



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND
LOXLEY PARISHES

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Charlecote Wine and Wisdom

Nine teams battled through wind, rain and floods to take part in the "Wine & Wisdom" evening in Charlecote Village Hall on Friday, 23 November. As usual the questions, set by Derek Morris, tested everyone's knowledge to the limit, and the closely fought contest was won by "Sue's Clues", with team members Christopher and Sue Johns, John and Beryl Penn, and Sally and Robert Hutsby. The fantastic sum of £630 was raised towards Village Hall funds - very many thanks to everyone who took part.

HH

Loxley Celebrates Christmas

The Christmas celebrations were lively at Loxley with a "Rock and Roll" style Nativity which involved everyone and was a joyous occasion. The FOLS have been busily working with the Wellesbourne Lions and Santa's sledge and also organizing an extremely successful Xmas Fair. The wider Loxley community contributed to the atmosphere of fun and friendship and together we raised over a thousand pounds. MO



Loxley School Infants in Nativity mode



Now...which way is the pub?

Charlecote Jubilee Wall-hanging

This project is now well underway, with twenty-five residents of Charlecote stitching away on their respective panels, depicting scenes of Charlecote in wool on canvas. There will be workshop evenings over the coming weeks to see how everyone is progressing, and it is hoped that this stage of the project will be completed by the end of April, after which the panels will need to be stretched and mounted before being displayed in the Village Hall.

Charlecote residents celebrated Christmas in fine style on the Sunday before Christmas, with a walk over to Wasperton in the morning.

Despite the weather and impending floods, eighteen people and four dogs turned out. Then it was back to the cosy atmosphere of the village hall for mulled wine, sausages and mince pies, enjoyed by rather more villagers and their guests, so we could all wish each other "Merry Christmas".

HH

Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert

Wednesday, 12 December, saw St Peter's Church in Hampton Lucy play host to a musical Christmas extravaganza performed by local school children who enchanted their audience with a medley of solos, duets and ensembles played on a variety of instruments including violins, recorders, cellos and the piano. For some, it was their first experience of performing in public but, whether novice or accomplished, all of the pieces were played with great aplomb, to the delight of the audience. Special thanks go to all of the children, and also and especially to Sue Appleyard and Sarah Feaver for organising such a lovely start to the festive period. Proceeds from the evening amounted to £160 and were divided between St Peter's Church and the Village Hall.

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Dear Friends,

A few years ago my parents moved house and, in order to do so, there had to be a monumental clear out, from which I was given a bag of papers and exercise books going back to childhood. I loved looking through them but one thing in particular really made me stop and smile - my first Valentine card. The mood at school used to be one of collective teenage angst as Valentine's Day drew near. Would there be a card or, unimaginably, cards on the doormat on Valentine's Day? Often it was dull disappointment but, one particular year in my mid-teens, there was the ecstasy of a secret admirer.

The bubble was somewhat burst when I opened it and it was addressed to "Cath and Sal - Be my Valentine - love from ?" Sal was my best friend and eventually we found out it was from a boy at school with whom we used to do the local paper round. He frankly explained "I like you both but couldn't afford two cards so you'll have to share." I don't think we were affronted, just bemused! Anyway, any hopes he may have entertained

were dashed when, one afternoon, he came to the door and passed me a folded copy of the Gloucestershire Echo, which my usually docile dog took to be an offensive weapon and responded accordingly. The valentine departed at speed.

The romantic love depicted in films and adverts during the lead up to Valentine's Day can be a very hard thing to live up to! It's ephemeral...hard to create...there one minute and gone the next. Instead, a phrase: "I love you with an everlasting love..." keeps coming to mind, words from the Bible*, God's words to his people about his love for them which is tender and sure, immense and unending.

Enjoy Valentine's Day, remembering that our highs and lows, successes and failures, are all sustained by that love ... there one minute and still there the next.

With love and prayers,

Cathy

**Jeremiah 31:3*



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 Thursdays, 14 February and 21 March, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation.

NS

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the village hall on Wednesday, 9 January, with all Councillors and six residents present. Much of the business was routine; grass mowing, road repairs and maintenance of the playground equipment. Councillor Hayter asked for any instances of fly-tipping to be reported immediately to the Stratford District Council. The permissive footpath through the meadow by River Keeper's Cottage was raised, and the Council undertook to discuss this with the footpath steward, Mr John Jones. Councillor Johnston was asked to look into the skimped repair to the damaged cast iron bridge railings on the old John Lucy bridge. The annual budget for 2013/2014 was agreed, with the precept to be retained at the same figure as 2012. There was serious concern about the sewer which regularly overflows through the manhole onto Bridge Street, a problem that has been reported over several years but has become more acute recently. The Clerk was asked to urgently pursue a long term solution with Severn Trent. Extensive mole damage in the King George V Playing Field that could prevent effective mowing in the summer was also noted and it was proposed to chain-harrow the field in the early spring to level the ground prior to the summer mowing season. Derrick Clark generously offered to undertake this at no charge to the community, and the Council gratefully accepted his offer. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 March, and all residents are warmly invited to attend.

