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#### Hampton Lucy Plants and Produce Sale - 2014



Come and get 'em....five for a pound!

#### The plans for the annual Plant and Produce sale, which will take place on Saturday, 17 May, are already well advanced and we have in excess of four thousand seeds, plugs and plants generously donated by commercial sponsors. We have also purchased seeds and plants at trade prices and received offers of vegetables, plants and produce from local allotments, so we are confident that, as usual, there will be a huge variety of quality stock available for both locals and visitors to buy at very competitive prices. The stalls will be open from 9.00am and help to set things up will be much appreciated. In the run-up to the weekend, Huw Williams would also welcome some help with watering and tending the plants, most of which are conveniently located in greenhouses on the allotments adjacent to the Village Hall. Any help with this would be very welcome, so if you can spare some time, please email jacwil@btinternet.com We look forward to welcoming you, and as many of your friends from outside the village as possible, on 17 May. Let's hope for another fine day ! EΗ

### **Proposed Development of Wellesbourne Airfield**

It came as a tremendous shock to us all when, on 12 March, we were informed that the site owners of Wellesbourne Airfield were proposing to sell the land for the development of 1600 houses. This would of, course, mean the end of this unique historic airfield and the closure of all of the thriving businesses, the market and the demise of the Vulcan. We have formed a strong action group to prevent this happening. Thank you all for your overwhelming support, not only from local residents but from visitors, far and wide, together with the influential aviation bodies. The development proposal will be submitted to Stratford District Council, after which we will be calling on you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me on 841819 (evenings after 8pm is usually a good time) if you have any queries that you think that I could answer or can offer help in any way. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all at our Airfield Open Day on Sunday, 18 May from 10.00am to 4.00pm. FS

#### 'Beat the Bounds'

of the bounds' and raise money for the church? Meet at St. Peter's Church, Barford, on Monday, 5 May at 10:30am and blow away the Bank Holiday blues! We'll take the scenic route concessions). If you didn't see for this sponsored walk along Shakespeare's Avon Way, via easy footpaths and quiet back roads, taking in five of the six parishes in our cluster. Visit Barford, Sherbourne, Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Wasperton, all in a day! This is another chance to see the war memorial by the river at Wasperton. Stop in for a drink at the Boar's Head, with lunch available in Hampton Lucy Village Hall - Call Sue on available from Barford Village Shop. For further details visit www.barford.org.uk All proceeds in aid of St Peter's Church, Barford.

#### Glorious Russian Music in Hampton Lucy

Why not join in the with the traditional 'beating The Russian vocal quartet, LYRA, will once again fill St Peter's Church with wonderful music on Friday, 16 May, (note change of

> date!), starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, (£8 them last time, do take this opportunity. This is music that conjures up the beauty of St Petersburg, with jolly traditional folk songs and the beautiful music of the Russian Orthodox Church. The two sopranos, Zlata and Shashlova, blend perfectly with Andrei and



01926 624238 to book. Entry/sponsor forms are Pavlov, tenor and bass, so typical of Russian music and perfect for the acoustics in St Peter's. The concert concludes with the well-known foot-tapper, Kalinka. Tickets at the door, or from Judy on 01789 842731. All proceeds will go St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy. AJW

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# **The Parish Letter**

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Dear Friends,

At the time I am writing this letter, ships have been scouring parts of the Indian Ocean listening for 'pings' from the flight recorder of MH370, the aeroplane that simply disappeared. It is a dreadful tragedy, and the best that one can hope and pray for now is that they will locate the plane and enable the relatives of the passengers at least to have closure, knowing that their loved ones are at rest.

I was struck by the image of that little black box, probably some 4000 metres under water, and those ships searching for it. It reminded me that the Bible talks about human beings as 'made in the image of God'. I have always taken that to mean that there is something of God in each one of us. Maybe it is easiest for us to see this in the wonder that children often have about the world around them as they discover new things; or in their innocence and openness to other people and ideas. How sad it is that we too easily lose those as we go through life, for in some ways they are the best and most God-like bits of us. Can we rediscover them?

