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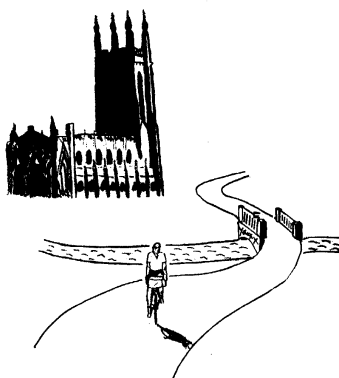
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SATURDAY, 29 APRIL

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For more information please contact JAYNE GRACE at Pound Cottage (Tel: 842258) or HELEN HOGGARTH at the Stable House (Tel: 840916)

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 then 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!

Sunday, 30 April	11.00 am	Hampton Lucy to Aston Cantlow
Sunday, 28 May	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Lighthorne
Sunday, 18 June	10.00am	30 mile sponsored cycle ride
Sunday, 23 July	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Harbury
Sunday, 20 August	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Oxhill
Sunday, 17 Sept.	11.00am	Hampton Lucy to Lawsonford

Loxley Parish Council

Loxley Parish Council is holding its AGM at the school on Wednesday, 26 April at 7.30pm. A cordial invitation is offered to all. The AGM is usually very well supported and it is hoped that this year will be no exception! It is an important event in the village calendar. Ideas, comments, and suggestions can be put forward and discussed in open forum. So do keep the evening of 26 April free and come along. The support you give the Parish Council is valued as is your input into village affairs. PM

Spring Cleaning the Hall

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee are organising the annual Spring Cleaning of the Hall on Saturday, 29 April from 9.30am to 12.30pm. We really appreciate any help you can give, for however long. It would be useful if you could bring your own cleaning equipment and to show our great gratitude, we will provide refreshments along the way. Thank you for any help or support you can give. We look forward to seeing you there. DR



Crimestoppers is the charity which provides the telephone number for people to pass on information anonymously regarding all types of criminality. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Probert (Tel: 01926 415184) the Crimestoppers Co-ordinator for Warwickshire.

Advance Notice of Jazz Evening

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee are organising another Jazz Evening on Friday, 7 July in the Parish Field. This evening was a huge success last year, so put the date in your diaries now.

PARISH LETTER



Preparing for Easter

Just before Christmas, I am usually asked to go into schools to talk about Advent. It's an easy job really – children and staff are always busy getting ready for Christmas.

Just before Easter, I try and do a similar thing with Lent. But it's much harder. We don't spend nearly as much time preparing for Easter as we do for Christmas.

And yet Easter is much more important to Christians than Christmas. Without the cross, there is no reconciliation between humanity and God, no mending of the broken relationship. And without the resurrection, the whole of Christ's life is a meaningless defeat.

But Easter is much less cosy than Christmas. It forces us to look at uncomfortable things like pain and death and rejection. And it challenges us to look deep into ourselves. Unless we focus exclusively on bunnies and chocolate, Easter can be a difficult season. But **if** we focus exclusively on bunnies and chocolate, we are missing the point of Jesus. Steve Turner puts it well:



Christmas is really for the Children

Christmas is really for the children. Especially for children who like animals, stables, stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes. Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes, humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume

Easter is not really for the children unless accompanied by a cream-filled egg. It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching. It involves politics, God and the sins of the world. It is not good for people of a nervous disposition. They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens and the first snowdrop of spring.

Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up or whether there's any connection.

Do join us as we celebrate the most important event in history. And do bring the children too!

Sarah Edmonds



PARISH NEWS

Easter Vigil

For the second year, we will be holding a service late on Easter Saturday night in Charlecote church. The tradition of an Easter vigil goes back to the very early years of the Christian church. We start the service in darkness as we recall the events through history which led to Jesus' death. Then, around midnight, we go out to the Easter bonfire and light a large candle – the Easter candle. From this candle, we all light our own candles and gradually the church is filled with light as we proclaim that Jesus is alive. The service moves into a joyful celebration of the resurrection in music and communion.

The service is very moving, and a wonderful way to begin Easter Day. Come and see for yourself, and experience the atmosphere in the church as the light of Christ comes again. SE

Parishes Prayer Meeting

Please note there will be no Parishes Prayer meeting in April. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4 May in Charlecote Vicarage at 7.45pm.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday (13 April)		
Loxley	7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion with Oken Singers</i>
Good Friday (14 April)		
Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>All-age service with hot cross buns</i>
Loxley	2-3pm	<i>Meditation at the cross</i>
Easter Saturday (15 April)		
Charlecote	11.30pm	<i>Easter vigil and Communion</i>
Easter Sunday (16 April)		
Hampton Lucy	9.30am	<i>All-age Communion and Easter egg hunt</i>
Loxley	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

On Wednesday, 5 April we shall celebrate our 87th birthday. Members are reminded that we are having a 'bring and share' supper. Mike Ledbury will help to entertain us and there is also a competition to make a miniature garden in a half-sized seed tray. The meeting will be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7pm.

