



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND
LOXLEY PARISHES

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Pedal Power at Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery

As part of the on-going 'Olympic Legacy', a coach from the British Cycling Federation came to the school to organise a number of cycling sessions with the children from Class 4. The bicycles and helmets were all provided, enabling all of the children to take part and to improve their cycling skills. Despite the cold and wet weather the children enjoyed the sessions greatly and, at the end of the day, were each presented with a 'goodie bag' and a certificate to show that they had finished the course. EF

Could this be the first ever press photograph of the next Victoria Pendleton or Sir Bradley Wiggins?



.....and also Sports Hall Athletics



...I'm the captain! You run that way!

On Wednesday, 30 January, Class 4 also took part in an inter-school athletics competition at Kineton High School. This involved competing in a range of running, jumping and throwing exercises, at the end of which the children from Hampton Lucy School finished in a very creditable 4th position overall. EF

The Hampton Lucy Holy Communion Group meet Steff and Geoff



*The children at their meeting with Steff and Geoff of
the Leamington Christian Group*

On Sunday, 10 February, the Holy Communion Group met at school to hear a talk by Steff and Geoff from the Leamington Christian Mission. The children were very interested to learn how the LCM helps the homeless and needy of the town, and asked lots of questions. It was a very informative afternoon. *(See the item on the back page, written by Rev'd Cathy Davies ... Ed)* SA

The Hampton Lucy 'Nibbles and Knowledge' Quiz Night

The Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee is delighted to announce the first 'Nibbles and Knowledge Quiz' in the village hall on Friday, 1 March, starting at 7.30 pm. This will be a light-hearted evening to suit all ages and varying levels of senility. *(You may say that, Eddie - I couldn't possibly comment...Ed)*. Topics will be Music, History, Science and Nature, Sports, Geography, Local Interest, and Art and Literature. Teams of four are invited to sign up; larger family or special interest groups may be allowed at the Question Master's discretion. There will be nibbles and a bar available. Tickets, at £5 each, from the committee members or by calling Huw or Jackie on 01789 841155. EH



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Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday, eagerly awaiting my annual feast of pancakes later today. I am also aware that in places like Rio de Janeiro and Port of Spain amongst others, they will probably have been partying for the last two days. I once had the pleasure of being in Port of Spain for Carnival and it was an amazing experience. People had spent most of the year since the previous Carnival planning and preparing their carnival costumes and music and it all made for a spectacular two days of festivities. But at midnight on the Tuesday evening it all stopped as Ash Wednesday and therefore the Christian season of Lent began.

In our own small way, here in Britain, Christians celebrate on Shrove Tuesday and then begin Lent in a much more serious way on Ash Wednesday. Many people will decide to give something up for Lent: chocolate, wine, or whatever. (Interestingly 'carnival' actually means "farewell to meat" because people would sometimes give up meat for Lent or for parts of Lent.) What is that all about?

For Christians, Lent is the time leading up to Easter –

one of the two great celebrations of the year – and so the time before that Festival is a time for making a particular effort to focus on God. We give up something that we enjoy but which is really rather trivial in order to practice seeing things in their true perspective and having more control of our desires. Some people go a bit further by giving something up and sending what they would have spent on that to a worthy charity. Others may look more deeply at their lives and try to give up some habit or trait by which they feel they let themselves or God down.

On the other hand some people may also take something up for Lent. Study groups often take place during Lent. Some people join those or make an effort to spend more time reading their Bible or praying.

I decided to write about this because sometimes people who don't go to Church are interested in spirituality and may find something in these ancient traditions. So although by the time this appears Lent will have begun, it will still not be too late to join in. New beginnings can be valuable whenever they start.

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.



