



# The Grapevine

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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Shakespeare Morris Men

On Monday, 15 August, a fine evening with a comfortable late-summer ambience, the Shakespeare Morris Men visited The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy. They entertained everyone with their usual energy and enthusiasm - dancing, jingling, flourishing hankies, whacking their whiffing sticks and occupying much of Church Street in the process. With the early arrivers bagging the chairs outside the newly refurbished front of the pub, an appreciative audience enjoyed both the performance and the opportunity to sit and chat with friends and neighbours. It was a truly rural scene - lively tunes from the accompanying accordionist encouraging the Morris Men

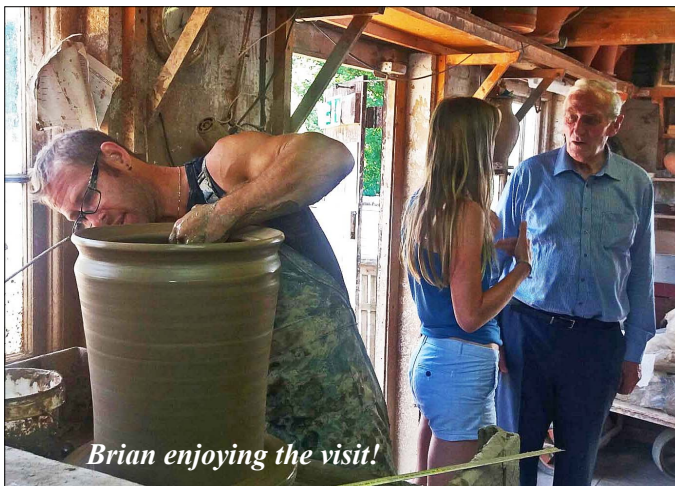


Photo: AJW

to banish evil spirits with their whiffing sticks, and a satisfying pint or equivalent encouraging the spectators likewise. Meanwhile, bemused passing motorists waited patiently between sets. Many thanks, Stratford Morris Men. We look forward to seeing you again in 2017.

AJW

## The Lads Go Potty

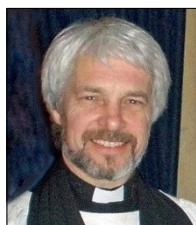


Brian enjoying the visit!

The **Lucy Lads** were out and about again on Thursday, 1 September, with a fascinating visit to Whichford Pottery. After coffee and delicious homemade cakes, we were shown around by Kylie, the wife of one of the potters and a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide. Whichford mainly specialises in terracotta - flower pots, planters, garden ornaments, urns and specially commissioned works. Simple flower pots sell for a pound or two; **Lad**-sized decorated urns can run to four figures! They undertake speciality work for many British institutions such as the RHS and National Trust as well as orders from retailers and private customers all over the world. The clay is sourced fairly locally, much of it from Ironbridge in Shropshire, and is carefully prepared and blended in-house to produce the consistent colour, texture and quality which is the hallmark of their work. Preparation,

blending and maturing of the clay is very hands-on and especially interesting - there's a lot more to clay than one imagines! We enjoyed a detailed insight into the entire operation - watched pots being 'thrown' on the wheel, saw artists working on large commissions, and had the decorating, drying, glazing and firing processes all explained in detail. One of their most celebrated products was the stunning Remembrance Poppy, thousands of which decorated the moat of the Tower of London to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War. They are now creating thousands of beautifully glazed lapel-sized poppies for sale for Remembrance Day - a commission from the Royal British Legion. Every poppy is made and finished by hand! Keep an eye open for them - they will be collector's items. Any **Lad** with some time on his hands on the first Thursday of each month will always be welcome. A loose association with Hampton Lucy and the local parishes is all that is required. We have a great outing coming up in January.

AJW



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## The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter just before departing on my annual holiday. As we did three years ago, we are heading for Spain to stay with my sister and to do some walking. Due to that, we have decided to leave Tommy at his favourite kennels. This morning Sue took him and left him. He has only been part of our family for about 19 months but Sue will miss him terribly, although he may not worry at all as he has lots of fun with the other dogs there.

