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Building Proposals in Hampton Lucy - Miss Creak Sells Land To Developers



Photograph: Jeremy Whyman

Hampton Lucy - Spring 2010 - viewed from the northwest

Charles Church Homes has acquired an interest in land owned by Miss Creak in Hampton Lucy with a view to developing it for housing. The site occupies the triangular field bounded by houses along Stratford Road, The Close and The Langlands, with access through the present entrance opposite the Hampton Lucy village sign, as indicated above. There are, as yet, no specific plans available, but the Parish Council understands that the development could include some thirty five properties, comprising two, three and four bedroom semi-detached and detached houses, including a proportion of 'affordable homes' which would be managed by a housing association. The PC has taken the advice of experienced planning officers at Stratford-on-Avon District Council and, whilst in the first instance there is no doubt that we would all prefer no development of this type, the informed opinion is that, under current planning guidelines from Government and the Dispersal Policy, SDC would almost certainly support a planning application for development on this site. The PC have been approached by the builders to discuss their proposals, being mindful of the rural environment, the number of homes relative to the current size of the village, the impact that such a development could have on the community, and the requirements for affordable housing specific to Hampton Lucy. There are other key factors to be

taken into account, such as foul water drainage, light and noise pollution and traffic access, etc. The PC will therefore be making detailed submissions to Charles Church Homes, based both on local information and on advice received, in order to ensure that the community is able to make a positive input before detailed plans are drawn up. For their part, Charles Church has offered to present the proposals and outline plans at an exhibition in the Village Hall on Thursday, 9 May from 1.00pm to 6.30pm, when all residents will be invited to discuss them and make their own observations and comments in writing. These will also be made available to the Parish Council. The community will then have the necessary information to be able to form a view. The PC is acutely aware that this is a huge issue for the village and will, of course, be receptive to all views expressed. On the positive side, Councillors are confident that, if we can work effectively with Charles Church Homes, and if the issues involved are handled sensitively, it may well be possible to tailor the development to suit both sides, with significant benefits to be gained for the village. It is worth bearing in mind, if reaction to any proposals is simply negative, there is a real risk that a different applicant could get approval without any reference to the needs of the community. Residents will be kept fully informed on progress. **Hampton Lucy PC**

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



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Dear Friends

On a number of different occasions recently, sometimes with other clergy, sometimes with church people, sometimes with people who don't attend church, I have found myself discussing why some people go to church and others not; why in some countries, such as the USA, or in South America or Africa, lots of people go to church while in other places, UK, Europe for example, much smaller numbers do; or why even within those countries some Churches are well-attended and others not.

There are probably a whole range of factors which are responsible for this. Certainly, at one time, there was a sense in this country that going to church was a socially accepted norm for many people. I came in only at the end of that time and it doesn't bother me at all that that is no longer the case, although it must have made it easier to raise the money to keep our churches up and pay the bills. I am actually rather delighted that the people who now come do so because they choose freely to do so; because Christian faith matters to them; because they want to find out more about the Being who created them and everything that is.

Compared with fifty years ago, there are many more things for people to do on Sundays than there used to be. Again, this doesn't bother me because I know that last Sunday I wouldn't have gone to a 9.30am service if

I wasn't the vicar. I would have stayed home and watched the end of the Chinese Grand Prix. However, I also know I *would* have gone to an 11.00am service somewhere, when the race was over, and that therefore other people will find ways to get to church, despite all the other possibilities, if they really want to.

It doesn't even bother me particularly that people are not coming to church to learn about Christian values because many people who don't come to church live very morally responsible and caring lives.

So, what does bother me about the relatively low numbers who attend in our country? What really bothers me is the sense that we in the Christian church have not adequately communicated how exciting it is to believe in God; to have a sense of being truly loved by the source of all life and love; or how helpful it is to realise that, when life is difficult, we can look to God for help (grace) to rise above ourselves or to overcome the challenges that life throws at us. The central claim of Christianity is that through the death and the resurrection of Jesus God offers us *eternal* life. That is both a challenge to the church to communicate it and an invitation to everyone else to come and discover the truth of it for themselves.

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, 16 May, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation.

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Nature Conservation in Charlecote

By the time you read this it will be May, hopefully spring will have arrived and the birds will be nesting. We are very proud that, according to the RSPB, Thelsford Farm has a greater diversity of wild birds than any other farm in Warwickshire. To keep it this way we need your help. Those tempting grassy margins which surround most fields are, in fact, conservation headlands. They harbour seed-producing plants, attract insect life and are a food resource and refuge for birds and small mammals. Retaining them encourages more wildlife, and birds in particular. If you walk along them with your dog, even if it is on a lead, ground-nesting birds, such as the skylark, (*pictured*), will be disturbed, and perching birds will be deterred from nesting nearby. We are glad you enjoy the beautiful countryside, but would be enormously grateful if you kept to the public footpaths and prevented your dog from roaming far and wide.



