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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Our River is under Threat!



A new and very real threat to this lovely section of the river Avon has been announced. There is a proposal, sponsored by the Avon Navigation Trust and apparently supported by Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick District Councils, to widen, dredge and straighten the Avon between Alveston and Warwick, including construction of a series of 14' wide locks capable of allowing the passage of wide-beam boats up to 70' long. This would permanently alter the shallow, quick-flowing upper reaches of the Avon. Can this be allowed to happen?



Apart from loss of a unique habitat, the proposal also threatens the Grade 2 listed 19thC cast-iron bridge, and the iconic Charlecote Mill. If the river level is raised by a mere 1 to 2 feet downstream of the mill to enable boats to pass safely over the shallows under the bridge it would render the mill inoperable and be an end to traditional water milling - which has been carried on at this site since the time of Domesday. It must be asked: *Do we really want to be the generation which chooses to destroy our heritage and this timeless stretch of unspoiled river for ever?* If your answer is no, then why not get involved? Ask your MP, Nadim Zahawi and District Councillor, Peter Richards, e-mail contact details: nadhim.zahawi.mp@parliament.uk and peter.richards@stratford-dc.gov.uk the very same question. See the invitation on page 2 by Hampton Lucy Parish Council's Chairman, Chris Schroeder, with details of the next Parish Council meeting on 13 September. Councillor Richards has made a commitment to be there and he is the District Councillor who holds the SDC portfolio for Development of Infrastructure. The Hampton Lucy Parish Council can only seek to protect the Avon and its infrastructure with your agreement and support.

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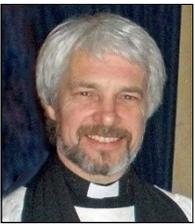
If music be the food of love....

On Saturday, 22 July, *Callisto Duo* gave a recital in Charlecote Church. The duo consists of flautist, Anna Gallan and guitarist, Martin Högman. They performed a programme of classical music by Schuman and Grieg, and a Swedish piece by J. Roman, reflecting the guitarist's country of origin. Anna is well-known in the area as she teaches flute and clarinet at Hampton Lucy school. Everyone enjoyed the concert - and the tea which followed. **SL**

All creatures, great and small...

St Peter's churchyard, Sunday 2 July. A lovely outdoor pets' service in sunshine!





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Dear Friends,

Do you find yourself feeling grumpy when something doesn't go as smoothly as you would like? Sometimes this can be something significant - like the car failing to start when you really need to get somewhere for something important, but it may be something quite small - a 'phone charger not working properly, for instance. Have you ever heard someone comment on occasions like that saying "First World problem!" I guess it is a way of gently pointing out that, for many people in the so-called Third World, these *problems* are not problems at all. (*I wonder where the Second World is?*) Their struggles are to do with much more basic aspects of life - food, shelter, health care, etc.

Later this month and at the beginning of October, as we approach autumn we shall be celebrating Harvest. At church, this will be with Harvest Festival services and, in some parishes, with special lunches or suppers. It is a good opportunity to

reflect on how fortunate we are to have been born into the relatively affluent part of our world. Even if we feel we have worked hard to get what we have today, the great majority of us were fortunate to have had good nutrition and free schooling from childhood - without which we would probably have struggled to achieve what we have.

So, if we believe in God, it is a time of year when it is particularly appropriate to give thanks to God for all the good things of creation that we are able to enjoy. But, even if we don't believe in God, maybe it is a time of year to reflect that some of the things we may worry about are really not as serious as they may seem at the time. And in either case, perhaps it is a time for us to be particularly generous in our giving to organisations that help those in real need.

You will be very welcome to join us in our Harvest celebrations at the end of this month and beginning of next.

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.



From Mumbai Opera House To Loxley Church

To great popular and critical acclaim, the Mumbai Opera House has recently staged its first opera since it was comprehensively refurbished and Loxley Church is proud and pleased to be able to present a concert featuring one of the stars of that production, Natasha Agarwal. Natasha will be performing a delightful programme of charming music, perfect for a Sunday afternoon, accompanied by two other outstanding musicians: Thomas Kelly (piano) and Ehren Agarwal (clarinet). The programme will include Schubert's *Shepherd on the Rock*. The concert will be at St. Nicholas' Church, Loxley, on Sunday, 24 September, at 3.00 pm, lasting for about an hour. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Church Fabric Fund.

DW

Carers4Carers Group - Summer Meetings

Carers4Carers will meet on Friday, 22 September, 10.30am to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall. Come and relax over a coffee and a chat. Anita will be on hand to offer some pampering. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group, where there will be the chance for some harp playing with Jasmine. For more details, including help with transport, phone Gillian on 01926 640203 / 07947 893504. LM

A New Proposal for Navigation on the Upper Avon

On 5 June, 2017, Stratford-upon-Avon District Council announced six 'Priority Projects' arising from an Infrastructure Programme Review. One of these projects is an initiative between SDC and Warwick District Council, working with the Avon Navigation Trust (ANT), to open up the River Avon for navigation between Stratford and Warwick by boats up to 14ft wide. Our District Councillor, Peter Richards, is committed to attending the Hampton Lucy Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 13 September at 7.30pm in the village hall. He will talk about the project and answer questions from the Parish Councillors. There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and express their views. Some information from SDC and ANT has been posted on the Hampton Lucy Village website. Visit: hamptonlucy.wordpress.com Parishioners are encouraged to attend and make their views clear in order to enable the Parish Councillors to form a view on how to proceed.

