



# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND  
LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Celebrating Two Hundred Years of Church of England Schools

On Tuesday, 29 November, 2011, in Coventry Cathedral, all church schools in the Diocese of Coventry took part in a Service of Thanksgiving and Re-Dedication to mark two hundred years of Church Schools. The service was designed specifically for the children with singing, dance and drama. The Bishop of Coventry spoke to the children, engaging with them through a story. All the schools then processed with school banners, filling the cathedral with movement and colour.

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## Fundraising at Hampton Lucy School Christmas term, 2011

The children of Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery were very busy fundraising again during the run up to Christmas. In total, the school raised £91.85 for Children in Need, of which £38 was raised by Maisie Harrold and Felicity Appleyard of Year 5 (pictured) at one of the recent Parents' evenings, when they tempted many parents and carers waiting in the main hall with their cake sale. Further activities have raised £50.00 for Save the Children, and £82.44 for the Poppy Appeal. A big "thank you" to everyone who supported and donated money to these very worthy causes.

MH



## The Friends of Loxley School

Everyone at Loxley School had a hectic end of term with many festive activities going on. On 10 December, the Friends organised a Christmas Fair, (*see the picture of the table, laden with festive goodies*), which was very well attended and raised over £900 for school funds. Just as importantly, lots of fun was had by all those who came along. Activities included carol singing, Christmas market stalls for last minute presents and decorations, Christmas crafts for the children and of course a visit to Santa in his new grotto! During the last week the children put on two great performances of their Nativity play in the church. They included songs and music written by Anne Dobedoe, the music teacher, and all the children took part with great enthusiasm. The performance was followed by mince pies and refreshments back at the school. Term concluded with a trip to see Sleeping Beauty in Leamington Spa followed by a Christmas lunch party in school, mostly funded by the Friends, which all the children enjoyed! For further details about what is going on in school, and how to contact us, please see our website: <http://www.loxley.warwickshire.sch.uk/> HC





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# The Parish Letter

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## Giotto's camel

Dear Friends,

I was tucked away in a quiet corner of Oxfordshire yesterday in a lovely little chapel. In the little room, my eye was drawn to one corner where a candle was lit. It took a while to notice the painting propped up behind it. It wasn't easy to make out so I went over, sat on the floor near it and peered round the candle. It was a copy of a painting by the early renaissance master, Giotto, depicting the visit of the Magi to see Jesus as a baby. Its beauty is striking with the vibrant colours of the clothes and the dazzling gold of the halos as the Magi bow down at the feet of Jesus, held by his mother. It is a moving and profound scene, but I am embarrassed to say that what really caught my attention was the Magi's camel on the left of the picture.



It is bizarre and appears as though someone had described a camel to Giotto, but he simply couldn't imagine something so new and so different. He had probably never seen one, and why would he, living in 13<sup>th</sup> C. Italy? So he went for

the nearest thing he could imagine, a horse. The result is a camel with appropriately long legs, but like those of a horse that had been stretched. The camel has cloven hooves but they are hard, not the soft, squelchy pads that a camel needs in the desert. The neck is long and extended but broad, like a horse's, and the ears are not the compact, curved ears of a camel, filled with hair to keep out the sand, but resemble those of a donkey. To top it all (literally), the head is also that of a horse, but with a toupée of dense curly hair. Notice how the camel in the foreground is very excited, throwing up its head at the sight of the baby, while the groom holds onto the lead rein to restrain it.

It doesn't spoil the painting at all, but it made me think of Giotto, and of us, and of how hard it is, in the everyday lives that we lead, to imagine something that is really different and completely new. As I write this in January, and you read it in February, we are still at the start of a new year and, when we look out, it can be hard to imagine something completely new happening or opening up, especially so the more years we have lived. Will the next year be a repeat of past years?

But the hope, brought by the baby at the centre of the painting, is that God is with us and that, with Him, there is...

*"new life in every moment, waiting eagerly to be born."* (Henri Nouwen)

With love and prayers,

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.*



## In the steps of St Francis...with Rev'd Cathy Davies

Last September, I went off to Assisi in Italy to follow in the footsteps of Saint Francis. It was a wonderful time in amazing scenery, seeing places where Francis had lived and visited, and hearing the remarkable stories of his life which still inspire millions of people around the world today. On **Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**, I would like to invite you to Charlecote Village Hall to come and see some photos, hear some stories and share a pancake or two! There is a choice of 2.00pm to 3.00pm, or 7.30 to 9.00pm. If you could ring or e-mail to let us know you are coming, even if it is the day before, that would be great. Tel: 01926 624139 or e-mail: [revcathydavies@aol.com](mailto:revcathydavies@aol.com)

Rev'd CD

## 3P Discussion Group, Science and Religion

The 3P Group will meet at 7.30pm at Charlecote Park on Thursday, 2 February. How do Christians set the biblical accounts of creation alongside modern scientific knowledge? If there are laws of nature, do they prevent God acting in the world? Is the exploration of science simply the exploration of God's blue-print? Why not come and have your say and, perhaps, acquire a fresh perspective?

