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Hunton Village Fete – Saturday June 18th

Our village fete takes place on June 18th this year. Activities will kick off at 2pm after the opening peal of bells from St Mary's at 2pm. There will be plenty of fun for everyone at this traditional country fete. Entertainment comes via Applause Rural Touring with "Octopot", a funny and charming new walkabout performance led by a quirky chef and his red and white checked serving trolley, which contains a surprise character - great fun! There will be our dog show, large bouncy castle, tiny tots ball pit, family games, pony rides, homemade cakes, teas, jazz band, beer tent, barbeque and much much more. Don't miss it. To find out more contact Annette on 01622 820448.

We need donations of homemade cakes for our fundraising stall and cricket club teas so please bring plenty along. We also need donations of wine for our bottle tombola – please contact Lisa on 01622 820508.

Longstanding Councillors Step Down

It felt somewhat like the end of an era when two of our most dedicated parish councillors, Roger Sawtell and Ron Porter, decided not to stand for re-election in May. Roger had been a councillor for almost 30 years and Chairman for over 19 of those. His valuable contribution to proceedings, his network of contacts and his considerable experience, particularly in planning matters, have been of huge benefit to the village over the years. Ron became a councillor in 2008 but had previously been Clerk for 15 years. He has worked tirelessly on our behalf including, amongst many other things, raising money for the original village hall extension and liaising closely with KCC Highways to improve our roads and put a speed limit in place. Both Roger and Ron were instrumental in bringing mains drainage to the village. The amount of time and commitment required of a parish councillor should not be underestimated and we owe Roger and Ron a huge debt of gratitude for all they have done for our community, and continue to do in numerous other roles. Our new parish council is made up of the following six members:

Jonny Goddard

Jonny is the newest member of our parish council, having been elected in May of this year. He has lived in Hunton for over 10 years and his wife's family has been here since 1930. He is keen to do all he can to promote Hunton's interests with the borough council and to safeguard its future as a lively, rural village surrounded by green fields and not by housing developments creeping ever nearer from Maidstone.

David Heaton (Vice-Chairman)

Originally from Ightham, David has lived in Hunton since 1996 becoming a councillor in 2008. He was part of the team who formed the Parish Plan, is Treasurer of the Friends of St Mary's, and is involved in the Community Orchard and organising the village fete. He is also actively involved in the recreation ground committee as a trustee. Since leaving university David has worked in agriculture/horticulture in Kent and now has a smallholding with his wife, Sue, in Water Lane. He is interested in keeping Hunton a rural community but also in making sure that rural businesses can thrive as well.

Tony Stanbridge

Tony has been a parish councillor for over four years. He moved to the area in 2007 and lives with his wife and two sons on East Street. Tony has worked within the utilities industry for over 15 years, particularly in the water sector. He therefore has particular interest in supporting the community through ensuring that the service provisions from various utility companies meet their statutory requirements. He is keen to assist where possible when utility services are considered unsatisfactory.

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Your Local Contacts:

School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360
Under 5's Pre-School:	820309
Pre-School Supervisor:	07972067110
Pond and Tree Warden: Mike Summersgill	820429
Rector: Revd. Peter Callway	747570*
Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones	741474*
Associate Rector: Revd Eileen Doyle	204241**
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288
Village Club: Philip Nichols	820804

Village Hall Booking:	www.huntonvillagehall.co.uk
Maidstone Police	690690 or 101
Neighbourhood Watch: huntonwatch@gmail.com	820403, 820429, 820731
'Potholes' Hotline (KCC)	03000 418181
Community Warden: Adam McKinley	07811 271021
PCSO - Matthew Judges	101 (or via Huntonwatch)
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 or Tuesdays

Contact details for other village clubs and organisations are available at www.hunton.org.uk/contacts

Diary Dates

Sunday 5 th June	Farmers' Market East Farleigh 10am-1pm
Tuesday 7 th June	WI Bob Ogley Talk Village Club 7.30pm
Saturday 11 th June	Litter Pick Village Hall 10am
Sunday 12 th June	Queen's Birthday Tea Party Village Club 3-5pm
Saturday 18 th June	Hunton Village Fete Playing Fields 2-5pm
	Karaoke Village Club 6-11pm

Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events.

If you would like to add an event, email huntondiary@btinternet.com.

