



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND
LOXLEY PARISHES

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**Details of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations planned for Charlecote, Loxley and Hampton Lucy are all on page three. Check out how to celebrate in style at your local parties.
(Additional information for Hampton Lucy is included with your copies of The Grapevine.)**

Loxley School Recycling Project

Loxley Church of England Primary School recently joined forces with the 'Bags2school', a charitable organisation which collects textile items, for distribution and re-use throughout Europe. The school and the local community were asked to send in suitable items for donation and we were overwhelmed by the response. In total 260kg was donated, for which the school received £130 towards the ongoing playground refurbishment due to be started in early May. Following this success, a second collection has been organised for October so save those curtains, jeans and trainers ready for the next request! Many thanks to all those who took part in the scheme. HC
Two helpers, Felix Johnston-Gibbs and Adam Chidgey help to load the van.



Hampton Lucy Church of England Primary School and Nursery Sport Relief Mile - 2012

On Friday, 23 March, we "ran a mile" for Sport Relief. Parents were invited to join the children as they completed 12 laps of the school playing fields on a beautiful spring morning. The Friends offered refreshments for all competitors and we asked for voluntary contributions to support this worthy cause. We all had a great time and raised £180 over the course of the day! "Thank you" to everybody who supported the event.

EF

The Olympics come to Hampton Lucy. Anyone seen the torch?



Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee, which manages the fund-raising programme each year, is looking for new members. It is not an onerous role, with approximately 4 meetings a year. Our current programme, which includes the Jazz Picnic, Skittles Night, the Plant and Produce Festival and a music/drama evening, is very successful but we always welcome new ideas. If you can help and would like to join us, please contact Eddie Hoare on 01789 470965, email: eddiehoare@uk2.net

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Dear Friends,

This year, for me, these next few weeks feel a bit like the calm before a storm. Following the busy period of Easter, and the Annual Meetings of the six churches, there is a gap of a few weeks before the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Coventry Cathedral at the end of May, the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen in June and the Olympics, starting in July. It feels like it is going to be a hectic but potentially a very happy time. *(Note to self: mustn't forget that it will be our twentieth wedding anniversary in August!)*

Thinking about this led me to reflect on the importance of special days. Some of these may be very happy, such as birthdays, etc. Others may be quite painful, say the anniversary of the death of a loved one.

Some of us are better at remembering them than others. There are those who prefer to live more in the present than the past and, on the surface at least, aren't too bothered about them. Yet these anniversaries, which are really our history, have shaped the people we are; in the case of birthdays and anniversaries, as individuals and, in the case of the Queen's Jubilee, as a nation.

(May I take this opportunity to say that I have enormous respect for the Queen and her devotion to duty. Clearly,

there are lots of privileges to being Queen, but it must also be very limiting and a great burden.)

So what do I make of these special days from a Christian perspective? Naturally, it is good to celebrate elements from our past that have been good - personally or as a society - and I imagine that all of the events coming up in the next few weeks offer great opportunities for people to come together and have a happy time. However, because I believe in a God who is always doing new things and is always willing to do new things, with and through us, I also believe it is important not to be trapped by parts of the past that have been painful.

The loss of a loved one, be they parent, child, or life-partner, may feel like the end of the world, but people do rise above it to make new beginnings and, for me, a belief that we are loved by the power that is at the heart of the universe is part of that. It may not take the pain away but it can make new good things possible. So let's celebrate the past but also be open to new possibilities for the future.

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.



Charlecote Parish Meeting

The AGM of Charlecote Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15 May, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Why not take the opportunity to have a say in matters that affect our community. All parishioners are welcome and invited to come along from 7.00 pm for a pre-meeting drink. VL

Hampton Lucy Annual Parish Meeting

The Hampton Lucy Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, 9 May, in the village hall at 7.30pm. The agenda will be circulated beforehand and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Immediately afterwards, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held, giving residents the chance to express their own views on village matters and become involved in the issues that affect the community as a whole. Everyone is welcome. MW

The Prayer Book Society's Evensong – St Peter's, Hampton Lucy

In this, the 350th anniversary year of the Book of Common Prayer, the Prayer Book Society's service of Evensong at St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, will be held on Saturday, 12 May, at 3.00pm. As usual, the service will showcase classic prayer book liturgy. The preacher will be the Dean of Durham, The Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove, who was formerly at Coventry. The Oken Singers will be there, and tea and cakes will be served afterwards in the school. PB

