



## PARISH LETTER



*We are most grateful to the two guest contributors who have written articles for the Parish Letter this month.*

### From Charlecote

February, the last month of the year in the Roman calendar, generally the coldest in southern Europe and one of the wettest in England, is not all gloom; there is a quickening increase in the hours of daylight. The 2nd of the month is the feast of Candlemas, which was once the time to bless the year's supply of candles. It is also the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary and the time of the Presentation of the infant Jesus at

the Temple. St Luke observes that after this event, when the Holy Family had returned to Nazareth, Jesus 'waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom'. Colourless as February may appear above ground, there is much going on underneath.

It is, if you want to, a good time to have a clear out of your head, or of your room, and if you do you will be following in a very ancient tradition, perhaps a pre-Roman one. Then the object was, by expiation and purification, to guarantee the harvest for the year ahead (*Februare* = to purify). You may yourself be fairly confident of the harvest to come but the aged Simeon, who probably gave away most of what he had all through the year, not just in February, and is described as a just and devout man, was waiting for a greater reassurance, a permanent consolation for his people before he could die in peace. This certainty he got when he looked

on the baby Jesus: 'For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people'. EF-L

### From Loxley

In the first century AD, St Paul realized the importance of communication, hence his letters to the newly established churches. Despite hardships, shipwreck, illness, and imprisonment, he wrote and received letters. How much easier it is to communicate in the twenty-first century, with 'snail-mail' and e-mail, Fax, and mobile phones! Yet how much communication is there between the churches and the parishioners?

The church is there for *your* benefit but how can your wants be satisfied if we do not know your spiritual needs? Your vicar and PCCs need you to express your thoughts and feelings about the church and its work so that they may serve you better. Please communicate with us - it will help us all to communicate better with God. MEP



## PARISH NEWS

### Contacting Sarah

If you need to contact me (Tel: 840244), my usual working days are Monday to Wednesday. At the end of the week, you are likely to get my answerphone. Of course I will respond to urgent messages as soon as possible but it would be helpful if routine enquiries could be made on my usual working days.

Many thanks  
Sarah

### SOS

Worshippers at Loxley church once more enjoyed the beautiful Christmas Crib and its life-size figures. The figures were constructed many years ago by a group of ladies led by a Miss Lavender who was responsible for the very lifelike masks. Sadly, with the passing of time, the figures are showing their age and need some refurbishment. If anyone has an old dressmaker's dummy stowed away and no longer needed and if you feel like donating it to help with the refurbishment, we would be very pleased to have it. We need four. Please ring Ruth Morris (Tel: 470084) who will arrange collection. In anticipation, "Thank you". RM.

### Interfaithfully yours...

Ever wanted to find out more about what Muslims believe? Want to know the basis of conflicts between Christianity and Islam? Or perhaps where we agree? In the current political climate, it's vital for all of us to try and understand others. Our next **Supper Discussion** will be held on Tuesday, 21 February at 7pm when the guest speaker will be Canon Christopher Lamb, a leading national expert on interfaith issues and Rector of the Warmington group of churches. We are delighted he has agreed to come and share his experiences in interfaith relations and there will be time for discussion and questions. There will be a 'bring and share' supper but there is always plenty of food to go round if you decide at the last minute to come along. More details from Sarah (Tel: 840244).

## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We enjoyed a lively and friendly meeting despite the disappointment of the speaker being too ill to do his demonstration and talk. Many thanks to Jackie Williams who organised a stimulating group discussion which made us think about the planning of sections of a garden for someone with a kneeling problem! Carolyn welcomed everyone, wishing us all a Happy New Year. There are many activities and outings to look forward to in 2006. Visits to Calke Abbey in April and Kew Gardens in May will be popular as well as our WI hosting a visit from Slemish (Ireland) WI in early May. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 1 February in Hampton Lucy village hall. The speaker is Adrienne from Rohde Shoes. Visitors are always welcome. HS



