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Loxley Tsunami Appeal

Thanks to the great response to the Loxley Tsunami appeal, we helped raise enough money for two boats which are now built and have been handed over to two families in Thailand that lost everything. As you will see from the accompanying photo, the locals have named one boat *Loxley*. I would like to thank all those who donated and to let you know that any remaining funds raised are being passed to a local baby orphanage to help supply much needed powdered milk. Many thanks for your continued support. NC

Ionan Tales at the Village Hall

October is National Poetry month and Hampton Lucy Village Hall will host a performance by Mr Jim MacCool. He is a poet of some renown and is well known in the Stratford area. Jim is going to perform an extremely entertaining poem on the lines of the Canterbury Tales but based on the people of Iona. He will also play the Irish drums and sing. It should be an amusing, if somewhat different, event for us in the village. Please come along and support it on Friday, 28 October, at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £7, are available from any member of the Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee or by phone (Tel: 841155).



Mr Jim MacCool

Loxley Parish Plan

Following a summertime lull, the Loxley Parish Plan is now being drafted and residents' views will be welcome at this stage. The report focuses on the priorities identified through the questionnaires completed last November and the community meeting in June. The priorities include footpaths, road safety, the playing field, gas/water/electricity supplies, aircraft noise, transport links, school/pre-school, social events and crime. Please contact Mike Gadd (Tel: 840862) either to obtain a copy of the draft report or to provide photographs of Loxley, and pictures of general interest from around the parish (historic or current). An Information Pack for residents is also being prepared. Volunteers are especially needed to help develop the action plans for improvements to the playing field (Paul Jennings, Tel: 840791) and for establishing a Neighbourhood Watch (Chris Harris, Tel: 470968). The next community meeting will be held on Monday, 7 November in the School at 7.30 pm, when the main topic will be to obtain residents' approval for the Plan prior to discussing it with district and county authorities and the relevant services. After that it will be published and distributed. MN

Advance Notice

"Wine and Wisdom"

Please note that a "Wine and Wisdom" evening will be held on Saturday, 26 November in Charlecote Village Hall. More details will be announced next month.

PARISH LETTER



What is the Job of a Vicar?

As I write this, England has just won the Ashes for the first time since 1987 and the country is awash with cricket fever. We seem to have a team which works well together, with some real talent and some real characters.

Of course it's a bit of a cliché to say that the church is supposed to be like a team, with each person playing an equally important role. But clichés are clichés because they are true. In days past, vicars ran the show and the rest of the

parish just turned up on a Sunday. Well times have changed – and thank God (literally). As well as being here to worship God, the church is also the place where each individual can grow and reach his or her potential. That means using our gifts (both those we know we have and those hidden even from us) not only for the benefit of others but for ourselves too.

It may have been quite a culture shock for some in the Church of England, but it's fundamental to the way the church was designed to be. We may need a bit of help along the way, however. We need to think hard about what the job of a vicar is, and what the villages want me to be doing. Alongside this, we need some help in discovering those gifts and making the most of them.

There are two opportunities coming our way which should be interesting and fun as well as helpful. The main one is for people who are starting to think about playing instruments or singing in church, perhaps for the first time. See the notice below about 'Blowing your own trumpet' if that applies to you.

If you want to find out more about how services are put together, what we are doing when we meet, and how we might lead one another in worship, then the evening at Newbold Pacey is for you. It's open to anyone who is interested.

These are more 'up front' skills, but actually I think the most vital gifts I see in the parishes are those of caring and hospitality. That's what visitors notice more than anything else and at the end of the day that is at the heart of the



PARISH NEWS

Leading and Planning Worship

The local churches in our cluster have arranged for an evening's training on leading worship. Revd Mark Beach, chair of the Diocesan group 'Worship 4 Mission' and Team Rector in Rugby will be running the evening. It's on Thursday, 13 October at 7.30pm at Newbold Pacey and is open to everyone, especially those interested in organising services and discovering what worship is actually about. Please let Sarah know if you want to come.

Supper Discussion with the Bishop of Warwick

Following our successful evening last summer, we will be having another supper discussion on Tuesday, 18 October in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Bishop John Stroyan will be joining us and as well as a chance to join together across the villages, it will be an opportunity to meet with him informally and hear what enthuses him. We start at 7pm with a 'bring and

share' supper – if you want to bring a bottle of wine, feel free to do so! Tea and coffee provided.

Centre for Reconciliation

Over the past 60 years, Coventry Cathedral has established itself as one of the foremost centres for reconciliation and conflict resolution in the world today. On 14 November 1940, the old mediaeval Cathedral of St Michael was drastically bombed. Out of the destruction of the old, arose the new. A vision of hope arising out of despair. Resurrection from destruction. Work started with the visionary foresight to allow the reconciling love of Christ to heal the wounds of the Second World War. This flourished through the 'Community of the Cross of Nails', whose goal it is to witness to the power which forgiveness has to build new life out of brokenness.

The International Centre for Reconciliation has a unique role in bringing religious and political leaders together, recognising that there will be

no peace amongst people if there is not peace amongst religions. Recognising that religion is often the cause of conflict and yet can often be the only cure. This ministry is undertaken with the understanding that risk taking is one of the essential elements of the daily work. Major work continues in the Middle East, Iraq, Northern Nigeria, and the Balkans. AB

'Blow Your Own Trumpet'

A day of workshops and training for people beginning to play or sing in church has been planned by the Diocesan group 'Worship 4 Mission' for Saturday, 12 November at All Saints Church, Emscote. The day will be run by Nick Burt (a freelance composer, conductor and organist based in Rugby) and will last from 10am to 3pm. Nick will be offering help with arrangements for different instruments and voices, and with using the skills available in the local church. The cost will be met by the churches here and a group of us will be going – further details and booking via Sarah (Tel: 840244).



