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Charlecote Park at Easter

We're as ready as we can be for Easter at the end of this month - often our busiest time of the whole year. We've extended dates for the Cadbury Easter Trails, so you can join in from Thursday, 29 March until Tuesday, 3 April. You'll probably find it is slightly quieter on the Thursday and Tuesday. Trails and Easter Egg prizes will be available as usual between 10.00am and 4.00pm from the big tent on the paddock. The cost is £3 per trail, one Cadbury egg prize per trail, and normal admission prices apply to non-NT members. If the sun comes out and the car park is full, we may have to close to visitors for a couple of hours in the middle of the day, with no admission to the property during this time in order to discourage parking on the verges or at local businesses. We have to be aware of the safety issues of too many visitors, such as overcrowding in the house and catering outlets, distress to the pregnant deer



Photo: Jana Eastwood

and sheep, not to mention unacceptably long queues for the loos! This year, as with many NT properties, entry to the house will be by timed-tickets which will be issued on a 'first-come-first-served' basis, not bookable in advance. We'd encourage local families to come in early, we're open from 9.00am, or after 3.00pm - and if you're not coming for the Easter Trails, perhaps avoid the main Easter weekend if you can.

MG



HM Government

Local Farm Helps to Show the Way Forward

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has been the principal driver of land use and management over the last 45 years, and has arguably caused significant environmental damage. As we move towards a 'Green Brexit' which will put environmental policy at the heart of the UK's domestic and international priorities, farming and agricultural policies are principal areas of focus. A key challenge is how to optimise food production - we need truly sustainable productivity growth. Planting over-winter cover (crops grown between periods of regular crop production) can increase yield and also improve soil health, and other measures include reducing soil compaction through sub-soiling or effective crop rotation. Small copses, hedgerows, and individual trees have also been found to make a significant difference with monocultures such as arable crops. Research and innovation is part of the answer, and technical developments can significantly improve farm performance - for protection of the environment and for profitability. Properly implemented precision farming, with resource efficiency and better livestock and crop management, can achieve this sustainable growth. An example from the Agri-tech Catalyst Programme is Saturn Bioponics' and Valefresco's successful trial of a hydroponic vertical growth system for Pak Choi in a polytunnel at Old Pastures Farm. This has demonstrated a three to four-fold increase in crop yield on the same land area, with reduced water, fertiliser and pesticide requirements and improved crop quality. As a result, Saturn Bioponics has received a government productivity award for its work.

Editor's note: This is an edited extract. The full paper is available at:

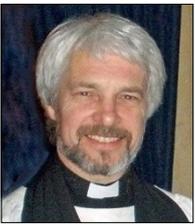
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St Peter's Church Coffee and Cakes

In true village spirit, we had a wonderful turn out to support the Coffee Morning held to raise funds for St Peter ad Vincula's church, Hampton Lucy. Despite the bitterly cold and wet weather, there were delicious cakes and hot drinks on offer and with sales of produce and goods, along with a well-stocked raffle, the event made the generous sum of £262.00 for church funds. We could not have done it without you! Thank you very much to everyone who came along.

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Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote about continuing to grow or mature well beyond the point at which we stopped growing physically. One of the reasons this seems important to me is because all too often, as we get older, we get more and more set in our ways and fixed in our ideas. We are less open to new possibilities. We come to a conclusion about the way things are that we are comfortable with, and are then reluctant to change.

One of the things that Jesus seems to have been good at was encouraging people to change, even at quite late stages in their lives. Quite apart from the twelve men he chose to be his inner circle of disciples, there were tax collectors and others, both men and women who, through their encounters with Jesus, had their eyes opened to a different way of seeing the world and a different way of living and were never the same again.

Just now in Church, we are going through the season of Lent. That will take us up to Palm

Sunday and then through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to Easter Day once again. Looking ahead to that makes me aware that Easter is one of those things about which people may have formed an opinion and may feel settled with it and unlikely to change.

Yet, it seems to me, either Easter is a celebration of the most important event in human history or Christianity is a complete sham. If Jesus did not rise from the dead he was just another good man who got destroyed by human self-interest and abuse of power and Christianity is built on a lie or a massive mistake.

But, if he did rise from the dead and is alive today, then death in this life is not the end and we can hope for more than we can foresee here. It is the best and most important news that we could hear. However, if that is the case, then we may need to ask ourselves what, if anything, in our lives needs to change.

Happy Easter!

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.



