



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND
LOXLEY PARISHES

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Honor is satisfied!

On Friday, 9 March, in front of the whole school and those parents who were present at our weekly Sharing Assembly, Honor Pepperell was declared the winner of The Jubilee Mug Design Competition. Every child in the school entered the competition, working hard to create an individual design that could be used to decorate the Hampton Lucy Diamond Jubilee Mugs. The competition was generously supported by The John Lucy Trust and provided a great opportunity for the school and the local community to come together in preparation for the celebrations in June. An exclusive Hampton Lucy Jubilee mug will be presented to every child at the Children's Street Party on 4 June, part of the celebrations organised for the Jubilee by Hampton Lucy Parish Council. Additional mugs will also be available for purchase after the children's party, with the proceeds going to the school. Well done on winning the competition, Honor. We all look forward to seeing the finished product on the day.



Honor proudly shows off her winning design, but you'll have to wait to see it!

ML



The Tigers Who Came To Tea

The Foundation and Key Stage 1 children at Loxley C of E School recently held a 'Tiger Day' in school. The aim of the day was to raise money to adopt a tiger for a year. The whole school was invited to come to school in non-school uniform for a small donation. The Infants baked and iced cakes, which were on sale, and a couple of parents came in at lunchtime to paint claws and tiger faces. It was a very successful day of fun and a lot of money was raised for the tiger adoption.

MO

Charlecote Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Residents of Charlecote village are invited to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11 at a Jubilee Lunch, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 2 June. The date has been carefully chosen to avoid clashing with other local and national events. Full details will be published in The Grapevine next month, but do make a note in your diaries.

HW

Hampton Lucy Plants and Produce Sale

The Annual Plant and Produce sale will be held on Saturday, 12 May, and preparations are already well underway. Offers of vegetables, plants and produce from residents and local 'allotmenters' will be very welcome, so that we can ensure the usual wide variety of stock. Huw Williams would also welcome offers of help with watering and tending the plants as they are grown on, most of which will be in greenhouses on the allotments adjacent to the Village Hall. All offers of help to Huw, please, on jacwil@btinternet.com Assistance on the day of the sale will also be much appreciated, so do make it a date. We look forward to another successful day of fundraising for the village hall. See you there. HW



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Dear Friends,

I had a call from the USA last week. It was my brother, who lives in New Jersey. We chatted about all sorts of things, including the weather! That is not because it is an English pastime that reminds him of home, but because, in previous years, I've had photos of him with a shovel outside the family home, digging a pathway to their door through a snow drift four feet high. As we were chatting, I was looking out of the window at a shrub that I thought had died this winter. It had looked like a pile of dead sticks but, to my surprise, it was covered with fresh green shoots.

It prompted me to ask my brother if it was spring in the States. "Oh yeah, it was last Wednesday...it's like a switch here. One day it's winter, and the next day it's gone." It took me back to a conversation earlier in the week with a person who lives locally. We both happened to be out enjoying a beautiful spring day, and saw how miraculous it seems each year as new life emerges and the countryside gradually comes to life with new growth. That is what she had missed the most during *her* time in north America; the gradual unfolding of spring. It had been the click of a switch where she was too, instead of the David Attenborough slow-motion spring that we are used to.

Perhaps it is no accident that we celebrate Easter at this time of year. We come through the subdued and spare season of Lent, into the death and seeming finality of Good Friday and then there is the dramatic explosion of new life on Easter Sunday as we realise that death did not have the last word after all, and that Jesus is alive.

That heart of Easter reminds me of the north American spring and the sudden and dramatic transformation of winter into blazing sunshine. But Easter is also like the British spring because it also gradually unfolds what has been hidden. Easter does not end on Easter Sunday but quietly carries on for forty days as we remember Jesus appearing again and again to his disciples, deepening their wonder and their understanding of what had taken place - and it transforms them.

Have a great time this year, celebrating the explosive new life of Easter Day, but why not stick with it and enjoy the days of slow-motion, deep-down unfolding as well.

Happy Easter,

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.



