



# The Grapevine

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## WI Goes Green

On Tuesday, July 24, the Met Office issued an amber warning for extreme heat but it didn't deter the ladies of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI or their guests. Off they went to Valefresco in Hampton Lucy to see *vertical hydroponics* in action. Only last January a government report entitled *A Green Future: Our 25 year plan to improve the environment\** highlighted the innovative collaborative research work of Saturn Bioponics and Valefresco who were working together growing Pak Choi in vertical columns under a polytunnel. They are now growing a variety of green leaf lettuce destined for the sandwich making industry with a buyer already lined up. We were welcomed by Nick Mauro from Valefresco and Arnoud Witterveen from Saturn Bioponics. The first impression of one of the visitors was that the system resembled a car wash - with rows of green brushes. Like many innovations, it seems such a simple idea. Each container is filled with unglazed clay pellets and the pumped nutrient solution, precisely monitored, circulates from the top down. Arnoud explained that the system uses 95% less water compared to growing in open ground - very relevant this summer - and the yield is four times greater per square metre than traditional land use. The system uses no pesticides and no additional fertiliser and it was impressive to see a complete absence of leaf damage or discoloration. Every plant was pristine. Harvesting by hand-picking is easy, the crops need no washing and are ready to eat, and the samples tasted were delicious. Arnoud explained that the system could be adapted for many different crops including fruit such as strawberries. It was a fascinating visit and wonderful to see such innovation right on our doorstep. The visit was rounded off by an enjoyable afternoon tea in the Boars Head.



Photo: Ken Cockshull

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## 'Flu Vaccinations

The influenza season is fast approaching! If you are eligible for a flu. vaccination it has been ordered in for you. The manufacturer is currently unable to confirm delivery dates of the vaccine but we have been advised that it should be available for September onwards. We will be having regular drop-in clinics or bookable appointments at Wellesbourne and Kineton surgeries throughout the months of September, October and November and will be visiting patients who have difficulty getting to the surgery. We also aim to set up community sessions in both Wellesbourne and Kineton. Please look out for up-to-date information on our website, on our Facebook page, on the right-hand side of your repeat prescription, and in posters and magazines around the villages. If you don't want to receive the vaccine it is most important that you tell us so we can update our records.

Hastings House Medical Centres

## The First of the Last Nights

On Saturday, 15 September, at St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, a concert following the style of *The Last Night of the Proms* will be held in aid of OSCARS, (*Over 60s Community & Rehabilitation Scheme*), and St Peter's Church, starting at 7.30pm. *The Shipston Silver Band*, *The Village Voices*, *The Two Castles Male voice*, and soprano *Gill Hutsby* will all be performing. The programme features all of the usual *Last Night* favourites and much more - an evening of great music in a beautiful venue. Join us, have fun, wave a flag and enjoy a good sing. See **The Notice Board** page for details.

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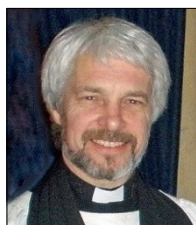
## Charlecote Harvest Supper

Charlecote Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, 6 October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10 for a two-course meal, a glass of wine/soft drink, and entertainment. For further details or to buy tickets, please contact Sue Lampitt on 01926 624545 or Vanessa Lewis on 01789 842552.

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Dear Friends,

I saw something in the media recently about the numbers of people listening to the news on a certain well-known news programme falling. This might have been to do with more people getting their news on the internet but, in fact, the evidence seemed to be that people were listening to less news because it was all too depressing. That certainly struck a chord with me.

Being born in 1955, I have lived during wars in Vietnam, the Falklands, the Gulf (twice) and Afghanistan. Along with other conflicts they have all been terrible and very worrying at the time. But now I find myself worrying in a different way.

