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

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Prize-winning Children's Author Visits Loxley School - The Next J.K. Rowling?



Ted Burch (Deputy Head Teacher), Abigail, Rory, Oscar, Caroline Clough (Author), Louis, and Freya, all showing off their copies of "Red Fever"- hopefully all first editions and signed by the author. Well, you never know!)

Caroline Clough, winner of The Kelpies Prize in 2010, met the children of Loxley School and described her life, leading up to her becoming a prize-winning author of children's books. She talked about the inspiration for her book, "Red Fever", which was the winning entry in the Kelpies Prize competition last year. Ted Burch, Deputy Head Teacher, said, "The children were enthralled and are keen to write their own stories. Caroline gave them so many ideas to get them started". Mo

(Editor's note: The Kelpies Prize is an annual award to the author judged to have submitted the best children's thriller. The setting of the book must be in Scotland, or the storyline must have a Scottish theme, and the prize of £2000 is sponsored by Floris Books, Scottish publishers of adult and children's books. AJW

Hampton Lucy School



The seaside comes to Hampton Lucy School

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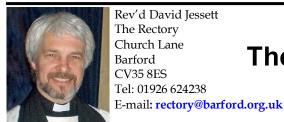
On 8 November, the speaker, Sir Andrew Hamilton, will give a talk about the 1914 "Christmas Truce", which was instigated by his grandfather Robert Hamilton who, at the time, was a Captain in the Warwickshire Regiment.

The children of Hampton Lucy school have enjoyed a funpacked start to the Autumn term. Class 2 are learning about the seaside this term, and their outdoor learning area has been transformed into a beach! In the late summer weather, the children created their own seaside shops and were delighted by ice creams and a Punch & Judy show. A trip to The Birmingham Sea Life centre is the next highlight. The school held its Harvest Festival as part of October's Sunday Family Service at St Peters. The service was well supported and a packed church enjoyed listening to the school orchestra start the service with a polished performance of a piece called "Autumn". Between the hymns, all the children joined in an enthusiastic rendition of "Big Red Combine Harvester", and donations of produce and food were collected for distribution by The Leamington Christian Mission. DH

The Three Parishes Prayer Group

The group will meet at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax -Lucy, by their kind invitation, on Thursday, 10 November, and Thursday, 1 December. Both meetings commence at 7.45pm AΒ

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The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

I was looking out of our kitchen window this morning whilst trying to rouse myself with a mug of tea. My eyes settled on some tall, pink lilies, still flowering in the garden, and a clump of white cyclamen, which I couldn't remember seeing before or planting. On the shelf, near my hand, was a postcard that I'd bought years ago from a monastery. It has a picture of a Cotswold stone wall, part of an old house. To the right of the wall is an arched, leaded window, and stretching all the way across, from left to right, is the branch of a magnolia tree, with young green leaves and flower buds on the point of opening. I turned the card over and noticed a quotation on the back which, in six years, I had never noticed before.

"Pick up this life from the dust...and then in the morning let it find itself among the flowers that blossom in worship." (Rabindranath Tagore)

It was an unexpected moment in the day, when standing still, quite by chance, things were noticed that wouldn't

have been noticed had they been passed in a rush. The same goes for our memories. For some, memories can be pleasantly or painfully fresh. For many, especially in these financially tense times, we are so occupied with all that we have to do that thoughts about the immediate task, or the next few tasks down the line, drown out our deeper memories.

In November, there is a chance to slow down and allow space for our memories, to notice them, in a season of remembering. All Souls, marked on Sunday, 6 November, allows space and time for us to honour and remember loved ones who have died, with the reading out of their names and the lighting of candles in their memory. Remembrance Sunday, on 13 November, allows us to, quite literally, stand still and remember all those who have loved and served us by laying down their lives.

Love and prayers, whether you will be remembering in the quiet of your heart, or in the peace of your church.

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.



