



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Local Member of Parliament Visits Loxley School



Nadhim Zahawi, MP for Stratford-on-Avon, visited Loxley School to talk about his support for flexi-schooled children. He toured the school and commented on the passionate teaching and the caring atmosphere. The reception children were enthralled as Nadhim took an active role in their French lesson and donned a finger puppet to engage them in French conversation. Afterwards all of the children met together and posed thoughtful, intelligent questions to Nadhim, who responded with knowledge and sensitivity. The school are now organising a visit to the House of Commons, with Nadhim's help.

MO

Let's Have Some Fun!

The Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee had a very successful year in 2013, raising £843 at the Plant Sale in May and £840 at the Jazz Picnic in July. "Thank you" to everyone for your support and for making each event a happy, social occasion. We are now looking forward to some more great village events. The Annual Skittles Evening and Fish and Chip Supper will be on Saturday, 23 November, 7.00pm, £2 per adult and £1 for children, plus the cost of supper. Christmas drinks and carol singing will be on Monday, 23 December. Both of those events will be in the village hall. The very successful Annual Plant Sale will be in May, 2014, and the Jazz Picnic in the Parish Field on Friday, 4 July (...so bring your stetsons and cowboy boots! - Ed). Also look out for a Treasure Hunt and Summer Barbecue and possibly even sheep racing! Watch this space! Look out for details in *The Grapevine* and on the village notice board. Contact Huw Williams on 841155 or any member of the Village Hall Committee for tickets. We look forward to your continuing support at all of the events.

JW

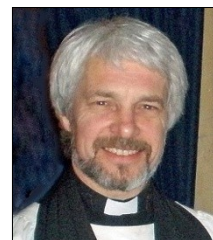
Charlecote Harvest Supper and ...

Charlecote Harvest Supper was on Saturday, 5 October, in the village hall. The event was a great success with delicious food and live music. Thank you to all who attended, contributed, donated raffle prizes and provided the entertainment. £250 was raised for church funds. And advance notice, but it is never too early; Charlecote will celebrate Christmas on Sunday, 22 December. A Christmas walk at 10.30am, for those who wish, followed by drinks in the Village Hall at noon.

VL

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The Parish Letter



Dear Friends,

Last month when I wrote I was about to depart for Spain to undertake one of the old Pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostella, the English way. I am pleased to say that, setting off from Ferrol on the north coast of Spain on Saturday 14th September, we walked the 70 miles in seven days and arrived in Santiago on Friday 20th. Only at that point did I find my first blister.

It was a very different experience from anything I have done before. Not just in walking so far but also doing it as part of a group of seven people – six walking and one driving between the nightly stopping points with some of our extra luggage. However, I found it very enjoyable and very interesting. On a purely physical level, I found that, although my feet hurt a bit at the end, doing the walking was good for me. Quite a bit of my work, (like writing this), means sitting around a lot, but the exercise was good. I enjoyed the scenery, which was pleasant if not spectacular. We did have some good conversations and laughs along the way. My wife succeeded in doing it and so will have raised around £1500 for the Royal Marsden cancer charity. And it was great to see the magnificent Cathedral in Santiago again.

Yet there was even more to it than those things. It was very interesting to see how small group of people with a clear shared goal to which we were all committed, (i.e. doing everything we could to make sure we all succeeded in walking the 70 miles and arrived in Santiago together), did work together throughout the week. Those who could have gone rushing off didn't; people contributed different things to help – some were more experienced at walking and gave advice, my sister did translating and interpreting, and I kept an eye on the route guidebook. On a human level, it was a brilliant and a very happy example of people working together.

For me, however, there was also a spiritual dimension. For the first six days of walking I took our six parishes in turn and prayed for one of them at intervals through each day. Then, on the seventh day, I prayed for the whole benefice, and for myself in my role here. At the end of the seven days it didn't feel like anything had changed as a result, but in the days since we finished some things relating to the parishes have gradually become clearer in my mind and that feels very positive. I will probably have more to say about that in future. It made me reflect that perhaps answers to prayer are sometimes not immediate or dramatic!

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.



Commemoration of the Departed

On Sunday, 3 November, there will be the opportunity to remember our loved ones departed at services in Barford or 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 e-mail Revd David Jessett (rectory@barford.org.uk) or write to The Rectory, Church Lane, Barford, Warwick CV35 8ES. The services will be in St Peter's, Barford, at 3.30 pm and St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, at 6.00 pm.