CS

From the Registers

Baptism	Charlecote	9 July, 2017	Edward George Bunyard
Wedding	Charlecote	15 July, 2017	John Simmonds and Laura Butterworth
Funeral (Oakley Wood)	Hampton Lucy	26 July, 2017	Brian Buckley
Burial of Ashes	Hampton Lucy	21 July, 2017	Geoff Cowperthwaite

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

On Sunday, 23 July, Wellesbourne Lions and Shakespeare Lions combined to host the 2017 raft race, the 41st running of an event which has raised around £750,000 since it first started. The weather was kind with the river



running very quickly which meant that the first Formula One raft home, *3T-Far-T-Go*, was only a minute short of the record time of 1 hr 7 mins - a fantastic achievement! 39 rafts entered the race but unfortunately one raft, *Tin Days In The Making*, failed to start. All of the other rafts completed the course, with *The Penuts* paddling home after 5 hours and 7 minutes on the river! The Lions would like to offer a massive "thank you" to all the rafters and helpers for supporting this event. Our main beneficiary, *Riding for the Disabled (RDA)*, based in Warwick, will greatly benefit from all our efforts. With your generous help, we hope



to raise over £10,000 to help to fund the purchase of equipment for a new centre of excellence to be constructed in Shrewley. I would like to invite you all to come along to a *Quiz Night* which we are hosting on Saturday, 9 September, in St. Peter's Church Centre, Wellesbourne, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a licenced bar and please feel free to bring your own food. The cost is £5 per person. Please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745 for more information and to book a place.

AS

News from Charlecote Park

September means that we can relax just a little after a very hectic summer. It was great to see so many local families at the Children's Clubs on Thursdays, with lots of you coming along for more than one set of activities. During August, for the first time ever we opened the house for a few hours on Wednesday afternoons, making it a full 7-day week. However,



Photo: Jana Eastwood

we're now back to *conducted tours only* for the house on Wednesdays. Do come along and find out more about the house and the Lucy family with one of our lovely guides. Tours are by timed-ticket only and tickets are usually all given out by midday so do arrive early. The early dog-walkers amongst you will be happy to note that we now have our catering pop-up in the car park so you can have a coffee or a snack after walkies. We always planned for this but it's taken a little longer to set it up than we had originally hoped. The parterre still looks glorious and we love the scent of the purple heliotrope that wafts up the steps on a warm day. Don't forget the second-hand bookshop if the darker evenings are making you think of curling up with a good (cheap!) read. If you have any books to donate, please just drop them in at the Visitor Reception - no need to come down the drive. Proceeds from our second-hand

bookshop help to fund repairs to the precious books in the library. Look out for a forthcoming series of talks about the Library's treasures.

MG

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



The WI Carousel Supper, held as a fund raiser for Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI on 22 July, went with a real swing, full of surprises, laughter and fun right through to the finale at 10.30pm when everyone reached the Village Hall for coffee and mints. We eventually saw how many had taken part and also where we had eaten the three course meal, prepared by 12 different households, including Barford, Pillerton Hersey, Loxley, Wellesbourne, Charlecote and Hampton Lucy. It was lovely to have members, partners and guests coming together for a convivial and memorable evening, and it was a brilliant way to raise £600! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 6 September, in Charlecote Village Hall at 7.30 pm for a Gin Tasting presented by speakers Nicola & Emma from *The Little Gin Company*. Our WI Link, Veronica Chapman from WFWI, will also be joining us. There will also will be a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning in aid of *British Blind Sport*, hosted by the WI at 1, The Close, Hampton Lucy, on Saturday, 9 September from 10.00am to 12 noon, see the **Notice Board**.



KCI

Charlecote's Summer Lunch

This was a lovely event at the end of June, held in the garden at Charlecote Village Hall and attended by nearly 50 people of all



ages. Pimms was served on arrival, followed by a delicious buffet lunch which was all home-made by committee members. We were thoroughly entertained by John Penn and his musical friends, to whom

we extend very many thanks. Over £350 was made to go towards Village Hall funds. Our latest improvement has been the fitting of new carpet in the porch and Hall, and very grateful thanks are due to Charlecote Parish Meeting for their generous grant towards the cost.