The Three Parishes Prayer Group

The 3P's Prayer Group will meet at Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, by their kind invitation, on Thursday, 17 May, at 7.45pm. NS

There are no entries in the Registers for this month

Charlecote Park News

Charlecote Park was buzzing over Easter, despite the weather. The Easter Egg Trail, face painting and games attracted the younger visitors, whilst everyone enjoyed the new paths and the planting in the woodland garden. The flowers on the partèrre looked stunning, as did the pots near the restaurant. On Easter Monday the bread oven in the Victorian scullery was hot, showing visitors how bread really used to be made. The volunteer cooks who work in the kitchen have been very proud to win the National Trust “Bringing Places to Life” award, and some of the team are shown in the photograph. They are only too happy to talk about the recipes they use and how they cook over the open fire. Lambing was due at the end of April and by now the lambs will be



seen in the Park. Sheep shearing takes place towards the end of May or early June, depending on the weather, so ring Charlecote Park (01926 470277) for the latest information. On Friday, 18 May, as part of the Museums at Night project, Charlecote will be introducing a “Food and Flora” evening. Booking required, with a charge. The free “Walk with the Gardener” is on Saturday, 26 May, and a variety of walks and talks are available on most days.

SF



The Diamond Jubilee in Charlecote

Residents of Charlecote will celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, 2 June, with a grand event starting at 12 noon in the village hall. During the day a village photograph will be taken to add to the archive of Charlecote history already accumulated. There will be a champagne reception and Loyal Toast, and catering for lunch will be on a ‘Bring and Share’ basis, in the true tradition of royal celebrations. Other attractions will include a helium balloon race, plus fun and games for all the family. The Diamond Jubilee Project, a village hall wall-hanging, will be launched on the day. All parishioners are invited to be there to make it a true village celebration of a remarkable Jubilee. Make it a date.

HH



....and Loxley

Loxley Village is invited to celebrate the Jubilee at the Fox Inn, Loxley, on Monday, 4 June, from 4.00pm and continuing through the evening until 11.00pm. The event is in aid of local charities and supported by Wellesbourne & District Lions. There will be a live band, ‘Cactus Jam’, plus a barbecue, laser clay-pigeon shooting, bouncy castle and slide, penny arcade, human fruit machine and static displays. There will also be a local live musician performing during the afternoon. All this plus traditional summer fête games, stocks, ‘splat the rat’, raffle, tombola, Tug o’ War and much more! Entry is free and all residents of Loxley plus their friends and families are invited. Come along and have fun, celebrating a memorable and historic occasion.

GS



.....and also Hampton Lucy

Plans for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in Hampton Lucy are also finalised, with an extensive programme for Monday, 4 June, free for all parishioners to attend with their families and friends. Church Street, suitably decorated, will close at 3.30pm and the event will start with a children’s fancy dress parade, led by the Junior King and Queen, with ponies dressed for the occasion, and a Scottish piper to lead the way. A ‘bring and share’ Children’s Street Party will feature Andy’s Magic, a professional children’s entertainer and magician, plus face-painting, games, treasure hunt, maypole dancing and free pony rides. All residents are invited to decorate their house fronts, porches or front gates for the day, with a Jubilee prize for the best. The ‘Family Picnic in the Street’ will get underway from 6.00pm, a ‘Royal Picnic Table’ will be selected in a free draw and ‘Masterjam’, a live band, will provide music to suit all ages, on-stage from 7.00pm onwards. Entertainment will also include a Tug o’ War between a village team and Valefresco. The climax will be a torch-lit parade to King George V Playing Field, led by the piper, for the lighting of the beacon/bonfire at 10.15pm, the National Anthem, fireworks and Auld Lang Syne. Details of the children’s party, along with a copy of the programme will have been delivered with copies of *The Grapevine* in Hampton Lucy. For further details see posters or call 470911.

