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Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Day Service begins at 10.50am, on Sunday 11th November at St Mary's Church; please arrive in good time to be seated. Within the service there will be a fascinating presentation to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War; for this, my immense thanks go to James Forster and David Heaton. We are hoping to make this a fitting community tribute to the Fallen, as well as those who served and returned.

As a result of a generous grant from the Hunton Herald, it has been possible to produce a small booklet, so that our village history is not forgotten. There are stories of great bravery, stories that combine tragedy and comedy, of survival against the odds and tragic deaths away from the front line.

St Mary's Church will be open throughout Armistice Day for 'drop in' visits. Additional openings can also be arranged upon request.

Hunton School will be actively involved in the project. Additionally, we will be joined by The Huntones. The church will be decorated with flowers and special memorials reflecting a fitting atmosphere.

So, in anticipation of your support, interest and attendance, thank you. Let us remember together.

Wendy Simmons 01622 820875

PLEASE Can You Help? Give a Gambian Child a Toy

SchoolGambia is appealing for toys and games for our pupils in Yalding Basic Cycle School, Farato – a village in The Gambia. None of these children have toys of their own at home, but when they come to school aged 3-4 years old they learn to make friends, speak English, understand Maths, discover how things work and recognise shapes and colours through play and toys. We have a very rigorous system for ensuring that toys are cared for and used appropriately but every so often our dolls, cars, jigsaws, puzzles and educational games need replacing.

If you have any spare items, please let us know: 01622 814267 or Email: schoolgambiauk@gmail.com You could be giving a Gambian child the same joy and fun in learning as you had with the numerous toys that most families in the UK have in their homes.

Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who attended, and provided help for, the Harvest Supper, in early October. The evening had an amazing atmosphere, with chat and laughter filling the Village Hall. An excellent attendance by 74 people included many families from the school, as well as old and new village friends. The very positive comments, clean plates and £210 profit, made all of that intense potato peeling and mashing worth it! It would seem that the menu of sausage, mash, onion gravy and peas, followed by yummy crumbles, was a hit! How wonderful to have so many volunteers to cook, serve and take the washing up away! Thank you also to the Friends of St Mary's who organised the bar.

Wendy Simmons

Your Local Contacts:

School: Secretary/Head Teacher	820360	Village Hall Booking:	www.huntonvillagehall.co.uk
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: Revd. Peter Callway	747570*	Community Warden: Adam McKinley	07811 271021
Hon Associate Rector: Revd. David Jones	741474*	PCSO - Jasmine Pay	101
Associate Rector: Revd Eileen Doyle	204241**	Helen Grant MP helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk	0207 219 7107
Churchwarden: Alison Ellman-Brown	820288	Hunton Bell Ringers, Michael Webb	745716
Village Club: Gil Robertson	820059	*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

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Council Chairman – David Heaton	820678	Clerk to the Parish Council – Sharon Goodwin	681238
Cllr Jonny Goddard	820096	Cllr Roger Lee	820210
Cllr Annette Trought	820448	Cllr Tony Stanbridge	820721
Cllr Helen Ward	820810	Cllr Gary Thomas	820691

Diary Dates

Thurs 1 st Nov	Village Lunch Village Club 12.30pm	Sat 3 rd Nov	Church & Churchyard Working Party 9am-12pm
Thurs 8 th Nov	Village Lunch Village Club 12.30pm	Sun 11 th Nov	Remembrance Service St Mary's Church 10.50am
Thurs 15 th Nov	Village Lunch Village Club 12.30pm	Thurs 22 nd Nov	Village Lunch Village Club 12.30pm
Sat 24 th Nov	Village Walk & Lunch Village Club 11am	Thurs 29 th Nov	Village Lunch Village Club 12.30pm
Sat 1 st Dec	Quiz Night Village Club 8.15pm	Sat 8 th Dec	Christmas Fair Church and Village Hall 3.30-6.30pm
Sat 15 th Dec	'Mr & Mrs' Village Club 8pm		

Check out www.hunton.org.uk/diary for the latest events. If you would like to add an event, email diary@hunton.org.uk



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Pastoral Letter

As November arrives the temperature changes noticeably, the countryside and our gardens begin to look bare as the trees lose their leaves and the flowering plants die down for their winter sleep and we enter into a more sombre, reflective state of mind. Each year this is punctuated by Remembrance Sunday, always the second Sunday in November; and Armistice Day, always the 11th November. Both these days give us the opportunity to remember those who have died in service to our country in wars and conflicts since the signing of the treaty to mark the end of the First World War at 11am on the 11th November 1918.

