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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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A Celebration of the Charles Maries Trail in Hampton Lucy

It was a beautiful summer's afternoon on 17 July when 29 members of the Maries family came to Hampton Lucy to celebrate the creation of the Charles Maries Trail in the village 11 years ago. They were joined by Dr David Gray, who had launched the Trail back in 2005, as well as



The Maries family group + Ken Cockshull

by more than 30 villagers and representatives of other interested groups. Ken Cockshull opened the afternoon by reminding everyone that Charles Maries was born in the village in 1851 and had made his reputation as a plant hunter in the Far East. Holly Maries mounted a quite fascinating exhibition illustrating his journeys in Japan and the plants he collected there, many of which are now established in the village and form the Charles Maries Trail. Tours of the Trail were organised during the afternoon and one of these was led by John ('Bev') Williams who had led a similar tour 11 years earlier. On returning to the Village Hall, the guests were met with an impressive afternoon tea that was supplied and served by the ladies of the Village Enhancement Group (VEG). The Maries family members then spent the remainder of the afternoon exchanging information about their family's history. All in all, it was a remarkably successful day.

KEC

Ruth Morris Memorial Fund, Loxley School



At the end of the summer term we were visited by Peter Morris and his daughter, Anna Kendry, who presented the Ruth Morris Shield. This shield will be presented as an annual prize to the child who makes exceptional

progress both academically and socially during the school year. This summer it was awarded to Ethan Hill and the photograph above shows the pride on his face on receiving the shield. The legacy also provides for the winner to receive a book of their own choice with an inscribed book-plate recording the award.

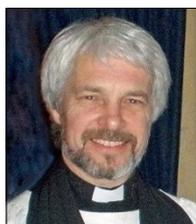
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Hampton Lucy Spinney

Hampton Lucy Spinney was established 10 years ago, largely due to the enthusiasm of Alan Scaife, Parish Clerk from 1999 to 2009. As part of the 17 July celebrations, John Dunkerton gave a short illustrated talk on the history of The Spinney followed by a guided tour. The intention was to commemorate Alan's life and to place a plaque, pictured, in the Spinney. Alan's widow, Helga, and his son Steven had travelled up from Tavistock for the celebration and they kindly inaugurated the plaque. Parishioners have already generously donated £105 towards the cost of the plaque. If you would also like to contribute, please contact John Dunkerton, Parish Clerk.



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Dear Friends,

At the time of my writing this letter, the Olympics are in full swing. Young (and some not so young) people from all over the world who have been training hard for years are engaging in healthy competition, hoping to win gold, silver or bronze medals and with them the right to say "I was once one of the three best in the world at . . ." They are to be applauded for their dedication and commitment - and thanked for the hours of entertaining TV coverage they provide. Even those who don't win medals will be able to say "I once represented my country at the Olympics!" That is quite something.

All of this reminds me that in one of his letters to the Christians at Corinth, Saint Paul uses the image of running a race to reflect on the Christian life. He writes 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever.'

Paul was probably thinking of Greek games and races, where the winner got a crown of leaves rather than a medal but also great fame. It was an image most of his readers would have been very familiar with. He takes it up but applies it to living a Christian life and sees similarities and differences. Living as a faithful Christian also requires training and commitment. It can also lead to a prize. But the training will not be about running, jumping or throwing etc. Instead it will include prayer, Bible reading and the constant challenge to make godly decisions that reflect a love of neighbour. Putting ourselves out for others; refraining from unkind words about people. This can be just as demanding. And there are other differences. Paul says that the prize is not a crown that will wither over time but one that will last for ever – a share in the eternal kingdom of heaven. And, of course, the reality is that in this race there do not have to be winners and losers but all the competitors can win the prize because God's love and his heaven are big enough to contain everyone!

David Jessett



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.



St Nicholas' Church Concerts - Loxley

We would like to extend a very big "thank you" to the many of you who have attended our 2016 series of concerts and have thereby made them a resounding success. The final concert this year will be at St Nicholas' Church, Loxley, at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 2 October. As usual, it will last for about 45 minutes and refreshments will be available at "The Fox" afterwards. It will be given by Rogues & Vagabonds, a well-established and highly successful Stratford-upon-Avon based Music Theatre Group for young people up to age 18 years. Those of you who came to our evening concert in August 2015 will have fond memories of the fantastic finale to that concert by three members of R & V, performing wartime songs in the style of the Andrews Sisters. Please do come and support these young stars who will be presenting a music theatre-based programme guaranteed to bring this series of concerts to a resounding conclusion. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Church Fabric Fund.