## Mike Sill

It is with the greatest sadness that we report the recent death of Mike Sill. Over the years, Mike had been responsible for organising the distribution of the *Grapevine* and for guarding its finances. He also contributed to many other aspects of community life as a long-standing member of the Stratford Choral Society, as Trustee and Secretary of the John Lucy Trust, and through the establishment and maintenance of the Charles Maries Trail in Hampton Lucy. We send our sincere condolences to Helen and her family.

KC

## No More 'Charity' Collection Bags please....

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service would like to thank residents for sending them huge numbers of dubious 'charity' collection bags in a recent blitz on unscrupulous collectors. Hundreds have already been sent in and Trading Standards Officers continue to receive bags-full each week. Officers now have the details of around fifty different collectors operating across the County. The collection phase has now ended and the investigation phase is well underway. Trading Standards Officers therefore no longer need residents to send in collection bags but would like to thank everyone who helped to get the project off to such an excellent start. Trading Standards relies on reports from members of the public about issues of concern to consumers enabling the service to target its efforts to where they are most needed.

For advice on charity bags, visit our website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams) Report any dubious collector to Action Fraud, Tel: 0300 123 2040 or visit: [www.actionfraud.org.uk](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk)

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### Hampton Lucy

#### Christmas Crafts and Coffee Morning

This bi-annual event was once again held at Jasmine Cottage on Saturday, 26 November, with an extravaganza of hand-stitched Christmas delights on show, including stocking fillers, decorations and lots of soft and cuddly toys. The morning was supported by around fifty people and £1267.50 was raised for St Peter's Church - all in all a great success and a big "thank you" to all of those who worked tirelessly to ensure its success.

C N-G

### Charlecote Park

For details of opening times and special events call 01789 470277, or [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark)



### Loxley WI

The Loxley WI AGM was held on Dec 8th, when we said goodbye and thank you to our retiring President, Aileen Pearson, and Treasurer Zwena Wakeham. Our new President is Margaret Buckingham and the new Treasurer Gill Dancer. Kate Gabriel continues as Secretary. At the meeting we heard about the programme for the coming year, which promises to be very interesting. The year began with the enjoyable annual party at the Houndshill on Jan 12th. Our next meeting will be on Feb 9th at Loxley School, at 7.30 pm, when Peter Gregory -Hood will talk on "The Diplomatic Service". New members always welcome.

MC

### Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



Following all the activity over the Christmas period, the Lions are back to business as usual but January and February is traditionally a quiet time for us. However,

I am pleased to report that Santa's Christmas Floats raised £4,800 this year, which will be shared amongst the twenty local charities who participated. This is very close to last year's total, which is particularly pleasing considering the present difficult economic times. Once again, many thanks from the Lions Club and all of the participating charities for your wonderful generosity. The Wellesbourne Christmas Lights 'switch-on' also raised £113. I have been asked to enquire whether anybody in our area could make use of a stair lift. We have had two straight stair lifts

kindly donated to us and would like to offer them to anybody who could use them, but may be having difficulty raising the money to purchase one. Unfortunately, due to 'Health and Safety' reasons, the Lions would not be able to install them. Please contact Lion Ian Bealing on 01789 470292 if you are interested. Finally, I would like to encourage new members for the Lions Club, both men and women. We meet every second and fourth Monday at 8.00pm in Shah's restaurant, Wellesbourne. If you are interested in serving your local community and enjoy social events, then becoming a Lion could be for you. If you would like to find out more about Lions International, please ring me, Andy Stokes, on 01789 841939 for more information.

AS



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

On Wednesday, 4 January, the speaker for our first meeting of 2012 was Pam Digby, who gave us a fascinating account of her two visits to Antarctica. This was followed on Wednesday, January 11, by a very enjoyable and noisy meal at The Boar's Head in Hampton Lucy, attended by eighteen members! We next meet on Wednesday, 1 February, when Ann Hobday's topic for the evening will be 'Tudor Costumes'.

MJW

### 3P Prayer Group

The prayer group will meet at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy on Thursday, 9 February at 7.45 pm.

AB

### Ooops... that's not quite what I meant! (No.4)

*(Unusually, we have a bit of space this month, so here are some more inadvertent gaffs, gleaned from parish newsletters throughout the country...)*

Please remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The beautiful flowers on the altar this morning are to celebrate the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Everyone is welcome this Tuesday at 4pm for an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

This Friday at 5pm there will be a meeting of the 'Little Mothers Club'. All wishing to become 'Little Mothers', please see the minister in his private study.

...to be continued?

