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THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND
LOXLEY PARISHES

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Lucy Lads Get Hooked



Photograph: A Scaife

The Lucy Lads admire the elegant Victorian tower building, the home of the famous Hook Norton Brewery

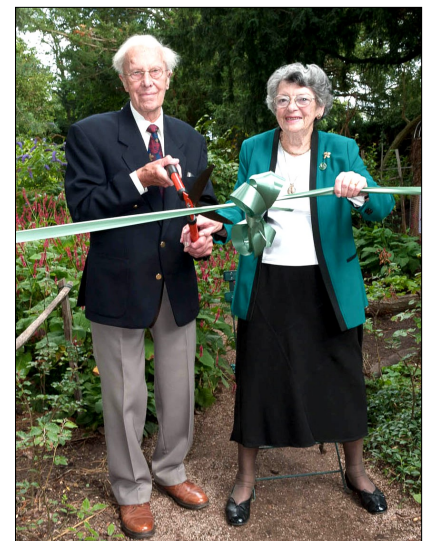
On Thursday, 6 September, seven of The Lucy Lads visited Hook Norton Brewery, near to Banbury. Monty, our excellent guide, began by relating its history which began in 1849 with the purchase of the farm by maltster John Harris. Brewing began shortly afterwards, and received a huge boost towards the end of the century by the need to slake the thirst of the navvies building the railway from Chipping Norton. The present tower building was erected at the end of the 19th Century. Our tour began with the huge Victorian steam engine, gleaming and in full working order but no longer used to lift the heavy sacks of raw materials up to the top of the tower or to drive the mechanical processes of brewing. A tasting of the various malts followed, each malt differing in colour and flavour according to the temperature at which the germinated barley is roasted. After adding water to the mash tun, the hops, supplied by a Malvern firm, are added, and after boiling and cooling the 'wort', a culture of yeast, multiplied from a sample kept elsewhere in liquid nitrogen, is added and fermentation begins. To round off the tour, Monty showed how "real ale" needs to be stored and tapped in casks (not kegs!) After sampling some half dozen varieties of "Hooky", (*Wow! - Ed*), lunch at The Pear Tree was followed by a stroll up the hill to see the huge, placid dray horses, still used for local deliveries. Many thanks go to John Dunkerton for organising a most enjoyable trip out.

ASc

Charlecote Park News

The recently transformed Woodland Garden at Charlecote Park was officially opened in August by John and Betty Stolls, who have been volunteers at the property for 30 years. The garden was first designed in the 18th Century by Capability Brown. The present four-year project is introducing plants known to have been the favourites of Mary Elizabeth Lucy, or to have been collected by the local Victorian plant collector, Charles Maries, and will give the area the feel of a Victorian Pleasure Garden. Newly-laid paths, replacement benches, and other features make this once again a very special part of Charlecote. The October rut is a period of frenetic activity for the deer, and places on the tractor tours may still be available; (*check the website, see below*). Halloween will be marked with a special children's trail at half-term weekend. The park, gardens, restaurant and outbuildings are open seven days a week from 10:30am to 5:30pm throughout the year. Visitors can also explore the house, open Friday to Tuesdays until November, from the grandeur of the upstairs family rooms to life below-stairs in the Victorian kitchen and outbuildings. For further information please call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or visit the website:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote



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The Parish Letter for October has been written by Rev'd Heather Sutton.

" Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits -- who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your infirmities." Psalm 103

Privileged to be asked to write this October letter, I am very much aware in this Harvest season we have much to be thankful for. Truly seed time and harvest have again taken place, thanks to the generosity of God and human endeavours.

Our arias of praise to our Creator, are not misplaced and must include our prayers of thanksgiving to all who maintain stewardship of the earth and provide food for us to eat.

Agreed, our farmers have again been challenged, not least by the weather. Challenge has also often become our touchstone, under-pinning many of our endeavours, be it personal or communal.

The Olympics have helped to raise our thoughts from the economic climate into one of being pro-active rather than remaining apathetic even dispirited the Paralympics raising the bar (sorry!) even further. Their efforts of defying all adversity by turning it into inspiration, which in turn has inspired us all to better things.