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Council Chairman – Gary Thomas	820691
Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin	681238
Cllr Jonny Goddard	820096
Cllr David Heaton	820678
Cllr Tony Stanbridge	820761
Cllr Annette Trought	820448
Cllr Steve Wyles	820403



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Dear Friends

One of the things that we all have in common is that there are special landmarks in each of our lives. From a tiny baby we have those landmarks of our first tooth, our first words and our first steps. As we grow we have our first day at school, our first date and our first job and the list goes on. Each of us has our own way of celebrating our special landmarks. There are those of us who just love to party and enjoy celebrating on a big scale, others might prefer a quiet meal with friends and family. However we choose to celebrate, these occasions are special.

This month the nation is celebrating a particular landmark in the life of our Queen. In June we celebrate her 90th birthday. (*Well actually she was 90 years old on 21st April*). I am guessing that many of you will have memories of attending street parties connected to special landmarks in the life of our Queen's reign. Whether we are royalists or not, one cannot help but admire both her commitment to serve as monarch and the dignity in which she has carried out her duties.

The Bible Society has published a booklet to mark this special occasion entitled *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* (copyright 2016, Bible Society, HOPE LICC). The booklet reminds us of her Christmas message in 2002 when she said, *"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad"*. She also spoke of putting her trust in God and drawing strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel. The king who she serves is described in Isaiah 53 as the suffering servant and in many other places in the bible Jesus is described as one who came to serve. It is a real joy to be able to serve both God and one another.

Whatever the rest of this year brings, good times or bad, we do have a servant king in Jesus, who longs to walk through these times with us. That to me is something really worth celebrating. May the message of hope found in the Christian gospel be with you all.

Rev. Eileen Doyle

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Gary Thomas (Chairman)

Gary has a wealth of experience in local government, having previously been Chairman of Boxley Parish Council and a Maidstone Borough Councillor, where he sat on the planning committee and had particular involvement in housing and transport. He moved to Hunton with his family in 1996 and has served on the parish council since 2002, becoming Chairman in May 2015. He has a longstanding involvement with CPRE (the Campaign to Protect Rural England) and is currently the Chair of the Maidstone Branch.

Annette Trought

Annette was already heavily involved with numerous village events and organisations prior to becoming a parish councillor at the beginning of 2015. She is Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, the Fete and Village Events Committee and the Village Hall Committee. She is also the lead for the Neighbourhood Plan, the Community Orchard Working Group and the pop-up shop. You may have seen her out and about with the litter pick or Speedwatch teams, or serving behind the bar at the village club, where she is a committee member.

Steve Wyles

Steve has been a member of the parish council for three and a half years. With his wife, Sue, he coordinates the Huntonwatch team and has recently taken on the organisation of the Speedwatch team. As a member of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, he was deeply involved in collecting and analysing the data to support the creation of our Neighbourhood Plan. He also helps to organise the summer fete and pop-up shops, is a member of the Community Orchard Working Group, the Gardening Club and you might have spotted him recently amongst the cast of Aladdin or singing with the Huntones at the Harvest Supper.

Each member has been allocated the following areas of responsibility:

- Footpaths and ditches – Cllr Heaton (or Cllr Goddard)
- Road conditions and speed limits – Cllr Goddard (or Cllr Heaton)
- Planning issues and consultations – Cllr Thomas
- Liaison with KALC, MBC and other external bodies – Cllr Thomas
- Policing, Huntonwatch and the school – Cllr Wyles (or Cllr Trought)
- Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan, events and communications – Cllr Trought (or Cllr Wyles)
- Utilities (broadband, water, electricity) – Cllr Stanbridge

If you need to contact the parish council please contact the relevant councillor directly. For any areas not listed please feel free to contact any councillor and the matter will be passed to one individual who will be your main point of contact.

Litter Pick

There will be a litter pick on Saturday 11th June to ensure the village looks clean and tidy ready for the fete the following weekend. We will meet at the village hall at 10am as usual to collect the "gear". If you would like to join our team of volunteers to help out with this or any future clean ups, please ring Di Martin on 01622 820115.

Village Walk and Lunch – Saturday 23rd July

Over 50 people and an assortment of dogs took part in the Village Walk and Lunch held on St George's Day in April. This was a lovely social event, enjoyed by all ages, and it was particularly pleasing to be joined by some new faces. As it was such a success, three more similar events are planned for this year on Saturday 23rd July, 17th September and 12th November. Meet at the village club just before 11am. Come alone or bring your friends and family to join a local walk of between 1 and 1.5 hours followed by lunch in the club from 12 noon for a donation of £5. Join the walk or just come for lunch, or enjoy both. Please book so we know to expect you on the walk and to prepare enough food. For more information or to book your place contact Lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or phone 01622 820210.