AJW

From the Registers

Baptisms:	Charlecote	14 October, 2012	Nicholas Colin Beely
	Hampton Lucy	16 December, 2012	Alfie William Dawe
Wedding:	Hampton Lucy	8 December, 2012	Craig Mark Lawrence and Alison Tuck
Funeral:	Loxley	23 November, 2012	Pamela Fox

Come Fly With Us

The last 'Away Day' of 2012 for nine of the Lucy Lads was to the wonderful world of Wellesbourne Airfield. The visit, kindly arranged by Frankie Spray, took us first to the South Warwickshire Flying School. Rodney Galiffe introduced us to the fun of private flying, and described their training programme for pilots, many of whom go on to be professional pilots, details of the landing fees and fuelling charges, and the social side of the flying club.

Aircraft noise was a concern raised by some people and so Rodney showed us the approved flight paths, skirting the villages of Charlecote, Hampton Lucy, and Loxley. On approach for landing, aircraft inevitably pass over parts of Charlecote although by that time they should be throttled back. Visiting pilots are always instructed to avoid over-flying the villages, where possible. Our next stop was to refuel with a delicious lunch in 'The Touch Down Café', followed by a visit to Heli Air, the sales centre for Robinson helicopters. There we were festively entertained with mulled wine and mince pies while Debs Tonkins described the company, the Wellesbourne site being just one of six belonging to Heli Air. New helicopters arrive as 'flat packs' and are assembled on-site by their engineers. They also provide hanger facilities, training for pilots, and offer personal flights and charter packages, the most popular one flying into Silverstone for the British Grand Prix. Coveting the gleaming machines in the hangers, we then moved on to the fully-equipped control tower, from where the air traffic controllers ensure the safety of all aircraft landing, taxiing, taking off and 'doing circuits'. All flight plans are logged and detailed weather conditions made available to the pilots. (*Available to all on:*

www.wellesbourneairfield.com) The climax to a magnificent day out was an exhilarating flight over the Warwickshire countryside provided through the generosity of the pilots and the flying schools - Ian Stevenson from the South Warwickshire Flying School and 'Rick' from Aeros Flight Training. It was indeed a most memorable day, for which we are indebted to Michael Littler, Frankie Spray, and everyone at Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield.



Debs with The Lads (- who are mulling over whether their pensions will run to a little Robinson two-seater!)

KCo

News from Charlecote Mill



It's been a challenging few months since I took over from John Bedington. Throughout his thirty years at Charlecote, John recalls the mill flooding on only three occasions. We've already seen the river inundate the building twice since August! 'Thank you' to Chris and Nikki Edwards, who have had their own flooding in the Mill House to contend with, and to Jeremy, for keeping an eye on things when I was away. Returning after the wet Christmas break, we found wheat sprouting between the flagstones. After such a poor harvest last year, maybe growing my own, indoors, is not such a bad idea! We now have a brand new website: www.charlecotemill.co.uk which gives information on the mill as part of the community, purchasing grain from local farms and supplying our flour to local homes and businesses. It also lists our

products and prices, contact details, open days, and information on individual or group visits. If you can suggest anything else to be included, let me know. We are re-launching our flour in newly-designed packaging, planning to make it available through more local outlets and easier for you to buy. Of course, you can always pop in to the mill to pick up a bag or two, if you prefer. I am there most days and would love to meet you. Do try the flour for your own bread-making and baking. The flavour is just amazing...but then, I would say that wouldn't I?

KGr

A New Community Paramedic Facility based at Wellesbourne Airfield

West Midlands Ambulance Service now provide permanent, round-the-clock cover, dedicated to the local area around Wellesbourne, with five Community Paramedics and a rapid response vehicle based at a specialist response post at Wellesbourne Airfield. The five specially trained staff have been providing 24/7 emergency cover since early September, dealing with up to ten calls per shift. Wellesbourne Aerodrome Manager, Michael Littler, said: "We are extremely pleased with this collaboration with the Ambulance Service. It has already proved to be a great benefit to the local community. We look forward to a long-standing relationship with the paramedics who are based here and hope they feel welcome on site in their Community Response Post." Martyn Scott, WMAS Area Manager for Warwickshire said: "I would like to thank Michael and the team at Wellesbourne Airfield for making the process of setting up the Response Post extremely simple and straightforward. We know the local community will appreciate having paramedics located nearby in a dedicated Response Post." Community Paramedics are able to respond rapidly, delivering A&E skills to the patient, prior to taking them to an A&E unit if necessary. In addition to attending medical emergencies, they will work closely with GPs and district nurses on optimum medical care for the local residents. The emergency service is accessed by dialling "999" as usual. Further details are available from John Hawker, Senior Press Officer, West Midlands Ambulance Service, 01384 246 496.

