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Loxley Strawberry Fayre

Loxley Strawberry Fayre will be held on Saturday, 10 July, opening at 3pm in the gardens of Loxley Hall, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Gregory-Hood. Tickets will cost £2.50, including a strawberry and cream tea, and can be bought beforehand or at the gate on the day. Gifts of cakes towards the tea would be appreciated and stall holders would be grateful for contributions too. The stall holders include:-

Tombola - William Ayres (Tel: 841122)

Bric-a-Brac - Jo Beverley (Tel: 840107)

Books - Craig Whittaker (Tel: 842694)
or Paul Jennings (Tel: 842599).

Toys - Margaret Buckingham (Tel: 841418)

Handicrafts - Wendy Shrimpton (Tel: 842449)

Jewellery, toiletries, fashion accessories
- Wendy Gadd (Tel: 840862)

Produce - Ruth Morris (Tel: 470084)

For further information, please contact one of the church wardens (Tel: 470084 or 840684)

Riverside Permissive Paths

Defra has put up signs to show that the permissive path along the riverbank upstream of Hampton Lucy bridge has been renewed until September 2013. This is relevant to the navigation argument since the pro-navigation lobby has been arguing that the river is inaccessible. A new permissive path has also been signposted at the northern end of the Scarbank bridleway, following the contour round Copdock hill back to Sherbourne lane. Copdock hill is a delightful spot with magnificent views. Our thanks are due to the landowners concerned together with a reminder to walkers not to leave litter. AS

Afternoon Teas

Those fortunate enough to be able to attend the regular Monday afternoon tea sessions in Hampton Lucy Village Hall should note that none will be held in the month of August. They will start again on Monday, 13 September.



Loxley Runners A team of four runners from Loxley (John Leach, Nigel Chidgey, Richard Dobedoe, and William Ayres) took part in the 'Man versus Horse' race at Llanwryd Wells on Saturday, 12 June. Over 400 runners and 49 horses took part in the 22-mile race over the mountains. The race was celebrating its 25th anniversary and for the first time, a runner (Hugh Lobb) beat the first horse home. Hugh picked up a prize of £25,000. The Loxley Runners all completed the run in less than 3.5 hours. John Leach won the Veteran's Cup (over 60s) by completing the course in 3 hours 10 minutes. Sponsorship money of £300 will go to Loxley School — well done, Loxley Runners. CA

Friends of Charlecote Church
150th Anniversary Appeal

CHARLECOTE VILLAGE BARBECUE

Saturday 10th July, from 6pm

At Pit Farm, Hunscombe Lane (by kind invitation of Simon & Jackie Robinson)

Tickets are £8 (£4 under 12s) from
Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916)

Anything to Auction?

Stratford Friends of the Shakespeare Hospice will be holding their seventh Annual Auction on Saturday, 11 September. They are looking for good quality items suitable for auction and are particularly interested in small items of furniture, paintings, china, silver and metal ware. If you have anything to donate, please telephone either Rosemary Livingstone (Tel: 204565), Janet Bishop (Tel: 293931), or Jill Taylor (Tel: 295546) anytime between now and 31 August.

Tea at Avonside

The Hampton Lucy Village Enhancement Group (VEG) is holding a fund-raising tea afternoon on Saturday, 17 July from 2.30pm at Avonside (next to the church). There will be afternoon tea available as well as plant, cake, book and craft stalls. You can even have a go at a pictorial garden quiz while munching your scones. As well as our usual activities around the village, this year we are promoting the planting of shrubs and trees to commemorate Charles Maries who was educated at Avonside (then the Grammar School). The group will be delighted to see you and let you know of our plans and activities. DR

Cuthbert Brown

Cuthbert Brown's family has generously donated a bench to Charlecote Village Hall in his memory. The bench will be dedicated on Sunday, 12 September, after church (12 noon approx.). All residents of Charlecote are invited to come and have a glass of wine and see the bench. The Charlecote Books will also be "re-launched" on this occasion. HH

PARISH LETTER



What are you worth?