That little black box pinging away in that vast ocean is perhaps a bit like that little bit of God within each one of us, pinging away, trying to link up with God its creator. And Christian theology has always maintained that God loves each one of us and wants to get to know us; so He can be seen as like the ship that is searching for those parts within each one of us.

It is an interesting image because at different times we can be either the black box or the ships that are searching. For, just as God searches for us, so we may search for God. Such searching is never easy. Mostly God's 'pings' are quite faint. Occasionally we may see something in someone else that seems better or more loving than humans normally are. Sometimes an idea may pop into our head and we just can't imagine where it came from but we recognise that it is the right way to go or the right thing to do.

Sometimes reading a Bible we may find that something strikes us in a new way. These can be the little 'pings' that indicate that we have come close to God. Such moments can help us to recover wonder, openness and, above all, love in our lives. But to maximise our chances we have to give time to it and to 'listen'.

We can do that anywhere but Barford, Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley Churches are open most of every day if it helps to call in to one of them. It may take time . . . but it could bring a really important (re)discovery.

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 next meeting of Loxley Parish Council will be on Monday, 19 May, in Loxley School, at 7.30pm. The Loxley Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 May, at 7.30pm, also in Loxley School.

### Hampton Lucy Parish Council

Please note that the date for the next Hampton Lucy Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, 21 May, 2014. The Annual Parish Meeting will follow immediately afterwards. This is a change from the usual day. Sorry for any inconvenience. JD

# **Charlecote Parish Annual General Meeting**

Charlecote Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in Charlecote Village Hall on Tuesday, 13 May, 2014, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please come along from 7.00 pm for a pre-meeting glass of wine.

# Back & 4<sup>th</sup> Community Transport

Back and 4<sup>th</sup> Transport provides accessible transport to community and not-for-profit groups in the South Warwickshire area. We are always looking to recruit <u>volunteer minibus drivers</u> for our community transport projects. Volunteers will be subject to a satisfactory DBS check and based at our offices in Wellesbourne. Full training will be provided and all out-of -pocket expenses will be paid. If you are a friendly and sociable person who enjoys helping others and have some spare time, please contact. Gareth Jones on 01789 471595 or visit our website www.backand4th.org.uk

# Evensong in St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, with 'ensemble 1685'

Saturday, 10 May, at 3.00 pm. Evensong - according to the Book of Common Prayer - with 'ensemble 1685'. The Preacher will be the Bishop of Warwick. Organised by the Prayer Book Society. Tea will be served afterwards.



### Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. The Lions would like to thank everybody who participated in our Giant Easter Egg fund-raiser, which has taken place in a number of different locations around the district. I will let you know how much was raised in next month's news. We will be holding our annual bucket collection outside Wellesbourne Co-op on Friday 9 May, Saturday 10 May, and Sunday 11 May. Please call in, we'd love to see you, and any donations will be, as always, very gratefully received. A big "thank you" to Mr McGrath, Store Manager. It is now getting close to our major fund-raising event of the year, which we are jointly hosting with Shakespeare Lions - The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Wasperton to Stratford Raft Race, on Sunday, 22 June. As usual, you are invited to enter a raft, and details for entries can be found at www.raftrace.org This year our main beneficiary will be The Cardiomyopathy Association. If you would like to donate or provide sponsorship, you will find full details on the web site. If you are not planning to race, then why not come along anyway and enjoy this great river spectacle? AS



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Congratulations were in order when the members of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI celebrated the 95th birthday of their group. As President Helen Sill was away on holiday, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-president Kath Clarke, who spoke of the branch's history and described the inaugural meeting in Hampton Lucy School on 29 April, 1919, when forty-six members met, along with their Founder President, Lady Ada Fairfax-Lucy. The hall was decorated with spring flowers and the memorabilia scrap books were on display for members to browse through. The Chairman was attired in an Edwardian lady's dress for the evening, in keeping with the title of the talk by Jo Carter, 'The Life of a Lady's Maid'. Jo was also appropriately dressed and gave an entertaining account of life below stairs, the clothing and associated artefacts, and some household secrets from days gone

by. The County WI Chairman, Jeryl Stone, then presented the 95th Birthday cake, which was cut by Kath Clarke, the longest-serving



member, and served with a glass of 'bubbly' to round off a most enjoyable evening. 'Resolutions' will be discussed at the next meeting on Wednesday, 7 May in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. New members are always welcome. KCI



