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Loxley Strawberry Fayre

Loxley Strawberry Fayre will be held on Saturday, 9 July at The Hall from 3 until 5.30pm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Gregory Hood. This year the whole of the garden will be open for visitors (keen gardeners or otherwise) to enjoy. The church will also be open for an organ recital. Tickets will cost £2.50, which includes a strawberry and cream tea, and they can be bought beforehand or at the gate on the day. Gifts of cakes towards the tea would be appreciated and stall holders would also be grateful for contributions. Please contact stall holders or deliver contributions to them.

Tombola and raffle - William Ayres
(Tel: 841122)

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

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

Toys - Margaret Buckingham
(Tel: 841418)

Handicrafts - Wendy Shrimpton
(Tel: 842449)

Jewellery, toiletries, fashion accessories
- Shirl Barnwell (Tel: 842614)

Produce - Ruth Morris (Tel: 470084)

For further information, please contact the Church Wardens (Tel: 470084 or 840684). RM

A Jazz Picnic Evening

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee is holding a Jazz Picnic Evening on Friday, 8 July from 7.30pm in the Parish Field, Church Street. Music will be provided by the Dene River Jazz Band. Tickets (£7 per person, £15 for a family) are available from the Hall Committee (Tel: 841155, 841043 or 840426). Please bring your own picnic and drink, and rugs or chairs to sit on. This should be a lovely summer evening event and we look forward to seeing you there. DR



The Loxley School Rural Fayre was a tremendous success and raised a total of £850. There was plenty to see and do for all the family including a live band, a fairground organ, a belly dancing show, a bouncy slide, a coconut shy, and jousting plus much-loved traditional stalls and, of course, the tea tent! Even the weather was kind to us until it was time to tidy up when the heavens opened! A huge "thank you" to all who came along and spent their money or brought children along to spend it for them!

Charlecote Village Hall

SUMMER BARBECUE

Saturday, 6 August from 7pm

Tickets £8 (children £4)

From:-

Jayne Grace (Tel: 842258) or

Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916)

Loxley Information Pack

We are currently putting together a Village Information Pack for Loxley. If any resident of the parish wishes to list a business, service, club or anything else which may be appropriate, please contact Karen Holmes at Greenbanks (Tel: 470066 or email to : kholmes@esys.freeserve.co.uk).

The Charles Maries Trail

The Charles Maries Trail in Hampton Lucy will be launched by Dr David Gray OBE, Director of Horticulture, Education & Science of the Royal Horticultural Society on Saturday, 30 July at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Anyone who would like to hear about the project is very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available in the hall.

The Charles Maries Trail was created by the Village Enhancement Group (VEG) which decided that, amongst its many other activities, it would make a collection of the best of the plants that were introduced to England by Charles Maries. Charles was selected because he was born in Hampton Lucy in 1851 and, as a young man, made three expeditions to China and Japan to collect plants that would look attractive in English gardens. He was very successful at this and many of the plants he introduced are still available today. The VEG decided to spread their collection around the village so that anyone following the Trail would be able to see all 15 of the plants that have been obtained so far, while enjoying a very pleasant walk. KC

PARISH LETTER



Food and Fellowship

From the earliest of times, God's people have met together not only to worship but to share meals. The Passover, remembering the escape from Egypt, is based around a meal loaded with symbolism. Early Christians met together over a meal and shared bread and wine as the central act of worship and remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our current communion service echoes those first meals.

There is something very special about sharing food together. It

offers an opportunity for fellowship and conversation which more traditional services cannot. Churches which have seen growth in recent years have often found that mid-week meetings with a meal have been key factors in spiritual and numerical growth. Sharing food and homes together takes our faith to a new dimension. It becomes not only something which we think of on a Sunday in church, but a whole life experience in community with our brothers and sisters.

In the parishes here we enjoyed the first of our occasional 'supper discussions' in June. It was worth turning up for the wonderful spread of food, but the evening was completed by the relaxed atmosphere and a chance to hear Roger Trigg speak and lead a discussion afterwards. There was great enthusiasm for the event, and we

look forward to more along similar lines.

From the end of July, our fifth Sunday services will have a different focus. Fifth Sundays offer us the opportunity for something a little different from the usual pattern. This quarter we will meet at 9am on Sunday, 31 July in Charlecote Village Hall for a shared breakfast. Good coffee, croissants and the like will be preceded by a simple service, and we are hoping for fine weather so that we can spill out into the garden afterwards. This will be an opportunity for everyone from across the parishes, and across the age ranges, to meet together for food and fellowship in what should be a relaxed way to worship at the beginning of the week.

I do hope you will join us there.

