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Chris Johns and celebrity guest Tim Dutton

Charlecote Village Hall Grand Re-opening

The Grand Re-Opening of Charlecote Village Hall was held in glorious sunshine on Sunday, 29 June. 'Bucks Fizz' was served and Chris Johns, Chairman of the Management Committee, welcomed the guests including residents of Charlecote, Loxley and Hampton Lucy, and representatives from Warwickshire Environmental Trust and Warwickshire Rural Community Council. After a brief history of the village hall, he described the work involved in raising sufficient funds to refurbish the building to twenty-first century standards and particularly acknowledged the work of Charlie Golding and Derek Morris and all who had helped with the project. The celebrity guest, actor Tim Dutton who once lived in the adjacent house, entertained the guests with stories from his childhood in Charlecote, including going into the hall, then a Working Men's Club, winning £50 in sixpences on the fruit machine, and having to conceal the ill-gotten gains from his parents! His first taste of the theatre was when Judi Dench, also a resident of Charlecote, gave him a promenade ticket for "The Comedy of Errors" at Stratford, an experience that he never forgot. Having declared the village hall well and truly open, Tim was delighted to renew old friendships from his childhood years in Charlecote.

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Loxley Strawberry Fayre

Held on 12 July, the annual Strawberry Fayre was a great success, as usual. The village is so lucky that, due to the generosity of the Gregory-Hood family, it is held in such a wonderful location. The early morning 'heavy mob' set up the marquee, stalls and awnings, goods were brought in to furnish the stalls and by three o'clock a queue was waiting at the entrance. We were blessed with fine weather, the strawberry teas were as delicious as ever and those who ventured into the church enjoyed an organ recital. The day was a great success, raising £1813 for church funds, and the organisers would like to thank all those who helped before, during and after the event and contributed to yet another great annual Loxley Strawberry Fayre! RM

The Charles Maries Family Reunion

Charles Maries, the renowned Victorian plant collector, was born in the village of Hampton Lucy in 1851. On Saturday, 26 July, the Hampton Lucy 'Village Enhancement Group' invited his descendants to a 'Maries Family Reunion'. As a result, fifty guests, all related to the Charles Maries family, met together in the village hall for a buffet tea and an opportunity to exchange family reminiscences. Individual groups were then given a conducted tour of the Charles Maries Trail by Ken Cockshull and Mike Sill. It proved to be an enjoyable day for both guests and organisers alike. KC



WI News

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Members and their guests enjoyed two contrasting but most enjoyable evenings during July. On Tuesday, 1 July, they visited 'Hill Close Gardens' in Warwick. Despite the risk of showers, the secluded cluster of nineteenth century town gardens was a joy to explore, restoration work having revealed twelve of the original gardens, full of interest and colour. The regular meeting on Wednesday, 2 July had a very different theme – Belly Dancing. Ms. Brooke Taylor and six of her pupils entertained the members with a variety of styles of this dance that originated in the Middle East, describing its history and how it got its name. Following the August break, the next meeting will be held in the recently refurbished Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 3 September, at 7.30pm for a talk entitled 'The History of Amish Quilts'. All are welcome HS

Loxley WI



For our Members' Meeting in June, WI member Wendy Shrimpton invited us to a most enjoyable evening at her home. The speaker for the evening was Jane Collard, a teacher who worked in Gambia during her student years, and she gave a graphic account of the time that she spent working with the Gambians on drainage and water supply solutions. Her interest in the project is ongoing and she continues to be in touch with the community. The July meeting was presented by Jane Eborall, an expert in the traditional craft of 'tattooing'. The dexterity she displayed was fascinating and she demonstrated that the use of the internet creates worldwide accessibility to the craft, bringing it into the 21st Century. RM

PARISH LETTER



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Please note that the contact telephone number for the Churchwardens is no longer available.