This year marks one hundred years since the signing of that treaty and many poignant celebrations and commemorations have been planned to help us remember those who died during that conflict. The poppy as ever features heavily but there are many other installations this year to help us focus on the First World War, the 'there but not there' silhouettes, the Tommy's outlines and many other more localised projects. It seems especially important as, 100 years on, there are few living who experienced the effects that this conflict had on the population.

We often complain that things change so quickly in today's society and yearn for aspects of life gone by. Whilst living in the past too much is not healthy learning lessons from the past is. We can use our collective memory of times gone by to help shape ourselves and the society around us, bringing on the aspects of our past that were good and the attitudes that we want our children to learn from us and learning from the mistakes we have made and the things we have got wrong so as we don't make the same mistakes again.

We can look back in many ways to learn what life was like during the First World War, not only for those in the trenches, far from home, but also for those who were left behind, waiting for news from the front lines. We have access to historical documents, there are filmmakers putting images taken at the time into cohesive films, there are museums and places where you can experience life in the battlefields. Trips can be arranged, and battlefields visited, all ways to try and teach us the lessons that can be learnt from such a tumultuous time in our history.

The greatest teacher of all was Jesus; even those who do not acknowledge him as the son of God say that his teachings were morally sound and of great benefit. He lived and died in service of others, always showing love for those around him, even if he didn't like their actions. In a time when we are reflecting and learning lessons from the past should we not look back and use Jesus as our role model?

With best wishes, *Becky Parnham*

Hunton Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December 3.30pm – 6.30pm

This popular family event will again be held in the church, churchyard and village hall and promises to be just as good, if not better than last year. We already have several bookings to see Santa in his grotto and a variety of stalls and activities are now confirmed.

For the younger visitors there will be face painting, biscuit decorating and crafts – including build your own snowman; a lucky dip and the chance to win a rather special teddy by correctly guessing its name. A large model railway layout promises to entertain and we hope that Thomas the Tank Engine will make an appearance.

Hunton Primary School pupils will again be making decorations for the church windowsills, the theme this year being 'angels' and young and old alike will be invited to take part in a 5pm lantern parade ending in a flurry of snow at the church lychgate.

Mulled wine with mince pies, teas and coffees will be available in the hall and in the church, with a barbeque in the churchyard as usual.

If you are looking for Christmas gifts there will be jewellery; ceramics; personalised LED box frames, lanterns and wine glasses; tree decorations and Christmas cards; a wide range of novel gift items together with Hunton produce including honey, potted bulbs and pork products. Jigsaws will be sold in aid of the Kent Air Ambulance and a mixed tombola will be run for the charity Bloodwise. The ever-popular bottle tombola will offer the chance to win some festive cheer. We are hoping that Usborne Books, Russian Dolls, handmade Belgian chocolates and beautiful original pen and ink pictures will be on sale too.

Entrance is £1 per adult (under 16s free). Santa tickets are available at £5 per child. All profits will be divided between St Mary's Church and the Friends of St Mary's together with other village organisations. Donations for the bottle tombola would be gratefully received and collected over the weekend of 24th/25th November.

To book a Santa visit, reserve a stall or offer your help on the day please call Steve and Sue on 01622 820403.

Village Walk and Lunch

The final Village Walk and Lunch for 2018 will be on Saturday 24th November. These are usually very sociable events so do come along to meet new people or catch up with villagers you have not seen for ages. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends. Those who would like to walk should aim to be at Hunton Village Club by 10.50 so the walk can start promptly at 11am for about an hour and a half. Anyone in your party who does not wish to walk is welcome to relax in the club or help the team preparing lunch. Those who simply wish to enjoy lunch will find it available from about 12.30pm for a donation of £6 a head. Please let Lesley know if you aim to join either the walk or the lunch or both and please tell her if anyone in your party has any food allergies. Email: lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or phone 01622 820210.

Track Dogs – A Little Christmas Tour

If you enjoyed Track Dogs' gig at the playing field and village hall in the summer, you may be interested to know that they will be in Kent again for "A Little Christmas Tour." You can catch them on the following dates:

Wednesday 5th December from 8.30pm at The Man of Kent Ale House, Rochester.

Friday 7th December from 7.30pm at Bloomsbury's, Biddenden – Tickets £10 per person available from 01580 292992.

Saturday 8th December from 7.30pm on the Edith May Barge at Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne – Tickets £15 from 07875 503926.

Sunday 9th December from 2pm at The Good Intent pub, Rochester.