In Christ,

Sarah Edmonds



PARISH NEWS

News from the Cathedral

At our Cathedral Liaison Officers meeting on 21 May, the Dean reminded us of the importance of keeping links with the Cathedral, being aware of the work that is going on, and how we can tap into resources. Our main speaker was the Rev. Martin Green, who has very effectively been Diocesan Children's Officer for 10 years. He has particularly enjoyed the spontaneity of children, their clarity of vision and logic. The work has been a delight and a challenge, as they are inquisitive rather than sceptical! He said the most significant age when children discover the love of God is between 6 and 9. Worship must be inclusive for all ages. Everyone must be greeted and welcomed no matter how young. Welcoming children to come and take Communion, following a course of instruction, is a way that children may bring their parents

along. Why? Because Jesus tells us in Matthew xviii. 5 "Whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me", and it is important to take Jesus' words seriously. We also heard from the Visitor's team; Anna Shepherd, the Events Officer/Press Officer, and Joe Hibbard whose aim is to move tourists to become pilgrims. AB

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to all those who helped once again in delivering, collecting and giving so generously to Christian Aid Week in the three parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley, including Hammond Green. The amount sent to Christian Aid was £1666.03, a big increase on last year's total of £1517. Well done, everyone! JF-L.

From the Registers

4 June	Confirmation	Nicholas Edmonds	By the Bishop of Warwick at Coventry Cathedral
4 June	Wedding	Lee Skrypchuk and Victoria Purser	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy

Scams

Householders are warned to beware of a doorstep trader selling 'We Don't Buy From The Doorstep' signs. Any residents requiring a free doorstep sticker can contact Warwickshire Trading Standards 'Doorstep Sticker Order Line', even the call is free (Tel: 0800 413332).

Loxley School

As the end of the summer term approaches, pupils and staff can look back on an exceptionally busy year. An exciting range of topics and activities has taken place in the school in addition to the more 'every day' work. Targets have been set and met, SATS and the 11-plus undertaken. Visits to many places have been made and many visitors have been entertained in school. Milverton School (Leamington) came to visit Loxley village for their geography project and 58 pupils squeezed into school to see how different a village school is. Six pupils will be leaving the school at the end of term to go on to secondary education. Best wishes for a happy and successful future go with them. The leavers' service will take place in Loxley Church on Friday, 22 July at 9am. Parents and friend are cordially invited. A huge "thank you" is due to all members of staff for their commitment and hard work during the school year. Best wishes go to the staff and pupils of both Hampton Lucy and Loxley schools for a happy and relaxing summer break. RM

Hampton Lucy School

Pupils have been continuing work on their project at Charlecote Park with children from Holbrook School in Coventry. The aim this year has been to produce a website relating to the work on the house and grounds. Also, Charlecote Park hosted a Victorian day when the pupils in Year 4, and Miss Kelly, dressed up and entered into the whole experience. The school website (www.hamptonlucy.warwickshire.sch.uk) includes items of interest about the life of the school and is becoming an effective means of communication between the school and the parents. The traditional residential trip for Year 6 to the Kingswood Centre took place during the last weekend in May. It was an excellent opportunity for activities such as climbing, 'zip wire' and archery. The school would be pleased to welcome visitors to the Summer Fete on Friday, 1 July between 6.30 and 8.30pm, and to Sports Day on Wednesday, 6 July at 1.30pm. The theme for the fete this year is 'The Olympic Bid', with sport being the theme for the dance routines. Finally, the Leavers' Service will take place in church at 2pm on Friday, 22 July, after which, school will end for the Summer Holiday. HH

Grants Available for Local Students

The Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation is an educational charity that provides grants to young people under 25, who live in the parishes of either Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton or Alveston and who are at school, or in further or higher education, or other training programmes. Jenny Broers, a recent recipient of such a grant wrote to say "I would like to thank the trustees for their generosity. Their pledge of support has given me the confidence to accept my guaranteed place at the Guildford College of Law and enrol as a student member of the Law Society. It is a great relief to have some of the financial burden of the course lifted and I am now eagerly looking forward to beginning my studies." Enquiries and requests for Grant Application Forms can be sent to Clerk of the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL.



