



# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY,  
CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Shake, Rattle and Roll!

The Shakespeare Morris Men gave a lively performance outside The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, on the evening of Monday 27 June. Arriving at around nine o'clock, fortunately avoiding the earlier heavy rain showers, they entertained a small but perfectly-formed crowd with their smart costumes, bells, sticks and enthusiastic whoops of delight as they went from one complex manoeuvre to another. As far as we could judge, no Morris Man was injured in the performance. It is good to see this traditional English country entertainment thriving. Long may it continue to do so.

AJW

## Hampton Lucy's Cider Sizzler's Got Talent!

On Saturday, 10 September, Hampton Lucy School will host the 2011 Cider Sizzler, (see **The Notice Board**). There will be the usual Sizzler fun but new for this year will be the opportunity for our local community to showcase their talents. All singers, musicians, magicians, poets, dancers are invited to share their talents at the Cider Sizzler. If you, or someone you know can come along and entertain us all, or you would like tickets to what promises to be a memorable night, please contact Kate, (07776 243280) or Nicola, (07717 681397) asap.

## Raft Race

The 'Dads' of Hampton Lucy School entered the Lions Raft Race this year. An impressive 11-man raft was constructed on The Langlands, painted by the school children and formally named *HLS Lightning* by the winners of a competition. It was then themed as a pub beer garden with six rowers propelling five other drinkers, table, chairs, parasol and pub sign. The team completed the 7-mile course in 4 hours 35 minutes, finishing 48<sup>th</sup> out of 63 - quite an achievement! The team wishes to thank their families, their sponsors, and The Boar's Head for help with props (not least, some beer) and the after-race party. To date, sponsorship has reached over £1300, split 50/50 between the Lions and the school's 'Friends' charity. If you'd like to donate, please contact Dave Holland via the school on 840398 or [admin3031@we-learn.com](mailto:admin3031@we-learn.com)

DH

## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Hampton Lucy Parish Council has asked me to co-ordinate the local celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June, 2012. We want to make it an enjoyable day for the whole community, and would welcome any suggestions for the event. I already have generous offers of help, including representatives of the School Governors and The Friends of Hampton Lucy School, but would welcome ideas and offers of help from all residents of all age groups in the village. I hope to hold a meeting in mid-September to get things underway and look forward to hearing from you by then. We will keep you informed as plans materialise. You can contact me at 9 The Langlands, CV35 8BN (Tel: 470911, e-mail: [jandmwhyman@btinternet.com](mailto:jandmwhyman@btinternet.com)). Many thanks, in anticipation.

Jeremy Whyman (Parish Councillor)

## Loxley School End of Term Report

Loxley School had a hectic end to the academic year. The final week saw sports day take place on the playground due to the poor weather conditions! Nevertheless the children enjoyed competing in the various races, including potato and spoon, obstacle and pyjama dressing up race! The end of the week saw the Year Six Leavers' Service held at the church. This was designed by the Leavers themselves and included tributes to them from the rest of the school and each of them read out some of their favourite memories of their time at the school. With their own choices of songs included it was a very personal and special way to send them on their journey to start secondary school. That evening the end of term BBQ and disco took place at the school hosted by the Friends of Loxley School. It was lovely to be able to enjoy a social evening with parents, children and staff and was an opportunity to invite members of the wider community who have helped with fundraising events over the year, by way of a thank you to them all. We look forward to the start of next term as work on the improvements to the playground gets underway.

JC

## Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests

Between Monday, 3 October and Friday, 7 October, Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests FREE OF CHARGE for people aged 50 or over. Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked. Testing, by appointment only, will take place at Stratford Fire Station, on Friday, 7 October; Leamington Town Hall, on Monday, 3 October, and Kenilworth Library, on Thursday, 6 October. To book an appointment, call the Trading Standards Service (Tel: 01926 414004 - Monday to Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. E-mail: [ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk))

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# The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

The wedding season is gradually winding down after a hectic summer in the local churches. Weddings are a real honour to be involved with - each one distinctive and joyful. But one of the recent ones made a real impact on us. The groom had been in the army and the two ushers were still sergeants on active duty. I was told that one in particular was easy to spot – if someone was standing in the doorway blocking out the light, that would be him. That turned out to be a fairly accurate description. On the wedding day, they arrived in full dress uniform and took their duties seriously, efficiently welcoming people and showing them to their places. But it was at the end of the service that they took ushering to a whole new level.