It led me to reflect on attachment and loss. Obviously we can't compare a temporary separation from a pet with some of the other dreadful losses that people experience, yet they are all greater or lesser examples of a similar thing - the way that, as human beings, we need to receive and to have the opportunity to give love. Yet when we do, and the more we do, we make ourselves vulnerable to being hurt.

Perhaps for that reason, some people who have been hurt shut themselves off from the risk of being hurt again by not making close relationships. That is understandable but of course it is at a cost - the cost of not getting the benefits of being loved and being able to give love.

As a Christian, however, I think it helps if we can come to believe that we are fundamentally loved by God who is eternal and is not going to go away or be taken from us. It gives a solid foundation for taking the risk of loving others. Even if at times we may feel that God has abandoned us, the reality is that He still loves us, whatever may happen or whatever we may do. At times we may just have to be patient and pray for the strength to go on until we can see His love for us again.

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.*



### St Nicholas' Church Concert - Last of the Series

A reminder that the final concert for 2016 in aid of St Nicholas' Church, Loxley, will be held on Sunday, 2 October, in St Nicholas' Church starting at 3.00pm, details as in last month's Grapevine. Rogues & Vagabonds will be performing, a well-established and highly successful Music Theatre Group for young people up to age 18 years, based in Stratford-upon-Avon. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. DW

### Saint's Day Breakfast in Charleotte

St Leonard's Day Breakfast will be held on Sunday, 6 November, at 10.30am in Charlecote Village Hall. Charlecote Church is dedicated to St. Leonard. Tickets are £5.00 and available in advance from Vanessa Lewis, Suzanne Johns and Sue Lampitt or at the door on the day. VL

### 'Calling All Bridge Players' – Change of Date!

The date of the bridge evening at Little Hill Farm has now been changed to Friday, 25 November. It will be an informal evening of supper and friendly bridge with the aim of raising funds for Charlecote Church. The bridge format will be 'Chicago'. A welcoming glass of wine will be served at 6.30 pm, supper at 7.00pm including a main course and dessert, followed by bridge. Tickets are £20 per person, and you can book as a pair or a table. Contact Char Hutsby, either by e-mail at [charhutsby@talk21.com](mailto:charhutsby@talk21.com) or call 01789 840261, mobile 07899794681. SL

### Hampton Lucy Cheese and Wine

Everyone is invited to a Cheese and Wine evening in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 8 October from 7.30pm. Proceeds will go towards St Peter ad Vincula church funds. Tickets are £10 per person and all are welcome. Enjoy the chance to meet up with friends and neighbours and help us to support our beautiful church. Details on **The Notice Board**, page 5. JSt

### From the Registers

<b>Baptism:</b>	Hampton Lucy	14 August	Evelyn Jane Annabel Dance
<b>Wedding:</b>	Hampton Lucy	19 August	Andrew Rajkumar and Natasha Davidson
<b>Burial of Ashes:</b>	Loxley	20 August	Pamela Fox

## Charlecote Park News

Hardly are the children back at school than we're thinking about October and half-term. It was lovely to see so many visitors enjoying the Children's Club activities in August and we hope you'll be back for the Hallowe'en Trails around the parkland. It's a great way to keep the family enjoying nature's playground even as the weather gets cooler. We've felled another horse-chestnut tree in the park - it was diseased and increasingly unsafe. However, we're leaving the trunk where it's fallen as another great climbing tree. If you're trying to tick off the "50 Things to do before you're 11¾" this is a fun way to complete 'Number 1' on the list - "Climb a Tree" is definitely something all children should do, but it doesn't have to be upright! As we reach the end of October the foliage colours in the parkland are reaching their peak and if you can visit midweek before half-term you'll find Charlecote is a much quieter place to enjoy a walk by the river. Listen out for the bucks bellowing at the start of the deer rut too. If you're thinking about Christmas already, keep an eye on the website and social media for details of our festive events this year, including booking to see Father Christmas. The Servants' Hall shop already has plenty of ideas for presents if you're really organised, with the new National Trust Monopoly game and Wildlife Top Trumps. For the grown-ups, we're stocking locally-produced Shakespeare Gin and Bearley Wine. Tempted?