Derek Walton talked about wetland and garden birds at the March meeting. He is a brilliant photographer and his slides were stunning, resulting in a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks also to the members who generously supported the FreeTrade stall. HS

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Would you like to be part of a team whose aim is to help others less fortunate than yourselves, whilst meeting new friends and socialising? If so, contact Vice President Peter Fisher (Tel: 842031) or Lion Rob Parton (Tel: 841073) to find out more and attend a club meeting to see what we are all about and how 'We Serve'.

Spring is in the air and it is time for thinking about our involvement in summer fetes and fund-raising activities. Our fairground-type games are looking rather sad, so a plea to all you carpenter handymen. If you could spare some time to help with ideas and the making of new games or renovating our old ones, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Lion Brian Nuttall (Tel: 840597).

This month, we are trying a new fundraising event. We have a collection at the Gaydon Motorway Services on the M40 on Saturday, 6 May. If you could spare a couple of hours to support us helping Air Ambulance, please phone Lion Ian Bealing (Tel: 470292). MD

Hampton Lucy School

Life at school continues to be busy and varied. On Friday, 17 March one of our Governors, Sue Proctor, organised a Hands-On Plant Day at Warwick HRI at Wellesbourne for eleven local primary schools. Our Years 5 and 6 pupils witnessed first-hand DNA extraction, visited the mushroom unit, learned about the bugs and creepy crawlies that inhabit the soil, and planted a brassica of their own to take home. The school will be provided with a 'Butterfly Kit' so that the children can learn about all stages of the growth of a butterfly.

Our capable RE subject leader, Caroline Kelly, has recently most successfully produced evidence of the work and progress that the school has made to the Diocesan Board of Education for future Ofsted inspections.

Our school is supporting Barnardo's Charity and, coming up to Easter, our pupils will 'care' for an egg. The aim is to look at caring and how to care for something precious. They must each decorate a hard-boiled egg and make a container in which to carry it safely to and from school for a whole week. Each child's sponsorship money will be collected in their own hand-decorated envelope with the winner being chosen out of a hat by Sue Marsland, a representative of Barnardo's. Continuing the Easter theme, the Friends of HLS are organising an Easter egg hunt in the school grounds on Friday, 31 March and also an Easter raffle, to be drawn on Friday, 7 April. If anybody would like to support this, tickets are available from the school office and we would be most grateful! Happy Easter everybody. LH

The Raft Race

The Raft Race will be held on Sunday, 25 June and for the first time, there will be a category for local pubs to enter. If your 'local' would like to enter, why not get a team together and support Wellesbourne and Shakespeare Lions to raise funds for The Children's Liver Disease Foundation. MD



Tai Chi

Hampton Lucy Tai Chi & Chi Gung class has been up and running for over 12 months now, meeting at the Village Hall in Hampton Lucy every Wednesday morning from 9 till 10. We are a dedicated friendly group who always welcome new members. If you fancy coming along to see how this gentle exercise can benefit you, then just turn up on the day or call instructor Debbie Wild (Tel: 842262 or 07773 318830) for more information. Classes cost £5 per session.

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 to the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL or to the Clerk at dh@blytheliggins.co.uk DH



Church Services APRIL 2006

Full details of Easter Services are in Parish News on Page 2

Apr 2nd	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service and baptism</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong followed by APCM</i>
Apr 9th <i>(Palm Sun)</i>	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Communion with Passion readings</i>
Apr 16th <i>(Easter Sun)</i>	Hampton Lucy	9.30	<i>All age communion and Easter Egg hunt</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Apr 23rd	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion.</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
Apr 30th <i>(5th Sunday)</i>	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Joint Parishes Communion with Festival Singers</i>

Diary – APRIL 2006

- Sun 2** Loxley PCC will hold its AGM in the vestry.
- Sun 2** Loxley Annual Church Meeting in Loxley church, 7pm
- Mon 3** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Wed 5** Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI 87th birthday 'bring and share' supper in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7pm. Mike Ledbury will help to entertain and there is a competition to make a miniature garden in a half-sized seed tray.
- Sun 9** Jigsaw Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
- Thu 6, 13, 20, 27** Trotters Toddlers Group meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 13** Christian Fellowship meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm. Subject: Passion Readings
- Thu 13** Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Lindsay Fairgrieve will tell us about her year in China
- Sun 23** Jigsaw Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
- Mon 24** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 24** Hampton Lucy Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 26** Loxley Parish Council AGM at the school, 7.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- Sat 29** Carousel Dinner in aid of Charlecote Village Hall funds. Contact either Jayne Grace (Tel: 842258) or Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916)
- Sun 30** Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy church to Aston Cantlow, 11am
- MAY**
- Thu 4** Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm

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