



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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The Hampton Lucy Village Plant Sale, Saturday, 15 May

With less than five weeks to go to the first Hampton Lucy Plant Sale, and with a wide range of attractive plants, vegetables and salad sprouting in greenhouses throughout Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee is keen to generate as much support as possible for this inaugural event. The sale has the potential to raise a significant sum of money towards the maintenance and upkeep of our historic village hall. With over 500 plants available for sale on Saturday, 15 May, the Village Green will be transformed into a traditional street market dedicated to home-grown flowers, plants and produce. Salad plants, bedding plants, herbaceous, vegetable plants and herbs will all be available ready for planting out for summer. The event has been generously sponsored by Valefresco and enthusiastically co-ordinated by Huw Williams and his green-fingered team. We still need help with publicity and poster sites, web-site links, copy in local papers and publications, plus lots of word-of-mouth support.



Hampton Lucy Village Green, Spring 2010

If you can help or would like to volunteer as a stall holder, parking attendant or general dogsbody we need you. Do get in touch. Donations of any surplus produce from your own garden or allotment would also be most welcome. For details and offers of help please contact Eddie Hoare on 470964 or Huw Williams On 841155.

EH

Eighty years young!

Bob Chedham celebrated his eightieth birthday recently. A long-standing resident of Hampton Lucy and a regular participant in the famous 'Village Afternoon Teas', he was given a birthday party by his many friends in the village. He is pictured here eating a piece of delicious chocolate birthday cake on Monday, 29 March, when more than 20 people gathered in the village hall to celebrate with him. **KC**



Happy Birthday, Bob!

A request from Valefresco

Nick Mauro, one of the business partners at Valefresco, Old Pastures Farm, contacted us with this message. "Once again Valefresco are into a new growing season and fleece covers are being used in the fields to bring on the crops. After just one week an irresponsible dog walker allowed a dog to effectively destroy one of the fleeces, costing £125 to replace! Could you warn people again about this problem and please ask them to keep their dogs on a lead and away from the crops." (The Valefresco partnership is a generous sponsor of local village activities....Ed.)

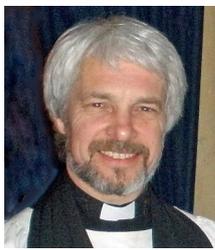
AJW

Loxley WI



Loxley WI held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 8 April. Numbers were slightly down due to illness and holidays. The evening consisted of branch business, followed by a fascinating talk on lace making. It was given by Aileen Pearson, a gifted branch member, whose passion is to keep ancient craftwork alive for the future. The members enjoyed hearing about some of the history of lace making as well as a demonstration of pillow lace. She also brought along an interesting display of lace articles made in different designs and patterns. The evening ended with refreshments and lively chat. Loxley's meeting next month is on 13 May when the branch will make a visit Newbold Pacey and Ashorne WI.

LL



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Dear Friends,

As I write, it is the Sunday after Easter Day and I have enjoyed some time off in the week to relax, have a wander round the shops and see what is about. There were a smattering of half-price Easter decorations and left-over eggs but, for the most part, Easter had come to an abrupt end with a quick shift to summer fashions, BBQs and garden furniture. But the church is never one to hurry. We shall be celebrating and pondering the Easter story well into May.

We were doing just that this morning at All Saints Church, Sherbourne, one of the churches in our group of six. I came home to find that I had left some belongings behind and so I returned this afternoon and unlocked the church to retrieve them. I had planned to whizz in and out but the stillness and peace were so lovely that I stayed to have a look round.

I had never been into the small chapel, tucked away in the corner of the church, and was curious to see what it was like. There is a tomb in the centre. It is a mortuary chapel after all, but what surprised me was that the architect had managed to fit in three stained glass windows.

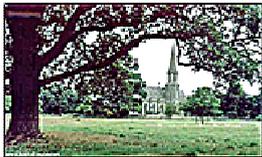
The windows were made by Clayton and Bell, one of the most renowned and expert makers of stained glass in England in the 19th century. The company was famous for a number of things.

Firstly, they were master story-tellers. They were capable of doing the standard stuff but what they really excelled at was portraying the dramatic scenes from the life of Christ, particularly his rising from the tomb. The largest window in the chapel shows the open tomb of Christ, with angels above it holding the grave clothes as if to say "He's not here", and a cluster of Jesus' followers looking on from around the tomb. The other windows are of more resurrection moments when Jesus appears to his followers. The last thing I had expected to find in a mortuary chapel was Easter stories but, thinking about it, it is an extremely relevant place for them to be.

Clayton and Bell were also expert with colour and detail and these bring the stories to life. The figures looking on around the tomb are bright and luminous. Each one is painstakingly hand-painted. Peter kneels at the side of the tomb, baffled. Of the four women, one is distraught, another numb, the others thoughtful, perhaps with an inkling of understanding about to dawn.

