



# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE  
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Carols at the Mill



*'.....dong!'*

the lovely mellow sound of the old bells, interspersed with their occasional giggles over the very occasional misplaced 'dong'. It all added up to a festive evening of carols, bells, laughter and merriment. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. I'd like to thank everyone who helped us to set up and manage the evening, and "thank you" everyone for your generous donations.

KG

## Friends of Loxley School

Everyone at Loxley School had a hectic run up to Christmas, with many festive activities going on. On 14 December, the Friends organised a Christmas Fair which was very well attended and raised over £1100 for school funds. Just as importantly, lots of fun was had by all. There was a lovely atmosphere with a Christmas Shopping Village - for last minute presents, decorations, a cinema, traditional games, Christmas crafts by the children and, of course, a visit to Santa in his new grotto was a must! Some of the funds raised were used to pay for the end-of-term trip to see Cinderella in Leamington Spa. The Friends also organised a Christmas Lunch Party in school with a hot Christmas dinner being served for the very first time, followed by lashings of jelly and ice cream and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children! Further expenditure is planned on upgrades to ICT facilities for the children, as well as additions to the playground equipment. The children ended the term with two amazing performances of 'The Stars Who See It All' in Loxley Church. They were a credit to the school and thanks must go to Anne Dobedoe who wrote and played the music. For further details about Loxley School news and events please see our website [www.loxley.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.loxley.warwickshire.sch.uk)

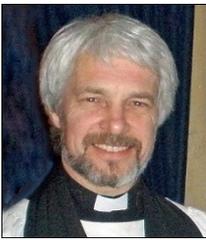


HC / MO

## Walkies!

Residents of Charlecote and their dogs thoroughly enjoyed their annual Christmas walk from Charlecote to Wasperton, which was followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall.

HH



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# The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be able to announce that, at the end of November and after the last edition had gone to press, we officially welcomed Rev'd Neville Beamer as our new Associate Priest. Rev'd Cathy Davies left at the end of September 2013 and Neville was one of the priests who was helping out while we looked for a replacement. However, his involvement proved so popular that we asked him if he would like to take on the role more formally and were very pleased when he said "yes". Neville has had a very full and interesting ministry before retiring and, in retirement, has been very busy, mainly at Stratford's Holy Trinity Church, but also as a District Councillor on Stratford-on-Avon D.C. He is married to Sheila, and their children are now grown up. They will continue to live in their house in Stratford.

In fact, our Benefice is not entirely new to Neville as he worked in Sherbourne Church between 1968 and 1972 as a Curate. Neville is helping on Sundays and a little during the week, and is beginning to get to know people and to be known.

Having Neville around will be a great help to me personally, and I am hoping, therefore, to do some things

that have had to take a bit of a back seat in the past year or so. One of those is to set up an opportunity for people to ask questions about faith and to discuss God, prayer and Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This would be suitable for people who wanted to think about getting confirmed, but could also be a useful refresher for people who have been confirmed already. If you are interested, or if anyone you know might be, please contact me by phone or email. (My contact details are at the top of the page.)

Some of our Church Councils are also hoping to offer opportunities for people to come into our Churches in the evening for some quiet space. These are to be drop-in times when you can come for a few minutes or a whole hour. The next one is on Saturday, 28 February, at St Peter's, Barford, when we hope to include some lovely music, performed by Hymnos. (Details below.)

So I hope that, when you see Neville you will welcome him, and that if you wish to think about spirituality and faith more you will find opportunities to do so in 2015.

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.*



### 'Music and meditation' at Barford Church

Do you like beautiful music? Do you appreciate time to sit quietly and 'meditate'? You have the chance to do both on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February in St Peter's Church, Barford. Between 8pm and about 9.15pm the Church will be open for people to come in and to sit quietly. A choir composed of members of Hymnos, who gave a stunning concert here last Autumn, will sing pieces of sacred Renaissance choral music (Tallis, Byrd, Victoria, etc), interspersed with periods of quiet for reflection, and all by candlelight. Come along and give yourself some time and space. You are welcome just to drop in for a short while or to come and stay for the whole time. There is no charge for entry.

