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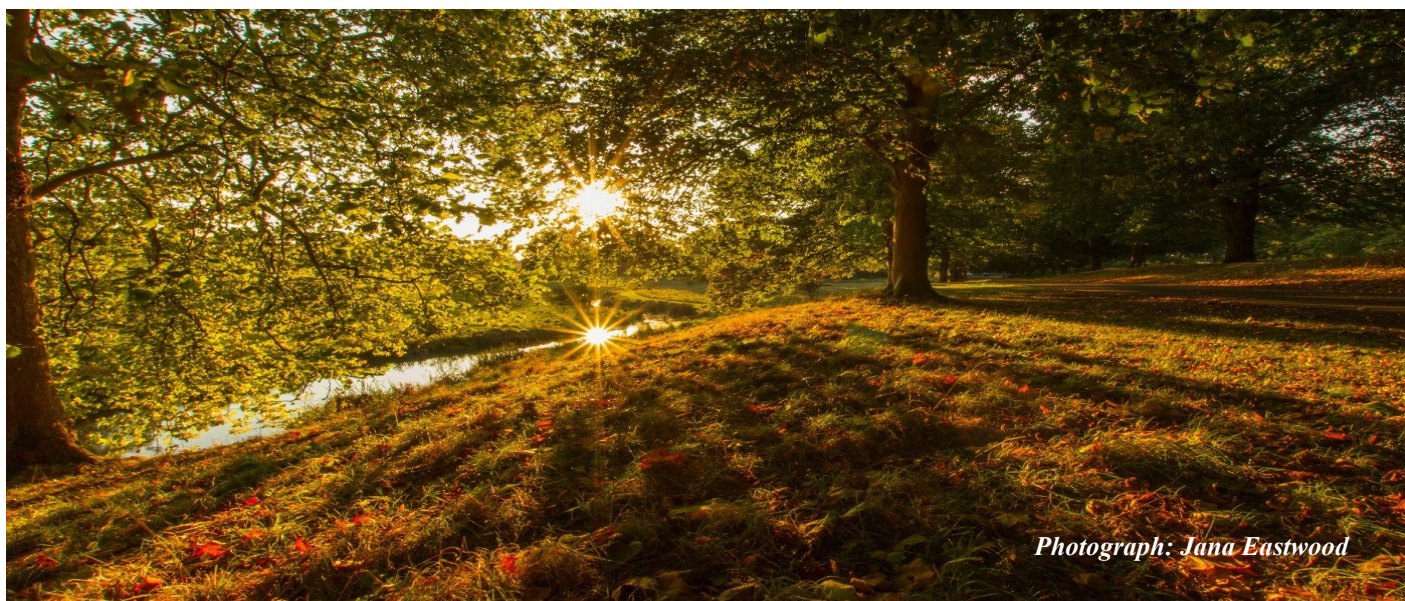
News from Charlecote Park

As autumn hits its stride do book a slot to come for a walk through the parkland and kick through the falling leaves. After the summer rush, you'll find that there are timed slots available to book at only a day or two's notice at the moment. However, we expect that half-term is likely to be busy again, so if you want to bring the family we'd recommend you book ahead on the Friday before half-term when the tickets are released for the following week. There won't be pumpkins this year, but our 50 Things self-led trail is available to download from the website.

The house remains closed until at least Spring 2021 due to the difficulties of maintaining safe social-distancing requirements for visitors and staff. Important cataloguing work continues behind the scenes.

We're pleased that we've been able to introduce some indoor seating in the Wood Yard café now that the weather is getting cooler (perfect for enjoying a luxury hot chocolate). Pop in for some yummy home-made treats including freshly-made cakes, scones, sandwiches, hot sausage rolls and pasties.

Thank you so much to all of you for your warm words throughout these difficult times for our staff. Lovely visitors are making such a difference at the moment - a cheery chat on the gate on a wet/windy/baking hot day really brings a lift to the spirits. MG



Photograph: Jana Eastwood

Carers4Carers

Carers4Carers monthly meeting: 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 are keeping 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

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From Your Vicar

Dear friends

It is wonderful to be worshipping together in our churches again. Things are not as they were but our period of absence has highlighted the privilege we usually enjoy. As I walked towards the church building on Sunday, I heard the call of a squirrel in an oak tree above me and a nibbled acorn landed at my feet. It was as though I was being heckled from the 'cheap seats' and the service hadn't even started.

Acorns have fascinated me since childhood, perhaps partly because they look almost alien. The well-worn comment that from a tiny acorn comes a mighty oak tree is such a dramatic thought when standing next to the gnarled bark trunk. It puts me in mind of Jesus's comment (Matthew chapter 17) that even faith the size of mustard seed can see dramatic results.

Faith is a conscious orientation of heart and mind, it's something we choose, a position we decide to take. Finding faith takes effort on our part and sometimes we can feel that our faith is too small, too fragile, to sustain us through the ever rolling seasons of life. Jesus's words reassure us that even the smallest kernel of faith can make a big difference.

It's clear that the road back to normal for our churches will be a long one. It will be sometime before we can celebrate Holy Communion as we used to. We will need to approach key services such as Remembrance Sunday differently this year. As we plan, information will be made available on local church noticeboards, from Wardens and via the Beniface Burble email.

In recent months, we have found over and over again that our plans are fragile and subject to change at short notice. Thank you to all who've supported and encouraged over recent months. My prayer is that this time will draw our communities closer together.