Truly we have been blessed by actions generously given by others. A blessing, in its simplest form is an act of love bestowed on 'our neighbour.' We are all guilty of failing to recognise the divine element in that act on some occasions... yet God remains faithful, even if not seemingly overtly so, to all His creation be it human or otherwise

Thank you for blessing me, and in doing so enabling me to bless you.

Heather



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 3P Prayer Group

The 3P Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 18 October, 7.30 for 7.45, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation.

AB

Leamington Christian Mission

Steph. and Geoff, of Leamington Spa, founded this mission in 1990 and have been meeting the needs of homeless people in Leamington ever since. They offer free food, bedding, clothing and anything else needed to help restore the dignity of those in need. Over the years the work of this mission has greatly increased and now operates in conjunction with other agencies such as Environmental Health, Social Services, Local Hospitals, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Age Concern, to name just a few. With their volunteer helpers, they can make use of just about anything to ease some of the suffering which they have uncovered in their work. Please help us to help them. We shall be in St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, on Saturday, 13 October, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please bring along anything at all that you can spare; clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, cleaning materials, cloths, black bin bags, carrier bags, toilet rolls, toiletries (even those half-used bottles of stuff you don't really like), non perishable foodstuffs, and bric-a-brac items. All will be put to very good use. Thank you.

CP

Commemoration of the Departed

On Sunday, 4 November, there will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones departed at services in Barford and Hampton Lucy. These will be occasions where we can give thanks for them and remember them before God. Names of particular individuals can be read out. Please email Rev'd Cathy Davies (Revcathydaves@aol.com) or write to the Rectory, Church Lane, Barford, Warwick, CV35 8ES. The services will be held at: St Peter's, Barford, at 3.30pm and St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, at 6.00pm.

Rev'd CD

From the Registers

Weddings:

Charlecote

18 August, 2012
25 August, 2012

Jeffery Morgan and Chloe Cullington
Carl Storey and Sian Wood

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 12 September in the Village Hall, with all councillors present. In addition to routine business, Richard Elbourne, from Warwickshire County Council, attended and explained some of the options available to improve speed awareness at the entry points to the village. The Council decided to ask for funding for prominent 'tiger's teeth' road markings and 30mph roundels to be painted at the approach to the 30mph limit on Snitterfield Street and Stratford Road, and to arrange for the trees to be cut back where they obscure the 30mph signs. The clerk gave a financial report and the planning applications were discussed. Concern was expressed about the deep puddles collecting on Snitterfield Street, Church Street, opposite Wyvale and at the junction of Stratford Road with Warwick Road. The Clerk had been informed that contractors were engaged for this work. The Council asked the Clerk to vigorously pursue the urgent work needed to improve pedestrian access along the pavement between Hampton Lucy and Charlecote. The Council will next meet on 14 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and all residents are invited to attend. Full minutes are available from the Parish Clerk, Michael Woodman; 841205.

AJW

The Miller's Tale



Many of you will have visited Charlecote Mill over the past few years, living history still producing stone-ground flour after some two hundred years, and situated on or very near to the site of watermills going back to Domesday and beyond. After being involved with the mill for some thirty four years and running it single-handedly since 1983 as a commercial proposition, John Bedington will shortly be retiring to pursue his many other interests including, not surprisingly, using his vast knowledge to assist other mill owners around the country with restoration and repair.

The modern era for Charlecote Mill began in 1978 when John was approached by Sir Edmund Fairfax-Lucy, the owner of the mill, to assess the possibility of restoration. John, a solicitor by profession but also Secretary of the Midland Wind and Water Mills Group, was well qualified for this and, on visiting the site, found that the machinery was reasonably complete, the water supply was still adequate and, although the building was deteriorating, it was restorable. He decided to take it on, (*as one does!*), arranged a favourable lease on the property, and set about restoring and repairing the mill. Luck was with him when the BBC commissioned the old mill as the location for their 1978 television film production of 'The Mill on the Floss', providing some welcome funds for the restoration. Over the next five years, John and several friends spent much of their spare time working on the fabric of the building and gradually restoring the machinery to working order, and when you visit the mill you can see the dedication to detail and authenticity that John has always pursued. By 1981 they had one set of stones working, after a fashion, and the mill was occasionally open to the public. In 1983 he resigned from his solicitor's practice and spent a hectic six months working on the mill, preparing to run it as a full-time business. By the end of that year he had

