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Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Celebrates 100 Years

Our 100th Birthday Party was celebrated in style on Wednesday, 3 April, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall - which is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary Year! The hall was beautifully decorated with the hand-made bunting, plus balloons and banners, and the tables were dressed with the entries in the *Flower Arrangement in a Jam Jar* competition. Lynne Stubbings, National Federation Chair, and Anne Bufton-McCoy, Warwickshire Federation Chair, judged the entries and the winner was Kath Clarke, with Jeryl Stone second and Marilyn Dobson third. The supper was superb and the birthday cake made by Jane Whyatt was a work of art. Lynne Stubbings was given the honour of cutting it. Afterwards, the Denman Draw took place and the Kath Clarke and Hilary Dunkerton were both successful. Cathy provided the evening's musical entertainment with songs from the



1930s to 1980s - very appropriate for the occasion - and her lovely voice soon had everyone singing and dancing in the aisles. The party was



declared a resounding success. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 1 May, at 7.30pm in Charlecote Village Hall when the *Resolutions* will be discussed. The guest speaker will be David Fry on the subject of *The Marton Museum of Country Bygones*. The competition will be a *Posy of Herbs*. A date for your diary - *Vintage Cream Tea*, in aid of Hampton Lucy Village Hall Centenary Appeal, will be held on Sunday, 9 June, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, in Charlecote Village Hall. Further details will appear in the June edition of the Grapevine. (Photos by David Clarke) PT



Talking of Village Halls...

After ten years of dedicated service as Chairman of Charlecote Village Hall Committee, Helen Hoggarth stepped down from the role at the AGM on 2 April. Helen will remain on the committee and plans to continue to have an active role. The committee thanked her for the outstanding commitment and hard work that she has relentlessly maintained throughout the last ten years on behalf of the villagers and all who use the wonderful facility. Helen was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Chris Johns on behalf of the Trustees and Committee. Ian Harrison has taken over as Chairman. IHa

The Hampton Lucy Annual Plant & Produce Sale

The renowned Plant Sale will be taking place on Saturday, 1 June, from 9.00am. In addition to the usual wide range of seedlings, plants and shrubs, we shall also be selling local produce and will welcome donations of jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits. Charlecote Mill flour and fresh locally-baked bread will be available once again. Prices are always modest and customers return year-on-year so it is a good idea to arrive early! We are always in need of helpers throughout the growing period and, of course, volunteers to help on the day. There will be 'potting on' sessions arranged, and a rota for watering and general plant care. If you can spare some time, please do get in touch with any of the Plant Sale Team. You can contact me, Helen Leeson, on 01789 842258, mobile: 07776 141395, e-mail: hjchapman1@hotmail.com Many thanks in anticipation. HL

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Dear Friends,

This month we welcome Rev'd Andy Larkin, who will be taking up the post of interim Priest-in-Charge of the Barford Group Benefice from 1 May. He will be licensed by Archdeacon Sue Field at a brief ceremony that evening in Barford church. His first Sunday service will be a **Benefice Service**, also in **Barford church**, at **10:00am on Sunday, 5 May**. Please come along to support Andy as he starts his ministry within our benefice. There will be a chance to meet him and talk to him informally after the service, with the usual refreshments of tea, coffee and cake. While he will continue to live in Wootton Wawen for the duration of his six month secondment, Andy plans to spend most of his working time within our Benefice, meeting with the ministry team and PCC members, getting to know members of the wider community and visiting the three church schools. Andy's first services at Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley are still to be confirmed at time of printing, but will be announced in church. More details of these arrangements and the services that Andy will be leading will be given in the notices sheet published each week. This is handed out at Sunday services and is available from the back of the church. From 1st May, Andy can be contacted on 07758 704452 or email andy@larkin.me.uk

JP



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, 24 May, 10.30am to 12 noon (*extended to 12:30 for those who are able to stay*): Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Come and join us for coffee, biscuits, and a chat. Our topic will be *Make your voice heard - a chance to exchange carer experiences in order to feedback and influence local and national services*. 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, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203 or 07947 893504.

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Loxley Church Concert

The first concert in our 2019 season will be at **St Nicholas' Church, Loxley**, on **Sunday, 19 May**, at **3.00 pm** and will feature **The Tora Wilson Vocal Academy**. Tora Wilson studied at the *Royal Birmingham Conservatoire* as a graduate and postgraduate, and thereafter continued her studies at the *Instituto Europeo* in Florence. She has subsequently developed a successful career as a soloist in the UK and Europe. She also founded her eponymous Stratford-upon-Avon based *Vocal Academy* which teaches all styles of music to a very high standard. Many of its students have gone on to study at leading Conservatoires as well as Drama and Music Theatre schools. The concert will feature her Vocal Academy students performing in a variety of styles and genres, as well as some songs and arias by Tora herself. We are thrilled and delighted to be able to welcome Tora for what is certain to be a very entertaining and enjoyable concert and we look forward to welcoming our regular supporters and some new faces as well.