Wining & Dining at The Club

The village club wine tasting evening on Saturday 14th May was an event not to have been missed. The evening was professionally hosted by Hunton's very own Graham Ashlin of Sensible Wine Services, a local company who run wine promotion and tasting events from their base in Marden. He was assisted by his wife, Nicki, and mum-in-law, Barbara. The evening began with a glass of English sparkling wine followed by a delicious selection of foods including pates, quiches, cheeses and savouries provided by Lesley and Roger Lee and numerous other volunteers. The business of blind wine tasting was soon underway with Graham testing the senses with four white wines, five reds and an after dinner "sticky". To add even more interest participants were issued with a multiple choice score sheet onto which they could record their "guesses" of each wine type, country of origin and retail price range. Following the tastings, Graham revealed the identities of the wines, gave a short description of each and then awarded prizes to those who had scored the most points. More super prizes were given out to the lucky raffle winners. The event raised much needed funds for the club, which is now raising money to replace the flat roofs, re-tile the gabled roof and to install a working kitchen. Very many thanks to Graham, Lesley, Roger and everyone else who gave of their time, provided the supper and of course to those that supported this most enjoyable event.

Enjoy a Cream Tea at the Pop-Up Shop

The next pop-up shop is on Sunday 10th July from 3-5pm at Bishops Cottage, Bishops Lane with all the regular produce, plus plant and craft stalls. Everyone welcome. While you are there why not enjoy a cream tea and/or a selection of homemade cakes (including gluten free) in the garden? This is a ticketed event at £5 per head raising funds for our community orchard. We will have a marquee should the weather be wet but please bring your own picnic chairs. Numbers are limited so please book in advance by calling Sue and Steve on 820403 and pay on the door. Parking will be at the Bishops Lane/Water Lane junction where Iain and Wendy Simmons have kindly offered the use of their field.

Flan Flinging Fun

Don't miss one of our more unusual local events! The World Custard Pie Championship 2016 will take place at Coxheath Village Hall in Stockett Lane on Saturday 4th June from 12 noon. Held in the village since 1967, the championships have gone from strength to strength, attracting teams from across the globe – last year's winners came all the way from Japan! Free entry.

Stamps for Hearing Dogs

Following the visit to the WI meeting in April by Paul Ledger, accompanied by his much loved assistance dog, Yorick, there is now a container in the village club where you can deposit your used stamps to help raise funds for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. They need to be still attached to the envelope with a border around so they are not damaged. Please start collecting your used stamps when opening your post to provide more dogs like Yorick.

Karaoke at the Club

After an afternoon of excitement at the fete, why not continue the festivities by unleashing your inner rock god or enjoying a drink and a croon at the club? Mark will be presenting his new, improved karaoke system for your enjoyment and entertainment, kicking off at 6pm, early enough for the children to come along for some family fun. All welcome.

Art Demonstrations and Displays

From 4th - 29th June 2016 RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY in Yalding will be featuring mother and daughter artists in residence June and Melanie Rae Chapman alongside Glass Gems Rebecca Laister for the South East Open Studios. June and Mel will be demonstrating on most days. They will be open every Monday and Thursday 2-5pm and most weekends in June, so check times on either SEOS or on their website - www.RIVERSIDEpopupGALLERY.weebly.com. The gallery is situated behind the post office, next to the bridge.

East Farleigh Farmers' Market

Please come along and support our June Farmers' Market on Sunday 5th from 10am-1pm. Remember to bring along items for sharpening – even lawnmower blades! Ensure you secure a fresh loaf before they fly off the table, and try a new blend of coffee, perhaps a lobster or a pack of biltong, some delicious local asparagus, apple juice or eggs, a scented bar of pure soap for the bathroom or a piece of beautiful silver jewellery from White Peake. Check out our Facebook page for lots more information. Our market is truly a cornucopia of delights!

Road Closures

West Street will be closed at Durrants Farmhouse between May 30th and June 3rd in order to lay new water mains. There will be no access to through traffic. The work is being carried out during half term in an attempt to minimise disruption.

East Street will be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm from 7th June for up to four days to carry out "adjustment of ironwork" (or liberating the manholes and drains that were tarmacked over when the road was resurfaced last year!).