### Loxley WI

On Thursday, 10 April, we were highly entertained by Reuben Lynch as he talked about his career as a successful Toastmaster, looking the part in his red coat and flourishing his gavel. He fitted the profile perfectly with his knowledge of protocol, eye for detail and an engaging but firm manner, obviously

capable of getting dignitaries in place, on time and at ease. He described coming from a very poor background, with uneducated parents struggling to provide for nine children on a small Caribbean island. Their father brought the family to London, but neither parent lived long enough to enjoy Reuben's success when he became the first ever black toastmaster. Joining the Army proved to be an important first step for him. With his brilliant smile and wicked sense of humour, he recounted many stories from his army days, progressing from the sergeants' mess to taking responsibility for the officers' mess and organising many important occasions including visits from members of the royal family. On leaving the army he eventually trained to be a fully-fledged Toastmaster. We could have listened all night! However, the evening came to an appropriate end with Reuben proposing the toast to our visitors. On 29 April there is a Group Meeting in Ashorne Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when Kay Alexander, the BBC Midlands news reader, will be the speaker. On 8 May, when we shall vote on WI Resolutions, the meeting will again be held in Ashorne Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. MCI

### News from Charlecote Park

It was enchanting to see the primary school children in Tudor costume processing down Charlecote's drive recently. They were here to plant an oak tree for Shakespeare Week - one of our Celebration Trees in the parkland. They also displayed and read out some of their own sonnets on the Cedar Lawn and we hope they enjoyed this special experience. There are quite a few new arrivals at Charlecote this month. The Jacob ewes started lambing around 10 April and our new pigs will also have arrived by then. This year we are having Oxford Sandy & Blacks and they'll be in their pen behind the stables, as last year. If you've visited recently, you'll have noticed that the gatehouse clock has been restored and is once again striking every quarter hour. Second-hand books are now back in the gatehouse and local produce is in the pantry shop by the Victorian kitchen. If you're after Charlecote venison or hogget and the pantry is shut, do ask in the main servants' hall shop. Several trees were lost and damaged in the February storm, but it's not all bad news. A talented craftsman is creating unique candle holders for us from the wood of a cedar tree which was quite probably planted by Capability Brown, so these will be a really historic piece of Charlecote. We're hoping they'll be in the shop by Easter and every penny from their sale will buy play/sports equipment for our younger visitors. Find out more at : http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote-park MG

## The 'Lucy Lads' Forge Ahead to Ironbridge



In early April, for their first visit of the year, eleven Lucy Lads travelled to the World Heritage Site at Ironbridge where the Industrial Revolution began. The trip was arranged by Brian Buckley, (pictured here, on the *right*), one of our Lads, who had worked as Manager of the Coalbrookdale Foundry. This was once the largest foundry in the world, producing two thousand castings each week and employing four thousand men and boys. The castings for modern Aga and Rayburn cookers are still made there before being delivered to the Aga Works in Wellington, just six miles away, for finishing and assembly. We could not have had a more knowledgeable guide, Brian giving a detailed explanation of the techniques involved and pointing out some of the exquisite fine art castings made there, most notably a cast wall plaque of The Last Supper. We also visited Abraham Darby's house, where Brian lived for six months. Passing the world's first iron bridge, a

forerunner of our very own at Hampton Lucy, we made our way to Blists Hill Victorian Town, heading straight for the traditional fish and chip shop plus a little liquid refreshment at the New Inn. On this site there is a preserved mineshaft with a splendid operational pit-head steam engine, a Victorian bank, many interesting workshops, and all manner of traditional shops, all of which stirred a few memories. If you haven't been, it's well worth a visit. All the Lads enjoyed the day and left clutching their Passport Tickets for free return visits - with so many different sites, it's impossible to cover everything in one day. Our thanks go to Brian for his unique knowledge and, as ever, to Jeremy - our chauffeur for the day. мw

#### Join Us For Breakfast!

Why not come along on Saturday, 17 May, 10am to 11.30am, for breakfast in Charlecote Village Hall? Tickets are £5 each. Enjoy scrumptious bacon baps and a delicious continental breakfast, coffee, tea and juices. There will be a raffle with great prizes. All proceeds will go towards completion of the Charlecote Wall-hanging. RSVP to 07725 302799, e-mail: julietaylor@f2s.com JT

#### Loxley School Looks East



Not sure I like this ....!

