition to our vibrant village is going to go ahead. We have had some really positive feedback and are confident that there is now a committee of at least six, which means we can go ahead to be re-instated.

Hunton WI will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Club. It is open to any ladies from the village or nearby and at each meeting there will be a talk or entertainment, a raffle and tea and homemade refreshments. Any questions, please do not hesitate to call Ann on 01622 820731.

The meeting in September will be on Tuesday 2nd and the talk will be by Martin Gurdin.

Summer Antiques and Craft Fair

Saturday 13th September should be a date in your diary already; the Hunton Summer Craft and Antiques Fair, the Kent Churches Stride and Bike Ride and also the opening of the silent bids for the two church pews – a lot going on. However, did you know that there is going to be a village table at the Fair where you can bring your collectables to be sold? You price your item and if it sells 10% goes to the stall and you keep the rest. Vases, pots, antiquities and knick-knacks - you benefit and so does the village. Louise Ferns will be manning the stall and will accept items on the day, log the items with your agreed price and then do her best to sell everything. Should your items not sell they will need to be collected.

Ever wondered how much that is worth?

Now is your opportunity. We have valuers Ibbett Mosely attending the Craft and Antiques Fair and you can bring along up to 3 items to have a valuation made. We will be charging £5 per item or 3 for £10. Please ring Louise to book your time slot with the valuer. Louise can be contacted on 820225.

Quiz Night - Saturday 6th September at Hunton Village Club

Another superb quiz for you! There is no fee to pay, just come along with your ready-made team or join one at the club. Teams are usually 4-6 people. These quizzes are extremely popular and always a fun evening, so come early.

Club opens at 8pm with the quiz starting promptly at 8.15pm. All welcome!



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	690690 or 101
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110	Neighbourhood Watch: huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403, 820429, 820731
Pond and Tree Warden: Mike Summersgill	820429	'Potholes' Hotline (KCC)	03000 418181
Rector: Peter Callway	747570**	Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Non-Stipendiary Minister Revd David Jones	741474*	PCSO Alan Hunter	07772 226151
Village Club: Philip Nichols	820804	Helen Grant MP helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk	0207 219 7107
		Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716

*not available on Fridays; **not available on Mondays

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2 nd Sept	Hunton WI Village Club 7.30pm
Saturday 6 th Sept	Quiz Night Village Club 8pm
Sunday 7 th Sept	East Farleigh Farmers' Market 9am-12pm
Monday 8 th Sept	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 8pm
Saturday 13 th Sept	Antiques & Craft Fair St Mary's Church 10am-4pm
Saturday 20 th Sept	Churchyard Clear Up St Mary's Church 9am-12pm
	Hunton Music Nights Village Club 8pm
Friday 26 th Sept	Hunton's Big Coffee Morning Village Club 8.45am-11.45am
Saturday 27 th Sept	Pop-up Shop & Café Village Club 10am-12pm
Sunday 5 th Oct	Harvest Supper Village Hall 6pm

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available on the website

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 October edition to the Editor as soon as possible, and by 15th September, please

I am shamelessly stealing the content for this month's pastoral letter from 'Cilla McKenzie. This is based on a talk she gave at a recent lunchtime service. As you may know, John and 'Cilla have decided to move away, and we are ever grateful for the ministry and friendship they have shared with us and especially the church fellowship at Linton. The church calendar helps us remember people and their actions by dedicating a day to them. William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, who were anti-slavery campaigners, had such a day. These three men used their positions of personal influence and power to work for the freedom of others whom they had never met. The British campaign to abolish the slave trade is generally considered to have begun in the 1870s with the establishment of the anti-slavery committees and the presentation to parliament of the first 'slave trade petition' in 1783. The same year, William Wilberforce, whilst dining with an old friend, met slavery abolitionist the Rev. James Ramsay. Ramsay had been a clergyman in the Isle of Kitts in the Leeward Isles and a medical supervisor on the plantations there. What Ramsay witnessed of the conditions endured by the slaves, both at sea and on the plantations, horrified him. Of the 11 million Africans exported for slavery about 1.4 million died during the voyage.

On returning to England after 15 years he accepted the Benefice of Teston in 1781. (This is one of our neighbouring parishes and you may know that two of William Wilberforce's sons were later Rector of East Farleigh). There he met Sir Charles and Lady Middleton and others interested in promoting Christianity and moral improvements in Britain and overseas – a group that later became known as the Testonites.

