

# THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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#### Loxley Primary School on the Air

Keith Wedgebury visited Loxley School on a snowy day shortly before the Easter break when he was conducting two live radio interviews with Mr Watson. Keith broadcasts for BBC Radio - Coventry and Warwickshire and the

interviews were scheduled for 1.00pm and 2.30pm.





During the time between the two interviews, Keith was

kind enough to show the children the satellite van and explain how the signal is beamed from the aerial dish to a satellite above the equator, bounced back to a relay transmitter in Turin and then sent on to the BBC studio in Coventry. The children were then able to handle some of the expensive equipment and, complete with headphones and microphones, they conducted their own interviews standing next to the satellite van - in a snow storm!

#### Classic Cars at The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy

All owners of classic, vintage and even veteran cars are invited to meet up at The Boars Head on the third Sunday of



each month, May to October, from between 12 noon and 2.00pm. No formality, no charge, but a nice place to meet, to chat about toe-in, leaded vs. unleaded fuel, Carnauba wax polish and other such crucial topics, and to enjoy a pub lunch if you wish. The inaugural meet will be on Sunday, 20 May. Do come along. CJ

#### **Editor's Note**

The Grapevine has now been published continuously for 20 years and I shall be editing my 100th edition next month but the reduction in the number of local-interest items sent in is becoming a concern. Producing *The Grapevine* is quite a commitment, not only for me as editor but also for our treasurer, proof readers, and volunteers who distribute it. If the demand for a printed publication is declining then it may be time to rethink. Your views and suggestions on the future of the newsletter would be very welcome. You can e-mail me at <a href="mailto:grapevine46@btinternet.com">grapevine46@btinternet.com</a>
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# A Statement from Revd David Jessett for all of our six Churches.

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"After much thought and prayer I have decided that it will be right for me, for my family and for the Parishes to conclude my time as Priest in Charge of our six Churches at the end of January next year, so in ten months' time. The reasons for this are many and varied but all seem to point in the same direction. After nearly 21 years at Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton and, by the time I leave, over 11 years at Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley, this has not been an easy decision to make but I do believe that it is the right one."

The reason that I am announcing this now, ten months in advance, is that I hope we can use this time to prepare as well as possible for a time without a Priest in Charge. I am also hopeful that, with this much notice, the Bishop and Archdeacon Missioner will begin the process of finding a replacement before I leave and so shorten the gap before a new 'Vicar' is found.

Obviously this is something I have been thinking about for some time. I think that early next year will be the best time for the Parishes to find someone new and I hope to go on serving the Church in some capacity. I will be 63 by then and am not planning to take up another full-time post within the Church but, as I said in a letter some time back, you don't retire from being a Christian.

However, there will still be a lot to do over the next ten months to make the transition from my time here to whoever may come as easy as possible. I pray that someone will be found to come and minister in these Parishes and that the Churches will grow and become stronger through this.

After my departure, someone else will need to write this monthly letter. To prepare for that, I may ask one or two other people to write something over the next few months.

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.



#### Carers4Carers

Friday, 25 May, 10.30am to 12 noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Relax with a coffee and chat. Michael Howard, Service Manager for Warwickshire's Carer Wellbeing Service at Carers' Trust, Heart of England, will be with us. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

#### The New Sunday Concert Season at Loxley Church

The first in our series of occasional Sunday afternoon concerts will take place at St Nicholas' Church, Loxley, on Sunday, 20 May, at 3.00 pm and will feature returning Loxley favourite Helen Gillespie. She will perform works for solo piano, including Rachmaninoff's *B minor Prelude Op 32 No 10*, before accompanying Nalin Kadodwala (violin) in Wieniawski's charming *Romance sans Paroles* and other delightful pieces. They will be followed by two other outstanding local musicians, Louise Sherratt (piano) and Rachel Bee (clarinet), who will play a selection of great tunes from *The Great American Songbook* - tunes with a melodic but jazzy twist. They will perform solo and as a duet, with pieces including *Begin the Beguine*, *The Man I Love* and *Blue Moon*. As always, this should be a really enjoyable and entertaining concert in which you will never be far from the next good tune! The concert will last for about an hour and admission is free with a retiring collection in favour of the Church Fabric Fund. At present, concerts have been arranged for 24 June and 23 September but hopefully there will be at least one more - watch this space!



#### **Hampton Lucy Open Gardens**

We are now in the final planning stages for this exciting summer event and are very grateful to seven householders who have generously agreed to 'open' their gardens. In next month's *Grapevine* all will be revealed. In the meantime, please make a note of the date: Sunday 10th June.

