

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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The Charlecote Wall-hanging, unveiled for all to see!



After nearly two years of serious stitching, twenty-five residents of Charlecote have now completed the commemorative wall-hanging, featuring familiar scenes of Charlecote. The project was launched by Katriona Collins and Heather Gopsill to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Their enthusiasm was infectious, the stitching team was soon formed and, since then, regular meetings have been held to monitor progress and to complete this amazing work of art. All residents of Charlecote are invited to the unveiling by Ann Rowley, winner of The Great British Sewing Bee - 2013, and the wallhanging will then be on display in the village hall for all to see. There will be village hall open days on Sunday, 7th

and 14th September, between 10am - 4pm. Do pop in to see it and enjoy some refreshments at the same time. Note cards and calendars will also be on sale.

Hampton Lucy School and Nursery needs you Hampton Lucy CofE Primary School and Nursery are seeking a Community Governor to join the Governing Body. Martyn Harrold has been an excellent Community Governor but his term of office has come to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his work at the school on behalf of the community. If you feel that you would like more information, or to discuss what is involved with being a Community Governor then please contact the school at: head3031@welearn365.com

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

Just a reminder that the next Hampton Lucy Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 24 September, at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome and these meetings are an opportunity to raise questions, not only with your Parish Councillors but also your District and County Councillors. And don't forget the public enquiry on the Charles Church planning application, 24/25 September. We need a good turn out! Details from the Parish Clerk. JD

The Warwickshire Singers and Hampton Lucy Primary School in Concert

On Saturday, 21 June, we enjoyed a choral concert in St Peter's Hampton Lucy. A huge "thank you" goes to everyone who supported the event, which raised £150 for the church. For Niall Doherty, the director of The Warwickshire Singers, this was his first visit to Hampton Lucy and he was captivated by the beauty of the church building and the fabulous acoustic. Although many of the choir have sung in St Peter's in the past, they continue to find it an inspirational experience. The children in Hampton Lucy Primary School choir are lucky enough to be able to sing in the church on a regular basis and the simple beauty and clarity of their singing of "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Make Me a Light" was extremely moving. After two lively up-tempo songs from the children, both choirs joined together to sing "Hakuna Matata" from the Lion King, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Some of the children commented on the powerful sound that the two choirs made together, and how different it felt to be part of a mixed choir of adults and children. The second half of the programme, sung by The Warwickshire Singers, contained items from the traditional choral repertoire and was very well received, with some of the children staying on to enjoy a different genre of singing. Many thanks to Revd David Jessett for the use of the church, Mrs Margaret Lunnon for the use of the school facilities, and Ali and Chris Speller, along with several others, who helped with the arrangements. The Warwickshire Singers would certainly like to repeat the venture in the future. The choir is also looking for new singers to join us this coming season. Visit the website http://www.warwickshiresingers.org.uk for details: AR

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The Parish Letter



It was the centenary of the beginning of the First World War on a Monday night in Barford. It was 10pm and dark. In St Peter's Church it was silent, apart from the occasional footstep. There were just some candles burning in the windows. Nothing was going to happen in the next hour. Not much to attract people

And yet, between then and 11pm around forty people came in and spent time just sitting in silence. While most were probably in their 60s and 70s, some were children who came with parents, and others were in their 20s and 30s.

Some stayed for the whole hour, others just for part of the time. It ended at 11pm with all but the Easter candle being extinguished, and a sentence being read that reminded us of the permanence of the 'light' that Christ brought into the world.

Now I am sure that everyone there came mostly because of the WW1 centenary. Perhaps it was a feeling that, after all that the soldiers and others went through then, the least we could do to show our respect was to go and spend some time sitting quietly – giving thanks, praying, or reflecting on our world and its problems today.

But, as I sat there, it seemed to me that there was something else and I have been trying to understand what it was. We did something similar at Sherbourne Church a while back for some of the couples who have been married in our

churches in recent years. Candlelight, some music, very few words and a chance to pray.