satisfied the Stratford-upon-Avon Environmental Health Department's requirements and started milling commercially, producing mainly wholemeal wheat flour. Much of his produce now goes to local shops and immigrant Indian and Pakistani families in Coventry, Leamington and the surrounding areas, who greatly value the flour for making chapattis. He can also grind maize to produce yellow corn flour, and is occasionally asked to mill chickpeas and lentils. Relatively recently, a Victorian white flour 'dresser' was restored and re-commissioned, producing white flour in smaller quantities. Although working single-handedly and completing a huge amount of major restoration work by himself, he has been supported over the years by his wife Rhoda, who regularly goes in to help and assists during the open days, and by a number of volunteers. There is always a never-ending list of maintenance and repair work to be done in such an organic process as milling and, as the operation relies entirely upon water power, keeping the wheels turning is essential. That is where enthusiastic amateurs can be a real help, taking on some of those time-consuming jobs whilst the miller gets on with his milling. I am fortunate to be one of those lucky few. I say 'lucky' because it is a rare privilege to be able work in such a fascinating and historic building, still milling pretty much as it did two hundred years ago

John is delighted that Karl Grevatt is taking over the mill and will continue to run it as a fully operational, commercial concern. He is well qualified to do so, being a professional builder who has specialised on the conservation of old buildings, so the old mill will be in good hands. With his partner Adrian, who works in the catering industry, they have plans to extend the scope of the mill over the next year or so and we wish them every success. I am sure that you will also wish John well for a long and happy retirement from milling, and with his work on watermills and windmills all around the country. Charlecote Mill will continue to be open for visitors on the first Sunday of each month through to October, and on Bank Holiday Mondays. If you haven't yet visited, do make the time to do so. Karl and Adrian will be delighted to see you and you'll experience a truly historic, living and breathing water mill, rescued by John from dilapidation and decay some thirty four years ago. For the bakers and bread makers amongst you, why not try the flour? It has taste, texture and flavour quite unlike the processed, refined flour that you buy at the supermarket and if you would like a recipe for wholemeal bread, just contact me, Jeremy Whyman, details on page 6.

Visit the website: www.charlecotemill.co.uk

AJW

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The nights are really drawing in as we head into Autumn. I don't like to mention the dreaded 'C' word too early, but we do need to do a little forward planning for the Lions' Christmas floats. Would your charity like to join us for one of the evenings in this year's collections? If you can provide some helpers and would like to be included in this event, please talk to Lion Rod Scott, 01926 624434. All charities taking part receive a share of the money collected during the event. Our next major event is 'The Magic and Mystery Show' with Mel Harvey on Friday, 12 October, in Kineton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. If you haven't been to one of Mel's magical evenings then I would really recommend it as an enjoyable evening of fun. It is suitable for all ages and there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets include supper and are available from Lion Steve Skinner on 01789 842148. This year's show is in aid of Shipston Home Nursing, so please come along and support us.



AS

Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI



The members of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI have enjoyed a busy and varied September. The monthly meeting on Wednesday, 5 September, saw the return of Fay Palmer who gave members practical experience of water dowsing in the village, an entertaining evening cut short by the fading daylight. The following day a group gathered in the village hall for a practical lesson in card-making.

We were delighted with our hand-crafted efforts. A visit to the National Arboretum and War Memorial is planned towards the end of September. Some members are also attending lectures, one on 'The Grand Canal of China' and another to celebrating the bi-centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens. Liverpool and Ironbridge are the destinations for two other outings organised on a county level. Our local group of WIs will meet in Ashorne later this month, when Andrew Davis, script writer and film producer, will be the guest speaker. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings. The October meeting will be on Wednesday, 3 October, at 7.30pm in Charlecote Village Hall. The guest speaker will be Gillian White, speaking on 'The History of the Teddy Bear'.