MS

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

February is traditionally a quiet time for the Lions but, behind the scenes, there is plenty of activity with Lions helping out wherever they can in the local community. I am extremely pleased to be able to report that Santa's Christmas float raised over £5,000 this year, which will be shared amongst the local charities which participated. This is over £200 more than last year, which is particularly pleasing considering the difficult economic times we find ourselves in. Once again, many thanks on behalf of the Lions and all of the participating charities for your wonderful generosity. Traditionally at this time of year I like to make an appeal for new members, both men and women. 2012 was extremely successful in terms of recruitment of new Lions, when we welcomed five new members. With our increased numbers we have had to relocate to larger premises and now meet on every second and fourth Monday at 8.00pm at the 'Connie Club' in Wellesbourne. If you are interested in serving your local community and enjoy social events then joining Lions International could be for you. If you would like to find out more, please ring me on 01789 841939 for more information. I would also like to remind everybody that the Lions have a quality minibus for hire to organisations in the district. For more information on the minibus, please call Lion Paul Gibson on 01789 841730. **AS**



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Helen Sill, our new President, welcomed everyone to the January meeting, wishing them a Happy New Year. The speaker, Ted Poole from Wellesbourne, calling himself a Bogologist due to his profession as an inspector for 'Loo of the Year Awards'. His talk recounted his experiences during his years as a judge, inspecting public toilets around the country. He spoke enthusiastically, causing much hilarity by recounting stories and explaining how the awards were assessed each year. It was also interesting to hear how he had travelled to the World Toilet Congress in Belfast where 50 nations attended. It was a most entertaining talk, and he even described the correct household chemicals with which to clean a toilet! The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6 February, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm when we shall welcome Roger Butler, who will give a talk entitled "The Magic of Morocco". **KCI**

Loxley WI



Attendance at the AGM on 13 December was disappointing, no doubt due to the weather conditions, widespread coughs and colds, and the proximity to Christmas. For 2013 the AGM will be held in November, so no excuses! Our secretary, Kate Gabriel, reviewed a year of very interesting speakers and enjoyable outings, and our President, Margaret Buckingham whetted our appetite for the 2013 programme, which promises to be equally varied and entertaining. There were no changes to the committee for the coming year. Business was followed by a spread of delicious Christmas fare. On 10 January we held our annual seasonal party with a very enjoyable evening at the Houndshill, with candles, crackers, and good company. The next meeting will be held on 14 February at 7.30 pm in Loxley School when we shall hear a talk by Jane Start about "Perfume". New members are always welcome. **MLC**



A Winter's Tail!

the Shakespeare Second Folio. In the grounds, snowdrops and hellebores are in flower and the willow sculptures are still in the park. Enquire at the reception desk about the "Rambles with a Ranger" walks and learn more about the park in spring. At half term there will be "cuddly critters" hiding in many of the rooms for children to spot. **SF**

Charlecote Park

The New Year has brought longer opening hours at Charlecote Park. Not only will the park, gardens and outbuildings be open every day from 10.00am until 5.30pm, but the restaurant, shop and Victorian kitchen will be open daily from 10.30am until 5.00pm. From 9 February until 22 March the house itself will open, for limited viewing, every day except Wednesday, from 12.00 noon until 3.30pm. Visitors at the end of last season will know that the electricians have been busy re-wiring. Consequently, many of the household items were removed from their normal places and put away for safety but things are now almost back to normal. Some of the books from the library are on display in the billiard room, and this is a rare chance to view

The next **Grapevine** will be the March edition. The copy deadline will be **Sunday, 10 February**. It will be published on the village websites on 18 February, with printed copies delivered some time after 22 February. (Ed.)

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Our Mince Pies - Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School & Nursery



On Sunday, 16 December, the Holy Communion Group went in to Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School & Nursery to make mince pies for the Leamington Christian Mission, a voluntary organisation run by Steff and Geoff which helps people and families in Leamington who are homeless, or find themselves in situations where they need help. One hundred mince pies were made, so a hundred people would get a mince pie and a bowl of soup from Steff and Geoff's van when they distribute food during the week. Previously, the Holy Communion Group collected clothes, soap, tinned food and household consumables for the charity. The group includes ten children: Cameron, Henry, Oliver, Alistair, Jake, Thea, Phoebe, Lissy, Maisie and Ben. It just took an hour to make the mince pies, but everyone had great fun whilst, at the same time helping the homeless.

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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, 5th February at 10.30am.
All ladies will be welcome

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet at The Boar's Head,
Thursday, 7 February at 11.30am
All 'Lads' at heart are very welcome

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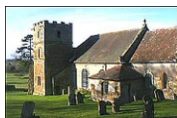
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Church Services

February - 2013

3 February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
10 February	The Sunday Next Before Lent		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
13 February	Ash Wednesday		
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
17 February	The First Sunday of Lent		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
24 February	The Second Sunday of Lent		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary February - 2013

- Sat 2 **Alistair's Famous Auction**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. **Notice Board**
- Tues 5 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. **Notice Board**
- Tues 5 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 6 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 6 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Page 4.**
- Thur 7 **The Lucy Lads**, meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board**
- Sun 10 Copy deadline for the March edition of the Grapevine.**
- Mon 11 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm. **Page 4.**
- Tues 12 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**)
- Tues 12 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 13 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Thur 14 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm. **Page 4.**
- Thur 14 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm.
- 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.
- Mon 25 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm. **Page 4.**
- Tues 26 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 27 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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