There was something about sitting there; the silence, candlelight, the architecture, and the size and age of the building. For me it was a bit about being aware of all the other people that have sat there over the centuries thinking about their lives; and then seeing what I was thinking about in that larger and longer context. It felt like a way of 'sorting your head out'. And, for me, God was in it too.

As a result, I have been wondering why such occasions seem more attractive to some people than what we do on most Sundays. My provisional conclusion is that it is about two things:

Firstly, if you come to a Sunday service you get the readings for that week and whatever the preacher thinks everyone needs to hear. That can be enjoyable and valuable, but if you come to a time of quiet you may have more time to say what you want to say to God *or* you may just catch some of what God is saying to you personally.

Secondly, in such a time, nothing is asked or expected of you. You can just sit, and be, and reflect.

It may be that we will offer other such opportunities in our six churches. If you have any thoughts about this please feel free to email me on rectory@barford.org.uk

David Jessett



A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.

News from the Parishes



From the Registers				
Baptisms: Hampton	Lucy 13 July 2014	Charlotte Emily Wyatt Conway		
		Oliver Thomas Graham Conway		
	10 August 2014	Connor James Bloxham		
Weddings:				
Charleco	te 2 August 2014	Richard Merand and Dominique Snell		
	9 August 2014	Rob Hutchcox and Diana Pheasey		
Hampton	Lucy 21 June 2014	James Archibald and Joanna Lea		
	20 July 2014	Christopher Stallard and Emily Wilkinson		
	1 August 2014	Daniel McArthur and Tayla Dalby		
Loxley	21 June 2014	Daniel Bake and Melissa Broomfield		
	9 August 2014	Timothy Whitehead and Joanna Veal		
Blessing of a Marria	<u>ge:</u>			
Charleco	te 21 June 2014	Donovan de Santo and Antonia Robinson		
Funeral:				
Hampton	Lucy 4 August	Geoffrey Eddy (see page 4)		
Burial of Ashes:				
Loxley	19 June	Chris Chambers		
Hampton	Lucy 8 July	Jean Pitman		



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club Promotes A Wider View of The World

The Lions have had a great summer season, taking part in many local summer fairs. We were unlucky with our latest event, the Walton Fete on Sunday, 10 August, which was held indoors due to very wet weather. Numbers were well down but those who came had a good time. Advance notice of a quiz evening that we will be hosting on Saturday, 18 October, in Kineton Village Hall at 7.30pm. £10 per person includes a hot supper, with prizes for the winners and a raffle. All profits from the evening will support 'local charities'. Please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745 for more information and to book a place. Some excellent news: the Lions and The Street Favre committee have raised enough money to purchase a second defibrillator for Wellesbourne. Unfortunately, although Barclays Bank originally indicated their willingness to accommodate the new equipment, they have since reluctantly decided that it is not practical. However, the proprietors of a local business in the centre of the village are keen to provide a site - more information later. Meanwhile, the original defibrillator has been moved to a more prominent position at the front of the Co-op. I am sure many of you will have noticed the big yellow box next to the ATM. When the Lions ask for help, the community of Wellesbourne & District always react admirably. We recently placed a collection bin for unwanted spectacles and hearing aids at the Wellesbourne Pharmacy and it has already been filled! Ninety-five pairs of spectacles have now been passed on to Lions International for distribution in Third World countries, where they will make an enormous difference to the lives of those with visual impairment. "Thank you" to everyone who has already donated; more are always needed so please remember when you next visit the pharmacy. AS