HS

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 13 September, we were entertained by Pat Miller who, taking us on a journey through her life, tellingly illustrated and with her fund of funny poems and anecdotes, treated us to an amusing and enjoyable evening. On Tuesday, 18 September, the annual group meeting with Ashorne WI was held at Ashorne Village Hall, when we were privileged to have Andrew Davis, the well-known adaptor of books for television, as guest speaker. At our next meeting in Loxley School, on Thursday 11 October at 7.30 pm, railway enthusiast Alan Bilby will be talking about 'The Rebuilding of the Victorian Railway Station at Broadway' and the re-opening of the old local Great Western Railway lines. In view of the subject, this meeting is open to any interested male visitors.

MLC

Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests, free of charge, for people aged 50 or over. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked. Electric blanket tests are only available to Warwickshire residents. Don't miss this opportunity! Please book soon as places are limited. Testing, by appointment only, will take place at the following local venues: Leamington Town Hall on Monday, 1 October, and Stratford Fire Station on Friday, 5 October. To book an appointment, call the Warwickshire Trading Standards Service on: 01926 414016 (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm) or email: ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

Is There Anyone Out There?

We seem to be a bit thin on news and views from Charlecote and Loxley. I am conscious that this particular issue is very much Hampton Lucy biased but can only publish what is sent in. Grapevine is the ideal way to pass on Parish Council (*Parish Meeting*) information and general village news. Do send it in. We'd love to hear from you.

AJW

Our correspondents this month are:

Rev'd CD - Rev'd Cathy Davies; MLC - Margaret Clayton; SF - Shiela Freeman; CP - Carol Pagett; HS - Helen Sill; ASc - Alan Scaife; AS - Andy Stokes; Rev'd HS - Rev'd Heather Sutton; AJW - Jeremy Whyman.

The next copy deadline for the October issue of *The Grapevine* is **Wednesday, 10 October**. It will be published on the websites on 22 October and the printed copies will be delivered during that week.

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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 2nd October at 10.30am.

All ladies will be welcome

"The Lucy Lads"

Will meet at The Boar's Head on Thursday,
4th October at 11.30am

All 'Lads at Heart' are welcome

Warwickshire Baroque presents

Bach Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

Marcello Oboe Concerto

Italian string music by Vivaldi and Locatelli

Saturday, 29 September, 7.30pm

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy

Tickets £10 at the door

(All proceeds to St Peter ad Vincula Church)

Charlecote Mill Open Day

The mill will be open to visitors on
Sunday, 7th October, 11.00am to 5.00pm

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and visit a 200 year old commercially working
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Shipston Home Nursing



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Armscote Manor Lecture Series

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Wednesday 24th October

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John & Maggie Sargent.

For details of all events call Rebecca on
01608 674929

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Advance notice

Hampton Lucy

Skittles Night

Saturday, 10th November, 7.00pm
in the Village Hall

Fun for all the family

Fish & chip supper available

(please book your food by Thursday, 9th!)

Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1, from the
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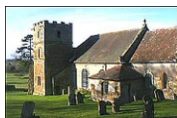
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Church Services

October

7 October	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Charlecote	Harvest Evensong	CW
14 October	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Harvest Evensong	BCP
21 October	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
28 October	The Last Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary

September

Sat 29 **Warwickshire Baroque**, St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy. **Notice Board**

October

Tues 2 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. All welcome.
 Tues 2 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Tues 2 **SHN Charity Gold Tournament**, Feldon Valley GC, Brailles. **Notice Board**
 Wed 3 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Wed 3 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)
 Thur 4 **Lucy Lads**, The Boar's Head, 11.30am, all 'Lads at Heart' welcome.
 Fri 5 **Free Electric Blanket Safety Checks**, Stratford-upon-Avon, see page 4.
 Sun 7 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, Tel: 842072.
 Mon 8 **SHN Armscote Lecture Series**, **Notice Board**
 Tues 9 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.30pm, (see website)
 Tues 9 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 10 **Copy Deadline for The November Grapevine**.
 Wed 10 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 11 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm
 Fri 12 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Magic and Mystery Show. **Notice Board**
 Sat 13 **Leamington Christian Mission Collection**, St Peter's Hampton Lucy, Page 2
 Sat 13 **Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper**, The Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Notice Board**
 Tues 16 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 17 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 18 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's Home, 7.30 for 7.45pm
 Tues 23 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 24 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am
 Wed 24 **SHN Designer Sale**, Darlingscote Farm, Darlingscote, **Notice Board**
 Tues 30 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 31 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am

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