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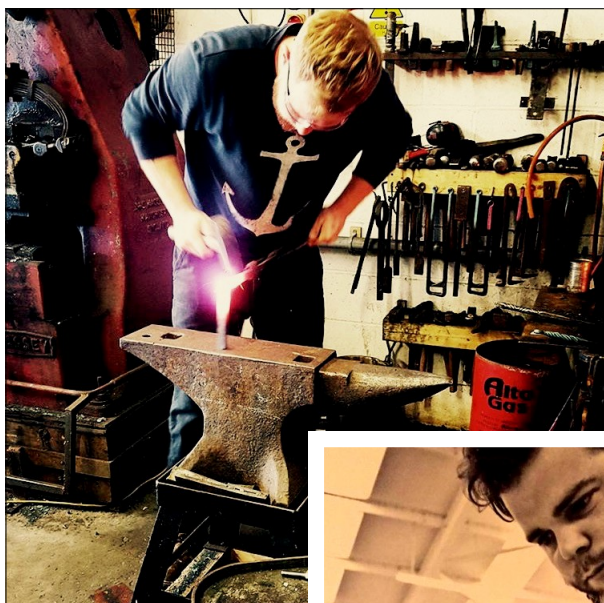
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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Down at t' Mill

Are you interested in local history, traditional mills and traditional crafts, or maybe just getting your hands dirty? If so, this will be right up your street - almost literally! Charlecote Mill is hosting a Craft Experience Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, 14/15 of May. You will be able to spend a weekend watching and working alongside highly skilled craftsmen and women from the William Morris Craft Fellowship Trust, with a unique opportunity to try your hand at any or all of the traditional skills on offer. The skills featured will include blacksmithing, wattle and daub, block printing, stonemasonry, millstone dressing, millwright repairs, flour milling, and more. The cost is just £50 for the whole weekend, or £30 if you can only make it for one day, with lunch and refreshments included. For more information contact Karl at Charlecote Mill on 01789 842072, e-mail charlecotemill@live.co.uk or via the website at www.charlecotemill.co.uk There are limited places available so do book early to avoid disappointment. All proceeds from the weekend will be donated to the William Morris Craft Fellowship, of which Karl is a Trustee.



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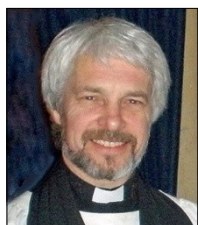
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Loxley Church Concerts

The next concert in the series will be on Sunday, 22 May, at 3pm, this time featuring Opera Warwick - a student-run University of Warwick society dedicated to the appreciation and production of high quality opera. Their aim is to bring opera into the 21st Century, making it more accessible and inspiring opera novices to give it a go. They have recently had great success with their English language version of "The Marriage of Figaro", which was performed in the main theatre at the Warwick Arts Centre, and are now rehearsing "The Threepenny Opera" which will be staged in June. They will perform a programme of their favourite solo and group pieces, designed to bring a smile to any music lover's face. As usual, the concert will last for about 45 minutes and afterwards those who wish can head to 'The Fox' for tea, home-made cake and biscuits, etc. Admission is free with a retiring collection.



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The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

As I write we are in the season of Annual Meetings. Each of our six Churches produces an Annual Report ahead of their meeting. These look back over the past year and, to an extent, ahead to what we hope to do. It seems to prove increasingly difficult to look back a whole year and to remember what happened. Obviously we can consult minutes of our regular meetings, but even then sometimes elements of it have slipped our minds. Despite that, it is good to review things: to be reminded of what has been positive and encouraging, and to remember what did not go well in order to improve in the future.

