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Village Ventures Awards

The Village Ventures Competition celebrates and rewards voluntary efforts to improve community life and the environment in Warwickshire's small towns and villages and is run on a two year cycle by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. We had been invited to attend the awards ceremony in County Hall on Saturday, 24 November as the Charlecote Parish Privilege Card and the footpath booklet, 'Walks Around Charlecote', were both on the shortlist in their respective categories. Jon and Gill King, Helen Hoggarth and Bill Belcher duly went along with a small display and were surprised to find that *The Grapevine* was also short-listed. A quick rally round with a call to Gill Belcher and we added *The Grapevine* to our display. In the event, *The Grapevine* was awarded a 'Highly Commended' and the Privilege Card and the footpath booklet (we sold two from the display!) were both 'Commended'. So, well done Ken Cockshull and all his team for their work in producing *The Grapevine* and our thanks also to everyone else involved in the above ventures. The standard was extremely high and we did well for such a small group of parishes. GK



The Charlecote display at the Village Ventures Competition award ceremony held at Shire Hall, Warwick on Saturday, 27 November 2004. The villagers behind the display were, from left to right, Bill Belcher, Helen Hoggarth, Jon and Gill King.

Loxley Tsunami Appeal

Many thanks to all parishioners who have contributed to our village appeal organised by resident Nigel Chidgey. Nigel is in touch with Adam Clarke whose family have long association with Loxley and whose parents live in the village. Adam lives and works in Thailand. He and his fellow workmates have been helping out with the rescue operations. Our donations will directly help the remaining small section of a fishing community to rebuild their lives and their small fishing enterprises. Please keep an eye on Loxley village notice boards as it is envisaged that further fund-raising events will possibly be arranged during the next few months. Nigel can be contacted

Choral Evensong

The Chamber Choir is singing a Choral Evensong at 6pm at the Guild Chapel in Stratford on Saturday, 5 February. Anyone would be welcome and of course it will be free. EH

Loxley Parish Plan

Many thanks to all Loxley residents who completed their questionnaires in November. For the household survey, we distributed 159 forms and received back 105 completed (66%). For the children's survey, 22 forms were distributed and 19 (86%) returned and for the youths' survey, 26 forms were distributed and 13 (50%) returned. This is an excellent response and indicates that the analysis of responses will represent the views of a majority of our community.

Analysis of the responses is underway and will be presented to the next community meeting that will be held on Wednesday, 9 February starting at 7:30pm in the School. This will be an informal discussion to exchange ideas on the key points that have been identified by the community and decide on what further action we should take to develop proposals for the Parish Plan.

Please come and join in planning the future of Loxley. MN

Repeat Prescriptions

Some may feel they have been inconvenienced by the decision of Hastings House Medical Centre in Wellesbourne to decline requests for repeat prescriptions made by telephone. The Centre has pointed out that it will accept requests sent either **by e-mail**, preferably via their own web site at:

www.hastingshouse.org.uk

but the address

dispensary@hastings.nhs.uk

can also be used,

by post to Dispensary, Hastings House Medical Centre, Kineton Road, Wellesbourne CV35 9NF, or **by fax** (01789 470993) or **deposited** in the dispensary post box on the front wall of the surgery. A further option is to order a repeat prescription at the time the original is collected.

If elderly or housebound people are inconvenienced by these revised arrangements, I understand that the practice will accept telephoned requests from the elderly or housebound provided that they are made between 12 noon and 1 pm and to 01789 840247.

PARISH LETTER



Good News In the Statistics!

The Church of England has just published its statistics for the numbers going to church in 2003. And it's good news – numbers attending are up on 2002, with numbers going to church in Coventry diocese increasing by just over 1%.

