



Loxley School - end of term report

Loxley School had a hectic end of term, with so much going on. On the last Saturday of term, The Friends organised a Christmas Fair which was well attended, raising over £800 and lots of fun for everyone. During the last week of term, there were two great performances of our Christmas play in the church, giving the Nativity a 'Rock 'n Roll' twist of lively songs and dancing. After weeks of practising, the Reception children joined in with every song and Katherine and Harriet, two Year 6 girls, performed a moving duet. As always, it was a joy to watch with all of the children taking part with enormous enthusiasm. The performances were followed by mince pies and refreshments back at the school. Term concluded with a trip to see 'Mother Goose' at Leamington Spa, followed by Christmas lunch at the school. The New Year begins with the start of new Chess and Film Clubs for the children at the school. We would like to include all youngsters from



Loxley School 'Rock 'n Roll' Nativity - every one a star! (Photo: JC)

the Loxley community in these activities so do please contact Janet Clough, Head Teacher at Loxley, for more details. For further information on the school and full contact details please see our website:

<http://www.loxley.warwickshire.sch.uk>

HCC/JC

New Equipment for Hampton Lucy George V Playing Field

Following a successful application for a grant from the Department of Education and the "Playbuilder" Scheme, we are now in a position to provide some splendid new playground equipment, which we are confident will provide new play experiences for children across a wide age-range, with additional facilities for the community as a whole. There will be a multi-level tower, a ball-wall for football and cricket practice and a trim-trail with some challenging obstacles to negotiate! For younger children there will be a log locomotive and railway carriage, along with a play hut. The equipment will be mainly of wood and should blend in nicely with the existing structures. Thanks to a generous discount from the suppliers, Sovereign, we have also been able to include three new picnic tables. Installation should have been completed by the time that this edition of The Grapevine is published. The Parish Council is delighted to have been able to enhance the park equipment and have no doubt that everyone, children and parents alike, will enjoy these new facilities.

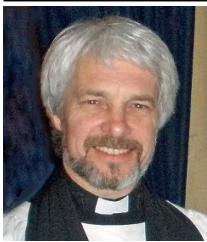
Councillor Jeremy Bryson, HLPC

Re-dedication of the Wasperton Memorial

Two years ago, we reported that Andrew Bailey of Melbourne, Australia, had contacted *The Grapevine*, asking for information on the crash of a Whitley bomber at Scar Bank on 23 July, 1943. The young pilot was Flying Officer Shalless, of the Royal Australian Air Force, in whose honour a scout hall had been named in Melbourne. Prompted by this letter, we rediscovered the memorial, erected in 1977 on the banks of the Avon at Wasperton. It commemorates both the crew of the Whitley, and also that of a Wellington bomber which had crashed close to the same spot in 1942. It was clear that the structure needed restoring and Kath Wright, with the help of residents of Wasperton, Hampton Lucy and Melbourne, raised funds for this to be completed. A new plaque, inscribed with the names of both aircrews, was placed next to it. A re-dedication ceremony, led by Rev'd David Jessett, will be held by the memorial on Saturday, 9 April, at 10.30am, to which everyone is invited. We believe it is important to remember the sacrifice of these young men from Australia, Canada, and Britain who lost their lives so far from home.

'Lest we forget'

KC



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Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write, some words from this morning's news are still in my head: "Christmas wasn't white, it was 'orange'." One of our major supermarkets had published their Christmas trading results that morning and like-for-like sales were up 3.6% on the previous year. The results were significantly healthier than some of their competitors in the grocery sector and in the wider retail industry. That particular supermarket chain put it down to two main reasons. The first was that customers "traded up" to free-range turkeys, smoked salmon and their high-end range of products. "Taste the Difference," was flying off the shelves. The second was that when consumers came in to buy food, they also stocked up with other goods such as clothing and DVDs. As the Chief Executive put it, the customers were "...looking to buy those top-up non-food items in the convenience of a one-stop shop." Another supermarket chain, pleased with its results, put their success down to the same "trading up", but also to the fact that the company simply kept their shelves full so that, when people did get in through the snow, they hit the ground running. What about January? Well, it may turn out to be 'orange', but huge wouldn't be a very appropriate word because, as soon as we reach January, there seems to be a national dietary u-turn. Advertising pops up offering multiple ways to lose the

weight we have gained through "trading-up" over Christmas. To help us reverse the effects of what we bought the month before, the supermarkets offer discounted on-line diets with menus, personalised planners and even on-line support forums. Expanding and shrinking, feasting and fasting; in one way you could look at the beginning of Lent, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, in that light. The feast of pancakes on Tuesday and then abstinence for the forty days of Lent, (or as long as we last!) But underneath they offer something radically different from a supermarket Christmas and New Year. Shrove Tuesday used to be the time for using up the luxuries in the larder, perhaps as some of them were coming to an end for that year anyway; eggs, butter and sugar, etc. But it wasn't, and still isn't, just about the food. Perhaps the whole point of putting aside the luxuries is to step off the merry-go-round, to get out of that dynamic where we are pulled one way then the other and, instead, find some firm ground on which to stop and take a deeper look at what we are really about. There will be opportunities to do that over Lent, which starts on 9 March; courses, churches open in the daytime where you can enjoy the peace, services where you can hear more... look out for details...