"Mr & Mrs" at the Village Club - Saturday 15th December

How well do you know your other half? On Saturday 15th December, Hunton Village Club will be hosting a "Mr & Mrs" evening based on the old TV show. We're looking for couples (married or otherwise) that fancy having a bit of fun and don't mind being asked a few (not too embarrassing) fun questions. Please call Neil on 07941 880845 or email Tanya at seivadaynat@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to be a contestant.

There will also be a fun charity quiz for everyone, in aid of the animal welfare charity SPANA, working to improve the welfare of working animals in the world's poorest communities.

The Apple Workshop

On Tuesday 2nd October, Hunton CEP School had a convention about apples. We started off by learning about what an apple tree needs, we stated things such as: sunshine, shade, water, vitamins and minerals.

Next, we started to learn about 'grafting', where you have to take the strong roots of one tree and add the sturdy top of another. After that, we played a game where you have certain names of apples or fake names for apples and work out, as a group, if they were real or fake. Later on, we found that they are all real names of apples!

We then learnt about Laddington Farm, where the presenter of the workshop, Sam, was from. Sam also taught us that apples have sugar that lasts for longer and it's better sugar for you. After that, we learnt that fruit can help your mental health and your physical health because you feel much better inside yourself because you are not as tired.

George Russell – Year 5

Gardening Club October Meeting

Over twenty-five members of the Gardening Club met in October at the Village Club for a buffet supper and to hear Malcolm Withnall talk about gardening for senior citizens. Malcolm used to lecture at Hadlow College and ran a fruit farm near Boughton Monchelsea. He suggested various tips including:

- Limbering up with lighter gardening tasks before tackling a heavier one,
- Simplifying the garden's design and eliminating or reducing grass areas,
- Using raised beds, particularly for vegetables, which would require minimal digging and easy access,
- Re-using gro-bags several times,
- Keeping plant seeds in a refrigerator,
- Creating island beds for flowers and shrubs.

Members had a good opportunity to socialise and the proceeds from their supper went towards the Club's kitchen facility.

Quiz Night at Hunton Club – Saturday 1st December

Phil is busy putting together another brain teasing evening for your enjoyment. Entrance is free, 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 it's always a fun evening, so come early to secure your spot. The quiz will start promptly at 8.15pm. Club opens at 8pm. All welcome!

Beer Festival Thanks

After a gorgeous, hot summer, it was inevitable that the skies would open. Unfortunately, it happened to coincide with the Hunton Beer & Gin Festival. However, thanks to lots of people from around the village rallying round (Clare & Iain Farrow, Sharon Winter, Hasseena Winter, Roger & Lesley Lee, Ian Pinks, Graeme Ashlin, Phil Nichols and lots more) the show went on! Gazebos and party tents kept (most) of the rain off and gave us the space we needed to ensure the dancing could take place, despite the downpours. The fab ladies from the WI kept the sugar levels up with tasty treats. Mini panthers, tigers, fairies and all sorts were happily bombing around the place, thanks to Sharon and her face painting skills. And the gin went down a storm - thanks Hasseena and family! The bar staff worked their socks off all afternoon and we managed to get through lots of locally sourced ale, with everyone debating the favourite. Thanks to everyone who came, drank, jigged, had their face painted, ate a burger and generally had a great time!

Liz Ridgeway

A Load of Rubbish

The last litter pick for 2018 was carried out on 29th September. The weather was fine and ten volunteers gave up their time to help with this task. There was a considerable amount of rubbish (50 sacks), which had accumulated over the last five months. We only carried out two litter picks this year as there were several disruptions including Hunton Hill and local roads closing for repairs during the summer. Whilst the hill was closed James and Andrea Forster took the opportunity to walk the length of the hill and collected five sacks of rubbish; a big thank you to them. Also a big thank you to David Heaton who helped James collect all the black sacks of rubbish which had recently been dumped at the top of Hunton Hill and which then had to be put in the special bags we use for the litter pick. They then transported some 20 sacks, a mattress, settee cushions, a road cone and various other bits and pieces to the village hall for collection by Maidstone Borough Council. Thank you also to Sue Martin who endeavours to keep the top of Hunton Hill into Amsbury Road clear of rubbish.