Rev'd DJ

### Dr Alan Scaife

The *Grapevine* team were saddened by the death of Alan Scaife, of Hampton Lucy, who passed away in Walsgrave Hospital on Saturday, 10 January, 2015, after a short illness. Alan had proof-read draft copies of *The Grapevine* for at least sixteen years - probably more - scrupulously dotting the Is, crossing the Ts, amending our spelling and grammar, and correcting the facts. He will be remembered by many, of course, for his long service as Clerk of Hampton Lucy Parish Council, when he was proactively and enthusiastically involved in many community projects, including the local footpath network and his brainchild - the Parish Spinney. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. **AJW**

### From the Registers

<b>Baptisms:</b>	Hampton Lucy	16 November	Lauren Amalie Kilpatrick Ella Stephanie Kilpatrick; Edward David Smith George David Wakefield
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## Charlecote Park This Winter



Frosty days have led to some delightful walking opportunities for visitors to Charlecote Park. Our Ranger, Adam, has created a new walking trail in the West Park, with blue-topped posts to follow and information on a theme of "Reflections". Just pick up a guide map in Visitor Reception on your way in. Wellies or walking boots advised! Our 2015 programme includes bookings for the opportunity to explore behind-the-scenes with the house, park and garden teams. Book soon as these events tend to sell out quickly. There is more information on the Events Page of the website, as usual. There will be three new Tamworth piglets arriving soon after Easter. We know that many of you like to come in after school to see them, with your children and grandchildren. If you've been thinking about volunteering with us, we are holding some 'drop-in-for-a-chat' sessions on 17, 22 and 25 February from 11.00am to 3.30pm. Come along and see Rosie to find out more. On a more mundane note, the Gatehouse public loos have now been refurbished – hurrah! The whole property is closed between 27-29 January for the annual Volunteers' Briefing at 'The Pheasant' and lots of staff training.

MG

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club News

On behalf of the Wellesbourne & District Lions, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy New Year. Santa and the Lions really enjoyed meeting you all, out and about on our Christmas floats in the run up to Christmas. Thanks must go to all of the people from local charities who gave up their time to join us and an even bigger "thank you" to everyone for your outstanding support. Over £4,000 was raised, which will go to the local charities involved. We will be holding a cheque presentation and quiz night on Saturday, 7 February at 7.30 pm at Kineton Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £10, to include a ploughman's supper. Please contact me on 01789 841939 for further information. On the following Saturday, 14 February, the Lions will be hosting a Valentines Dance at Ettington Community Centre, featuring well-known local band 'Cactus Jam' and a supporting act. Tickets are priced at £10. The time is 7.30 for an 8pm start. There will be a bar and raffle, but bring your own food! Proceeds will go to Ettington First Responders and Ettington Pre-school. Finally the Lions would like to pass on their thanks to everybody who has supported our events during 2014 and, with your help, we are extremely pleased to have been able to give financial support to so many good causes, including individuals and charities. We held a Raft Race Presentation Night at the end of November at Stratford Town Football Club, where representatives of the main beneficiary, The Cardiomyopathy Association, were presented with a cheque for £12,250 - a fantastic effort from all involved.



AS

## St Peter ad Vincula Christmas Bazaar

Although we are well into the New Year by now, we are pleased to advise that the Christmas Bazaar held on 15 November raised £300 for Church Funds, due mainly to the efforts of Ali and Chris Speller. The Village Hall looked very festive and on offer were toys to suit all ages, Judy Worsley ran a stall selling spring flowers and Jackie Williams provided welcome hot drinks and mince pies. Many thanks to all those who helped make it a very successful morning. Ali and Chris also send a big "thank you" to everyone who came along and supported the event.

JT-S & ASp

## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Our Christmas get-together was most enjoyable with a bring-and-share supper, with wine to help the evening along! Kevin Barfield entertained us with his talk on "The Life and Works of George Formby". Mel Harvey, our January speaker, spoke and demonstrated "The Mystery of Magic and Illusion" and had us all puzzled with his 'magic'. He used several WI members as assistants. Kath Clarke, our President, thought she might well get a soaking, but stayed dry! Mel has worked on television and in theatres up and down the country, and also on cruise ships. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4 February at Hampton Lucy Village Hall beginning at 7.30, when Steven Bruce from Bigwoods Auctioneers will be the speaker. The Curry Night on 14 January at the Boars Head was a great success, thanks to support from members and friends, and Phil and Angie's hospitality. With ticket sales and some generous donations, the raffle raised £300. Proceeds will go to the Leamington Brain Injury Unit.