DW

Reading Retreat

Do you ever dream of being able to sit down with a good book and read all day without distractions, yet always tell yourself you shouldn't or couldn't? Why not leave aside your responsibilities for a few hours and spend them with your nose in a book in *Charlecote Quiet Garden*. Bring your own book(s) or borrow from the vicarage shelves. The day will begin with coffee and a short reflection, and will include a light lunch and afternoon tea. You could come for the whole day or just a few hours. Suggested donation: £20 with lunch, £10 without lunch. For more details, contact Rev'd Rachel Saum charlecotequietgarden@gmail.com 07815 793625 or visit www.charlecotequietgarden.org

Rev'd RS

University of the Third Age

Dene Valley U3A will host a presentation by Graham Short entitled *Fakes in the Antique World*, where there will be the opportunity to listen to, and raise questions on, this ever-popular topic. Graham has spent many years in the antiques business and will share his insight into identifying items being sold as antiques which may not necessarily be what they claim to be! We meet in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues, 14 May, starting at 2.30pm. Non-members welcome to attend at a nominal charge of £2, which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about our organisation then please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or visit our Facebook page.

JH

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Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



I hope you all had a good Easter break and are looking forward to a nice hot summer, fingers crossed! On Saturday, 6 April, the Lions hosted our annual Senior Citizens Concert at Kineton High School, and it was enjoyed by around eighty people. There was bingo and a free raffle, and entertainment was provided by a singing duo, Paul Gunton (*The Minstrel*), and children from *Intadance*. Our thanks go to the *Bring Joy Foundation* who sponsored much of this year's event. We'd like to invite you to our very first *Beer, Fizz, Gin and Family Festival* at the Home Guard Club, Tiddington, on Friday, 31 May, and Saturday, 1 June, hosted jointly with Shakespeare Lions. Savour a selection of local ales, gins, mixers and prosecco between 12 noon to 10:30pm on both days, and there will be a BBQ, family entertainment on Saturday afternoon, with a local band performing on Saturday night.



Senior citizens' concert and lunch

Proceeds will support local charities so please spread the word. The Lions are also pleased to be helping a group of five local Explorer Scouts who will be travelling to the International Jamboree in the USA later this year - a wonderful opportunity for them. They have been doing their own fundraising, are well on their way to reaching their targets, and we have given them each a grant of £200 to help them on their way. Finally, Lions International aims to restore eyesight for millions of people around the world. You can help by depositing your unused spectacles at the pharmacy by the new Medical Centre in Wellesbourne. We will recycle and distribute them to people who could never afford to pay for their own lenses.

AS



Lion Treasurer Rod Scott and Explorer Scouts Leader Karen Godfrey

News From Charlecote Park

Easter was hardly over before we were planning for half-term. We'll have another trail for families to make getting outside and enjoying nature even better. The theme this time is *Charlecote Tapestries* - looking at the textures of the landscape around us. Pick up the trail on your way in (£3 per trail, normal admission applies to non-NT members) and it runs from 24 May to 2 June; there's a small prize at the end too. For the craft-minded, we have willow-weaving workshops coming up and a chance to make a ceramic hare. Advance booking is essential and more information on our website. There are still tickets available, at the time of writing, for our Outdoor Cinema screening of *The Greatest Showman* on 18 May (sorry - *Bohemian Rhapsody* is now sold out). Bring a picnic and enjoy the music! Please book direct through the Lost Cinema website for this event. We're holding our next Volunteer Open Days on Saturday, 1 June, and Wednesday, 5 June. Pop in to see the team between 10.30am and 3.00pm and have a chat if you're interested in volunteering with us at Charlecote. We'll talk about your interests and availability and find a role to suit. Away from the busy Bank Holidays, this is a beautiful time of year to escape into nature for a while with a walk through the parkland when the buttercups flower in Places Meadow.



Photo: Jana Eastwood

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Our correspondents this month:

NC - Niki Carpenter; HL - Helen Leeson; MG - Mary Gleave; IH - Ian Hammond; JH - John Hargis; IHa - Ian Harrison; LM - Lisa Maloney; JP - Jonathan Partridge; Rev'd RS - Rev'd Rachel Saum; AS - Andy Stokes; PT - Pat Twitty; DW - Duncan Watts;

National Open Farm Sunday



On Sunday, 9 June, Valefresco will once again be hosting *Open Farm Sunday* between 1.30pm and 3.30pm at Old Pastures Farm, Hampton Lucy. Please do come along to see what we do and to see what plans we have for the future. As part of the day there will be tractor and trailer rides around the farm, guided walking tours, static machinery displays, a BBQ, and a bouncy castle for the kids. Please come prepared for the weather on the day, and wear stout shoes, boots or trainers. The team at Valefresco looks forward to welcoming you to Old Pastures Farm. **IH**

Loxley C of E Community Primary School

We have had another packed half-term of events at Loxley Primary School! As part of the Stratford-upon-Avon Literary Festival our school received a visit from children's author and poet, James Carter. James has written a selection of children's books and poems, such as the space-themed *The Big Beyond*. As part of his visit, James delivered an exciting, interactive writing workshop, which included showing the children how to compose *kennings* - an old English and Norse form of poetry packed with metaphors. At our weekly *Forest School* sessions, we have been having lots of fun down on the village green, building nests for the birds and designing coats of arms to represent our own personalities. Most recently, the children led an Easter Service in St Nicholas Church. All children in school had their own role to play in the service, from performing traditional Easter hymns on recorders and cello to helping to tell and act out the Easter story. The children celebrated at the end of the service with a traditional Easter Bonnet parade with chocolaty prizes awarded to all! Thank you to all those families and community members who attended to support. **EB**



James Carter with the children



Casting out the money lenders

Where Have All The Hedgehogs Gone...?