St Peter ad Vincula, East Africa Appeal

A cash collection of £102.80, received at the Family Service on Sunday 14 August, 2011 has, with the agreement of the Parochial Church Council, been donated to the Save the Children Fund, for the benefit of the East Africa Appeal. CP

Blitzing the Brambles

The next tidy-up of St Peter's churchyard, Hampton Lucy, will be on Saturday, 5 November, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Please join us for this last session of 2011. It will be good to get on top of the weeds before winter sets in, and everyone is welcome to come along and help. Many hands make light work! Please bring your own implements, etc. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there! SB

Commemoration of the Departed

On Sunday, 6 November, there will be the opportunity to remember our loved ones departed. One service will be at Barford at 3.30 pm. The other will be at Hampton Lucy and will be at 6.00pm. These will be occasions where we can give thanks and remember them before God, as well as lighting a candle in their memory Names of particular individuals to be remembered can be given to Rev'd David Jessett, rectory@barford.org.uk (01926 624238), or Rev'd Cathy Davies, Revcathydavies@aol.com (01926 624139) or sent to The Rectory, Church Lane, Barford CV35 8ES. Rev'd DJ

From the Registers				
Weddings:	Hampton Lucy Loxley	17 September 20117 October 2011	Senthurun Mylvaganam and Natalie Woodhead Keith Wedgbury and Jane Pattison	
Baptisms:	Charlecote	9 October 2011	Samuel Joseph Carter	

Help Us To Clamp Down On Bogus 'Charity Bags'!

Warwickshire Trading Standards Services are launching a bid to clamp down on bogus 'charity bags', used for collecting clothing, and they need your help. We are concerned that some householders are being be duped into donating their unwanted clothing and bric-a-brac to private traders, believing that they are giving them to a registered charity. Warwickshire Trading Standards Officers want to investigate this scam, and are calling on Warwickshire residents to help. Householders can post suspect bags or flyers to us, or scan the labelling onto their computers and send it in by email. In both cases, please let us know where and when they were delivered. These items can be posted, free of charge to, Freepost CV1898, Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV35 7BR, or by email to tradingstandards@warwickshire.gov.uk For more advice visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams

Charlecote Park News

Visitors to Charlecote will find that, once again, some of it is under wraps. Restoration work has started on the stonework of the front porch and the Clifton Conservation Workshop will be busy through November and December. Also on the restoration schedule is the roof of the old stable block, which needs to be made safe and watertight. Everyone realises the importance of maintenance work on old buildings and everything possible is done to avoid inconvenience for visitors. November sees a change to the winter opening times and now the main house is open from 12.00pm to 4.00pm, the restaurant and shop from 11.00am till 4.00pm, and the Park from 10.30am until dusk. There will be new installation for the Sculpture Trail throughout the grounds and gardens by local installation artist Alfreda McHale. Many visitors enjoyed the Deer Park Safari trips during the rutting season. We shall soon be selling Charlecote venison in the local produce shop. For more information please contact Charlecote Park on 01789 470277; www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark SF

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



The Lions Club has begun to prepare for the Christmas season, which is one of the busiest times of our year. The first big event is the

switching-on of the Wellesbourne Christmas lights, on Friday, 25 November, at 6.30pm. There will be a number of stalls, and refreshments will be available in the village hall. We shall be out and about with Santa and his Christmas Float from Monday, 5 December, through to Friday, 16 December. A schedule, giving times and routes of Santa's travels, will be published in next month's Grapevine. Every evening, the float will be supported by a different local charity, and each will receive a share of the money collected, so please give generously. Another popular pre-Christmas event will be 'Carols in the Precinct' on Monday, 19 December, in Wellesbourne shopping precinct, an event that has now become a firm fixture in the Lions' calendar. More and more people are coming along each year to have a good old sing-a-long, so put it in your diaries. Our annual afternoon of

entertainment for the older residents in our community will be held at Kineton High School on Saturday, 5 November, at 1.30pm. This event is free for those over sixty, and transport is available from around the district. Our first young people's disco took place on Friday, 23 September. There was a good turnout and all of the youngsters seemed to really enjoy themselves. A second disco was organised in October, with others likely to be held over the coming months. The Raft Race Presentation Night was held at the Wild Boar in Warwick. An amazing £12,000 had been raised and the cheque was presented to Graham Fulford, representing The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust. A special mention must go to 'The Rocky Horror 6 Crew', who are regular winners of the trophy for raising the most money, and who surpassed previous records by raising over £3,500. A big "thank you" to everybody who took part. Next year's event will be held in June, just in time for the Olympics! AS