With the spring term behind us, we can look back on the learning that has taken place in Loxley School. An Indian topic produced mouthwatering aromas which wafted through the school as the children prepared and ate some wonderful dishes including, curry, samosas, nan

bread and dips. An Asian elephant was constructed on the playground, as seen in the last edition of *The Grapevine*, and the whole school visited the Gurdwara Temple in Learnington Spa. Additionally, some of our children have taken part in the Primary Schools' Swimming Gala, and one pupil qualified for the finals in May. A team also represented Loxley in a Tag Rugby tournament against other local schools. мо

#### Hampton Lucy School



Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery raised an incredible £130 for Sport Relief by running the mile through the village to the playing field and back to school. It was part of a day of physical exercise that started with the youngest children in the nursery enjoying games to develop their football skills. Did you know that Hampton Lucy School has a nursery for children who are 3 years old? It is part of the Foundation Unit and offers morning places from 8.55 to 11.55. For further information, please ring Alison Selwood, School Business Manager, for details. AS

### From Tiny Acorns Mighty Forests Grow!

Charlecote Park have designated twenty 'Celebration Trees' to be planted by visitors and local residents during 2014. Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI planted a commemorative oak tree in celebration of their 95th Birthday. Ten WI members, led by President Helen Sill and County Chairman of WFWI, Jeryl Stone, planted it on a beautiful Spring morning in early April. Let's look forward to seeing this tree flourish, along with Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI. KCI



Hampton Lucy website: www.hamptonlucy.net

# **The Notice Board**

The Loxley website: www.loxleyvillage.com

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**Hampton Lucy** 

Ladies' Coffee and Cakes

Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,

Tuesday, 6 May at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet on Thursday, 1 May, in The Boar's Head at 11.30am

All Lads at heart are welcome!

Loxley School

Spring Fete and Dog Show

Saturday, 17 May, from 2.00pm

Loxley Playing Field

Pig Roast, Bouncy Castle, Craft stalls,

Traditional Games, Vintage Ice Cream Van

Free admission

The Charlecote website: www.charlecote.org.uk

#### Reminder

### Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Hold a fish and chip supper whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury, supporting SIA's vital services. For more information or to request a fundraising pack

call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350,



# Reminder

Spring/Summer Shopping Day laturday, May 17th 2013, 10am-4.00pm Coffee and tea will be served all day, with home-made cakes and biscuits *Free entry!* 

Chipping Campden Scout Group Invite you to a Charity Ceilidh with local band '16 Strings and a Dead Goat' Saturday, 17 May, 8pm to 11pm at Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AE. Tickets: Adults:£15, under 14's: £3. Fish and Chip Supper and Bar. For tickets and more information, please call Rebecca on 01608 674929

# 'LYRA'

Glorious Russian choral music coming to St Peter's, Hampton Lucy Friday, May 16, at 7.30pm Admission £10 - (concessions £8)



AFTERNOON TEA AT THE MALT HOUSE CHARLECOTE, CV35 9EW SATURDAY 1 JUNE

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# Hampton Lucy Village Hall



### Plant and Produce Sale Saturday, 17th May, from 9.00am Stock up your gardens and help to

fund the Village Hall.

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Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day Sunday, 18th May, 10am to 4pm, Lots to See Free Admission!



# **Church Services**

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9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW	
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	2	CW	
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<b>10 May</b> (Saturday)				
3.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong (according to	The Book of	
		Common Prayer with 'e	nsemble 1685')	
11 May	The Fourth S	unday of Easter		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	-	CW	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy		BCP	
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18 May		nday of Easter	D GD	
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	1	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service		
25 May	The Sixth Su	nday of Easter		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP	
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