Skylark, *Alauda arvensis*

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Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



Spring has finally arrived after a dismal March and an icy cold early April. The Lions are now starting to think about our summer events and the biggest event of our calendar, the raft race, is getting closer. As announced in the April Grapevine, the race will be take place on Sunday, 23 June, starting at 9.00 am at Wasperton, and early signs are encouraging with rafts signing up for the big day. A dedicated web site gives full details of this very popular event at www.rafrace.org.uk and you can sponsor a raft or make a donation online. Refreshments will be available at both the start and at the end of the race. Please support us by either participating or coming along as a spectator. A big "thank you" goes to NFU for their generous sponsorship towards provision of safety crews. We are excited to announce the return of our Rural Fayre which will take place at Wellesbourne Watermill on Sunday, 1 September. More details in a later edition of The Grapevine but make a note of the date! Finally, I said I would let you know how much our giant Easter Eggs Raffle raised. A fantastic £1,505.94 will all go to local charities! "Thank you" to all of the businesses who participated and to everybody who bought tickets. **AS**

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Our Women's Institute branch celebrated its 94th birthday at the April Meeting in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Although not the traditional party as in previous years, it was nevertheless a lively evening. Speaker Marianne Griffiths demonstrated the technique of Reflexology, which she became interested in when her husband was diagnosed with poorly feet. This technique of foot manipulation dates back to the ancient Egyptians and works through points on the feet that correspond to other areas of the body, improving circulation and relieving minor ailments. Alison Edwards enjoyed being the model for a demonstration and relaxed to the point of almost falling asleep. The evening concluded with coffee and a beautiful birthday cake made by Judy Worsley and expertly cut by Suzanne Johns. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 1 May, when the Resolutions will be discussed. There will also be a nostalgic look at a DVD of 'The End of the Century Pageant' staged by the WI in 1999. **KCI**

Charlecote Park

Spring definitely arrived at Charlecote in April when the first of the Jacobs lambs were born. Further arrivals are anticipated in early May and visitors participating in one of the regular free Park Walks may well be able to see them. Restoration work continues on the wall of the ha-ha near the Orangery and, while the season may be a little late due to the unusually prolonged cold weather, the garden is showing great promise. There is still a chance to book a place on the 'Food and Flora' event on Friday, 17 May, which will start with a garden tour at 7.00pm and end with a special three course meal in the restaurant (£20). Also available are places on the photography events with a half day on Sunday, 5 May (£20), or a full day on Wednesday, 29 May (£40), while also on 29 May there is a special "Young Shoots" full day for 8-13 year old photographers (£40). All must be booked in advance. For further information you can visit the website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote or call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277. **SF**

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 11 April, Lesley Head, a London tour guide who also leads tours in The Midlands, entertained us with charm and grace as she shared her experiences. As can be imagined, the constant dealing with coach-loads of visitors of various nationalities has given rise to many hilarious situations over the years, and it was very obvious that her job entails the acquisition of an enormous amount of detailed knowledge in so many different fields - art galleries, museums, historical sites and buildings, and great churches. We all greatly enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk. Our next meeting, on Thursday, 9 May, will be a joint meeting with Ashorne WI in Ashorne Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. This is the annual Resolutions Meeting. The subject to be debated this year is "The Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres", looking at the damaging effect that this is having on local communities. The debate will be followed by a vote, the results of which are then sent to WI Headquarters, with all of the other votes nationwide. Loxley WI will be helping to host the meeting. Ashorne WI always extends a warm welcome to us and we look forward to an enjoyable evening. **MLC**

Hampton Lucy CoE Primary School and Nursery



Jude, Clare, Rose and Lissy

Towards the end of last term we organised an assembly on 'Dogs for the Disabled'. Clare and Jude, who are puppy socializers, brought along 'Tamsin', the puppy in the photograph, and told us all about the charity and how the dogs make such a difference to people with disabilities. We are going to help to raise some money for them by holding a 'No School Uniform' day plus a 'Guess the Name of the Puppy' competition. We are also collecting used stamps and there is a box for them in the entrance hall of the school. Thank you, in anticipation, for your help! **LA and RA**

Stand By Your Brooms!

