



# The Grapevine

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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Hampton Lucy celebrates HM the Queen's Birthday

“Thank you” to all the people who came together to ‘Clean for the Queen’. We began on Saturday, 27 February, when an enthusiastic group scrubbed the smaller of the two bridges on Charlecote Road. VEG (Village Enhancement Group) litter picked around the village on Thursday, 3 March. We planned to continue our efforts by cleaning the John Lucy bridge on Saturday, 5 March, but WCC stepped in and did the job, thanks to a lot of badgering by our Parish Clerk! Instead, the old red telephone box, post box, trough and bollards had a good scrub. Charlecote Road was also cleared of rubbish with the help of two Charlecote residents. On 21 April, Her Majesty's birthday, 24 villagers met in The Boars Head for an afternoon tea party. Included on the menu were the Queen's favourite sandwiches: jam pennies, cucumber, smoked salmon, ham and mustard, egg mayonnaise - all served without crusts, of course - cake and a glass of



*A tea party fit for a Queen!*

Prosecco. Happy Birthday rang out twice, once for the Queen and later for Carol Pagett, who shares the same birthday! Thanks must go to Phil and

Angie for allowing us the use of their room and providing the bubbly at cost price. The event raised £60 which was split between The British Red Cross and Cancer Research, two charities supported by the Queen. HD



*High treason? - off to the Tower!*

## Loxley School Pupils Serenade The Bard

On Friday, 22 April, a group of children from Loxley School sang with the ‘Ex Cathedra Choir’ at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. Jeffrey Skidmore is the inspiration behind ‘Ex Cathedra’ and was incredibly enthusiastic and entertaining as he rehearsed and conducted the children. The Poet Laureate, Carol-Ann Duffy, had written the words and Sally Beamish composed the music. Children from Wilmcote and

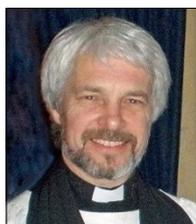


Snitterfield schools also took part in what turned out to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The choir gave a wonderful performance and the children were especially congratulated both for their singing and their stamina - they were rehearsing from 10am until 6pm! There was a lot to take in and the children coped incredibly well with last-minute changes and different instructions coming thick and fast. Two of the children also took part in a concert in Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday, 24 April. Again, it was a wonderful experience and there was much praise for their performance. What is more, the concert was reviewed by the *New York Times* and the *Guardian* so they are now global superstars!

Children from Wilmcote and



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# The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

On Saturday and Sunday, 11 and 12 June, all Church of England churches are being encouraged to arrange special events and services to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Various services and the ringing of bells will be taking place around our benefice and information on the special events in your Parishes is shown in this newsletter.

It is an acknowledgement of the Queen's role as head of the Church of England. I suspect that even those who may be sceptical about the monarchy as an institution would have to agree that she has been a really remarkable example of devoted service to her country.

Later in the month on Thursday, 23 June, there will be the referendum on our country's relationship with the rest of Europe. We shall all have the responsibility of playing a part in determining the future direction of our country in a very significant way.

These two events coming so closely together remind us

that, as a result of our history, we have moved away from monarchs who, at times, wielded absolute power, to a much more democratic system in which we can all play a part in governing our country. Overall, that seems much better but it does mean that each one of us has a responsibility to use our vote and to use it as thoughtfully as possible. For Christians, it will also be a case of approaching such decisions prayerfully.

In May we celebrated Pentecost - God's gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us strength and courage. In quiet, listening prayer we can open ourselves up to God's influence through the work of the Spirit. That can help us to make better decisions, not just about politics, but about every aspect of our lives.

May the Spirit of God guide us all as we make that important decision; and may God's Spirit continue to guide the Queen in whatever the future holds for her.

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 Partners Report

Coventry Cathedral is presenting a photographic exhibition entitled "The English Cathedral". It features a collection of stunning photographs created by Peter Marlow who died earlier this year, and features prints of all 42 Anglican Cathedrals in England. This will be the first time the exhibition has been staged outside London and will be located in the Chapel of Christ the Servant until 5 September 2016.

DH

## Charlecote Celebrates!

Charlecote will be celebrating the Queen's Official Birthday with a festive lunch and live music in the garden of the Village Hall on Saturday, 11 June. On Sunday, 12 June, there will be a special service in Charlecote Church at 11.00am with music led by the Charlecote Festival Singers.