From the Registers

Funeral Charlecote 21 March 2018 Joyce Golding (at Oakley Wood)

#### **News from Charlecote Park**

It will come as no surprise to any of you that we are still managing the effects of the Easter floods in the parkland. It will take more than a few sunny days before the saturated ground is dried out - we'd certainly recommend wellies or sturdy boots for a while as it's still muddy underfoot in some areas. Inevitably we lost a huge amount of revenue over Easter and this will have a knock-on effect on the funds available for conservation work in the house and the grounds for some time to come. Please visit when the Easter holidays are over and there are fewer people around to fill the car park. If you are a National Trust member, every time you show your card on your way in it



generates £2.50 for us from central funds so your membership goes directly to all the places you visit each year. Pop in for a cake and a coffee with friends in the Orangery, walk your dog or bring the children for a run around after school or during half-term. Our First World War Commemoration continues this month, with a change of emphasis from the men of the Lucy family to the involvement of the Lucy women, who volunteered for the Red Cross and nursed in Coventry. Take a look at our new display in the gatehouse and visit us before 20 May if you haven't caught the display relating to the experiences of the Lucy family men on the Home Front and on the battlefield. Oh, and by the way, look out for the new lambs with the ewes in the parkland.

#### **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**

After a brief April business meeting, the 99th Birthday Party got underway. First the entertainment provided by Chris, Jim, Ray and Stu who are known as the Fourfold Barbershop Harmony Quartet and are associated with the Three Spires Harmony Chorus, a group of about 50 men of all ages based in Coventry. The quartet



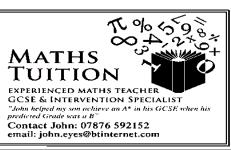


sang songs from the 60s and 70s which brought back many happy memories to us all. The bring-and-share supper followed. The food was superb and an exquisite birthday cake, which was provided by Jayne, was cut by Mary Woodman, our senior member, and provided a fitting end to a wonderful meal. The Fourfold Barbershop Harmony Quartet performed again and concluded a successful and memorable evening. WI members and their guests really enjoyed their meal and a trip down memory lane. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 2 May, in Charlecote Village Hall. It will be the Resolutions Meeting and the subject will be Mental Health.

#### **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**

As most of you will probably be aware, we will no longer be holding our annual raft race. Unfortunately, numbers have declined over the last few years and this, plus some logistical problems, have meant that we have reluctantly taken the decision to concentrate our fundraising efforts on alternative events. We are really hoping that our Classic Fun Day, which will be taking place on Sunday, 1 July, will be a great success. It will be held at Wellesbourne Sports Field and will run from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. There will be classic vehicle displays, children's go-karts, bouncy castles, family games, tombola, food, drink and loads more! Entry is free. The Lions are finalising plans for the big day and we are hoping for a bumper crowd, plus some luck with the British weather!







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The Charlecote website:

www.charlecotevillagehall.weebly.com

#### **Hampton Lucy** The Lucy Lads'

will meet in The Boars Head at 11.30am

on Thursday, 3 May

'Lads' at heart are always welcome to join us. More information on The Lads and The Ladies is on the Hampton Lucy website. (e-address above.)

#### **Hampton Lucy** The Lucy Ladies'

will meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, on Tuesday, 8 May at 10.30am. All Ladies welcome.

Kineton Art Group (www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk)



# **Art Exhibition**

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**Hampton Lucy** 

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Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, from 9.00am

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### **Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery** Join us to celebrate the



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Friday, 18th May, 3.15 - 4.30pm

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### **Church Services** May 2018

6 May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}$
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
10 May	Ascension Day		
7.30am	Meadow Court Farm	Holy Communion	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}$
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
13 May	y The Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}$
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
20 May	The Day of Pentecost		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}$
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
27 May	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

#### For Your Diary - May 2018

- Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote VH, 7.30pm, page 3. Wed 2
- Thur 3 The Lucy Lads meet at The Boars Head at 11.30am, Notice Board.
- Sat 5 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Poppy Making, Charlecote VH, 10.30am.
- Mon 7 Pilates Class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Tues 8 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (visit website).
- Tues 8 The Lucy Ladies meet at The Boars Head at 10.30am, Notice Board.
- Wed 9 Hampton Lucy Parish Council, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- Thur 10 Copy deadline for the June edition of *The Grapevine* 200<sup>th</sup> issue!
- Thur 10 Hampton Lucy Youth Club, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Sat 12 Bat Walk, Charlecote Park, call 01789 470277 for details and to book.
- 12,13 Kineton Art Group Annual Exhibition, Kineton Village Hall, Notice Board.
- Sun 13 Charlecote Mill Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm.

- Mon 14 Wellesbourne & District Lions Club, Connie Club, 8.00pm, page 3.
- Mon 14 Pilates Class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Fri 18 Royal Wedding Tea Party, Hampton Lucy School, Notice Board.
- Sat 19 Hampton Lucy Plant and Produce Sale, from 9.00am, Notice Board.
- Sun 20 Classic Car Meet, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, 12.00 - 2.00pm, front page.
- Loxley Church Sunday Concert, St Nicholas' Church, 3.00pm, page 2. Sun 20
- Mon 21 Pilates Class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, Mixed Ability Class, 6.30pm.
- Thur 24 Hampton Lucy Youth Club, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Fri 25 Carers4Carers, Kineton Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, page 2.
- Sat 26 Charlecote 'New to You', Charlecote VH, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Notice Board.
- Sun 27 Wasperton Open Gardens, 12.00 to 6.00pm, Notice Board.



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