Many Christians take this idea of reviewing things rather seriously - not just as an 'annual report' but much more regularly. Saint Ignatius encouraged his followers to carry out a review at the end of each day - just before bed. He called this 'The Examen' and felt it was a good way of seeing God's hand at work in all our life experience. It begins with trying to be still and to relax, to remind ourselves that God is always there with us. Then he suggests looking back over the day with

gratitude. Even if we may feel that we have had a 'bad day' it is very rare that there is nothing to give thanks for. At least we can look forward to another one tomorrow. Ignatius advises us to pay particular attention to our emotions. They can be clues as to what has been happening at a deeper level for us. We can thank God for any things that made us happy, or we may want to ask for God's help with things that have been difficult.

Next he suggests that we choose one aspect of the day and pray about it or offer it to God. We may get deeper insights into what was going on there. Then, finally, we may look towards the next day, perhaps asking God to help us with anything that seems challenging.

If that seems rather grand and complicated, a simpler version would be simply to spend a few minutes at the end of the day looking back over the day, being grateful for the good and positive things and acknowledging where we may have got things wrong or hurt others. To do it regularly will help us to become more self-aware and more the people God wants us to be.

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.



Cathedral Parish Partner's Report – Chapel of Unity

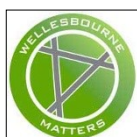
At present, scaffolding and sheeting is covering the exterior of the chapel which was consecrated in 1962. It is an iconic structure due to its aqua/grey-coloured slate facing, but in recent years the slates have become loose and need fixing more securely to the concrete exterior. Matching slate has to be sourced to replace broken pieces. The project is being undertaken in partnership with the Cathedral Fabrics Commission for England.

DH

Join Us For Breakfast In Charlecote!

Why not come along on Saturday, 21 May, between 9.30am to 11.30am for breakfast in Charlecote Village Hall? £6 per person. Enjoy scrumptious bacon rolls and a delicious continental breakfast, with coffee, tea and juices. There will be a raffle with great prizes. All proceeds will go towards Charlecote Village Hall funds. For more information contact Helen Hoggarth on 01789 840916, helenhoggarth@btinternet.com

HH



Wellesbourne Airfield Update

WHAT GREAT NEWS! The latest version of the Stratford District Council Core Strategy, published on Thursday, 31 March, confirmed Stratford District Council's intention to retain and support Wellesbourne Airfield and to reject the proposal to build 1600 houses on the site. We still have a few hurdles to overcome but will meet these challenges with our usual optimism, determination and confident legal representation. In the meantime, a very big thank you to everyone for their tremendous support - both financial and otherwise. Please continue with your support and check the latest news on our website: wellesbournematters.com.

FS

From the Registers

Baptisms:	Charlecote	20 March 2016	Charlotte Olivia Girling
	Hampton Lucy	10 April 2016	Thomas John Crellin and Sadiye Ann Crellin

News from Charlecote Park



For many years, our visitors have seen Charlecote as it was during the Victorian years of Mary Elizabeth and George Hammond Lucy. We've now installed a timeline in the gatehouse which takes Charlecote from the Domesday book through to the present day, giving context to the highs and lows of its fascinating history. Created by artist Andy Bates, it mimics the shape of the river Avon flowing through the parkland, and we hope that it will give our

visitors a better understanding of Charlecote's significance to this corner of Warwickshire. Do let us know what you think. If you've visited recently, you'll probably have spotted the absurdly cute antics of this year's Jacob lambs bouncing around in the front park. We're now awaiting the appearance of the first fawns of the season. Sadly the parterre display took a beating this year from a hit squad of voles which munched their way through many of the tulip bulbs, but we have high hopes for the summer display which will be planted this month. For half-term at the end of May we'll be putting on plenty of free activities to help younger visitors tick off some more of their '50 Things To Do Before You're 11¾'. Don't forget though, parents must accompany children and normal admission charges apply. Check our website nearer the time for more details.

