



The Grapevine



THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY

Issue No: 185 *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!* December 2016 / January 2017

Loxley School

Loxley School celebrated 'Black History Month' in November. The children held an assembly led by one of the parents who told them about time spent in Ghana.

The children heard about traditional customs and musical instruments, and she demonstrated how the Ghanaian women carry their babies in slings, with the help of her baby daughter. The school will be staging a Ghanaian Art Day, hosted by 'In2Cultures', to celebrate our international links with the New Age International School in Ghana. The artwork produced will then be on permanent display in the school. Children in Class 3 have already written and received pen-pal letters from fellow pupils in Ghana.



MO

An Invitation From Your Dusty Miller

Once again, I'm hosting an early evening of festive merriment at Charlecote Mill on Saturday, 10 December. The Mill will be open from 3.00pm and we'll enjoy the return of Snitterfield Hand Bell Ringers, whose chimes will ring out between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. At present we haven't a choir in place - I'm still searching, any volunteers? - but bring along your best singing voice anyway as carol singing is a must. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and jam tarts will get everyone in a festive mood for a magical evening, as usual. This event is a personal 'thank you' from me for all the support from the villages, volunteers, and friends of the mill. Please make a note in your diary - pop in and enjoy festive treats, beautiful bells (*and belles .. Ed.*), and Christmas carols, in the company of your friends and neighbours. All ages welcome. Free admission. The Mill will close at 6.00pm.

KG

The next issue of *The Grapevine* will be February 2017 with the copy deadline on Tuesday, 10 January. I shall be away then, but please send in your copy to grapevine46@btinternet.com as usual. Ken Cockshull has kindly agreed to take on the Editor's job for that edition.

AJW

Hampton Lucy School

As part of their topic of exploring African rainforests, Class 4 visited The Birmingham Botanical Gardens. They developed their understanding of the scientific and geographical aspects of the rainforests with an interactive workshop that



included meeting live animals and using a blow pipe! They were able to experience various climatic zones as they explored the different greenhouses, investigating the plants that grow in diverse conditions around the Earth.

SA

Hampton Lucy School and SIAMS

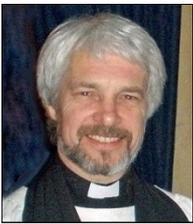
A Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodists Schools (SIAMS) took place on Thursday, 29 September, 2016. The extracts from the subsequent report read: "The school is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners..." "... It makes a very positive impact on their academic and personal development. This means that pupils are working at nationally expected levels with some exceeding these. It also results in a strongly-shared view of the school as a family, 'living out the love of Jesus'."

SA

HLPC Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to influence the future of the places where they live and work. The government has enabled local communities to undertake neighbourhood planning through the Localism Act, 2011, and the Hampton Lucy Neighbourhood Planning Group is working on behalf of the Parish Council to produce such a plan for our parish. You will recently have received the 'It's time to give us your views' questionnaire, the results of which will help us to develop the policies that will form the core of the plan. They have now been collected and the committee would like to thank all the households and businesses which have completed them. We have had a return of over 85%, which is high for such a complex and detailed questionnaire. The questionnaires have now been passed to an independent expert who will analyse the results and produce a written report enabling the group to move onto the next stage, preparing the plan.

CS



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Dear Friends,

I am aware that two of the most powerful motivators of people's actions are fear and hope. In the last few months I have been struck by both of them in rather new ways.

The fear element has come from a sense that within our society some things which have been taken for granted throughout my lifetime have simply ceased to be regarded as really important. I suppose the clearest example of what I mean is that both here and in the United States great public debates have taken place in which the idea that telling the truth is fundamental seems to have gone out of the window. People can make all sorts of claims to win an argument and then, the day after, simply abandon them. When truth becomes so unimportant, it is a profoundly dangerous road to go down. But the same is true of making statements about other individuals or groups which are designed to locate problems and therefore blame in them.

This is rarely true and can only foster division and make conflict more likely.

In the midst of all that, my experience of hope has come through my work in our three Church Schools. There, the children are taught about honesty and integrity and acceptance of others is practised as well as taught. Their natural sense of fairness is also strong and the Christian ethos of the schools underpins it all. I pray that they will hold on to all of that through the transition to secondary school and that they will not be led astray by the shocking example set before them at times in our public life.