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of you who drive cars now have SatNav in them? I don't yet but I know a bit about it. For any of you who don't, SatNav is one of those clever bits of modern technology which can tell you how to get to somewhere you want to go just by keying in the postcode of the address you want. Despite stories about lorries getting stuck under low bridges or people turning into other people's driveways trying to follow the instructions these can be amazingly helpful – especially if you are not good with maps. I mention this because SatNav came up in discussion in one of our recent Bible Study Groups. We had been thinking about whether we believed God directed our lives and what happened to our free will if He does. We concluded that God does leave us free to make choices but that if we are open to listening to what He has to say He may try to guide us in the way He believes will be best for us. This is what the SatNav does for us. The problem is that even if we hear what God may be

Revd Alan Wheale

On June 30th Revd Alan Wheale tendered his resignation as Associate Minister in this benefice. This was subsequently accepted by Revd David Jessett and the Bishop of Warwick. Alan's last service with us will be Evensong at Loxley at 6 pm on Sunday 7th September. We wish Alan and Val well for the future.

saying (through prayer and quiet reflection) we may still choose not to take any notice. This too is like the SatNav in that if we are distracted or misunderstand the instruction we may go careering past the junction where we should have turned or we may turn off too early. At this point the SatNav is very clever in that it senses that we have gone wrong and after a suitable pause, during which it may say something like "Recalculating", it then starts to give us directions from where we now are. But here too Christians believe that God is actually as clever as a SatNav system because He too can take account of where we now are and start to try to help us to find our way to where He wants us to be. It is one of the great things about God that He doesn't give up on us if we get it wrong sometimes, but still tries to make the best of the situation that then exists. Keep listening!
David Jessett



PARISH NEWS

News from the Cathedral



On Saturday, 24 May 2008 we had our commissioning service for Cathedral Liaison Officers. This is a triennial event, the third that I have attended, and I am pleased to continue as your CLO for the next 3 years. This requires me to promise fidelity to the Cathedral Church of St Michael; to profess that I believe that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, and that God has entrusted his Church with the message of reconciliation; to promise to pray for the ministry of the Cathedral; to share the news of ongoing work, new beginnings and events. The Dean, the Very Revd John Irvine, announced that 2012, whilst being an important year for our nation, is also a very significant year for our Cathedral which will then be celebrating its Golden Jubilee. The specialist fundraising firm 'Graigmyle' has been appointed and a new Fundraising Administrator, Zoe Rawcliffe, has been welcomed into the cathedral team to maximise this opportunity. The Dean will be updating me when plans have taken shape further, and it would be good if a group of us from the Parish could support a fundraising event.
Anne Baker (CLO)

From the Registers

Baptisms

Charlecote; 22 June - Gareth Holland
- Rebecca Simpson

Hampton Lucy: 6 July - Connor Street

Weddings

Charlecote: 10 May - Phillip Pullinger and Jenny Bull
27 June - Peter Shearing and Rita Goddu
12 July - Gareth Holland and Rebecca Simpson
19 July - Marcus Randles and Victoria Nash

Hampton Lucy: 12 July - Thomas Chugg and Lara Hutsby
26 July - Sam Moore and Hannah Rawle

Loxley: 7 June - Oliver Steele and Samantha Coote
5 July - Ian Parkes and Laura Davies

Summer in Hampton Lucy 2008



Strawberry Teas by the River



The Village Fete



Family Jazz Picnic



Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Sunday, 22 June saw sixty three rafts battling their way from Wasperton to Stratford in this year's windy annual Charity Raft Race, raising money for The Prince's Trust. The 'Shakespeare' and the 'Wellesbourne & District' clubs joined forces to make it a very successful event. On Saturday, 19 July, The Lions also hosted an anniversary Tea Party at Lawrence Mackie House for the local victims of last year's flooding.

Children of Chernobyl

Each year, children from Belarus are invited by 'The Friends of Chernobyl Children' to visit host families in the Banbury area for a month, with various organisations sharing the arrangements for their holiday. Wellesbourne Lions treated the children to a river trip in Stratford-upon-Avon by courtesy of 'Avon Boating', a visit to Brantano where the children were treated to new shoes, lunch at Morrisons Supermarket, and rounding off an enjoyable day at the Stratford Butterfly Farm.



Do you remember 'Dolly the Sheep'?

