



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Hampton Lucy Village Hall



Huw Williams showing off the very smart refurbished village hall

The Hall Committee are delighted to report that their refurbishment programme is now complete. The new central heating boiler has made a huge difference to the comfort of the building, the kitchen has been completely refitted with new units, and the hall and ancillary rooms have all been re-decorated. We have a village hall to be proud of and are confident that everyone using the it will appreciate the results of the recent work undertaken. Do take the opportunity to have a look inside when you can. It is available for hire at very reasonable rates, so please contact any member of the committee if you feel it might be the venue for you. It is particularly suitable for children's parties, club meetings, family get-togethers etc.,

and, of course, there is a curtained stage for you budding thespians or musicians out there. Contact Huw Williams on 841155, or e-mail: jacwil@btinternet.com for further information.

DR

Ooops... that's not quite what I meant!

I'm sure that all of us who edit newsletters dread missing those inevitable gaffs, obvious to readers but, for some strange reason, completely invisible to the writer. Try these examples, gleaned from parish newsletters around the country, with thanks to the editors of Plurality Magazine who published them last year.

- The "Fasting and Prayer Conference" includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

More next month. *(I hope that none of ours appear!)* AJW

Loxley January Quiz Night

At the end of January, Gareth and Sue, licensees of 'The Fox', kindly hosted another Village Quiz, organised this time by 'Accountax', the previous winning team. They devised an excellent quiz and added some new and interesting twists. We were all worried that we would require a calculator for the 'Money Round' but, surprisingly, managed without! The customary raffle was also held. The champions for the evening, competing under the name of 'Captain Slog', will probably already be hard at work setting the questions for the next round, to be held in March.. The evening raised £280 and this was generously donated to the school. For further information on the time and date for the next Quiz Night contact 'The Fox', telephone 840911

HH

Loxley Schoolchildren travel back in time

The children at Loxley School recently discovered a time-traveller's suitcase in the churchyard. Inside they found a large number of items which the wanderer, Prospero Hermes, had collected during his adventures. The children were fascinated by the contents, which proved to be an inspiration for literacy, geography and history. The latest message came from Bosworth Fields in Leicestershire, where the armies of King Richard III and Henry Tudor were locked together in what we now call The Battle of Bosworth. Apparently Prospero was in fear of his life, hiding behind a tree, as the battle raged around him.

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Dear Friends,

Next month it will be three and a half years since I was licensed to Hampton Lucy with Charlecote and Loxley, and became Priest in Charge of the six parishes. During that time we have maintained the pattern of Sunday services which each group had whilst on its own. I think this was a good thing to do but there are a few times in the month when the arrangements don't fit together very easily and so, since last summer, the congregations and Church Councils have been thinking about creating a new pattern designed for all the six parishes. After considerable consultation and discussion we have arrived at a new pattern and, although one or two details still need to be finalised, we are in a position to implement the new pattern as from 1 May (although for reasons of detail 10.00am services will become 9.30am from 1 April). There will be lots more information and publicity about the new pattern next month.

This focus on what we do in Church as Christians made me think that this is a good time to consider what our Sunday worship is really meant to be all about. Why do we go to Church and join together in worship? The simplest answer is, "Because He's worth it!" 'To worship' is 'to give worth to' or 'to acknowledge the worth of'. If we believe in a God, then that God gave us life and everything that is and we should acknowledge that with joy and gratitude.

Another vital element is that good worship can help us to grow spiritually. By taking time to pray, to listen to the Bible, to reflect on the things we get wrong and to acknowledge them can all help us to become more the people God would want us to be and so to be happier and more fulfilled.

Thirdly, although we can pray anytime and anywhere, to come together as a Christian community to pray for the world can be part of our effort to make the world a better place. Even when we can do nothing practical to help with some of the most difficult and distant problems of our world, our prayers are something we can offer to open channels for God's Spirit to be at work.

Finally, in coming together as congregations, there are practical things we can do which we could not easily do on our own to help to make our world a better place in small ways.

So, as we implement our new pattern of services, we will also be looking to see how we can improve what we do to fulfil those aims. Why not come and acknowledge God's worth with us?

David Jessett



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.



The Three Parishes Prayer Group

The group will meet, as usual, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy on Thursdays, 3 and 24 March at 7.45 pm. **AB**

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The following are key items dealt with at the meeting of the Parish Council held in the village hall on Wednesday, 19 January. Two applicants for co-option to the vacant seat on the Council were invited to give a short personal résumé before a vote was taken. Jeremy Whyman was successful and was invited to take his seat. Helen Hayter, District Councillor, was present and reported on current planning issues. Councillor Bryson gave an update on the new playing field equipment, installation of which was nearing completion. Michael Woodman, Clerk to the Council, reported on the provision of the gritting bins, street lighting, grass mowing and repairs to road surfaces in the village. He also presented the annual report from the Village Hall Committee. The budget for the year 2011-12 was discussed and approved. It was agreed that the Precept for the coming financial year could be submitted at a slightly lower figure than that in the previous year. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9 March, in the village hall, to which all residents are cordially invited. **AJW**