All of those conflicts were with external enemies. Now it seems that our own society is becoming much more divided. There is Brexit, of course. But extreme views seem to be much more common generally, whether of left or right; in relation to people of other faiths; or around how to tackle issues around immigration; etc. It feels like the idea of common ground that we might

negotiate from has disappeared. Compromise seems to be regarded as weakness or failure. And respect for those with different views or practices is getting rarer. This trend seems to be true both nationally and internationally and it is very disturbing.

Yet at the heart of Christianity is a command to "love our neighbour with all our heart and soul and mind and strength" and the example of a man who did just that. That man, Jesus, also even told his followers to 'love your enemy'. In a time of increasing division it is vital that all Christians and all people of good will seek to hold on to the kind of moderation and inclusiveness that does not just create winners and losers but looks to the interests and well-being of all, recognising diversity of views but looking to establish the best degree of unity which can be found. I pray we may succeed in reversing this trend. People might even feel able to listen to the news again!

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, 28 September - Carers4Carers monthly meeting 10.30am to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall. We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning. The Companionship Group, for those whom we care for, will meet as usual. For more details, please look out for posters, ring for more details 01926 640203/07947 893504 or visit our website. Looking forward to seeing you there. [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk)

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## Women in the Bible

An autumn course will be run by Ann Fawcett at Barford and Hampton Lucy entitled *Women In The Bible - Their Influence and Significance*. The meetings will take place on Monday evenings in Barford, and Tuesday evenings in Hampton Lucy, starting on Monday, 8 October. Further details from Anne on 01926 624371.

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## Hampton Lucy Parish Council

Jeremy Whyman has recently resigned as a Parish Councillor after serving since being elected in March, 2016. He was a member of the Planning Committee and, with the Parish Clerk and Councillor Dobson, was responsible for the safety of the children's play equipment in the King George V Field. When the Parish Council took over the management of the allotments from the Elizabeth Creak Trust he took on the task of mapping the allotments, compiling a register of 'tenants' and collecting the rents. Other voluntary work included replacement and installation of the damaged bench on the Scar Bank footpath. The Parish Council would like to thank him for all his work for the village and the Parish and wish him well in his 'retirement'.

CS. (Chris Schroeder, Chair, HLPC)

## From the Registers

<b>Baptisms:</b>	Hampton Lucy	8 July 2018	Sasha Bhavesh Evelyn Gandhi
	Loxley	22 July 2018	Lucas David Beverley
	Hampton Lucy	12 August 2018	Isabelle Marie Ledingham
<b>Weddings:</b>	Charlecote	5 May, 2018	Matthew Hutsby and Bethan Helm
	Hampton Lucy	7 July 2018	Jonathan Cook and Joanne Tuck
	Charlecote	21 July 2018	John Wing and Georgie Bean

## The Silver Line

*The Silver Line* is a helpline for older people offering information, friendship and advice 24/7. Founded by Dame Esther Rantzen, it is the UK's only national, confidential and free helpline for older people. *The Silver Line* also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a *Silver Liner* to a volunteer for regular contact. So, if anyone is lying awake at night, feeling lonely, or is worried about a problem and think that a chat with a friend who cares might help, please call *The Silver Line* on 0800 4 70 80 90, website address: [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

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### Charlecote Park ...Don't Shoot The Editor!

Undeterred by the heat wave, we've been planning Christmas at Charlecote throughout the summer. Ending the year in which we have commemorated the impact of the First World War, we are taking 1918 as our theme. Our research team



has found plenty of evidence that everyone was keen to make this a very happy Christmas, a time to celebrate in spite of shortages, a time when no-one was anticipating bad news any longer. The house will be open and decorated for Christmas (11am-3.30pm) Friday to Monday 30 November-3 December and 7-10 December, then every day from 14 to 24 December. Entry to the house at weekends will be by timed ticket only, bookable online from 4 September. Father Christmas will join us from Friday to Monday each week - visit him in the summerhouse or join us on Saturdays at 9.00am for breakfast. (Prior booking essential for breakfasts and for summerhouse appointments). Booking for Father

Christmas opens on 1 October and we have an online booking system this year. You'll find more information and the links for booking Father Christmas and house tickets on our website ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote-park)) and through our social media. We can't take any bookings via 'phone or e-mail this year.

