

The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND **LOXLEY PARISHES**

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Charlecote Park's magnificent and rare white fallow stag, in the company of his buddies. Chums at the moment but, at the start of the rutting season, that will all change with violent confrontations between the stags in the quest to dominate the females in the herd. The Deer Park Safaris afford visitors the chance of a front-row seat at this fascinating spectacle. (See the Charlecote Park report on page 3 for details.)

Police Station Closure

As you are probably already aware, Wellesbourne Police Station will be closing following the recent cuts in the police budget for Warwickshire, and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team will be relocated to Stratford-upon-Avon. The Wellesbourne Police Station will therefore close on Friday, 7 October, 2011. All communications should then be addressed to the Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhoods Team, Stratford-upon-Avon Police Station, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6RD. The contact phone number and e-mail address will remain the same, as shown at the bottom of The Notice Board page. Any further changes will be notified in the local press and in *The Grapevine*. MS

Charlecote Mill, Last Open Day for 2011

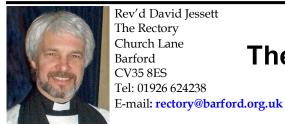
John and Rhoda Bedington will open the mill to visitors for the last time this year on Sunday, 2 October. If you haven't yet visited it, you can see a fascinating example of living history, still producing flour on a commercial basis, using the power of two twelve-foot water wheels.

Educational Grants Available

The Trustees of the Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, a registered charity, are seeking applications from deserving children and young persons under the age of twenty five for financial assistance for academic, sporting, musical and theatrical training. Grants are available for the provision of equipment, instruments, books, and academic materials to promote educational, sporting and cultural achievement and experience. Applicants must be residents of the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton or Alveston to qualify for consideration. Requests for Grant Application Forms and other enquiries should be sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Highdown House, 11 Highdown Road, Leamington Spa CV31 1XT, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL. Applications are considered in confidence by the Trustees who meet in September, January and May each year.

The next issue of *The Grapevine* will be delivered towards the end of October. Items for inclusion should be sent in by Monday, 10 October, at the latest.

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The Parish Letter

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Rev'd Cathy Davies



Dear Friends,

Cathy wrote last time about a wedding she took. In our group of six Churches we seem to get a lot of weddings – this year about thirty five, with a lot already being booked for next year and more coming in. Many of these are for people who live outside our area. Sometimes they have had some link with one of our villages in the past but in many cases it is simply because we have six Churches which are all different but all beautiful in their own way and all set in rather lovely locations. In these cases the couples often have to 'qualify' to be married here by worshipping regularly in the Church they want to be married in for a period of at least six months.

For quite a lot of them – especially the younger ones – this is a relatively new experience. They were not made to go to Church as children and so they come to it with fresh eyes and seem to find the experience interesting and even enjoyable. What we are also now finding is that a few years later when they have children some of them are coming back to have their baby baptised – and some of them are even asking to be baptised themselves.

It seems that for some of them there is something about a

sense of community which they find attractive, while for others it is something about looking for a framework for life in a challenging and uncertain world. For others still it may be a wish to think a bit more deeply about God or the Bible or prayer.

Of course, we are happy to create opportunities for some of those ideas to be explored. We now have a little group of people (of a range of ages) who want to meet to think about God, Jesus and faith; and we shall be starting to fix some dates soon. For some people this may lead to what is called 'confirmation' (when you make for yourself the promises your parents and godparents made for you if you were baptised as a baby). But it is perfectly OK if at the end people don't feel that is right for them. There is still room for one or two more to join in or we could create another little group. So if you are also interested to explore this please contact Cathy or me. Or come along to one of our Churches and just begin to think whether any of this might be important to you.

With best wishes,

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 at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation, on Thursday, 20 October at 7.45pm.

Douglas Macleod, 1923 - 2011

The community of Hampton Lucy and the congregation of St Peter ad Vincula Church were saddened to learn of the death of Douglas Macleod, village shop keeper and postmaster in Hampton Lucy, and long-serving member of the church and the choir. Penny and her family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and letters of support received from friends at this sad time.

Commemoration of the Departed.