Rev'd DJ

Charlecote Parish Meeting

The next Charlecote Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th November, in Charlecote Village Hall. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm but please come along for a pre-meeting drink from 7 pm. All are welcome. **VL**

Extra-ordinary Meeting of Hampton Lucy Parish Council

At the meeting on 11 September, the possibility of engaging a Highways Consultant at a cost of up to £1,000 was raised. An extra-ordinary meeting was called for 18 September to discuss this. Having noted the WCC Highways Department's report, recommending no objection to the Charles Church application, the Parish Council felt this to be a gross error of judgement. The Chairman agreed to request a more detailed review of the local road system by WCC Highways Department, with particular reference to the traffic flow between 8am and 4pm on weekdays. It was further decided that, if the Highways Department then confirmed their original recommendation, the Council would seek the view of an independent highways consultant at a fee not exceeding £1,000. The consultant's report would be submitted to the SDC Planning Committee meeting in November. (*Editor's note: This is an abridged report. Complete minutes of the meeting are available from the Parish Clerk, telephone 841205.*)

AJW

Let's Make Hampton Lucy Shine

The railings on the bridges, the village road signs and the telephone box (*which we now own*) are all looking very tatty. A few volunteers with buckets of soapy water can easily sort this out. How about joining me on Sunday, 10 November, meeting by the telephone box at 10.30am, (or a bit later if you're going to church). Bring a bucket of soapy water, cloths etc, and we'll get the job done in no time. I'll even buy the first round at the pub! Call me on 470911.

AJW

From the Registers

Weddings:	Charlecote	14 September	Nick Hopper and Susan Arthur
		28 September	Christopher Davis and Amy Hutsby
	Loxley	28 September	Lee Kay and Rachel Gowers

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

The clocks have gone back and it is time to start making plans for Christmas. The Lions are already preparing Santa's sleigh to fly on his annual Christmas tour of the district, raising funds for local charities and giving everyone the chance to meet him!! Each year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone in the neighbourhood. Please look out for next month's newsletter when we will publish the schedule and itinerary for Santa. In the run-up to Christmas it is a good time to remind everybody that the Lions Club owns a 16-seater minibus which is available for hire to individuals or groups. There is a charge for the loan and the hirer is responsible for fuelling the vehicle, but the hire rates are extremely competitive. The driver must be aged between thirty and seventy, with a full driving licence including 'category D1' entitlement. *(Most drivers of that age have this entitlement—check your licence.)* If you would like some more information please contact Lion Paul Gibson on 01789 841730.



AS

Get Ready for 2014 and Support Local Charities

The Stag's Head in Wellesbourne has produced two fantastic calendars for 2014, one featuring 'Girls' from the local community and the other featuring local 'Boys'. The calendars were launched at the pub on Saturday, 21 September. All proceeds will be shared equally between Shipston Home Nursing and Myton Hospice. These calendars were produced as a special "thank you" for the care and support given to landlady Penny Parker, who sadly passed away earlier this year. An amazing £3,400 was raised on the launch night and a further £500 has since been raised from sales. The calendars are now available for general sale from the Stag's Head and many other Wellesbourne outlets, including the King's Head, Justina, Razors, Russells' Butchers, Avon Studios and the Wellesbourne Hardware Store. They make great Christmas presents and are priced at £10 each. If you buy both you will receive a free DVD introducing all the local 'stars' involved. Please support these truly worthwhile causes.

AS

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 10th October, local historian Gillian White gave us an interesting and vivid account of 'The Great Fire of Warwick', 5 September, 1694. When disaster struck, swirling winds caused the fire to spread rapidly from the West Gate, destroying 450 timber houses in its path - one third of the market town. Miraculously, probably because the blaze started during the daytime, there were no fatalities. Groups of fire fighters were able to save some of the buildings, including the Beauchamp Chapel of St Mary's.

Fortunately there was sufficient wealth and generosity for the Town Council to organise immediate food and shelter for those who had lost everything. Successful lobbying of Parliament attracted money from all over the country to help with rebuilding, probably due to the influence of Lord Brookes, of Warwick Castle. Nevertheless, payment had to be claimed within nine days, and there were specific rules for rebuilding which had to begin within a two year deadline. Many of the poorer inhabitants had to sell their plots. Photographs illustrated the subsequent rebuilding, using brick, stone and slate to reduce the fire risk in the future and to enhance the status of the town to attract further investment. Warwick thus became the elegant town that we know today. Our next meeting is the AGM, on Thursday, November 14, at 7.30pm in Loxley School.