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### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

As part of the WFWI's centenary celebrations, a garden party was held on 4 July by Bishop Itchington WI and fourteen of our members attended. It was a lovely evening, there were many activities to take part in, and wine and refreshments were served throughout the evening. Our July meeting was held on 11 July when the speaker, John Parnell, gave a talk on the circus. Philip Astley is credited with being the 'father' of the modern circus in 1768 in England. A skilled equestrian, Astley demonstrated trick riding in a circle, rather than a straight line as his rivals did, and thus chanced on the format which was later named a 'circus'. In 1770 he hired acrobats, tightrope walkers, jugglers and a clown to fill in the pauses between acts. It was an entertaining evening, members were invited to participate, and everyone enjoyed trying some of the circus skills. As part of the Warwickshire Federation's centenary celebrations, nine members of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI joined over eight hundred WI members from across Warwickshire on 30 July in Lincoln. We congregated in Lincoln Cathedral, refreshments were provided and, after the speeches and votes of thanks to the organisers, members were free to explore the magnificent cathedral and enjoy the lovely city of Lincoln. It was a superb day out and extremely well organised. The next meeting, entitled *WI Health Check* and presented by WI advisers, will be held on 5 September at Charlecote Village Hall.



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### Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



What an amazing summer we have had so far! On Sunday, 1 July, we held our *Classic Funday* on Wellesbourne Sports Field. Visitors were treated to eighty classic cars plus a number of other unusual vehicles including a traction engine and a 'James Bond villain's car. There were plenty of side shows and stalls to keep everyone entertained, and refreshments included a very welcome ice cream stall. We would like to thank everyone who came along and helped us to raise funds which will be used to support local charities. We would also like to thank the stallholders and classic vehicle owners who helped to make this such a fun event! I would like to invite you to join us for an evening of *Lion Racing*, with supper, on Friday, 14 September at Barford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. If you haven't been to a *Lion Racing* evening before then why not give it a try? It is great fun! The event is being held in memory of Lion David Field with proceeds going to The Parkinsons Society and Barford Scout Hut. Tickets are available from Rod Scott on 01926 624434 or John Liley on 01789 841745. Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that our new President is John Liley, who will be in office for the next twelve months. He is taking over from the charismatic Charles Williams who has been a very popular president.

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- Southam & Surrounding area – Operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

UBUS can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping. It cannot be used to attend medical appointments. **Residents interested in registering with the service should ring 01789 264491. For further information contact Marie Darwen at Stratford District Council on 01789 260 108.** UBUS is supported by Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford Town Trust.

## Gala Concert at St Nicholas', Loxley

Our Gala Concert will feature three musicians of the highest calibre. Natasha Agarwal (*soprano*) has performed in the UK, France, Holland, Italy and in leading roles at the Royal Opera House in Mumbai, India. Georgia Morse (*cello*) has performed as a soloist on many occasions including the Elgar Cello Concerto with the Orchestra del Carmine in Florence, and with various chamber ensembles in Europe and the UK. She is studying for a second Masters Degree in Cello Performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London. George Fradley (*piano*) is a postgraduate at the Royal Academy, having previously studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. He has performed Beethoven concertos and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and won the Eric Hodges Beethoven prize and the Beethoven Intercollegiate Competition. We are privileged to have such talented young musicians perform at Loxley and are indebted to Natasha for making this concert possible. Why do such brilliant musicians on the threshold of glittering professional careers give up their time to come to play at Loxley? Possibly because Natasha loves the venue, the acoustics, and the warm, appreciative and supportive audience, so do come long to St Nicholas' Church, Loxley on Sunday, 23 September at 3.00pm, enjoy the performances and show your appreciation. There will be a free glass of prosecco on arrival and a free souvenir programme. The concert will last about 60 minutes with no charge for admission but generous donations in the retiring collection in favour of the Church Fabric Fund will be much appreciated.

