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THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Made in Charlecote



Gill Belcher, Jill Wilson and Cathie Gilhooly ready for the rush.

A sunny Saturday in early October drew the crowds to Charlecote Village Hall for the "Made in Charlecote" Coffee Morning. The sales tables were packed with home-made goodies, craft items, and the new "Charlecote cards" which proved extremely popular. Outside, there was garden produce on sale, an exhibition of Christopher Johns' sculptures, and a wonderful demonstration of rush and cane chair restoration by Richard Turner, whose workshop is at Thelsford (see ad. Page 6). The fantastic sum of £784 was raised towards Village Hall funds, and the next project is the Charlecote Jubilee wall-hanging, which will be worked in wool on canvas by residents of Charlecote. The illustrations of the proposed designs were on display in the village hall. A big "thank you" goes to all of those who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

Splish - Splosh Brings in The Dosh!

A team of dads from Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery once again took part in the Lions Club Raft Race on Saturday, 16 September, the race having been postponed in June due to the high river levels. The event proved to be a fantastic fundraiser as usual, with the 'Friends of the School' and the Lions' chosen charity 'Different Strokes' each benefiting to the tune of over £800. The race itself was a long (slow!) slog this year, with the dads' raft crossing the finishing line in just under 6 hours. Morale remained high to the end, however, and the children provided their usual enthusiastic support by the Hampton Lucy weir and at the finish line. Thanks go to all those who took part and supported the team, and to the Stratford and the Wellesbourne &



It's amazing what a glass or two of Malibu can do!

District Lions Clubs for organising such a great event. Visit raftrace.org.uk for more info and photos.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning at Vine Cottage

A sincere "thank you" to all who contributed in any way to the occasion and to all those who came along on the day to support this very worthwhile cause. The magnificent sum of £600 was raised on the day - wonderful! Thanks again.

Bob and Sue Bresnen

St Leonard's Day - Charlecote

Join us in Charlecote Village Hall on Sunday, 4 November, at 10.30am for Brunch, celebrating St.Leonard's Day. Bacon, sausages, croissants, toast and all good breakfast things will be on offer. Please e-mail your intention to come to Vanessa@lewis-email.com

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During David's sabbatical we have invited some guest letter-writers to contribute - last month it was Rev'd Heather Turner. This month it is Rev'd Canon Christopher Lamb. Both are based in Wellesbourne and have been involved in leading services in the parishes during the past three months.

Rev'd CD

Who Would Jesus Vote For?

By the time you read this we may know the results of the American Presidential election. As I write, both candidates are hurrying from meeting to meeting and dinner to dinner on the 'rubber chicken circuit'. I find it odd that in the world's greatest democracy only a rich man stands any chance of being elected President. This year, more than ever will be spent on advertising and the promotion of the two men and their parties - over a billion dollars, it seems. Religion will play a much greater part in the thinking of Americans about their vote than it would in Britain. But the religious focus will be almost entirely on issues like abortion, homosexuality and gay marriage, things about which Jesus said little or nothing. I suspect that hardly anyone is quoting Jesus' words about the rich: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."(Mark 10.25).

The first Christians knew the power of the rich in their time. St James urges them not to discriminate against the poor in the seating arrangements in church, and goes on to say "You have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?" (James 2.6). Later he excoriates the rich: "Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you... Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter" (5.1, 4, 5). In the Old Testament the Psalms also talk about the 'prosperity of the wicked' and wonder why people admire them - read Psalm 73. How is it that no-one quotes these words? Would that just be what some call 'the politics of envy', or a glimpse of the real world?

Rev'd Canon Christopher Lamb



News from the Parishes

A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.



The 3P Prayer Group

The 3P Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 8 November and Thursday, 29 November, at 7.30 for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation.

Charlecote Parish Meeting

Charlecote Parish Meeting will take place in Charlecote Village Hall on Tuesday, 13 November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please come along from 7 pm for a pre-meeting glass of wine.