The 3P Prayer Group

The 3P Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 14 March, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation. *(Sincere apologies for the incorrect dates being given in last month's Grapevine - my fault!...Ed.)*

NS

Carers 4 Carers

Do you look after a friend or a relative who is ill, disabled or frail and are not paid to do so? Then you are a carer. 'Carers 4 Carers' is a self-help support group run by carers for carers. It was set up last November to support carers living in Kinton and the surrounding villages and countryside for whom travelling to Guideposts Trust meetings in Leamington, Stratford or Southam can be difficult. If you are a carer, your cared-for person is now in residential care or you have ceased your caring role in the last two years this group is for you. It may also be of interest to those who may become carers in the near future. Caring can be a wonderful, enriching experience but it can also be isolating, depressing and lead to poor health. At our monthly meetings we provide much-needed time for coffee and chat, followed by a speaker or workshop. On 22 March, *(see Diary Page)*, we will be visited by Jeremy Wright, MP for Kenilworth and Southam. This will be an opportunity to learn about the government's policy on carers and caring and also pass on some of our thoughts and concerns. Meetings are held at Kinton Methodist Church Hall between 10.30am and 12noon on the fourth Friday of the month. *(This venue might change later in the year)*. Contact details: E-mail: kcarers4carers@gmail.com
Telephone: Gillian Grason-Smith on 01926 640203; Website: www.carers4carers.blogspot.co.uk

GG-S

From the Registers

Funerals:	Oakley Wood	24 January	Anne Conchar
	Loxley	5 February	Winifred Eileen 'Babs' Waine

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



Firstly, advance information about this year's raft race which will take place on Sunday, 23 June. A new dedicated website has just been launched for this very popular event: www.rafrace.org.uk The race will start at 9.00am at Wasperton and finish by The Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon, completing a course of around 7 miles, including two challenging weirs. There will be different classes of rafts, ranging from 'Formula 1' for the experts, to 'Survivor Class' for those who just want to participate in this fun event. Refreshments will be available at the start and at the finishing line. Please think about taking part and helping to raise money for local charities, including this year's main sponsor: 'Dogs for the Disabled', a very worthy cause. Full details are on the new website. The next young people's disco will take place on Friday, 8 March, from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in Wellesbourne Village Hall. There is no need to purchase tickets in advance and entry is only £1.00. There will be prizes, and snacks and soft drinks will be available at very reasonable prices. There will also be a large team (*pride?... Ed.*) of Lions on duty. Do spread the word and, if you have children aged 11 to 15, see if you can persuade them to join us. Also, look out for our giant Easter Eggs, which will be placed in many local venues. These eggs will be raffled, so please help us by participating. Proceeds will go to local charities. The Lions would particularly like to thank the pubs, restaurants and other businesses that have kindly agreed to participate.

AS

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 14 Feb, June Stait gave a most interesting talk on the world of perfume. Quality perfume is expensive due to the rarity of its constituents. Frankincense, derived from a tree sap, was the earliest known perfume, and literally worth its weight in gold. Similarly, Civet is derived from north African cats, musk from the asian male Musk Deer, ambergris from whales, and sandalwood from sixty year-old trees, to name but a few. Initially perfumes were essential oils produced from flowers and London's oldest supplier, Floris, supplied lavender way back in 1750. Eau de Cologne originated in Cologne and '4711' was the number of the house where a fragrance called 'Miracle Water' was produced. With her wonderful collection of perfume bottles, June took us through the history of 20th Century perfumery, from Coty's famous L'Aimant, the first to use a synthetic fragrance, Estée Lauder, Chanel, ('No 5' is a hundred years old!) and Nina Ricci, right up to today's endless launch of new and ephemeral fragrances...here today, gone tomorrow. Finally, we were given two tips. Firstly, when dining out, never wear strong perfume that could spoil the aroma and taste of good food. Secondly, don't expect your perfume to last for more than three years, less if exposed to air and sunlight, so store it carefully and be fragrant! The next meeting will be held, as usual, at Loxley School on Thursday, 14 March, at 7.30 pm, when Marianne Wright will talk about Reflexology.

