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Help for Charlecote Fete

For the past three years, Charlecote Fete has been held in Charlecote Park but this year it returns to the vicarage garden on Saturday, 10 June. Teas will be served at The Stable House and stalls will link the two areas. The PCC is grateful to the Edmunds and the Hoggarths for allowing this invasion of their lawns. To ensure the success of this event, we need lots of help from the village. If you would like to be involved, please come to a short meeting at Simmonds Barn on Tuesday, 2 May at 6pm. CT

Hampton Lucy Parish Council

Five nominations were submitted for five seats on Hampton Lucy Parish Council and, therefore, there will not be an election this year. Martyn Gardner is stepping down after six and a half years and his place will be taken by Niven Conchar who has lived in the parish for 44 years. Our grateful thanks are due to Martyn for his untiring efforts and support. The other members of the Council are Sue Main, Paul Waterworth, Huw Williams and Mike Woodman. MW



The stonemasons have almost finished their work on the spire of Charlecote church and as most of them won't be back after Easter, a little reception was held by the vicar and the churchwardens to show their appreciation for the work. Champagne and small eats! It is still a few weeks before the work is actually complete. CT

From the Registers

14 March *Funeral*
Mary Wimbush *St Leonard's, Charlecote*

2 April *Baptisms*
Nicholas Stephen Freeman and
Henry Oliver Freeman *St Peter's Hampton Lucy*



The new village signs and road markings at the entrance to Charlecote village

Dates for your Diary

Charlecote

A Midsummer Barbecue will be held in Charlecote Village Hall garden on Saturday, 24 June at 7pm. All ages are welcome. Please put the date in your diary now. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Hampton Lucy

The Village Hall Committee is organising another Jazz Evening on Friday, 7 July in the Parish Field. This event was a huge success last year, so put the date in your diaries now. DR

Raft Race

This year's event will take place on Sunday, 25 June. More information is available on www.rafrace.org.uk Volunteers are always needed. Please call Lion Roy Egerton (Tel: 740485) if you would like to help.

Blooming Hampton Lucy

After a long and cold February and March, spring has finally sprung. The public areas of Hampton Lucy are once again in bloom and so it is appropriate at this time to propose a vote of thanks to those who, over the past six years or more, have brought about the transformation of the verges, troughs and banks in the village. Voluntary work so often goes unremarked and unrewarded but we who have benefited from that work should acknowledge the many hours that those hard working folk known affectionately as 'The Veg Group' have laboured to make the village a better place in which to live. Thank you: your skill and efforts are much appreciated by many of the residents of Hampton Lucy. PJR

PARISH LETTER



Building Restoration

As I write this, we are planning a final 'farewell and thank you' to the men who have been working on Charlecote church. The work is due to finish at the beginning of May, and we are delighted with the restoration of the spire and the window there. We are looking forward to being able to see what has been achieved thanks to their hard work, and that of the Friends of Charlecote Church and the villagers in raising the necessary funds.

Loxley church has also been redecorated and is looking spick and span inside once again. Funding for that work was made possible by Camilla and Peter Gregory Hood, and we are most grateful to them and to everyone who attended the supper they organised last Autumn.

Not to be outdone, Hampton Lucy has just finished the next part of its restoration, with the completion of flooring and plaster work repairs and discussions are underway as to the next steps following the quinquennial architect's report.

Keeping buildings in good order takes time, effort and money and we recognise the many gifts of those involved across the three parishes. But we are also aware that this is only a part of our work as the church in these villages. We hope that the

restored and renewed buildings will not simply be monuments to our heritage, or a tribute to those involved, but also places which enable us to encounter the living God. For without him as our focus, we would simply be custodians of beautiful buildings, and our prime purpose of worshipping him and telling others about him would be lost.

As we continue to enjoy our church buildings, we want them too to be used by the communities they serve, and to witness to his love. Do come and see what has been achieved – all three churches are open all week – and also look around them to see what God is doing in our communities through the people who worship there, and how he is changing lives day by day.

Every blessing.

Sarah Edmonds



PARISH NEWS

Christian Aid Week

A host of celebrities is backing Christian Aid Week this year (14-20 May, 2006), helping to raise awareness of its 'You add. We multiply' slogan and encourage people to add their time, money and voice and see them multiplied to make an impact around the world through Christian Aid.

Music star Beverley Knight, actor Damian Lewis, and former East Enders star and Strictly Come Dancing winner, Jill Halfpenny are all backing this year's fundraising week.

Last year, Christian Aid Week collectors and supporters raised more than £14.8 million, which was used to support the charity's work in more than 50 of the poorest countries around the world.

For instance, last year, Sara Rosel and her family in Bolivia were given chickens and a sheep by a Christian Aid partner. Struggling to survive in this very poor country, after cattle ranchers had seized their land, this enabled them to send their son to school and even allowed them to give more chickens and a sheep to another family like their own.

Donations can be given to our collectors, or sent direct to Christian Aid by calling 08080 006 006, or by contacting Christian Aid by e-mail at www.caweek.org.

Thank you very much indeed for any help or donation you feel able to give!

We do need more helpers this year, and anyone interested should contact Duncan or Janet (Tel: 290930). JF-L

Prayer Book Society

On Saturday, 13 May, the Prayer Book Society, Coventry Diocesan Branch, will hold a Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer at St Peter's, Hampton Lucy at 3pm. The preacher will be Professor Roger Homan and the service will be followed by tea. All are welcome.

