

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES October 2014

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A Busy Season at Valefresco



One of the picking teams harvesting courgettes in Hampton Lucy - smiles all round.

The salad harvest is still going full swing at Valefresco Ltd in Hampton Lucy, thanks to almost ideal growing conditions over the summer. A wide range of varieties of lettuce, small leaf crops such as rocket and spinach, and courgettes, are being harvested daily by the field workers. The majority of the workers come from the Baltic States and Eastern Europe, including Romania, Lithuania, and Slovakia, and will be returning home when the season winds down during October. In spite of long hours in the fields - the courgette pickers starting work in the field behind our house just after 7.00am and continuing until 6.00pm or after - they are a delightful group of mainly youngsters, chattering and laughing amongst themselves throughout the day, rain or shine. Major changes are also taking place at the farm, with the big new reservoir nearing completion. This will be used to irrigate crops with clean water from bore holes rather than river water, which needs careful sterilisation before use. A forest of galvanised steel posts also began to sprout in the large field near to the offices in early September. These will, by the time this newsletter is published, have been transformed into four hectares, (nearly ten acres in old money), of polytunnels, five metres high to allow room for the big farm machinery to work inside. They will be largely screened from view from Hampton Lucy by a newly planted conifer hedge. The installation should be completed by the end of October. It will significantly increase the length of the growing season and improve the quality control of the developing crops. It will also help to reduce the volume of salad crops imported by the company during the year, reducing costs and cutting the carbon footprint of their produce. Valefreso also have a big complex of glasshouses and polytunnels in Offenham, near to Evesham, where they grow more salad crops and a lot of tomatoes. AJW

The Class of 2014



The reception children at Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery say "hello". Here they are, ready to take up the exciting challenges of

school. They have all been supported by their Year 6 'Buddies', who look after them in the playground, spend time with them and keep them safe. These friendships will develop over the school year and will remain with them throughout their time at primary school. ML

Hampton Lucy Village Barbecue

The weather could have been kinder for the Hampton Lucy Barbecue on Saturday, 30 August, but for those who came it was a very enjoyable afternoon. It was lovely to see the children running around and enjoying themselves. The 'Made in Hampton Lucy' stall was brimming with produce and, at the end of the afternoon, Alf Rajkowski auctioned off the last few remaining cakes! Our grateful thanks go to Huw and Jackie for the use of their garden and, of course, to all those who helped or contributed in any way. Everyone's hard work raised just over £500 for Church Funds. JT-S

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The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

My thanks go to those of you who emailed me, or had a word with me, about my September letter. Do feel free to respond to these letters, or to ask questions. My contact details are shown above.

Back in July, it was seventeen years since I came to Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton, and this month it is seven years since I began working in Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley. One of the truths about Christianity is that the Gospel never changes, but I guess some of you might have thought it would be nice to have a change of vicar from time to time, so my apologies if any of you feel like that.

That thought about the unchanging nature of God and of the Gospel tempts me to try to sum it up. For Christians it starts, I think, with the belief that, behind and within everything and everyone, there is a good, creative, forgiving God whose nature is best characterised by the word 'love', and who, at all times, wants and works for the best for all of creation. However, seeing the dreadful things that go on in the world, Christians also believe in another power at work in creation, sometimes called 'evil' or portrayed as the 'Devil'. As a result, there is a constant struggle between those two powers.

us in love and has given us free will in order that we can really choose to respond to Him and experience giving and receiving love. But we too are caught up in the struggle to resist the influence of negativity and evil, in the world and in our own lives; and we often abuse that freedom and give in to selfishness or greed etc., failing to treat others with love.

The Gospel, (literally, the word means 'good news'), is that, through the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus, the victory of love over evil is assured; that God loves us and wants us to love Him and one another; that when we fall short, God will forgive us if we acknowledge it and are sorry; and that ultimately, beyond this life, God has something even more wonderful for us. A life in which evil and all its side effects – conflict, pain, loss, etc., no longer have any place.