After the newly-wed bride and groom had swept down the aisle and out through the doorway into the sunshine and bridesmaids and parents had followed on, I made my way to the door to say goodbye to the other guests as they left. Nearly at the doorway, between the heads and hats, I could see a collection plate being held out. That was strange as it is normally discreetly left to one side so that people can place an offering on it for the upkeep of the building if they wish to. But this was rather more unavoidable and people seemed to be giving generously. The ushers had taken their

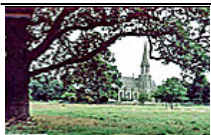
duties to heart and proudly handed over a highly impressive collection, the towering sergeant saying “I told them – 50p is not enough!” We asked them to come back next week and do the same again!

They couldn't, but their phrase has stuck with us and challenged us. Two weeks ago, the collection from a service for the congregations of the six local churches went to “Help for Heroes”, in acknowledgement of that wedding and the people we met. This week there will be a family service at one of the churches, thinking about Jesus feeding a crowd of 5,000 people and how the plenty we are given needs to be shared. The collection that day will be going to the East Africa Appeal for the more than 12.4 million people across Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda who are suffering and dying in the famine.

This is not to claim credit for what we have donated - these are tiny drops in the ocean. But there is a sense of wanting to rise to the challenge we've been given by the ushers – think big – small change is nowhere near enough.

With 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.*



### Learn More about Prayer and Praying:

#### A four session study course in the Emmaus Growth series

We plan to run this short module over four weeks beginning on Tuesday, 20 and Thursday, 22 September. Three groups are possible: Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday mornings. Choose your preferred time. For more information please contact Revd David Jessett, Ann Fawcett or Chris Farr. E-mail [rectory@barford.org.uk](mailto:rectory@barford.org.uk) or ring **01926 624238**. Places may need to be limited.

Rev'd DJ

### The Three Parishes Prayer Group

The group will meet at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation, on Thursdays, 8 and 29 September at 7.45pm.

### Help for Heroes

At the Benefice Service on Sunday, 31 July, we had an appeal for Help for Heroes which raised £40. Well done! SL

### From the Registers

<b>Weddings:</b>	Charlecote	18 June	Steve Outterside and Katherine Gibbons
		23 July	Steven Warren and Elizabeth Thorpe
		29 July	Simon Bunyard and Jenny Hurst
	Hampton Lucy	29 July	Christopher Hunter and Dionne Avery

## Charlecote Park News

This year the Tuesday Children's Club during August has been a great success with more children than ever enjoying a wide range of activities. With five Tuesdays in August, the last one on 30 August promises to be even better, with sheepdogs and ducks! The Victorian kitchens have proved a great attraction to children and adults alike. Much of the time the fire is burning and the cooks are busy preparing traditional delights such as Welsh Cakes and soda bread, while making jam and even experimenting with Victorian style hand-cream and soap. During September, a Heritage Open Day on Saturday, 10 September will give a free taste of Charlecote to many extra visitors. On 11 September you can "Meet the team", speak to the staff and find out what they do to care for this amazing place. The falconry experts will be bringing birds to the park on Sunday, 18 September. Prize-winning Jacobs rams are soon coming to Charlecote to help to improve the breeding stock. The first one, Henry, has already arrived. Thinking a little ahead, the popular Deer Park Safaris will be held at weekends and half term in October – details will be available later. Looking even further ahead – 2012 calendars and diaries are in and Christmas cards are selling well! There are gifts to buy for everyone in the shops. For further details please contact Charlecote Park (Tel: 470277) or visit: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark) **SF**

### Sunset Supper

Around 40 residents of Charlecote enjoyed a Sunset Supper in the Village Hall Garden on 6 August. Bucks Fizz was served followed by a delicious home-cooked meal. John Penn and his musical friends provided the entertainment, and raffle prizes were generously supplied by local businesses. The fantastic sum of around £400 was raised towards Village Hall funds, especially useful at this time as we are about to start on the renovation of the porch. **HH**



