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Valefresco's LEAF Open Farm Sunday, 9 June

Whilst not particularly summery, we were grateful for a dry day when we opened Old Pastures Farm for the *Leaf Open Farm Sunday*. (LEAF stands for *Linking Environment and Farming*.)



It was a great opportunity for us to welcome visitors and provide an insight into what happens *over the hedge* on our busy farm. The tractor and machinery display prompted many interesting questions and it was great to engage with the visitors during the trailer rides. Whilst we were only able to show a small proportion of the crops grown by Valefresco, we were able to talk about a wide range of topics covering our salad production methods and the environment. We were also fascinated by the swarms of colourful Damselflies that joined us as we travelled along the banks of the river around the Alveston side of the farm. Our planning consultant had a busy afternoon explaining Valefresco's intended future developments,

the bouncy castle amused the children, and the barbecue food sold out earlier than expected! All in all, it was inspiring to see so many taking an active interest in how their food is produced and choosing to connect with us growers. Thank you for coming and making our event a success.

SN

Another Successful Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale - 1 June, 2019

It was a perfect June morning - calm, dry, and sunny. Valefresco kindly delivered stacks of palettes and boxes of salad produce at around 7.00am, and a team of workers quickly began emptying the newly-donated greenhouses and setting up a great display of plants and produce. Helen, efficient as always, had already produced laminated pictures and colour-coded price lists. Meanwhile, a team of ladies set about organising the homemade cake stall, (thanks to WI members and villagers), a stall selling Hampton Lucy homemade bread (thanks to Rev'd Jim), plus tea, coffee, and cake for visitors and workers alike. Karl Grevatt had a display of his local Charlecote Mill flour for sale. All of this was the culmination of much hard work by a dedicated team of *potters on* and *waterers* which began way back in March and none of this would have been possible without our sponsors: Bowden Nurseries, Sainsbury's, Charlecote Mill, Pershore Horticultural College Commercial Nursery and Valefresco Ltd. The event raised the splendid sum of £1600 for the upkeep of the Village Hall. Equally importantly, it was a great village event bringing residents together - planning, preparing, and delivering on the day. Despite the hard work, everyone stocked up on plants and produce, drank tea and coffee, consumed cake, and had a good natter! All would agree that the day had the feel-good factor!

HD, HL

Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery

The first half of this summer term has been short but very busy and we are proud of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who have all worked hard to complete their SAT tests. Less than a week after finishing them, our Year 6 pupils went on a residential trip to Croft Farm where they threw themselves into the activities there and had a wonderful time - the sun shone and it was an incredible experience as they get ready to move to their new schools. We are now looking forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery Children in September. There are still some places available and we will be pleased to welcome prospective parents and pupils to show them what an excellent school this is. There are lots of activities coming up for the children to look forward, and let's hope that the weather improves so that we can enjoy learning in the school grounds. We have our Family Fun Day on Saturday, 29 June, when there will be lots of activities for the whole family to take part in, (see **The Notice Board**.)

HHt

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Dear Friends,

The rain is lashing against my study window, heralding the arrival of a truly British summer! Not that I'm complaining - wilted plants are starting to look a little greener. With the arrival of summer come the thoughts of vacation. Time to relax, rest and perhaps catch up with family and friends. For many, life rushes past at an alarming rate; so much to fit into so little time and I'm not just talking of those who work. Many of my retired friends seem to be even busier in retirement! We can so easily find ourselves with lives that are completely out of balance, replacing the joy God gives to us with tension and stress.

What should a balanced life look like? What are the key ingredients that our God-created minds and bodies crave? In the opening chapters of the Bible, in the story of creation, perhaps we find some clues. There is a balance that God strikes between creative work, contributing to the needs of others (six days straight) and complete rest (one day). With Adam and Eve, their initial life also involved time spent with God and the remainder of the Bible gives ample example of the need for all of us to find regular time to pray and worship. Rest, prayer and worship helps to restore our equilibrium.

When the Sunday Trading Act was passed in 1994, allowing more shops and businesses to open, our society changed. Suddenly a day which had been largely a national day of rest started to fill with work or chores. Many would say that the convenience of being able to shop on a Sunday has made life easier. Of course, the Internet now means we can shop all day and all night, if we so desire. This freedom can be very helpful but it can also add to the pressure of life. Unless we are ill, there is no time when we are forced to rest.

Learning to strike the right balance between all these elements is a lifelong exercise, moving and shifting as our circumstances change. Whatever the circumstances of your life, I pray that you will find more of God's peace and joy this summer.