Hampton Lucy Parochial Church Council

Date for your diary: Please keep Thursday, 7 April, free for the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting. All parishioners will be welcome and can enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments at the end of the meeting. Look for more details in the April edition of The Grapevine. More information from Sue Bresnan, PCC Secretary, on 840875. **SB**

St Peter ad Vincula Church

Spring is almost with us and the PCC is organising a churchyard tidy-up on Saturday, 26 March 2011, from 10am to 12 noon. All volunteers welcome. Please come equipped with your own tools. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served. **SB**

Charlecote Village Hall

All residents of Charlecote are to be invited to a **Royal Wedding Celebration Tea Party** in the Village Hall on Friday 29th April. For more details see the **Notice Board** in next month's Grapevine. **HH**

Hampton Lucy's George V Playground



Work on the new play equipment was completed at the end of January, delayed slightly by the need to move the multi-tower to a better position at the request of the local residents. The end result is a job well done and already much enjoyed by the children (and parents). **AJW**

Hampton Lucy School Knitting Club

Knit one, purl one! The children of Hampton Lucy School enjoy visits from three WI members, Pauline Pratt, Helen Sill and Anne Baker, who come in to the school each week to have lunch and chat with the children. Pauline Pratt, pictured here with Year 5 pupils, also runs a very successful Monday Knitting Club. Due to popular demand, this will be extended after half term when Helen Sill will start another session on Thursdays with another enthusiastic group. Hampton Lucy School cannot thank these ladies enough for giving up their time and sharing their warmth and expertise. This is one of many positive ways of forging relationships between the school and the wider village community. **MH**



Rededication of War Memorial

A short service of rededication to commemorate the Commonwealth aircrews that died nearby during World War II will be held at the memorial, close to Wasperton on the banks of the River Avon, on Saturday, 9 April, at 10.30am. The service will be led by Rev'd David Jessett, and attended by delegates from the Australian and Canadian High Commissions, representatives of the Wellesbourne Wartime Museum, The British Legion, The Air Training Corps, The Royal Air Force, Stratford and Warwick District Councils, and the Parishes of Wasperton and Hampton Lucy. All residents who would like to be there will be most welcome and further details can be obtained from Ken Cockshull on 842908, or Kath Wright on 01926 624088. **KC**

Plants and Produce - 2011

The Village Hall Committee is once again delighted to announce the annual 'Plants and Produce' sale on Saturday, 14 May. This year the event, once again generously sponsored by Valefresco, will also include the sale of home-made produce such as jams and chutneys etc. The ever industrious Huw Williams has set up an extra greenhouse and space in the allotments for bringing on the plants, but he does need help with cultivating and watering and would be grateful for any assistance over the next three months. The committee is also asking for donations of jam, chutneys, cakes, eggs, home brew, indeed any home produce for our visitors to purchase. Last year, this event made over £700 towards village hall funds and attracted visitors from across Warwickshire. We do hope that you will support us again. If you are able to help in any way, please contact: eddiehoare@eandmc.co.uk or jacwil@btinternet.com **EH**

Hampton Lucy "Gentlemen's Club"?

Being somewhat envious of the success of the recently established 'Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes', I wonder if there are any men out there who would like to meet up as an informal 'Gentlemen's Club'. We would get together once a month at The Boar's Head for a glass of lemonade, possibly a light lunch, and the opportunity to set the world to rights in the best tradition of an British village pub. If the idea proves popular, we could even extend our remit to an occasional trip out, such as a brewery visit, playing with steam trains, or...(the imagination runs riot!) If you are interested in this as an idea or something along similar lines, call me, Jeremy, on 470911 or e-mail to jandmwhyman@btinternet.com and we'll take it from there. **AJW**

Digital Television Switchover

In the Central Region, the digital switchover is due to begin on 30 March, 2011, although the actual date will vary. Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is concerned that rogue traders may use this as an opportunity to sell equipment or services which householders probably do not need. Whilst 'installing a new aerial', they may also take the opportunity to say that the property needs unnecessary roofing or guttering work. If, at present, you only have analogue television services, (four or five channels), you will need an additional 'digibox'. If you receive more than the five standard channels, then you are probably already on digital reception. Most televisions can be converted simply and cheaply using a digital set-top box so don't be talked into buying a new set unnecessarily. Your video/DVD recorder should still work but you may not be able to record one channel while watching another. To do this you will need a digital recorder, or equipment, such as a 'Freeview' box, available for a one-off fee. If you do decide to buy a new television or recorder, look for the "Digital ✓" indicating that it is suitable for digital reception. Most aerials will continue to work as before. Don't be persuaded to buy a new aerial from a doorstep trader. Always use a registered Digital Installer when buying a new aerial. You can check the signal strength by visiting Teletext, page 284. For advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club News

Winter is drawing to a close and it is great to see the occasional visit of the sun! On 26 January the Lions were pleased to take local pensioners to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Civic Hall in Stratford. It was a special preview performance of the Phoenix Player's pantomime. The three minibuses were driven by Lions Club members and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening. (Oh no, they didn't – Oh yes, they did!) On 29 January we hosted a very well supported Quiz Evening in Kineton Village Hall when cheques were presented to all of the charities that helped with the Christmas floats. Looking ahead, Lions' partners are holding a 'Race Night' at Barford Village Hall on Saturday, 2 April. For more details please contact me on 01789 841939.