MG

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



As I write this month's article, I am reflecting on yesterday afternoon, Saturday, 9 April, when I was part of the team of Lions hosting our annual 'Old Folks Concert' at Kineton High School. 124 local pensioners were treated to a free event with transport from and to home, bingo, entertainment from the Leamington Spa Royal Naval Association Male Voice Choir and afternoon tea. Everybody seemed to have a great time and it is an occasion that makes me feel how worthwhile it is to be a Lion. It is not just about fundraising for big charities, which of course is important, but about being able to do something to which so many people living in Wellesbourne, Kineton, Ettington, Barford and other villages in the area can look forward each year. In a previous article, I promised to let you how much was raised from our 'Giant Easter Eggs' raffled in local pubs, clubs and businesses. I am pleased to announce that over £1,350 profit was made for local charities.

AS



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI 97th Birthday

It was 'Back to the Swinging Sixties' when Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI held their 97th Birthday Party and the President, Kath Clarke, celebrated 50 years of membership with the WI. The village hall, appropriately decorated in 1960's style, was a wonderful 'flower power' setting in psychedelic colours. Kath spoke fondly of her memories of the WI, joining in 1966 as a Junior Member when her mother, Margaret Brown, was President. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet in recognition of her WI service. Members and guests enjoyed a supper



Photo: David Clarke

Carol Pagett, Jane Whyatt, Kath Clarke, Jeryl Stone.

(I gave fair warning in last month's issue...Ed!)

typical of the period, followed by 1960s flavour films 'Drive my Car' and 'Sex Bomb', compiled by Kath. The evening concluded with the £250 Denman Bursary draw, which was won by Hilary Dunkerton. The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, 4 May, at Charlecote Village Hall, when the Resolutions will be discussed.

KCI

Hampton Lucy School Theme Week Goes Off With A Bang

Hampton Lucy Church of England Primary School and Nursery recently staged a Theme Week, part of a drive to create a broad and balanced curriculum. On Monday, everyone participated in a Science Day. Children from Reception through to Year 6 worked together on a variety of activities - having fun and gaining a greater appreciation of how science can be part of everyday life. On Tuesday, the school hall was transformed into a French café, providing an opportunity for the children to use their conversational French. Customers were able to sample pastries and cheeses from different regions of France. The school raised money for Sport Relief on Wednesday when everyone completed the Sport Relief Mile. Children were invited to come to school dressed as their sporting hero, and were joined by some familiar faces as the teachers turned out dressed as their own favourite sports stars from the



past. Laura Davies, Princess Anne and Björn Borg all put in an appearance! Shakespeare Week was celebrated on Thursday with the children taking part in activities to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of Stratford's most famous son. As well as looking at some of the works of Shakespeare, the children were also encouraged to imagine what life would have been like in Shakespeare's time. The week concluded with an art project for the whole school, concentrating on the Easter Story. The children were invited to weave their own prayer into a banner which is now on display in St Peter's Church in Hampton Lucy. Everyone enjoyed the varied experiences and are already looking forward to another theme week in the summer term!

SA

Where'er you walk – to St Peter ad Vincula?

Hampton Lucy residents Tim Bugg and Clive Letchford are bringing some of their musical friends to St. Peter's in May when Warwickshire Baroque makes a return visit. They will be performing music by Handel and his contemporaries in a programme entitled 'The Full English'. Clive, who devised the programme, explains "...music from this period is very attractive and easy on the ear. Handel was a musical colossus based in London and the native English composers were rather left in the shade. However, I've discovered music by Midland composers of the same period which shows that they were by no means outclassed. They include William Croft, born in Ettington, who held some of the top musical jobs in London including being the organist at Westminster Abbey. We have works for orchestra and for oboe soloist, and I will be singing several arias by Handel including his sublime 'Where'er you walk'. Perfect for a Sunday afternoon. We play period instruments, producing a mellow, warm sound which particularly suits the glorious acoustic of St. Peter's". The concert is on Sunday, 15 May, starting at 3.15pm in St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy. Tickets £6 on the door, (children free). Details from 01789 470646.