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### The Notice Board

#### Charlecote Village Hall

#### 'Made in Charlecote'

Saturday 15th September, 10.30 to 12.00

Coffee Morning and sale of Charlecote's  
Home Baking and Autumn Produce

Prize Draw for a 'Charlecote Hamper'

#### Don't Forget!

Classic cars meet at The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy  
Sunday, 16th September, 12 noon to 2.00pm. ('ish)  
No charge - everyone welcome.

## Compton Verney Art Gallery and Museum

If you haven't yet seen it, the current exhibition *Marvellous Mechanical Museum*, featuring very old and very modern automata, plus the biggest of Rowland Emmett's delightfully wacky mobile 'sculptures', is well worth a visit. The kids will enjoy it too. It runs until the end of September.

The English language contains many references to fabrics and textiles ..., *warp and weft, close-knit, embroider the truth, spin a good yarn, life's rich tapestry...* whilst British history has also been shaped and influenced by cloth and fabrics; Henry VIII's *Field of the Cloth of Gold*, Huguenot lace making, 'king' cotton - right up to present day's MAMILS (*Middle-Aged Men in Lycra*). Compton Verney, the historic Warwickshire art gallery and park, will host an event dedicated to showcasing the talent and work of over twenty of Britain's leading textile artists, from felt makers to hand embroiderers. Now in its eighth year, the Textile Fair will return to Compton Verney on 17 November.

AJW

### Our correspondents this month:

KC - Ken Cockshull; HD - Hilary Dunkerton; MG - Mary Gleave; RH - Robin Hammond; Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett;  
AJW - Jeremy Whyman; VL - Vanessa Lewis; LM - Lisa Maloney; TN - Tony Naylor;  
ER - Rajkowsky; CS - Chris Schroeder; AS - Andy Stokes; PT - Pat Twitty; DW - Duncan West.



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# The Notice Board

The Hampton Lucy website:  
[hamptonlucy.wordpress.com](http://hamptonlucy.wordpress.com)

The Charlecote website:  
[www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com](http://www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com)

The Loxley website:  
[loxleyvillage.com](http://loxleyvillage.com)

## Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads'

will meet in The Boars Head at 11.30am  
on Thursday, 6 September.

'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, 11 September, at 10.30am.  
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## Church Services

### September 2018

<b>2 September</b>	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW	
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW	
<b>9 September</b>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP	
<b>16 September</b>	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service		
<b>23 September</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP	
<b>30 September</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	<b>(Benefice Services)</b>			
8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW	
10.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW	

### For your diary

#### August

- Fri 24 'Pop up Pub', Wasperton Village Hall, 5.30pm to 10.00pm, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 27 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm. Bank Holiday Special.

#### September

- Sat 1 **Stratford Morris 'Come and Try It'**, Stratford Race Course, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 3 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.  
 Wed 5 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote VH, 7.30pm, **page 3**.  
 Thur 6 **The Lucy Lads** meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am, **Notice Board**.  
 Sun 9 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm.  
**Sun 9 Copy deadline for the October edition of The Grapevine.**  
 Mon 10 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Mon 10 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.  
 Tues 11 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (visit website).  
 Tues 11 **The Lucy Ladies** meet at The Boars Head at 10.30am, **Notice Board**.  
 Thur 13 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.  
 Fri 14 **Lions Club 'Lion Racing'**, Barford Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.  
 Sat 15 **'Made in Charlecote'**, Charlecote Village Hall, 10.30-12 noon, **Notice Board**.  
 Sat 15 **Last Night of the Proms**, St Peter's Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm, **page 1**.  
 Sun 16 **Classic Cars Meet**, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, 12.00 noon, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 17 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.  
 Sun 23 **Loxley Church Gala Concert**, St Nicholas' Church, 3.00pm, **page 4**.  
 Mon 24 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Mon 24 **Pilates Class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.  
 Thur 27 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.  
 Fri 28 **Carers4Carers**, Kington Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, **page 2**.

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