You must be aware that one of our best-loved native mammals, the hedgehog, is in serious decline. It's estimated that the overall population has declined by 50% since the millennium, with 30% disappearing from our towns and cities. We are fortunate to still see these precious creatures in our three villages, Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley. As well as being delightful to behold - snuffling around on the lawn at dusk - they are truly the gardener's friend, consuming the slugs, caterpillars and snails which would otherwise make a beeline for your flowers and vegetables! I visited the fantastic hedgehog rescue headquarters of *Hedgehog Friendly Town*, based in Stratford-upon-Avon and established and run by two 13 year-old girls. They suggest these simple and effective tips to help encourage and preserve our village hedgehogs. *Provide hedgehog access(es) in your garden boundary - 13cm square is large enough - to enable them to roam from garden to garden whilst avoiding dangerous roads. *If possible, let an area of your garden go 'wild', making an ideal place for them to nest, find food, and hibernate in the winter. *Check before strimming or mowing long grass. *Don't use slug pellets. *Check bonfires before lighting. *Cover drains or holes and put ramps or bricks in ponds or on large steps to make it easier for them to get up and down. *Provide suitable food and water - chicken-based cat or dog food is perfect. *Contrary to popular belief, no milk or milk-based food please as it makes hedgehogs very ill. *Finally, drive with care through villages and down country lanes at night. If you would like to donate hedgehog food or medicine to *Hedgehog Friendly Town* please contact Niki Carpenter at niknakmoo@hotmail.co.uk **NC**

The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
loxlevillage.com

The Hampton Lucy website:
hamptonlucy.wordpress.com

The Charlecote website:
www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com

**Hampton Lucy
'The Lucy Lads'**
will meet in The Boars Head at 11.30am on
Thursday, 2 May.
All Lads' at Heart will be most welcome.

**Hampton Lucy
'The Lucy Ladies'**
will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy,
on Tuesday, 14 May at 10.30am.
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Church Services - May

Sunday 5	The Third Sunday of Easter		
10.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
	Rev'd Andy Larkin's first service in our Benefice		
Sunday 12	The Fourth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
Sunday 19	The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	No Service at Charlecote		
9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
Sunday 26	The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
Thursday 30	Ascension Day		
7.30am	Meadow Court Farm	Holy Communion	CW
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

For your diary - May

- Wed 1 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote VH, 7.30pm, *page 1*.
- Thur 2 **The Lucy Lads** meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am, details on **Notice Board**.
- Sun 5 Rev'd Andy Larkin's first service in the Benefice, St Peter's, Barford, *page 2*.
- Fri 10 Copy deadline for the June edition of *The Grapevine*.
- 11-12 Kington Art Group Sale, Kington Village Hall, **Notice Board**.
- 11-12 Charlecote Mill Craft Experience Weekend, visit the website for details.
- Sun 12 Charlecote Mill Public Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm.
- Mon 13 Wellesbourne & District Lions Club, Connie Club, 8.00pm, *page 3*.
- Tues 14 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, *page 2*.
- Tues 14 **The Lucy Ladies** meet at The Boars Head at 10.30am, details on **Notice Board**.
- Sat 18 Charlecote Park Outdoor Cinema, *The Greatest Showman*, *page 3*
- Sun 19 Loxley Church Concert, St Nicholas' Church, 3.00pm, *page 2*.
- Sun 19 Classic Cars Meet, The Boars Head, 12 noon to 2.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- Fri 24 Carers4Carers, Kington Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, *page 2*.
- 24-27 Boar's Head Beer Festival, **Notice Board**.
- Fri 31 Lions' Beer, Fizz, Gin and Family Festival, Home Guard Club, *page 3*.

June

- Sat 1 Lions' Beer, Fizz, Gin and Family Festival, Home Guard Club, *page 3*
- Sat 1 Charlecote Park Volunteer's Open Day, *page 3*.
- Sat 1 Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale, 9.00am onwards, *page 1*.
- Wed 5 Charlecote Park Volunteers' Open Day, *page 3*.
- Sun 9 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Cream Tea, Charlecote Village Hall, *page 1*
- Sun 9 Open Farm Sunday, Old Pastures Farm, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, *page 4*.
- Sat 15 Lions' Midsummer Musical Extravaganza, Kington Village Hall, **Notice Board**.

(For Hampton Lucy Youth Club dates, please check with your leaders.)

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