CL

Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale

Our annual Plant Sale is with us once again but this year we are also selling produce such as fresh bread, chutneys, Charlecote Mill flour, salad products and a chance to order fresh dressed Cromer crabs - which can be collected a few days after the sale from 42 Church St. Tea and cakes will be available in the village hall, as well as barbecued bacon and sausage baps, so make a morning of it with breakfast as well as elevenses! The big day is Saturday, 14 May, with the sale starting at 9.00am. Plants are modestly priced and, with many customers coming back each year, it is wise to get there early! This sale makes a big contribution towards the upkeep of our village hall. The Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee would like to thank all of the sponsors, whose generous assistance makes it all possible. "Thank you" to Valefresco Ltd, Charlecote Mill, West's Bakery, Wyevale Garden Centre, Bordon Hill Nursery, Charlecote Garden Centre, Hunscombe Farm Shop, Jonas Seafood (Cromer) and A & K Russel, Butchers.

HD & MC-G

Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day

Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield will be open on Sunday, 8 May - 10.00am to 4.00pm. Explore behind the scenes and visit the control tower, the 2nd World War museum, and the flying schools. There will be model aircraft to watch. View the mighty Avro Vulcan nuclear bomber - up close and personal - and see other vintage aircraft. You can also book a flight in a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft. And, of course, enjoy freshly cooked food at the Touchdown Cafe. Admission is free, with a minibus shuttle service to all the venues. Something for all ages! Details from 01789 842007.

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The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
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The Charlecote website:
charlecote.org.uk

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Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads'

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy
on Thursday, 5 May at 11.30am
All 'lads' at heart welcome!

Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy,
Tuesday, 10 May at 10.30am
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Hampton Lucy Village Hall Plant and Produce Sale

(See page 4)

Saturday, 14th May, from 9.00am

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Kineton Art Group Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings Kineton Village Hall

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Further information from Belinda Keep

enquires@kinetonartgroup.co.uk.



Wasperton Open Gardens

Sunday, 29 May
12.00 - 6.00

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Our correspondents this month are:

SA - Sue Alldred; KC - Kath Clarke;

MC-G - Melanie Clooney-Gardner; HD - Hilary Dunkerton;

MG - Mary Gleave; KG - Karl Grevatt; DH - David Hill;

HH - Helen Hoggarth; CL - Clive Letchford;

MO - Marie Osborne; BS - Bob Shuttleworth; FS - Frankie Spray;

AS - Andy Stokes; DW - Duncan Watts;

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May 2016

1 May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
5 May	Ascension Day		
7.30am	Meadow Court Farm	Holy Communion	CW
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
8 May	The Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
15 May	The Day of Pentecost		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
22 May	Trinity Sunday		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
29 May	The First Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
10.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW

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- Sun 1 **Polski Dzień**, Charlecote Pheasant Hotel, 4.30pm to 9.30pm, **Notice Board.**
- Tues 3 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Wed 4 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3.**
- Thur 5 **'The Lucy Lads'** meet at The Boars Head, 11.30am., All welcome
- w/e7/8 **Kinton Art Group Annual Exhibition**, Kinton Village Hall. **Notice Board.**
- Sun 8 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm.
- Sun 8 **Wellesbourne Airfield Open Day**, 10.00am to 4.00pm, **page 4.**
- Mon 9 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Tues 10 Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**
- Tues 10 **'The Lucy Ladies'**, meet at The Boars Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board.**
- Tues 10 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).
- Tues 10 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Sat 14 **Hampton Lucy Plant & Produce Sale**, HL Village Hall, from 9.00am, **page 4.**
- w/e14/15 **Craft Experience Weekend**, Charlecote Mill, **front page.**
- Sun 15 **Where'er You Walk**, St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, 3.15pm, **page 4.**
- Tues 17 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Sat 21 **Breakfast in Charlecote**, 9.30am to 11.30am, **page 2.**
- Sun 22 **Loxley Church Concert**, St Nicholas' Church, 3.00pm, **page 1.**
- Mon 23 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3.**
- Tues 24 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Sun 29 **Wasperton Open Gardens**, 12.00 to 6.00pm, **Notice Board.**

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