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The Lucy Lads - off to Offenham

LOXLEY PARISHES



The Lucy Lads ... stylish and erudite...(well, some of them are!)

On Thursday, 3 May, the Lucy Lads were to be found surrounded by thousands of tomato plants. Hampton Lucy's residents are used to seeing Valefresco's lettuce crops growing in the surrounding fields, but these tomato plants grow in a two-acre glasshouse. Fortunately, the owners of Valefresco are always keen to show the public what they do and how they produce some of the safest food in the world, and invited the 'Lucy Lads' to visit their glasshouse at Offenham, near Evesham. It was fascinating to see that these tomatoes were growing in just a nutrient solution. Water and nutrients are added as required, the solution is stored in a central tank, automatically checked and adjusted by computer analysis. and then pumped along the plastic channels in which the plants grow. The flowers are pollinated by bumblebees from artificial hives within the glasshouses and all the plants bore lots of trusses of cherry tomatoes. The particular attraction of bumblebees is that they start work at dawn, continue working into the afternoon without a break, and visit every open flower - all on just a spoonful of sugar! We are most grateful to Nick Mauro and his uncle, who patiently answered all our questions, and are especially grateful to Jeremy Whyman who drove the minibus while the rest of us admired the countryside. KEC

Hampton Lucy Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held immediately following the May Parish Council Meeting. Parishioners heard the Chairman present her annual report in which she described a busy and successful year for the village. Ken Cockshull enquired about the possibility of superfast broadband being available in the village, to which no answer was available. Huw Williams requested that serious consideration be given to the running of the village hall, due to increasing running costs and the ever-difficult matter of fundraising. The possibility of the Council purchasing the premises was mooted but more help on the management committee is urgently required. The hall is in excellent order since its refurbishment last year. Other issues raised included the need buy up the stock with enthusiasm. During the morning to clean the cast iron railings of the John Lucy Bridge and the most of the produce disappeared and the committee were matter of poor drainage and blocked culverts on Snitterfield Street. A copy of the Chairman's report is available from the Clerk, Mike Woodman, tel:841205. AJW

Hampton Lucy Plant Sale

June 2012

The sun shone beautifully for the Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee's Annual Plant Sale. Huw Williams. chairman of the committee, had worked very hard as usual to raise hundreds of plants from seed and plugs and, despite the appalling weather over the past month or so, succeeded in getting together a very impressive batch of young plants for the eager buyers on Saturday, 12 May. Valefresco generously assisted by supplying compost and trays, and donations from local market gardens and residents were also very welcome. With a willing turnout of helpers in the early hours of the morning, (for some of us! - Ed.), the stalls were laid out and customers started to delighted to report a profit of over £1000 for the sale, all of which goes towards the cost of running the village hall for the community. "Thank you" to everyone who helped. AJW

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Dear Friends,

It has been really moving how much love, prayer and support has come from people in the five parishes to which Barford is linked*, following the tragic accident on the River Avon on Saturday, 12 May, so please excuse me if, this month, both Plurality and The Grapevine receive the same letter. I think it has something to say, wherever we are.

I am writing, in the middle of May and in the middle of what has been a seismic and sad week for the village of Barford, after the loss of two members of the Mynott family – a very loving father, Julian, and his son, Freddie. People in the village, some who knew them, and many who did not know the family personally, have all been touched by this tragedy in one way or another and feel profoundly for the other members of the Mynott family. Our love, thoughts and prayers are very much with Emma, Archie and Florence and their wider family and will continue to be so.

It is almost a natural instinct to try and make sense of what happened, but it just doesn't make sense. The only thing that has made any sense in these last few days is love. Love happened to be the theme that I was thinking about last weekend, because the reading from the Bible for that Sunday was a passage containing some of Jesus' last words to his followers: "Love one another". The instruction is repeated three or four times in the same paragraph: "Love one another". You get the sense that it is repeated because Jesus knows that it will be a life-giving way forward for them. The type of loving that is meant is that of loving your neighbour as yourself - love that puts the other person first.

That has been the only thing that has made sense here – the love for neighbour that has been visible to the press, to the emergency services, to everyone in this village. It is in a cooked dinner made for someone's family because the Mum was working to care for children affected by news of the accident; it is in flowers, prayers and someone's teddy bear left by the bridge; it is in sharing a cup of tea at the shop after school and being there for each other; it is in striving and giving everything you could, as so many did, on the night of the accident. It is all around us, and amongst us, and it is fantastic to see. It is what will carry us through.

With love and prayers,

Cathy

(*Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Loxley, Wasperton and Sherbourne.)



