



The Grapevine

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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Hampton Lucy – Maestros in the Making

The Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert was held on Wednesday, 11 December in St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy and was a great success. A varied programme, played beautifully and with great enthusiasm on violins, cellos, flutes, recorders and piano by musicians aged from four upwards, entertained an appreciative audience.



The Finale, performed by the Hampton Lucy Children's Grand Ensemble.

Each piece was introduced by the performer. A truly magical evening - Hampton Lucy has definitely got talent! 'Thank you' to all those who helped with the concert, and to everyone who came to support!

SA/AJW

Carols at the Mill



The Choir of St Nicholas' Church, Warwick

On Saturday, 21 December, Charlecote Mill was lit with candles and fairy lights when eighty visitors came to enjoy a visit to the old watermill by night, along with carols, mince pies and mulled wine! Being a 'first time' made it tricky to guess how many people would venture out on a dark night in winter, but the weather was fine and the choir of St Nicholas' Church, Warwick, looking splendid with their blue and white surplices, delighted everyone with traditional and modern carols, performed under the shelter of a large timber carport. It wouldn't have been such a festive night without a huge amount of support from Chris, Nikki and family, who welcomed everyone in their beautiful home, Charlecote Mill House, with a glass or two of mulled wine. "Thank you" also to the loyal band of helpers on the day: Adrian, David, Ryan, Jeremy and of course Ali Speller, who very kindly brought along his fairground organ to add to the atmosphere before the carols started. I'm very grateful to

everyone for their help. Watch this space for 'Carols at the Mill - 2014'.

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Charlecote "Wine & Wisdom"

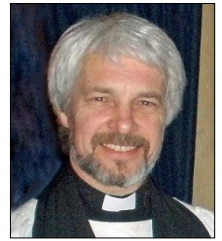
Nine teams participated in this annual and fiercely contested fundraising event on 22 November, with some competitors travelling from as far away as Hampton Lucy and Wellesbourne! Derek Morris set a variety of questions, many of which severely tested everyone's memory. After a hard-fought battle, the 'Birthday Brainstormers', pictured right in their moment of triumph, won the much-coveted first prize, the customary Giant Toblerones. The amazing sum of £587 was raised and will go towards Village Hall funds. Very many thanks to everyone who took part.

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The Parish Letter



Dear Friends,

In the northern part of our Benefice of six churches, the monthly magazine is called Plurality. For many years it has been edited by Kath and Wendy. They have now stepped down and Carole, Helen and Sue have taken over. In Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley, Jeremy Whyman - like Ken Cockshull before him - is a solo act. Reflecting on what they all do made me think about the importance of volunteering.

No-one forced those people to take on the editing role. It doesn't come with any pay or much 'power'. But it is a really important role because our magazines help to build community. They share information and allow people to know about events where they can come together.

That led me on to thinking about volunteering more generally. Across the six villages of this Church Benefice there are a very large number of people who volunteer in all sorts of ways. They choose to become Parish Councillors; School Governors, Village Hall Committee members; Trustees of Charitable Trusts; Shop and Post Office volunteers at Barford; and many other things. Further afield - some volunteer at Charlecote Park, Myton Hospice or with the Wellesbourne Lions, to mention just a few. This is, of course, without mentioning all who voluntarily keep our Churches going - in too many ways to list them all here.

So where does this fit into a Christian way of seeing the world? It is actually quite central. When the religious practice of His day and time laid down hundreds of commandments for how to live in a holy way part of why Jesus was radical was that, when asked what was the most important commandment, He said, "The first is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.' And the second is 'Love your neighbour as much as you love yourself.' Do this and you will live." So after loving and worshipping God, praying and trying to get to know Him better, the next most important thing is what we do for others.

Of course, it is very difficult to commit to many of these things if you are working full-time or if you are caring for young children or elderly family members. So for some people it may be that volunteering is just for one-off events, like some did by joining in Carol Singing round Barford before Christmas to raise money for Save the Children. But whatever it may be it is really important because it puts the focus not on what others can do for us but what we can do for others and it reflects God's love for all people.

So "thank you" and "well done" to all our editors and to all of you who volunteer.

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.



'Our Heritage Needs Your Help'

In the summer edition of *The Grapevine*, Rev'd David Jessett made an appeal to friends and residents of Hampton Lucy to make a regular contribution by standing order to help maintain St Peter ad Vincula as a living church. The PCC would like to thank all those who have committed to make a donation in this way; their contributions are gratefully received and will help towards the ever increasing costs. Should you wish to consider making a donation in favour of St Peter ad Vincula, a form can be obtained from David Jessett at: rectory@barford.or.uk, or by picking up a leaflet from the back of the church.

JT-S

Messy Church!

Messy Church is coming to Loxley! It is a form of church for children involving stories, songs, games, crafts and nibbles. For more information email: messychurchLoxley@yahoo.co.uk



A Seasonal Appeal to Dog Walkers

It's that time of year again! Before the March *Grapevine* comes out the birds will be thinking about nesting. May we appeal to dog-walkers to keep all dogs under control at all times and not to let them rush up and down exploring the hedgerows? Frightened birds will not nest successfully. Broad headlands are left so that insects will be there for birds to feed on, so please do not walk along them and keep to the proper foot paths where you are very welcome.