Following the interesting meeting of the 3Ps Discussion Group in March, the series will continue on Monday, 23 April. We have once again been invited to Charlecote Park, (gate opens at 7.20p.m.), which is the perfect venue. "Thank you" to our generous hosts. The topic for discussion will be: "God and Revelation". How, if at all, does God reveal himself? Are all religions revelations of God? Is the Bible the prime source of revelation or only for Jews and Christians? Do all sacred texts contain valid or valuable revelations? Come and have your say or simply sit and listen to the debate." **SL**

Charlecote Village Books

Borrow fascinating books on life in Charlecote from 11thC. to the present day. All we ask is a modest donation to Village Hall funds. Contact Beryl Penn: 01789 841487 **HH**

Have you something interesting to say?

We have a diligent band of regular contributors to *The Grapevine*, who keep us informed of the many activities going on around the three parishes. There is always scope for articles of a more general interest. If you feel you have something to contribute, or have an interest that you think will interest others, do write it down and post or e-mail it to us and, subject to editorial approval and space permitting, we will publish it. Articles should be concise and ideally of no more than 250 words. This is a parish newsletter, of course, and due consideration should be given to the content of the article. **AJW**

From the Registers

Funerals:	Charlecote	10 February, 2012	Burial of ashes	Doreen Thorpe
	Hampton Lucy	27 February, 2012	Burial of ashes	Edna Rose

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



I hope that, by now, most of you will have encountered one of our giant Easter Eggs that have been placed in local pubs, clubs, restaurants and shops. They are each kindly holding a raffle for the eggs and, if you come across one, I would urge you to buy a ticket. All profits will go to local charities and projects. On behalf of the Lions, I would like to thank all of the local businesses involved for their wonderful support for this venture.

There are a couple of important events for you to put in your diaries. We are holding a Lion's Jubilee Party, in association with Fox Inn at Loxley, on Monday, 4 June, to raise funds for Zoe's Place, the children's hospice. The event will include music from local band, Cactus Jam, plus games and refreshments. Times and more details will follow next month. Then there is our big event of the year, the Raft Race, which is a joint venture with the Shakespeare Lions. This year the race will take place on Sunday, 17 June and, as usual, will start at Wasperton, finishing in Stratford-upon-Avon. Jaguar LandRover has generously offered to sponsor the water-based safety support teams, which include canoeists who assist rafts on the river, divers stationed at Hampton Lucy and Alveston weirs, and power-boats to rescue sinking rafts or exhausted rafters. Raft Race manager, Lion Peter Fisher, said, "We are delighted that Jaguar LandRover are involved in this fund-raising event and have been so generous with their support. It will make a big difference to the amount that we raise for this year's beneficiary: 'Different Strokes'. I would ask anybody interested in the race to visit the website: www.rafrace.org.uk to see what the event is all about, perhaps start planning to enter, or to make a bid for the class-winning raft that we have available for hire on the day". Happy Easter to you all.

AS

*The Charles Maries Trail

Help is occasionally required with the planting and care of trees and shrubs on the Charles Maries Trail in Hampton Lucy. If you would like to help, please contact Ken Cockshull at 11, The Langlands, Hampton Lucy, (Telephone: 01789 842908), for more information. **KC**

*(*A fascinating summer walk, featuring plants introduced to this country by the renowned plant hunter Charles Maries, who lived in the village. Details and a plan of the trail can be found on the Hampton Lucy website. Ed.)*

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 8 March, we had a talk on 'Bee Keeping'. In the company of 'Bees for Development', a leading international charity working to alleviate poverty

through bee-keeping, Peter Edwards took us on a trip to Trinidad and Tobago. We basked with him under the tropical sun while he showed us slides of the apiaries he had visited. We saw places where research was being carried out on the modification of the character of killer bees, and on the production of a stingless bee. Whilst there, he took many beautiful photographs of the islands' wildlife - particularly the birds - such as huge flocks of scarlet ibis, and a humming bird sitting on a walnut-sized nest. He visited an exhibition of five thousand different butterflies, as well as an Angostura factory, and a lake of tar. Finally, back home, he touched on the many plants that will attract bees, and we were able to sample and buy jars of different types of his delicious honey. These can be found on sale locally - look out for the Peter Edwards' label. Everyone enjoyed this very interesting evening. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12 April, at Loxley School at 7.30 pm when the Rev'd Lewis will give a talk entitled "Waterways of the Tzar". **MC**