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 3P's Prayer Group will meet at Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, by their kind invitation, on Thursday, 7 June, and Thursday, 28 June at 7.45pm.

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the village hall on Wednesday, 9 May, with all Councillors present. The Council signed off the Annual Return of the accounts which would be available for inspection by parishioners for four weeks before being sent to the external auditor. The Clerk reported that he had declined the land acquisition proposal from SDC, as decided at the last meeting. The Diamond Jubilee arrangements were reported in full, the event being fully funded thanks to the generosity of parishioners and local businesses. Councillor Bryson agreed to acquire suitable materials to reinforce the worn areas around some of the play equipment. Replacement of the climbing net was deferred until the next financial year when sufficient resources will be set aside. Derrick Clark addressed the Council, explaining the details of his planning application for a new farm house at Grovefields Farm. The Council decided, by a majority vote, to refer the application back to Stratford District Council. The Chairman, Sue Main, was thanked for her hard work over the past year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 July, at 7.30pm and all parishioners are encouraged to attend.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Hampton Lucy 13

13 May, 2012 Annabel Grace Attwood and Eloise Sophie Attwood

AB

The Classics come to Barford

Leamington Music are promoting a concert in St Peter's Church, Barford, on Saturday, 16 June, at 7.30pm, featuring the Jubilee String Quartet. Founded in 2006 at the Royal Academy of Music, the group derives its name from the time when all of its members lived on the Jubilee Line. (OK then - near the Jubilee Line. Ed.) The violinists hail from the Czech Republic and USA, the viola player from Lancashire and the cellist from the Isle of Lewis. This June the Jubilee Ouartet has an Italian tour culminating in the Val Tidone Festival, where they have won first prize in the Val Tidone International Chamber Music Competition. After the Barford concert, they then go on to the St Magnus International Festival in Orkney. The musicians are: Tereza Anna Privratska and Alanna Tonetti-Tieppo, (violin), Stephanie Edmundson, (viola) and Lauren Steel, (cello). The programme will consist of **Haydn**, *Quartet in D Opus* 20 No; Mendelssohn, Quartet in F minor Opus 80; and Shostakovich, *Quartet No 8*. Tickets are £10.00, (£1.00 for children and students), and are available from Barford Village Shop, tel: 01926 624075, and Bridge House Theatre Box Office, tel: 01926 776438. Details and tickets online from:www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk. AJW

Loxley School has Royal Visitors



Her Majesty and the Duke practice the royal wave, ready for their big day on 4 June. (I'm a little worried about Philip, though. Not looking at all well - Ed)

The children in KS1 class recently had a visit from Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, aka Mrs Johnson-Gibbs and Mrs Mitchell, who talked about the Queen's special year, her houses, pets and the Crown Jewels. Loxley School children will be planting a Time Capsule in the Village Green on Thursday, 31 May, at 2.30pm when everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate this historic event. The Jubilee Celebrations will continue on Monday, 4 June at The Fox Inn from 4.00pm, continuing through the evening. There will be a barbeque, laser clay pigeon shooting; and bouncy castle, to name but a few activities, and the Friends of Loxley School will be running a Tea and Cake Stall. The proceeds from the day will be divided between various charities, including Zoe's Place and Loxley School. мо

The Friends of Hampton Lucy School



An Easter Bingo event was organised by The Friends of Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School & Nursery. It was held on Friday, 23 March, in the village hall and open to the school and the village community. The admittance included entry for the family and one game of Bingo, with further game-cards being able to be purchased separately. There was a great turnout, lots of Easter eggs were won and £200 was raised for the school. The picture is of Joel Holland presenting Easter eggs to Sue Moulton of the Children's Ward at Warwick Hospital on behalf of the school. EH

Charlecote Village Fete

On Saturday, 16 June, Charlecote Park is joining in the celebrations to mark the 85th Anniversary of the Open Gardens Scheme. To my certain knowledge Charlecote Fete has been going for sixty years (and more!), so why not come and join us and celebrate as we enjoy the hospitality of the Gopsil's beautiful garden and all the usual stalls, entertainment and delicious teas. SL

Charlecote Church and the Diamond Jubilee At our church service at 9.30 am on Sunday, 3 June, we shall have the Jubilee in mind and at 3.00pm will join in with churches all around the country, ringing our bells to mark the Jubilee. There will be tea and cakes available in church. Do bring the medium-sized members of your family to try their hand at ringing the bells. A month later, on Sunday, 1 July, we shall be holding a special Morning Worship, led by the Charlecote Festival Singers and with music and readings, in a special Jubilee service.