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

"Laughter is the Best Medicine" was the title of a talk given by David Howe at the meeting on 6 July, and it certainly had the members doing just that! Remembering comedians such as Morecambe and Wise and Tony Hancock made for a light-hearted evening with lots of questions and banter from the floor. There will not be a meeting in August and the September meeting will be in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, when the speaker will be Fay Palmer talking on the subject of "Dowsing for Health". The meeting will start at 7.30pm. An outing to Kelmscott Manor is planned for 14 September. **MJW**



### Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Following the highly successful 'Last Night of the Proms' concert in Warwick last year, the Lions will again be hosting a concert, this time in Stratford. The event will take place at Stratford Civic Hall on Sunday, 11 September at 7.30pm and will feature the Flowers band, one of the country's top brass bands. The concert will feature all the usual 'Last Night at the Proms' favourites plus much more on the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Tickets cost £12.50 and are available now from the Civic Hall box office or via local Lions clubs. The concert is in aid of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and Lions charities. **AS**

### Loxley Strawberry Fayre

The annual village gathering was again enjoyed, courtesy of the Gregory-Hoods, in the magnificent surroundings of Loxley Hall. Many volunteers had laboured from early morning to set up the traditional stalls, games, and seating accommodation. Ken Osborne's new signs illuminated proceedings, and a choice of raffles, tombola, and an interesting array of merchandise on the stalls did good business. Punch and Judy, penalty shoot outs and sundry traditional games were thoroughly enjoyed by children of all ages. Ice cream and Pimms proved popular hors d'oeuvres to the scrumptious strawberry and cream teas prepared by Margaret Buckingham and her team. In the church, there was a beautiful quilting exhibition provided by the Cotton Reels, and Ann Dobedo performed an organ recital. The crumbling masonry of the church tower now needs attention. We have been fortunate in our inheritance of such a sturdy institution and the proceeds of the Fayre (over £2,000) have been donated to this cause. Our grateful thanks go to all who supported our appeal. **CAG**

### Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6 July, in the village Hall and considered possible locations for some new trees kindly offered by Sam Moore following his wedding in the village last year. Planning applications, discussed at some length, included the Aspi Specialist Cars extension, and the proposed slipway for boats of up to two tonnes displacement to access The Avon in Warwick. The Clerk reported on the progress of the Defibrillator Fund appeal. Parking on the Stratford Road was discussed once again, and the provision of Fire Safety Checks for vulnerable households, undertaken by trained volunteers from the community, was also reported. A 'walkabout' by members of the Parish Council will be held one evening to review possible building sites, as recommended by the report following the Housing Needs Survey. Preparations are underway for the celebration of the Royal Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The next meeting will be held in the village Hall on Wednesday, 14 September, at 7.30pm and all residents are encouraged to attend. **AJW**

### Maries Family Reunion

On Saturday, 30 July, some 40 members of the Maries family descended upon Hampton Lucy. They came to a family reunion with afternoon tea in the village hall, organised by the Village Enhancement Group. Many also had lunch in the Boar's Head. During the reunion, family members spent most of the time exchanging information about their ancestors but they also heard talks by Ken Cockshull and Mike Higgins. Ken spoke about the connections between the Maries family and Hampton Lucy while Mike Higgins gave out details about the little-known female descendants of Charles Maries. Charles was born in Hampton Lucy in 1851 and collected unusual plants in the Far East. Ken also showed documents relating to Charles' life that are held in the Library Archive at Kew Gardens. The reunion and tea was a great success and, in recognition of that, the family made a very generous donation to VEG funds and declared that Hampton Lucy had become their "ancestral home". **KC**

### To Report a Crime to the Police

In an emergency, dial: 999  
Warwickshire Control Room: 01926 415000  
Warwickshire Crime Desk: 02476 483432

**A flavour of the many events held in the three parishes this summer.**



*Learning about bee-keeping at Charlecote Park*



*The stalls at the Loxley Strawberry Fayre*



*The work of the Cotton Reels at Loxley Strawberry Fayre*



*The Maries Family Reunion in Hampton Lucy*



*The Open Afternoon to celebrate the completion of Phase Two of the restoration works on the church in Hampton Lucy*