Down the centuries, Christianity has proclaimed a God who is all about love and truth and hope. In a world in which many of those things seem to be under threat it seems to me that it is time for all Christians to stand up for those values which have been a key characteristic of western society at its best before it is too late.

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.



Birds in Winter

Once again we invite you to enjoy the many birds which you can be seen from the footpaths on Thelsford Farm. Those of you who regularly walk along the farm track towards Hale End Barn will have noticed that we left a strip of barley unharvested and the birds are already enjoying the grain. The stubble in the first field on your left has been left unploughed so that the birds can enjoy the weed seed, the fallen grain, and the shelter of the stubble and taller weeds. There will be linnetts, yellow hammers, sky larks and corn buntings, as well as winter visitors coming south from Scandinavia. Please do not let your dog rush into this field; every time a dog dashes about there the birds have to fly up and use precious energy. Enjoy your winter walking and the many birds that you will see. PS: We are grateful to you for not allowing your dog to foul our farm track.

SL

NADFAS Record at St Leonard's Church

The NADFAS Record of Church Furnishings for St Leonard's, Charlecote, is now complete. It will be checked by an experienced church recording group in Stafford and a bound copy will be presented to the church at the 11.00am service on Sunday, 12 February, 2017. One of the recorders has worked a NADFAS kneeler, which will also be presented as a memento of the time that the group spent working in the church. Digital copies of the record are deposited with the V&A Art Library, Historic England, ChurchCare, and the Diocesan Record Office (*Warwickshire Record Office*). The Royal Leamington Spa Group has enjoyed recording this lovely church and looks forward to the dedication service in February.

AW

Memorial Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning was held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 8 October, organised by Mary Anderson, her daughter, grand-daughter and Kate Evans. £700 was raised for the families of Aaron Aston and Darren Webb who were tragically killed in a road traffic accident. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped to raise this wonderful amount. MA

From the Registers

Baptism:	Hampton Lucy	16 October 2016	Benny Lee Griffin
		16 October 2016	Luca Anthony John Griffin



Charlecote Park News



Our Victorian Christmas theme this year is 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, with staff and volunteers in costume and plenty of festive fun for all. The ground floor rooms of the house are decorated and open during the weekends in December, as well as Monday to Friday, 19-23 December. Over the weekends there will be live music, hot roast chestnuts, Christmas crafts for children, and mulled wine tasting. There is also a Christmas Trail and our busy volunteers will be cooking seasonal treats in the Victorian kitchen too. Father Christmas has been fully booked for children's visits for quite some time, but he'll be waving from the little thatched summerhouse if you're passing. You can post a letter to him and he will reply, as long as you include a (legible!) email address. (*Santa joins the 21st Century...Ed.*) If you are looking for a Christmas present that will last well beyond twelfth night how about National Trust Gift Membership? The lucky recipient will get a lovely gift pack telling them all about their free admission to coast, countryside and culture for a whole year. Pop in to the Visitor Reception building in the car park and one of the team will be able to help you arrange everything, and every membership sold at Charlecote generates income for us to spend looking after the house, park and gardens. Don't forget that we now sell Charlecote venison at Visitor Reception, so you don't need to walk all the way down to the house when you are planning a tasty casserole or a special meal. **MG**

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Our November meeting was the AGM. Kath Clarke remains as President and Jeryl Stone as Secretary whilst Helen Sill and Jane Whyatt will 'job share' the role of Treasurer.

