



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Hampton Lucy Summer Barbecue



Huw and Jackie Williams, les chefs du jour.

Hampton Lucy's village barbecue on Saturday, 31 August, at Tudor Cottage, gave everyone the opportunity for a get-together in the late summer sunshine. Huw spent several hours cooking the sausages, burgers and chicken kebabs, Ali came with a stall providing all kinds of garden implements, the 'Made in Hampton Lucy' stall was brimming over with produce and cakes, and the children enjoyed a treasure hunt organised by Maurice, alias The Pied Piper! Grateful thanks go to all who helped to make this a most enjoyable occasion, which raised £525.00 for church funds. **JT-S**

'The Lads', out and about once again!

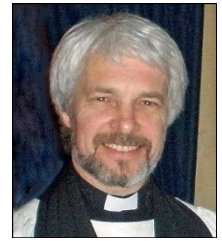
A group of thirteen 'Lucy Lads' visited the Morgan factory in Malvern on Thursday, 5 September. Fortified by an excellent lunch at a nearby hostelry, we were met by our guide, Martyn Webb. His experience as the Morgan archivist showed with his historical knowledge and enthusiastic explanations. The company, which is still family-owned, celebrated its centenary in 2009 and has been located on its present site for ninety-nine years. They produce twenty-five cars per week, of which almost half are the recently re-introduced and updated version of the classic three-wheeler. We were shown all of the on-site production processes, apart from the paint shop! These included the manufacture of the traditional ash wood frames and the fitting of the aluminium body panels. We visited the body panel



Photograph: Ken Cockshull

workshops, the assembly bay, saw the fitting of the electronics, and the trimming department for the leather upholstery and hood. Although the engines, gearboxes and chassis are bought in, it was good to see the traditional craft skills that are still employed, the key to the success of a business which exports about seventy-five per cent of its production. Our thanks go to Brian Buckley, who booked the tour, and to Ken Cockshull for looking after the detailed arrangements of the visit. The sales department have not disclosed how many orders they took! **MW**

The Parish Letter



Dear Friends,

At this time last year I was on my sabbatical and, during that, I walked part of one of the old pilgrim routes to Santiago de Compostella. In doing so, I discovered that there are several of these and that one of them, the old English pilgrim route, is only 70 miles long. It runs from Ferrol on the north coast of Spain almost directly south to Santiago. Having reflected on it, Sue and I decided that we would like to try to do it one day and, as we are not getting any younger, we said that we would go back this year and walk it, we hope, in seven days. So between the time of writing this and its being published I hope we shall have succeeded in finishing the walk. If we do, we will arrive in Santiago on the eve of the Feast of Saint Matthew, the Evangelist.

People make pilgrimages for many reasons, not all of them religious. I hope I will enjoy the scenery, the company (we are going in a small group of people and will no doubt meet others on the way), the exercise, the places where we shall stop en route and, I hope, a sense of achievement in arriving at the magnificent cathedral in Santiago, having walked

there on the same route that Christians from this country have followed for hundreds of years. My wife is also being sponsored by people to raise money for the Royal Marsden cancer charity - previously nominated by a friend who sadly died of cancer at the end of August.

Pilgrimages are also, however, symbolic of the journey we all make through life. Both have their ups and downs, their twists and turns. But in life I think we sometimes busy ourselves in a way that spares us from thinking too much about what we are doing with our lives and how. In my pilgrimage I hope that moving away from home and work, if not from my family - my sister will be walking too, will be an opportunity to reflect on my own journey through life with God. From the point of view of my personal spirituality, I think it could be very important in that way. No doubt I will have more to say about it after I have tried to do it.

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.



Meeting Place

A group offering lively and thought-provoking discussions of faith- and life-related topics; a relaxed atmosphere with freedom to ask questions; prayerfully supportive friendships; and lots of laughter and joy! All are welcome. We meet every Thursday morning during term time, 9.45am for 10.00am, until about 11.30 a.m., usually at the home of Angela Watkins, 2 Carter Drive, Barford. If she is away we meet at the home of Chris & Alex Farr, 18 Dugard Place, Barford. If you think you might be interested, or if you want some more information, please contact Chris Farr, 01926 620117, chris_alex_farr@btinternet.com or just turn up – we don't bite!

C&A

Organ Concert in Barford

On Saturday, 12 October, at 8.00pm, Chris Farr will play organ music by Bach, Buxtehude, and Stanford on the 1884 Walker organ in St. Peter's Church, Barford. The concert will be followed by drinks and nibbles. Admission is £8.00pp which includes your first drink and the nibbles. Tickets are available in Barford Village Shop or at the door.

C&A

Kineton Food Bank

Don't forget the collection point in the porch at St Peter's, Hampton Lucy for donations to Kineton's Food Bank. Tinned food, dried goods, toiletries and consumables etc., are all needed urgently. Please be generous.