The Christian call to each of us is to love God and our neighbour, and to join God in the fight against the negative forces of the universe, working to make it a better place. And the more we take that seriously, the more we come to realise the importance of prayer and of growing in our own understanding of and relationship with God.

David Jessett

As for human beings, Christians believe that God created



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.

Coventry Cathedral Admission Charges

As part of our vision to eliminate admission charges by 2018, the current standard admission charge is being reduced from £8.00 to £6.00. The concessionary charge is being reduced from £5.75 to £5.00 and under-eighteens will have free entry. The admission charges were first introduced in 2010, when the average donation was only 24p! The Cathedral costs £3,000 a day to run, excluding fabric repairs. David Holland, Coventry Cathedral Liaison Officer

Commemoration of the Departed

On Sunday, 2 November, there will be the opportunity to remember our loved ones who have died, at services in Barford or Hampton Lucy. These will be occasions where we can give thanks for them and remember them before God. Names of particular individuals can be read out. Please e-mail Rev'd David Jessett (rectory@barford.org.uk) or write to: The Rectory, Church Lane, Barford, Warwick CV35 8ES. Please PRINT names and say at which service you would like the names to be read out. The services: St Peter's, Barford at 3.30 pm and St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy at 6.00pm. Rev'd DJ

Charlecote's 'St Leonard's Golden Breakfast'

This year we are celebrating St Leonard's Day, *(Charlecote Church is dedicated to St. Leonard)*, with a special breakfast on Sunday, 2 November, at 10.30am, in the village hall. We are calling it a "Golden Breakfast" because three couples in our congregation have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversaries this year. This must be nearly fifty percent of the regular congregation, which I think is a record! Tickets are £5.00 from Vanessa Lewis, Suzanne Johns or Sue Lampitt, or pay at the door on the day.

From the Registers				
Burial of Ashes:	Loxley	19 June	Chris Chambers	





Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Here we are, already in October. It doesn't seem five minutes since we were looking forward to the Summer. Firstly, an invitation to join us at our Lions Quiz Evening on Saturday, 18 October, in Kineton Village Hall,



starting at 7.30pm. Entry is £10 per person, including a hot supper, with teams of up to eight people. If you come on your own or in small groups then we will make up teams on the night. There will be prizes for the winners, and a raffle, and all proceeds will go to local charities. Please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745 for more details, or to book a place. I thought it would be good to mention the support we have been able to provide for local organisations thanks to your generosity, and some of the events we have been able to fund. These include a Sunday lunch and mystery tour for senior citizens in our area, a trip to the 'Panto' in Stratford, a visit to a Kineton Amateur Dramatics Society production, support for youth camps run by the Wellesbourne Youth Club, a lot of involvement with the two defibrillators, support for the Barford Scouts, help with the local food bank, support for a local person with 'Riding for the Disabled', and a contribution to 'Guys Gift', which supports local residents. Lions Clubs help local communities in many ways, with every penny collected going directly to good causes. Finally, I would like to offer local charities the opportunity to get involved with our Santa floats this year. If you would like to participate on behalf of your charity, please contact Lion Rod Scott on 01926 624434. It is an excellent way to raise money for your charity, whilst bringing smiles to the faces of local children when they meet Santa. AS



Loxley WI Members in the Frame

On Thursday, 11 September, David Clarke gave us a very entertaining talk on his 'Life in Photography'. At first, with film being so expensive, very few exposures could be taken, perhaps just a dozen for a wedding, and things had to be right first time. This all changed in 1999 with the arrival of the digital

camera, when choices could be made from an almost limitless number of exposures captured over the whole of the wedding day. A photographer's hours of work are long and erratic, but there is constant variety. For example, for five years he made a Photo Book for Crufts, filming behind the scenes and in the arena. He also showed a film of Royal Spanish School of Equestrian Art, with the most beautiful, highly-trained horses. He had made a trip to Spain to photograph garden furniture for a catalogue for a Banbury firm, in search for the best light! He showed us an amusing film of the making of the Wellesbourne WI Charity Calendar, (very tastefully done), and finished his talk with a film of the WI's 60th Anniversary celebrations, appropriately ending with a rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem'. At our next meeting, on Thursday 9 October, at Loxley school, 7.30pm, there will be a talk on 'Needle Makers' by Paul Betterton. MCI



