



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Loxley School on Safari



On Thursday, 28 February, the children in the 'Rockets' class made an Asian elephant sculpture in the playground. They got crates and they tied the crates together with cable ties to make the body and the legs. They used another crate to make the head and they got plastic bottles for the trunk, then they covered it all in bubble wrap. They covered the bubble wrap with silver plastic bags and then covered it all with duct tape. *(Written by Summer.)* Here are a few other facts the Rockets found out about Asian elephants: "I learnt that Asian elephants have two lumps on their heads" – Trinity. "I learnt

that Asian elephants have much smaller ears than an African elephant" – Zachary. "I learnt that female Asian elephants have no tusks and that male Asian elephants do" – Sophia.

MO

Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery

The children and staff at Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character. Mr Men and Little Misses joined us, along with princesses, pirates, and even Mary Poppins. A great day was enjoyed by everyone, with all the children receiving their one pound book tokens to go out and purchase a book of their own choosing.

ML

Barn Dance

Advance notice: The Friends of Hampton Lucy School will be holding a Barn Dance at the school, with a live ceilidh band, bar and raffle, on Friday, 16 May, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £12.50 to include a ploughman's supper, and will be on sale from the school office from April 28. Make it a date.

JM-J



The Parish Letter



Dear Friends,

Later this month we shall celebrate Easter once again. Palm Sunday (13th), Maundy Thursday (17th), Good Friday (18th) and Easter Day (20th) will all be observed in special ways in our Churches. See the list of services for details. To attend something on each of those days and to follow the story through can be a very moving experience. So why do we celebrate Easter so much?

At a human level the story of Jesus' death is just the story of one man who got on the wrong side of some nasty, powerful people and paid the price with his life. But that has happened to any number of people down the centuries. Why do we remember this particular one?

Jesus' friends, the disciples, had been full of hope. They had seen in Jesus someone very special, someone they hoped was going to make a real difference to their world and their own lives. Yet suddenly, with his arrest and death in the space of 24 hours, that was all gone. What had looked like it might be a triumphal climax to all the amazing things he had done and said during the past three years ended with him gone – dead and buried. And with that, all their hope had gone.

But then, within three days, came something completely unexpected. They had a series of experiences that convinced them that Jesus had risen from the dead to a new kind of life – eternal life. And with that came a totally new kind of hope which completely transformed them as people and led to their message starting to spread from a few frightened, 'hopeless' people in Jerusalem to become a world-wide Church. And it spread that much because many others down the centuries who had lost all hope have found it in the story of Jesus' life and death too.

For in a way the message of Easter is that while God either can't or doesn't necessarily prevent dreadful things happening, things that for particular people take away their hope, Easter is a sign that, with God, life and hope aren't limited to the boundaries of human life that limit our vision. So even if we can't know what heaven or eternal life will be like we can have the perspective of our lives changed by the life - and death – and new life of Jesus.

May we all find new hope and joy this year in the message of Easter.

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.



Flood Relief Coffee Morning

Well done Charlecote and all our supportive neighbours. The coffee morning to raise money for the victims of the recent flooding resulted in the amazing total of £418. Thank you to all who supported and donated. **SL**

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee's Plant Sale

It is that time of year again, when the Village Hall Committee starts preparing for the Village Plant Sale. The seeds and small plants have started to arrive and Huw would be most grateful for any help you are able to offer. He particularly needs people with a spare shelf in their greenhouse or on their window ledge to nurture the plants until the sale in the second week in May. Please ring him on 841155, or any of the committee, to offer your help. No blame will be attached if your seeds do not grow !!!! Please have a go. **HW**

The Russians Will Raise The Roof

LYRA, the Russian choral quartet, is making a return visit to St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, on Wednesday, 28 May. Many of us have already enjoyed their entertaining repertoire and superb voices. Experience beautiful music and help to raise funds for the church. Full details will be published in the next *Grapevine*. Contact Jackie Williams on 841155. **JW**

Hampton Lucy Treasure Hunt

Make a note in your diary! Hampton Lucy Treasure Hunt and Tea, Saturday 28 June from 2.00pm. The Treasure Hunt will be for children and adults, and followed by tea in the village hall. Everyone welcome. £3.00 per adult, children free. More details nearer the time. All proceeds to St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy. **JT-S**

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The Spirit Of Charlecote Park



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Capability Brown. And so it all remains - this timeless heart with new generations in its wings.” At this time of year Charlecote is particularly worth a visit - book ahead for an amazing supervised tree-climbing experience, or enjoy the popular Cadbury Easter Egg Trails over the four-day holiday. Visit the website. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote **SF**