AJW

### Our correspondents this month are:

Rev'd CD - Rev'd Cathy Davies; AS - Andy Stokes; MC - Margaret Clayton; AB - Anne Baker; MJW - Margaret Whyman; HC - Helen Chidgey; SC - Simon Cripwell; C N-G - Chris Northcote-Green; ML - Margaret Lunnun; MH - Martin Harrold; CP - Carol Pagett; ER - Elaine Rajkowski; KC - Ken Cockshull; PD - Peter Davies (U3A); AJW - Jeremy Whyman

## Community Links

**Community Links** aims to help all residents of any age, wherever they may live in the district, who are stuck for transport to get to local destinations on weekdays between about 9.30am and 2.30pm. The scheme is a door-to-door service, aimed at those who have a genuine need for local transport, cannot access public transport because of mobility problems or other issues, or live in an isolated location with no other form of transport available to them. Registration is free by completing a simple form. Additional information will then be sent about how to book a journey. Where possible, please book three working days in advance, although we may occasionally be able to meet your request at short notice. All the **Community Links** vehicles have disability access. There is a single charge of £1.30 for a single journey, £2.60 for a return journey. If you are a carer, travelling with the person you care for, you can travel free of charge. For more information, contact the Community Links team on 01789 264491, or visit: <http://www.stratford.gov.uk/> and click on Community Links.

### The St Peter's Travelling Nativity



*The beautifully knitted figures of the Travelling Nativity*

During the month of December, in the days leading up to Christmas, many families in Hampton Lucy, and in some of the surrounding villages, shared in the true meaning of Christmas as they hosted a set of hand-knitted figures, depicting the scene of the Nativity. The 'travellers' moved from home to home, culminating in their arrival at the service of Holy Communion in St Peter's on Christmas morning.

CPI/ER

### Hampton Lucy School Parking

Recently, the school has fielded a number of concerns, and at times complaints, regarding on-street parking and the resulting congestion in the village during drop-off and collection times.

This issue has been taken seriously and several options have been looked at in conjunction with the Parish Council and the Local Authority. Warwickshire County Council proposed the provision of off-street parking for staff within the school grounds, thus freeing up more on-street parking. On investigation, it was found that this would entail a high cost for a maximum of only six cars and would also create significant extra traffic movement in the restricted area between the school and the church. It would also have a limited impact on the overall problem. As a school community, we are left with no option but to continue to impress upon parents and carers the need for consideration and respect for village residents and their properties when parking. This message will continue to be conveyed via the school newsletter, daily assembly and parent mail. Although we have endeavoured to ease this problem, unfortunately we have yet to find the magic solution.

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The next issue of *The Grapevine* for March, 2012, will be published on the websites on 16 February and should be delivered during the week of 20 February.

AJW

### From the Registers

<b>Baptisms:</b>	Loxley	20 November 2011	Isabella Grace Kinnersley
		18 December 2011	Isabella Kate Gabriel
<b>Weddings:</b>	Charlecote	17 December 2011	William Dam-Villena and Laura Watkinson
		17 December 2011	David Fenton and Laura Bennett
	Hampton Lucy	16 December 2011	Alex Hollingsworth and Leigh-Anne Thorpe.
<b>Funerals:</b>	Hampton Lucy	17 November 2011	John Beesley
		2 November 2011	Edna Rose
		2 December 2011	Michael Sill
	Loxley	21 November 2011	Brian Rawson
		8 December 2011	Margaret Edwards

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### 'Whalebone'

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\*apart from Stockton which only opens on Mondays and weekends

\*\*apart from Shipston which shuts at 12:15

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## Church Services

### February 2012

<b>5 February</b>	<b>The Third Sunday before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>12 February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
<b>19 February</b>	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
<b>22 February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>26 February</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

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### For your diary - February

- Wed 1 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
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 Thur 2 **'The Lucy Lads' Away Day**, Taylor's Bell Foundry. Details TBA  
 Thur 2 **3P Discussion Group**, Charlecote Park, 7.30pm. Details on **Page 2**  
 Tues 7 **Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am.  
 Tues 7 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 Wed 8 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Thur 9 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm. For details call 01789 470226. **Page 3**  
 Thur 9 **Three parishes Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house. 7.45pm  
 Mon 13 **Wellesbourne and District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. See **Page 3**  
 Tues 14 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm for 2.30pm start  
 Tues 14 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 Wed 15 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Tues 21 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.  
 Tues 21 **"In the Footsteps of St Francis"**, 2.00pm & 7.30pm, Charlecote Village Hall. **Page 2**  
 Wed 22 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Sat 25 **'Whalebone' in Concert**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Notice Board**  
 Sat 25 **SHN 'Family Matters'** Preston on Stour Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Notice Board**  
 Mon 27 **Wellesbourne and District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. See **Page 3**  
 Tues 28 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.  
 Wed 29 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am

### March

- Sat 3 **SHN Second-hand and Vintage Clothes Sale**, see **Notice Board**

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