Andy. (Rev'd Andy Larkin)



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 26 July, 10.30 to 12 noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall. There's no speaker this month to give more time for coffee, biscuits and chat! 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 640203/07947 893504. There will be no regular Carers4Carers meeting in August; for details of our morning outing please contact Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504

LM

Charlecote's Christian Aid Week *Big Brekkie*

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast at Charlecote Vicarage to raise funds for Christian Aid on Sunday, 19 May. We raised an impressive £335 from the breakfast, and an additional £30.81 from the door-to-door collection. All funds raised will go to support people of all faiths across 37 countries to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

Quiet Day @ Charlecote Quiet Garden.

Reconnection with Creation - Monday, 8 July, 10.00am to 4.00pm. As we are becoming more aware of humanity's impact on the natural world, where should our stewardship of creation begin? This day will offer an opportunity to increase awareness of our interconnection with all of creation through mindfulness and creativity, and to enable participants to consider their own role in caring for the natural world. For more information go to www.charlecotequietgarden.org or email Rev Rachel Saum at charlecotequietgarden@gmail.com

Rev'd RS

Our correspondents this month:

HD - Hilary Dunkerton; **MG** - Mary Gleave; **JH** - John Hargis; **HHt** - Helen Hunt; **HL** - Helen Leeson; **LM** - Lisa Maloney; **SN** - Steve Nickells; **RS** - Rev'd Rachel Saum; **AS** - Andy Stokes; **PT** - Pat Twitty; **DW** - Duncan Watts; **AJW** - Jeremy Whyman

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Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



The Wellesbourne & District Lions hosted a brand new event this year, the *Beer, Fizz and Gin Festival (BFG)*, on Friday, 31 May and Saturday 1 June at the Home Guard Club in Tiddington. It was a joint venture with our friends from Shakespeare Lions. The weather was glorious throughout the weekend and, although numbers were a little disappointing, those attending seemed to enjoy a really good time. The excellent beer selection was supplied by two local breweries, North Cotswold and Church Farm. We will be hosting our third *Classic Funday* on Sunday, 8 September, between 12 noon and 4.00pm at Wellesbourne Sports Field. There will be classic vehicles on display, children's go karts, family fun, food, drink and more. The good news is that entry is completely free for all visitors and for all display vehicles! There is even a free burger for all classic vehicle owners who register in advance!! Please contact Simon Oram on 01789 840704 or Chris Cole on 01789 840223 if you would like to bring a vehicle. New for this year is a *Car Treasure Hunt*, starting at 10.00am. The cost to enter is £20 per car. Please contact Simon Oram on 01789 840704 to book a place - numbers are limited so first come, first served!

AS



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Susan Rasmussen gave a talk on *Dress Style* at the 5 June meeting. It was good fun and very entertaining as she gave us tips on colours to wear and accessories to use. She then judged *The Most Interesting Item of Old Clothing* competition which was won by Kath Clarke - with Helen Sill runner up and Hilary Dunkerton third. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting will be held in Charlecote Village Hall on the 3 July and the speaker will be Paula Cornwall who will give a talk entitled *The Flying Housewife*. The competition will be *The Largest Weed*. The 7 August meeting will be held in Charlecote Village Hall at 7.00pm when we will be entertaining members from our twin WI, Bishops Itchington. The competition will be *A Carving in Soap*. A Memorabilia Exhibition will be held in Charlecote Village Hall from 4 to 11 August (see **The Notice Board** for details.)

PT

News From Charlecote Park

The long summer holidays are almost here and we'll have something happening to keep children busy throughout the 6 weeks of Warwickshire main school holidays. Take a look the *Families Page* on our website for more information and get stuck in to trails and crafts based on the new *50 things to do before you're 11¼* (- it's fine if you're a bit older!) Thank you to everyone who has given us such great feedback on the Wood Yard Café. We'll be continuing to upgrade our visitor facilities after the summer when planning permission is confirmed.

From September we'll begin work in the overflow car park but the main car park will still be easily accessed. Our contractors will set up at the far end, directing their vehicles away from the village. Later in the autumn, we'll begin work on installing new loos and a brand new Visitor Reception building in the car park. With everything from improved drainage, EV charging points and a regular shuttle direct from the car park down to the house to come, we're looking forward to being able to offer a much-improved welcome for all our visitors. We're due to be finished by June next year and we'll keep you updated with progress.



Photograph: Jana Eastwood

MG

Dene Valley U3A



For the July meeting we will have a presentation by John Mayell on *The Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway - Past, Present and Future*. John and some of his volunteer colleagues will provide an insight into the tremendous work that has been accomplished and describe the scope of what is currently being undertaken to enable these giants of steam travel to keep on running for the enjoyment of us all. This will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tuesday, 9 July, starting at 2.30pm. On Tuesday, 13 August at 2.30pm, there will be a presentation by David Barrie on *The Life of a Wine Taster*. David will share with us anecdotes from his time as both a wine taster and buyer in the 1960s and 1970s, where in a typical day he may have sampled hundreds of wines. He will describe how a professional wine taster determines what is a good wine, how you get a whole pear into a bottle, and the annual race to be the first to return with Beaujolais Nouveau. The venue is St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. Non-members are welcome at a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about U3A and possibly even consider joining our organisation, then please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or go to our Facebook page.