The Revd Lynda Barley, working for the Archbishops' Council, said: "For the first time local churches and cathedrals have clear evidence of an increase in people attending church services. Also, for every 50

people attending church on a typical Sunday, another 10 attend during the week"

In other words, church going isn't like it used to be! Because life isn't like it used to be either. We lead more complicated, busy lives with dispersed friends and families. Kids play sport on Sundays and other activities encroach on what used to be church time. Sunday morning services don't work for everyone.

But people are still keen to explore a whole range of things which may not involve a traditional church service. There is a yearning for 'wholeness', 'fulfillment', 'spirituality' and healing. And we in the church are trying to find ways to help answer some of the questions. Church doesn't need to be on Sunday, or in church, or with a 'traditional' service. It could be in a home, or a pub; reflective or lively.

Part of that is finding out what people want. Charlecote church is looking at its services to see if Matins at 11 can be replaced by something else. What would you like?

All three churches are beginning a process of asking questions of all sectors of the community. What would people like the church to be doing for them? What's missing? When's a good time for you? What issues would you want to address?

So please let us know! If you don't want anything, then we'd like to know that too. But we want to be in the villages to serve the communities and meet the needs of the people there.

At the heart of our worship is the man who had some of the most radical ideas about worship and healing. And a lot of them were very different from the established religion of the day. We want to rediscover that radical, fresh approach to worship. SE



PARISH NEWS

Dealing with Dementia

Ministering to people with Alzheimer's. Thursday, 24 February at Offa House, 9.30am to 3.30pm. For further details, contact Sarah Edmonds (Tel: 840244)

Youth Group

The Youth Group meets this month on Sundays, 13 and 20 February at 7.30pm at the Vicarage for all 11+ young people. Fun, food, and friends, with worship thrown in. Come and join us!

Christian Fellowship

The Christian Fellowship meets on Thursday, 10 February at 3 pm in Charlecote Village Hall. Duncan Fairfax-Lucy will talk on Celtic Christianity and the Red Hill Christian Centre. All are welcome.

Do You Know of the Raybould/Ledbrook Family?

Mr Robin Stott of Warwick is trying to find out more about Thomas Cumber Raybould, who is buried with his first wife Elizabeth in a vault in Hampton Lucy church. A leaflet about the church says that the dedicatee of one window, Mary Elizabeth Ledbrook, was the Rayboulds' daughter and yet Mr Stott has found no record of a Raybould/Ledbrook marriage nor even a Ledbrook/Bourne marriage as Mr Raybould's first wife was a widow whose name is given as Elizabeth Bourne in the Barford parish register, 1st May 1811. There is also no record that Mr Raybould had any children from his second marriage. It seems likely that Elizabeth Bourne/Raybould had some family or social connection with the Rev John Lucy the younger and the Rayboulds might have been benefactors towards the building of Hampton Lucy church? If you have any relevant information, it can be passed to Mr Stott via Ken Cockshull (Tel: 842908; cockshull@freewire.co.uk).



Anyone for T'ai Chi?

T'ai Chi has been practised for thousands of years in China and it has immediate health benefits for all age groups. 'Help the Aged' strongly recommends it for older people because, apart from other benefits, it improves suppleness and balance and makes falls less likely. An experienced teacher is willing to run a class in Hampton Lucy village hall. So, please phone if you are interested (Tel: 841155).

Loxley WI

Our last meeting in 2004 was our Annual Meeting. Officers appointed, Committee reviewed, reports delivered and after refreshments, a craft session took place and we all went home with Father Christmases and angels! January 2005 saw us at Houndshill for our Annual Dinner when we wished our oldest member a happy 80th birthday and enjoyed slices of a delicious cake baked, iced and decorated by member Aileen Pearson. During the next few months we shall hear from our speakers about 'Cotteswold Oddities', the 'Geishas of Japan', and a local 'Children's Charity'. Hopefully, as the weather improves we plan to organise one or two trips and a craft course. We offer all fellow WI members best wishes for 2005. RM