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Commemoration of the Departed

On Sunday, 4 November, there will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones departed at services in Barford and Hampton Lucy. These will be occasions when we can give thanks for them and remember them before God. Names of particular individuals can be read out. Please email Rev'd Cathy Davies: **Revcathydavies@aol.com** or write to the Rectory, Church Lane, Barford, Warwick, CV35 8ES. The services will be held at: St Peter's, Barford, at 3.30pm and St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, at 6.00pm.

A 3Ps Special - Is Religion Irrational?

This is a unique opportunity to meet the author, Professor Keith Ward, and discuss all the questions which are thrown up by this provocative title. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding and thoughtful speaker to lead our debate. Everyone who attended last winter's discussions will know how wide-ranging, fascinating and important the topic is; anyone who didn't has a treat in store. It will be a stimulating evening. Everyone is welcome. The meeting, featuring supper, discussions, questions and answers, is on Wednesday, 28 November, starting at 7.30pm. To help with catering, please reply to sue.lampitt@thelsford.co.uk if you will be there for supper.

From the Registers

Baptism: Loxley 16 September, 2012 Billy George Gard

Wedding: Hampton Lucy 1 September, 2012 Ian Birdsall and Caroline Wildman

Funeral: Hampton Lucy 4 October, 2012 Peter James Carter

Charlecote Park

In November Charlecote Park will be open every day from 10.30am but takes on a different feel as the season rolls on. The stags will be quieter than in the recent past. In the orchard there has been more planting, with tree guards in place to prevent them from the deer. The greatest change will be seen in the house. On Saturdays and Sundays, from midday until 3.30pm, it will be possible to watch conservation staff moving, wrapping and uncovering some of the house contents. Valuable books are now being carefully removed from library shelves, and re-wiring is taking place. With Christmas not far away, the Gift Shop has cards, Christmas gifts and special offers and the Gatehouse Shop stocks local products including honey and Charlecote venison. The cooks will still be busy in the Victorian Kitchen, showing how preparations for Christmas went on in Victorian times. The restaurant will be open daily from 10.30am to 4.00 pm, just the place for warming refreshments after a brisk walk in the park.

Loxley School News

Loxley School began the new school year as a partner in a three-way federation with Wilmcote and Snitterfield. This will provide excellent opportunities for staff development and occasional joint school ventures for pupils. We have retained our Head Teacher who will be working in partnership with the Head Teacher for Snitterfield and Wilmcote. The school was visited by OFSTED inspectors in September and, after careful scrutiny and a demanding two days, they reported that Loxley is a good school with an increasing number of outstanding lessons.

Warwickshire Library Service

The Rural Housebound Library Service, in partnership with Age UK, visits over three hundred Warwickshire residents each month. This is a FREE service in which volunteers visit residents in their homes with a selection of books, including large print and talking books. If you are unable to visit your local library or mobile library due to infirmity or disability you may qualify to receive this service. If you feel that you would benefit from it, please contact Debbie Bennett on (01926) 851031 for further information.

Mary's Mince Pies

Mary Anderson is very sorry but she will not be able to bake her usual 'Mary's Munchies' mince pies in Hampton Lucy this Christmas. She is sorry to disappoint her regular customers!

Help, volunteers needed!

If you can spare some time at lunchtime on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on a regular basis from mid-October to mid-March, then Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery would love to hear from you! As part of the scheme to provide hot food over the winter months, the children can choose a jacket potato for lunch on these days but additional help is needed to serve the meals, ideally between 12.00 noon and 1.15pm. For offers of help, or for more information, please contact Emma Fisher at the school on 01789 840398.

More Coffee for Macmillan

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone from Hampton Lucy and Charlecote who supported our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care and two other charities. The morning was hugely successful, raising £193.00 for Macmillan,£100.00 for St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, and £168.00 to be donated to another local good cause, still to be decided at the time of writing. What a fantastic total from brilliant people! Thank you all! JW-H

Stratford Choral Concert

Stratford Choral's Autumn Concert, featuring Mozart's Requiem and Pergolesi's Magnificat, will be performed on Saturday, 17 November, 7.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon. Tickets are available at £12 from Elizabeth Hunter, 01789 840329, and at the door.

Stayin' Alive!