SL

July/August Issue of The Grapevine

The copy deadline for *The Grapevine* for June is Sunday, 10 June. It will be published to the websites on 18 June and the printed copies will be delivered after Monday, 25 June. AJW



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



I hope that, as you read this, the weather has taken a turn for the better and Spring has finally arrived! I am pleased to be able to report the final results of our Easter fund raising "Eggstravaganza". Giant Easter eggs were 'raffled' at local venues and, thanks to all those who participated, the magnificent sum of just over $\pm 1,500$ was raised for local charities. I would particularly like to thank all of the pubs and businesses that sold tickets and supported us this year. Can I remind everyone that on Monday, 4 June, Gareth and his team at 'The Fox' in

Loxley will be hosting the Loxley Diamond Jubilee event, with help from the Lions. Entry is free and everyone will be welcome. The fun starts at 4.00pm and will include live music, stalls and of course, refreshments. All proceeds from the day are going towards 'Zoe's Place' children's hospice. Don't forget the Wellesbourne & Districts' and The Shakespeare Lions' Raft Race from Wasperton to Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday, 17 June. I will report on the results and the fundraising in the July issue of *The Grapevine*. This year's main beneficiary will be 'Different Strokes', a very worthy cause. AS

Charlecote Park

Spring saw the birth of over one hundred lambs at Charlecote Park this year, and everyone is now looking out for the first of the fawns. The deer usually find a nice quiet spot to keep them at first, so one has to look very carefully. This year it is the 85th anniversary of the National Gardens "Open Garden Scheme". Charlecote Park was one of the first gardens to open under the scheme and will be helping to celebrate the anniversary on Saturday, 16 June when, not only will there be walks in the garden, but also 1920s cars, a wind band, dancers, a variety of stalls and traditional games. Heartbreak Productions are returning to the Park with three of their popular open-air theatre events. They will perform "Much Ado about Nothing" at 7.30 on Saturday, 23 June, followed by "The Railway Children" and "Private Lives" in July and August respectively. Tickets can be purchased on 08442 41895, details from www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk The house is open from 11.00am to 4.30pm except Wednesday and Thursday, and the park is open every day. The restaurant SF

offers a full meal service and opens daily until 5.00pm.

Loxley WI

On Thursday, 12 April, Rev'd Lewis gave a most enjoyable talk on "The Waterways of the Tsars", from St Petersburg, via the lakes, **INSPIRING WOMEN** rivers and canals, to Moscow. He showed stunning slides of magical Kremlins, fortified monasteries, churches, and other buildings of historic interest. All of the money he receives from these talks goes towards his own charity for orphans. On, Wednesday, 2 May, a group of us enjoyed a back-stage tour of the RST and Swan theatres. We were particularly impressed by the assistant director, usually female, who cues up to four hundred stage directions during each performance. The history of the theatres was explained, including the fact that the architect for the previous Art Deco building, Elisabeth Scott, was the first woman to qualify as an architect in this country, submitting her winning design before she was old enough to vote. On Thursday, 3 May, Gill Dancer showed us the professional way to prepare a hanging basket. The meeting was at Hunscote Farm Shop, beautifully stocked with suitable plants, and everyone took home a lovely basket. The Resolution Evening will be held at Ashorne Village Hall on Thursday 12 June, at 7.30 pm. A warm welcome, generous refreshments and a good speaker are features of this enjoyable annual meeting, and new members are welcome to join us. МС

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

At the May meeting the following resolution was approved: "The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in INSPIRING WOMEN training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales, and to ensure high standards of care." Following the recent recruitment evening in Hampton Lucy we were pleased to welcome Peta Abbott into our group. On Wednesday, 16 May, some of our members visited The American Museum at Bath. The WI Olympic Relay Baton will be arriving on Wednesday, 6 June, at 5.00pm at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, possibly by tandem. (...depending on whether or not there is a head-wind! - Ed.) It will then continue on its journey, arriving in style at Ashorne Village Hall by 10.00am on Thursday, 7 June, in a cavalcade of vintage and classic cars. The baton has been travelling around the Warwickshire WI groups since January, and will have visited all one hundred and four of them by July. The next meeting will be at Charlecote Village Hall, not Hampton Lucy as shown in the programme, on Wednesday, 6 June, starting at 7.30pm, and will be the Jubilee Member's Night. After the business is concluded, Jerusalem will be sung, and a social evening with cheese and wine will follow. New members always welcome. MJW

New Study Course in Hampton Lucy

Hampton Lucy resident Dean Howes is offering a five week course to be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, entitled "The Psychology of the New Testament", on Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, from13 June to 11 July. With degrees in Psychology and Education and a higher degree in Consciousness and Spiritual Psychology, Dean has been delivering psychology courses for over ten years. The fee is £50 and the course will consider what the New Testament tells us about our mind and how this relates to current psychological theories and techniques. The syllabus will include "The human condition", "Fallen minds", "Renewing the mind", "Imagination", "Hope" and "Transcendence". Please call Dean on 01789 840413 or email deanhowes@hotmail.com for details. DH

Our correspondents this month are:

KEC- Ken Cockshull; Rev'd CD - Rev'd Cathy Davies; AB - Ann Baker; MO - Marie Osborne; EH - Emma Holland; SL - Sue Lampitt; AS - Andy Stokes; SF - Shiela Freeman; MJW - Margaret Whyman; MC - Margaret Clayton; DH- Dean Howes; AJW - Jeremy Whyman.

