



# The Grapevine

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Grapevine celebration

To mark the publication of the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of *Grapevine* and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of so many people associated with it, Ken and Anthea Cockshull generously hosted a reception and reunion at the Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Thursday, 5 June. They were delighted with the turnout. Representatives from Loxley, Charlecote and Hampton Lucy attended along with many who had been associated with the publication from the outset. Everyone mingled and exchanged lively anecdotes and memories from the past ten years, enlivened by a delicious buffet with wine. Revd David Jessett kindly gave a short introduction and Jackie Williams, who has herself been associated with the publication since its inauguration in 1998, gave a fascinating review of *Grapevine* over the years. She made particular mention of the several editors who had maintained such a high standard of presentation and in particular Ken Cockshull who has been sole editor for 7 years. As a token of appreciation and on behalf of *Grapevine* she presented Ken with a Garden Voucher, an appropriate gift for someone who has not only spent so much time editing, but also has been largely instrumental in setting up the 'Charles Maries Collection' and trail through Hampton Lucy. (Full details of the trail can be found on the Village Website: [www.hamptonlucy.net](http://www.hamptonlucy.net)).

Ken replied in his usual erudite fashion and made a particular point of highlighting the work put in by Mike Sill as financial and distribution organiser and Jackie Williams who coordinates the advertising, and proof-reads the publication along with Alan Scaife. He paid tribute to the Parochial Church Councils of Loxley, Charlecote and Hampton Lucy, the Parish Councils of Hampton Lucy and Loxley, The Parish Meeting of Charlecote, and of course the advertisers, all of them contributing generously to enable the newsletter to be delivered free of charge to every household. He also thanked those who unstintingly collect and deliver *Grapevine* every month in all weathers. He made particular reference to the printers, Kall Kwik of Stratford upon Avon, who produce a high quality publication reliably and on time each month. He was especially grateful for their generosity in producing the '100<sup>th</sup> edition in full colour at no extra cost. He closed by confirming that he was standing down as sole editor and passing the baton over to Jeremy Whyman, (contact details on page 4), although he would continue to be very closely associated with the editing and production of *Grapevine*. JW (*Editor's note—the telephone number for Jeremy Whyman was incorrect in the last issue. Please note the correct number is 01789 470911*)

## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Opening with the singing of Jerusalem, Member's Night saw a full attendance of both members and visitors. The Committee stood down for the evening and their roles were taken by Joce Connor as Acting President, Jean Drinkwater as Secretary and Pauline Pratt as Treasurer. The highlight of the evening was a talk by Elizabeth, Lady Hamilton, who spoke eloquently about Walton and the Mordaunt Family Scandal of the 19th century involving the future King Edward VII. Bringing history to life, she gave a vivid account of happy & sad past times at Walton Hall. The evening concluded with an attractively presented cheese & wine supper. The next meeting on 2 July at 7.30pm will be in Hampton Lucy village hall and will include a talk on Belly Dancing by Ms S Brooke Taylor. Visitors welcome.



## Loxley Strawberry Fayre.

Saturday, 12 July at Loxley Hall. Come and enjoy a magnificent Strawberry and Cream Tea and browse amongst the many stalls, all in aid of St Nicholas' Church, Loxley. Donations of cakes and gifts for the stalls would be gratefully received. For details and donations please call Peter Morris on 470084. Admission £3.00 including a Cream Tea! RM

## Hampton Lucy School Fete

Friday, 11 July at  
3.30pm.



There will be a lovely display of country dancing by the younger children before the opening of the fete itself. Enjoy a Surf Simulator ride (for all ages), bouncy pirate ship, tombola, lots of stalls, and loads of goodies to satisfy all tastes. An afternoon not to be missed—as always. Do make it a date. JF

## PARISH LETTER

By way of an introduction to the three parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley, our new Associate Minister, Revd Alan Wheale has written this month's Parish Letter.

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of my first letter to you Val and I wish to thank everyone who has made it possible for us to join you all in these six Parishes, and for the very warm welcome we have received since our arrival at the end of March. Most of all, we will never forget the Licensing Service at St Peter's, Barford on Sunday, 20 April together with the many good wishes and kind words that we received. THANK YOU! to everyone for inviting and welcoming us.