Landrover workers, Katherine Schofield, Bernard Weaver, Charmagne Cox, Nathan Pratley, Pete Reid and Mervyn Wolfe with Loxley pupils Emma, Oliver, Ala, Rachael, Katie, Jenna, April and James.

Landrover at Loxley School

As part of Landrover's work in the community, a team of employees spent two days working at Loxley School during the summer holiday. Before going away the pupils voted on colour schemes for interior and exterior paintwork. The infants all drew what they would like to have painted on the fence outside their classroom. Over two days, the seven person team painted fences, corridors, rooms and doors, built a new noticeboard for the fence, and devised an addition to the gate that stops balls rolling underneath. They also produced a fantastic mural for the Infant outside area fence, which incorporates something from every infant's drawing. Throughout the school they have transformed and tidied up the décor in so many ways. They returned to Loxley School on Friday, 9 September so that the children could meet the secret holiday workers who had transformed their school. DH

'Yoga for Health' – Taster Class

If you feel you may be suffering from 'stress' and would like to learn how to relax and to 'time out' from your busy life, or if you just want to 'stretch and tone' your body in a light-hearted, relaxed atmosphere, then this is the class for you! Come and try a Taster Class of 'Yoga for Health' with Lee Figures, an experienced yoga and stress management teacher. The class will be held on Thursday, 13 October in Hampton Lucy Village Hall from 7 to 8.30pm (£4 per person). This form of yoga is fun, easy to do and suits all ages and abilities. The movements also help to stretch, strengthen and improve mobility in the spine and joints. You will find that yoga recharges and re-energises your entire system whilst enabling you to find a sense of inner calm and peace in your life! We look forward to meeting you at this Taster Class. Please wear loose comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat or similar, a blanket and bottle of water. For further enquiries, please phone Caroline (Tel: 841456).

Beware! Two More Scams

Computer users are warned to beware of a new scam email that purports to come from Visa and asks recipients to click on a link to 'update their account information'. The email goes on to say that failure to do so will lead to the suspension of the Visa card. The email does not come from Visa but from fraudsters who wish to trick you into disclosing personal and financial information and PINs. If you receive this email delete it immediately - do not reply or click on any links.

In another scam a consumer was swapped to a new energy supplier without their knowledge or permission. Further enquiries revealed that the 'new' supplier's representative simply filled out the forms himself without asking for the consent of consumers. This practice often results from basing the pay of sales staff on the number of people they sign up. Consumers transferred without their knowledge may be entitled to compensation.

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Carolyn welcomed everyone back after our summer break. It was pleasing to have both new members and friends helping us to enjoy the hands-on demonstration and making of a very effective Christmas decoration. Thank you to Marie Coleman for her ideas and help; most of us left the meeting feeling pleased with our efforts. The next day found eight of us enjoying sunshine and glorious Cotswold scenery when we visited Mill Dene Gardens at Blockley. This two acre garden has been designed and planted by the owner and features steep terraces rising from the mill pool and a stream flowing through the lower garden. Paths wander through roses, herbaceous perennials, boxes and shrubs up to a flat area called the cricket lawn. Behind was a view of the church and from the pavilion a glorious view of a Cotswold hillside. Tea and cakes were enjoyed on the lawn beside the mill pool – a fitting end to a perfect day. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 5 October, in Hampton Lucy village hall. Jan Wade will talk about her "African Adventure". HS

Autumn Fayre

Saturday, 5 November is a date to be put in the kitchen calendar and remembered. As a change from the Christmas Fayre, there is to be an autumn sale held in the morning, from 10.30 to 12.30, at Avonside (the house behind the church). The sale is a fund-raising event for Hampton Lucy church. Refreshments are included in the £1 admission charge. There will be a variety of quality goods for sale – handmade country gifts and decorations, home-made Christmas puddings, mincemeat, preserves, pickles and chutney, as well as cards and locally crafted jewellery. HS



Church Services OCTOBER 2005

Oct 1st (Saturday)	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Harvest Service (before Supper)</i>
Oct 2nd	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Harvest Festival with school</i>
	Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
Oct 9th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
Oct 16th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Oct 23rd	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>
Oct 30th (5th Sunday)	Loxley	11.00	<i>Joint Parishes' Communion</i>

Diary – OCTOBER 2005

Sat 1	Harvest Service in Hampton Lucy church, 6pm
Sat 1	Harvest Supper in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 3	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Thu 6, 13, 20, 27	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30
Wed 5	Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Jan Wade will talk about her "African Adventure", 7.30pm
Thu 13	Christian Fellowship Meeting in Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm
Thu 13	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mrs Goddard will tell us about "A Dinner Party in 30 Minutes"
Thu 13	Workshops on Leading Worship (see notice) at Newbold Pacey, 7.30
Mon 17	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Mon 17	Loxley Parish Council meets at the school, 7.30pm
Tue 18	Supper Discussion with Bishop John Stroyan , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7pm
Wed 19	Deanery Synod , location to be announced, 7.30pm
Mon 24	Hampton Lucy Family Service Planning Group , 2.30pm
Fri 28	Ionan Tales evening at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 31	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm

NB Will Loxley residents please keep an eye on village notice boards for details of events that had not been finalised at the time *The Grapevine* went to press.

From the Registers

14 August	<i>Baptism</i>	Poppy and Archie Cullen	<i>St Leonard's, Charlecote</i>
13 August	<i>Wedding</i>	Paul Bader and Laura West	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>

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