DW

Parish Partner's Report

The Summer Meeting was held at St Nicholas' Church, Radford Semele. This church was destroyed by fire in 2008, but restoration was completed by May 2013. Only two artefacts remain - the collection plate and a twisted section of a brass war memorial tablet. There were 30 delegates present at the meeting representing Parishes throughout the diocese. Amongst many other projects reported, 'Involving Young People' schemes included 'Open Book' (*members of churches visit 6th Form pupils and read passages from the Bible*), and 'It's Your Move' (*a booklet for school leavers*). In view of all the recent repair work undertaken on the Cathedral ruins, Historic England (*formerly English Heritage*) has agreed to remove them from the 'Heritage at Risk Register'. They were formally designated 'at risk' in 2012 because of the poor condition of the exposed free-standing walls and the dilapidated state of the Crypt Chapel. The clappers for the six bells in All Saints', Sherbourne, have been re-formed and re-ground and the work was completed in time for the bell ringing to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The St Peter Chapel in Holy Trinity, Stratford, has now been refurbished. The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, 15 October 2016.

DH

From the Registers

Wedding:	Charlecote	5 th August 2016	Denver Miles and Anita Lloyd-Jones
Funeral:	Loxley	14 th June 2016	David Osborne

September and the end of the school holidays brings quieter days for visiting Charlecote if you're looking for a peaceful stroll through the parkland. Make the most of the end of summer; it's not too late for a picnic by the river and the dahlias are looking lovely in the gardens. If you've never visited Charlecote before, do join us for the annual celebration that is Heritage Open Day on Saturday, 10 September with free entry to the property for everyone. Discover some of the treasures of the house and grounds and find out why so many people love this place. We've seen so many visitors having fun playing *Pokémon Go* at Charlecote this summer (*your correspondent is reliably informed that there's a Pokémon Gym in the Orangery tea room*) but take care crossing that busy road from Visitor Reception. If you're looking for something rather more low-tech, the Birmingham Embroiderers' Guild exhibition in the Orangery is still running until the end of October. Do have a look at the beautiful craft pieces inspired by our Capability Brown landscape - and they are all for sale. Keep an eye on our website and social media for news of the 'Deer at Dusk' and 'Deer at Dawn' events this October and November. These always sell out very quickly and you'll need to book as soon as the tickets are released to avoid disappointment.



Photo: Jan Eastwood

MG

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The Wellesbourne and District Lions have had another busy summer with local fairs and fêtes and the Raft Race. The race took place on Sunday, 24 July, starting in Wasperton and finishing in Stratford-upon-Avon - a gruelling challenge over 7.5 miles and involving negotiating two weirs. We were blessed with glorious weather which led to an excellent turnout. 53 rafts started with only one failing to finish. The winning raft, "*The Wonder Why Men Team A*", completed the course in an amazing time of 1 hour 14 minutes. Spare a thought for the team on "*Usain Boat*" which took 7 hours 7 minutes! The main beneficiary of this year's event is 'Heart of England Mencap' which is based in Clifford Chambers. We will be out again on the weekend of 24/25 September at the Co-op Supermarket in Wellesbourne. Don't be shy - come along and see us and drop a few coins into our collecting tins! I can't believe that I'm saying this already but we would like once again to offer local charities the opportunity to participate in our Santa Christmas floats. It is a great opportunity to raise money for your charity whilst bringing smiles to the faces of children as they meet Santa. We shall be running two floats this year. Your charity will be allocated an evening and all we ask is that you commit to providing four collectors. Everything is provided. Money collected over the period is pooled and shared equally amongst the charities involved. If you would like to be considered, please contact Lion Rod Scott on 01926 624434.



AS

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Our July meeting was well attended and Sue Ensor gave us a most interesting and informative talk on the history of the WI.

Some of it we knew but it was surprising how much we didn't and it was illustrated with some fascinating slides. The 'Summer Do' took place at Kath and David's house in Wellesbourne on Saturday, 16 July. It took the form of a pop-in ploughman's. We were blessed with very good weather and were all able to sit in their lovely garden. All in all it was a very successful occasion. Our 7 September meeting will be an Open Meeting and members are asked to bring along husbands, partners and friends. There will be a charge of £5 for non-members, which will include refreshments. Muriel Acton will be the speaker and the topic of her talk will be 'The Life of a Crown Court Judge's Clerk'.

MW



Photo: David Clarke

Calling All Bridge Players!