On Sunday, 7 November, there will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones departed at services in Barford or Loxley. These will be occasions when we can give thanks for them and remember them before God. Names of particular individuals can be read out. Please contact Revd David Jessett, e-mail to: rectory@barford.org.uk tel: 01926 624238, or Peter Morris, Churchwarden at Loxley, tel: 01789 470084.) The services will be held at St Peter's, Barford at 3.30 pm and St Nicholas', Loxley at 6.00 pm, both on Sunday, 7 November.

		From the Registers	S
Baptisms:	Loxley	21 August, 2011	Poppy Beau Drinkwater
Weddings:	Charlecote	4 September, 2011	Stuart Watts and Denise Clarke
Funerals:	Hampton Lucy	19 August, 2011	Douglas McLeod

The Charlecote Parish Meeting

At the Charlecote Parish Meeting AGM, held earlier this year, the following officers were confirmed. Vanessa Lewis was reelected as Chairman, Deborah Wellings agreed to continue as Clerk, and Paul Rose was elected Treasurer. Various matters were discussed including airfield noise, Avon navigation, speed limit/traffic calming measures, the parish plan and village web site. For further details and to receive a copy of the minutes please contact Vanessa Lewis on 01789 842552.

Charlecote Park News

As the year progresses the deer at Charlecote become less timid, and are often to be seen quite close to the house. Over the first four weekends of October there will be regular Deer Park Safaris, so why not book a seat and get close to the action, while hearing more from the experts about the behaviour of these fascinating animals? There is a charge of £5 for adults and £3 for children. (It is a great photo-opportunity and a chance to see these beautiful animals without the need of binoculars or telephoto lenses - Ed.). Ring the number below to book a place. On Saturday, 8 October, there will be another special "100 Verses" day, featuring poems from many sources. The weekend at the end of October brings Halloween events for all but for children in particular. A 'first' for Charlecote Park is a Boundary Walk to be held during the weekend of 29 and 30 October, with an invitation to join members of staff and volunteers in a walk around most of the boundary of the park. For further details please contact Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark SF

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The nights are really drawing in as we head towards the autumn change of the clocks, telling us that summer is past and winter is on

its way. Forward planning means that The Lions are already looking ahead to the Christmas Festivities. Would your charity like to join us for an evening on this year's Christmas float collections? If you would like to be considered for this event and can offer some help, please talk to Lion Max Down on 01789 841567. All charities taking part receive a share of the money collected during the event. The next major event that we are presenting is 'Mel's Magic Night'. with Mel Harvey and guests, on the evening of Saturday, 22 October, in Kineton Village Hall. This is a sequel to 'Mel's Magical Mayhem' held in October 2010. If you didn't make it then, this is an evening not to be missed. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets, which include supper, are available from Lion Rob Parton on 01789 841073. Make a calendar note of Friday, 25 November, when the Wellesbourne Christmas lights will be switched on, and Monday, 19 December for our annual 'Carols in the Precinct'. Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we have a wonderful minibus available for hire at extremely reasonable rates. If you are a local group and think you might be able to make use of the minibus please contact Lion Paul Gibson on 01789 841730 for further information.

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Fay Palmer gave a most interesting talk on "Dowsing for Health" at our meeting on INSPIRING WOMEN Wednesday, 8 September. Members then

dowsed with a partner with fascinating results, leading up to dowsing for water beneath the village hall! The October meeting, on 5 October in Charlecote Village Hall, will feature Phillipa Charlesworth talking about her experiences in Kenya. The evening will start at 7.30pm. As always, we extend a warm welcome to new members, and we would particularly like to invite newcomers to the villages to come along.

