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AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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Bingo!

“Eyes Down” in a completely full house was the name of the game at the Hampton Lucy Charity Bingo Evening on Saturday, 27 February. With an excellent turnout of supporters, it was gratifying to see players of all ages having fun together, egged on by our expert caller, Ali Speller, in his own inimitable way. Thanks to everyone's great generosity, the magnificent sum of over £400 was raised and all of the proceeds were for The Haven House Children's Hospice. A huge “Thank You” goes to all of those who helped to make the evening such a success. And for those of you who were wondering, the big white bear wasn't playing! He was the prize won by Emily Sugden in the ‘Guess the Name’ competition. **RH**



‘Charlecote Millennium - 10 Years On’

The first showing of Kath Clarke's film attracted a full house at Charlecote Village Hall on Friday, 12 March. Past and present residents of Charlecote were amazed at the variety and quality of the mementos produced and the special celebrations that had been organised. They were all faithfully recorded on film by Kath at the time and subsequently cleverly interwoven with film of national and international news and events. The very first presentation of the edited collection was shown that evening, a world premiere for Charlecote. *(Could this be the start of The Charlecote International Film Festival?... Ed.)* Wine and cheese were served by members of the hall committee and the proceeds of the evening were put towards Village Hall funds. Copies of this unique DVD are available. For details contact Kath Clarke on 01789 470194. The photograph shows David and Kath Clarke after the presentation. **HH**



Hampton Lucy C of E School

The children in the nursery and reception classes recently had great fun helping Bob Green to build a new Outdoor Learning Environment at the school. They now have a small thatched house, a bridge, a music wall and a willow tunnel. Everyone is welcome to come in to see the new area on Thursday, 15 April, at 3.45pm when Mrs Sue Lampitt, one of the school governors, will be there to talk about the ideas behind the project. **HC**



Hampton Lucy Village Hall Spring Cleaning

The Hall Committee will be holding their annual spring clean on Saturday, 17 April, beginning at 10.00am. We should be most grateful if anyone is able to give us some of their time to help that morning. Refreshments and cleaning materials will be provided, along with a warm welcome! **DR**

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



On Wednesday, 3 March, Dr Gillian White gave us a fascinating insight into the history of Elizabethan textiles, ranging from the superb tapestries at Hardwick Hall to Tudor gloves in The Victoria and Albert Museum. In March we began our visits to Hampton Lucy School, with two members spending time with the children on a Tuesday and Thursday and dining at top table. Wednesday, 14 April, is the occasion of our birthday party to be held in the Village Hall, Hampton Lucy, with a buffet supper and featuring guest magician Ben Hanlin. Guests are invited at a charge of £5, but there is no charge to members. The business meeting will start at 7.00pm with guests welcomed at 7.30pm. A competition entitled ‘A Flower Arrangement in a Wineglass’ will also be held during the evening. **MJW**



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Dear Friends

“Happy Easter” to you all! In thinking about Easter, I have also been thinking about the difference between a terrible shock and a wonderful surprise. More on that in a moment.

What does Easter mean to people in our society in the 21st century? Different things, of course, to different people but for many it seems to be just a bit of a holiday weekend; a chance to see several Premiership games over a few days; an opportunity to visit family; or just a chance to do some work in the house or garden.

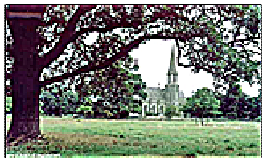
It was a kind of Bank Holiday weekend in Jesus’ day, the festival of Passover, when the Jews remembered how God had helped them to escape from slavery in Egypt. For Jesus’ disciples it became a weekend they would never forget, one that had both a terrible shock and a wonderful surprise. At the beginning of the week Jesus had come into Jerusalem with crowds gathering round him to sing his praises and welcome him. However, this seems to have threatened the religious authorities and they began to try to catch him out. By the end of the week he had been arrested and, almost immediately, executed. For the disciples the shock must have been both immense and terrible. Yet within three days they

had the most incredible and wonderful surprise. They had experiences which convinced them that Jesus had been raised from the dead and began to tell others about it, even for some of them at the cost of their lives.

