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Some members of the Village Enhancement Group cleaning the Hampton Lucy Bridge

Charlecote Fete

This year Charlecote PCC breaks with tradition and is holding the Church Fete on the last Saturday in May, i.e. the 28th. The venue is once again Charlecote Park but we have decided to hold the event earlier in the day, to run from noon to mid-afternoon. The success of the fete depends largely on the kind people who annually rally round to help the PCC and Carolyn Thorpe (Tel: 840564) would like to hear from anyone willing and able to help on that day. It is wonderful when someone phones and offers help: so much better than waiting to be asked. Helen and Ian Hoggarth will again organise the refreshments so if you are part of the regular team, please contact Helen (Tel: 840916).

Loxley Parish Council

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 April from 7.30pm at the school. The speaker will be the Stratford Police Commander, Andy Johnson. It may be possible for our 'beat' policeman to attend as well. Everyone is cordially invited and it usually proves to be a good open forum where ideas, suggestions, and even grouses can be discussed. So put the date in your diaries, we look forward to seeing you. PM

Reminder

Don't forget the War & Peace Concert at St. Peter's church, Hampton Lucy on Sunday, 10 April, at 7.45pm. There may still be some tickets available. Contact Mrs M. Haycock (Tel. 01564 742728), Leamington Cottage, Vicarage Hill, Tanworth in Arden, Warwickshire, B94 5AN. Send a stamped addressed envelope and make cheques payable to St. James' Singers.

Wine Tasting Evening

A Wine Tasting Evening is to be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Thursday, 21 April from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Admission will cost £5 per person which includes entry in a raffle. There will be opportunity to purchase or order wines at very reasonable prices. The selection of wines has been chosen with summer in mind. This proved to be a very successful and popular evening in previous years. DR

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

So far this year we have enjoyed three excellent meetings. The guest speaker on each occasion has been both entertaining and informative. In March we had Terry Rigby and Trish Lee from Better Naturally. They have a superb range of products which encourage better health for our bodies, both internal and external. They explained how we can improve different aspects of our bodily health. Do not forget the 86th birthday party, in Hampton Lucy village hall on Wednesday, 6 April, starting at 7pm. The competition is five fairy cakes on a plate. HS

Village Hall Spring Clean

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee is organising the annual Spring Clean on Saturday, 16 April from 10am. Coffee, biscuits and cleaning materials will all be provided, along with a very warm welcome to anyone who feels able to help us in anyway. The more of us there, the more fun and the quicker it is finished. I hope to see some of you then! DR

PARISH LETTER



New Services at Charlecote

Charlecote church has been reviewing its service pattern to try and make sure we meet the needs of the village and any visitors who come to the Park or the Pheasant Hotel. Our aim is to provide a time and a place where people feel they can encounter God, and so two new services are planned.

From Sunday, 24 April (and every 4th Sunday of the month thereafter), there will be a service

of Morning Worship at 9.30am. There will be hymns, readings, a sermon and prayers, which we hope will provide a time for reflection and worship at the start of the day.

Do come along and see if you like it – and as the months pass we will no doubt develop the format to suit our needs.

In addition, we know that a lot of people visit the church as part of a day out in Charlecote Park. Starting in May, there will be a short service of Compline (which is a simple, said service) lasting about 15 minutes at the end of each Saturday afternoon – probably about 4.30pm. Watch out for the notices and do join us in this new venture. Sometimes Saturdays are an easier time to get to church in our busy lives, and we hope that Compline will

offer an oasis of quiet and calm and an opportunity to reflect on the week.

With our complex and changing lives, it is the task of the church to find new ways, alongside the old, of helping people connect with God. We know that different personalities enjoy different settings and that God uses different ways of meeting with each one of us. That is why within our parishes, we find people worshipping in churches and in homes, on Sundays and in the week, with traditional music and contemporary.

In each of these settings, it is the encounter with God we seek, God who chose to reveal himself supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that first Easter.