MCL

Charlecote Park

November starts with a boundary walk in the park at 1pm – free, with normal admission charges only. On Thursday, 21 November, there is a 'Park to Plate' event, bookable at £25pp which includes a two hour guided walk in the parkland with the warden, looking at the management of the park and its animals. Following this, lunch in the Orangery will include Charlecote venison and, before leaving, participants will collect a sample of park-reared hogget and venison to cook at home. From Saturday, 9 November, the house will be open from 12noon until 3.30pm daily, except Wednesdays. The park, restaurant, and outbuildings will be open from 10.30am until 5.30pm and the shop from 10.30am to 5pm daily. Don't forget that the shop has a wide range of Christmas gifts and cards and that the ground floor of the house will be open and decorated for Christmas during the weekends in December. For further information please call Charlecote Park on 01789 470277 or see the website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote



The gateway leading into the courtyard

SF

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At our meeting in Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 2 October, Liz Dobb-Smith entertained us with a light-hearted talk about her life, starting from when she left Wales to get married in Zimbabwe. Her talk was laced with stories and anecdotes about her life in Africa and was most enjoyable. Our next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Wednesday, 6 November, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. After completion of the business a light hearted quiz will be held.

MJW

Charlecote 'Wine and Wisdom' Evening

The perennial Charlecote Wine and Wisdom Quiz will be staged on Friday, 22 November, in Charlecote Village Hall. This long-established evening, which regularly attracts teams from as far away as Hampton Lucy, is always good fun and well recommended. See **The Notice Board** for details.

AJW

Hampton Lucy's Parish Clerk Retires

After serving as Parish Council Chairman for some 15 years, Michael Woodman then took on the onerous role of Parish Clerk for a further two years, both of which he has fulfilled with great integrity and good humour, despite some turbulent times! His last Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 November. No doubt the Parish Council will be recognising Mike's commitment to Hampton Lucy, but residents may well like to support him at this, his final meeting in office. **AJW**

20th Anniversary Concert

Stratford upon Avon Chamber Choir's 20th Anniversary Concert will feature Duruflé's Requiem and Bach's Preludes and their chorales. The conductor will be Stephen Dodsworth, the organist Paul Walton, (Assistant Organist, Bristol Cathedral), and the concert will take place on Saturday, 9 November, 2013 at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Hampton Lucy. The church organ will accompany Maurice Duruflé's beautifully atmospheric and evocative setting of the Requiem, the music complementing the neo-Gothic architecture of the church. He will also play some of Bach's best known chorale preludes, each of which will be preceded by the hymn and the tune on which the prelude is based. This promises to be a wonderful evening. Tickets are £10, £5 for students, available from tickets@chamberchoir.org.uk or call 01789 269003. (See **The Notice Board**). **EH**

'Swing Theory' and Guests

There will be a fund-raising feast of music and song on Friday, 20 December, at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. 'Swing Theory' is Warwickshire's acclaimed small band jazz ensemble, comprising talented sixth form and 'old boy' instrumentalists from Warwick School, who play jazz, swing and original compositions. During the New Year break, some of the group will visit orphanages in Kampala, Uganda to make music and work alongside homeless children, some of whom are mentally or physically handicapped. They will work with the charity 'Brass for Africa' www.brassforafrica.com who initiate and support life-changing music projects for vulnerable, homeless and handicapped children in Africa. On Friday, 20 December, Swing Theory and Guests will present an exciting programme of well-known and new musical delights, raising funds for the trip and for St Peter's Church. Tickets at £10pp will include a glass of wine and are available from 01789 842832. (See **The Notice Board**). **GD**

Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School

Children from Years 5 and 6 experienced a poetry workshop led by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Inspired by this, they each wrote a poem on the theme of 'Water'. On Thursday 3rd October, four children from Hampton Lucy CofE Primary School and Nursery were amongst an audience from schools across the district to hear their poems performed by members of the R.S.C. at the Swan Theatre. Congratulations to Amelia, Jasmine, Anwen and Henry for their winning entries. **EF**

Fireworks in Loxley, and more...

Loxley Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be on Saturday, 9 November, at Loxley Manor. Gates open at 6.00pm and entrance is free. There will be a hog roast, jacket potatoes with homemade chilli, and hot dogs. Tea, coffee and, of course, mulled wine will be available. All proceeds go to the school. Any donations towards the fireworks would be much appreciated. Contact Wilf Ayres, Yew Tree Cottage, Loxley. There is no parking available at Loxley Manor, so please park carefully in the village. Also, here is advance notice of the Loxley School Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair taking place on 7 December, 4.30 to 6.30pm. Any local businesses wishing to have a stall should contact Helen on 470678 for further details. (See **The Notice Board**). **HC**

The copy deadline for *Grapevine* will be **Sunday, 10 November**. It will be on the village websites by 17 November, and copies delivered some time after 24 November. **Ed**.

