



# The Grapevine

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## Free Tests of Electric Blankets

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is offering to test electric blankets free of charge to 'Over 60s' in Warwickshire. The tests will take place at Stratford Fire Station on Wednesday, 18 October and at Leamington Spa Town Hall on Thursday, 19 October. As tests will be conducted by appointment only and bookings will be taken on a first-come first-served basis, please phone to book an appointment (Tel: 01926 736477) and do so soon so as to avoid disappointment. The Free-phone number will be staffed between 9am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and an Answerphone will operate at all other times. In previous years, they have found faults on up to 75% of all the blankets they have checked. Unsafe electric blankets are the cause of many house fires each year, and can often lead to death or serious injury. Elderly people are particularly at risk. We are determined to rid Warwickshire of dangerous and unsafe electric blankets and urge you to take up this offer.

## Christmas Fayre

Please make a note in your diary that the Hampton Lucy Church Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 2 December at 2pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. As always, there will be a wide variety of gift stalls. HS

## Keep Fit



The Friends of Hampton Lucy School run a keep-fit class in Hampton Lucy village hall every Tuesday from 7.30-8.30pm. The class is open to anyone who would like to improve their fitness and is a fun class with an excellent instructor. The class costs just £3.50 and can be paid for on a weekly basis. If you have

any questions please call for further details (Tel: 841043). We hope to see you there.



## Charles Maries - Latest

The final elements of the Charles Maries Trail are falling into place in Hampton Lucy. The Village Enhancement Group has identified sources for three more of the plants that Charles introduced to this country and they hope to obtain these soon. Slates have been bought as plant labels and the Rev. Geoffrey Eddy is carefully inscribing on them the Latin name of each plant, where it came from in the world and, where appropriate, who donated it to the village. An example is shown above. Through the generosity of Kalkwik in Stratford, we now have 100 copies of the self-guided tour of the Trail. This has a map showing the locations of the plants, together with short accounts of Charles's life as a young boy in Hampton Lucy, as a plant hunter in China and Japan, and as a Superintendent of Gardens in India until his death in 1902. These guides are available from the church in Hampton Lucy. The project has aroused great interest in unexpected places, the most exotic of which is Saudi Arabia where Charles's great grandson learned about the Trail from reading *The Grapevine* on the Loxley village web-site. He told his cousin in Kent about it and she visited the village this summer where she was spotted by Pauline Pratt. The cousin had with her a photograph of Charles and another of his wife; neither photograph had been seen before by anyone now living in Hampton Lucy. It's a small world or is it true we are all now in a 'global village'. KC

## PARISH LETTER



### Christian Stewardship – What on earth is it?

When the word ‘Stewardship’ gets mentioned in church it is very easy to simply think “*Oh, they want more money*” – but is that really what it is all about? Christian Stewardship is actually much more than just finance. So what exactly are we talking about?

Christian Stewardship is actually a way of life in which we regard ourselves and our possessions as a trust from God to be used in His service, for what He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

This means that we are stewards of everything God has given us: our time, our abilities, our possessions, our money, our whole lives.

*“But can you define Christian Stewardship in one simple sentence?”*

*“Yes! In fact, several times over, take your pick....”*

#### Christian Stewardship is...

Christianity in practice. It’s creative and joyful living as a Child of God.

The systematic giving of body, mind and spirit to God.

Being responsible before God for all that I have and all that I am

The total discipline by which the people of God mobilise their God-given resources to carry out his work.

A challenge and a privilege that affects the whole of our lives as Christians.

A way of life.

Our complete and joyful obedience to God, who entrusts to us the management of life and possessions, that the world might know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

What I do after I say ‘I believe’.

*“Think of it like this...”*

Total commitment could turn your ‘collection’ into an ‘offering’.

Christian Stewardship is not about making ends meet, it is about looking to an expanding Church, even when that is hard to do. Stewardship is not about giving only what is needed, but it is about giving so generously that it has a touch of recklessness about it. Stewardship is not about one giving grudgingly, but rejoicing in the mission of others within our one Church. That is the attitude of God’s giving to us, and that is the message for our churches.

In October we shall be re-examining what it means in these three parishes, so come and find out more.



## PARISH NEWS

### From the Registers

12 Aug	Wedding	Jennie Noble and Matthew Petty	St Peter’s, Hampton Lucy
19 Aug	Wedding	Elaine Dance and Craig Kilpatrick	St Peter’s, Hampton Lucy
25 Aug	Wedding	David Mayrick and Claire Roy	St Nicholas’, Loxley
09 Sept	Wedding	Melanie Shuttleworth and Simon Liddle	St Leonard’s, Charlecote
03Sept	Baptism	Ryan Andrew Speechly	St Peter’s, Hampton Lucy
18 Aug	Funeral	Camilla Gregory-Hood	St Nicholas’, Loxley

## Thanks

There has been a substantial improvement in the cleanliness of Loxley village since July when a request was made to dog owners to behave in a responsible manner whilst exercising their pets and to take their animal's droppings home with them. Thank you. Please keep up the good work and perhaps next year there will be no need for a reminder.