The story it all tells is that the empty tomb is not a blunt or a tidy ending, with Christianity sewn up for posterity, but more like a door flung wide open, drawing us, challenging us and calling us to question and search. Now, as then.

With love and blessings, Cathy



News from the Parishes 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.



Poverty – Let's End It!

Christian Aid Week is a wonderful opportunity for the churches across the United Kingdom and Ireland to unite in the fight to end the scandal of poverty. This year, in May, around 300,000 people, working with 22,000 churches, will reach out into their local communities, organising events, door-to-door collections and church services, driven by a passion to put an end to the injustice that keeps billions of our neighbours around the world living in poverty. Our community is no exception. Many of us will be living out our faith by taking part in the national house-to-house collection and organising other fund-raising events in the area. The commitment and energy of those taking part is fantastic, but



Christian Aid Week, 9 -15 May 2010

the hard work needs your support. With the help of Christian Aid thousands of lives have been changed for the better. One example is Kiambui, a slum area of Nairobi in Kenya. Before the community work began, residents of Kiambui had no access to clean water. During the past 10 years, the local communities have been helped to install their own clean water supplies, radically reducing the spread of water borne diseases such as typhoid and cholera. 'When we started as a group we had a goal, we had a dream, and we are now working to realise it,' says Catherine Nyaata, a community activist in Kiambui. Please, do give generously in support of the fund-raising efforts of your friends or in your village collection.

From the Church Registers

There are no entries for this month in the Church Registers of our three Parishes .



The shiny new minibus ready for action

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The Lions Club are pleased to announce a new arrival, a brand new community minibus. The shiny new metallic grey minibus is the result of many recent donations plus a generous grant from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme. The new bus is available to organisers of all local community groups who need a fully equipped 16-seater vehicle on loan for a short excursion, for a day, or for longer periods by special arrangement. The vehicle is fitted with a wheel-chair lift. Simply give Lion Paul Gibson a call on 01789 841730 for details and to make a booking. Wellesbourne & District Lions would like to thank all the supporters and regular minibus users who have helped the club to provide this vital ongoing service to the community through their kind donations. Our old minibus has served the community faithfully

over the past few years, and now has a new lease of life with the Sea Cadets in Northamptonshire, thanks to the Nuneaton & Bedworth Lions Club who were looking for a vehicle for the unit. Preparations are now well under way for the 2010 Raft Race. This will take place on Sunday, 20 June, in support of The Air Ambulance. For those who haven't been to this event before, make a note of the date and come along to see the finish of the race in Stratford-upon-Avon. It is quite a spectacle! Anyone who may be interested in joining the Lions Club is welcome to come along to one of our fortnightly Monday meetings. If you enjoy social events, helping others and putting something back into our community The Lions Club could be just the thing for you. For more details give me, Andy Stokes, a call on 01789 841939.

AS

Wellesbourne Airfield Aerobatics Seminar

Wellesbourne Airfield, in conjunction with 'On Track', will host the British Aerobatics Association's Summer Aerobatic Seminar on 19, 20 May. The aircraft will arrive on Wednesday 19 and, on Thursday 20, you will be able to enjoy a free show of fine aerobatics, all of which will take place directly over Wellesbourne Airfield. Aerobatics above residential buildings and over the villages is strictly forbidden. You are most welcome to come and watch. The Touchdown Café will open their patio area for customers as usual, with a choice of freshly-cooked food, snacks and drinks available between 9am and 5pm. The aircraft pictured was a participant in last year's training seminar at Wellesbourne. Further information can be found by visiting the 'On Track' website, or by ringing 01789 842777.

FS



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



On Wednesday, 14 April, thirty guests joined the members at a party in Hampton Lucy Village Hall to celebrate the 91st birthday of the local WI. An excellent

buffet supper was enhanced by magical entertainment from local magician Ben Hamlin, who amazed everyone with his illusions and sleight of hand, all presented with great flair. He has recently appeared on the television programme 'Britain's Got Talent' and we wish him luck in future rounds. A birthday cake, with photographs of all of the members printed on the icing, was cut by Joy Taplin, the longest serving member of the Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI. It was much enjoyed by all those present. The next meeting will be on 5 May, Charlecote Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm when the main topic on the agenda will be 'Resolutions.'

MJW

The Loxley Cottonreels

Loxley Cottonreels is a group of ladies who enjoy one afternoon a week meeting in each other's homes to learn about and practice the skills of patchwork and quilting. New techniques are introduced and taught by Aileen Pearson, a craftswoman with years of experience and patience. The group is currently making quilts and, for future inspiration, will take a trip to the "Quilts 1700-2010" exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London later this spring.



LL

Congratulations

For the second year running, Sue Maindonald and her staff at the Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, have won the Warwickshire Shakespeare Area CAMRA Pub of the Year Award. They now look forward to a very real chance of carrying off the overall Warwickshire title. Good luck to them!