Carers4Carers

Friday, 23 March from 10.30am to 12 noon: **Carers4Carers** meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Come and join us for a cup of coffee and a chat. There will be a chance to find out more about the *Five Ways to Wellbeing*. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

LM

Hampton Lucy Open Gardens -



St Peter ad Vincula's Fundraising Team is planning to hold an Open Gardens event on Sunday, 10 June, 2018. To make this a successful and enjoyable occasion we shall need all the help we can gather together. Would you be willing to open your garden to visitors? Do you feel you have a garden that could be enjoyed by others? This is an ambitious and exciting venture which we hope will strengthen our community spirit and raise funds for our amazing church. If you would like to join in, please call Elaine on 01789 842251, or e-mail rajkowskielaine@gmail.com or Louise Tuck at louise_tuck@outlook.com More information about this event will appear in next month's *Grapevine*.

ER



Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery Advance Notice



Join Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery in celebrating the Royal Wedding at a Tea Party. Friday, 18 May, 2018, 3.15 - 4.30pm

EH

From The Registers

Baptism:	Hampton Lucy	14 January 2018	Amelia Louisa Currall-Robson
Wedding:	Hampton Lucy	20 January 2018	Jamie Careless and Charlotte Howdle
Funeral:	Hampton Lucy	2 February 2018	Beverley Clooney, at Oakley Wood

Loxley School



The children at Loxley School have been taking part in Forest Schools each week, led by Mark from *Onside*. They have worked as a team to build shelters, making sure they are stable, warm and cosy, trusted each other when blindfolded (*trust is our value this half term*), and solved problems. They have even toasted marshmallows over a fire pit!

MO

Hampton Lucy Youth Club Meets Barnum



A marvellous time was had by all at the Hampton Lucy Youth Club's *Circus Skills Evening* in January when the *Shooting Stars Circus Company* came in to pass on some of their skills. Everyone was really enthusiastic and got involved, learning to juggle and spin plates, practise using diablos, unicycles and mini-bikes, and even trying out walking along a trapeze wire strung a metre above the ground. It was great entertainment, giving the kids a lot of fun and building their confidence. The Youth Club meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on alternate Thursdays between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Dates and details of special events are posted each month on **The Notice Board** and Diary pages of *The Grapevine*. All youngsters are welcome. KE

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At our February meeting, David Brown gave a talk and slide show on the survival techniques of butterflies and moths. Everyone agreed it was very informative and the slide show, showing butterflies and moths in their natural habitat, was lovely. The members who attended the WI Recipe Book launch at the Dallas Burston Polo Club had a wonderful day out and it was a great success. Poppy-making coffee mornings will be held on Saturday, 14 April, from 10.30am to 1.00pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, and on Saturday, 5 May, from 10.30am to 1.00 pm in Charlecote Village Hall. All members and guests will be most welcome. The inaugural bunting making for Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI's centenary year will be held on Wednesday, 14 March from 10.30am - 12.30pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 March, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall when there will be a talk by Cheryl Rawbone on *The Friendship Project*. PT

PT

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club - Lions International Centenary Year

Taking the weight off your feet!

Two more new benches have been installed by OSCARS – one in St Peter's Road at the end of Cherry Orchard, sponsored by Wellesbourne Lions; and the other in Elliott Drive on the path to Granville Road, Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care



Like the two in the Precinct these will be welcomed by people of all ages who want a break in the long walk to the shops etc

I can't believe we are already approaching Easter. Please keep a lookout for our giant Easter Eggs, which local shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses have kindly agreed to display. They are all being raffled to raise money for local causes so when you spot one please have a go. We held a Quiz and Presentation Night on Saturday, 27 January, in Kinton Village Hall and were delighted to hand over cheques to all of the local organisations and charities which took part in our Santa collections. This year, on 21 April, we will be holding our annual Senior Citizens Concert and Afternoon Tea at Kinton High School. All senior residents in the area are invited to this fun event, and transport can be provided. There will be entertainment, bingo and a free raffle, all provided without charge. If you want to know more, to book a place, or if you know of somebody who would like to come, please contact Lion Paul Gibson on 01789 841730. You may have seen new benches appearing around the district. *The Benches Project* marks Lions



International's Centenary Year - one hundred years of worldwide service. The Wellesbourne Lions' bench is on St Peter's Road at the end of Cherry Orchard and is part of an initiative in partnership with the *OSCARS* Project. Other new benches are in Chestnut Square - sponsored by *VASA*, and on Elliot Drive - sponsored by *Home Instead*. We are also planning to provide similar Centenary Benches in Barford, Ettington and Kinton. The Lion's Millennium Bench has now stood outside the Library for some 18 years, and we hope that the new benches will be similarly appreciated by residents and visitors for years to come. Where there's a need there's a Lion!