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee are calling for 'all hands on deck' for the annual Village Hall Spring Clean, now renamed the Mid-Summer Clean, which will be held on Saturday, 1 June, at 09.30am. Everyone who can spare an hour or so will be most welcome to join us for this annual ritual. Jackie Williams will, as ever, be on hand to provide cups of tea and to mop the odd fevered brow. There is also little doubt there will be time to visit The Boar's Head afterwards. **EH**

1400 to 1900 - Five Hundred Years of Italian Art at Compton Verney



'The Triumph of Galatea' by Andrea Casali, (c.1740 - 1765)

Continuing with their mission to bring high quality exhibitions of artistic masterpieces to Warwickshire, Compton Verney is currently hosting a collection of over forty fine Italian paintings, beginning in the 15th century with exquisite works by Bellini and Botticelli, followed by the beautiful and delicate 16th century skills of Titian and Veneto, on into the 18th Century with a magnificent painting entitled 'Triumph of Galatea' by Casali, and, finally, to the late 19th century, illustrating the further development of artistic techniques under the delicate brush strokes of Luiga da Rios, Guardi and Andreotti. The exhibition is just part of a superb collection created by The City of Glasgow and whets the appetite for more! The designers have allowed a generous amount of space for the paintings and, by colouring the gallery walls as a rich, crimson backdrop, emphasise the gilding and vibrant colours of these old masters to great effect. The high ceilings of the gallery enhance the sense of grandeur and the

AJW

Global Warming Hits Hampton Lucy Plant Sale

The unseasonably cold weather has prevented the 3000 + plants gathered for this year's sale from growing on. As a result, the date of the Plant Sale has been changed to Saturday, 18 May, at 9.00am when we hope it will be a lot warmer with all things bright and beautiful! Huw Williams is, as ever, working round the clock to ensure that we have another great sale and would appreciate offers from anyone who can offer some greenhouse space or room in their conservatory to bring on some seedlings. As usual, we shall need volunteers on the day to help with setting up the sale and ferrying our customer's purchases to their cars. Jackie would also appreciate help with serving teas and cakes in the village hall. The Hampton Lucy Plant Sale is one of three major sources of income for the village hall and we look forward to support from the whole community. My mother describes it as 'bucolic' and our boys call it 'village' but, in reality, these Hampton Lucy occasions are rural highlights in an age where almost everything else is available 'online'. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Huw, Jackie, Carolyn, Mel, Helen and Eddie...VHMC

Stop Press! - Loxley Spring Fete

Loxley School
Spring Fete and Picnic in the Park

Saturday, 18 May, from 2.00pm

Loxley Playing Field

Fun dog show - Entry £1 per class

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Charlecote Website is Back!

The Charlecote website is up and running again but still undergoing some development, so please be patient. The e-address is: www.charlecote.org.uk

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**Hampton Lucy
Ladies Coffee and Cakes**
Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 7 May at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"
will visit Jaguar Cars, Castle Bromwich
on Thursday, 2 May,
Meet in The Boar's Head at 11.30am.
Pre-booking is essential for this one! Call 470911



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Hampton Lucy Village Hall



Plant and Produce Sale
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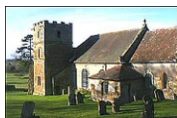
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Church Services

May - 2013

5 May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

9 May

Ascension Day

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| 7.30pm | Charlecote | Holy Communion | CW |
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with The Festival Singers

12 May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

19 May

The Day of Pentecost

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

26 May

Trinity Sunday

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

For your diary - May 2013

- Tues 30 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 1 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Village Hall,, 7.30pm, **page 3**.
- Thur 2 **'The Lucy Lads' visit Jaguar Cars**, meet 11.30am, **Notice Board**.
- Sun 5 **Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day**, 10.00am to 4.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- Sun 5 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- Mon 6 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**.
- Tues 7 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. **Notice Board**.
- Tues 7 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 8 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 8 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council Meeting**, in the Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Thur 9 **Charles Church Presentation**, HL Village Hall, 1.00pm to 6.30pm, **page 1**.
- Thur 9 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm, **page 3**.
- Fri 10 **Copy deadline for the May edition of The Grapevine**.
- Mon 13 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
- Tues 14 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, **(visit website)**.
- Tues 14 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 15 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Thur 16 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.30pm for 7.45pm
- Sat 18 **Hampton Lucy Annual Village Plant Sale**, HL Village Hall, **page 4**.
- Sat 18 **Loxley School Spring Fete**, Loxley Playing Field, form 2.00pm, **page 4**.
- Tues 21 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 22 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Mon 27 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm. **page 3**.
- Tues 28 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 29 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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