The copy deadline for the next issue of *The Grapevine* for May, 2012, is Tuesday, 10 April. It will be published to the websites on 16 April and the printed copies should be delivered during the week of 21 April. **AJW**

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Martin Pleasance gave us a fascinating talk, entitled 'Body Language', at our March meeting, and we all came away feeling that we knew much more about our own individual personalities. Our next meeting will be our 93rd Birthday Party and will be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Wednesday, 4 April, starting at 7.30pm as usual. The speaker, Marion Canning, will give a talk entitled 'An Unusual Job for a Woman'. Marion is a toastmaster and is renowned in the area for her humorous presentation. It will be an open meeting and all friends, husbands and partners will be most welcome. There will be a charge of £5 per person. A buffet will be served with tea and coffee, and wine will also be available. We look forward to you joining us for this annual celebration. **MJW**

An Invitation from Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Why not join us for a drink and a chat on Wednesday, 25 April in Hampton Lucy Village Hall from 7.30pm, or on Wednesday, 9 May, in Charlecote Village Hall, also from 7.30 pm? Come and see how and why the WI campaigns for action on public affairs. As an organisation, we have been campaigning since 1919! Learn about the creative, home and leisure activities that are available to members, new skills you can learn and trips you can enjoy. The opportunities are endless. The WI even have their own residential college in Oxfordshire where you can attend courses lasting from two days to a week. Your involvement in WI can be as much or as little as you like. We are so much more than "tea, jam and Jerusalem", so come along and have a chat. We look forward to meeting you and, if you would like any more information, please contact any of the following: Jeryl Stone, (President), 01926-624225; Kath Clarke, 01789-470194; or Jackie Williams, 01789-841155. **JS**

Our correspondents this month are:

AJW - Jeremy Whyman; **MO** - Marie Osbourne; **Rev'd CD** - Rev'd Cathy Davies; **SL** - Sue Lampitt; **HH** - Helen Hoggarth; **KC** - Ken Cockshull; **MC** - Margaret Clayton; **AS** - Andy Stokes; **MJW** - Margaret Whyman; **RM** - Rebecca Mawle; **JS** - Jeryl Stone; **HW** - Huw Williams; **ML** - Margaret Lunnon; **SF** - Shiela Freeman

Charlecote Park News

It was a record-breaking start to the season over the February half term week, and Charlecote visitors enjoyed the beginning of the new season, with walks in the park and visits to the house. The kitchen proved to be a great attraction with the cooks busy on most days, preparing food over the open fire. The wraps came off after the recent conservation work on the front porch and restoration work is progressing in other parts of the buildings. Currently, the steps leading down from the partèrre to the river are undergoing repairs, but the partèrre itself is looking lovely with spring flowers in the formal hedged beds. The Easter weekend will see the Cadbury Easter Egg Trail, 6-9 April, and shortly after Easter the first of the lambs will be born. The house will open from 11.00am to 4.30pm every day except Wednesday and Thursday, and the park will be open daily as usual. The Orangery Restaurant has returned to a full meal service and is open until 5.00pm daily. A new range of items in the shop includes honey produced from the Charlecote bees, and the shop in the gatehouse has a wide range of local products. **SF**



The rear of the house overlooking the river, with the beautifully restored bay windows and finials, and the partèrre garden of neatly trimmed box hedges, now fully planted for the new season with spring flowers.