MG



Photo: Jana Eastwood

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Wellesbourne & District Lions will be hosting a Halloween Dance on Saturday, 29 October, at Ettington Community Centre in aid of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Local band 'Cactus Jam' will be playing and there will be a licenced bar. Come along and join us from 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 and available either from Lion John Liley (01789 841745) or from Lion Max Down (01789 841567). We are still offering local charities the opportunity to participate in this year's Santa floats. It is a great opportunity to raise money for your charity and we shall be running two floats again this year. Your charity will be allocated one evening and all we ask is that you commit to providing four collectors. Everything is provided. Money collected over the period is pooled and shared equally amongst the charities involved. If you would like to be considered, please contact Lion Rod Scott (01926 624434) as soon as possible. Are you interested in finding out about and maybe joining Lions? We are always looking for new members from our local area: Wellesbourne, Kineton, Lighthorne, Ettington, Barford and surrounding villages. Why not come along as a guest to one of our club meetings. You can meet the members, follow our discussions about future plans and have a drink with friends. We meet at the Conservative Club in Church Street, Wellesbourne at 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. If you prefer to speak to somebody first then please ring one of the following: Cliff Lowe (01789 840868), Denise Farey (01789 841925), Peter Fisher (01789 842031) and Max Down (01789 841567). We look forward to hearing from you.

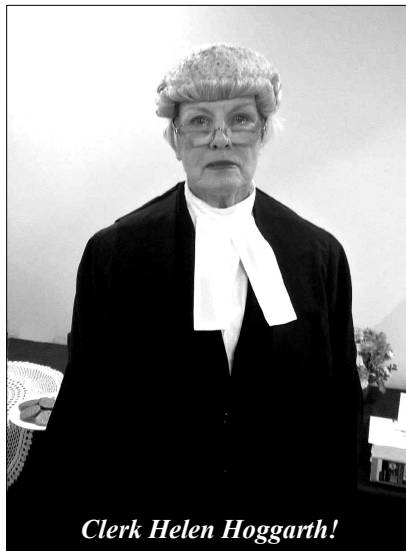


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## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



At our September meeting, Meriel Acton gave a wonderfully entertaining talk on her life as a Crown Court Judge's Clerk. Her talk was interspersed with reminiscences from her personal life, some of them very sad, but she overcame misfortune and went on to enjoy a very successful career. All-in-all, a super evening and well supported. We look forward now to our next meeting which will be at Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 5 October at 7.30 pm. Clive Radford will be speaking on past and present lives on the Grand Union Canal. As usual new members will be most welcome - just come along on the night.



Clerk Helen Hoggarth!

MJW

## Flu Clinics at Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne.

Do you need a Flu Vaccination - are you eligible? Those entitled to a free 'Flu' vaccination include individuals with learning disability, pregnant mums, people aged 65 and over, and individuals with serious medical conditions such as respiratory disease, heart failure, kidney disease, liver disease, diabetes, or a weakened immune system. Enquire at reception if you need any more information.

Following on from the September sessions, a further Drop-In Vaccination Clinic will be held on Thursday, 6 October, at Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne, between 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Additional clinics for children will be arranged during the October half term, details of which will be available shortly. Please enquire at reception for further information.

JS

## Carers4Carers Afternoon Tea

On 18 August, Carers4Carers served Afternoon Tea to guests in Kineton Village Hall. The group was joined by a team of 17 year olds from the National Citizen Service who were working on their Community Challenge. Earlier in the month they came to find out about Carers4Carers - who we are, what we do and why we do it. They then held a campaign in



Stratford-upon-Avon on 15 August, making members of the public aware of our group, discussing carer issues and raising nearly £100 towards the Afternoon Tea. Passers-by were asked to write a brief message for carers. These were later mounted on a heart-shaped poster and brought along to the party, something that our members really appreciated, (pictured). The youngsters did the shopping, brought along home-made cakes, prepared the sandwiches, made up a food hamper for a raffle, laid the tables and decorated the hall. Once they had served the tea they mingled with the guests, three of them playing the piano. Everyone was extremely impressed by this wonderful team of

youngsters who put their hearts and souls into their Community Challenge and helped us raise £350 - which will enable us to treat our carers to an outing and contribute to our running costs. Our next meeting will be held in Kineton Village Hall on Friday, 28 October, when Karen Swan, who worked with our NCS team, will be helping us to "Let Off Steam". For more details about the group please contact Gillian Grason-Smith phone 01926 640203 or 07947 893504 or visit our website: [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk)