JW

Niven and Anne Conchar

Lesley, Helen and John Conchar would like to thank all of their neighbours and friends, too many to name, for their help and support over the past three years. Niven and Anne, who both passed away recently, lived in Hampton Lucy with their family for over thirty years and the children grew up there. They were both very much part of the community, Niven having served as a Parish Councillor and Anne was a member of the WI. Thank you to everyone. LC

From the Registers

Baptisms	Charlecote	11 August	Isabelle Laurie McCabe
		11 August	Millie Jacqueline McCabe
		8 September	Lauren Ellen Bunyard
		18 August	Frederick Charles Barclay Askew
Weddings	Hampton Lucy	24 August	Craig Mosey and Marie Chinn
		24 August	Matthew Davis and Nicky Feltham

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The 'Magic and Mystery Show, with Mel Harvey, will take place on Friday, 11 October, at Kineton Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and tickets are just £12.50, which includes a paté and cheese supper with dessert. There will be a licenced bar. The main beneficiary will be 'Parkinsons UK'. Tickets are available from Lion Charles Williams on 07590 387204, Lion Max Down on 01789 841567, Lion Vic Horton on 01926 640329 or call our 24-hour ticket line on 01789 868225. Our 'Lion Racing Evening' will be held on the following Saturday evening, 19 October, at Barford Village Hall. This is a fun evening in memory of Paul Hunt, and we will be raising money for leukaemia and lymphoma research. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. A two-course supper will be provided and, 'hic..!', there will be another licensed bar! Tickets are £10, available from Lion Rod Scott on 01926 624434. Finally, amazingly, it's that time of year again and I would like to offer local charities the opportunity to get involved with our Christmas floats. It is an excellent way to raise money for your charity whilst bringing smiles to the faces of our local children, (and mums and dads), as they meet Santa. We will be running two floats this year. Your charity will be allocated an evening and all we ask is that you commit to providing three or four collectors. Money collected over the period is pooled and shared equally amongst the charities involved. If you would like to be considered, please contact lion Rod Scott on 01926 624434 .



AS

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 12 September we had a talk by Simon Foster on picture restoration. He brought with him three untreated paintings to demonstrate some of the factors involved and one glimpsed how much knowledge, patience and concentration the work entails. While he was speaking, he handed round books of photographs of his work taken before and after restoration, and one was amazed at the transformation, the detail and vividness of colour revealed in the process. He touched on dealing with clients, the necessary fees, and answered our questions, and we all enjoyed this very interesting talk by an expert. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 10 October at 7.30pm, at Loxley School, when Gillian White will talk on "The Great Fire of Warwick".

MCI

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote's WI Autumn programme took off with a swing, when local playwright and performer Ginny Davis presented extracts from her one-woman plays based on modern family life. She had recently presented them at the Edinburgh Fringe and cleverly adapted them to incorporate her own life story, along with the history of crown court clothing and wigs. Having qualified and worked as a barrister before starting a family, she illustrated her talk using her own wig and cloak as props. Always having had an inclination to perform, she embarked on an acting career rather than returning to the Bar. By performing on stage, she aspired to achieve personal fulfilment, but we can all agree that she also gives enormous pleasure to others with her clever and amusing sharp-witted comedy. A brilliant evening drew to a close with a candle-lit ploughman's supper for the sixty plus members and friends who attended. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 2 October, when Liz Dobb-Smith will entertain us with 'Grandma's Stories'. All welcome.



Ginny 'Elvis' Davis and a bewigged Council for the Defence, President Helen Sill

KCI

Charlecote Park News

October at Charlecote sees a continuation of the Charlecote Deer Festival, a series of events centred around the Charlecote deer, which are now looking at their spectacular best with some beautiful antlers on display. Note the following dates: 3 October, 6.00pm – 'Deer at Dusk', a walking tour at dusk, as the animals settle. 10 October, 9.00am - 'Park Check', see the park with the Ranger before opening time. 12, 20, 21 and 22 October – 'Deer Park Safaris', a tractor-drawn ride through the deer park. 16 October – 'From Park to Plate', a 2 hour walk with the Warden to see the deer, followed by lunch in the restaurant, and a chance to sample Charlecote venison. Pre-booking and additional fees apply to each of these events and details are on the website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote or call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277. Looking further ahead, why not join the boundary walk through the Park on 3 November at 1.00pm. Inside the house there are always changes, and this year has provided a splendid opportunity for visitors to have a closer view of some of the books from the library. These will shortly be going back on the shelves, so don't forget to take a last look.

SF

A Good Summer

Local salad growers Valefreso report a much better harvest this year with sunshine and showers boosting crop yields. Directors Nick Mauro and Jo Pilades are pictured with a team harvesting small-leaved spinnach.

AJW



The next *Grapevine* will be the November edition and the copy deadline will be **Thursday, 10 October**. It will be published on the village websites by 17 October, with printed copies delivered some time after 24 October.

