



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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... maybe all those mince pies were to blame!

Santa, alias Wilf Ayres, was sponsored to take part in the Stratford Athletic's "Not the Roman IX" Road Race, supported by a team of teachers, parents and friends of Loxley School. The event was on Sunday, 17 January, and they were running to raise funds for Loxley School. This may be the smallest school in Warwickshire but it has a strong network of support from teachers, parents and friends and the money raised, £510 so far, will be used to refurbish the Early Years classroom. Helen Chidgey, Chair of Friends of Loxley School, said "The FoLS are very grateful to all those who took part, allowing us to raise money that will directly benefit the children at Loxley School. We would also like to thank those who were kind enough to sponsor the team." Donations can still be made via the website: www.justgiving.com/Nigel-Chidgey

HC

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The Lions 'Hope for Haiti' bucket collections over the weekend of 29 - 31 January raised an amazing £838.18p. A big "thank you" goes to Mr McGrath, manager of the Wellesbourne Co-op, to all of his staff, and to everyone in the local community for the very generous donations made for such a worthy cause. The Presentation Night on Saturday, 30 January, at Kineton Village Hall was extremely well supported and a good night was had by all. £3,400 had been raised by the Lions' annual Christmas collection and was distributed to representatives of the twenty local charities who had helped Santa. On Friday, 5 March, we are holding a charity barn dance at Ettington Community Centre. Everybody is welcome at this fun event, suitable for all ages. For details see **The Notice Board** on page 5.

AS

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee

Following the article in The Grapevine last month, a group of interested participants met on Thursday, 11 February, to roll out the Plant Sale arrangements. It was decided to go ahead with the Sale on Saturday, 15 May. A further meeting is scheduled for Monday, 1 March, 7.30pm in the village hall, and a working party to 'pot up' is planned for Saturday, 6 March.

AJW

Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School

On Thursday, 14 January, the children at Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School heard about the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Cameron, Jake and Thomas, pictured below, were so touched by the disaster that they decided to raise funds for the earthquake victims and presented their appeal to the school at the end of Sharing Assembly the next day. As a result, they raised the impressive sum of £200 for the Relief Fund. Well done to the boys for showing concern for others in time of need, and to the school for supporting their appeal.

HC



A good job well done - and well deserved smiles!

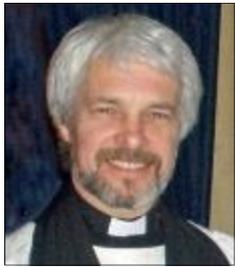


Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We held a most enjoyable New Year Supper at The Boar's Head on Wednesday, 13 January, with an excellent turnout of members. On Wednesday, 3 February, our speaker, James Butler R.A., was unable to be there due to illness. David Clarke stepped in at the last minute and his version of Calendar Girls turned out to be a highly entertaining evening. All those willing to do so posed for their photograph using a variety of props including buns in one notable instance. No further description is needed, simply imagination. Everyone was glad that it wasn't a warm summer evening! (.....*the mind boggles - Ed.*) The March meeting will be on Wednesday, 3 March, at Charlecote Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Gillian White with a talk entitled Elizabethan Textiles. **MJW**



The ladies of the WI tucking into their New Year Dinner at The Boar's Head.



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Dear Friends,

Late the other evening, my husband came downstairs because he detected smoke. I heard the gentle words, "Cath, what are you doing?" and realised it probably seemed rather odd to someone looking on. I was sitting on the kitchen step at the back door, leaning over, intent on trying to burn a few palm crosses to make some ash for the school assembly the next morning. I had to admit to being completely oblivious to the plumes of smoke going over my head and generating alarm!

In the assembly, we were going to be thinking about Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The children love to hear about it and try out the tradition of *ashing*, when people begin Lent by receiving a sign of the cross in ash on their forehead. It begins a season which is an opportunity for honest reflection, for a spring clean, when we can think back over the last year and recognise our failure to love God and others, near and far.

Ash somehow symbolises it succinctly, our frailty, mortality and sorrow.