The rest of the committee was re-elected 'en bloc' for 2017 with no new members putting their names forward. The next meeting will be the Christmas Party when the speaker will be Paddy Hannigan. His talk, entitled 'The Pity of War', will be accompanied by poetry, prose and music. The committee will provide a hot buffet using war-time recipes, chicken curry and a vegetarian dish. There will be wine and soft drinks, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. On 18 October, 16 members visited the Spa Centre in Leamington to see 'Kiss Me Kate' which was most enjoyable. On 12 October a Craft Morning was held at Jill Willson's home. 6 members attended and produced some really attractive book covers. In the New Year we shall be enjoying our annual meal at The Boars Head on Wednesday, 18 January. More details will be available at the next meeting. **MJW**

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



I hope you are all enjoying the build up to Christmas and looking forward to the big day. It is a huge month for us Lions with 'all hands on deck' for our Christmas floats. Sleighs have been built and Santa has his filled his sack with goodies. He will be visiting Hampton Lucy on Wednesday, 14 December, and Loxley on Monday, 19 December. Do look out for his sleigh and helpers. We expect to raise a healthy sum to share with our local charities. On behalf of all of the Lions I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to say "thank you" for your amazing generosity in 2016. **AS**

Hampton Lucy Autumn 'VEG' Report

Hampton Lucy Village Enhancement Group (VEG) has been busy. Crocus bulbs have recently been planted on the grass triangle by the signpost on Bridge Street and two different types of daffodils planted around the border of the Parish Field. 'Lent Lily' and 'Welsh Daffodil' were chosen as they are both prolific self-propagators. On Wednesday, 9 November, seven members turned out to do a post-bonfire-night litter pick., collecting an amazing number of rocket sticks. One of our aims for next year is to raise enough funds to give our old telephone box a facelift. If anyone has ideas on how to go about this or can provide quotations for the cost of glass replacement and painting, please let me know. **HD**



Christmas! Crackers

One snowman to another snowman:
"Can you smell carrots?"

Santa's Christmas card?
'**ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OPQRSTUVWXYZ' (no 'L!') **AJW**

Compton Verney Museum and Art Gallery

Compton Verney has won a prestigious architectural award from 'The Georgian Group': The Brown Tercentenary Award. Brown's work at Compton Verney was commissioned by the 14th Baron Willoughby de Broke in the 1760s. The park still retains 120 acres of Capability Brown landscaped parkland surrounding an 18th Century mansion remodelled by Robert Adam. Brown's impact on the landscape at Compton Verney cannot be underestimated as he replaced the earlier formal gardens with grassland and trees, including magnificent cedars and Wellingtonia redwoods, and over 2,200 oak and ash saplings - placed to create Arcadian viewpoints. He added a new south drive, which framed and revealed the house from the bridge, creating a serpentine route to replace the formal avenue. He transformed the mill pools into a single picturesque lake and demolished the old church between the house and the lake, creating a view that visitors still enjoy today. The church was replaced by a new Palladian-style chapel north of the house, which was built between 1776-9. The chapel, now Grade I listed, is one of only a handful of chapels in the country whose design has been attributed to Capability Brown and the Trust is close to completing the process of restoring it to its former glory, and a perfect venue for small concerts or receptions. One week later there was further recognition when the Art Gallery and Park was named 'Best Gallery in the Cotswolds' and 'Best Children's Birthday Party Venue in the Cotswolds'. These awards are presented by 'Cotswold Concierge' and are awarded following a poll of members of the public - making them the only completely impartial and public awards in the Cotswolds. Compton Verney Director, Dr Steven Parissien, says "I am delighted and gratified that the wonderful exhibitions, activities and family events we have introduced here in the galleries and the park at Compton Verney have been so enthusiastically recognised. These awards demonstrate that we are the region's best day out for adults and children alike." **TJ**



The Gallery - pictures I didn't have room for!



Carols at the Mill, December 2015 - see page 1.

Photo: Karl Grevatt



Hampton Lucy School - Close Encounters - see page 1.



Compton Verney Light Show - November 2016 - see page 3. (*Stunning!...Ed.*)

Photo: © Compton Verney



St Peter's, Hampton Lucy (*Equally stunning!*)
(Photo: AJW, from the Hampton Lucy website.)



Charlecote Park in Dickensian Christmas dress - see page 3.

Photo: Jana Eastwood



The Notice Board

The Hampton Lucy website:
hamptonlucy.wordpress.com

The Loxley website:
loxleyvillage.com

The Grapevine is published in colour each month. To view the colour edition visit the village websites, or request an e-mail copy.

