



# The Grapevine

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## Jazz Picnic

The staging of a second successful concert by the Dene River Jazz Band in the Parish Field must surely lead to it becoming a regular event in the Hampton Lucy calendar. Huw Williams and his Village Hall Committee put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure its success and our thanks are due to them for providing an opportunity for villagers of all ages and their friends to get together. MW

## Baroque Concert

There will be a concert of baroque music at St. Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy on Saturday, 23 September, starting at 7.30pm. The concert will be given by Warwickshire Baroque (director Eddie Jones), who gave a concert in the village last year. The concert will feature instrumental music by Purcell, Corelli, Telemann, a recorder concerto by Mancini, and music by two British composers, Charles Avison and Capel Bond. Tickets £5 on the door. For further information, contact Tim Bugg (Tel: 842353).

## Advance Notice

### "Wine and Wisdom"

Saturday, 18 November, Charlecote

Village Hall

More details will be given next month

## Wanted - Clerk to Governing Body

There is a vacancy for a clerk to the governing body at Loxley School. The post demands very few hours and attendance at up to 6 evening meetings a year. The clerk needs to take minutes, circulate paperwork and deal with the governor unit at the local authority. Training is available. It is a confidential post. Matters should not be discussed outside meetings. Further information and salary details available on e-mailing [head@3040.wgfl.net](mailto:head@3040.wgfl.net)

## Forthcoming Events

### Family Bingo Evening

A family bingo evening will be held on Friday, 15 September at 6pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. There will also be an optional fish and chip supper. Please get your tickets and place your orders for fish and chips with one of the Village Hall Committee or by phone (Tel: 841155). Entrance £2 adults, £1 children, family ticket £5. JW

### Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper

Harvest Supper this year will be on Saturday, 30 September in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. As you all know, this is an extremely popular event, so we would recommend buying your tickets early. The cost will be £5 per person, and as usual, we ask you to bring your own drinks and glasses. A hot supper will be served and we look forward to as many as possible joining us for a 'guaranteed to be happy' village evening. Diana and Elaine will have tickets for sale, or you can phone (Tel: 842251). In addition, as last year, there will be a wonderful Harvest Service to be held beforehand at 6.30pm in the church so we can enjoy a complete harvest celebration. DR

## Another Gold for Hampton Lucy!

For the second year running, The Best Kept Village Competition has given Hampton Lucy a gold award. The judges commented "A well cared for village in a peaceful location. Individual touches such as the flower troughs enhance the village centre". Once again our thanks are due to the members of VEG and everyone who has helped to improve our environment. MW

## PARISH LETTER



### Time to Stop...

I'm writing this in the middle of August, the month when I used to joke that God went on holiday. Certainly the church has a break as many people disappear on holiday for a couple of weeks. There are no planned meetings and (hopefully) the pace of life slows for a time.

For me this has meant time to stop and drink coffee with people. To spend an extended time just chatting, with no particular

agenda. To get to know people and find out what makes them tick. To talk about whatever is current – politics, or God, or gardening. It's been great, and it's also been a reminder that that is precisely what vicars used to do, and would like to do more of. But just like so many other people, I often get buried in admin and meetings across the parishes and don't have time to stop.

The Bible says that there is a season for everything – a time to sleep and a time to work, a time to sow and a time to reap and so on. For me, this has been the season to stop and talk, to listen and to laugh, and a reminder that often my life is out of balance. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service at Charlecote in July was a wonderful example of getting the balance right (or at least

better!). The quiet worship in the church was followed by a superb breakfast in the hall, courtesy of Sue Johns. A time to worship and be still, a time to eat, chat and relax. And through both times, there was a sense of God being there, meeting with us in communion and in croissants. If you weren't with us, you missed a good time!

Of course, the paperwork needs to be done. But I hope that I will carry with me the lessons of August and make 'time to stop' a priority in the months ahead. I hope you too have had a season to work and a season to play; a season to do and a season to be. And maybe even a season to drink coffee with friends.

White, no sugar, should you need to ask...

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## PARISH NEWS

### Offa House

If you feel the need for a day apart, or an evening listening and learning, have a look at the Offa House programme in each church. Offa House is the diocesan retreat house and events range from quiet days of prayer, holistic therapies, art or poetry, to teaching. It may even be that several of us will feel like going along together to something, so let me know if anything catches your eye. SE

### Jigsaw

Our youth group for 11+ meets fortnightly in the Vicarage at 7.30pm on Sundays. The first meeting of the new year is on Sunday, 10 September. If you're looking for fun, challenges and some different worship (Oh! - and Pringles and coke too!), come and join us.

More details from Sarah (Tel: 840244).

### Archdeacon's Supper

Michael Paget-Wilkes has strong links with the Sudan and has stories to tell about life in a very different culture, and one torn apart by conflict in Darfur. Come along to Hampton Lucy Hall on Tuesday, 12 September at 7pm for a shared supper, hear what he has to say and challenge him about our response to the crisis. Bring some food, wine if you like – tea and coffee provided.