May the Lord bless each of us with ever deepening faith.

Wishing you Christ's peace,

Revd Andy Larkin

Vicar

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Seventeen members attended our first non-zoom post-lockdown meeting on September 2nd in Hampton Lucy village hall. The hall was prepared and equipped to meet Covid-19 standards and members felt safe in that environment.

After the welcome Jane, our president, thanked Hilary for helping her book and prepare the hall before giving out notices. She then welcomed and introduced Sally Daniels. Sally started her family run business, Henley Chocolates, eight years ago. The business is thriving: Sally runs chocolate workshops, gives demonstrations and sells her chocolates on-line or from her shop. Quite a change from her original career as a solicitor.

Sally gave a demonstration on the art of making ganache and the use of good quality flavourings. She added the flavoured ganache to chocolate cases and each member tried the four flavours, throwing calorie caution to the wind. They were a treat. Chocolates were purchased and taken home. Our competition was the prettiest or most interesting chocolate box / biscuit tin. This was won by Helen Hogarth.

The next meeting will also be at Hampton Lucy Village Hall on 7 October 7at 7pm . The speaker Anne Morgan will recount 'Tales from a Blue Bell Girl'. The competition is an arrangement using a cooking apple and candle. Members will be kept informed of any changes. PT/HD

Note from the Editor

If you have subjects you would like covered, or you would like to contribute articles on activity taking place in Hampton Lucy that you would like us to know about, please do contact the Editor via the new email address grapevine2@btinternet.com.



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Grapevine copy by the **10th of the month** please, with a contact telephone number, to: The Editor, Bridie Sullivan
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News from the Parishes

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



Wellesbourne and District Lions Club

Welcome to our first annual Scary Scarecrows Competition

"It's Halloween, everyone's entitled to one good scare!"



Can you create the scariest scarecrow that will spectacularly spook your neighbourhood? You can? Well now's your chance to prove it!

This year we would like you to put on your thinking pumpkins and design the kind of scarecrow that would scare away even the wickedest of witches and 'orriblest of ogres. Display your scarecrow in your front garden (or in a window if you haven't got a garden) from 9am Thursday 29th October to 5pm Sunday 1st November.

Entry is £5 (with all proceeds helping out your local community), which can be paid to justgiving.com/campaign/lionsscaryscarecrows

Send a photo of your scarecrow to lionsscaryscarecrows@gmail.com along with the name of your scarecrow, your name, and your address. We'll upload the photo of your scarecrow to our Facebook page and whichever scarecrow gets the most votes by 5pm Sunday 1st November will win a £30 Co-op voucher! We wish you the worst of bad luck and look forward to getting scared senseless by your Scarecrow!

We are continuing our search to find new ways to kickstart our fundraising for 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

We are dedicated to helping the people of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wellesbourne, Ettington, Combrook, Moreton Morrell, Lighthorne, Kineton, Barford and all communities in between. Something we have been doing for nearly 50 years! <http://www.wellesbourne-lions.org.uk> CE

News from t'Mill

As the window repairs continue to progress around Charlecote Mill, Simon who is doing the work cleared a windowsill. As he was brushing the dust away I said; "Aren't there some markings there?" He replied with; "Yes it looks like that old game!".

Sure enough it's the ancient game commonly known as Nine Men's Morris thanks to a mention of it by Shakespeare in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. More aptly it's also known as 'Mills' or 'Windmill' down to its shape or pattern. I used to play the game as a child so was familiar with the game itself. It's so exciting to have found this at Charlecote, it's a real tangible link to those that have been before and at Charlecote there is very little graffiti so it makes it even more special.

That will teach me to put the microwave on the windowsill won't it! We may have noticed it years ago if I hadn't. It's funny to think that past millers may have sat by the window playing a quick game whilst having their lunch and now I'm warming my lunch on their old game!

PS: The microwave is going to find a new home now.

Other news regarding the bat study. Unfortunately the recorder was picking up the sound of the water which is why it filled up so quickly. So the study's results were inconclusive and would need to be redone at some one point next year. Such a shame as we had high hopes to find the path of the Serotine bat. KG



The Notice

The Charlecote website:
www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com

The Hampton Lucy website:
hamptonlucy.wordpress.com

The Loxley website:
loxleyvillage.com

Church Services – October, 2020

Sunday 4	11.00am	Hampton Lucy	Harvest Festival
Sunday 11	11.00am 11.00am	Hampton Lucy Loxley	Holy Communion and Christening Harvest Festival
Sunday 18	11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion
Sunday 25	5.30pm	Charlecote Hampton Lucy	Harvest Event Evensong

This information is correct at the time of going to print but please refer to the Benefice Burble nearer the time for any changes or have a word with your Church Wardens.



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



HALLOWEEN SCARY SCARECROWS COMPETITION

£5 per entry via Justgiving page
justgiving.com/campaign/lionsscaryscarecrows

Scarecrows to be displayed in gardens or windows
From 9am Thursday 29th October 2020 to 5pm Sunday 1st November 2020

Entries **must** be submitted by
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Our correspondents this month:

LM—Lisa Maloney CE—Carol Evered HD - Hilary Dunkerton; MG - Mary Gleaves; PT - Pat Twitty
KG- Karl Grevatt

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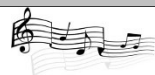
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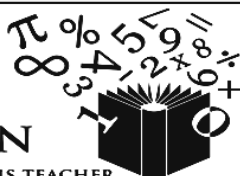
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