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Two pupils from Hampton Lucy School were awarded prizes in the annual Stratford Poetry Competition; Alex Lunn gained first prize and Christina Cowley third. Alex's winning poem is reproduced on page 3.

The Charlecote Pageant of 1976

Does anyone remember the Charlecote Pageant of 1976? We have the script here at the Park and would love to talk to anyone who was involved in the Pageant. We hope to do another one in 2006 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Trust taking on the Park. If you were directly involved in the 1976 Pageant or you can remember it, please ring Linda Griffin (Tel: 470277).

Praise and Play

Worried about your toddler being noisy in church? Looking for a service geared to young children? Is it easier to get to church midweek? Our new monthly service for pre-schoolers, 'Praise and Play', has started at Hampton Lucy. It will be held every second Tuesday from 2-3pm, in Hampton Lucy Church. We shall be telling stories, singing songs and doing craft activities. There will also be toys, drinks and biscuits. The next Praise and Play is on Tuesday, 10th February, and we would love you to join us. Further details from Sarah Edmonds (Tel: 840244), Sue Appleyard, Becky Martin or Kate Sugden. SE

Live and Local

All the world knows that William Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway but did he go willingly to the altar? A play by William Smethurst entitled 'Shakespeare's Other Anne' and starring Richard Derrington will be performed at Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Friday, 6th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.50 (£3.50 for young people) and can be obtained in advance from members of the Village Hall Committee, including Bev Williams, Bramcote Cottage and Jackie Williams, Laurel Cottage (Tel: 841155).

Loxley WI

The 2003 Annual Meeting took place at the beginning of December. The committee was re-elected 'en bloc' and the officers remain the same - Pat Gardner, Zweena Wakeham and Ruth Morris. Following the business part of the evening, member Aileen Pearson gave us an account of her journey on the 'Quilters' Trail' in the USA. By the end of Aileen's talk we all wished that we had accompanied her! On the second Thursday of December, nine members went over to Ebrington WI. We had a wonderful evening and thoroughly enjoyed their Pantomime. Our 2004 programme opened on 8th January with a New Year Dinner at Hounds Hill. We look forward to talks on 'Hidden Warwickshire', 'The Grand Tour', and 'A Medieval House' during the next three meetings. RM

Community Transport

Hampton Lucy Parish Council is expecting to receive a visit from Doug Henderson, SDC Community Transport Officer, in January, to discuss the possibility of providing minibus transport into Wellesbourne from surrounding villages, including Hampton Lucy, for those who would be glad of such a service. The bus would collect you from your door; the cost is shared among those using it. If you were unable to come to January's PC meeting but would like to register an interest, please ring Alan Scaife (Tel: 841105).

PARISH LETTER



Jesus grew up!

As we look back at Christmas, it was lovely for the three churches to be able to welcome so many people into services to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There was standing room only at two Loxley services, and children were literally queuing to come into Charlecote on Christmas Eve for the crib service. It seems that there is still something about Christmas that makes us want to reflect on the meaning of our celebrations and search for

something deeper than the tinsel and turkey. It may be that we enjoy the tradition of the carol service, that there is something inherently appealing about the birth of a baby, or that the idea that God becoming human still resonates with our need for love and acceptance.

But Jesus didn't stay as an adorable, if special, baby. He grew up into a child and then a man. And that's when he started to be a little more uncomfortable, a little more challenging. A baby doesn't do too much to threaten our thinking. The most it usually does is keep us awake at night, take food in at one end and pump it out at the other! If we leave our understanding of Jesus at the baby stage, then he has little relevance to our lives in 21st Century Britain. So thank God that he did grow up. He

experienced the joys and the heartache of life as a human. He knew laughter and partying, but he also knew sorrow and bereavement. And if Jesus is to make an impact on our lives and where we're at now, we must let him grow up in our minds and experience. We must take him beyond the beauty and wonder of Christmas into the awkward questions and demands on our lifestyle. We must take him from Bethlehem and the manger to Jerusalem and Easter.

We are called to worship with the shepherds at the manger side, but we are also called to travel with him and his disciples and to engage with Jesus the man. We are called to ask him questions, to watch where he goes, and journey with him. Christmas is wonderful, but it is only the beginning of the story. Don't miss the ending! SE



PARISH NEWS

Hugh Keep and the Charlecote Festival Service

We are delighted that Revd Hugh Keep has agreed to return and preach at the anniversary service for Charlecote. He will share with us some of his experiences as a chaplain at Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre and, we hope, encourage us in our links with prisons (St Leonard being the patron Saint of prisoners). The Festival choir will also be singing at the service, which is at 11 on Sunday, 8th February. We do hope you will be able to join us.

Confirmation 2004

There will be a confirmation service on 20th May this year. If you are interested in finding out more, please let Sarah know as soon as possible (Tel: 840244). A series of meetings to investigate further will be held in due course, and you won't have to decide whether or not to be confirmed until the end of the sessions. If there is enough interest, we shall run separate youth and adult courses. SE

From the Registers

16th November	Baptism	Luci Garstang	St Nicholas', Loxley
4th January	Baptism	Hannah Alice May Swann	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
9th January	Funeral	Nancy Armstrong	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
12th January	Memorial Service	Monica 'Jinks' Waterworth	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy

Evensong at Loxley

Please remember that evening services at St Nicholas' Loxley now begin at 6pm.