Come along and enjoy an evening of duplicate bridge at Little Hill Farm on Thursday, 6 October, in aid of Charlecote Church. There will be a welcoming glass of wine at 6.30 pm, supper at 7.00pm including a main course and dessert, followed by bridge. Tickets are £20 per person, and you can book as a pair or a table. Contact Char Hutsby, either by e-mail at charhutsby@talk21.com or call 01789 840261, mobile 07899794681.

SL

Flu Clinics at Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne.

It's that time of year again...there will 'Drop In Sessions' on Saturday, 17 September, and on the afternoon of Thursday, 6 October, both clinics at Hastings House. There will also be a flu vaccination session at the **Health, Well-Being and Caring Event** on Friday 30th September (*see below*). Dates and times for half-term children's flu clinics will be announced later. Our practice is now taking on new patients. Please enquire at reception.

Health, Wellbeing and Caring Information Event

This is organised by Hastings House Medical Centre, supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning charity event on **Friday, 30 September, 10am to 3pm** in Wellesbourne Village Hall. Representatives from various organisations will be there to provide help and guidance on health and social care in the local area. We will also be providing flu vaccinations and refreshments – please drop in and join us!

JS

The George Vth Playing Fields.

Hampton Lucy Parish Council is currently collecting ideas on how to make the playing fields even more fun and usable for our community. Any idea goes. I'd love to hear from anyone who would like to offer a suggestion or is simply interested and wants to be kept up-to-date. Shortly I'll be setting a date to meet up and discuss. Please email me at ewan.rayment@gmail.com or knock on the door of 4 Vine Cottages, Church Street! Thank you.

ER

Hampton Lucy School at the RSC!



The children pictured after their performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at The Other Place.

Years 5 and 6 of Hampton Lucy School took part in the RSC Dream Team Playmaking Festival, performing their version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". It was a fantastic experience for all the children to act at The Other Place and the show was enjoyed by a sell-out audience. SA

Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale, 2016

The 'Plant and Produce Sale' was a great success this year and the weather was especially kind to us. The Village Hall Committee would like to give a very big "thank you" to everyone who helped and supported the event; so many of you donated plants, gave up your time to plant and water, made delicious cakes and produce, and helped out so wonderfully on the day. Also a huge "thank you" must go to the villagers and community who came and supported the event by purchasing the plants and produce. The event made a very healthy profit of £1120.77 which is a great help towards the upkeep of our Village Hall.

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Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads

Meet at The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy on Thursday
1 September at 10.15am to visit Whichford Pottery

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy
Tuesday, 13 September at 10.30am



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Hampton Lucy Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 8th October 2016

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Tickets £10.00 per person



Contact Janet: 842008 or Carol: 84023

Proceeds to St Peter ad Vincula Church

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September 2016

4 September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

11 September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

18 September

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW

25 September

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Barford	Connect	

For your diary: September

- Thur 1 **The Lucy Lads** visit Whichford Pottery - meet at The Boars Head at 10.15am.
 Mon 5 **Loxley Parish Council**, 7:30pm, Loxley School. Press and public welcome.
 Tues 6 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome
 Wed 7 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.
Sat 10 Copy deadline for The Grapevine
 Sun 11 **Stratford's Big 10k**, supporting Shipston Home Nursing, **Notice Board**.
 Sun 11 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm.
 Mon 12 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
 Tues 13 **The Lucy Ladies**, meet at The Boars Head, 10.30am.
 Tues 13 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).
 Tues 13 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
 Wed 14 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Sat 17 **Flu Vaccination Clinic**, Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne, **page 4**.
 Tues 20 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
 24/25 **Lions' Charity Collection**, Wellesbourne Co-op, **page 3**.
 Mon 26 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
 Tues 27 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
 Fri 30 **Health, Wellbeing and Caring Information Event**, Wellesbourne, **page 4**.
 Fri 30 **Macmillan Speaker Dinner**, Kington Village Hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board**.

October

- Sun 2 **Loxley Church Concert**, St Nicholas Church 3.00 pm, **page 2**.
 Thur 6 **Flu Vaccination Clinic**, Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne, **page 4**.
 Thur 6 **Duplicate Bridge Evening**, Little Hill Farm, from 6.30pm, **page 3**.
 Fri 7 **Electric Blanket Safety Check**, Briar Croft, Stratford-upon-Avon, **page 4**.
 Sat 8 **Made In Charlecote**, Charlecote Village Hall, details next month. **Notice Board**.
 Sat 8 **Hampton Lucy Cheese and Wine**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board**.

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