Co-incidentally, I write this letter to you on the day after I have joined Val in becoming a pensioner, a point in my life which reminds me that I have now been in the ordained ministry for over thirty-eight years. During that time I have served in various situations: in urban/suburban parishes in Birmingham and Nottingham; and, until I retired some two years ago, in six rural parishes near Tamworth in the Diocese of Lichfield. Val has been a nurse for over forty years, having trained at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary. When she retired last year Val had completed fifteen years as Director of Nursing in a large nursing home in Burton-upon-Trent. We have six children, all grown

up of course and making their own way in the world, and five grandchildren with one more on the way and expected to arrive just before Christmas. So both Val and I now look forward in the next few years to sharing ministry and mission with you all in our six Parishes. Of course, life for the church in rural communities has been far from easy over recent years, if it has ever been, with changes in our villages, mounting financial costs and the shortage of ordained ministers. But I am always mindful of some words written in a Government report some years ago in which I find encouragement, and I hope and pray encourage you also.

*'Churches continue to be a central focus of spiritual and community life in many small rural communities. They form the major voluntary organisations in much of the countryside. The report 'Faith in the Countryside' made an important contribution to our understanding of rural concerns and of the Church of England's response to them. The Churches can help to build bridges between different sections of the rural community and between town and countryside, and they can give a lead on the traditional values associated with rural life, such as good neighbourliness and stewardship of the land.'*

With love and prayers,  
Alan.

## PARISH NEWS

### Charlecote Parish Meeting AGM – 20 May 2008



The AGM was attended by 20 parishioners, and the meeting was pleased to welcome Nigel Mann from the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel and Stephen Bennett, the new Property Manager at Charlecote Park. Officers elected for 2008/9 were: Chairman Jon King, Parish Clerk Deborah Wellings and Treasurer Ian Lewis. Contact details are on the Village Hall notice board. A summary of the key items discussed is as follows. It was agreed that Parish communication will continue to be via *Grapevine* and parishioners should get in touch if they are not receiving it regularly. The website [www.charlecote.org](http://www.charlecote.org) will shortly be revamped and will continue to be a source of useful information for parishioners and visitors alike. For those who you wish to receive Parish emails, please send your email address details to [deborahwellings@btinternet.com](mailto:deborahwellings@btinternet.com). The Parish Privilege Card will be re-launched shortly, offering local discounts to parishioners in return for a £10 donation to Parish funds. We are grateful that The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel and The National Trust have already confirmed their generous participation in the scheme. A meeting with the Airfield management is planned to review current practices and flight path details. The National Trust is currently developing a proposal for a Visitor Reception Building and a revised car park entrance to improve safety and enhance visitor experience. They are consulting with our Planning Group to ensure compliance with our Village Design Statement. Details are still awaited concerning the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. Further safety improvements are also to be discussed, including 'The Pheasant' road junction. All those present expressed delight with the progress of the refurbishment of the Village Hall under the direction of the Hall Committee, and Charlie Golding and Derek Morris in particular. On behalf of the Hall Committee Chris Johns thanked the Parish for the contribution from Parish funds, without which much of the work could not have been completed. JK



A reminder—it's party time. Friday, 4 July is

### The Hampton Lucy Jazz Picnic,

7.30pm in the Parish Field. Good weather

is guaranteed so pack up the picnic hamper, dust off the deckchairs and break out the bubbly for another great village evening with the Dene River Jazz Men. Tickets are priced at £7.50 per adult, £16 for a family of four, plus £1 per additional child and are available from Hall Committee members or by phoning 841155. DR

## CHARLECOTE VILLAGE HALL

*The refurbishment is complete – we are back in business!*

*We look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic new Village Hall!*

**GRAND OPENING** - June/July (date still to be confirmed) - watch the village notice board.

**SUMMER LUNCH IN THE VILLAGE HALL GARDEN.** Sunday, 10 August. Tickets on sale shortly from Committee Members.

**CAROUSEL DINNER.** Saturday, 6 September.

Contact Jayne Grace or Helen Hoggarth

**WINE & WISDOM EVENING.** Friday, 21 November.

Tickets on sale in the autumn



### Hampton Lucy Church Appeal

Martin Salt, a qualified professional photographer from Tiddington, is generously supporting our Restoration Fund Appeal by giving a donation for every commission accompanied by an Appeal Voucher. For further details and your voucher please see the flier enclosed with this issue of *Grapevine* Additional vouchers from Helen Hartley; Tel: 841592

### Shipston Home Nursing

**Country Car Boot Sale.** Sunday, 7 September in the idyllic parkland setting of Honington Estate, by kind permission of Lady Sarah Wiggin. Car booters by prior arrangement only. Contact Rebecca on 01608 674929. Gates open 9.00am. Refreshments available. Admission £2.00 per person, maximum £5.00 per car.