Cider Sizzler Dances in the Moonlight

The Cider Sizzler, including 'Hampton Lucy's Got Talent,' was held on the evening of Saturday, 10 September, in the school grounds. The whole evening was fantastic fun and those who braved the early violent rain storm were rewarded with a beautiful clear moonlit evening. Many said it was the 'best ever' Sizzler. The Talent Show proved to be a great success, with bursts of enthusiastic applause for each performance echoing around the village as the audience were entertained by young people from Hampton Lucy and neighbouring Parishes. The Sumo Wrestling, an innovation for this year, was also a great hit, with the children commandeering both the adult and children's suits for most of the evening. Disco dancing is an entirely different concept in a styro-foam sumo suit! The 'Tug o' War' was as competitive as ever. Due to such a packed programme, the competition ended up being staged by moonlight, leading to a first-time defeat of the Hampton Lucy team by The Rest of the World. The home team claimed to not have competed by moonlight before and were obviously not on form! Could it also be possible that, by then, the cider had started to exert some effect? Huw and Jackie Williams did a sterling job on the gate despite an absolute soaking in the earlier rain, and everyone worked tremendously hard to make the evening a success. "Thank you" to Pat Bunn and Di Cox, who beavered away on the hot-dog stand, and to all those who put in so much hard work before, during and after the event. Thanks also to Valefresco for their continuing support. The proceeds will go to St Peter ad Vincula Church

Loxlev WI



On Thursday, 11 August, we visited The Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. The one and half INSPIRING WOMEN hour guided tour was lively and full of interest,

and was followed by a very indulgent cream tea in the cafeteria. Naughty but nice! All in all, a very enjoyable evening. On Thursday, 8 September, members enjoyed an enjoyable and creative evening, sticking and stitching attractive Christmas tree decorations, under the expert tuition of Chairman Aileen Pearson. For information on Loxley WI, please contact Kate Gabriel on 01789 470226.

Our correspondents this month are:

MS - Michelle Suddaby (Police, Safer Neighbourhoods Team); DH - Donald Hunter; Rev'd DJ - Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett; Rev'd CD -Rev'd Cathy Davies; AS - Andy Stokes; VL - Vanessa Lewis; SF - Shiela Freeman; KG - Kay Graham; JW - Jackie Williams; MJW - Margaret Whyman; AW-P - Amanda Wilson-Patterson (Warwickshire Community Forums); SB - Sue Bresnan (HLPCC); SL -Sue Lampitt: AJW - Jeremy Whyman (Editor).

Community Forums in Warwickshire

Community Forums are public meetings, led by the County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council, to engage the general public in council business. Warwickshire Police promote 'Safer Neighbourhoods' through the Community Forums. Additionally the Neighbourhood Policing Teams hold a surgery prior to the forum, during which time tea/coffee is available. If you have a specific concern or problem you can drop in to the local surgery between 6.30pm and 7.00pm, where you will be able to speak to your Neighbourhood Policing Team, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils. For further details and for dates of future meetings, or if you would like to suggest an item for the agenda of a future Community Forum, please contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 01789 260135 or email: amandawilsonpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk

AW-P (Editor's note: My latin, learned many years ago, tells me that the plural of 'forum' is 'fora' but apparently no longer so!)

Hampton Lucy Afternoon Tea Party

The HLPCC would like to thank all those who generously supported this fund-raising event, held on Saturday, 13 August, in the garden of Tudor Cottage. A particular "thank you" goes to everyone who helped by baking, making sandwiches and serving teas during the afternoon. There was also much to do setting up and running the stalls, as well as tidying up afterwards. And last, but not least, "thank you" to all those who came along and made it a such a great social and financial success, and to those who were unable to be there but made a financial donation instead. Hampton Lucy Church benefited with the grand sum of £560, and it was good to see so many new faces there. It was very generous of Huw and Jackie to host the event and open up their garden for the occasion. SB (HLPCC)

Stay-at-home Christmas?

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university? HOST invites you to give Christmas, perhaps for the first time in their life, to someone who is a guest in this country, who would love to experience your way of life and make your stay-at-home Christmas special. HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 1-3 days at Christmas, and weekends all year round. Please see www.hostuk.org or call HOST 020 7739 6292

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 14 September, in the village hall. The main items discussed included the report on possible locations for new trees, progress on funding the defibrillator, and planning applications including the gypsy site appeal and the proposed slipway on the Avon. Councillor Johnston reported on the reduction of hours at Wellesbourne Library, the closure of the police station and changes in the management of the household waste site. He agreed to look into the unsatisfactory routing of the bus service to Hampton Lucy. It was reported that the Stratford Post Office will be closing shortly. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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The Annual Armscote Manor Lecture Series