A further big surprise is that since then, down the centuries, other people have had experiences which led them to believe that this is true. Something happened in their lives which convinced them that there is a God who loves us and wants us to love Him and one another

One other lovely ‘Easter’ surprise in our rather secular society is that currently 30 people from our six parishes are thinking about what their Christianity offers to them and asks of them today in our Lent groups, and about another 20 are considering whether Christianity is something to which they are ready to commit themselves by being confirmed. It seems to me that many of us today have questions about life and what really matters. We plan to make some more opportunities for people to think about whether Christianity and Easter still have something to say to our 21st century world. If you are interested why not get in touch with Cathy or me. You might be pleasantly (or wonderfully) surprised.

Yours sincerely, David Jessett



News from the Parishes Services for all of the six Parishes

A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.



Hampton Lucy Parish Council Election - May 2010

All five seats on the Hampton Lucy Parish Council are to be contested in the forthcoming local elections. Candidates wishing to stand for election should obtain a nomination paper and election pack from Mike Woodman at 5, Hithersand Close as soon as possible. Nominations must be submitted to the Stratford District Council office in good time to ensure their accurate completion before the closing date of 12 noon, Thursday, 8 April. If the General Election date is May 6, as predicted, the Parish Council elections will be scheduled for 27 May. The Parish Clerk is away for a while, so any enquiries should go to the Parish Council Chairman, Michael Woodman, at the above address, telephone: 841205. **MW**

The Charlecote Festival Singers

The Festival Singers come together to sing and to lead the music in church at Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and St Mary’s, Warwick. The choir is made up from members of other choral and operatic groups, local church congregations, and in some cases, former choristers from collegiate or cathedral choirs. They come along simply because they love singing church music, and all have fine voices and good musical skills. The choirmaster is James Beasley, assisted by organists Robert Lees and Robert Stagg, and rehearsals are normally held on Sunday afternoons. Performances usually coincide with church festivals such as Christmas, Good Friday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday, plus occasional choral Matins and Evensong services. These are all publicised in The Grapevine and via church notices. Why not take the opportunity to come along and enjoy some beautiful music. We look forward to seeing you. **JW**

From the Registers

The Blessing of the Marriage of Callum Ashdown and Alison Miegel at St Peter’s, Hampton Lucy on Saturday 20 February.

Hampton Lucy website:
www.hamptonlucy.net

The Notice Board

The Loxley website:
www.loxleyvillage.com

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The Charlecote website
is currently off-line



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Charlecote Parish Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 18 May, 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.



St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy
Baroque Concert
Saturday, 8 May, at 7.30pm
with The Warwickshire Baroque playing an
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Details from Tim Bugg on 842353

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A date for your diary:

Wasperton Open Gardens

Sunday, 6 June, 12.00 - 6.00pm

Details next month



Hampton Lucy Village Hall

PLANT SALE

Saturday, 15 May

Further details next month or from Eddie Hoare on 470965



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Church Services

1 April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
2 April	Good Friday	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Hot Cross Bun Service	
4 April	Easter Day	9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
		10.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Communion	CW
		11.00am	Loxley	Family Communion	CW
11 April	The Second Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	
		11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
		6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
18 April	The Third Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
		10.00am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	
		11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
		6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
25 April	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
		11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
		6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

For your diary - April, 2010

Fri 2 - 5	Charlecote Park Easter Egg Trail , Charlecote Park, 11.00am to 4.00pm
Mon 5	Charlecote Mill Open Day , 11.00am to 5.00pm, Notice Board
Fri 7-11	The Good Boar Fest , The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, Notice Board
Tues 13	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 14	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Wed 14	SHN Nearly New Spring Clothes Sale , Shipston Town Hall, Notice Board
Sat 17	Hampton Lucy Village Hall Spring Clean , Hampton Lucy, from 10.00am
Tues 20	Hampton Lucy Annual Church Meeting , The School, 7.30pm
Tues 20	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 21	Charlecote Annual Church Meeting , The Village Hall, 7.30pm
Wed 21	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Thur 22	The Three Parishes Prayer Group , Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's home, 7.45pm
Mon 26	Loxley Annual Church Meeting , The School, 7.30pm
Tues 27	Keep Fit , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30 to 8.30pm
Wed 28	Tai Chi class , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Mon 26	Afternoon Teas Hampton Lucy Village Hall , 3-4pm (to be confirmed)
Sat, 1 May	Rural Cinema , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, (film title to be announced later)
Sat May 8	Baroque Concert , St Peter ad Vincula Church, Hampton Lucy, Notice Board
Sat May 15	Hampton Lucy Plant Sale , full details in The Grapevine next month

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