### The Armscote Lecture Series

This is an advance notice for a fascinating series of lectures on gardens and garden related topics during the week of 6-10 October at Armscote Manor. Lectures start at 7.00pm with a wine reception sponsored by Bablake Wines Ltd. For details of the complete programme and to book tickets please contact Deborah Williams or Madeleine James on 01608 682375



### Hampton Lucy Spinney

Our spinney alongside the Stratford Road is coming along very nicely and The Parish Council has been given a grant by The Tree Council to buy 1000 native bluebell bulbs and primroses to plant there. These have been ordered for delivery in late summer. If you would like to help to prepare the ground and plant them, please give Alan Scaife a ring on 841105 or e-mail him at [alan@ascaife.plus.com](mailto:alan@ascaife.plus.com). In any event, take a stroll in the spinney - there is a path mowed through it. But please scoop any of your dog poops from the path. AS

### Baroque Concert

For your diary - a Baroque Concert on Saturday, 6 September at Hampton Lucy Church, 7.30pm, tickets £8.00 in aid of the Church Appeal. Details from Tim Bugg, Tel. 842313, or Nicky Steel, Tel. 841893



### Organ Recital and Salmon Supper

The very successful Organ Recital given by Stephen Dodsworth on Saturday, 17 May raised £1725 for the Hampton Lucy Church Appeal. Stephen's generosity in playing such a wonderful and varied programme is very much appreciated by the Appeal Trustees, who wish to extend their thanks for all the hard work put into the event, including the beautiful pedestal flower arrangement by Mrs. Anthea Cockshull and the arrangements for the splendid 'Salmon Supper' hosted in their own homes by Mrs. Kathleen Barclay and Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, with the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Helen Sill. It was a most successful fundraising event and, whilst publicising the Church Restoration Appeal to a wider audience and raising a substantial contribution, it was also thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. DH



### Friends of Hampton Lucy School Spring Ball

The Friends of Hampton Lucy School held their first Spring Ball at The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel on Friday, 2 May. Nearly 200 revellers enjoyed an evening of fine food and enthusiastic dancing. There was an auction of donated prizes which raised over £2200 for the school and the organisers would like to thank everyone involved for making it such a successful and enjoyable evening. Particular thanks go to Wynford Dore for his generous sponsorship JF



## Church Services July and August - 2008

<b>6 July</b>	8.30am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	<i>Family Service</i>	
	6.00pm	Loxley	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
<b>13 July</b>	9.30am	Charlecote	<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>CW</i>
	11.00am	Loxley	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>CW</i>
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Communion</i>	<i>CW</i>
<b>20 July</b>	8.30am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	<i>Come and Worship</i>	<i>CW</i>
	11.00am	Loxley	<i>Matins</i>	<i>BCP</i>
<b>27 July</b>	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	9.30am	Loxley	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	11.00am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>CW</i>
<b>3rd August</b>	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	8.30am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	<i>Family Service</i>	
<b>10 August</b>	6.00pm	Loxley	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	9.30am	Charlecote	<i>Morning Worship</i>	
	11.00am	Loxley	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>CW</i>
<b>17 August</b>	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>CW</i>
	8.30am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	10.00am	Hampton Lucy	<i>Come and Worship</i>	<i>CW</i>
<b>24 August</b>	11.00am	Loxley	<i>Matins</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	9.30am	Loxley	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
<b>31 August</b>	11.00am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>CW</i>
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	9.30am	Charlecote	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>CW</i>

### Diary—July / August 2008 July

<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am <b>Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI</b> , HL Village Hall, 7.30pm.
<b>Thur 3,10,17</b>	<b>Trotters Toddler Group</b> , 1.20-3.00pm
<b>Fri 4</b>	<b>Jazz Picnic Evening</b> in the Parish Field 7.30pm
<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>Loxley PC Meeting</b> at the School, 7.30pm
<b>Tues 8,15</b>	<b>Keep Fit Class</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am
<b>Thur 10</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> at 'Lane End', 7.30pm. 'Hands on Tatting'.
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Family Bingo Evening</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall from 6pm <b>Loxley Strawberry Fayre</b> , Loxley Hall at 3.00pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 3-4pm (last for summer)
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am
<b>Wed 23</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am
<b>Fri 25</b>	<b>Sleeping Beauty, Fancy Dress Picnic</b> , Charlecote Park, from 5.30pm.
<b>Wed 30</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am
<b>August</b>	
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10am
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>Charlecote Village Hall Summer Lunch</b> , details to be announced
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>Tai chi class</b> Hampton Lucy Village Hall 9-10 am
<b>Thur 14</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> details to be announced

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