Love and Blessings,

Cathy



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.



We were delighted to receive an e-mail from Paul and Helen Waterworth, who lived in Hampton Lucy until 2009. Paul was a valued Parish Councillor whilst resident in the village. He wrote: *'We enjoy reading the Grapevine and keeping in touch. Thanks for all your hard work. Happy New Year to you and to all our friends in Hampton Lucy.'*

The Three Parishes Prayer Group

The group will meet, as usual, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy on Thursday, 10 February, at 7.45 pm

Cathedral News

There has been a positive response to the introduction of an entrance fee to the cathedral and the new Visitors' Centre, and the film on the cathedral has proved both informative and interesting. Free admission for children accompanied by an adult is being considered. Those listed on their Church Electoral Roll can also be included on the Cathedral Electoral Roll, entitling them to free admission. Worshipers have a separate entrance and are not charged, and admission is free on Sundays and for any of the services. The 'Cross of Nails', made from nails from the ruins of the old cathedral, inspired the creation of The Ministry of Reconciliation, and the actual cross is available to schools in the Diocese. On Saturday, 19 March, 7.30 to 10.30pm, 'Elvis in the Cathedral' will be staged featuring gospel singers from Memphis. Tickets, priced between £19.00 and £29.00, plus £1.00 booking fee, are available from Arena Travel on **01473 660800**. **AB**

From the Registers

Baptisms	St Leonard's Church, Charlecote	12 December	Jessica Grace Girling Jonathan James Harman
Funeral	St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy	30 December	Cecil Morris



Adam Chidgey and Santa at the Loxley School Christmas Fair, having an in-depth conversation on the state of the economy
(Photo: HC)

Charlecote Wine and Wisdom

(Lights out for the Lamplighters!)

Charlecote Village 'Wine and Wisdom Evening' was held on Friday, 26 November, and the honour of taking the trophy was hotly contested by 10 teams. The final result was a triumph for the Eastenders, who wrested the trophy from the tenacious grasp of The Lamplighters, last year's winning team from Hampton Lucy. Despite plaintive cries of 'we were robbed' echoing across the River Avon, the Eastenders were delighted to receive the trophy and the customary winners' bars of Toblerone. The fantastic sum of £600 was raised towards village hall funds, and will be put towards the next project, the renovation of the village hall porch. Residents of Charlecote and their Christmas guests enjoyed a convivial Christmas Eve get-together in the village hall on Friday, 24 December, kindly hosted by Suzanne and Chris Johns, who had stepped in at short notice to organise the evening. The event kick-started the Christmas festivities in fine style.



The Eastenders with their winnings (and three empty bottles!) (Photo: HH)

HH

Hampton Lucy Christmas Drinks

Residents, families and friends gathered for the traditional drinks and exchange of greetings in the refurbished village hall on Wednesday, 22 December. On a cold evening, with thick snow still lying in the streets, we were all warmed by delicious mulled wine and nibbles. A lot of work had gone on behind the scenes and many thanks to all those on the village hall committee who went to so much trouble on our behalf.

AJW

Keep Fit in Hampton Lucy

Why not take the opportunity to work off some of those Christmas kilos. We have a Keep Fit class for all ages right here in the village. The class meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall from 7.30 to 8.30pm every Tuesday during term time. Details are listed on *The Grapevine* diary page each month. The cost is £4.00 per session. Please bring a drink and your exercise mat, if you have one. Contact Carolyn Gallagher on 841043 for more details.

CG



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club News

February is traditionally a quiet time for the Lions but, behind the scenes, it is business as usual with Lions Club members helping out wherever they can in the local community. At the end of the month we hold our annual meeting when a new President is elected and members take on other key roles within the organisation. If you would like to serve your community, and enjoy the fellowship of The Lions Club social events, then Lions International could be for you. Membership is open to men and women. For more information contact me, Andy Stokes, on 01789 841939. Now, some fantastic news. Thanks to your huge generosity we collected £5,167 with our Christmas collections around the District. This included a generous donation of £250 from Orbit Housing for 'sweets for Santa's sack'. The total collection exceeded last year's donations, and all proceeds will be shared equally amongst the participating local charities. Finally, I would like to remind everyone that The Lions have a minibus for hire to organisations in the district. If you would like more information on this, please call Lion Paul Gibson on 01789 841730.