Fly tipping is becoming a huge problem and many of you may have noticed the builders waste etc. tipped in Foremans Barn Lane. Members of the Parish Council liaised with Maidstone Borough Council and the council recently closed the road and cleared the debris. There is still an amount of tipped items in the woods at the top of Hunton Hill, which I have notified to the council and, hopefully, someone from the Waste Crime Team will contact me soon about disposal of this. It is a difficult situation as the woods are privately owned and the owner is therefore responsible for anything tipped on their land. It is such a huge ongoing problem and very difficult to eradicate. Again thank you to all the volunteers who strive to keep the village tidy. See you all in 2019.

Di Martin



At St Mary's Church in November

Flowers

Wendy Simmons

Hunton Village Club Opening Hours

Wed-Fri 8-11pm

Sun 12-2.30pm & 8-10.30pm

Services

Sunday 4th November

9.30am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Callway

Sunday 11th November

10.50am Remembrance Service – Rev Eileen Doyle

Sunday 18th November

9.30am Family Service – Rev David Jones

Hunton Bowls Club End of Season Report

It's another end to the bowls season and one we will all certainly remember. We were met by the Beast from the East on our return from Cyprus in February only to be followed by the hottest summer on record.

We started our season in April with a bowling tour to Camelford in Cornwall returning to a full fixture list with over a hundred games to be played. M&D and Weald Leagues, friendly matches and our own competitions, all of which our dedicated members managed to fulfil, winning some and losing some along the way. Our ladies have had another successful and enjoyable tournament season winning away at Peasmarch and Tenterden, second at Lenham and coming third in the American Pairs in Hastings. Well done ladies!

Once again our Open Day Triples Tournament was well attended with players travelling from all areas of Kent and Sussex and Banbury in Oxfordshire. Another successful and enjoyable day was had by all.

Despite the prolonged hot and dry weather our groundsman and his team carried out an excellent job looking after the green, which was the envy of all our visiting clubs. The bowling season may be over but work on the green continues throughout the winter months.

Plans and fund raising continues for the replacement of our buildings although a decision has been made to replace the changing rooms only which will be a more achievable goal but our main priority during the winter is for money to be spent on the mower. Fund raising events included our Coffee Morning, Quiz Nights, BBQs and a Race Night.

On behalf of the club we would like to thank Helen Ward for keeping us well informed of road closures and diversions during the Hunton Hill works. This enabled us to pass on the information to our visiting clubs which was much appreciated. Finally, thank you to all our members for another enjoyable season.

If you would like to take up outdoor bowls next season please call Angela Baptie our Membership Secretary on 01622 820625 or email angela.baptie@btinternet.com or look us up on our Facebook page under Hunton Bowls Club and request to join.

John Apsey, Chairman



Volunteers Wanted for Final Church Working Party for 2018

Please spare an hour or more on Saturday 3rd November between 9am and 12 noon to join other volunteers on a variety of jobs either inside St Mary's Church or in the churchyard. If you think you will be able to join the team please let Lesley know so she can take along enough supplies for the coffee break. Email: lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or ring 01622 820210.

Yalding Art Exhibition and Sale

The sixth Yalding Art Exhibition will be held in the historic setting of Yalding Church from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th November, with all profits going to the educational charity, SchoolGambia. The exhibition will feature paintings, prints, sculpture, glass, ceramics, textiles and jewellery of a very high standard by a large number of local artists.

Friday 18th November 'Meet the Artists' 7pm to 9.30pm – entry £5 (includes a glass of wine and canapés)

Saturday 17th November 10am to 5pm Free Entry

Sunday 18th November 11am to 3pm Free Entry

Thursday Village Lunches

During November lunch will be available in the Village Club every Thursday. You have a choice of two homemade soups, bread and cheese, chutney etc. followed by tea or coffee with cake or biscuits – all for a donation of only £6. Not only are these very sociable events but they raise funds to support the Club and St Mary's Church. The Club opens at noon and soup is served on a 'first come first served' basis from about 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome but please let Lesley know if you or your guests have any special dietary needs as she will do her best to accommodate them. If you hope to attend but know you will be later than 1pm please tell Lesley so she can reserve some food for you. She would also be very happy to hear from anyone willing to make a soup, cake or some biscuits. Email: lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or phone 01622 820210.

November	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Coxheath	11.00 HC; 15.00 Thanksgiving	10.30 Remembrance	11.00 HC	11.00 FS
E. Farleigh	09.30 Matins	08.00 HC; 10.15 Remembrance	09.30 HC	08.00 HC
Linton	09.30 FS	10.00 Remembrance	08.00 HC	09.30 MP
W. Farleigh	08.00 HC	10.45 Remembrance		09.30 HC
HC Holy Communion, MP Morning Prayer, FS Family Service				

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