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 14 March, with all Councillors present and a good attendance of residents. In addition to the routine council business, Alan Scaife was thanked for his work on acquiring and planting new trees in the village. John Davies, of the Warwickshire Ambulance Service, gave an interesting presentation on 'First Responders' which was well received, (see the item opposite.) The council agreed to the possibility of purchasing two small areas of land offered by Stratford District Council, but only if the terms of the deal were substantially improved. The playground safety inspection had not produced any immediate problems, but there are issues that will need dealing with over the next twelve months, at some expense. Councillor Bryson will look into cheaper options that may be available. Councillor Whyman reported on excellent progress with the plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Charitable donations for 2012 were approved. Silver trophies from the now defunct 'Hampton Lucy Allotments and Cottage Garden Society' have been returned and suggestions for their future use were requested. The speeding checks in the village were proceeding. A full copy of the minutes is available from the Parish Clerk, Mike Woodman, Tel: 841205. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9 May, at 7.30pm, and all residents will be welcome. **AJW**

First Aid in Hampton Lucy

The Parish Council has been actively looking into the provision of first aid response in the village. As a first step, it is proposed to offer free CPR instruction, (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), to all residents who are interested. Instruction will be provided by Warwickshire Ambulance Service in the village hall at a time and date to suit as many as possible. CPR is a simple procedure that can help to maintain a victim of collapse until the ambulance services arrive, and can be life-saving. The option of extending the scheme to sponsorship of volunteer 'First Responders' will be considered if residents decide to go along that path. If you are interested, please call Mike Woodman on 01789 841205. E-mail: michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com **AJW**

Sorry - but I can never resist these....

(more gaffs from the national archive of Parish Magazines)

The Verger unveiled the church's new Restoration Fund campaign slogan last Sunday: "I've upped my pledge - up yours!"

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist Church. Hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Eight new choir robes are needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some of the older ones. *(I'll keep looking!..... Ed)*

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The Loxley website:
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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 3 April, 10.30am. All ladies will be welcome

"The Lucy Lads"

Meet at the Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Thursday, 5 April, 11.30am
All 'Lads' at heart welcome

A Choral Evensong

sung by **The Charlecote Festival Singers**
St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy
Saturday, 31 March, at 4.30pm
Everyone is welcome!

Advance Notice

Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

All residents of Charlecote will be invited to a
Jubilee Lunch
in
Charlecote Village Hall Garden
SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE

Full details will follow shortly but make it a date!

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*The Ginny Davis evening at Preston on Stour, when
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to all those who supported the event!*

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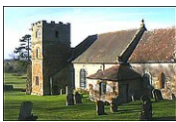
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Church Services

April 2012

1 April

Palm Sunday

9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
		<i>(with the Charlecote Festival Singers)</i>	
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

5 April

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Wasperton	Holy Communion	BCP
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

6 April

Good Friday

10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Hot Cross Bun Service	
2.00pm	Charlecote	Meditation	
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Meditation	BCP

8 April

Easter Sunday, The First Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW

15 April

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

22 April

The Third Sunday of Easter

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter *(Benefice Services)*

29 April	8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
	9.30am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW

For your diary - April

- Sun 1 **Compton Verney Exhibitions -Gainsborough and Impressionists to the Early 20th C.** 31 March to 10 June, see **Notice Board**.
- Mon 2 **Wellesbourne & District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. (01789 841939)
- Tues 3 **Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am.
- Wed 4 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Page 3
- Thur 5 **'The Lucy Lads'**, The Boar's Head, 11.30am, all 'Lads' at heart welcome.
- Fri 6-9 **Charlecote Park Easter Egg Trail**. Page 4.
- Tues 10 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2,30pm, (see website)
- Thur 12 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm. Page 3.
- Fri 13 **SHN Musical Evening**, Cherington Village Hall, 8.00pm. **Notice Board**
- Tues 17 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 18 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Sun 22 **SHN Spring Walk, Jog or Run**, Barceló Walton Hall, 10.30am. **Notice Board**
- Mon 23 **Wellesbourne & District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. (01789 841939)
- Mon 23 **3P Discussion Group**, Charlecote Park, 7.30pm. Page 2.
- Tues 24 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wed 25 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Wed 25 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Open Evening**, HL Village Hall, Page 3.

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