AJW

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Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



I hope you all had a good Easter, despite the disappointment of the typically dismal bank holiday weather with which we were blessed! Hopefully we will be lucky enough to get some sunshine for the May Day holiday weekend. The lions are now looking forward to their biggest event on the calendar, the Wellesbourne & Shakespeare Lions Clubs annual charity raft race, which will take place on Sunday, 17 June. As I prepare this article, I am delighted to be able to report that over twenty entries have already been received, which is way ahead of last year. There has also been a lot of activity on the website www.rafrace.org.uk which bodes well for a bumper turnout. The Lions have a raft available for 'loan' to the highest bidder and this year we are pleased to announce that a bid of £200 has been accepted. This year's main beneficiary, Different Strokes, seems to have encouraged a lot of new raft entries, perhaps because many of us are aware of someone who is a younger stroke survivor and want to take the opportunity to help make a difference. A dedicated online donation service: www.btplc.com/mydonate has been set up to assist the rafters and their sponsors to make a donation. Just type 'raft race' in the search box and follow the instructions. All donators will be asked to 'gift aid' their donation, which will add another twenty percent to the total. I would also like to remind you to pop along to the Fox Inn at Loxley on Monday 4th June. Gareth and his team will be hosting a diamond jubilee party with assistance from the Lions. The event is free to enter, with the fun starting at 4pm and will run through the afternoon and evening. Live music will be provided by local band, Cactus Jam. Funds raised at the event will all go to Zoe's Place, the children's hospice.

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Loxley WI



On 28 March, having been allocated seats to attend the Annual Spring Meeting of the Warwickshire Association of Women's Institutes, two of our members joined 800 other members in Warwick Hall, Stoneleigh Park. During the meeting, Loxley WI received a certificate in recognition of our 60th birthday. The awards were presented by Alan Henson who, as the main speaker, gave a lively and interesting talk on the Cotswold Wildlife Park, with its selection of rare animal breeds. His father had been quick to see the possible extinction of many breeds and he collected as many disappearing breeds as he could find. Interestingly, farmers are beginning to re-introduce them back into mainstream farming. Jane Wade, the outgoing Federation Chairman, ended the proceedings with a light-hearted farewell speech. After "Jerusalem" we went home singing "On the Sunny Side of the Street" (*very appropriate for the glorious spring day*). For our meeting on 12 April, Rev'd Lewis was invited back to talk to us, his topic being "Waterways of the Tsar". Please note the change of venue and time for the meeting on 3 May, which will be at Ettingley Farm, starting earlier than usual at 7.00pm Gill Dancer will be helping us to make our own hanging baskets. A small charge will be made for materials, moss, compost, plants, and baskets, but you may bring your own basket or container you might like to plant up. Come and join us. New members are always welcome.

MC

Hampton Lucy Privilege Passes

You may be unaware, particular if you have recently moved to the village, that residents are entitled to Charlecote Park Privilege Passes, allowing free access to the Park and gardens, Orangery Restaurant and shops. To use the pass, just present it at the Park reception and you will be given a token for the gate. The passes do not allow entry into the house. Contact the Parish Clerk, Michael Woodman, on 841205, or e-mail him on:

michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com

MW

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At our April meeting we celebrated the 93rd birthday of the Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, with a delicious hot supper, followed by a light-hearted and entertaining talk by Marion Canning who recounted some of her experiences as a lady toastmaster. A beautiful cake, made by our President Jeryl Stone, was cut by our longest serving member, Joy Taplin, and everyone present enjoyed a slice. Jackie Williams announced that our hard-working President had just been elected as Chairman of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes, and proposed a toast to her, wishing her well in her new role. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2 May, in Charlecote Village Hall at 7.30pm when the topic for discussion will be 'Resolutions'. Just to remind you that, if you would like to learn more about the WI and Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI in particular, the second of the open days will be held in Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 9 May, from 7.30pm. Why not join us for an informal drink and a chat? We are very much more than '...tea, jam and Jerusalem' Come and find out why.

MJW

First Aid in Hampton Lucy

Following the report last month on the proposal by Hampton Lucy Parish Council to set up free CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and possible First Response training for residents, there has been an excellent response. So far fifteen parishioners have expressed an interest. If you would also like to participate but haven't yet replied, just contact the Parish Clerk, Michael Woodman, on 01789 841205, who will shortly be in a position to make arrangements with Warwickshire Ambulance Service to start the training classes. E-mail: michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com

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June issue of The Grapevine

The copy deadline for the next issue of *The Grapevine* for June, 2012, is Thursday, 10 May. It will be published to the websites on 16 May and the printed copies should be delivered sometime after 25 May.