SL

## Loxley Church Concerts

The next concert in the series will be on Sunday, 19 June, at 3.00pm in St Nicholas' Church, Loxley, and will feature The Spires Wind Octet. The Spires Orchestra and Chorus, based in Coventry, was formed in 2005 by Colin Touchin, formerly Director of Music at The University of Warwick, providing the opportunity for professional and advanced amateur musicians to create quality performances together. Members of the wind section have formed an octet, comprising two each of oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons, and will be performing some delightful music by Mozart and Beethoven. It is unusual to hear a stand-alone wind octet performance, so do come along find out what you have been missing. As usual, the concert will last for about 45 minutes and afterwards those who wish can head to The Fox Inn for tea, cake or other refreshments. Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. DW

## From the Registers

<b><u>Baptisms:</u></b>	<b>Hampton Lucy</b>	7 May 2016	Kyara Eva Gerardin Malabo
		7 May 2016	Noah Gaetan Gerardin Malabo
<b><u>Blessing of a Marriage:</u></b>	<b>Hampton Lucy</b>	7 May 2016	Sebastien Gerardin and Antoinette NgoMalabo

## Charlecote Park



At the time of writing we seem to be alternating between frosts, tropical temperatures and rain but hopefully, by the time you read this, the meadow will be a golden glow of buttercups. In the borders the alliums create a stunning June display. Look out soon for our newest recruits - we're planning to adopt some rescued semi-feral cats to help us keep the increasing mouse population under control. Half-term runs well into June this year. We're putting on some additional drop-in events to help your children and grandchildren tick off more of the activities on the '50 Things to do

before you're 11¾' list, and why not bring your favourite bear to the Teddy Bears' Picnic on 2 June? We're now taking bookings for this year's Bat Walks on 16 July at 9.30pm, and 10 September at 7.30pm. Join Warwickshire Bat Group with their specialist listening equipment for a fascinating experience. For more details and to book places call 01789 470277. In the shop we have the local award-winning Bearley Wines back in stock, and in the tea garden you'll find our new range of plants in Hairy Pots. Plant them just as they are and the coconut fibre containers will gradually decompose - no pesky, non-recyclable black plastic pots to get rid of! 'David Austin' is also supplying us with some of their most popular roses in peat-free compost. The catering team are working hard on keeping queues down on busy days and will be putting on a hog-roast for weekends and Bank Holidays. Or you can just bring a picnic and enjoy wildlife spotting from your favourite spot.

MG

### Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Wellesbourne & District Lions, in partnership with Stratford Lions, are finalising plans for the biggest event in their calendar, the Annual Raft Race from Wasperton to Stratford. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an event which has raised over £750,000 since it started. It will take place on Sunday, 24 July, and our main beneficiary this year will be 'Heart of England Mencap' based in Clifford Chambers, near Stratford. This charity provides skilled support workers to enable all of its clients with learning and physical disabilities to live as independently as possible, either in their own home or in the charity's properties. It also supports families and carers, offering short breaks and respite facilities. With your generous help we aim to raise over £10,000 to help to fund a fully accessible biking facility. On Monday, 9 May, we were delighted to hand over a cheque to 'Safeline' for £1500, the proceeds of our Easter Egg raffle. 'Safeline' is a leading specialist charity offering counselling and support services for those who have been affected by the traumas and consequent issues of sexual abuse and rape. And finally, I am pleased that the Lions will be looking forward to participating in this year's Wellesbourne Street Fayre on 11 June. If you are coming along, call at our stall and say "Hello"!



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### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

The May meeting turned out to be a very pleasant evening. It was a lovely evening weather-wise and there was a good turnout of members to debate the resolutions for this year. These were:

1. Avoid food waste. Ask supermarkets to pass surplus food onto charities.
2. Ask the government and the NHS to provide facilities for carers to stay with Alzheimer sufferers who have been admitted to hospital for other medical reasons. Both of the resolutions were voted upon and approved by the members. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 June, in Charlecote village hall at 7.30 pm. This will be Members Night, when the members take over from the Committee to arrange things. It promises to be a very interesting evening. Definitely a date for the diary!

MJW

### A Celebration of Horticulture and Conservation

Hampton Lucy is planning an event to celebrate 10 years since the establishment of the Charles Maries Trail. More details next month. A bronze plaque will also be placed by the spinney on Stratford Road to commemorate the enthusiasm and hard work by the late Dr Alan Scaife, who served as Parish Clerk for ten years and was the driving force behind this small wild life sanctuary. For newcomers to the village, this isn't the new Charles Church development! It's the actual spinney after which the new close was named. Residents are invited to contribute towards the plaque, which will be purchased by the Hampton Lucy Village Enhancement Group and unveiled by Alan's widow, Helga, on 17 July. Contributions can be given to John or Hilary Dunkerton, 42 Church St, Hampton Lucy, Warwick, CV35 8BE, Tel: (01789) 841865. Cheques should be made payable to Hampton Lucy Parish Council.

AJW

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## Wellesbourne Street Fayre, Saturday, 11 June, 12.30 to 4.00pm



This year's event will be a celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, focussing on red, white and blue. During the week before the event, there will be a "Hunt the Crowns" competition in local shop windows. On the day, a competition for the best looking stall in red, white and blue will be held and children are invited to dress in those colours for the opening parade, which will assemble in the shopping precinct off School Road at 12.15pm. Russell's Butchers and West's Bakers will be selling hot dogs and burgers, and a vegetarian option will also be available. There will be games for children and a climbing wall will be supervised by the Scouts to add to the fun. Duncan will be running his pet show at the rear of his shop on Church Street. The prize draw has

a magnificent first prize of a £300 bicycle donated by 'Cycle Route' of Bridge Street as well as other valuable prizes, and this year we are introducing a chocolate tombola. Local businesses are kindly providing the chocolate! There will be plenty of stalls and activities, music and fun along Church Street, in and around the Church and at the Church Centre where teas will be served. The Connie Club bar will be open. At 3.00pm the Vicar will conduct a short service of celebration for the Queen. Proceeds from the event to go towards sport and community facilities in Wellesbourne. Contact Anne Prior on 01789 8942103 for more information.