Loxley School

At the end of the autumn term, the children took part in and enjoyed all the usual Christmas school activities; visits to the theatre, parties and a very original Christmas play were enjoyed by all. The spring term began on 7th January and the school welcomed Mrs Proudman for the term, following the resignation of Mrs Bussley. The school also welcomed two student teachers who will be at Loxley for several weeks. Best wishes to both Hampton Lucy and Loxley Schools for a busy and successful spring term. RM

Hampton Lucy School

The children of Class Three have been chosen to be part of a large choir participating in a Gala Concert at Warwick Arts Centre on Monday, 1st March at 7.30pm. They are one of five schools chosen, the rest of the choir being made up of County Choirs that meet on a regular basis. The children will sing five songs from "Cooks's Tours", a musical charting the life of Thomas Cook and the start in the Victorian era of the organized holiday business. They have already started to learn these songs as part of last term's Victorian history focus. The concert itself will show a large number of children from throughout Warwickshire taking part in a variety of groups and orchestras run by the County Music Service.

Half Term will be from Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th February (inclusive)

Buying In the Sales

Remember that when you shop in the sales you have exactly the same rights as the rest of the year and so traders commit an offence if they display signs saying "no refunds on sale items". For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Trading Standards Advice Line (Tel: 01926 414000).



The Trotters Toddler Group Christmas Party. Thanks to Mike Woodman who took the trouble to contact Father Christmas and arrange for him to visit the party.

The Mighty Ancients

By Alex Lunn

One night in the forest of Elders
All seems quiet and well,
Until big men come with hulking Chain-
saws
That have a frightening smell
Then with a tremendous roar
They chopped the trees one by one
And with the snap of breaking bark
Their mission is nearly done
Then all that is left is the mighty Ancients
three
But as the Woodcutters closed in
They could hear through the dim
The sound of squelching mud and quite a
distant thud
Then out of the gloom
The mighty Ancients rose
And then the cowering Woodcutters
Took a very terrified pose
The mighty Ancients called upon the
Keeper of the Grove
And then there came a muffled cry
The Chainsaws dropped to the floor
And some tree sprouts slowly rose
A year passed by so suddenly
And some more Woodcutters came
And chopped down the trees
That once were their friends
Soon no one ever came to the forest of
Elders again
And no one ever troubled the mighty
Ancients again
They rested their snake-like roots in lovely
wet moist soil
Until their brothers and sisters would be
born again.

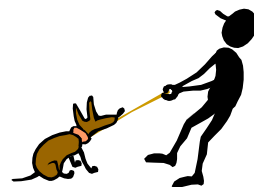
Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

The year 2004 began with our speaker Janice Wade giving us a stimulating account of her 30 years in the police force, beginning as a 24-year old probationary officer in Coventry and eventually progressing to be Chief Inspector with Special Branch in Birmingham. Some of her final responsibilities included security for the visits of Princess Diana to Birmingham, the Queen to Coventry Cathedral and world leaders attending the G8 Conference in Birmingham. She was on a 35-week project in Lesotho when Nelson Mandela was released from prison and later she met him on a visit to England. A career filled with memorable events told in an easy and humorous way set a very high standard for future monthly meetings. HS

Dog Owners in Hampton Lucy

I have been asked to remind dog owners to make sure that their dogs do not foul footpaths or gardens in the village.

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Church Services

FEBRUARY 2004

Feb 1st	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	Family Service
	Loxley	6.00	Evensong
Feb 8th	Loxley	9.30	Holy Communion
	Charlecote	11.00	Matins with Hugh Keep - dedication anniversary
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evensong
	Vicarage	7.30	Youth Group
Feb 15th	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Loxley	11.00	Family Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Holy Communion
Feb 22nd	Hampton Lucy	8.30	Holy Communion
	Charlecote	11.00	Matins
	Loxley	11.00	Matins
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evensong
	Vicarage	7.30	Youth Group
Feb 25th <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>	Hampton Lucy	7.30pm	Joint Parishes Communion
Feb 29th	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Loxley	11.00	Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evening worship
Mar 7th	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	Family Service
	Loxley	6.00	Evensong

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Wed 4	Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. Bernadette Halton will talk about 'MacMillan Cancer Relief'.
Wed 4	Deanery Synod meets at Tiddington. 7.30pm
Thu 5, 12, 19, 26	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Thu 5	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Fri 6	' Shakespeare's Other Anne ' will be performed at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 9	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tues 10	' Praise and Play ' at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Wed 11	Charlecote PCC meets in the Village Hall, 7.45pm
Thu 12	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mr Winterburn will give a talk with slides of 'Hidden Warwickshire'
Mon 16	Loxley and Hampton Lucy Schools on half term holiday
Thu 19	Christian Fellowship meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm. Duncan Fairfax-Lucy will talk about his visit to China and North Korea in autumn 2003. All very welcome.
Mon 23	Loxley and Hampton Lucy Schools return after half-term holiday
Mon 23	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Mon 23	Family Service Planning Group meets at 4.15pm
Thu 26	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm

Details of other events in Loxley will be advertised on the notice boards in the village

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