MJW

## Loxley WI

On 13 November we held our AGM, at which the committee was re-elected. The meeting was attended by Lynn Stubbings from 'head office', who talked about the celebrations for this year's Centenary of the WI, and answered questions about the organisation. We had a very interesting illustrated talk by Kath Clarke on the history and changing face of Charlecote and Hampton Lucy. On 11 December we had another interesting talk by Alan Winterburn, entitled "Little Known Warwickshire", with a lot of historical information from around the county. On 8 January we enjoyed our annual seasonal party at The Houndshill. Our next meeting will be on 12 February at Loxley School, 7.30pm, when Ginny Davis will give us a talk entitled "To the Fringe and Beyond", and which promises to be an entertaining evening, not to be missed.

MC



## Could you be the person we're looking for?

Back & 4<sup>th</sup> Community Transport is based at Warwick University Campus (HRI), Wellesbourne and provides minibus hire for residents of South Warwickshire. We are looking for extra volunteer drivers to take our passengers out and about in the local area and further afield, so if you have some time to spare during the day or evening or at weekends and are interested in joining our team please give us a call. You need to be between 25 and 70 years of age and we ask that volunteers complete a minimum



of one drive per month for us. Apart from that our requirements are flexible to suit your availability. Full training to MiDAS (Minibus Drivers' Awareness Standards) is provided as well as all out-of-pocket expenses. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is completed for all volunteer drivers. We also need volunteers to help out with other tasks including assisting people with their supermarket shopping and office admin so if you have some spare time and would like to help the

local community, please contact Kate Skinner on 01789 471595 or [kates@wrccrural.org.uk](mailto:kates@wrccrural.org.uk) for further information. **KS**

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**SC**

## Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert - St Peter ad Vincula



Some thirty talented young musicians came together in St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, on Sunday, 7 December, for what is becoming an annual Christmas concert. With tea and cake provided for all, the event kicks off the festive season for many people. There was a wide range of music, with the youngsters playing the violin, viola, cello, guitar, recorder, saxophone, flute and piano, playing solo, as duets or small ensembles, and closing with a grand finale rendition of 'Reindeer on the Rooftop', featuring the entire company of players. We saw an amazing amount of talent on display, some just starting out, others more

experienced, but all giving a performance to be proud of. Congratulations to them all, and a big "thank you" to their music teachers and parents, Susan, Helen, Sarah and Chris, for producing the concert and encouraging the youngsters, giving them the confidence and enthusiasm to want to perform in public - a daunting experience at any age. The church was pretty well full, the concert was introduced by Rev'd David Jessett, and the proceeds went towards St Peter's Church and the Hampton Lucy Village Hall. If you missed it, you missed a treat!

**AJW**

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[www.loxleyvillage.com](http://www.loxleyvillage.com)

The Charlecote website:  
[www.charlecote.org.uk](http://www.charlecote.org.uk)

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**Hampton Lucy**  
**Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**  
Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy,  
Tuesday, 3 February at 10.30am.

Charlecote Village Hall

### FILM EVENING

Friday 6th February, 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £6 including supper

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&

*the world premiere of:*

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if you would like to come.

**"The Lucy Lads"**  
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MG - Mary Gleave; KG - Karl Grevatt;

HH - Helen Hoggarth; Rev'd DJ - Rev'd David Jessett;

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AJW - Jeremy Whyman; MJW - Margaret Whyman.



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## Church Services

February 2015

<b>1 February</b>	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (<i>Candlemas</i>)</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>8 February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday Before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
<b>15 February</b>	<b>The Third Sunday Before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
<b>18 February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>22 February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday Before Lent</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

### For your diary - February 2015

- Tues 3 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Tues 3 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 4 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Wed 4 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
- Thur 5 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Fri 6 **Charlecote Film Night**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board**
- Mon 9 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Tues 10 Copy deadline for *The Grapevine*.**
- Tues 10 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).
- Tues 10 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 11 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Thur 12 **Loxley WI** Loxley School, 7.30pm, **see page 3.**
- Tues 17 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
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- Wed 25 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.

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