AP

## The Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School Maypole Squad



On Saturday, 30 April, the Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School Maypole Squad returned to Hill Close Gardens, Warwick, for the second year running to take part in the celebrations for May Day and Springtime. They performed a selection of traditional maypole dances amongst the spring flowers and displays.



Our thanks go everyone who

was able to join us during the afternoon, to our music teacher Mrs Richardson for organising the event, and to Mrs Allerton for the fabulous floral display forming the crown of the maypole.

SA

## A Garden Bouquet - floristry workshops

Workshops will be held on Friday, 24 June and Friday, 2 September, 09:30am to 12:30pm in the Village Hall, Charlecote, CV35 9EW. During these half-day workshops, Katriona Collins - a Charlecote resident with a passion for flower arranging - will demonstrate how to transform seasonal garden flowers into beautiful and natural bouquets. You will be shown how to cultivate and condition the blooms in order to create imaginative bouquets, and she will then guide and assist you as you create your own. The cost is £35 per person, including tea, cake and your own bouquet. There are 12 spaces available per workshop. For further details or to apply, please contact [katrionacollins@hotmail.com](mailto:katrionacollins@hotmail.com) telephone: 07779 354159.

KC

## The Royal Shakespeare Company and Compton Verney Collaborate

The current exhibitions, 'Shakespeare in Art: Tempests, Tyrants and Tragedy' and 'Boydell's Vision: the Shakespeare Gallery in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century', both close on Sunday, 19 June. Commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's death, 'Shakespeare in Art' offers an exceptional opportunity for art and theatre lovers to discover his works through a unique series of theatrical encounters. These include paintings, photography, projection and a sound score, and readings by leading Royal Shakespeare Company actors. The exhibition has been produced by the RSC Director of Design, Stephen Brimson Lewis. The print publisher, John Boydell, used Shakespeare as a theme for the development of a national 'school' of history painting. Exhibits not only include paintings from his collection, but also exquisite early engravings which demonstrate the amazing skills of this art form. 'Boydell's Vision' is the first exhibition in the UK to explore the story of this early blockbuster. And then, for something completely different, join us between Thursday, 9 June and Tuesday, 21 June for 'Park Life' - a variety of activities celebrating our Georgian heritage and the Capability Brown parkland.

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

### Hampton Lucy The Lucy Lads'

Meet at The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy on  
Thursday, 2 June, at 10.00am to visit the Forge Mill

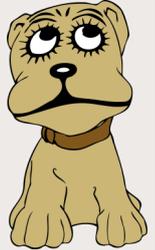
### Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy  
Tuesday, 14 June at 10.30am

Loxley School

### Summer Fete and Dog Show

Saturday 11th June, 2pm onwards  
Traditional Games and Races  
Royal Bake-off, Cake Competition  
Maypole Dancing  
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### Loxley 'Foxfest'

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June 2016

<b>5 June</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>11 June</b>			
3.00pm	Barford	Evensong	
<b>12 June</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
<i>Special service celebrating The Queen's birthday, with The Festival Singers.</i>			
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
<b>19 June</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
<b>26 June</b>	<b>The Birth of John the Baptist</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

### For your diary

#### June

- Wed 1 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.  
 Thur 2 **Teddy Bears' Picnic**, Charlecote Park, **page 3**.  
 Thur 2 **'The Lucy Lads'** meet at The Boars Head, 10.00am to visit Forge Mill.  
 Tues 7 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.  
**Fri 10** **Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**  
 Sat 11 **Festive Lunch for The Queen**, Charlecote Village Hall, **page 2**.  
 Sat 11 **Loxley School Summer Fete and Dog Show**, 2.00pm onwards, **Notice Board**.  
 Sat 11 **Wellesbourne Street Fayre**, **page 4**.  
 Sun 12 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm.  
 Mon 13 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Tues 14 **'The Lucy Ladies'**, meet at The Boars Head, 10.30am. **Notice Board**.  
 Tues 14 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).  
 Tues 14 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.  
 Sat 18 **Loxley 'Foxfest'**, from 3.00pm, **Notice Board**.  
 Sun 19 **Loxley Church Concert**, St Nicholas' Church, 3.00pm, **page 2**.  
 Sun 19 **Wellesbourne Airfield Wings and Wheels**, 10.00am, **Notice Board**.  
 Tues 21 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.  
 Fri 24 **Floristry Workshops**, Charlecote Village Hall, **page 4**.  
 Sat 25 **Hampton Lucy School Family Fete and Party**, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 27 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Tues 28 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.

#### July

- Fri 1 **Hampton Lucy Jazz Picnic**, from 6.45pm, **Notice Board**.  
 Sat 9 **Loxley Strawberry Fayre**, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, **Notice Board**.

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