## Loxley School

Loxley School had a hectic end to the Autumn Term with many interesting activities taking place. The first event was the Christmas Fayre which was a very successful afternoon. The children had a great time making Christmas crafts whilst the parents tucked into mulled wine and mince pies. In total, £680 was raised for the school. Next we had the Nativity which took place at St Nicholas' Church. All the children sang and acted beautifully and the play was a welcome reminder of the real message of Christmas. On a slightly different note Mark and Jackie of The Fox Inn were hosts to a Christmas Quiz on the weekend before Christmas. Everyone had a great time trying to answer all the Christmas themed questions, especially Anne and Richard Dobedoe who were the eventual winners. Again this was a successful fundraising event for the school, raising £250 on the night. Last and by no means least, the children of the school had a fabulous end of term party complete with magician, disco and party food to bring the term to a close. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us, it is much appreciated. We hope to see you and others on future occasions. Thanks too to all who gave their time to help run events. A happy New Year to you all from the Friends of Loxley School. HC



Crimestoppers is the charity which provides the 0800 number for people to pass on information anonymously regarding all types of criminality. The Warwickshire Board is responsible for promoting Crimestoppers within Warwickshire and for raising funds. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Probert (Tel. 01926 415184).



*Thanks to a combined effort by staff from the National Trust and Charlecote Fruit and Flowers the verge opposite the Charlecote Pheasant has been cleared, reseeded and planted with bulbs. This work has greatly enhanced the entrance to the village; our thanks to all concerned.*

## Hampton Lucy School

We started back to school on 5 January, refreshed and ready to face new challenges. We ended last term on a high when the whole school visited the cinema to see *The Chronicles of Narnia*, a total treat which was funded by our magnificent Friends of Hampton Lucy School. A group of parents, supported by the rest of the school, work tirelessly throughout the year to provide funds for our children to enjoy perhaps extra equipment, i.e. our new school kitchen, or playground equipment, and the occasional out-of-school visit. The Christmas Fayre held just before Christmas raised an amazing £940 - well done and thank you. One of the initiatives of "The Friends" is to hold a Keep Fit class in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm. A qualified instructor will take you through your paces - gently to begin with! Newcomers will be welcomed. As a school, we try to keep parents informed and up-dated about strategies used to teach their children the core subjects. Last term Ms. Lucy Jackson, subject leader for numeracy, held a Numeracy Evening to help enlighten parents - this definitely helps with homework! Good notice of any such future useful and informative evenings will be given. LH

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Santa and his musical sleighs raised over £4800 in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Thank you all very much. Also, we have in stock three modern electric scooters, one of which folds to fit into a car boot and we would like to see them put to greater use across our district. So, if you have a short-term mobility problem, please get in touch with Lions Brian Nuttall (Tel: 840597) or Ian Bealing (Tel: 470292).



## Church Services FEBRUARY 2006

Based on the new pattern of services for 2006

<b>Feb 5th</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Feb 12th</b>	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Village Service</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>Feb 19th</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Feb 26th</b>	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion.</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>

### Diary – FEBRUARY 2006

- Wed 1** Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy village hall, 7.30pm. Speaker is Adrienne from Rohde Shoes. Visitors welcome.
- Thu 2, 9, 16, 23** Trotters Toddlers Group meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Sat 4** Richard Derrington performs "Hovering" in Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets from Village Hall Committee (Tel:841155)
- Mon 6** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 6** Loxley PCC meets at 'Wilne House', Loxley Park, 8pm
- Thu 9** Loxley WI meets at the The Manor at 7.30pm. Mr Winterburn presents another "Warwickshire Evening".
- Mon 20** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tue 21** 'Interfaithfully Yours', supper discussion, Hampton Lucy, 7pm

### Charlecote Carousel Dinner

will be held on  
**SATURDAY, 29 APRIL**  
more details next month  
but please reserve the date in your diary now!

### From the Registers

- 14 Dec.** Funeral Maurice Stilgoe *St Nicholas's, Loxley*
- 7 Jan.** Funeral Margaret June Dance *St Peter's, Hampton Lucy*

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