MLC

...and for our observant Grapevine readers...

A section of the hedge on the left along the road between Charlecote and the A429 has become very thin and poor. We have set about improving it. The better trees have been left, others have been coppiced, which entails cutting them back hard to encourage new growth, and the empty spaces will be filled with quick-thorn. The end result, in a few year's time, should be a good strong hedge in place of the present untidy, straggling one.

SL

'Charity' Recycling Scams

In addition to the theft of charity recycling bags from doorsteps, Warwickshire Trading Standards warns that illegal operators are now placing recycling bins for the collection of used clothing at, or near to, established recycling collection sites. If you are suspicious or have reason to suspect that the bins are not legitimate, please call: 08454 040506.

Warwickshire Trading Standards

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At the February meeting, Roger Butler gave a fascinating talk on the 'Magic of Morocco'. Morocco is situated on the northeast coast of Africa and is probably the nearest country to Britain that is geographically and culturally completely different from our own. This was demonstrated by his beautiful slides. The photographs transported us back to Biblical times. The countryside and style of dress appeared to have changed little over hundreds of years. The landscape is dry and scrubby with distant views of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains, but there were colourful markets in the towns where camels are traded daily, along with produce of fruit, vegetables, spices and exotic rugs. He described it as a male-dominated society, although the women clearly work hard cultivating the land and harvesting the crops. It had all the appearance of a country in which time appears to have stood still. The next meeting will be in Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 6 March at 7.30pm, when Rob Eyre will talk on "The History of the County of Warwick". Visitors and prospective new members are always most welcome.

KCI

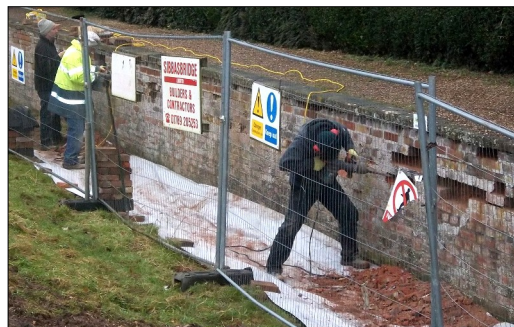
Going, Going, Gone...

It was 'standing room only' in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 2 February, for 'Ali's Famous Table-Top Auction'. Almost ninety lots were on offer, with something for everyone, ranging from tea sets and books to a superb hand-made kayak. Nearly all of the lots were sold and the magnificent sum of £763.50 was raised for St Peter ad Vincula Church funds. Special thanks from the PCC go to Ali for his hard work in organising things beforehand, and his sterling work as auctioneer during the evening. After the dust had settled, Ali said, "I would like to personally thank all of those who worked so hard to make the event such a success. I must particularly thank Alison, who helped me to run the auction from the stage, Helen Sill and her friends who provided the refreshments, Brian and Janet who kept track of the sales (and the money), Chris and Diana who manned the door, and Jeremy, the sale-room 'porter' for the evening. "Thank you" to all of the generous bidders and, of course, to everyone else who helped in any way."

JT-S

Charlecote Park

Winter work by electricians, house staff and volunteers has been largely completed and Charlecote House re-opened in February with the Great Hall spick and span, and books from the library on display in the billiard room. Outside, regular work in the park has continued, and major work is still being done on the ha-ha, a section of which collapsed after very heavy rain towards the end of last season. The ha-ha was built in the mid 18th Century as part of Capability Brown's alterations to the park and was designed to keep the deer away from the cedar lawn and terrace - a function it still fulfils. On Tuesday, 12 March, you can join the ranger on the daily Park Check at 9.00am to check livestock and the deer sanctuary. (£5 - booking essential). A half day



Photography Workshop on Tuesday, 19 March will help you to record the 'wow' factor of Charlecote (£20 - booking essential). From Friday, 29 March, to Monday, 1 April, a number of special Easter events begin, including the Easter Trail. There are also some extra activities sponsored by Cadbury on the Sunday and Monday. Don't forget to visit the shop! For further information, please call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote SF

Can you help?