AS

Hampton Lucy Parish Precept - 2018/19

The current Hampton Lucy Parish Council budget is £10,301.00, equivalent to a precept of £43.96 per annum for a Band 'D' property - well below the Stratford District average of £58.35 for the same band. Routine expenditure includes street lighting, grass cutting, maintenance of the King George V and the Parish Fields, public liability insurance, contributions to community projects, and a small salary for the Parish Clerk. There is also an appreciable outlay for elections, over which we have no control. (*The recent mid-term by-election cost just under £2,000!*) Preparation of the 2018/19 budget has highlighted unavoidable additional expenditure. The popular and much-used children's playground equipment is predominantly wooden - a stipulation of the original grant for its installation. It has to meet current safety standards and a recent inspection identified essential remedial work. Urgent repairs have been prioritised, but there are also less critical issues which will need rectifying. Competitive quotes are being obtained, but the estimated cost is at least £1,500. The Council has also been advised that the village streetlight fittings will need to be changed. The bulbs currently fitted are obsolete and will be unobtainable after 2020. The Clerk is investigating the likely cost but the Parish Council has set aside a 'street lighting reserve' in the budget. These additional costs inevitably mean an increase of the budget to £14,900.00, a precept of approximately £61.50 for a Band 'D' property. Although an appreciable increase, this still only marginally exceeds *last year's* Stratford District average. The Parish Council has worked hard to minimise expenditure but has to ensure that the Parish finances are sustainable in order to continue to deliver services. Councillors receive neither payment nor expenses for their work.

Cllr Chris Schroeder, Chair of Hampton Lucy Parish Council



Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Poulenc's *Gloria*

Conductor Stephen Dodsworth

The Levi Fox Hall, King Edward VI Grammar School, Stratford-upon-Avon

Saturday, 17 March, at 7.30pm

Soloists, Rachel Godsill (soprano), Greg Tassell (tenor) and Samuel Oram (baritone).
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LM - Lisa Maloney;
MO - Marie Osborne;
ER - Elaine Rajkowski;
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The Loxley website:
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The Charlecote website:
charlecote.org.uk

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads'

will meet in The Boars Head at 11.30am
on Thursday, 1 March

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

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'

will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy,
on Tuesday, 13 March at 10.30am.
All Ladies welcome.



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Church Services

March 2018

2 March 10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer Women's World Day of Prayer Service
4 March 9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	The Third Sunday of Lent Charlecote Morning Worship CW Loxley Holy Communion BCP Hampton Lucy Holy Communion CW
11 March 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Lent Hampton Lucy Mothering Sunday S'vce CW Charlecote Mothering Sunday S'vce CW Loxley Mothering Sunday S'vce BCP Hampton Lucy Evensong BCP
18 March 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Charlecote Holy Communion BCP Hampton Lucy Come and Worship CW Loxley Family Service
25 March 8.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Palm Sunday Charlecote Holy Communion BCP Loxley Holy Communion BCP Hampton Lucy Evensong BCP
29 March 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Hampton Lucy Holy Communion CW
30 March 10.00am 2.00pm	Good Friday Hampton Lucy Hot Cross Bun Service Charlecote Meditation
1 April 9.15am 10.45am 11.00am	Easter Day, The First Sunday of Easter Hampton Lucy Holy Communion CW Charlecote Holy Communion CW Loxley Holy Communion CW

For Your Diary - March 2018

- Thur 1 **The Lucy Lads** meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am, **Notice Board.**
- Thur 1 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Mon 5 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Wed 7 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Hampton Lucy VH, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
- Sat 10** [Copy deadline for the April edition of The Grapevine.](#)
- Mon 12 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Mon 12 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Tues 13 **The Lucy Ladies** meet at The Boars Head at 10.30am, **Notice Board.**
- Tues 13 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (visit website).
- Wed 14 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Thur 15 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Sat 17, **Carmina Burana**, King Edward VI School, 7.30pm, **page 4.**
- Mon 19 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Fri 23 **Carers4Carers**, Kineton Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, **page 2.**
- Mon 26 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Mon 26 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Thur 29 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

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