*Chris Johns, Helen and Tim Harris at the Charlecote Sunset Supper*



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## The Notice Board

The Loxley website:  
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**Hampton Lucy**  
Ladies' Coffee and Cakes  
Tuesday, 6 September  
The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, 10.30am

**"The Lucy Lads"**  
Meet at the Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy  
Thursday, 1 September, 11.30am

**Sherbourne Flower Festival**  
Theme 'Hymns Ancient & Modern'  
Friday Evening, 9 September through to  
Sunday Evening, 11 September

Concert by Chamber 5 Wind Quintet at 7:30pm, Friday  
The Festival then runs all day on  
Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am until 6:00pm  
and concludes with a Festal Evensong Service  
at 6pm on Sunday evening led by  
The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth,  
Bishop of Coventry

**Shipston Home Nursing**  
**Country Car Boot Sale, 4 September**  
**Gates open at 9am**  
**At Honington Estate—Entry fee £2pp**  
**Fun Run, Walk and Cycle Ride, 25 Sept.**  
**Start at 9am from**  
**Shipston Leisure Centre**  
**Details from Gilda Gardner (Tel: 740083)**

Advance Notice

**Saturday, 8 October,**  
**11 am - 3pm**  
**"Made in Charlecote" Harvest Sale**  
at Charlecote Village Hall  
Plus refreshments  
*more details next month*

St. Leonards' Church, Charlecote

### Harvest Supper

Charlecote Village Hall  
Saturday, 24 September at 7.30pm

Food, quiz and entertainment.  
Adults £7.50 (incl. glass of wine or soft drink),  
Children (under 12) £4

**Tickets available from:**

**Sue Lampitt (Tel: 01926 624545), Vanessa Lewis**  
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## Church Services

### September

<b>4 September</b>	<b>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship		CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion		BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion		CW

<b>11 September</b>	<b>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service		CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion		CW
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Sherbourne</b>	<b>Evensong</b>		<b>BCP</b>

*N.B. There will be no Evensong at Hampton Lucy or Loxley because the Bishop of Coventry is leading Evensong at Sherbourne*

<b>18 September</b>	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion		BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion		CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service		CW

<b>25 September</b>	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
11.00am	Loxley	<b>Harvest</b>		BCP
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Charlecote</b>	<b>Harvest Evensong</b>		

*N.B. There will be no Evensong at Hampton Lucy because of the Harvest Evensong at Charlecote*

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Thur 1	'The Lucy Lads' meet at the Boar's Head, 11.30am
Sun 4	<b>Charlecote Mill Open Day</b> , 11.00am to 5.00pm, Tel: 01789 842072
Tue 6	<b>Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes</b> , The Boar's Head, 10.30am
Tues 6	<b>Keep Fit</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
Wed 7	<b>Tai Chi</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
Wed 7	<b>Hampton Lucy &amp; Charlecote WI</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 8	<b>Loxley WI</b> , Di Griffin on 'Christmas Tree decorations', Lane End, 7.30pm
Thur 8	<b>3 Parishes Prayer Group</b> . Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm.
Fri 9	<b>Sherbourne Flower Festival</b> , Chamber 5 Wind Quintet, 7.30pm
Sat 10, 11	<b>Sherbourne Flower Festival</b> , 10am until 6pm
Sat 10	<b>Cider Sizzler and Talent Show</b> , Hampton Lucy School, 5.30pm to 10.00pm
Tues 13	<b>Dene Valley U3A, AGM</b> St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Tues 13	<b>Keep Fit</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Wed 14	<b>Tai Chi</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
Wed 14	<b>Salsacise Class</b> , Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy. £5 per class, 6.30pm (see advert)
Wed 14	<b>Hampton Lucy Parish Council Meeting</b> , Hampton Lucy Village hall, 7.30pm
Tues 20	<b>Keep Fit</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Wed 21	<b>Tai Chi</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
Sat 24	<b>Harvest Supper</b> in Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm (see Notice Board)
Tues 27	<b>Keep Fit</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
Wed 28	<b>Tai Chi</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
Thur 29	<b>3 Parishes Prayer Group</b> . Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm

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