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

The New Year began on a high note with a most interesting as well as entertaining speaker from Birmingham. George Hook showed us the skills and beauty of the mother of pearl industry. His humour was captivating and the goods he made were exquisite - a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Our next meeting, in Hampton Lucy, on Wednesday, 2 February is a flower arranging demonstration. This meeting should also be good so do come. Visitors are always welcome. HS

Caretaker/Handy Person

There is a vacancy for a Caretaker/Handy Person at Hampton Lucy School. The successful applicant will receive a permanent contract and will be required to work 28 hours per week, Monday to Friday, throughout the year. The main hours are from 7 to 9am and 3.30 to 6.30pm each day. The other 3 hours per week are flexible and can be worked at any time during the working day. A job-sharing arrangement would be considered. Payment is at a rate of £5.68 per hour. 'Out of hours' duties may occasionally have to be worked for which an additional rate is payable. Please contact the school office (Tel: 840398) for an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday, 4 February.



Charlecote Website

The Charlecote village website is now 'live' and can be accessed at www.charlecote.org. Amongst other features, the site contains the complete current issue of *The Grapevine* with all the photographs and 'clip-art' in colour. For those without a broadband connection, it may take a few minutes to download *The Grapevine* file but you will find the whole thing so much better in colour that we are confident that you will find it worth the wait. Nevertheless, Rob Edmonds is exploring ways of allowing it to be downloaded more quickly.

Loxley School and the Community

The children of Loxley School would like to foster a caring relationship with the older members of their community. This would involve sending invitations to school functions and remembering them at particular times of year. It is anticipated that each participating person would be allocated two children who would take a special interest in them. A letter will be sent out soon to members of the community. The response to this will be important to the pupils of the school in order for the project to be successful.

Hampton Lucy School

The children have been continuing their work on the school's website using some digital images taken within the school. The website continues to be developed at

www.hamptonlucy.warwickshire.sch.uk

The half-term break will be from Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February. HH

Whittington Babies

The fundraiser for Whittington Babies held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 6 November was a great success. There was a good turnout on a rainy morning and the event raised more than £650. We would like to thank everybody for their support and wonderful generosity. The sum raised was far more than we had hoped for and means that we have now reached £1000 and are still going! The Unit will now be able to purchase more equipment with our money and it will let us know exactly how it was spent later in the New Year. BH

Dog Fouling in Hampton Lucy

Recently, we have noticed that the problem of dog fouling on the pavements and grass verges in Hampton Lucy seems to be back. Could dog owners please try to prevent this from happening, and if it does, use a 'poop scoop'. AS



Church Services FEBRUARY 2005

Feb 6th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service and baptism</i>
	Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
Feb 9th (Wednesday)	Charlecote	7.30	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>
Feb 13th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
	Vicarage	7.30	<i>Youth Group</i>
Feb 20th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion and baptism</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Vicarage	7.30	<i>Youth Group</i>
Feb 27th	Hampton Lucy	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>

Diary – FEBRUARY 2005

Wed 2	Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thu 3,10,17,24	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Mon 7	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 8	'Praise and Play' in Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Tue 8	Charlecote PCC meets at Thelsford Farm, 7.30pm
Wed 9	Loxley Parish Plan. An analysis of the responses to the recent questionnaire will be presented at Loxley School followed by discussion, 7.30pm
Wed 9	Ash Wednesday service at St Leonard's church, Charlecote, 7.30pm
Thu 10	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mr Winterburn will give a talk, with slides, of Cotteswold Oddities.
Thu 10	Christian Fellowship will meet in Charlecote Village Hall at 3pm. Duncan Fairfax-Lucy will talk on Celtic Christianity and the Red Hill Christian Centre. All welcome.
Sun 13	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Sat 12	Marriage Preparation for wedding couples at Walton Hall, 9.30am-1.30pm
Thu 17	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm. All welcome.
Sun 20	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 21	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Fri 25	Jumble Sale for Hampton Lucy Youth Club , in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7-8.30pm

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