And how would you find out? Financially, our value is measured in life assurance, assets and pensions. At work, your value is determined by the revenue you generate, or the cost of replacing you, or by the standard of your output. Other people often value us for what we can offer; a listening ear, a witty conversation or someone to rely on in a crisis. Prizes are awarded at school for all

sorts of achievements, and exam results can indicate academic success.

It is impossible not to be influenced by the world around us and its values. That's not always bad, but it is hard to resist the feeling that my value depends on what I do or how I behave. If I'm a nice, considerate person then people will like me. If I work hard then I might be successful. But what about the times when I'm not nice or when things go wrong? How much will I be worth then? And what do I think of others whose behaviour is way beyond what we regard as acceptable? It's hard to like unpleasant characters, or to have a good word to say about hardened and violent criminals.

But there was a man who loved not because of what a person was like, or how they behaved. Jesus made no distinction between the

successful and the failure, the religious person or the prostitute, the loving father or the adulteress, the law abiding Jew or the local 'Mafia'.

If we could begin to grasp the unconditional acceptance we are offered by God, it would be the one thing which would transform individuals and society. It would change my life and my attitude to yours. But it's hard to shake off years of conditioning to believe the words of Philip Yancey* in one of the most profound yet readable books I have come across, ever:

'There is nothing you can do to make God love you more.

There is nothing you can do to make God love you less.'

You can borrow my book! SE

*'What's So Amazing About Grace?'
by Philip Yancey



PARISH NEWS

Do you believe in prayer?

Since December 1992 when our prayer group began with only two people, our main prayer was for our church to be filled with families. Our prayer group grew, and with the help, encouragement and hard work of Hugh Keep, and now of Sarah, our family service congregation has grown and grown. In 1993, the average attendance at family service was 8, by 2003 it was 82. Now, sometimes, our church is filled, side aisles included. On Palm Sunday this year, we had over 200, 105 adults and 97 children. The children are wonderfully involved and love taking part, moving around, playing instruments and singing. We have been praying for more opportunities for our children to come together for fellowship, nurture and learning. We are so grateful to Sarah for making this possible with our Praise and Play group, and Youth Group, both now well established. The 'preparation for confirmation' classes have also provided a relaxed environment for asking questions and learning. Now we are praying for growth in our Christian lives and outreach to more people. We have an opportunity to pray together on Monday mornings at 9am with Sarah in Hampton Lucy Church. Let's continue to pray. AB

Food for Thought

Watch out for a weekend of events in all the villages at the end of September. The churches want to say 'thank you' to our communities and to offer entertainment (and food!) to you this harvest time. Ideas include building scarecrows, special suppers in barns and other events for all ages. It's a thank you and a chance to tell you what we've been doing, not a fund raiser, so keep your purses firmly in your pockets and join us for a weekend of food and fun. More details to follow. SE

Youth Group

We continue to meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the Vicarage at 7.30pm. Anyone aged 11 or over is welcome. We watch videos, eat loads of biscuits, talk and play games and an important part of our evening is the worship at the end. This term we have worshipped with music, stones, sticking plasters, post-its, art and just once, with an order of service from church. I hope to be able to share with the adults some of what we've been doing. It may sound like fun, and it is, but some of the most profound worship I've encountered in the villages takes place in the youth group. We want to tell you about it some time. SE

From the Registers

16th May	Baptism	Guy Rawson	St Nicholas's, Loxley
16th May	Baptism	William Connor	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
22nd May	Wedding	Sean Lambert and Janette Davies	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
12th June	Wedding Blessing	Rob and Clare Lawley	At home

Trading Standards Open Day

The Trading Standards Service is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 10 July between 10am and 4pm at the Service Headquarters on Old Budbrooke Road (just off the A1477 near Warwick Parkway Station). Come along and find out about the wide range of our activities. There will be lots going on to interest everyone. For example:-

