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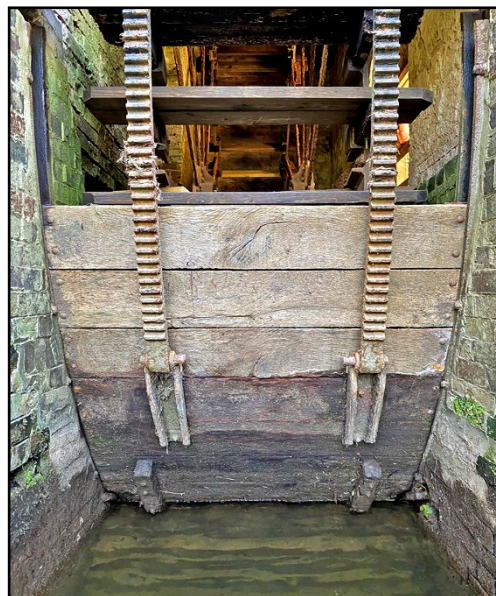
Water under the bridge - I hope!

After a fairly torrid 4 months, the mill has settled down to a new 'normal' with the waiting-time for orders much more sensible so I'm finding the time to carry out some much-needed maintenance that I'd had to put to one side whilst the demand for flour was so high.

A repair to the eastern waterwheel sluice gate was urgently needed to reduce leakage when it was closed. Fortunately this awkward job went very smoothly thanks to help from Adrian, John and Simon. It was a job I wasn't looking forward to as it involved creating a temporary but safe dam and working from inside the waterwheel, but the gate was in good condition and, with a little careful woodwork, we created a good seal, reducing the leak considerably and so preventing the risk of the waterwheel turning spontaneously when water levels are high. All of the front windows have been repaired over the last year thanks to Simon's woodworking skills and are now ready for a fresh coat of paint - the mill will soon look very smart indeed. A recent week-long survey by the Bat Conservation Trust has shown a very high bat population flying around and hunting by the building, including a rare species that the Trust is quite excited about. When the mass of data has been processed I'll let you know the results.

Due to the current Covid situation and the ongoing need for social distancing, I've decided not to open the mill to the public this year for the protection of both visitors and the volunteers. I'll review the possibilities in the spring.

KG (*Dusty Miller*)



Message from Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery



All the staff at Hampton Lucy Primary School have continued to work extremely hard providing education and support to all pupils since schools closed officially on 20th March 2020.

A number of staff have remained in school to provide care for many key-worker children throughout the whole closure and in our last few weeks at school we were able to provide places for over 1/3 of our pupils despite the social distancing rules imposed on us.

We also managed to invite all children into school for at least one afternoon before we closed for the summer holidays. We would like to thank all our parents for being so positive and providing such brilliant support to their children's learning during this time.

It was a very different send-off for our Year 6 children, but they still managed to have a lot of fun, with water fights and a virtual leavers assembly for their parents and we wish them all the very best for the next stage of their educational adventure.

September will see us opening our doors to all children as they return to full-time education. It will be different, but our staff and pupils are all amazing and will adapt brilliantly.

Alison



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From Your Vicar

Dear friends,

Apparently the 22nd September is the first day of Autumn. Google told me, so it must be true. I've long loved Keats' poem *To Autumn*. I'll not recite it in its entirety but here's the first verse.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

It's a poem which for me captures English autumn. In our Benefice, the mist will settle around the river, there will be a chill in the air and the bird song develops an echo. Our Heavenly Father has gifted us this beautiful world that moves in seasons, each different and distinct, carrying its own sense of God's glory. In *Psalms 24* the poet declares:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

As we appreciate the beauty of the changing seasons we are drawn to worship our Heavenly Father.

Wishing you Christ's peace,

Revd Andy Larkin
Vicar

The Ettington Stitchers Raise Over £600 For Shipston Home Nursing

Ettington Village Grandmother Gwenda supplied everything required to start this marvellous project a few weeks into lockdown.

The team of Stitchers have made over 500 face coverings, raising funds for local hospices and Air Ambulance.

Lindsey, Allyson, Helen, Alison, Mary, Jane, Madi, Freya and Nola have worked together to raise well over £2000 for worthwhile causes.

Please visit the fantastic "Insomnia Coffee Shop" in Ettington, run by Andrew Nardone who has supported the Stitchers every step of the way. Come and pick your own fabrics from a wide range: childrens', business, contemporary and fun! You can choose from ready-made or place a personalised order.

In addition, there is a selection of donated plants for sale.

The Insomnia Coffee Shop is the perfect place for a delicious coffee and cake. Takeaway is currently available but as soon as lockdown conditions allow there is an idyllic sunny garden or indoor seating area where you can get together with friends.