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We enjoyed a fascinating meeting on the first evening of June. Stephen and Patrick, from Torn Corner in Kenilworth, delighted us on how they can transform very old or damaged photographs into high quality products. They work with photographs of all types as well as the older glass negatives and pictures on tin. Their specialism is photographic restoration. In addition, the current popularity of researching our family histories has stimulated them to provide a genealogy service. The next meeting is on **Monday 4th July** in Charlecote village hall and it is Members' Night. The speaker is Debbie Wild who will give a demonstration and talk about the art of Tai Chi. We hope to welcome many visitors. There will be no meeting in August but please make a note of the following dates and events; Wednesday, 7 September, monthly meeting at Charlecote; Thursday, 8 September, annual outing to Blockley and Mill Dene Gardens plus a meal at The Baker's Arms; Friday, 16 September, the visit from other WIs to Hampton Lucy as part of the federation's study days. *Stop Press. Many thanks to Carolyn and Ian Thorpe for hosting a most successful 'Coffee and Desserts' evening on Friday, 17 June.* HS

Loxley WI

We joined Newbold Pacey and Ashorne for the May "Resolutions Meeting". It was a very pleasant evening, although the "Resolutions" lacked the usual WI "bite". In June we had our annual "Members Meeting". Mick Nightingale was our speaker. He spoke most eloquently about the tsunami disaster and the work in which he had been engaged in Sri Lanka recently. The attendant complications of such a disaster and the human, financial and environmental costs became very real to us. It was a really thought-provoking talk which brought home to us how lucky we are. We had an enjoyable afternoon outing to Batsford in late May and plan a trip to Snowhill Lavender Farm quite soon. In July, our speaker will be explaining the delights of aromatherapy, thus leaving us beautifully relaxed for our August activities! RM



There was a good turnout on Saturday, 4 June for the Warwickshire Walking Festival's Hampton Lucy walk. Hugh and Rosie Keep made a welcome return visit and Rosie related some of the rich history of the area at various points along the route. The walk was most invigorating and informative and our thanks go to Alan Scaife for organising the event.

Charlecote Fete

This year's fete raised £1857 towards Church expenses. The PCC wish to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and all who supported the event. A further £212 was raised by serving teas in the Village Hall over the rest of the Bank Holiday weekend. IT



Church Services JULY/AUGUST 2005

July 2nd	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>	Aug 6th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>
July 3rd	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug 7th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton L	10.00	<i>Family Service</i>		Hampton L	10.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>		Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
July 9th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>	Aug 13th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>
July 10th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug 14th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Matins, baptism with Festival Choir</i>		Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion and baptism</i>
	Hampton L	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>		Hampton L*	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
July 16th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>	Aug 20th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>
July 17th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug 21st	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>		Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Hampton L	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>		Hampton L*	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
July 23rd	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>	Aug 27th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>
July 24th	Hampton L	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug 28th	Hampton L	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>		Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>		Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton L	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>		Hampton L	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
July 30th	Charlecote	5.00	<i>Compline</i>				
July 31st	Fifth Sunday Focus with breakfast in Charlecote Village Hall at 9am						

*Note change to usual pattern

Diary – JULY 2005

Mon 4	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Mon 4	Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall, a talk on 'Tai Chi' by Debbie Wild, 7.30pm N.B. Change from usual day.
Tue 5	Charlecote Parochial Church Council meets in Village Hall, 7.45pm
Wed 6	Loxley School Open Day , 9am to 4pm
Thu 7, 14, 21, 28	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3
Fri 8	Jazz Picnic Evening , in Parish Field, Hampton Lucy, 7.30-10.30pm
Sat 9	Loxley Strawberry Fayre and gardens open at The Hall, 3-5.30pm
Sun 10	Cycle Ride to Harbury, begins from Hampton Lucy church, 11am
Sun 10	Coventry Salvation Army Band plays at Charlecote Park, 3pm
Sun 10	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
Mon 11	Loxley WI Committee meets at The Manor, 2.15pm.
Tue 12	'Praise and Play' for pre-schoolers at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Wed 13	Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thu 14	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Thu 14	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. 'Aromatherapy' is the subject.
Mon 18	Afternoon Tea at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 19	'Hard Hat' Tours of Charlecote House and Estate, 12, 1.30, and 3pm
Wed 20	Loxley School Sports Day
Fri 22	Loxley School Leavers' Service at Loxley church, 9am
Fri 22	Hampton Lucy School Leavers' Service at the church, 2pm
Sun 24	'Costumed Victorian Croquet Party' at Charlecote Park, noon-5pm
Sun 24	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
Mon 25	'Gardens Walk' with the Gardener-in-Charge at Charlecote Park, 1pm
Thu 28	Teddy Bears Picnic at Charlecote Park, 2-5pm
Sat 30	Launch of Charles Maries Trail , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 2.30pm

Diary - AUGUST 2005

Thu 4, 11, 18, 25	Trotters Toddlers Group. No meetings this month
Thu 4	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Sat 6	Summer Barbecue at Charlecote Village Hall, 7pm
Sun 7	Cycle Ride to Whatcote, begins from Hampton Lucy church, 11am
Thu 18	Christian Fellowship meets at The Malt House, 3pm. The speaker will be Wendy Alun Jones
Thu 25	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm

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