AJW

George Parris and The Carice Singers



The choral concert given by The Carice Singers, arranged and conducted by George Parris, on Saturday, 7 September, in St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, was a great success and a delight to experience. The beautiful voices of these young professional singers filled the church with fine music, and George's arrangements of English Romantic music showcased the work of Finzi, Warlock, Delius, Britten, Vaughan Williams and Parry at its very best. Their youthful enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment in performing, with a fine balance between the sopranos, altos, tenors and bass, was very reminiscent of the early days of Harry Christophers and 'The Sixteen', and their precise and fine tonal quality resulted in exquisite sustained chords that just melted into the fabric of the church. Each member of the choir was clearly encouraged

to perform both as an individual and as part of the group. The opening and closing pieces were beautifully accompanied on the organ by Rachel Howarth, challenging the voices with the sheer weight of music but a challenge to which they were more than equal. It was a great shame that their concert wasn't better supported, and we do hope that they will return in the near future. Following the concert, the choir spent two days at St Peter's recording a CD for the Naxos label. We wish them great success with their CD and with their musical careers.

AJW

Parish Clerk Required

Loxley Parish Council requires a Parish Clerk and Financial Officer. This is a part-time post of twenty hours per month. Computer skills, including the use of Word and Excel, together with some basic knowledge of accountancy are required. If you are interested, please contact Peter Morris, Chairman of the Parish Council, (telephone: 01789 470084), for further details about the work involved, salary, etc.

WG

Charlecote Harvest Supper

St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, is holding a Harvest Supper on Saturday October 5th at 7.30 pm in Charlecote Village Hall. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £4 for children under twelve, to include a glass of wine or soft drink. There will be food, a quiz, entertainment and a raffle. All are welcome. Tickets available from Vanessa Lewis on 01789 842552 or Suzanne Johns on 01789 840238.

VL

Stroll by the River

John and Margaret Jones, of Hatton Bank Farm, have generously agreed to continue to permit access to the path by the River Avon in Hampton Lucy for local residents and dog walkers. Alf and Elaine Rajkowski, who own the gated area which serves as the main access to the field from Bridge Street, have also kindly agreed to allow walkers through there. Please respect the area, close the gates behind you, and keep dogs under close control when there is livestock in the pasture. And 'thank you' from all of us. We can continue to enjoy its rural tranquillity.

AJW

Anyone for (Table) Tennis?

Hampton Lucy Parish Council is looking into the purchase of table tennis equipment for the village. If this interests you, please call the Parish Clerk, Mike Woodman, 841205.

AJW

Loxley C of E School Breakfast and After-School Club



New on the menu: 'wrap-around care' for children at Loxley School. Head Teacher Janet Clough said, "We are always looking at our arrangements and how we can help working families. The Breakfast Club will run from 7.55am and an After-school Club will be available up to 6.00pm. The children are excited about sharing breakfast with their friends before the school day begins."

MO

Shipston Home Nursing

This year's Armscote Manor Lecture Series will be held by kind invitation of Deborah Williams during the week commencing Monday, 7 October to Friday, 11 October, at Armscote Manor. To book for this wonderful week of lectures call 01608 682 375 or, for more details, contact www.armscotemanor.co.uk. Details from Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674 929. Proceeds to Shipston Home Nursing.

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The Charlecote website:
www.charlecote.org.uk

Hampton Lucy
Ladies' Coffee and Cakes
Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 1 October at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"
will meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy
on Thursday, 3 October at 11.30am
All lads at heart welcome!

Charlecote Village Hall
'MADE IN CHARLECOTE'
Saturday, 12th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Do come along to our Harvest Coffee Morning
Enjoy coffee and cake, and buy jams, jellies, chutneys,
cakes, scones, bread, eggs, vegetables, fruit, craft
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Church Services

October 2013

6 October	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	No service. Worshippers are invited to Charlecote for Harvest Evensong.	
6.00pm	Charlecote	Harvest Evensong	BCP
13 October	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Harvest Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00pm	Loxley	Harvest	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Harvest Evensong	BCP
20 October	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
27 October	The Last Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary - October 2013

- Tues 1 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Tues 1 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 2 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 2 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, see page 3.
- Thur 3 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Sun 6 **Charlecote Mill, Last Open Day of 2013**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**
- Mon 7 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, see page 3.
- Tues 8 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (visit website).
- Tues 8 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 9 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Thur 10 **Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**
- Thur 10 **Loxley WI**, Loxley School, 7.30pm, see page 3.
- Thur 10 **Charlecote Deer Park Check**, 9.00am, see page 3.
- Fri 11 **Lions' Magic and Mystery Evening**, Kineton Village Hall, 7.00pm. see page 3.
- Sat 12 **Organ Recital**, St Peter's Barford, 8.00pm. see page 2.
- Sat 12 **'Made in Charlecote' Coffee Morning**, 10.30am to 12.30am, **Notice Board.**
- Sat 12 **Charlecote Deer Park Safaris**, (Oct 12, 20, 21 and 22) (see page 3).
- Tues 15 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 16 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 16 **Charlecote Park 'Park to Plate'**, see page 3.
- Fri 18 **Lions Club 'Lion Race Evening'**, Barford VH, 6.30 for 7.00pm, see page 3.
- Fri 18 **'Winter Colour and Interest in the Garden'**, Wellesbourne, **Notice Board.**
- Mon 21 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, see page 3.
- Tues 22 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 23 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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