SL

Hampton Lucy Defibrillator Project

Hampton Lucy has been successful in its application for a County Council grant to locate a public accessible defibrillator within the village. Local councillor Danny Kendall, who backed the application, said it was a good project. Hopefully the defibrillator will be in place in the spring and training will be available for everyone wishing to get involved. Interested? Contact Maurice Strevens on 842008.

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From the Registers

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| Baptisms: | Hampton Lucy | 17 November | Claudia May Currall |
| | | 8 December | Archie Robert Terence Slatter |
| | Loxley | 17 November | Jorja May Perry |
| | | 28 December | Jack Anthony Dyson Yeshua Brooker |



Celebrate - Plant a Tree at Charlecote Park

Last year was a really busy one in the Park with repair work on the ha-ha and the fence, the restoration of the orchard, and the sowing of a wild flower meadow. New park management plans were agreed, surveys completed, the garden was updated, the woodland garden renovated and the parterre planting time extended. Quite an achievement! Now is the time to celebrate all this and visitors or members of the local community are being invited to plant a tree. Twenty "Celebration Trees" will be planted in the park by visitors or members of the local community. If you or your organisation have a special connection with Charlecote, a celebration tree will be provided and all you have to do is turn up at the appointed time to plant it. To apply, please send details to Lisa Topham, Park and Garden Manager, at Charlecote Park, Charlecote, Warwick, CV35 9ER or email: lisa.topham@nationaltrust.org.uk. Many of you have enjoyed walking in the park during the winter. The park, garden, restaurant and shop will remain open all year and the house itself will reopen for the new season on 15 February.

SF

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

February is traditionally a quiet time for the Lions in terms of public events. However, behind the scenes, there is plenty of activity with Lions helping out in the local community wherever they can and plans are being made for future events including our annual raft race. At the end of February, we will be holding our annual election night, where a new president is selected and other willing (!) Lions are persuaded to take on important offices within the club. As is customary at this time of year, I will do my little bit for recruitment. If you feel that serving your community is something that you might enjoy and you would like the opportunity to participate in a number of fun social events, then Lions could be for you. Membership is open to both men and women and if you would like to know more, with no pressure to join, then please give me a call on 01789 841939. Now it gives me great pleasure to report the results of our Christmas float collections around the District. A fantastic total of around £3,800 will be shared equally by the twenty-one local charities that were involved this year. That is £180 per organisation. The Lions would like to thank everybody for their amazing generosity.

AS



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Our President, Helen Sill, welcomed everyone to our meeting on Wednesday, 8 January at Charlecote Village Hall, wishing them a Happy New Year. After a brief business update, the speaker, Bernard Pumphrey, was introduced. A retired music tutor from the WI Denman College, he gave an interesting journey through the years, to show the change from dance orchestras of the early 20th century to the big bands which evolved from 1918. His talk, illustrated with tracks played on CDs, showed how these bands grew up on the west coast of the USA, and swept across Great Britain throughout the 1920's and 1930's. The development of their styles was interesting and familiar names were heard such as Johnnie Lipton, Ray Anthony, Les Brown and Glen Miller. The decline in these bands occurred with the introduction of Rock 'n Roll during the 1950s when Bill Hayley encouraged popular music to really take off, leading to the groups of the 1960s. Our members also met on Wednesday, 15 January, for their annual New Year Meal at the Boar's Head. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 February, when Gillian Crisp, a Trustee from the Warwickshire Federation WI, will talk about the ACW/W organisation.

KCI

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 13 December, we were entertained by a programme of accordion music by Mr Ledbury, whilst Mrs Ledbury provided a foot-tapping beat on the drum. Each jolly jig was woven around the theme of party pieces chosen by a Victorian family at a Christmas gathering. Each member's choice was linked with stories throwing light on the Victorian era. In spite of some rather macabre tales, the evening generally caught the Victorian spirit. On Thursday, 9 January, we enjoyed our annual meal at the Houndshell. At our next meeting on Thursday, 13, February, there will be a demonstration by our Treasurer Gill Dancer on 'Making Cold Porcelain Flowers' with some tuition included. Members are advised to bring an apron! The venue is, as usual, Loxley School and the time 7.30 pm.

MCI

Crafts and Coffee Morning

The Christmas Crafts and Coffee Morning held at Jasmine Cottage, Hampton Lucy, on 16 November, was once again a great success and was a wonderful opportunity for friends to get together for a coffee and mince pie and to buy some beautiful homemade Christmas gifts and decorations. We would like to thank all those who supported us in raising an amazing £1300 towards both Hampton Lucy and Charlecote churches.

SN-G

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

Hampton Lucy Christmas Drinks and Carols

At the traditional Christmas get-together in the village hall we had a new initiative for 2013 when several of the accomplished musicians in the village played for us, in addition to the mulled wine and mince pies, and we all had a jolly good sing-along. We do hope they will be willing to do the same again next year.