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



The speaker for October, Philippa Charlesworth, unfortunately had to cancel her visit at fairly short notice, but a big "thank you" goes to David Clarke, who

stepped into the breach at the last minute and gave us a most entertaining illustrated talk about his life in photography. The next meeting, on Wednesday, 2 November, will be the AGM, and will be held, as usual, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. In order to bring in extra funds for the group, it has been decided that there will be a 'bring and buy' table at the regular meetings on a bi-monthly basis, with the first one being at the AGM in November.

Loxley WI



At our meeting on Thursday, 13 October, Rev'd Lewis gave us a fascinating talk, illustrated with slides, on the Amish communities of North America. We were

intrigued by his description of their simple, self-sufficient and strictly moral way of life, almost completely cut off from the world that we know, and with little or no contact with cars, television, telephones and fashion. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 10 November, when we shall have a demonstration of Christmas cake decoration by our Chairman, Aileen Pearson. Would members and visitors please note that our regular meeting place has now moved from Lane End to Loxley School.

Our correspondents this month are:

Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett; Rev'd CD - Rev'd Cathy Davies; AS - Andy Stokes; MC - Margaret Clayton; AB - Anne Baker; SF - Shiela Freeman; MJW - Margaret Whyman; HC- Helen Chidgey; SB - Sue Bresnan (HLPCC); HH - Helen Hoggarth; DH - Dave Holland; EH - Elizabeth Hunter; CP - Carol Paget; SC - Simon Cripwell (Warwickshire Trading Standards); PWH - Philip Wright Howarth; PD - Peter Davies (Dene Valley U3A); MO - Marie Osborn; AJW - Jeremy Whyman (Editor).

Ride and Stride

On Saturday, 10 September, we welcomed twenty two cyclists and walkers to St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy. They were all taking part in the annual "Ride and Stride" event, and the group included Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Coventry, accompanied by Dr Peter Neis, a Pastor from Dresden, Germany. The visitors were all provided with refreshments, after which Ali Spellar, the Verger at St Peter's, conducted the Bishop and Dr Neis on a tour of the church to admire the restoration work that has been recently completed. Before leaving, the Bishop said prayers with a group of parishioners who had gathered to greet him.

(Editor's note: The annual "Ride and Stride", as it is now known, is organised by The Warwickshire and County Historic Churches Trust, and is their principal source of income. Cyclists or walkers are sponsored to visit as many churches in the county as they wish. The churches are encouraged to be open to welcome the visitors and give refreshments, if they choose to do so. The money raised is then divided equally between the participant's chosen church and the County Trust. In 2010 the Warwickshire event raised £15,000, with over £1,500,000 being raised nationally. The money is used for the restoration and maintenance of historic churches in the county, regardless of their denomination.)

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The "Made in Charlecote" Coffee Morning, held in Charlecote Village Hall on the morning of Saturday, 8 October, was a great success, raising nearly £450 towards village hall funds. A steady flow of visitors throughout the morning purchased a wide variety of delicious produce, all made or grown in Charlecote. Apple presses were kept hard at work all morning producing gallons of juice. "Thank you" to everyone for supporting this event.

Stratford Choral Society

The season for The Choral Society is gathering both momentum and new members. The *Mass in B Minor* by *J S Bach* is to be performed on Saturday, 24 March, 2012, in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon. With such a popular work, this date deserves to be put in your diaries as a splendid choral concert to attend, but why not take the opportunity to sing with us in the choir? Anyone who would like the chance to perform this wonderful work should ring Membership Secretary, Sheila Bligh, 01789 297144 for details of the society. Rehearsals will begin in November, so don't delay!