It started as a fairly normal Hampton Lucy Saturday for me, but that changed with the knock at the door. It was a stranger to say that one of my neighbours had collapsed and needed help. What happened next was something that you usually only see on the TV, but this time it was real. Together with a second cyclist and then the paramedics, I was able to use CPR to try to resuscitate my neighbour, who had suffered a heart attack. Sadly, unlike TV, this story didn't have a happy ending and, despite our efforts, Peter passed away a few hours later. Like all of you, I'm just a normal person who is happy to help out where I can and don't consider that I'm a hero for doing what I did. Some people have said to me "Do you think this is a good time to start the conversation about getting a defibrillator?" I don't know the answer to that, but I do know that having a machine is no substitute for having people around who know what to do. According to the British Heart Foundation each year over 300,000 people have a heart attack away from hospital. In the places where we work, eat and shop there are often people with a basic level of first-aid who can help if we need it. At home, we don't have that support, and instead rely solely on the emergency services. They do a fantastic job, they are the real heroes, but they're not always close by and, at times like this, every second counts. There are many organisations that can provide basic first - aid training.* A good place to start is by getting involved with one of the Heartstart schemes organised by the British Heart Foundation: www.bhf.org.uk Actually, the BHF video 'Stayin' Alive', starring Vinnie Jones, is a fun way to learn the basics of CPR, and is being run on TV at the moment. For those of you who are on-line, check it out on YouTube. Give it a go, learn some first-aid and one day you may be a hero! *Ed's note: Hampton Lucy Parish Council provides free CPR tuition. For details, contact Michael Woodman on 841205.

Our correspondents this month are:

AB - Anne Baker; DB - Debbie Baker; Rev'd CD - Rev'd Cathy Davies; MLC - Margaret Clayton; SF - Shiela Freeman; HH - Helen Hoggarth; EH - Emma Holland; EHu - Elizabeth Hunter; SL - Sue Lampitt; VL - Vanessa Lewis; MO - Marie Osborne; JP - James Paley; AS - Andy Stokes; JW-H - Julie Wright-Howarth; MJW - Margaret Whyman;

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The annual raft race, postponed in June, finally took place on Sunday, 16 September on a fine early autumn day and with a great turnout of rafters and supporters. 57 rafts set out from Wasperton just after 9.00am and 53 completed the course. The fastest raft, 'Destroyer', completed the course in an impressive one hour twenty seven minutes. The final raft arrived at Stratford five hours and nineteen minutes later! There were some amazing designs and beautifully decorated rafts; it was clearly not the result that counted but simply taking part. Early indications of fundraising are very encouraging. The highly successful disco for local youngsters, held on 28 September in Wellesbourne Village Hall, will be repeated on Friday 16 November, 7.30pm to 10.00pm for those aged 11 to 15. The event will be well supervised by adults and, as a special offer, will cost just £1! Finally, I've been asked to remind you that the Lions have a number of wheelchairs and mobility scooters available for loan to anyone in the district who has a need. Call me on 01789 841939 and I will arrange for somebody to call to give you further information.

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Gillian White returned to speak to us at our October meeting, her topic being 'The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear', which proved to be an

interesting and entertaining evening as we learned so much about our faithful, furry friends. Carol Paget organised a lovely outing to The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, in Staffordshire on Wednesday, 26 September. Fifteen members and guests enjoyed their visit to this very moving memorial to all who have fallen in conflicts since the end of the Second World War, and were very impressed by the extent of the site and the numbers of memorials from so many different organisations. It was particularly nice to see the beautiful dry-stone seat sponsored by the WI. Our next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday, 7 November, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. MJW



The WI members at the Falklands Memorial, commemorating the lives lost in the campaign, including the three civilian women killed by Argentinian artillery fire during the invasion.