JH

Loxley - St Nicholas' 2019 Concert Season Continues

On **Sunday, 21 July**, we welcome **Helen Clutterbuck** to St Nicholas'. Helen is the epitome of a versatile soprano, having great acting skills and stage presence to go with superb diction and a beautiful voice. She studied at the Morley Opera School in London and continues her studies with Diana Vivian. She has performed leading roles in *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Carmen* and *The Masked Ball*, and loves Gilbert & Sullivan - performing regularly at the



International G & S Festival. Come and hear her at Loxley before she becomes a West End Star! The programme will include wonderful arias from Purcell, Vivaldi, Mozart, music by Novello, Sullivan and Lehar, plus Noel Coward, Bernstein and Cole Porter. She will be accompanied by pianist Helen Gillespie, a returning Loxley favourite, and by Louise and William Sherratt (piano and oboe). The concert will last for 60 minutes and is free, with a retiring collection for the Church Fabric Fund. Park in the field opposite the church or at The Fox Inn; disabled parking is available at Loxley Hall. Enjoy tea, homemade cake and other refreshments afterwards at The Fox Inn and, for this very

special concert, there will be a free programme and a free glass of Prosecco on arrival!

The following month, on **Sunday, 18 August**, we are delighted to welcome **Florian Panzneri**, tenor, and **Eleanor Sterland**, soprano. Ellie has sung in the Lichfield Cathedral Girls' Choir and in choruses with the CBSO, BBC proms, and Schleswig-Holstein Festival Choir, plus major roles in many operas, operettas and musicals. She has a degree in Microbiology and Virology and is currently (*when not singing!*) a researcher at the School of Life Sciences. Florian attended Lancing College as a Music and Drama scholar before reading History and Politics at the University of Warwick. He went on to study for a Master's at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London and is spending part of this summer at Garsington Opera. He has extensive solo experience in opera, musicals and concerts. The theme of the concert will be *Love through the Ages* - they are a couple in real life - with a Shakespearian sub-theme and including music by Purcell, Schubert and Finzi as well as duets from *West Side Story*, *Guys & Dolls*, and *The Pyjama Game*. The concert will last for 60 minutes and is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the Church Fabric Fund.

DW

BBC Antiques Roadshow at Compton Verney

BBC's Antiques Roadshow will be filmed at *Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park* for the first time this summer. The show, which is in its 42nd year, is expected to attract thousands of visitors hopeful of discovering a lost treasure. Filming with Fiona Bruce will take place on Tuesday, 2 July, and a team of experts will be there to examine paintings, jewellery, ceramics, glass, and hundreds of other historical artefacts. It will be broadcast in the Autumn. Admission to the event is free - no tickets required.

AJW

Loxley Summer BBQ & Fun Day

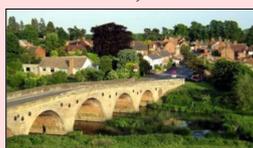
BBQ (Barry The Butcher meat!),
Ice-cream, Bar, Games,
Bouncy Castle, Fire Engine!



11am to 3 pm on Saturday 29th June
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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
Thursdays, 4 July and 1 August.
All Lads' at Heart will be most welcome.

**Hampton Lucy
'The Lucy Ladies'**
will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy,
on Tuesdays, 9 July and 13 August at 10.30am.
All Ladies welcome.

Loxley Strawberry Fayre
in the gardens of Loxley Hall
Saturday 13th July 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Strawberry Tea
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Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery
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Tues	&
Thurs	6.30-8pm
Fri	
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Sat	2-5pm
Sun	

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Church Services

July Services

7 Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	(CW)
9.30 am	Loxley	Holy Communion	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	(CW)

14 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	(CW)
11.00 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(CW)
11.00 am	Loxley	Matins	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	(BCP)

21 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(BCP)
9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Come & Worship	(CW)
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28 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Charlecote	Matins	(BCP)
11.00 am	Loxley	Holy Communion	(CW)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	(BCP)

August Services

4 Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30 am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	(CW)
9.30 am	Loxley	Holy Communion	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	(CW)

11 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

There will be no family service in Hampton Lucy on Sunday, 11 August.

11.00 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(CW)
11.00 am	Loxley	Matins	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	(BCP)

18 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(BCP)
9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Come & Worship	(CW)
11.00 am	Loxley	Family Service	

25 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Charlecote	Matins	(BCP)
10.00 am	Wasperton	Benefice Communion	(CW)
6.00 pm	Barford	Connect (<i>an opportunity to meet with God in songs and silence</i>)	

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