However, there are a few people who seem to have no social conscience and who spoil the efforts of others. It would be nice if we could get everyone's co-operation. So come on you backsliders, make an effort! RM

## Hampton Lucy School

The school would like to welcome all our new pupils and their families, together, of course, with those returning. Additionally, the school would like to welcome its new staff this term: -

Teacher Mr. Richard Degg;  
Teaching Assistant (SEN) Ms. Kristine Reid, and our new Caretaker, Mr. Alistair Speller.

Jack Wright, following his collapse at school going back to June, has now moved from Leicester Royal Infirmary to the Tadworth Rehabilitation Centre for Children, in Surrey. He is settling in well and is getting used to his new surroundings. He has an intensive programme of therapy which will be hard work. The Wright family reports that The Children's Trust is an amazing place doing wonderful work. Jack prefers to be out and about in his wheelchair so Mum is getting plenty of exercise!

A date for your diary: Sunday, 1 October - Harvest Family Service in church. LH

## Scams

The Trading Standards Service requests that we warn residents to beware of itinerant rogue traders offering guttering work door to door. The service has received a number of complaints including one from a resident who was approached on the doorstep by a man who told him that on the 'recommendation' of a neighbour he had been asked to look at the gutters on the front of the property. The resident told him that he did not need anything doing, other than his porch gutter. The rogue trader quoted him £160 and returned the following morning. At that time, and without the resident's permission, the rogue trader removed his main guttering. He then told him that it could not be realigned and would need to be replaced with plastic guttering at a cost of £1200. The resident did not know the name of the trader, who gave him a false address in Warwick. The Trading Standards Service has received a number of complaints recently in which perfectly acceptable guttering has been ripped down by door-to-door rogue traders without the property owner's permission



### "Wine and Wisdom"

Saturday, 18 November,  
Charlecote Village Hall

## **STOP PRESS**

**Congratulations to Wellesbourne and all those connected with Chedham's Yard for winning the final of the BBC's *Restoration Village*.**



## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Sharon Hedges helped to make the September meeting a great success. She gave a sympathetic talk about 'Operation Christmas Child', the charity that encourages people to fill a shoe box with gifts for needy children at Christmas. Her personal experiences of seeing the children opening their boxes, the surprise and joy on their faces was most moving and then to learn how every shred of the box is used, left us keen to fill even more Christmas boxes this year.

A bring-and-buy sale meant that we could send a generous donation towards the Cycle Cuba fund-raising for Denman College. There are many activities to occupy us throughout the next few weeks. Three members go to Denman for a weekend learning about and doing Amish quilting. Ashorne WI will host the Group Meeting which will have a Japanese theme and we are providing the bring-and-buy stall. The Autumn Council meeting on Wednesday, 18 October will have two well-known speakers; four members are attending.

The next meeting of our WI is on Wednesday, 4 October in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. The meeting is about the Gunpowder Plot. Please remember that visitors are always welcome. H.S.



## Church Services OCTOBER 2006

<b>Oct 1st</b>	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Harvest Festival with school</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Oct 8th</b>	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>Oct 15th</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>Oct 22nd</b>	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
<b>Oct 29th</b>	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Joint Service</i> (5th Sunday)

## Diary – OCTOBER 2006

- Tue 3** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Wed 4** Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall 7.30pm. The meeting will be about the Gunpowder Plot  
**Thu 5, 12, 19, 26** Trotters Toddlers Group meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30  
**Mon 9** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm  
**Tue 10** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Thu 12** Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. "Trust Me - I'm a Rep." talk given by Brenda Brewer  
**Tue 17** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Tue 17** Loxley School Governors meet, 7pm  
**Thu 19** Parishes' Prayer Group meets at The Vicarage, 7.45pm  
**Fri 20** School half-term holidays begin  
**Mon 23** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm  
**Tue 24** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Mon 30** Schools Re-open after half-term holiday  
**Tue 31** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm

## November

- Thu 2** Fauré's *Requiem* with the Festival Singers at Hampton Lucy Church, 7.30pm

### Fauré's *Requiem*

#### Please note

The Festival Singers will be singing Fauré's *Requiem* in Hampton Lucy Church on Thursday, 2 November, at 7.30pm.

All are welcome

### Tai CHI CLASSES

Wed 9-10am at Hampton Lucy  
 Wed eve in Warwick, Thurs eve in Stratford  
 Tel: Debbie Wild on  
 07773 318830 or 01789 842262

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