



# The Grapevine

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## LADY MOLLY OF SCOTLAND YARD

At Hampton Lucy Village Hall

Saturday, 3 February at 7.30

Tickets from Village Hall Committee Members or phone Jackie Williams (Tel: 841155); £8 for adults, £5 for young people (under 18). The play is not recommended for children under the age of 12.



What mysteries lie in the past of the woman they call Lady Molly? Her devoted assistant, Mary Granard, has been sworn to secrecy and all they know at the Yard is that Lady Molly is the most gifted psychologist of her day.

Rachel Laurence (Lady Molly, above left) and Sandra Hunt (Mary Granard) offer a delicious entertainment which combines echoes of Conan Doyle with the breezy jollity of Angela Brazil. With a mixture of womanly wiles, staggering intuition and ingenious disguises, Lady Molly and Mary will lead the audience through a tremendously exciting series of adventures, adapted from the stories of The Baroness Orczy, creator of The Scarlet Pimpernel.

**Wanted.** We urgently need someone to deliver the bulk issues of *The Grapevine* once a month to our five local distributors, one in each of Loxley, Charlecote, Hampton Lucy, Thelsford, and Wellesbourne. If you can help with this vital job, please contact either Ken Cockshull (Tel: 842908) or Mike Sill (Tel: 841280). KC

## Trotters Toddler Group



The group meets every Thursday during term time from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. We have a wide selection of toys for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and we organise a varied range of craft

activities. Trotters offers a great opportunity for you and your child to play and to make new friends so please come and join us. Cost is £1.50 per family, which includes drinks and snack. For more information phone either Kate (Tel: 841676) or Karen (Tel: 841092). KS

## Charlecote Village Books

Are you looking for something to while away the long dark winter evenings? Now is an ideal time to borrow the Charlecote Village Books. These fascinating volumes may be borrowed (for a nominal charge) from Beryl Penn (Tel: 841487). They cover every aspect of life in Charlecote from the 11<sup>th</sup> century to the present day with particular emphasis on the houses, people, gardens, school, church, natural history, and events. There are also Village Diaries covering 1983 to 2002. Why not give Beryl a call?



*The Christmas Afternoon Tea in Hampton Lucy Village Hall was much enjoyed and was very well attended*

## PARISH LETTER



### Lent

My waistline has increased again! I am certain of it. I think 'sell-by' and 'consume-by' dates are to blame. They impose an urgency and, in the New Year, prompted me to resolve to cut out chocolate. Well at least for a while (I convinced myself that I don't have the same problem with alcohol it has a minimum shelf life of 12 months).

That New Year resolution, like previous ones, is fading fast. It's a stark irony of the Western calendar that the odometer turns over smack in the middle of winter - the one time of the year when most people can't rouse themselves to tidy their gardens, much less make an ambitious, life-changing, behavioural U-turn. On the other hand perhaps, as it is a time when we have less physical energy, we may have more time to reflect on what we need to achieve in the coming year.

However, it is now February and another reminder of the benefits of abstinence as Lent approaches (Ash Wednesday is 21 February). The spiritual discipline of fasting has a long tradition in many faiths; including Christianity when it is

practised in Lent, the season of penitence. It seems uncanny that fading New Year Resolutions are replaced by new Lenten ones just when we feel we are in the clear and can slip back to our old ways. But fasting and refocusing are good for us. We need them to help us lift our spiritual energy levels and strive for goals we otherwise would not identify, never mind reach.

The heads of the Churches have asked us to consider cutting back on excess and making a stand against "consumerism, celebrity and hype". By cutting back on what we consume we can offer more to others. Not only does this help those in need, it helps us too as we clear ourselves of the baggage of excess and set new goals for self-development and fulfilment. CR



## PARISH NEWS

### Also Spare a Thought... This Month

- For the 14 couples who will meet on 10 or 24 February at Walton Hall to discuss and prepare for their marriages in our three parishes during this year.
- For those planning new parish leadership and their meetings with the diocesan leaders.
- For the parish and parochial church councils as they plan their 'new year'.
- For our schools, half way through their 'new year', and their successes that are already bringing them new opportunities.
- And my waistline!