- Had a problem shopping or buying a service? Find out about your rights – an Advice officer will help you sort out your consumer problems
- If you have an electric blanket, have it checked free of charge by experts. Please ring in advance to book your appointment **Freephone 0800 413332** (50% discount voucher on new blankets for those that fail)
- Learn what food labels really mean
- Wary of shopping on line? – we can give you some helpful tips and show you some useful websites

For more information contact Trading Standards (Tel: 01926 414040)

Village Liaison Officers

Village Liaison Officer 2004 is an exciting new programme supported by Stratford-upon-Avon Council for Voluntary Service. It will use volunteers to assist people living in rural villages to access services and information provided by organisations such as the Local Authorities and the Voluntary Sector. These Voluntary Liaison Officers will provide a link between services, information and local people and the communities they live in and they will be supported and guided by the Rural Outreach Project Co-ordinator, Ruth Spaak. Village Liaison Officers will be invited to network meetings every other month at venues around the district to enable them to signal the requirements of their particular villages. Regular information bulletins will be sent out and guest speakers will be invited to give talks on their service areas at the network meetings. Village Liaison Officers are not expected to give specialist advice or to become involved in individual cases but they will be given packs of information about a number of services which they can pass on. Expenses for travel to meetings and telephone calls will be reimbursed by the Council for Voluntary Service. If you are interested in becoming a Village Liaison Officer, please contact Ruth Spaak (Tel: 262889).

Organising a party?

Are you having a party or special occasion? Do you need to hire anything? If so, do you know this can be done locally from Charlecote Village Hall? We have a marquee, tables, chairs, barbecues, crockery etc. You can even hire the hall itself! For further details, please contact Mavis and Derek Diggory (Tel: 841776).

Gazebos to Hire

Wellesbourne and District Lions Club has purchased four high-quality gazebos which are very easily erected. The gazebos each measure 3m x 3m and can be formed singly or in a variety of shapes. If anyone needs such equipment for a charity function or similar, please ring Peter Webb (Tel: 01926 624174). The charge is £40 plus a deposit, refundable on the safe return of the gazebos.

Hampton Lucy School

Pupils were invited to repeat the songs they had sung at the University of Warwick Gala Concert, this time at the Spa Centre following the performance of 'Teen Idol'. Sports Day will be held on Wednesday, 7 July at 1.30pm – anyone from the village who would like to attend will be most welcome. School closes for the summer holiday on Friday, 16 July

Building work is well underway and on schedule and should be completed before the beginning of the Autumn Term. HH

Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI

The Orangery in Charlecote Park provided the ideal setting for our Members' Night. Jennifer Meir, the guest speaker, described the changes in style of some Midland Gardens which occurred during the 18th century. Beginning with Sanderson Miller, whose own garden was at Radway, and subsequently Capability Brown, they transformed the previously formal gardens of country estates, such as Charlecote Park, Blenheim and Stowe by the creation of cascades and great expanses of water and by the planting of trees on a large scale. They copied Nature so successfully that today their gardens appear quite natural. Members prepared and served a delicious buffet supper enjoyed by members, their friends and guests. Business was brief. The next meeting on Wednesday, 7 July will be held at Charlecote. HS

Hampton Lucy Church Choir

New members would be welcomed in all voice parts to join this mixed, all-adult choir to sing at the three evening services each month. We envisage two weekday evening rehearsals per month. Singers should have clear voices, be able to sing without vibrato and have some sight reading ability. Please phone Robert Stagg (Tel: 01788 810208) for more details.

Loxley School

The end of another school year is near. Time has flown since last September. The old saying that time passes quickly when you are busy is very true! The summer term has been just as busy as the two previous ones. The children have paid visits to various places; Avoncroft Museum being the favourite one. A few lucky children were also invited along to the Croft School to view the FA Cup. Among the visitors to the school this term has been the "Build it" team, cycling skills personnel, and Mr Gregory Hood (Foundation Governor), who has been working with the Juniors. The "Early Years" Inspector also spent time with the Infants. Our Head, Ms Holt, went on Maternity Leave at half term and we were very pleased to welcome Mrs Patricia Steward as acting Head until October. It will be "all change" in the Junior class in September when Mrs Alison Griffin and Mrs Anne Thackway will take over. Mrs Irene Proudman, who stepped into the breach in January, is leaving at the end of term. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work.