The next morning, everything was ready in the school hall but, just as we were about to begin, a hand went up and one of the children asked "What does the word *Lent* mean." It was a good question. Lent is actually taken from the word *lengthen* which was used because it takes place as the days begin to get lighter, when we start to emerge from what seems like endless winter. And that meaning really helps us to see the other side of the coin. Lent can have a gloomy air about it. But it is in fact a time of light because, as we recognise our shortcomings in all honesty, we begin to open ourselves to the vast sea of God's love and forgiveness. And out of our ashes we find new life.

With love and blessings,

Cathy Davies

Services for all of the six Parishes

A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church. We can send you an e-mail copy from *The Grapevine* on request. Contact details are on 'The Notice Board.'

There are no entries from the Church Registers for this month



The Grapevine

needs your help

The Grapevine Newsletter is produced by volunteers each month to provide information, news, and items of interest for the villages of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley. It is funded by contributions from the three Parish Councils, the three Parochial Church Councils, and our advertisers. Thanks to this generous support and the efforts of our volunteer distributors we are able to publish and deliver the newsletter free of charge to all of the households in the three villages, as well as sending out e-copies to people from outside the delivery area who wish to receive it. In addition to the editorial team, we need to collect fees and to arrange for the distribution of each issue. Mike Sill has looked after the collection and distribution side of things, whilst at the same time acting as treasurer, and we are extremely grateful for his unstinting help. He now wishes to cut back his commitments a little. Brian Hartley has kindly agreed to take on the distribution side of things but we need someone to look after the finances. I know Mike will agree that it is not a huge undertaking. The printers are paid each month by cheque, there are 6 accounts to present and collect from the PCs and the PCCs each year, and the majority of the advertisers also pay annually. The accounts are very basic and are checked each year by the editorial team. Mike has kindly agreed to act as mentor to his successor. If you would like to help us I would be delighted to hear from you. You can e-mail me at grapevine46@btinternet.com Full contact details are on page 5. Please give this serious thought. We can only deliver if we have the support of the communities.

Jeremy

Wellesbourne Airfield News



A B2 Vulcan, XL426, similar to the Wellesbourne XM655, pictured in flight before decommissioning in 1983. She is now maintained and preserved by the Vulcan Memorial Flight Preservation Trust at London Southend Airport.

An Update on Activities

January was a bleak month for us at the Airfield, as I am sure it was for all of you. Due to the snow and ice we were closed for 10 days, a record which we hope not to repeat. However, with spring around the corner, (on time, but not early as I understand it from those in the know), we are looking forward to some good flying weather. Local radio news channels have been speculating on how the closure of Coventry Airport has affected us at Wellesbourne. On 8 December the authorities at Coventry Airport gave all their home-based aircraft very short notice to leave. The airport was closing until further notice and no flying would be allowed. As you can imagine, it was a massive blow to the businesses concerned. We gave permission for some owners to move their aircraft to Wellesbourne, and our flying schools helped out by allowing the Coventry based schools to share their premises. These arrangements were purely of a temporary nature. We simply don't have the facilities available on a permanent basis. Since then the situation has changed. We now have just one Coventry flying school at Wellesbourne training future airline pilots. Even this is only a temporary arrangement until Coventry reopens or until they find alternative accommodation. As always, visitors are very welcome to Wellesbourne airfield, especially if you live locally. The popular Touchdown Cafe is a great vantage point to watch the wide variety of aircraft using the airfield. It is open 9am to 5pm and serves home cooked food and snacks all day. If you are lucky you may even see a Spitfire, one of our frequent visitors. We hope to see you soon.
FS

A Brief History of the Vulcan XM655

XM655 is a B Mk.2 Vulcan, and the youngest Vulcan in existence. It was the third from last to be produced but XM656 and XM657 have both been scrapped. Delivered to 9 Squadron at RAF Cottesmore in November 1964, she also flew with 50 Squadron and 44 Squadron at different times in her operational career, finally being put up for disposal in late 1983. She was purchased by businessman Roy Jacobsen who hoped to fly her on the air show circuit. Unfortunately her poor condition and the cost of restoration precluded any chance of achieving CAA certification for flight. The Littler family, owners of Wellesbourne Airfield and Vulcan XM655, have now purchased ground support equipment for the aircraft and, with increasingly generous sponsorship from local and national companies, the Society has mains electricity, (no more noisy generators!), security lighting, paint supplies and assistance with overhauling the support equipment. The MaPS team has no intention to attempt to put this aircraft back into the air. She will be preserved in her present ground-running condition. **(Website info.)**

Contact details

For further information on Wellesbourne Airfield visit their website: www.wellesbourneairfield.com

This gives details of flying activities, special events, plus the history of the airfield, and much more.