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club News

It really is amazing that Easter is upon us, leaving behind a wet and windy winter, albeit with no snow this year, so far. In the build-up to Easter, the Lions have once again persuaded proprietors of local hostelrys, clubs, restaurants and shops to each take one of our giant Easter Eggs. They are all kindly holding a raffle for the eggs and, if you come across one, I would urge you to buy a ticket. All proceeds will go to local charities and projects. On behalf of the Lions Club, I would like once again to thank all of the local businesses involved for their wonderful and continued support of this venture. I would also like to give another plug for our major fund-raising event of the year, which we jointly host with our friends in Shakespeare Lions, the 38th annual seven-mile Wasperton to Stratford Raft Race on Sunday, 22 June. If you would like to take part, or just want to find out about the event, then please go to our dedicated web site: www.rafrace.org This year our main beneficiary will be The Cardiomyopathy Association, whose aim is to provide information to individuals and families affected by the heart muscle disease, cardiomyopathy. If you don't feel energetic enough to enter, why not pencil the event into your diaries and come along and enjoy this great river spectacle? The Lions would like to wish everybody a very happy Easter and thank you all for your generous support. **AS**



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Members enjoyed a talk on Roman Alcester by Laurence Thatcher at their March meeting. When he retired from teaching at Alcester Grammar School he became Chairman of the Trustees of the Roman Museum. He described the archaeological finds from the town's Roman fort which stood on Primrose Hill from 47 AD. The Roman site is situated two metres beneath the present ground level and, during the excavations, a Roman road was unearthed. Leather goods were also discovered at the bottom of a Roman well. Other finds included a granary, located where Waitrose now stands. All of the artefacts from the 2005 and 2011 digs were taken to Hereford for analysis before being returned to Alcester's museum, where an Open Day will be held on 6 July. During March, many members enjoyed an outing to the Assay Office in Birmingham, also visiting the Museum and Art Gallery and the recently built Library. Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI will celebrate its 95th Birthday on 2 April and the speaker, Jo Carter, will bring 'A Lady's Maid' to the meeting. **KCI**

Loxley WI



On Thursday, 6 March, we had a good day out in Birmingham with an interesting visit to the Assay Office and some amusing window shopping in the jewellery quarter. Three members attended the Warwickshire Federation's Annual Meeting with excellent speakers. On Thursday, 13 March, we had a talk by Nick Chandler on "London with a Difference". He took us on a trip through London by showing us photographs of locations and buildings associated in some way with the arts, giving us interesting snippets of information along the way. Starting with film locations, old and new, we were taken through 'theatre land', into districts for music making and musicians, and finally many places with literary connections. The talk covered a period of many years and touched on many personalities. Our eyes were certainly opened to the riches of London's historic associations and we all enjoyed his informative talk. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 10 April, at Loxley School, starting at 7.30 pm, when we will have a talk by Toastmaster Ruben Lynch, who has a reputation of being a lively and amusing speaker - not to be missed. **MCI**

The next copy deadline for *Grapevine* will be **Thursday 10 April**. It will be on the village websites by 17 April and printed copies delivered some time after 24 April. **Ed.**

Our correspondents this month are:

KCI: Kath Clarke; **MLC:** Margaret Clayton; **SF:** Shiela Freeman; **SL:** Sue Lampitt; **ML:** Margaret Lunnon;
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www.hamptonlucy.net

The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
www.loxleyvillage.com

The Charlecote website:
www.charlecote.org.uk

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

"The Lucy Lads"
will meet by The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy on
Thursday, 3 April at 9.30am for a trip to Ironbridge
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Spinal Injuries Association Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 16th May

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call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350,
email: fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk
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Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day
Fun for all of the family
Sunday, 18th May, 10am to 4pm
Lots to see - free admission!

'LYRA'
Glorious Russian choral music coming to
St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, on Wednesday, May 28.
Details in next month's Grapevine.



Spring 'Run, Jog or Walk 6 miles'

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Sunday April 6th, 10am
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Rebecca on 01608 674929
or just come along on the day.

Meet Pru Leith

Saturday, April 12th 10am, Entry £5,
Whichford's Marmalade Festival
Contact Julia 01608 684 019
or Sophia 01608 684 369 for more details

Call My Wine Bluff

An evening with the BBC & QVC
Saturday April 26th 7.30pm
with a panel of celebrity broadcasters
Contact: winebluff@hotmail.co.uk
Call Rebecca 01608 674 929 for details on all the events.

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Church Services

April 2014

6 April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

13 April

Palm Sunday

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

17 April

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	
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18 April

Good Friday

10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Hot Cross Bun Service	
2.00pm	Charlecote	Meditation	

20 April

Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW

27 April

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

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- 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, **page 3.**
- Thur 5 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet by The Boar's Head, **9.30am. Notice Board.**
- Fri 6 **SHN Sponsored 'Run, Jog or Walk'** Walton Hall, **Notice Board.**
- 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 **SHN 'Meet Pru Leith'**, Whichford. **Notice Board.**
- Thur 10 **Loxley WI** Loxley School, 7.30pm, **see page 3.**
- Mon 14 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Wed 16 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 23 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Sat 26 **SHN 'Call My Wine Bluff'**, Shipston, **Notice Board.**
- Mon 28 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**

May

- Fri 16 **Sponsored Great Fish and Chip Supper**, (Spinal Injuries Assn). **Notice Board.**
- Fri 16 **Barn Dance**, Hampton Lucy School, 7.30pm, details next issue, **see page 1.**
- Wed 28 **'LYRA' Russian choral quartet**, St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, details next issue.

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