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The Notice Board

The Loxley website: www.loxleyvillage.com

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"The Lucy Lads"

Meet at the Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, Thursday, 7th June, at 11.30am All 'Lads' at heart welcome. Call 470911 for details.

Loxley Diamond Jubilee

The Fox at Loxley Monday, 4th June, 4.00pm to 11.00pm

Live 6-piece band Coctus Jam

BBQ

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Charlecote celebrates HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE Saturday, 2nd June Village Photograph at 12 noon followed by Champagne Reception and Lunch Balloon Race, Fun Sports for all the family Launch of Jubilee Project: A Village Wall-hanging

Hampton Lucy **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee** Monday, 4th June Your programme for the big day:

Fancy Dress parade from the village hall with the ponies and the Scottish Piper - 3.45pm

Children's 'Bring and Share' Street Party - 4.00pm

Family 'Picnic in the Street' - from 6.00pm (Bring your own chairs, tables and picnics!)

Torch lit Beacon and Fireworks - 10.15pm

Don't forget to dress up your houses and your picnic tables - prizes for the best of each!

Hampton Lucy School Summer Party Saturday, 23rd June, 4.00pm to 10.00pm Seaside Fun for all the family - everyone welcome!

Bar, BBQ, Disco, Stalls, Raffles, Surf Simulator, Dancing, Punch and Judy, Balloon Bending, Promises and Prizes Auction and much more! Entrance £2.50 per person, £10,00 for a Family Ticket

For details visit: www.hamptonlucyschool.org.uk or call Jo on 07740 430775

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Church Services

June 2012

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17 June	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Charlecote Hampton Lucy	d Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Come and Worship Family Service	BCP	CW
24 June	The Birth of John the Baptist (Patronal Festival of Wasperton)8.00amCharlecoteHoly Communion11.00amLoxleyMatins6.00pmHampton LucyEvensong				BCP BCP BCP

For your diary - June

Fri 1 Compton Verney-'Gainsborough' and 'Into the Light, from Impressionism to the early 20th C.' (Both exhibitions continue until 10 June - recommended! Ed. Sat 2 Charlecote Diamond Jubilee celebrations, from 12.00noon, The Notice Board Sun 3 St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, Ringing of the church bells, 3.00pm. Page 3. Charlecote Mill Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm, The Notice Board Sun 3 Mon 4 Hampton Lucy Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, from 3.30pm. The Notice Board Mon 4 Loxley Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, The Fox, from 4.00pm. The Notice Board Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 6 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, WI Olympic Relay Baton arrives. Page 4. Wed 6 Wed 6 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. Page 4. Thur 7 WI Olympic Relay Baton, baton departs in a classic car cavalcade. Page 4. 'The Lucy Lads', The Boar's Head, 11.30am. All 'Lads at Heart' welcome. Thur 7 3 Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's House, 7.45pm. Thur 7 Tues 12 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2,30pm, (see website) Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Tues 12 "Psychology of the New Testament", Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 11.00am. Page 4 Wed 13 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 13 Thur 14 Loxley WI, Loxley School, 7.00pm. Page 4. Sat 16 Charlecote Village Fete, Charlecote. Sat 16 Jubilee String Quartet, St Peter's Church, Barford. 7.30pm. See page 3. Sun 17 Wellesbourne & District and Shakespeare Lions' Clubs, Raft Race. Sun 17 Wellesbourne Wings and Wheels, Wellesbourne Airfield. Tues 19 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Wed 20 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Sat 23 Hampton Lucy School Summer Party, 4.00pm to 10.00pm. The Notice Board Sat 23 'Much Ado About Nothing', Heartbreak Productions, Charlecote Park. Page 4. Thur 27 **3P Prayer Group,** Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house, 7.45pm. Page 2. Tues 26 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Wed 27 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am 1 July Jubilee Morning Worship, St Leonard's Church, Charlecote. Page 3 David Clarke "Thank you" to all of our advertisers for your valued support. PHOTOGRAPHER

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