The Lions would like to congratulate Roy Darkin, who has recently been presented with the Lions Club International '40 Year Chevron', a special award for forty years service. Very few people have achieved this award or served the community for such a long time. Well done, Roy, and thank you!

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Charlecote Park News

March sees the start of a new season at Charlecote. Mother Nature is waking up in the Park and on Friday, 4 March, the house will re-open. Conservers have been busy working through all the rooms during the winter, paying particular attention to the unique collection of books in the library. The gatehouse bells are being re-hung and will soon be ready to chime. Scaffolding will be taken down from the Tudor gatehouse by the beginning of March, but a viewing platform will remain and, at certain times, it will be possible to see the surrounding countryside from this great vantage point. Scaffolding will continue to be in place around other parts of the house and a viewing platform on the south wing will enable visitors to watch the work in progress. The house will be open from 11am to 4.30pm, five days a week, (closed Wednesdays and Thursdays), but, until 30 April, the first hour will be reserved for visitors on the free Conservation Tours. Just ask for the tour when you get your ticket. The Park and the restaurant are open every day, and the shop will be open for visitors on the same days as the house. For further details contact Charlecote Park on 01789 470277. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark

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Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

At our February meeting, Carole Lomas, Voluntary Services Manager at the Stratford Hospice, gave us a most interesting and informative talk on the work of the Hospice. She kindly extended an invitation to WI members to visit on any Friday between 10.00am and 3.00pm. The 'Quilt for Honour' has now been completed and sent to The Irish Guards Regiment. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 March, at 7.30pm in Charlecote Village Hall, when the speaker will be Gillian White, whose topic will be "Mary, Queen of Scots." Anyone interested in visiting or becoming a member will be very welcome. **MJW**

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 10 February, an excellent turnout of members enjoyed a very interesting and enlightening talk by Professor Mark Taylor, who spoke on one of his many interests, seventeenth and eighteenth century clocks, and described the great variety produced during that period. Mark restores old clocks as a hobby and had brought some examples with him to demonstrate their intricacies to his audience. The group very much appreciated him giving up his time for what proved to be a memorable evening. The year's programme includes talks, visits and demonstrations, all of a high standard. Please contact Lorna Lee, 01926 624830, if you would like to join us or just visit to see if our WI group is for you. **LL**

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Loxley Cotton Reels

Our group is now so well attended by such an enthusiastic group of ladies that, because we meet in our own homes, space limits the numbers that we can accommodate. Good news for the group, but it does mean that, unfortunately, no new members can be introduced for the time being. An invitation to new members will be posted in *The Grapevine* when space allows. We are sorry to disappoint those who may have planned to join us. **LL**

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Hampton Lucy **Ladies Coffee and Cakes**

Tuesday, 1st March
The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, 10.30am
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Friday, 29th April

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More details in next month's Grapevine.



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Church Services

4 March	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer The Scout Hut, Barford	
	7.30pm	St Peter's Church, Barford	
6 March	8.30am	The Sunday Next before Lent Charlecote	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service
	6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong BCP
9 March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Charlecote	Holy Communion CW
13 March	9.30am	The First Sunday of Lent Charlecote	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Loxley	Family Service
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion CW
19 March	4.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Cathedral Style Evensong <i>with The Festival Singers</i>
20 March	8.30am	The Second Sunday of Lent Charlecote	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship
	11.00am	Loxley	Matins BCP
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong BCP
27 March	9.30am	The Third Sunday of Lent Loxley	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion CW
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong BCP

For your diary

March

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 <i>(Please note: no Tai Chi class on Wednesday, 2 March)</i>
Wed 2	Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Fri 4	Charlecote House re-opens , 11.00 to 4.30pm. (see page 4)
Thur 3	3 Parishes Prayer Group , Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm
Tues 8	Dene Valley U3A , Wellesbourne Church, 2.00pm
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
Wed 9	Hampton Lucy Parish Council Meeting , HL Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 10	Loxley WI , call Lorna Lee on 01926 624830 for venue and details.
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
Thur 17	SHN, Bonhams Valuation Day , Townsend Hall, Shipston. (Notice Board)
Sat 19	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy , 4.00pm, Cathedral Style Evensong. (Notice Board)
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
Thur 24	3 Parishes Prayer Group , Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm
Fri 25	SHN, Warwick School Bands Concert , Townsend Hall, Shipston (Notice Board)
Sat 26	St Peter ad Vincula Churchyard Tidy , 10.00am to 12noon (see page 2)
Sat 26	'whalebone' live at Hampton Lucy Village Hall , 7.30pm. (Notice Board)

April

Sun 3	Charlecote Mill Open Day , 11.00am to 5.00pm. (Notice Board)
Thur 7	Hampton Lucy Parochial Church Council AGM , (see page 2)
Sat 9	Rededication of Memorial at Wasperton , 10.30am, (see page 3)

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