AS



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

A lot of members were unable to attend our January meeting due to illness, but we did welcome ten visitors to hear our speaker, Mr. Jeremy Whyman. Jeremy gave a most fascinating illustrated talk on British Inland Waterways, following his month-long trip to London in the narrow-boat "Frances and Jane", via the Oxford canal, the River Thames, and the Grand Union. One of the hostesses, Mrs. Suzanne Johns, thanked Jeremy on behalf of the members and expressed our appreciation of his pictures, which served to remind us of the ingenuity of the early engineers and the beauty of our countryside. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2 February at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, when the speaker will be Carol Lomas from the Stratford Hospice.

JW

Dean Valley U3A

The Dean Valley U3A meets on the second Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LS, at 2.00 pm. On Tuesday, 8 February, our speaker will be Professor Richard Napier, giving a talk entitled "The Implications of Feeding the World - Do we need GM foods for food security?" Professor Napier is based at Warwick University, School of Life Sciences, and his work relates to biosensors in plants. He is also interested in the issue of food security in relationship to the development of GM food. Professor Napier has already spoken to the Gardening Group, who felt that his message would be of interest to the wider U3A membership. There will be an opportunity for interactive discussion after the presentation.

TW



Loxley WI

Loxley WI held their first meeting of 2011 at The Houndshill, enjoying supper there after a short business meeting. The group meets on the second Thursday of every month. Please contact Lorna Lee, on 01926 624830 for more information if you are interested in joining us.

LL

Loxley Cotton Reels

The Loxley quilting group has resumed after the Christmas break. We are planning to make a group visit to the Quilting Show at Malvern later in the spring. Anyone wishing to join us or to visit the group will be made very welcome. Please telephone Lorna Lee 01926 624830 for details.

LL

Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall

It has been decided, with much regret, that the time has come to stop serving our monthly Afternoon Teas in the village hall. We would like to extend a big "thank you" to all those who have loyally supported this event for more than eleven years.

DR

Charlecote Park News

Christmas came to Charlecote Park with the festive weather, seasonal Victorian-style decorations, a wind ensemble and Christmas singing. Father Christmas paid his usual visit, of course. The new year will be a busy one for staff who, in addition to the usual thorough winter cleaning programme, will be helping the National Trust Book Conservator in the first year of a five year programme of work on the remarkable collection of books in the library. Although the house remains closed for the winter, the Park is open daily, and the Orangery will be serving light snacks and drinks. Why not enjoy a bracing winter walk followed by a warming coffee and cake? The sculpture trail is still in place; large mice don't seem to mind the snow. Work on the gatehouse has been delayed due to the cold weather, but will continue when possible. When it is all completed the bells for



The Orangery Restaurant, bedecked with festive snow (Photo: SF)

the clock in the gatehouse will be re-hung, to be heard chiming across the Park once again. You will be pleased to know that the deer have all been given extra rations during the cold weather! For further details of opening hours and events etc, please contact Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark

SF

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Hampton Lucy

Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Tuesday, 1st February

The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy

10.30am

come along girls,

Enjoy a sociable coffee and a good natter

(More information from Carol Paget on 840233)

St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy

Lenten Choral Evensong

with The Prebendal Singers

Saturday, February 12th at 4.30 pm.

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Welcome

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Church Services

6 Feb	The Fifth Sunday before Lent			
8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service		
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP	
13 Feb	The Fourth Sunday before Lent			
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship		
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service		
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW	
20 Feb	The Third Sunday before Lent			
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 Feb	The Second Sunday before Lent			
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP	

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For your diary

February

- Tues 1 **Hampton Lucy Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. (**Notice Board**)
- Tues 1 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (see page 3)
- Wed 2 **Tai Chi class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Wed 2 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Tues 8 **Dene Valley U3A**, Wellesbourne Church, 2.00pm, (see page 4)
- Tues 8 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- Wed 9 **Tai Chi class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Thur 10 **3 Parishes Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm
- Thur 10 **Loxley WI**, call Lorna Lee on 01926 624830 for venue and details
- Sat 12 **Lenten Choral Evensong**, St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, 4.30pm (**Notice Board**)
- Tues 15 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- Wed 16 **Tai Chi class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Tues 22 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- Wed 23 **Tai Chi class**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Sat 26 **SHN, Complementary Therapies Day**, 10.00am to 3.00pm (**Notice Board**)
- Mon 28 **Blood Donation Clinic**, HRI, Wellesbourne, (**Notice Board**)

March

- Fri 25 **SHN, Warwickshire Schools Foundation Orchestra**, Shipston (**Notice Board**)

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