According to his birth certificate, Eileen Wilmut gave birth to a son in Hampton Lucy in July 1944. Although the family home was in Coventry, it seems likely that Eileen was evacuated to Hampton Lucy for her confinement. It could also be the case that the baby was born in the parish but not necessarily within the village. That baby is now Sir Ian Wilmut, well known for heading the research team that created 'Dolly', the cloned sheep, and he is interested in tracing his birthplace. If there is anyone who can throw light on a possible location, or has any other information that could be of interest, please contact Ken Cockshull, Tel: 842980, or e-mail to ken.cockshull@dsl.pipex.com KC

Advance notice for your diary:

Charlecote Wine and Wisdom Evening - Friday 21st November, The Village Hall at 7.30pm

Local Police Contact Details

Wellesbourne Local Police Station: **01789 842114**;
E-mail: wellesbourne.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
Your Community Support Officers are Dean Canning, Henri Smith and Michelle Suddaby. For information on local issues visit: www.saferneighbourhoods.co.uk.

"CIDER SIZZLER"

Saturday 13 September,
Hampton Lucy School, 6.00-10.00pm.
Barn Dance with Live Band, Tug of War,
Bouncy Castle for the under 5's, Apple Bobbing, B'BQ,
Bar, Disco and, of course, **CIDER** tasting!
Family Ticket £15, Single ticket £5.
All proceeds in aid of the
Hampton Lucy Church Restoration Appeal
Contact: Nikky Steel, Tel: 841893



Come and Sing : Vivaldi : Gloria



Holy Trinity Church,
Saturday, 20 September
10.30am - 1.00pm, 2.00pm - 4.14pm
Performance 5.00pm
Conductor Stephen Dodsworth, Organist Andrew Jones
Workshop £12, Music Hire £2, Audience Admission £6
Tickets and details from Julia Trigg, Tel: 204699
(e-mail: julia.trigg@yahoo.com)

Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper

7.00pm
Saturday, 4 October, in the Village Hall.
Always a great village get-together for all ages
Everyone is welcome.
Tickets and details from Kay Graham, Tel: 840391
or Melanie Gardner, Laurel Cottage,
Hampton Lucy.



Baroque Concert



Saturday, 6 September, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy
Works by Handel, Telemann, Locatelli and
Boyce and featuring baroque oboe and natural trumpets
with baroque strings and harpsichord.
Proceeds in aid of the Church Restoration Appeal.
Tickets £8 at the door or from Tim Bugg, Tel: 842353
or Nikky Steel, Tel: 841893



Church Services September 2008

7 Sept	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>
14 Sept	9.30am	Charlecote	<i>Morning Worship</i>	
	11.00am	Hampton Lucy	<i>Family Service</i>	<i>CW</i>
	6.00pm	Loxley	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
21 Sept	8.30 am	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>
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
28 Sept	9.30am	Loxley	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	6.00pm	Charlecote	<i>Harvest Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>
	6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>BCP</i>

For your diary - September 2008

- Mon 1** Loxley Parish Council, Loxley School, 7.30pm
- Tues 2** Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 3,10** Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- " Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30
- Thur 4** Trotters Toddler Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.20-3.00pm
- Sat 6** Baroque Concert, Hampton Lucy Church, 7.00pm
- " Charlecote Carousel Dinner - postponed until Spring 2009
- Mon 8** Afternoon Teas, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tues 9** Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Thur 11** Trotters Toddler Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.20-3.00pm
- " Loxley WI, Lane End, The Manor, 7.30pm
- " Three Parishes Prayer Group, Duncan and Janet Fairfax-Lucy, Tel: 840464
- Sat 13** Cider Sizzler, Hampton Lucy School, 6.00-10pm
- Tues 16** Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 17** Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- " Loxley Parochial Church Council, The Hall, 8.00pm
- " Hampton Lucy Parish Council, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thur 18** Trotters Toddler Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.20-3.00pm
- Sat 20** Come and Sing Vivaldi 'Gloria', Holy Trinity Church, Stratford 10.30 am
- Mon 22** Afternoon Teas, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tues 23** Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 24** Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thur 25** Trotters Toddler Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.20-3.00pm
- Fri 26** Family Bingo Evening, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, from 6pm
- Tues 30** Keep Fit, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm

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