Girl guiding in the Wellesbourne District is in need of help to provide Guiding for all of the girls on our waiting lists. We need Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Leaders, and helpers to keep some of our units running. If you have a good sense of fun, skills to share with children and a little spare time then this is the volunteering opportunity for you. Full training and support will be given. The units that we need help with are Alveston Rainbows, 2nd Wellesbourne Rainbows, 2nd Wellesbourne Brownies and Wellesbourne Guides.

Please contact Division Secretary Liz Walker on 01789 840136 or e-mail: liz.walker10@btinternet.com LW

For your diary - March 2013

- Fri 1 **Hampton Lucy 'Nibbles and Knowledge'** the village hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board** and **front page**.
 - 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**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Page 3**.
 - Thur 7 **The Lucy Lads**, meet by The Boar's Head for a visit to British Gas, details TBA, **Notice Board**.
 - Sat 9 **SHN Therapy Day**, 10.30am, Soulstream Arts, Birmingham House, Shipston on Stour, Tel: 01608 664972.
 - Sun 10 Copy deadline for the March edition of the Grapevine.**
 - Mon 11 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **see page 3**.
 - Tues 12 **'Park Check' with the Ranger**, 9.00am, Charlecote Park, booking essential, £5.00, **see 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.
 - Wed 13 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, will meet in the village Hall, 7.30pm, all residents welcome.
 - Thur 14 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm. **Page 3**.
 - Thur 14 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm.
 - Thur 14 **SHN Fashion Show by Justina**, Walton Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, **Notice Board**
 - Tues 19 **Photographic Workshop**, Charlecote Park, booking essential, £20, **see page 4**.
 - 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.
 - Fri 22 **Carers 4 Carers**, 10.30am to 12.00noon. Kineton Village Hall, **see page 3**.
 - Mon 25 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm. **see page 3**.
 - 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.
 - Fri 29 **Start of Easter activities and children's events sponsored by Cadbury**, Charlecote Park, **see above**.
 - Sun 31 **Charlecote Mill Open Day, (also Monday, 1 April)** 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- Advance Notice: Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield Open Day, Sunday May 5, details later.

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

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Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 5th March at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet by The Boar's Head, 10.00am approx.,
Thursday, 7 March, for a visit to British Gas.

Maximum 10 - first come first served.

Times and details later. Call 470911 to book.

Hampton Lucy Nibbles and Knowledge Night

in the Village Hall

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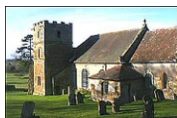
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Church Services

March - 2013

1 March	Women's World Day of Prayer		
2.00pm	Scout Hut		
7.30pm	Barford		
3 March	The Third Sunday of Lent		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
10 March	The Fourth Sunday of Lent		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Mothering Sunday Family Service	
11.00am	Loxley	Mothering Sunday	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
17 March	The Fifth Sunday of Lent		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	
24 March	The Sixth Sunday of Lent		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
28 March	Maundy Thursday		
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
29 March	Good Friday		
10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Hot Cross Bun Service	
2.00pm	Charlecote	Meditation	
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Stainers Crucifixion with The Festival Singers	
31 March	The First Sunday of Easter - Easter Day		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
10.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW

Mothering Sunday Family Service

Sunday, 10 March, 9.30am in St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy.

Toys, Toys, Toys, Toys.....

This year, as well as celebrating our amazing Mums and saying thank you to them, we'll be supporting Leamington Christian Mission, who work with families that are either homeless or on the verge of homelessness. On a recent visit, we found out that LMC collect and wrap 6,000 Christmas presents each year, starting in January! So please bring along an unwanted gift, (new or as good as new), so that we can wrap it and send it to LMC to really light up a child's Christmas Day.

Rev'd CD

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