Lindsey, team coordinator, says "It has been quite a journey, in challenging times, but enormous fun, all in good spirit, supporting the community and the Stitchers contributing many hours of sewing"

Many thanks to you all for your wonderful contribution and excellent idea. Good luck and keep up the excellent work! RM



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News from the Parishes

A summary of online services, church activities and support is available online with the **Barford Burble** by e-mail. Register to join the group by contacting Barford Group of Churches at rectory@barford.org.uk



Carers4Carers

Carers4Carers is a self-help support group for carers living in Kineton and the surrounding villages and rural area. While we consider how to safely resume our face-to-face meetings, we continue to keep in touch via our monthly email and newsletter; our volunteers are offering telephone support calls and we continue to run a "virtual coffee morning". If you would like to join us, look out for joining instructions in our monthly email or contact the number below. If you are a member, haven't heard from us but would like a call, do get in touch. To find out more about our work, take a look at our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or call 07947 893504. LM

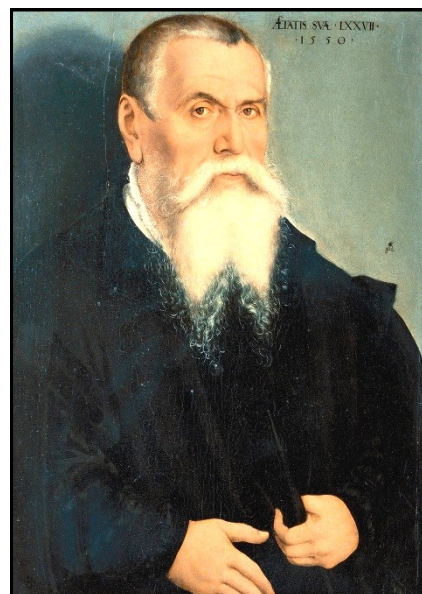
Compton Verney Autumn Exhibition – Cranach, Artist and Innovator

The legacy of the Renaissance painter Lucas Cranach the Elder stretches across 500 years. Born around 1472 in Kronach, the German town from which he took his name, Cranach was a loyal court painter and confidant to his masters, the Electors of Saxony. Much more than a court artist, Cranach was also a printmaker and politician.

Independent and highly entrepreneurial, he was close friends with the radical thinker Martin Luther (1483-1546) and played an active role in the seismic religious changes that took place in his home city, Wittenberg. Skilfully navigating turbulent times, Cranach survived into his 80s and died a wealthy man, leaving a thriving workshop which continued through his son, Lucas Cranach the Younger (1515-1586).

The exhibition is in three rooms displaying art from many famous collections; exquisite portraits, intricate woodcut prints of biblical and topical subjects, and a celebration of the human form, male and female, including Venus, Cupid and Apollo. There is also a challenging juxtaposition of modern interpretations including a startling giant automaton of St Apollonia.

I was particularly drawn to two modern works in acrylic on birchwood by Raqib Shaw. As ever, the exhibition is beautifully presented with dark backgrounds highlighting the detail. Highly recommended and well worth the wait for its reopening. It runs until January 2021.



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Lions Clubs provide vital assistance where it is needed

Lions Clubs of the British Isles have launched an appeal to support the people affected by the devastation in Lebanon. Following the devastating explosion in Beirut which resulted in over a hundred people killed, thousands injured and many homes and businesses reduced to rubble, Lions Clubs of Great Britain are launching an emergency appeal; a donation of £10,000 will be sent immediately from its Foundation but clearly much more will be required.

We would normally support the appeal with bucket collections but these are very difficult to organise at the moment so we are hoping that those of you who are able to will support the Lions by making a donation through our dedicated Just Giving page:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/WellesbourneLionsLebanonAppeal>

Help Wellesbourne and District Lions raise £2020 in 2020 for 1st Wellesbourne Scouts - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

The Scouting team, led by Yvonne Paige-Stimson, has been brilliant during the time of COVID-19, even though they haven't had any subs income or face-to-face activities since January, they have been running virtual sessions to keep Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers engaged and busy for the last few months.

1st Wellesbourne do not have their own hut so they were not eligible to receive money from the £10k government COVID fund. The resumption of face to face activities with Scouts and Explorers (Cubs and Beavers will be starting soon) means they have had to provide new equipment, such as: cones (for social distancing), laminator pockets, visors, gloves, face masks, wipes, hand gel and a thermometer plus some extra kit because sharing is no longer possible.

By donating on our dedicated Just Giving page : <https://justgiving.com/campaign/wellesbournelions2020in2020> you will be helping the Lions to help the eager scouting fraternity return to activities and families who have struggled financially during the last few months to keep their children's places in Scouts.

We are continuing our search to find new ways to kick-start our fundraising for more local charities and good causes whilst adhering to the safety guidelines which look likely to be with us for some time.

We would be delighted to hear from any groups or individuals who have ideas that we may be able to use or projects we might be able to help with – please contact info@wellesbourne-lions.org.uk

Nws from Charlecote Park



Things continue to change apace, and we'd ask that you continue to check our website for up-to-date information before you visit. Please remember your face mask for the café and Avenue shop buildings.

Charlecote and Hampton Lucy residents are able to visit the parkland and Avenue Shop without pre-booking (no access from the shop to the parkland). If you have your passes available please bring them, otherwise proof of residency is required. All other visitors need to use the pre-bookable tickets system.