Every blessing, Sarah



PARISH NEWS

News from the Cathedral

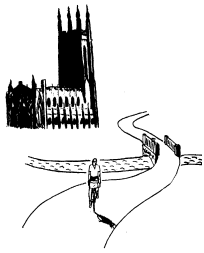
The longer I live in the diocese of Coventry, the more thrilled I am to belong to it and through the Cathedral Liaison Officers' meeting, to hear of the wonderful work that is going on. We heard from the Rev. John Hall – Diocesan Director for Social Responsibility. His remit is responsibility for the poor and oppressed, making poverty history, locally and world wide. The Forum for Social Responsibility is formed of a dozen people who reflect the diocese and have a definite role to contribute. The Forum works for trade justice and debt removal. The target is to remove £300 billion of debt. Their inspirational verses come from *Luke 4:16-24*. They asked, "Why should we care about others"? Because, Jesus came to bring good news for the poor, liberty for the oppressed and release for the captives. Their projects in the city include, providing a place for destitute people to stay, nappies for the needy, and food for the hungry. Their new project is called 'Doli'. Supporting victims of forced marriages; also creating links across cultural divides, bringing young people of different faiths together and finding out what they can celebrate about their faiths. Great news! AB

Christian Fellowship

The Christian Fellowship meets in Charlecote Village Hall on Thursday, 14 April at 3pm. As we have no speaker planned for this month, members are invited to bring a poem or reading on a suitable theme relating to the Resurrection and new life. Would those who intend to contribute please notify Janet Fairfax-Lucy (Tel: 840464).

New Bishop of Warwick

The new Bishop of Warwick is to be The Reverend John Stroyan. He will be consecrated in Southwark Cathedral on Thursday, 21 April and installed as Bishop of Warwick in Coventry Cathedral on Sunday, 1 May at 3pm. John trained for ordination at Queen's College Birmingham and was curate at Hillfields in Coventry. He then worked in an inner city parish in Birmingham and is currently vicar of three rural parishes in Oxfordshire. John says of the future: "We are very much looking forward to returning to Coventry and Warwickshire. These are challenging and, I believe, exciting times for the Church. God is certainly at work in all sorts of ways and is always wanting to bring us to new life. I very much look forward – together with Bishop Colin, the clergy and people of this Diocese – to really listening to what the Spirit is saying to us and responding in faith together". Please join us as we pray for John in his new ministry among us.



Hampton Lucy Cycle Rides

We are once again organising a series of cycle rides throughout the summer: an informal pub ride once each month, and a longer sponsored cycle ride in June, in aid of the Millennium Appeal. The pace is very gentle, and the routes are very scenic, along quiet roads, so do come along and join us! The pub rides are 9 to 10 miles each way, with a stop at the pub en route. We start in front of Hampton Lucy church. For the sponsored cycle ride, registration (£5 each) is required, so please obtain a form from Tim Bugg and return it to him together with a cheque payable to "Hampton Lucy Church Millennium Appeal". Tim Bugg, The Old Forge, Snitterfield St., Hampton Lucy, Warwick CV35 8AX (Tel: 842353). Note the 10 am start for this ride!

Timetable

Sunday, 24 April	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Norton Lindsey
Sunday, 22 May	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Lighthorne
Sunday, 12 June	10.00am	30 mile sponsored cycle ride
Sunday, 10 July	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Harbury
Sunday, 7 August	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Whatcote
Sunday, 11 Sept.	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Lawsonford

N.B. Evensong on Sunday, 10 April. Evensong will be moved from Hampton Lucy to Charlecote church at 6pm.