AJW

Our correspondents this month are:

HC - Helen Chidgey; EF- Emma Fisher; EH- Eddie Hoare; Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett;
VL- Vanessa Lewis; MW - Michael Woodman; NS - Nicky Steel; PB - Peter Bolton; AS - Andy Stokes; MC - Margaret Clayton;
MJW - Margaret Whyman; HH - Helen Hoggarth; GS - Gareth Slater; SF - Shiela Freeman; AJW - Jeremy Whyman.

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www.hamptonlucy.net

The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
www.loxleyvillage.com

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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 1 May, 10.30am. All ladies will be welcome



Hampton Lucy Village Hall Plant and Produce Sale Saturday, 12th May, from 9.00am

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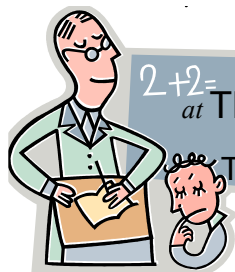
'Beating the Boundaries'

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Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, 2012

The walk begins at the St Peter's Church,
(Barford), assemble at 10.30 am
Building on the success of last year, this year's
walk will be a circular route taking in the villages
of Barford, Sherbourne, Hampton Lucy,
Charlecote and Wasperton – 5 out of the 6
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Shakespeare's 'Avon Way'!

For more details and your sponsorship form, e-mail
The Rectory at: rectory@barford.org.uk



Quiz Night

at The Fox Inn, Loxley

Tuesday, 22nd May
at 7.30pm

(in aid of St. Nicholas' Church Bell Tower repair fund)

The Lions Club Raft Race

Sunday - 17 June - 2012

Wasperton to Stratford-upon-Avon. www.rafrace.org.uk



'The Lucy Lads'

Meet by the Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Thursday, 3 May, at 10.00am for an 'away day'.
All 'Lads' at heart welcome. Call 842908 for details.

(Advance Notice)

Wings and Wheels 2012, Wellesbourne
Sunday, 17 June, from 11.00am
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cycles, and military vehicles.
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National Aerobatics Seminar Wellesbourne Airfield

Wednesday, 23 and Thursday, 24th May

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Church Services

May 2012

6 May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

13 May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

17 May

Ascension Day

7.30am	Castle Hill	Holy Communion	CW
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

20 May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

27 May

Day of Pentecost, (Whit Sunday)

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

For your diary - May

- Tues 1 **Compton Verney-'Gainsborough' and 'Into the Light, from Impressionism to the early 20th C.'** (Both exhibitions continue until 10 June - recommended! Ed.)
- 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 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. Page 3.
- Thur 3 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet by The Boar's Head, 10.00am, for a visit to Valefresco.
- Thur 3 **Loxley WI**, Ettingley Farm, 7.00pm. Page 4.
- Sun 6 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, call 842072, daytime.
- Mon 7 **'Beating the Boundaries'**, St Peter's Church, Barford. 10.30am. **Notice Board**
- Mon 7 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, call 842072, daytime.
- Tues 8 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.30pm, (see website)
- 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 and Charlecote WI Open Evening**, Charlecote Village Hall
- Wed 9 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings**, 7.30pm. Page 2.
- Sat 12 **Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale**, from 9.00am. **Notice Board**
- Sat 12 **The Prayer Book Society's Evensong**, St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, 3.00pm. Page 2.
- Sun 13 **National Mills Day, Charlecote Mill**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, call 842072, daytime.
- Mon 14 **Wellesbourne & District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. (01789 841939)
- Tues 15 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Tues 15, **Charlecote Parish Meeting**, 7.30pm, the village hall. Page 2.
- Wed 16 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Thur 17 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm. Page 2.
- Tues 22 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Tues 22 **Loxley Quiz Night**, The Fox Inn, Loxley, 7.30pm. **Notice Board**
- Wed 23 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
- Mon 28 **Wellesbourne & District Lions' Club**, new members welcome. (01789 841939)
- Tues 29 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wed 30 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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