HH

Loxley Environment Group Community Walk

On Saturday, 29 April, we held our inaugural Loxley Community Walk and a mix of residents of differing abilities and ages, 18 people plus 3 dogs, walked from Loxley village green to Wellesbourne Airfield and back, where we gathered at The Fox for refreshments. The walk was such a success that those who took part have requested another. The next walk will take place on Saturday, 16 September, meeting at The Fox at 11.00am. We shall follow a path across fields to The Houndshell Inn and back. Further details can be found on the Parish website: www.loxleyvillage.com

JF

Compton Verney News

Compton Verney has received a surprise but very welcome bequest from the late Elizabeth Coxon, who regularly travelled from her home in Worcester to visit the art gallery and park. Known to her friends and family as Liz, Miss Coxon sadly passed away in 2016, bequeathing £27,000 to her favourite art gallery. Her generous gift will be used to create a new gallery to display Compton Verney's important British Folk Art collection. There are two fantastic new exhibitions to enjoy at Compton Verney this autumn. **The Lost Words**, (21 October – 17 December 2017), aims to keep both children and adults in touch with nature. The exhibition is a unique collaborative project between renowned writer Robert Macfarlane and artist Jackie Morris taking the form of both an exhibition and a book published by Hamish Hamilton. It combines their considerable creative talents to celebrate the relationship between language and the living world, and nature's power to spark the imagination. There will also be a unique opportunity to see 'behind the pages' with the exhibition **Quentin Blake: Inside Stories**, (21 October – 17 December 2017), a chance to view 140 of Blake's original drawings, storyboards and handwritten captions for his most famous characters, many of which have never been seen outside the artist's studio before. For more information, interviews and images please visit the website: www.comptonverney.org.uk

TJ



The Lucy Ladies meeting at the Boars Head on Tuesday, 11 July. This is an informal and lively group of friends who meet for a coffee and chat in the Boars Head on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have the time then don't be shy - pop along.

Hampton Lucy Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council regrets that Councillors Ewan Rayment and Phil Heron have resigned. Ewan is expanding his internet business and, with two young children, was finding it difficult to devote sufficient time to Parish Council business. He was a valuable member of the Council's Planning Committee member and his views on planning applications were always perceptive. The Council thanks him for his contribution, wishing him well with his business. Phil, well-known at the Boars Head, has also resigned due to the pressure of running Hampton Lucy's pub and the Joseph Arch in Barford. Phil took on the responsibility for safety checks of the playing field equipment, often spotting maintenance requirements before they became a hazard. He was a member of the Finance Committee and, with Councillor Dobson, undertook the important and sensitive task of completing the Parish Clerk's annual performance review. He will be missed and the Council thanks him for his work. Nominations for the two vacant seats are now open and will close on Friday, 8 September 2017. Nomination papers are available from the Parish Clerk (01789 842573 or call in at 41/42 Church Street) or from SDC Council House. If there are more than two nominations an election will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2017

CS

Our correspondents this month are:

KC - Kath Clarke; JF - Julie Fewins; MG - Mary Gleave; HH - Helen Hoggarth;
TJ - Tracy Jones; SL - Sue Lampett; LM - Lisa Maloney; MO - Marie Osborne; CS - Chris Schroeder;
AS - Andy Stokes; DW - Duncan Watts; AJW - Jeremy Whyman; .

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Hampton Lucy 'The Lucy Lads'
Wii meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy on
Thursday, 7th September at 11.30am.
All Lads at heart welcome.

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'
Will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, on
Tuesday, 12th September at 10.30am.
All Ladies welcome, see page 4.

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI
Bring and Buy Coffee Morning
in aid of 'British Blind Sport'
Saturday, 9 September,
10.00 am-12 noon
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Everyone welcome!

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Saturday 23rd September, 10.30 – 12.30

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September 2017

3 September	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
10.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
10 September	The Thirteenth 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
17 September	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
24 September	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Charlecote	Harvest Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

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- Sat 2 *'The Wind in the Willows'*, Charlecote Park, call 01789 470277 for details.
- Mon 4 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Vill. Hall, beginners 6.30pm, Experienced 7.30pm.
- Wed 6 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
- Thur 7 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boars Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Sat 9 **Bring and Buy Coffee Morning**, Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, **page 3.**
- Sat 9 **Lions' Club Quiz Night**, St Peter's Church Centre, Wellesbourne, **page 3.**
- Sun 10 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5pm.
- Sun 10 Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**
- Mon 11 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Tues 12 **'The Lucy Ladies'**, The Boars Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Tues 12 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (visit website).
- Wed 13 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Thur 14 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm - 8.00pm.
- Sun 17 **Table Top Sale**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.30am to 12 noon, **Notice Board.**
- Fri 22 **Carers4Carers meeting**, Kineton Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, **page 2.**
- Sat 23 **'Made in Charlecote'**, Charlecote Village Hall, from 10.30am **Notice Board.**
- Mon 25 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Thur 28 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm - 8.00pm.
- Fri 29 **Love Labels Fashion Show**, Hampton Lucy School, 7.00pm, **Notice Board.**
- If there any changes to regular dates and events, please let me know...Ed*

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