Helen, Sarah and John

JW

10th Anniversary of Compton Verney



Auguste Rodin, 'Monument to the Burghers of Calais', (1889), reproduced by permission of Musée Rodin, Paris, and Henry Moore, 'Three Piece Sculpture: Vertebrae', (1968-69) reproduced by permission of The Henry Moore Foundation.

Compton Verney will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season with an exhibition of the work of two giants of modern sculpture, Henry Moore and Auguste Rodin. Their work will be on display with the stunning parkland and the lake as a backdrop, and with a supporting exhibition of works inside the galleries. To mark this special occasion, Compton Verney will open its 2014 season earlier than usual, on Saturday, 15 February. The awe-inspiring exhibition includes important loans from Musée Rodin, Paris, the Henry Moore Foundation, Hertfordshire, and public collections throughout the UK. Amongst the works on display are Rodin's magnificent sculpture 'Monument to the Burghers of Calais', (1889), on loan from The Royal Parks, a real coup as this striking, complex bronze statue is rarely moved from its usual location outside the Houses of

Parliament overlooking the Thames. Other magnificent works by Moore include the monumental 'Three Piece Sculpture: Vertebrae', (1968), and the stunning 'The Arch', (1969). The large sculptures will all be located in Compton Verney's parkland, complementing, challenging and creating new perspectives of a landscape created by 'Capability' Brown in the 1760s. As well as the key sculptures, the exhibition in the galleries features an extensive range of drawings by both artists and a set of photographs taken by Moore of his cast of Rodin's 'Walking Man' at his home in Perry Green. The exhibition has been staged by The Henry Moore Foundation in collaboration with the Musée Rodin, Paris, and organised by Anita Feldman of the Henry Moore Foundation and Penny Sexton, Curator at Compton Verney. A comprehensive colour catalogue, 'Moore Rodin', will be available at the bookshop priced £17.50.

SS

The Friends of Loxley School Do Christmas

Everyone at Loxley School had a hectic end to the Autumn term with many festive activities going on. On 7 December the Friends organised a 'Winter Wonderland' themed Christmas Fair which was very well attended and raised over £800 for school funds. Just as importantly, lots of festive fun was had by all those who came along. There was a lovely atmosphere with, as a new feature this year, a Christmas Shopping Village and stalls for last-minute presents and decorations. We also all enjoyed traditional games, the children were able to make Christmas crafts and, of course, a visit to Santa in his new grotto was a must! Some of the funds raised were used to subsidise the end-of-term trip to see Aladdin in Leamington Spa. The Friends also arranged a Christmas lunch party in school, which all the children enjoyed! Further expenditure is planned on upgrades to ICT facilities for the children, as well as additions to the playground equipment. For further details about Loxley School news and events please see our website

www.loxley.warwickshire.sch.uk

HC

Loxley C of E Community Primary School Report

The last week of term was, as usual, a very busy time at Loxley School. The children produced two amazing performances of 'The Peace Child' in Church. They all rehearsed really hard and thanks go to all of the staff and in particular to Anne Dobedoe for teaching the children the songs, and to Janet Clough and Jane Holdsworth for producing some amazing costumes. We also said goodbye to Janet as she retired after five years as Head Teacher at Loxley School. The children presented her with some bunting designed by them and made by a parent. Everyone at the school thanks Janet for her hard work and commitment to Loxley School and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

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Hampton Lucy
Ladies' Coffee and Cakes
Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 4 February at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"
will meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy
on Thursday, 6 February at 11.30am to plan the next
few month's adventures.
All lads at heart welcome!



Messy Church

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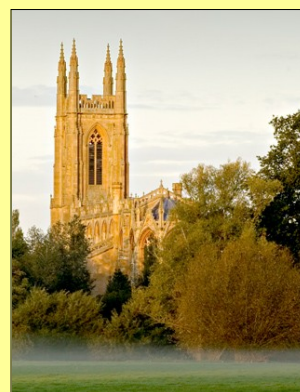
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Our Heritage Needs Your Help



Please see the appeal on page 2

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Website newsletter, with regularly updated local information: www.saferneighbourhoods.co.uk



Church Services

February 2014

2 February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
 9.30am Charlecote Morning Worship CW
 9.30am Loxley Holy Communion BCP
 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Holy Communion CW

9 February The Fourth Sunday Before Lent
 9.30am Hampton Lucy Family Service CW
 11.00am Charlecote Holy Communion CW
 11.00am Loxley Matins BCP
 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Evensong BCP

16 February The Third Sunday Before Lent
 9.30am Charlecote Holy Communion BCP
 9.30am Hampton Lucy Come and Worship CW
 11.00am Loxley Family Service

23 February The Second Sunday Before Lent
 8.00am Charlecote Holy Communion BCP
 11.00am Loxley Holy Communion CW
 6.00pm Hampton Lucy Evensong BCP

For your diary - February 2014

Tues 4 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
 Tues 4 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 5 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Wed 5 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
 Thur 6 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board.**
 Mon 10 **Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**
 Mon 10 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
 Tues 11 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, **(visit website).**
 Tues 11 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
 Wed 12 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
 Thur 13 **Loxley WI** Loxley School, 7.30pm, **see page 3.**
 Tues 18 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
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