They were appalled at Ramsey's reports of the depraved lifestyles of slave owners and the cruel treatment of the slaves in the British sugar colonies. The anti-slavery group, then, was born at Teston and, at the urging of Lady Middleton, Sir Charles suggested that William Wilberforce bring forward the abolition of the slave trade in parliament. Although he felt inadequate for the task he pursued it with vigour for 18 years and in 1807 the slave trade was finally abolished. This did not, however, free those who were already slaves – it was not until 1833 that an act was passed giving freedom to all slaves in the British Empire. William Wilberforce made his final anti-slavery speech in Maidstone in 1833.

The modern day slave trade is, of course, largely to do with people trafficking where people are bought and sold for sexual exploitation, forced labour, street crime, domestic servitude or even the sale of organs and human sacrifice. Men, women and children are trafficked within their own countries and across international borders. Trafficking affects every continent and every country. It is estimated that there are still 2 million men, women and children trafficked each year. You can find out more, and learn about what individuals can do at www.stopthetraffic.org. Let us pray that the work of the great reformers will not be forgotten and be inspired by their great efforts.

Many blessings, Peter

Litter Pick – 18th October

The next litter pick will take place on 18th October, meeting outside the Village Hall at 10am. We are usually finished by 12pm, when we head back to the Hall for a well-earned cup of coffee. If you would like to help please contact Di or Nigel on 820115.

A Date for Your Diary – 14th November 2014

Friends of St Mary's will be holding a Live Musical Evening at Hunton Village Hall to raise funds towards the successful completion of the much needed internal decoration of St Mary's. More details will follow but apart from the live 60's and 70's music we will have a well stocked bar and a hot supper. We anticipate a heavy demand for tickets so please make a note of the date.

Pop-Up Shop & Café

Following last month's summer break, the Pop-Up Shop and Café will be back on 27th September at the Village Club from 10am to 12pm. Shop for all your usual local favourites and enjoy delicious cakes and pastries over a tea or coffee. Don't forget to check the Hunton Facebook page for updates on available seasonal items.

Team Bish Arrive in Paris

Congratulations to Sian, Ellen, Mary-Jane and friends (aka 'Team Bish') on successfully completing their charity cycle ride from London to Paris in memory of Alan Bishop and for raising over £8,700 for The Heart of Kent Hospice and Cancer Research. A fabulous achievement and one Alan would have been very proud of!

"Merci beaucoup" to everyone who supported them.



Hunton Music Nights – 20th September

There's a strong traditional theme to this month's Hunton Music Nights. First up we have **Connor Noble**, a recent music graduate from Canterbury's Christ Church University who will be performing a selection of Irish traditional tunes and his own compositions, all beautifully played on acoustic guitar.

Mixing the traditional and the (relatively) modern, **Penny and Peter** are well known on the Maidstone folk scene for their wonderful interpretations of traditional folk, jazz, ragtime and bluegrass played on violin and guitar.

Once again, we'll be transforming the Hunton Club into a candle-lit nightclub, so it all promises to be a magical, atmospheric evening of music much too good to miss! (And it's all free – except for the drinks of course!)

Harvest Supper

The Village Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday October 5th at 6pm for 6.30pm after the Harvest Festival service at 5pm. Tickets from Liz Oliver on 01622 820200 and Alison Ellman-Brown on 01622 820288 at £5 adult, £3.50 under 14s and £15 family (two adults and two children). All welcome.

Hunton Herald Advertising – Help Needed

Advertising is very important to the Hunton Herald. The revenue from advertising pays for the printing of the Herald for the year and supports donations to Hunton community organisations. Businesses are able to promote themselves and the community is informed of local companies that they may wish to support. The process of seeking advertisers is an annual one and we are looking for someone who is able to set aside a few hours to liaise with businesses and to work with the printer on the next edition of adverts, which will need to be agreed in time for insertion into April 2015's edition. If you are interested please contact Barbara on 01622 820218 or huntondiary@btinternet.com.

Have you found us on Facebook?

Over 200 people are now following the Hunton Facebook page; are you one of them? If not, why not take a look? You'll find up to the minute news, updated information on village events and some extra events that didn't make it into the Herald, photos (including loads from this year's fabulous fete) and more.

Search for Hunton on Facebook (you'll recognise it by the village sign), or go to www.facebook.com/huntonvillage.

Churchyard Clean Up

There will be a Churchyard Working Party on Saturday 20th September from 9am until 12. Join us and help care for this most precious area. Come for an hour or come for the whole time, we are always pleased to see as many people as possible. Feel free to bring your tool of choice, we had a fine turn out of strimmers and scythes last time and it would be good to build on the excellent work we did then.

Tea, coffee and lawnmower will be provided...See you then.

How would you like to own a piece of St Mary's, Hunton? - A reminder

In last month's Herald we explained that St Mary's has two old pine pews that are in need of a new home or homes. The two pews are 93 inches (2.36m) long and are complete with both their arms intact. We would love the pews to remain in the parish and are therefore offering them to residents first. We are happy to sell the pews singly or as a pair. As a guide we are hoping for bids in excess of £100 for each pew, but any reasonable bid will be considered by the PCC.