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## Local Working History



Where has this year gone? Sunday, 9 October, will be Charlecote Mill's last public open day of the year. Why not come along and say "hello" and bring your friends and family to see this

wonderful hidden treasure on your doorstep. Open from 11am to 5pm, only £3.50 per adult, £2 per child or family entry (2+2) £10. Under 5's are Free. With its fascinating history brought to life with guided tours, the sights sounds and smells of a fully working mill will fascinate and captivate you. If that's not enough to entice you in there will be homemade cakes on offer too. I hope to see you then.

Karl - 'your Dusty Miller'

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## The Notice Board

The Loxley website:  
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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  
6 October at 11.30am. All Lads at heart most welcome.

### Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy  
Tuesday, 11 October at 10.30am

### Charlecote Village Hall "MADE IN CHARLECOTE"

Saturday, 8th October, 10.30am – 12.30am

Do come along to the Hall to  
enjoy coffee and biscuits,  
and buy jams, jellies, chutneys, marmalade,  
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Demonstration of hand-tied flower arrangements  
by Katriona Collins at 11am

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### Hampton Lucy

### Cheese and Wine Evening Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016



7.30pm in the Village Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Tickets £10.00 per person

Contact Janet: 842008 or Carol: 84023

*Proceeds to St Peter ad Vincula Church*

### Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery

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## Church Services

### October 2016

<b>2 October</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Charlecote	<b>Harvest Evensong</b>	BCP
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy</b>	<b>Cancelled - Congregation invited to Charlecote Harvest Evensong</b>	
<b>9 October</b>	<b>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	<b>Harvest Family Service</b>	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	<b>Harvest</b>	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<b>Harvest Evensong</b>	BCP
<b>16 October</b>	<b>The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
<b>23 October</b>	<b>The Last Sunday after Trinity</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Barford	Connect	
<b>30 October</b>	<b>All Saints' Sunday - Sherbourne Patronal Festival</b>		
8.00am	Barford	Holy Communion	CW
10.00am	Sherbourne	<b>Holy Communion</b>	CW

### For your diary: October

- Sun 2 **Loxley Church Concert**, St Nicholas Church, 3.00 pm, **page 2**.  
 Wed 5 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.  
 Thur 6 **The Lucy Lads** meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am.  
 Thur 6 **Flu Vaccination Clinic**, Hastings House Medical Centre, Wellesbourne, **page 3**.  
 Thur 6 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome  
 Fri 7 **Electric Blanket Safety Check**, Briar Croft, Stratford-upon-Avon, **page 4**.  
 Sat 8 **Made In Charlecote**, Charlecote Village Hall, details next month. **Notice Board**.  
 Sat 8 **Hampton Lucy Cheese and Wine**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board**.  
 Sun 9 **Charlecote Mill - Last Open Day for 2016**, 11.00am to 5.00pm.

### Mon 10 Copy deadline for *The Grapevine*

- Mon 10 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Tues 11 **The Lucy Ladies**, meet at The Boars Head, 10.30am.  
 Tues 11 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).  
 Tues 11 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.  
 Tues 18 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.  
 Wed 19 **Hampton Lucy CoE Primary School and Nursery Open Day**, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 24 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Tues 25 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm. All welcome.

### November

- Fri 2 **All Soul's' Requiem**, St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, 8.00pm, **page 4**.  
 Sun 6 **St Leonard's Day Breakfast**, Charlecote Village Hall, 10.30am **page 2**.  
 Fri 25 **'Chicago' Bridge Supper**, Little Hill Farm, 6.30pm, **page 2**.  
 Sat 29 **Lions Club Hallowe'en Dance**, Ettington Community Centre, **page 3**.

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