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Gets That Sinking Feeling

After the summer break, the meeting on 3 September was well supported and we heard Paul Betterton speak on the 'Mysteries of the Titanic'. Kath Clarke, Vice-President standing in for Helen Sill, worked quickly through the business to make time for Paul, who spoke passionately about a subject which he had studied for much of his life. His talk was illustrated with old prints and photographs relating to the era. Unlike the maritime safety requirements of today, it was tragic that, in those times, there were insufficient lifeboats. Even after one hundred and two years, that dreadful night in 1912 continues to hold mysteries. One hypothesis suggested was that the 'unsinkable' Titanic had actually been exchanged with her sister ship, RMS Olympic, prior to the doomed voyage! The

meeting concluded with refreshments and a social chat. We next meet at Charlecote on Wednesday, 1 October, when Paul Taberner will speak on 'Real Crime Scene Investigations'. Link Advisor Pauline Beare and Link Trustee Judi Smith from the Warwickshire Federation WI will be joining us, and we hope to be well supported once again. KCI



Charlecote Park News

We knew autumn was coming when the house martins left us. The conkers are ripening, and some of the trees in the parkland are already starting to show rich colours; this really is the best time of year to enjoy a walk in West Park. The children's area in the woodland garden has been incredibly popular this summer. Carved wooden sheep - The Major, Maggie, Pickle and Minty - have taken up residence outside The Major's woven willow house and it's been lovely to see children creating their own little world there, feeding the sheep with the bark chippings and chatting away to them. With carefully arranged stepping logs and new planting around this area, we're hoping that this will be a year-round pleasure for our younger visitors. The Deer Festival events in October are 'Deer at Dusk' and 'Deer at Dawn'; walks in the parkland with Ranger Adam and his team. These are special opportunities to get really close to our fallow deer, out of hours,

and find out more than was previously possible on the tractor and trailer rides during the daytime. Half-term, of course, brings our 'Pumpkin Trails' once again, when families can collect the trail letters and win a pumpkin. We're very proud of our park team who won National Trust Fine Farm Food Awards for our venison, honey and hogget in September. All the produce is available in the pantry shop but, if that's closed when you visit, just ask in the main servants' hall shop and we'll open up for you. MG

WW1 Commemoration – Hampton Lucy, 9 August, 2014



The Boar's Head, in full ceremonial dress.

A good number of villagers spent a very pleasant evening in The Boar's Head on Saturday, 9 August. Local musicians provided live music for two sing-along sessions of WW1 songs, with some 'naughty' lyrics providing some amusement, and tongue-twisters that had a certain Hampton Lucy lady blushing! Phil made some incredibly tasty trench food, mulligatawny soup and Maconochie's stew, which was eaten out of mess tins - and not a rat in sight! The Reverend David Jessett spoke a few words as we remembered those from the villages of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote who had died in the conflict. A recital of some war poems also gave the event some sober moments! The evening included a gun salute for the fallen. Many thanks to those who gave raffle prizes and who bought tickets, and particularly a very big "thank you" to our hosts at the Boar's Head, Phil and Angie, who worked so hard to help us raise £485 for the Royal British Legion. HD

The Lucy Lads - Off the Rails Once Again

On Tuesday, 9 September, Brian Buckley arranged a visit to Bombardier, in Derby, for *The Lucy Lads* to view the railway carriage assembly line. Owing to other commitments, just four lads made the trip, ably chauffeured by Alan. We stopped in



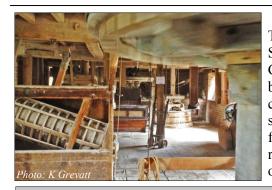
Ashby-de-la- Zouch for an excellent pub lunch before meeting Catherine, who gave us a guided tour, commencing with the aluminium panels, pre-shaped and drilled and ready to create the floors and ceilings. We saw the assembly of SSLs - Sub Service Level carriages for the London Underground, but unfortunately didn't get to see the 'coming-together' of the body and roof sections, which requires massive gantry cranes. The picture shows '*The Lads'* with a bogie. It was at this stage that we discovered Brian's connection with the firm when, years ago, he supplied castings for these from Coalbrookdale Foundry. The castings are now shipped in from a Bombardier sister company in Germany. A great day out! MW