Loxley WI

At our February meeting we had a most enjoyable "slide" tour around the "Cotteswolds". Mr Winterburn opened our eyes to the many 'oddities' which he had encountered over the years. Doubtless on our summer excursions we shall be on the lookout for others and shall view the ones we were told about with a knowledgeable eye! March saw us journeying to the other side of the world. Hector Sutherland was our guide and gave us a graphic account of a business trip he made to Japan. From a catastrophic 'take-off' at Heathrow to a wonderful return on Concorde, he kept us enthralled. He is a *raconteur par excellence* and we had many laughs. The hospitality he enjoyed, the wonderful meals he ate, the people he met and his very proper encounters with geishas gave us an evening to remember. We look forward to Kathy Long visiting us in April. Her subject is far more serious. She will tell us about her work with a children's charity. Hopefully in the next month or two we shall go on some excursions. Quite a few destinations have been suggested and some craft classes are planned. RM

News from Hampton Lucy School

Rob Edmunds was welcomed at February's Governors' Meeting as a Foundation Governor representing the Church. Rob has agreed to take on the role of the Governor responsible for Special Needs. The School received excellent results for the Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments and has been placed fourth in the county. Pupils from Hampton Lucy have gained places for September at the following secondary schools: 1 at Alcester Grammar; 1 at Shottery Girls; 1 at Chipping Campden; 7 at Kineton High, and 5 at Stratford High.

A new caretaker, Peter Braithwaite, has been appointed and will be joining the school after Easter. To streamline communications between the school and village Mike Woodman, Parish Council Chairman, and Margaret Lunnon plan to meet at regular intervals. The Summer Term begins on Monday, 11 April and pupils will take part in Maypole Dancing at Charlecote Park on Monday, 2 May. HH

Update on Charles Maries

Charles Maries, who was born in Hampton Lucy in 1851, introduced many new plants to this country. Last year, the Village Enhancement Group obtained some of these and planted them around the village. The intention this year is to obtain more plants, to label them, and to produce a plan of their location so that anyone who is interested can view them. KC

Financial Help for Local Students

The Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation is an educational charity which provides grants to young people under 25 years of age who live in the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton, and Alveston and who may be at school or in further or higher education or other training programmes. The Trustees consider applications very carefully and, as well as assisting individuals in meeting educational costs, make grants to local schools.

The Trustees would like to hear from parents and from young people who may be in financial need. Provided applicants meet the relevant criteria, the Trustees may award a grant or a series of grants towards the provision of education, training, additional classes or equipment e.g. for music, art, dance, or sports as well as help towards college or university. Requests for Grant Application Forms and other enquiries should be sent to the Clerk of the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL.

From the Registers

19th February	Baptism	Joseph Graham Daniel Linehan	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
20th February	Baptism	Joshua Dobedoe	St Nicholas's, Loxley
6th March	Baptism	Javarne J Samuel	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy



Church Services APRIL 2005

Apr 3rd	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
Apr 10th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	6.00	<i>Evensong (Changed from HL)</i>
Apr 17th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Apr 24th	Hampton Lucy	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>

Diary – APRIL 2005

Mon 4	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Thu 7, 14, 21, 28	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Sun 10	'War and Peace' - Musical Concert with Dame Judi Dench and St James Singers in Hampton Lucy church, 7.45pm
Mon 11	Hampton Lucy Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting in the Village Hall, 7.30pm
Tue 12	'Praise and Play' at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Tue 12	Charlecote PCC Finance Meeting at The Malt House, 7.30pm
Wed 13	Loxley Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting at the school, 7.45pm
Thu 14	Christian Fellowship meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm
Thu 14	Loxley WI meets at The Manor at 7.30pm. Kathy Long will be telling us about her work with a children's charity.
Sat 16	Hampton Lucy Village Hall Spring Clean from 10am
Mon 18	Afternoon Tea at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 19	Joint Church Wardens' meeting at The Manor, Loxley, 4.30pm
Wed 20	Charlecote Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting in the Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thu 21	Wine Tasting Evening in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30—9.30pm, admission £5.
Thu 21	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Sun 24	Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy to Norton Lindsey: starts from the church at 11am
Wed 27	Loxley Parish Council AGM at the School, 7.30pm

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