Loxley WI Members Live Dangerously

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For our Members' Evening on 12 June, Debbie Rickerby devised a personality test by which we tested ourselves and shared the results with the group, resulting in an enjoyably different evening. The members also provided delicious refreshments. On 10 July we were very grateful to Paul Taberner for stepping in at very short notice. He spoke about his work as head of Warwick Crime and Forensic Unit and, to illustrate

forensic methods used to solve crimes, case after case came tumbling out; assault, murder, arson, fraud, moneylaundering - he had seen it all. He has also assisted with some popular TV crime productions and checked others for technical accuracy. When asked how he had lived with the constant contact with the results of crime, he said that enthusiasm, a desire to combat crime, resilience, a sense of humour and a supportive home life were all important. On 4 August we had a very interesting visit to Marlborough Barracks, Kineton, where half of the UK's ammunition is stored, ready for distribution to war zones and training centres all over the world. Local groups of visitors are made welcome, after some security checks, so that they can be reassured about the meticulous safeguards taken to prevent any danger to those living in the area. With individual reinforced concrete storage units, the possibility of an incident having a 'domino effect' is prevented. Incidentally, the rumour of underground storage is a myth. We also visited the museum, which shows the development from the simple cannon ball to the most sophisticated shells and bombs available today. This fascinating visit ended with a delicious meal, brought from the canteen and eaten in the officers' mess. Our next meeting is on 11 Sept at Loxley School, at 7.30, when Nick Clarke will talk on "My Life in Photography.



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI - "Air On The G String"

Members of Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI were entertained by Alycia Smith Howard, at their July meeting, with her talk entitled 'O Brave New World'. It was a glimpse of Shakespeare's enduring legacy. The evening started with a short Shakespearian quiz, which was won by Kath Clarke. Alice then continued with a presentation connecting Shakespeare through modern films, and including television

advertising. An example she used was the Hamlet cigars advert. It was also interesting to learn how many of our everyday expressions are quotes from Shakespeare's plays. The September meeting will be on 3 September at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, when Paul Betterton will speak on "Mysteries of the Titanic". New Members and visitors are always welcome.

From Ammunition to Art: Trench Art from the First World War

In addition to the stunning exhibition of Rodin and Moore's work, Compton Verney is also staging a fine display of Trench Art, show-casing the remarkable creativity of ordinary people producing extraordinary things from the everyday by-products of the First World War. As part of a national programme to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War, the exhibition features items from a Warwickshire-based private collection. Each exhibit has been painstakingly produced by hand, and the display features items made from sections of a propeller by RAF ground crew, embroidered flour sacks from US aid to occupied Belgium, beadwork snakes by Turkish prisoners on the Eastern Front, and shell cases decorated by members of the Chinese labour corps. Originating from over 20 countries around the world, each piece clearly demonstrates different national styles - a poignant reminder of the global scale of the conflict. The exhibition runs from 15 July to 14 December. From 27

September there will be a concurrent exhibition of British Folk Art, drawn from collections across the UK. Folk Art has often been the neglected bridesmaid of British art. By uncovering this treasure trove of objects, the exhibition, which represents works from our own important collection, asks why?

FOLS, End of Year Report



Captions please!

The FOLS rounded off the end of term with a Leavers BBO and Disco held on the playing field. It was lovely to see so many families together enjoying the evening and to welcome the new parents and children who will be joining us in September. It was also a chance for us to thank the wider community of Loxley for all their support over the year. This year our fundraising amounted to £5800, so well done to everyone for raising such an incredible total! Events included our annual Bonfire & Fireworks night, Christmas Fayre, Loxley Team's sponsored run, Pamper Evening, Wellesbourne Santa collection, Spring Fete, Quiz & the Bags2School recycling scheme. From this fundraising we have been able to help with the following: Black Country Museum trip, coach to The Grove Residential Activity Centre, Christmas

Pantomime and party, new tricycles, new books, and the trip to London. In the last 5 years the FOLS have raised an incredible £27,000 for the school! WOW! Thanks again everyone! It's great that we are able to support our children and school and help to enhance their school experience. Have a great summer everyone, see you in September!

Energy Warwickshire

With colder months just around the corner, now is the time to think about topping up your oil tank and taking advantage of the lower oil prices that have been enjoyed recently. We are delighted that, for the fourth month running, we have managed to achieve a 'per litre' price below 50p. In August, our members paid just 49.99p per litre, saving 4.51 pence per litre against the average. As a charity that works solely for the benefit of rural communities, we are delighted with these results. If you are reliant on heating oil and would like to join our members in making savings have a look at our website: www.energywarwickshire.org.uk or contact us on 01789 472611. The syndicate is open to households, community groups and businesses across Warwickshire.