The Charlecote Wallhanging

Saturday, 6 September, was a momentous day in Charlecote, with the unveiling of the Charlecote Wallhanging, a community project which had taken over two years to complete. All of the 'stitchers' and residents of Charlecote were greeted with a Bucks Fizz reception before crowding into the village hall to see Ann Rowley, winner of The Great British Sewing Bee - 2013, unveil this lovely portrayal of Charlecote. It is now hanging in splendour in its rightful place in the village hall. Ann regaled us with stories of her seventy-five years of sewing, and also described her participation in the popular TV show. Two very successful Open Days followed, when local people and visitors from far and wide had the opportunity to see the tapestry and the associated exhibition. HH



Ann Rowley, Katriona Collins and Heather Gopsill



Charlecote Mill

The summer has passed very quickly and there is just one more Open Day on Sunday, 12 October. This will also mark the second anniversary of Karl Grevatt taking over the mill, so we are planning a bit of a party. The mill will be open and running from 11.00am to 5.00pm, 'Annie's Antics' vintage ice cream van will be there all day, plus other activities and possibly a local baker selling their wares. Admission is only £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per child, or a family entry (2 adults, 2 kids) for £10. That includes a guided tour, and refreshments are available! We hope that you can join us and enjoy visiting the one remaining commercially operated watermill in Warwickshire. **KG**

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Hampton Lucy Ladies' Coffee and Cakes Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, Tuesday, 7 October at 10.30am.

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"The Lucy Lads"

will meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy on Thursday, 2 October, at 11.30am

All 'Lads at Heart' welcome

Mini Beer & Cider Festival and Pub Party

at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy Saturday, 4 October. Disco and Food provided All the beers will be from the South West of England No tickets - free admission "Thank you" to everyone

for all your support in our first year!

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Kineton Art Group Exhibition

Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings Kineton Village Hall Saturday 4th October and Sunday, 5th October Open from 10.00am until 5.00pm each day. Adults: 50p, Children free entry. Please come and enjoy the wide variety of paintings by our members. Refreshments available including

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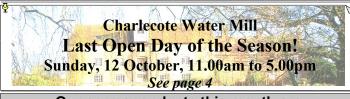
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Cheque payable to Wellesbourne Matters and send to: Wellesbourne Matters, ^C/₀ Cherry Cottage, Cherry Orchard Wellesbourne, CV35 9NB or use PayPal at www.wellesbournematters.org.uk



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'The Grapevine' copy deadline: Friday, 10 October.

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Church Services October 2014

5 October 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Harvest Festiva Loxley Charlecote Hampton Lucy	al at Barford Holy Communion Harvest Evensong Cancelled - Invited to Charl	BCP BCP ecote.
12 October 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	The Seventeen Hampton Lucy Charlecote Loxley Hampton Lucy	th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Family Service Holy Communion Harvest Harvest Evensong	CW BCP
19 October 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	The Eighteent Charlecote Hampton Lucy Loxley	h Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Come and Worship Family Service	BCP CW
26 October 8.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	The Nineteenth Charlecote Loxley Hampton Lucy	Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong	BCP CW BCP

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- Sat 4 'Made in Charlecote', Charlecote Village Hall, Notice Board.
- Sat 4 Kineton Art Group Exhibition, (and Sun 5th), Notice Board.
- Tues 7 Ladies' Coffee and Cakes, The Boar's Head, 10.30am. Notice Board.
- Tues 7 Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 8 Tai Chi, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.
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- Fri 10 Copy Deadline for *The Grapevine*.
- Sun 12 Charlecote Mill Open Day, 11.00am to 5.00pm, page 4.
- Mon 13 Wellesbourne & District Lions Club, Connie Club, 8.00pm, page 3.
- Tues 14 Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, visit website.
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