### From the Registers

<b>15 July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Nicola Perrins and Toby Bland	<i>St Nicholas', Loxley</i>
<b>21 July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Andrew Green and Emma Willett	<i>St Leonard's, Charlecote</i>
<b>22 July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Helen Cotterill and Iain Anderson	<i>St Nicholas', Loxley</i>
<b>04 Aug</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Kate Bresnen and Richard Bishop	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>06 Aug</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	Grace May Langridge	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>06 Aug</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	Christabel Angharad Alun-Jones	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>06 Aug</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	William George Davis	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>

## Memories of Summer

### *Jazz Picnic, Hampton Lucy*



### *Strawberry Fayre, Loxley*



*The annual Strawberry Fayre was a most enjoyable village event. The sun shone, the crowds turned up, the stalls were busy, raffle tickets sold well, the tea was, as usual, quite delicious and the receipts for the afternoon totalled £2196.40. Many thanks are due to those who helped before, during, and after the event and especially to the Gregory Hood family for the venue. Also, an enormous “thank you” is due to all those who attended and made the afternoon such a success. RM*

## Loxley School

The 2005/06 academic year proved to be a very busy one for the staff and pupils of Loxley School. Many educational visits and events took place and the Summer Term ended with the usual flurry of activities. By now the year 6 pupils who left our school in July are getting ready to start the new school year in their new schools. Our good wishes go with them and, hopefully, they will return from time to time and not completely forget us! Good wishes are also offered to pupils and staff in both schools in our benefice for a happy, busy and successful school year 2006/07. RM

## Hampton Lucy School

First of all we would like to say how relieved we all are that one of our pupils, Jack Wright, is making steady progress following his alarming collapse in the school playground on 20 June. Jack is now at the Royal Infirmary in Leicester and is sleeping peacefully, is eating more and is generally more settled. The next big step for Jack is his rehabilitation and, following an assessment done by Tadworth Care Centre in Surrey, they have accepted Jack for six months, subject to ensuring the appropriate funding is in place. This is great news as Tadworth is one of the best places in the country for children’s rehabilitation. Tracey, Ian and Abigail realise that it may be a long journey ahead but they wish to thank everyone for their kindness and best wishes. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Meanwhile, Sarah Edmonds and Margaret Lunnon were invited as keynote speakers to open the annual conference of the Diocesan Boards of Education with a presentation highlighting the successful partnership between Chaplain and Headteacher. Also, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their residential visit to the Kingswood outdoor activity centre in Albrighton. The wonderful sum of £780 was raised at the Summer Fayre held at the end of last term with donations going to the Air Ambulance and Cardiomyopathy Association. Our thanks go to the Friends of Hampton Lucy School for their continued hard work. The children enjoyed a Teddy Bears’ Picnic, organised by the departing Year 6 pupils, after the Leavers’ Service on the last day of term. The new school term starts on Monday, 4 September following a teacher training day the previous Friday. LH

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## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Our monthly meetings restart on Wednesday, 6 September in Charlecote Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker is Sue Hedges, talking about “Operation Christmas Child”. For the past two years we have filled more than 40 boxes for this charity. It will be of great interest to learn of the pleasure and excitement that these boxes bring to the orphan children who receive them. The summer outing in July was a visit to Chastleton House. A successful and enjoyable day, we thank Jackie Williams for her thoughtful organisation - a light lunch in Moreton-in-Marsh, then a short drive to Chastleton House for 2pm and finally a welcome tea at Daylesford Organic Farm Shop. The October meeting is a talk to be given by G. Sutherland on the ‘Gunpowder Plot’. Visitors are always made welcome at any meeting. HS

**Shipston Home Nursing** Two events are to be held in Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour this month; a “Notorious Villains’ Ball” on Saturday, 23 September (tickets from Deborah Williams (Tel: 01608 682007)) and a “Cottage Pie Supper Dance” on Saturday, 30 September (tickets (£15) from Rebecca Mawle (Tel: 07940 716 345; 01608 674929)).

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## Church Services SEPTEMBER 2006

<b>Sept 3rd</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service and baptism</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Sept 10th</b>	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Service and baptism</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sept 17th</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Come and Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Sept 24th</b>	Loxley	11.00	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	Charlecote	6.00pm	<i>Harvest Evensong with Festival Singers</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Sept 30th</b> (Saturday)	Hampton Lucy	6.30pm	<i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Oct 1st</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service and Harvest</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>

### Diary – SEPTEMBER 2006

- Mon 4** Loxley PCC meets at The Manor, 8pm
- Wed 6** Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall 7.30pm. Sue Hedges will talk about "Operation Christmas Child"
- Thu 7, 14, 21, 28** Trotters Toddlers Group meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30
- Thu 7** Parishes' Prayer Group meets at The Vicarage, 7.45pm
- Mon 11** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 11** Hampton Lucy PCC meets in the churchyard, 7.30pm
- Tue 12** Supper with the Archdeacon in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7pm
- Thu 14** Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm
- Fri 15** Family Bingo Evening in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 6pm
- Sun 17** Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy church to Lowsonford, 11am
- Mon 18** Loxley Parish Council meets at the school, 7.30pm
- Wed 20** Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Mon 25** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tue 26** Loxley WI Group Meeting at Ashorne, 7.30pm
- Wed 27** Deanery Synod at Barford, 7.30pm
- Sat 30** Harvest Supper in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm

### The Revd Canon Raymond Cyster

Those who remember him will be sorry to learn of Canon Cyster's death last month. He was Vicar of Charlecote and Hampton Lucy from 1976 to 1980, and went on to be Priest in Charge at Luddington, when he retired to Stratford-upon-Avon. A Thanksgiving Service for his life took place at Luddington on 11 August.

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