Telephone: 01789 842007

Why not visit the Avro Vulcan B2, XM655, at Wellesbourne Airfield

Villagers with long memories might remember 11 February, 1984, when the first RAF V-bomber to be 'civilianised' arrived (noisily) at Wellesbourne. Since then the 655 MaPS (Maintenance and Preservation Society) team has lovingly devoted thousands of man-hours to keep the aircraft in fully operational (but not airworthy) condition. Why not come along and have a look? All villagers are invited to come along to have a closer look at the aircraft on any Saturday and to chat with the knowledgeable volunteer engineers who look after '655'. There's no need to book unless you are bringing a party of more than 10 people. For larger parties please phone the Chairman, Charles Brimson, on 07595 191576, and he'll be pleased to make the appropriate arrangements. There is no charge to have a look at the aircraft but we are offering cockpit visits (maximum number of four visitors at a time) in return for a cash donation of your choice. The MaPS operation relies entirely on donations and membership subscriptions to survive, so your generosity will be much appreciated. Did you know that **655 MaPS** also have a website - www.xm655.com? This gives a lot of additional information on the aircraft plus details of forthcoming events such as the date of the next Wellesbourne 'Wings & Wheels' event on Sunday, 20 June. Please come along one Saturday - the guys would love to see you!

Volunteer minibuses drivers needed



Back & 4th Transport is a community transport scheme that serves the residents of the Stratford on Avon District. We urgently need volunteer minibus drivers to undertake bookings on behalf of our customers. In return for your time Back & 4th will cover all training costs and out of pocket expenses.

All volunteers need to undertake MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Standards) training and a police check and need category D1 on their driving licence. If you would like to participate in this rewarding opportunity please contact Kate Skinner on 01789 471595 Email: kate.backand4th@btconnect.com



Hampton Lucy website:
www.hamptonlucy.net

The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
www.loxleyvillage.com

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is currently off-line

Charlecote Village Hall
FRIDAY 12th MARCH, 7.30 pm
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A film show by Kath Clarke
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Wellesbourne and District Lions Club
Friday 5th March



Charity Barn Dance

Ettington Community Centre
featuring local band 'Ad Hoc' caller Dee Chapman
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Saturday 13th March

'CHILDREN AND ANIMALS'

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Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee



PLANT SALE

Saturday, 15 May

Details in the next issue of The Grapevine

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Website newsletter with regularly updated local information: www.saferneighbourhoods.co.uk



Church Services

Date	Time	Location	Service	Notes
5 March	2.30pm	Barford	The Scout Hut	
	7.30pm	Barford	St Peter's Church	
7 March	8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
	6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
14 March	9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	
	11.00am	Loxley	Mothering Sunday	
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
21 March	8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	
	11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
27 March	4.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Choral Evensong (The Festival Singers)	
28 March	9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
	11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary - March

Mon 1	Afternoon Teas, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3.00 to 4.00pm
Mon 1	'Hampton Lucy Plant Sale' Meeting, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm
Tues 2	Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.00pm
Wed 3	Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 -10am
Sat 6	'Ten Days That Shook The Kitchen', Shipston Home Nursing, (Notice Board)
Sat 6	'Hampton Lucy Plant Sale' Working Party, details to be announced.
Tues 9	Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.00pm
Wed 10	Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 -10am
Wed 10	Hampton Lucy Parish Council meeting, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 11	The Three Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.45pm
Fri 12,	Charlecote Millennium -12 Years On, Ch. Village Hall, 7.30pm (Notice Board)
Sat 13	Live and Local Show Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm (Notice Board)
Sat 13	'Children and Animals' Concert', Shipston Home Nursing, (Notice Board)
Tues 16	Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.00pm
Wed 17	Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 -10am
Tues 23	Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.00pm
Wed 24	Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 -10am
Sat 27	Cathedral Style Evensong, St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, 4.30pm, The Festival Singers
Mon 29	Afternoon Teas Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3.00 to 4.00pm (please note)
Wed 31	The Three Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.45pm

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