16th Annual BBQ

28th August 2015 from 12 noon

at Thatchers, Benover Road, Yalding, ME18 6AS

Live Music from Childe Rolande, Relative Minors & Village Voices

Gambian craft stall and Fun for all the family

Advance Tickets £7 or £25 for a family (2 adults & 2+ children)

On the Door £8 or £30 for a family

On sale from 01622 814267 or gamblegambia@gmail.com

www.gam-ble.co.uk. Free taxi service, please book in advance

At St Mary's Church in June

Flowers				Services	
5 th	Wedding - Sue Pinks	12 th	Sue Pinks	Sunday 5th June – Trinity 2	
19 th	Sue Scott	26 th	Sue Scott	11.00am Family Service – Rev Peter Callway	
				Sunday 12th June – Trinity 3 – Queen's Birthday	
				9.30am Special Service – Rev David Jones	
				Sunday 19th June – Trinity 4	
				11.00am Morning Prayer – Rev Peter Callway	
				Sunday 26th June – Trinity 5	
				11.00am Holy Communion – Rev David Jones	

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours
Wed-Fri 8-11pm
Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

WI Debates Food and Dementia Issues

The May WI meeting was our AGM. The Federation of the WI had two proposals that they wished each WI to debate so that if the resolution was passed by sufficient WI groups, they could lobby the Government. The first concerned providing facilities to enable carers to stay with patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia when they have been admitted into hospital. The second was to enforce supermarkets to positively deal with their waste food, especially to help people in food poverty.

Although initially both resolutions appeared to be clear-cut in favour, after a lively discussion, neither resolution was passed. The dementia debate, informed by several accounts of personal experience, thought that more nursing care in hospital was the way forward rather than putting yet more pressure on carers. It was felt that the food waste resolution was too wide-ranging and supermarkets were already beginning to address the issue. It was thought that tackling food waste in the home would be more effective. The debate continued as coffee and cake was served.

This month's meeting is a talk by Bob Ogley on Spitfires and Doodlebugs, open to non-members, including men, for a donation of around £3. It will be held at the village club on Tuesday 7th June, doors opening at 7.15 pm; the bar is available for drinks, as well as coffee and cake included in the donation. We do hope that you will be able to join us for what should be a very interesting talk.

Garden Party

Mothers' Union invites you to a Right Royal Garden Party at Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath on 26th June 3-5pm. We are celebrating 140 years of Mothers' Union and the Queen's 90th birthday (she is our Patron). RSVP to Eileen 01622 204241.

Linton Strawberry Cream Teas

The famous Linton Strawberry Cream Teas take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. As well as the delicious food, all homemade, there will be jams and marmalades for sale and a wonderful plant stall. On display will be a collection of photographs of bygone Linton and nearby area - we are hoping to offer reproductions of some for sale. There will also be a sale of second-hand books in the village hall. More details at <http://lintonkent.org>

Do you have any old Linton or Coxheath photos? If so, and you are willing to lend them to us or have them scanned into a computer, please contact David Sendles on 01622 745612 or email photos@jerrywhitmarsh.com

A Date for your Diary – Autumn Supper Dance 12th

November

The Friends of St Mary's Church are very pleased to confirm that we will be holding our Autumn Supper Dance in the village hall on Saturday 12th November. Please make a note in your diaries as demand for tickets is expected to be high. Many of you will remember how successful our first supper dance was and why, sadly, we had to postpone last year's planned event due to Brian Mortimer's serious illness. Happily Brian has completely overcome that major setback and is looking forward to performing again for us with his band 2bc. Details of the event will follow but we just wanted to give you advance warning to avoid disappointment.

Musicals on the Green

Love musicals, singing or just listening? Then please listen! We are looking for people to take part or get ready to come along on Sunday 21st August 5-7pm. Great entertainment, picnic, BBQ, drinks and raising money for the village. If you would like to be involved please contact Sharon Winter on 07794 457426 or sharonwinter1975@live.com. More details to follow in the next Herald.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party

Hunton Village Club
Sunday 12th June, 3 - 5pm

You are invited to enjoy an afternoon of
Festive Fun & Celebration
(Outside seating available, weather permitting)
The bar will be open
Please bring a contribution of cakes, sandwiches,
biscuits, scones or snacks.
A collection will be made for
"The Friends of St Mary's"
during the event

June	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Coxheath	11.00 HC	11.00 Special	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 MP	08.00 HC; 11.00 Special	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 HC	09.30 Special	08.00 HC	09.30 HC
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC 1662	11.00 Special	09.30 MP Trad	09.30 HC Mod
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service				

All items for the next edition of the Herald to the Editor by 15th June, please