The Charlecote website:
charlecote.org.uk

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads'

will meet as usual in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy on Thursday, 1 December, at 11.30am. On Thursday, 5 January, we'll be meeting outside The Boars Head for our visit to the Jaguar Land Rover Engine Plant in Wolverhampton. Details will be confirmed nearer the day. Sorry, this visit is fully subscribed.

'Lads' at heart are always welcome to join our group. More information on The Lads and The Ladies is on the Hampton Lucy website. (e-address above.)



Santa's Visits— 2016

Hampton Lucy—Wednesday 14 December.

Loxley—Monday 19 December

Do listen out for him in the early evening!

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'

will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, on Tuesdays, 13 December and 10 January at 10.30am. All Ladies welcome.

Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert

St Peter ad Vincula Church
Sunday, 4 December, at 2.30pm
£3.50 to include tea and cake.

All proceeds to
St Peter ad Vincula Church
and Hampton Lucy Village Hall

Do come along to hear them all performing



Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery

Christmas Fair

10 December

Raffle, tombola, Santa's grotto
Refreshments

Stalls, loads of fun games, BBQ
3.00pm to 5.00pm for stalls,
Bar 'til 6.30pm.

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- KG - Karl Grevatt; TJ - Tracy Jones;
- SL - Sue Lampett; MO - Marie Osborne;
- CS - Chris Schroeder; AS - Andy Stokes;
- AW - Angela Watkins; MJW - Margaret Whyman;
- AJW - Jeremy Whyman.

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For your Diary - December

- Thur 1 **The Lucy Lads** meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am
- Sat 3 **Loxley School Christmas Fayre**, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Loxley School Hall.
- Sun 4 **Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert**, 2.30pm, **Notice Board**.
- Tues 6 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome
- Tues 6 **Loxley School Christmas performance**, Loxley Church, 2.00pm.
- Wed 7 **Loxley School Christmas performance**, Loxley Church, 2.00pm.
- Wed 7 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.
- Thur 8 **Loxley School Carol Concert, Loxley Church**, 2.00pm.
- Fri 9 **Loxley Parish Council**, 7:30pm, Loxley School. Press and public welcome
- Sat 10 **Carols at the Mill**, from 3.00pm, free admission, **page 1**.
- Sat 10 **Hampton Lucy School Christmas Fayre**, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- 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 **Santa's Sleigh visits Hampton Lucy**, see Lions Club report and **Notice Board**.
- Sat 17 **SHN Carice Singers Carol Concert**, Shipston-on-Stour, **Notice Board**.
- Mon 19 **Santa's Sleigh visits Loxley**, see Lions Club report and **Notice Board**.
- Tues 20 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Tues 27 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.

January 2017 - Happy New Year!

- Tues 3 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Thur 5 **Lucy Lads visit to the Jaguar Engine Plant**, meet at Boar's Head at 10.00am, (**fully booked**.)
- Mon 9 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
- Tues 10 Copy deadline for the February edition of *The Grapevine*.**
- Tues 10 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Wed 11 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, all welcome.
- Mon 16 **Loxley Parish Council**, 7:30pm, Loxley School. Press and public welcome.
- Tues 17 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome
- Wed 18 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Annual Dinner**, The Boars Head, **page 3**.
- Mon 23 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
- Tues 24 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Tues 31 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.

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Church Services



4 December	The Second Sunday of Advent		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	BCP
11 December	The Third Sunday of Advent		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
16 December	Hampton Lucy	HL Primary School Nativity	
18 December	The Fourth Sunday of Advent		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
5.00pm	Loxley	Carol Service	
		Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Carol Service	
		Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols with <i>The Festival Singers</i>	
21 December	Charlecote	Carol Service	
7.30pm		Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols with <i>The Festival Singers</i>	
23 December	Hampton Lucy	Christingle	
24 December	Charlecote	Crib Service	
4.00pm	Charlecote	Holy Communion	
11.30pm			
25 December	Christmas Day		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW

1 January	The Second Sunday of Christmas		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
8 January	The Feast of The Epiphany (<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>)		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
15 January	The Second Sunday of Epiphany		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
22 January	The Third Sunday of Epiphany		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
29 January	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
	(Candlemass) Benefice Services		
8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
10.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW



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