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Breakfast time on Stratford Road had extra excitement a few weeks back when the silence was broken by the roaring of gas burners as this hot air balloon literally dropped in on the King George Vth Playing Field. A display of precision piloting brought the balloon down safely. Rumours that it was a pre-emptive strike by Charles Church Ltd proved to be unfounded! **AJW**



Newly Discovered Music

Stratford Choral Society will be performing a concert featuring pieces, 'lost' for two centuries, by a gifted but little-known French baroque composer, Joseph Touchemoulin. His *Messe Solennelle* and *Symphonie in B Flat*, with Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum*, will be performed on Saturday, 16 November, in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford. The handwritten scores by Touchemoulin have recently been edited by Stephen Dodsworth, Music Director of the Choral Society, and the concert is expected to attract the attention of academics from national music institutions including the Royal College of Music, where the handwritten scores were found. Details and tickets from Elizabeth Hunter 01789 840329. Tickets at £12 also available at the door. **EH**

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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, 5 November at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy
on Thursday, 7 November at 11.30am

All lads at heart welcome!

Hampton Lucy Christmas Fair

at Jasmine Cottage, Church Street

Saturday 16th November
10.30am - 12.30pm



Handmade gifts and decorations,
cakes and preserves



Admission £1.50 to include coffee and mince pie

All proceeds to Hampton Lucy and Charlecote churches

The Friends of Loxley School present Loxley Fireworks and Bonfire Night at Loxley Manor

(by kind invitation of Mr Peter Gregory-Hood and his family)

Saturday - 9th November - 6.00pm onwards
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The Village Hall

Friday, 22nd November
7.15 for 7.30pm

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Details and entries - Helen Hoggarth - 840916

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Chamber Choir

20th Anniversary

Durufflé: Requiem. Bach: Preludes and their Chorales

Conductor: Stephen Dodsworth

Organist: Paul Walton

(Assistant Organist, Bristol Cathedral)

Saturday, 9th November, 2013 at 7.30pm

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy

Admission: £10, £5 for students,

tickets@chamberchoir.org.uk or call 01789 269003

Hampton Lucy Skittles Night



Saturday 23rd November,
7.00pm in the Village Hall

Fun for all of the family

Fish & chip supper available

Tickets: Adults £2, Children £1,
(Fish and Chips extra).

For details and tickets, call 841155.

(Please be sure to book your food by Friday, 22nd)

Our correspondents this month are:

HC - Helen Chidgey; MLC - Margaret Clayton;

EF - Emma Fisher; SF - Shiela Freeman;

EH - Elizabeth Hunter; Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett;

MO - Marie Osborne; VL - Vanessa Lewis;

AS - Andy Stokes; MJW - Margaret Whyman;

AJW - Jeremy Whyman; JW - Jackie Williams.

SHN dates for your diary:

Friday, 8th November

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Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November

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Church Services

November 2013

3 November All Saints' Sunday—Sherbourne Patronal Festival

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

10 November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
10.50am	Charlecote	Remembrance	Leaflet
10.50am	Loxley	Remembrance	Leaflet
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Remembrance	Leaflet

(with The Festival Singers)

17 November 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

24 November The Feast of Christ the King

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

For your diary - November 2013

- Sun 3 **Commemoration of the Departed**, Barford and Hampton Lucy, **page 2**.
 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 AGM**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.
 Thur 7 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board**.
 Fri 8 **SHN Designer Fashion and Accessories Sale**, **Notice Board**.
 Sat 9 **Stratford upon Avon Chamber Choir**, St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, **Notice Board**.
 Sat 9 **Loxley Fireworks**, Loxley Manor, 6.00pm, free admission, **Notice Board**.
 Sun 10 **Copy deadline for The Grapevine**.
 Sun 10 **Let's Make Hampton Lucy Shine**, meet at 10.30am. **see page 2**
 Mon 11 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
 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**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm.
 Thur 14 **Loxley WI AGM** Loxley School, 7.30pm, **see page 3**.
 Sat 16 **Hampton Lucy Christmas Fair**, Jasmine Cottage, **Notice Board**.
 Sat 16 **Stratford Choral Society Concert**, All Saints, Stratford-on-Avon, **page 4**.
 Tues 19 **Charlecote Parish Meeting**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 2**.
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 19/20 **SHN Christmas Gift Fair**, Kineton, **Notice Board**.
 Wed 20 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 21 **Charlecote Park - 'Park to Plate'** guided walk and lunch, **page 3**.
 Fri 22 **Charlecote Wine and Wisdom**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.15pm, **Notice Board**.
 Sat 23 **Hampton Lucy Skittles Night**, 7.00pm in the Village Hall, **Notice Board**.
 Mon 25 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.
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 Wed 27 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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