New deliveries of plants are still coming in to the Avenue Shop and we've brought in some of the most popular items from our other ranges too. You can buy Charlecote venison from the freezer in the Avenue shop too (not all cuts available all the time). Avenue shop open – at the time of writing – Thursdays to Mondays, 10am-4pm. We're so grateful to all of you who have visited us and your lovely comments about being able to walk around the parkland and the children's summer activities. Birds, butterflies and the deer of course

continue to provide interest for nature-lovers throughout September and this can be the best time of year for spotting fungus around the trees.

You'll have seen in the national press that the National Trust faces unprecedented difficulties and as a conservation charity we have been hit hard by the virus. Difficult decisions on the work we are able to do are being made every day. If you would like to help in a small way, then you can text a donation to help us continue our conservation work by texting the keyword TRUST to 70313 to donate £3 or 70515 to donate £5. You can also head to the Charlecote website and click on Dedicate a Donation to leave your own special message.

MG

Hampton Lucy Village Enhancement Group update

Despite lock down we have been busy. Just before our confinement we managed a Spring Litter Pick and a cleaning session of our street names and the post box.

James and Charlie need thanking for spending time litter picking around our village in June. This was a task which formed part of their school's Year 7 Community Award. Both boys completed four other tasks to help their community and environment and were awarded certificates. Well done lads!

More recently individual members have tended our troughs and flower pots around the village. The large trough on Stratford Road is looking good, whilst red geraniums have been planted in our sink at the end of the close. Smaller stone troughs have had a revamp and geraniums cheer up a trip to the post box.



Most recently VEG have acquired two large pots which also sport red geraniums and have been positioned either side of the village green bench in order to enhance our lovely painted and newly-glazed phone box. Thanks go to the Parish Council for finally getting the phone box back to its former glory. VEG hope to install a notice board in due course, highlighting things of interest in Hampton Lucy. Meanwhile the school will use it as a book swap centre for children over the summer holidays. Church Street is also looking lovely, enhanced by pots and hanging baskets by both of the greens. Thanks to those individuals that have provided them and tend them.

HD

Life in Loxley - Community Angels lift our Spirits in Lockdown

While the lockdown has restricted many aspects of our life, it has brought the community even closer together with many undertaking actions to support their neighbours and improve the village. First and foremost our thanks are due to Loxley's community Angels (Dan Bake, Jonathan Baker, James Bell and Laura Mitchell), who have made themselves available to pick up shopping, prescriptions and run other errands for those self isolating.

Special mention is also due to a group of volunteers who are making significant improvements to our local park which had fallen into a somewhat sorry state. However, Laura, Lee and Isaac Mitchell, Dan Bake, Vicki Leach and Jo Beverley are undertaking a significant refurbishment of the play area and have installed a new picnic bench. This provides villagers and visitors alike with a nice place to sit, rest and contemplate. What a beautiful park, what a lovely village... To everyone involved in supporting their neighbours - well done, we really do appreciate your efforts they have lifted all our spirits in these difficult times.

GJ

The Notice

The Charlecote website:
www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com

The Hampton Lucy website:
hamptonlucy.wordpress.com

The Loxley website:
loxleyvillage.com

September Church Services

Sunday 6	11.00am	Hampton Lucy Charlecote Loxley	Morning Prayer Private Prayer Private Prayer	(AL)
Sunday 13	11.00am	Loxley Charlecote Hampton Lucy	Morning Prayer Private Payer No Service	(AL)
Sunday 20	11.00am	Hampton Lucy Loxley Charlecote	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Private Prayer	(Anne) (AL)
Sunday 27	11.00am	Hampton Lucy Charlecote Loxley	Morning Prayer Private Prayer Private Prayer	(AL)

Please check dates and times on the Barford Burble update, or with your Church Wardens.

Please also register online if you are attending for Track and Trace purposes.

Message from Jacqueline Williams: Thank you to all those who sent cards, letters, emails and phone calls to express sympathy and sadness on the death of Huw, and to all who came to say Goodbye to him. Huw had a wonderful send off and a very fitting tribute was given to his many years of service to Hampton Lucy community.

Memories of Hampton Lucy: Fiona Danks (nee Hull) contacted *The Grapevine* to mention that her father Dr Robin Hull has recently died. The family lived in Hampton Lucy from 1974 - 2006 and Fiona has many happy memories of walks along the river and the Queen's Jubilee celebration in 1975.

Hampton Lucy Village Hall is Set to Re-open

The Hampton Lucy Village Hall is preparing to re-open by the end of August.

The team have been busily working through Government COVID re-opening guidelines for Community Centres, and contacting the usual hirers, conducting risk assessments, and agreeing COVID safe practices.

The team have now produced posters, guidelines for users, and arranged deep cleaning in line with Public Health England recommendations. Keep an eye out for events and the return of the regular users through the Events Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HamptonLucyVillageHallEvents/>

You can also make private bookings for the Village Hall on line at: <https://hamptonlucyvillagehall.co.uk/calendar-venue-hire/>

PB

Our correspondents this month:

RM- Rebecca Mawle; HD - Hilary Dunkerton; CE - Carol Evered; MG - Mary Gleaves; GJ- Glynn Jones; KG - Karl Grevatt;
LM - Lisa Maloney; AJW - Jeremy Whyman; PB- Paul Barker

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