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 11 October, we heard a most interesting talk from railway enthusiast Alan Bilby who has been closely involved with the resurrection of the GWSR, The Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway. He showed photographs of before and after restoration work, with tracks, steam trains, a 1960 diesel car, carriages, and the Winchcombe and Toddington stations, all brought back to life and all

achieved by hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers, paid for by donations and fund-raising. This heritage railway and tourist attraction is now visited by 6000 visitors a year and has an annual turnover of £100,000. Work on Broadway Station has been slowed down by two costly land-slips but, as funds gradually become available, the work continues. Further information and a timetable is available at http://www.gwsr.com or phone 01242 621405. Our next meeting in Loxley School is on Thursday, 8 Nov at 7.30 pm when Jill from 'Flower Time' will be demonstrating flower arranging for MLC

Anne Baker, who has delivered the Grapevine in Hampton Lucy for many years, has recently emigrated to Snitterfield with her husband Terry (...much nearer to their beloved golf course! - Ed.). They would like to thank everyone for the many cards and good wishes they have received and to remind everyone that they are still only 3 miles way! AΒ

The next Grapevine will be the two-month edition for December/January. The copy deadline will be Saturday, 10 November for a full-colour Christmas edition, published on the websites on 18 November, with printed copies delivered during the week of 26 November. (Ed.)

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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, Tuesday, 6th November at 10.30am. All ladies will be welcome

"The Lucy Lads"

Will meet outside The Boar's Head on Thursday, 1st November at 10.00am for a visit to Pure Recycling Call 470911 if you would like to come along

The Friends of Loxley School present

Loxley Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Loxley Hall

(by kind invitation of Mr Peter Gregory-Hood and his family)

Saturday - 3rd November - 6.00pm onwards

Admission free but donations welcome! Call 841122

Mulled wine, hot dogs, jacket potatoes and beer! (On site parking for 4x4's only)

No sparklers, please!

Hampton Lucy

Skittles Night

Saturday, 10th November, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Fun for all the family

Fish & chip supper available Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1, (Fish and Chips extra).

For details and tickets, call 841155. (Please be sure to book your food by Thursday, 9th)

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Charlecote



WINE AND WISDOM EVENING!

The Village Hall

Friday, 23rd November 7.15 for 7.30pm In aid of Village Hall funds

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Church Services

November

4 November	All Saints' Sun	day	
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Commemorate the Departed	
11 November	Domombranco Cundov		

All Saints' Sunday

11 November Remembrance Sunday, **Third Sunday Before Advent**

9.30am Hampton Lucy Family Service Remembrance 10.50am Charlecote Leaflet Remembrance Leaflet 10.50am Loxley 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Remembrance Leaflet

18 November The Second Sunday Before Advent

9 30am Go to St Peter's, Hampton Lucy. Charlecote Come and Worship 9.30am Hampton Lucy **CW** Loxley Go to St Peter's, Hampton Lucy. 11.00am

25 November The Feast of Christ The King

Holy Communion 8.00am Charlecote **BCP** 11.00am Loxley Matins BCP 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Evensong **BCP**

For your diary - November 2012

Thur 1 Lucy Lads, meet outside The Boar's Head at 10.00am, Notice Board.

Loxley Bonfire and Fireworks, Loxley Hall, 6.00pm onwards. Notice Board Sat 3

Charlecote St Leonard's Day Brunch, The Village Hall, 10.30am. Page 2. Sun4

Tues 6 Ladies' Coffee and Cakes, The Boar's Head 10.30am. All welcome.

Tues 6 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 7

Wed 7 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7,30pm, Page 4.

Thur 8 Loxley WI, Loxley School, 7.30pm

Thur 8 **3P Prayer Group,** Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

SHN Designer Sale, 9.00am to 8.00pm, Darlingstcott Farm, Notice Board Fri 9

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Hampton Lucy Family Skittles Night, the Village Hall, 7.00pm, Notice Board Sat 10 Tues 13 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2,30pm, (visit website)

Tues 13 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Tues 13 Charlecote Parish Meeting, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wed 14 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Wed 14 Hampton Lucy Parish Council, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Fri 16 Lions Club Disco, Wellesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Page 4.

SHN Plant and Shrub Auction, 10.30am. Notice Board Sat 17

Sat 17 Stratford Choral Society Concert, All Saints' Church, 7.30pm. Page 3.

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Wed 21 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Fri 23 'Wine and Wisdom', Charlecote Village Hall, 7.15pm. Notice Board

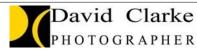
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Wed 28 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Wed 28 **3Ps Discussion and Supper,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Page 2.

Thur 29 **3P Prayer Group,** Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

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