The Leavers' Service and presentation of books will take place in Loxley Church on Friday, 16 July at 9.30am. Everyone is cordially invited. Eight children will be going on to their senior schools in September. We wish Charlie, Dan, Déja, Georgia, Jade, James, Hannah, and Rebecca every success and hope that they will visit us from time to time. Many thanks are due to all members of staff for their hard work and commitment during the course of the year. We wish the staff and the children of local schools a happy and relaxing summer break. RM

Rural Show

The Warwickshire Rural Show will be held at Wellesbourne Watermill on Sunday, 11 July from 10am to 5pm. Wellesbourne and District Lions Club claim to expect their usual sunny day.



Church Services JULY/AUGUST 2004

July 4th	Charlecote 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Hampton Lucy 10.00 <i>Family service</i> Loxley 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>	Aug 1st	Charlecote 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Hampton Lucy 10.00 <i>Family service</i> Loxley 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>
July 11th	Loxley 9.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Charlecote 11.00 <i>Family Communion</i> <i>with baptism</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>	Aug 8th	Loxley 9.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Charlecote 11.00 <i>Family Communion</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>
July 18th	Charlecote 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Loxley 11.00 <i>Family Communion</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug 15th	Charlecote 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Loxley 11.00 <i>Family Communion</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Holy Communion</i>
July 25th	Hampton Lucy 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Charlecote 11.00 <i>Matins</i> Loxley 11.00 <i>Matins</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>	Aug 22nd	Hampton Lucy 8.30 <i>Holy Communion</i> Charlecote 11.00 <i>Matins</i> Loxley 11.00 <i>Matins</i> Hampton Lucy 6.00 <i>Evensong</i>
		Aug 29th	Loxley 11.00 <i>Joint Parishes</i> <i>(5th Sunday)</i> <i>Family Communion</i>

Diary – JULY 2004

- Thu 1,8,15,22,29** Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Sat 3** 'Springboard' Training Day at KES, 10am to 4pm
- Mon 5** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 5** Joint PCC meeting at Charlecote Village Hall, with Linda Wainscott
- Tue 6** Loxley School induction day for new pupils
- Tue 6** Loxley WI Members will join Wellesbourne WI for a visit to Brook Cottage Gardens, Alkerton
- Wed 7** Hampton Lucy School Sports Day, 1.30pm
- Wed 7** Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall for a craft demonstration, 7.30pm
- Thu 8** Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Alan Benjamin will tell us all about Morris Dancing.
- Fri 9** Loxley School Sports Day on the Playing Field
- Fri 9** Hampton Lucy School PTA Summer Fair in school grounds, 6-8pm
- Sat 10** Charlecote Tennis Tournament, 1pm
- Sat 10** Loxley Strawberry Fayre at The Hall, 3pm
- Sat 10** Charlecote Village Barbecue, 6pm
- Sun 11** Rural Show at Wellesbourne Watermill, 10am to 5pm
- Mon 12** Loxley Parish Council meets at the school, 7.30pm
- Tue 13** Praise and Play at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
- Thu 15** Parish Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
- Fri 16** Loxley School final assembly at Loxley Church, 9.30am
- Fri 16** Hampton Lucy and Loxley Schools, last day of summer term
- Sat 17** Hampton Lucy VEG Event at 'Avonside', 2.30pm
- Sun 18** Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy church to Harbury, 11am
- Mon 19** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Wed 21** Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm

Diary – AUGUST 2004

- Mon 2** Parish Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
- Thu 5,12,19, 26** Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 12** Loxley WI meets (venue to be announced at July meeting)
- Sun 15** Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy church to Oxhill, 11am
- Thu 19** Christian Fellowship meets at Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm (Please telephone Marjorie Pollard (Tel: 840684) nearer the time to confirm).

NB. Afternoon Teas will not be served in Hampton Lucy Village Hall during August

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