The Cathedral Comes to Hampton Lucy

On Saturday, 10 June, we are delighted that the Friends of the Cathedral and the Cathedral choir will be visiting Hampton Lucy. The choir will be singing evensong for us, and the Precentor, Adrian Daffern, will be preaching. It should be a wonderful service, so please do come along. This takes the place of our Sunday service at Hampton Lucy that weekend.



To the delight of their audience, the children of Loxley School danced and sang their way through a traditional African story; the culmination of work with the Intercultural Curriculum Support Service

Loxley School

Loxley School had a hectic end to the spring term with a number of events and performances. The Mother's Day Service took place in Loxley church on Monday, 27 March. The mums were treated to songs and music performed by the whole school as well as individual "thank yous" from the children. As usual there was a lump in everyone's throat as we listened to all that was said. We were all made to feel very special indeed. Throughout the spring term all the pupils of Loxley School have been working on a cross-curricula project on Africa. They learnt about some of the languages, religions, customs and traditions and they created some beautiful African paintings. The project ended with the portrayal of an African folk tale. The whole school performed very energetically for a whole hour and then asked the audience to join in. How could we refuse, their enthusiasm was so contagious it was a pleasure to be involved. The end of term was marked by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the grounds of The Manor, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morris. Future events include a 'Colour Confidence' evening on Thursday, 4 May at the school and the Spring Fayre on Sunday, 21 May. We hope to see many of you there. For details contact Helen Chidgey (Tel: 470678).

Hampton Lucy School

"This is a good school with outstanding features". This was the verdict of the inspector when we had our recent Ofsted inspection, and it was a just reward for all the hard work that goes in to the day-to-day running of the school by a dedicated team. Our last Ofsted inspection was in September 2000 and since then a number of measures and procedures have been put in place to improve upon our last performance. Every aspect of school life is examined from the leadership and management, to the teaching and academic achievement, to the pastoral care and behaviour of our pupils. All members of staff, the governors, the pupils and their parents/guardians have been involved with this ever-evolving process and can be justifiably proud of the results. In celebration the last day of term, Friday, 7 April, became an impromptu party with various physical activities, films, fun and frolics being enjoyed by all, particularly the children! This was followed by Sharing Assembly when this term's "Peace" prizes were awarded to each year group, the Easter raffle was drawn, and the Barnardo's Bear went to a new home.

Amidst all this excitement, I forgot to report that the Diocesan Board of Education were also most impressed with the progress the school has made when they visited the school on the previous day, with the inspector commenting that ours is one of the "exceptional" schools she has visited in her fifteen years' experience. An added bonus for the village is that housing served by schools such as ours is in greater demand – watch this space! LH

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We thoroughly enjoyed our 87th birthday on Wednesday, 5 April. Members provided a generous selection of delicious food for the supper and the tables were made attractive with flower decorations done by Anthea Cockshull. Mike Ledbury completed the evening with his humorous talk on "Confessions of a Morris Dancer". He is a retired head teacher who took up morris dancing towards the end of his teaching career. A skilled musician and raconteur who kept us amused and interested as he explained the complexities of morris dancing. Some members found themselves on the dance floor helping him with his demonstrations: hopping and stepping to the rhythms, tapping sticks, and finally hopping and tapping sticks in breathless concentration. The next day a group visited the Van Gogh exhibition at Compton Verney. It was an enjoyable experience and one which many of the group plan to repeat. May's meeting is at Charlecote at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 3 May. This is the "Resolutions" meeting, followed by fish and chips, and fun. We also look forward to a visit to Kew Gardens at the end of the month. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. HS

Yet More Scams

Earlier, residents were warned about letters which suggested that they had been awarded prizes. The prize had to be claimed by phoning a premium rate 090 number which could cost up to £10. Trading Standards Service is now warning of a similar scam in which residents may receive a card informing them that a parcel is awaiting their collection. The card asks them to phone a premium rate number and it is reported that this may cost the caller up to £15. It is not clear if any parcel is then actually delivered but consumers should be aware that the value of the parcel's contents is very likely to be less than the cost of the call.



Church Services MARCH 2006

May 6th	Charlecote	6.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 7th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service and baptism</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
May 13th	Charlecote	6.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 14th	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>
May 20th	Charlecote	6.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 21st	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Come and Worship (for all ages)</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
May 27th	Charlecote	6.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 28th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>

Diary – MAY 2006

- Tue 2** Loxley WI Committee meets at the The Manor, 2.15pm
- Tue 2** Charlecote Fete Meeting at Simmonds Barn, 6pm
- Wed 3** Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall for the "Resolutions" meeting, 7.30pm.
- Thu 4, 11, 18, 25** Trotters Toddlers Group meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 4** Parish Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
- Mon 8** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 8** Church Wardens and Patrons meet at the Vicarage, 8pm
- Wed 10** Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting
- Thu 11** Loxley WI joins Ashorne & Newbold Pacey for the WI "Resolutions" meeting at Ashorne, 7.30pm
- Sat 13** Annual Prayer Book Society Service in Hampton Lucy church, 3pm. The preacher will be Professor Roger Homan. All welcome.
- Sun 14** Christian Aid Week begins (see Parish News for more details)
- Mon 15** Loxley - Annual Parish Meeting at the school, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
- Mon 22** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Thu 25** Parish Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
- Sun 28** Cycle ride from Hampton Lucy Church to Lighthorne, 11am

John Cox

We would like to thank our family and friends for their concern and their get-well cards and messages. Thank you all.

Mr & Mrs. J. Cox.

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