AJW

Charlecote Park, Spring 2010



The beautiful Tudor gatehouse, due for restoration this summer

possible to light up the oldest of the ranges, complementing the cookery projects which add to the atmosphere of the room. The kitchen cannot be fully used whilst the work is underway but, once completed, Victorian cookery demonstrations will be a regular feature. These have proved to be a popular attraction and many children have enjoyed helping to weigh out the ingredients on the old scales. From the beginning of May until 28 September the House will be open for longer hours, from 11.00am until 5.00pm with the last entry at 4.30pm. Special events in May include a Rover P4 Car Rally on Sunday, 9 May, and a 'Walk with the Gardener' on Saturday, 29 May. A Wildlife Photography Day on Tuesday, 18 May, is a bookable event (cost £5.00), so book early to get closer to the wildlife and hone your photography skills at the same time. (For further details contact Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or visit the website on www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark) **SF**

The House and Gardens opened for the new season in March, spick and span after all the winter work, and the Easter weather did nothing to deter visitors and their children from their quest for hidden Easter Eggs. The Jacobs lambs have arrived and the Park is alive with the pulse of spring. The improved car park now boasts a sympathetically designed Visitors' Centre, enabling visitors to purchase tickets before entering the park, and the new building will greatly enhance the appearance of the main entrance and improve the view down to the house. You may have noticed temporary reinforcements to the beautiful Tudor gatehouse. During the season scaffolding will be erected to repair the damage caused by time and weather.

Workmen have also been busy in the Victorian kitchen, where restoration work on the old chimney will make it

Hampton Lucy Parish Council News

Just five nominations were submitted for the five vacant seats on the Parish Council and, as an election is therefore not required, all five will take up their posts at the next Parish Council Meeting on 12 May. The councillors for the next term of office are Michael Woodman, Huw Williams, Sue Main, Kay Graham and Jeremy Bryson. Councillor Niven Conchar is stepping down and our sincere thanks go to him for his help and wise counsel over the past four years. We extend a warm welcome to Jeremy who has taken his place. The Chairman will be elected by the Council at their first meeting. **MW**

Charlecote Parish Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 18th May, 7.00 for 7.30pm, in the village hall. Please come along to meet your friends and neighbours for a glass of wine and to discuss matters affecting our Parish.

A Hampton Lucy Diary Note

St Peter's Church Garden Party will be at Tudor Cottage on Saturday, 26 June, at 2.30pm. Full details will be given in next month's Grapevine. **SB**

Wasperton Open Gardens

Everybody loves to be nosey. Here is your opportunity, whilst at the same time helping to raise money for St John the Baptist's Church, Wasperton. On Saturday, 6 June, residents' gardens and the church will be open



to visitors, with a plant stall, cake stall and afternoon teas available. All proceeds will go towards church funds. The admission is £4 per person with accompanied children admitted free of charge. **AJW**

With May 6 in mind...

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The Notice Board

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The Charlecote website
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St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy

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Hampton Lucy Village Hall



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Saturday, 15 May

on

The Village Green

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(Contact details are on page1)

Charlecote Parish Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday,
18 May, 7 for 7.30pm in the
Village Hall.

Do come and have your say!

All residents in Charlecote are welcome



Contact details

Grapevine copy by the **10th of the month**, with a contact telephone number please, to:

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The Prayer Book Society - Coventry Diocesan Branch

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Everyone is welcome!

Police: Community Police Station: **01789 842114.** e-mail: wellesbourne.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

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Church Services

2 May	The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
8 May	3.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Annual Service of Evensong Notice Board
9 May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
	Ascension Day		
13 May	7.00am	Castle Hill	Holy Communion CW
16 May	The Seventh Sunday of Easter		
8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
23 May	The Day of Pentecost		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
30 May	Trinity Sunday		
8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Sherbourne	Holy Communion, Benefice Service,	CW

For your diary - May 2010

Sat 1	Rural Cinema , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Notice Board
Tues 4	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 5	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 to 10am
Sat 8	Baroque Concert , St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm, Notice Board
Sat 8	Annual Service of Evensong , St Peter's Church, 3.00pm, Notice Board
Tues 11	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 12	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 to 10am
Wed 12	Hampton Lucy Parish Council Meeting , HL Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 13	The Three Parishes Prayer Group , Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.45pm
Fri 14	LYRA Concert , St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm, Notice Board
Sat 15	Hampton Lucy Plant Sale , The Village Green, Notice Board
Tues 18	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Tues 18	Charlecote Parish Meeting AGM , 7.00 for 7.30pm, Notice Board
Wed 19	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 to 10am
Tues 25	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 26	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00 to 10am
Sun June 6	Wasperton Open Gardens , 12.00 to 6.00pm, £4.00 per person (see page 4)
Mon June 7	Afternoon Teas Hampton Lucy Village Hall , 3.00 to 4pm

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