To ensure fairness we will be conducting a blind auction for the pews and are looking to receive sealed bids by Saturday 13th September 2014, which is the date of the Antiques and Craft Fair at St Mary's. Bids, which should be in sealed envelopes marked "Hunton Pews", can be left at the Fair itself or delivered beforehand to the Rector, Rev Peter Callway, The Rectory, 144 Heath Road, Coxheath, ME17 4PL. The purchaser(s) will need to arrange collection of the pew(s) from the church.

If any potential buyer would like to view the pews this can be done at the church at the end of any Sunday service and of course during the Antiques and Craft Fair. The Rector is also happy to answer any questions potential purchasers might have. He can be contacted on 01622 747570.

St Mary's, Hunton, PCC

ANTIQUES & CRAFT FAIR



St Mary's Church, Hunton

Saturday 13th September from 10am – 4pm

Including valuer to assess your items brought along from home

£5 per item or £10 for 3

Call Louise on 01622 820225 to book a slot

Hunton's Big Coffee Morning

26th September 2014

8.45am to 11.45am

Hunton Village Club

Lovely homemade cakes & pastries

Gluten free options available

Call Annette on 820448
for more information

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At St Mary's Church in September

Flowers – September

7 th	Alison Ellman-Brown	14 th	Alison Ellman-Brown
21 st	Sandra Bullivant	28 th	Sandra Bullivant

Services

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12
11.00am Family Service – Miss Chris Bostock
Readings: Preacher's choice

Sunday 14th September – Trinity 13
09.30am Holy Communion 1662 – Rev. Peter Callway
Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 and Matthew 18.21-35

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14
11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev. David Jones
Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11 and Matthew 20.1-16

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15
11.00am Holy Communion – Rev. David Jones
Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 and Matthew 21.23-32

Chat-A-While Coffee Mornings

Yalding Baptist Church
Vicarage Road

10.30am to 12pm

Thursday Sept 4th & 18th

All Welcome

A New Local Community Website

Streetlife.com, the local social network, has a simple aim: to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.

Streetlife.com has just launched in Hunton, and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community.

Get involved!

Sign up at www.streetlife.com with your postcode and email address

You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live

You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond

You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates

Sign up and join the local conversation.

East Farleigh Farmers' Market

The August Farmers' Market was held on a beautiful summer's day and had a steady flow of visitors. Kingcott cheese from Staplehurst proved an attraction, with many customers tasting and buying their delicious blue cheeses. Whole and half cheeses can be purchased directly from the farm, however they also have local stockists for smaller quantities. Land of Tea is now stocking a range of flavoured coffees imported from Poland for you to enjoy. The Kenward Trust reported excellent sales of plants and woodcraft, which is a great boost to their important charitable work in Yalding.

At the September Farmers' Market on Sunday 7th many of our stallholders, including The French Delicatessen should have returned from holiday. There will still be plenty of local fruit on sale as well as all the usual fine produce. It is surprising how many local people have never visited our market, so perhaps those of you who attend regularly could try and encourage someone else to come along this month? Even late risers can arrive at 11.30am and still find a wide range of treats on sale!!

Sue

Village Hall Gigs – Emily Maguire, Saturday October 11th

There is no music at the Hall in September, not least because each weekend it is already booked up externally, but there is an Applause-sponsored event on Saturday October 11th. The artist is **Emily Maguire**, a singer-songwriter who has four albums out already (the latest being fan-funded), has received much radio exposure and had her own book published in 2010. She's just finished a six-week tour in Germany, and cites Bach, Bob Marley and Buddha as her influences – should be intriguing! Website: www.emilymaguire.com. Tickets £10 (£5 under 18s) from Mike 820429 or Steve 820403.

There are no further Hall gigs planned for 2014, as there is now a monthly (free) Saturday gig at the Club to keep you entertained, but we have already got **4Square** and **Sarah McQuaid** signed up for the Spring next year – both of whom asked to come back to our "lovely audience/venue", so well done y'all! Some news on other artists from the past year – **Jo Harman** has now released a 'Live at the Royal Albert Hall' CD/vinyl to much critical acclaim/publicity and recently opened the Uckfield Roots festival, **Hannah Scott** has a lovely new EP out and is playing Kemsing St.Edith Hall on Friday 12th Sept (as support for Chris Wood), and **The Runaways** are performing at Marden Club on Saturday 6th Sept; yet another outing for your blue suede shoes there.

Mike S

September	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC; 11.00 FS	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 FS	08.00 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 1662	11.00 MP Mod	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC

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