Christmas in Colour

The next issue of *The Grapevine*, the Christmas edition, will be printed in colour and will cover the two months of December and January. Items for inclusion should be sent in by Thursday, 10 November. All features and reports are welcome. Your photographs will look great in print ! AJW

Parent Power at Loxley School

At the end of September, during the hottest weekend of the year, some of the Friends of Loxley School gave up their spare time to re-paint the school fence. With a couple of hours of hard work during the morning, the job was done, giving everyone the chance to recover in the sunshine!



Janet Clough, the Head Teacher, was very grateful and thanked everyone for such a team effort. The front of the school certainly looks smarter, as a result. This is just one of the general improvements that the *FOLS* are planning to make to the playground. Future plans include painting a netball court, purchasing new equipment and installing a small 'trim trail'. Future fundraising will be needed to complete the project.

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MUSIC FOR A WHILE...

An evening of music and readings, well known and not so well known Featuring:
Gillian Grason Smith, soprano
Hilary Haddon, piano

Jo Parkinson, readings
Friday, 4th November, Kineton Methodist Church
7.00pm

Admission £5 at the door or call 01926 640203

(Proceeds to the Church and 'Jessie's Fund')



Hampton Lucy

Skittles Night

in the Village Hall Saturday, 19th November, 7.00pm

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Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1,
Call: 841155. or see one of the committee.
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Details and entries - Helen Hoggarth - 840916



Christmas Gift Fair

60 stalls.... more new stalls this year!

Ettington Community Centre
Rogers Lane, Ettington
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Thursday, 10 November, 9.30am-4.00pm
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Church Services

November 2011

6 November	The Third Sunday before Advent
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9.30amCharlecoteMorning WorshipCW9.30amLoxleyHoly CommunionBCP

6.00pm Hampton Lucy Commemorate the Departed (see page 2)

13 November Remembrance Sunday, Second Sunday before Advent

9.30amHampton LucyFamily Service10.50amCharlecoteRemembranceLeaflet10.50amLoxleyRemembranceLeaflet6.00pmHampton LucyRemembranceLeaflet

(With The Festival Singers)

20 November The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

9.30am Charlecote Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Hampton Lucy Come and Worship CW 11.00am Loxley Family Service CW

27 November The First Sunday of Advent

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

For your diary - November

Tues 1 Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes, The Boar's Head, 10.30am.

Tues 1 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Wed 2 **Tai Chi,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Wed 2 'The Lucy Lads', Away Day at Tyseley Railway Centre. Details TBA.

Wed 2 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Page 3

Fri 4 "Music For a While", Kineton Methodist Church, 7.00pm. The Notice Board

Fri 4 SHN Designer Sale, Darlingscott Farm, 9.00 to 7.30pm. Call: 01608 674929

Sat 5 Loxley Fireworks & Bonfire Night, Loxley Hall, from 6.00pm. The Notice Board

Tues 8 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm for 2.30pm start

Tues 8 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Wed 9 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Wed 9 Hampton Lucy Parish Council, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome

Wed 9/10 SHN Christmas Gift Fair, Ettington Community Centre, The Notice Board

Thur 10 Loxley WI, Loxley School, 7.30pm. For details call 01789 470226. Page 3

Thur 10 Three parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house. 7.45pm

Tues 15 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 16 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Sat 19 Hampton Lucy Skittles Night, HL Village Hall, 7.00pm. The Notice Board

Tues 22 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 23 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Fri 25 Charlecote "Wine and Wisdom Evening", 7.15 for 7.30pm. The Notice Board

Fri 25 Wellesbourne Christmas Lights, Charlecote & District Lions, 6.30pm. Page 3

Tues 29 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 30 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

December

Thur 1 Three Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house. 7.45pm

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