This fascinating series of talks and workshops, based on gardening and associated garden subjects, will be run from Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October. Subjects include an evening workshop entitled 'An Introduction to Beekeeping', a series of lectures and demonstrations on soil, structure and improvement, garden photography, quirky and unusual plant forms, the principles of pruning and training, and a talk on garden design entitled 'Home Ground: Sanctuary in the City'. Tickets are £14, £26 and £33 for one, two or three lectures respectively. For full details please contact Deborah Jones or Madelaine James on **01608 682375**. All proceeds to Shipston Home Nursing. E-mail: deborah, williams@armscotemanor.co.uk

AJW

All Action at the Cider Sizzler

Harriett and Sophie in action in the sumo wrestling, plus a lot of giggling! Jo Graham looks on, bemused.



Gilbert Blocksidge, winner of the Talent Competition. Congratulations! A star is born!

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Bridge Drive

Bourton on the Hill Bridge Club
Wednesday, 19th October, 2.00pm start.
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Call Maki Sutton, **01608 661539**, to reserve your place for friendly bridge and a delicious tea.

Armscote Manor Lecture Series

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th October

A fascinating series of talks and demonstrations on garden related subjects

For full details, see page 4.

All proceeds from both events to Shipston Home Nursing

Monday, 3rd October to Friday, 7th October

See the 'diary page' for dates and venues

For an appointment, call 01926 414004

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St. Peter's Church, Barford

Wednesday 19th October

7.30 p.m.

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James Hewitt – violin (both from the Royal Conservatoire)

and Chris Farr – harpsichord

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Advance Notice

Hampton Lucy

Skittles Night



Saturday, 20th November, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Fun for all the family

Fish & chip supper available

(please book your food when buying tickets!)
Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1, from the
committee or call 841155. (Fish and Chips extra)

Advance Notice

Charlecote



WINE AND WISDOM EVENING!

The Village Hall Friday, 25th November

Full details in next month's Grapevine

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Church Services

October 2011								
2 October	tober The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity							
ý	9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW				
!	9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP				
(6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW				
9 October		The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity						
	9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Harvest Family Service	CW				
1	1.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW				
(6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP				
(6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP				
16 October		The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity						
	9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP				

9.30am Hampton Lucy Come and Worship

CW Family Service 11.00am Loxley CW

23 October The Last Sunday after Trinity

> 8.00am Charlecote Holy Communion **BCP** 11.00am Matins **BCP** Loxley 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Evensong **BCP**

30 October All Saints' Sunday - Benefice Services

> 8.00am Barford Holy Communion CW Holy Communion 11.00am Sherbourne CW

For your diary - October 2011

Sat 1etc. Deer Park Safaris, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, Charlecote Park. See page 3 for details.

Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper, The Village Hall, 7.00pm. Notice Board Sat 1

Sun 2 Charlecote Mill Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm, Tel: 01789 842072, See page 1.

Electric Blanket Safety Testing, Leamington Town Hall. Notice Board Mon 3

Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. Tues 4

Tues 4 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 5

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. See page 3. Wed 5

Electric Blanket Safety Testing, Kenilworth Library. Notice Board Thur 6

'The Lucy Lads', meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am Thur 6

Fri 7 Electric Blanket Safety Testing, Stratford-upon-Avon Fire Station. Notice Board

Sat 8 'Made in Charlecote', Charlecote Village Hall, 10.30 to 1.00pm. Notice Board

Sat 8 '100 Verses', Charlecote park. See page 3 for contact details

Mon 10 Armscote Manor Lecture Series, 4 day event. See page 4 for details.

Tues 11 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm for 2.30pm start

Tues 11 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Wed 12 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Thur 13 Loxley WI, Lane End, 7.30pm. Call Kate Gabriel for details on 01789 470226.

Tues 18 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 19 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Wed 19 Classical Concert, St Peter's Church, Barford, 7.30pm. Notice Board

Wed 19 SHN Bridge Drive, Bourton on the Hill Bridge Club, 2.00pm. Notice Board

Sat 22 'Mel's magical Night', Kineton Village. See Lions report, page 3, for details.

Tues 25 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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Wed 26 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

W/E of 29 'Boundary Walk', plus Hallowe'en Events, Charlecote Park, See page 3 for details.

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