Geoffrey Eddy - A Personal View of a Remarkable Man

I first met Geoffrey Eddy at the Monday 'afternoon teas' that used to be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. He had moved to Hampton Lucy in 1983, when he retired as a Methodist minister, and had developed a great regard for the village. Geoffrey continued to preach locally and assembled twenty-two of his sermons into a booklet, humorously entitled "*About God: About twenty minutes*". He also wrote a scholarly biography of Dr John Taylor, a contemporary of John Wesley, and completed that when in his 80s. Geoffrey was an excellent draughtsman and greatly appreciated the craftsmanship of Dave Brown's cartoons in '*The Independent*'. He used his own beautiful pen-and-ink drawings on his Christmas cards, and his elegant handwriting can still be seen on the slate labels of the Charles Maries Trail. Sadly, Geoffrey died on 17 July, 2014. KC

(Geoffrey was also an enthusiastic 'Lucy Lad'- Editor)

Our correspondents this month are:

SB-T: Sarah Brooke-Taylor; HC: Helen Chidgey; KCI: Kath Clarke; MCI: Margaret Clayton; KC: Ken Cockshull; JD: John Dunkerton; HH: Helen Hoggarth; SB-T: ML: Margaret Lunnon; AR: Anne Richardson; SS: Sam Skillens; AS: Andy Stokes. The next copy deadline for *Grapevine* will be <u>Wednesday, 10 September.</u> It will be posted on the village websites by 17 September, and printed copies will be delivered some time after 24 September.

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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,

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Tuesday, 2 September at 10.30am.

"The Lucy Lads"

will meet by The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy on Tuesday, 9 September, at 10.00am, for a visit to Bombardier, in Derby. (railway engineers, not brewery!)

Come and see THE CHARLECOTE WALL-HANGING on display in the village hall

Open Days (10.00am to 4.00pm) Sunday 7th September Sunday 14th September

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Janet Tilden-Smith 01789 842008

Monday, 8th September, 10am to 4.00pm Cable Knitting, *with* Kate Tetlow.



Tuesday, 9th September, 10am to 4.00pm. The Principles of Pruning and Training with Gwyn Perry Head gardener at Armscote.

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Church Services September 2014

7 September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity				
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW	
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW	
14 September	Holy Cross Day			
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP	
21 September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist				
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW	
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service		
28 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity				
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP	
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW	
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Service cancelled. Congregati	on invited	
		to a special service at Sherbou	rne	

For your diary - September 2014

Tues 2 Ladies' Coffee and Cakes, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. Notice Board. Tues 2 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Tues 2 'The Lucy Lads', meet by The Boar's Head, 10.00am. Notice Board. Wed 3 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 3 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote, 7.30pm, page 3. Wed 3 Core Strength and Flexibility Class, HL Village Hall, Notice Board. Sun 7 Charlecote Village Hall Open Day, 10am to 4pm, page 1 Mon 8 Wellesbourne & District Lions Club, Connie Club, 8.00pm, page 3. Tues 9 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, visit website. Tues 9 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Wed 10 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 10 Core Strength and Flexibility Class, HL Village Hall, Notice Board. Thur 11 Loxley WI, Loxley School, 7.30pm, page 3. Sun 14 Charlecote Village Hall Open Day, 10am to 4pm, page 1. Sun 14 Charlecote Mill Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm, Notice Board. Tues 16 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Wed 17 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 17 Core Strength and Flexibility Class, HL Village Hall, Notice Board. Sat 20 Wasperton Pantry and Produce Sale, Village Hall, Notice Board... Mon 22 Wellesbourne & District Lions Club, Connie Club, 8.00pm, page 3. Tues 23 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Wed 24 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 24 Core Strength and Flexibility Class, HL Village Hall, Notice Board. Sat 27 Hampton Lucy Autumn Supper, HL Village Hall, Notice Board.

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