### Child Sponsorship

Who has seen the TV adverts and wondered more? May I tell you my story? I have sponsored a young person in Vietnam for over five years. I have become an "honorary aunt". This is one of several programmes through Siloam Christian Ministries in Leamington Spa. Only £1 of my £10 per month is taken in essential administration fees. I receive photos and letters (original and translation). I send letters, photos and small gifts as often as I choose. One Christmas I sent a kite (colourful, cost less than £5). The next letters I received showed the joy that receiving such gifts far exceeds the monetary cost. Basic school supplies are popular and much appreciated because often they are unaffordable. I cannot describe the mixture of feelings each new letter and photo brings. Through the sponsorship, my "nephew" is able to have an education and, therefore, a realistic hope of a constructive future.

Sponsorships can be shared or a group effort. Do I regret it? Absolutely not. Would I do it again? Certainly!  
Sharon Godwin (Tel: 841304)

## “Thank you”

We would like to give a big thank you to all those who contributed when Wellesbourne & District Lions toured the local villages with Santa, just before Christmas. With the help of members of a number of local charity groups, Santa was able to reach more children than ever before. At a quiz night at Kineton Village Hall on 27 January the Lions handed just over £3,800 to the 15 charities involved. During Christmas, Wellesbourne Lions were given a present from a local company of a large supply of children’s jigsaws which were distributed to the many pre school groups in our area. A nice contribution from a local company helping our community efforts. Wellesbourne & District Lions wish everyone a Happy New Year. We meet every second Monday at Walton Hall and welcome anyone who would like to help others.



*The Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI held their New Year Meal at the Boars Head, Hampton Lucy on Wednesday, 10 January 2007.*

### Complementary Therapies

Shipston Home Nursing invites you to a Complementary Therapies Day on Saturday, 24 February from 10am to 3pm at Lower Farm Barn, Great Wolford. Come and talk to holistic therapists to explore the benefits of Massage, Bowen Technique, Hypnotherapy, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology and Meditation. Enjoy a tranquil experience to improve your well being. The cost is £10 per head to include healthy refreshments and home made food. Please phone Rebecca (Tel: 01608 674929) to book.

### CPRE Celebrates its 80th Anniversary

Since 1926, the Campaign to Protect Rural England has fought to protect the beauty, life and uniqueness of our countryside. Eighty years on, is the glass half full or half empty? Considering England’s high population density and the huge growth in population and prosperity since our foundation, you might conclude our campaigning and behind-the-scenes influence have been highly successful. For England still has huge tracts of diverse, very beautiful countryside. The conclusion is strengthened if you look at the urban sprawl spreading rapidly across some European neighbours.

But each year about 21 square miles of English countryside is lost to concrete and asphalt. The countryside, its wildlife and natural resources, as well as its sheer beauty and tranquility, are under threat from sprawl, new road and airport infrastructure, and from noise, air, and light pollution. Farming, too, is under pressure to become ever more intensive and productive to meet globalised competition, yet we expect farmers to be among the leading custodians of the countryside. And climate change is coming.



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Kath welcomed everyone, wishing us all a Happy New Year. Following a very successful Christmas party meeting in December, the Boars Head made us feel very at home and relaxed for our New Year’s Meal on Wednesday, 10 January. We enjoyed good food and wine, accompanied by excellent service from Paul, the manager. Two teams took part in the county quiz competition on 22 January and we hope that a few members will be able to go to the open day at Denman College in April. Elizabeth Chapman, a farmer’s wife was the speaker at our January meeting. She has had a huge variety of interesting experiences as the wife of a local farmer. She gave up a nursing career to marry into a farming family at the tender age of 19. Stoic and strong, she has coped with numerous emergencies on their farm, developing great veterinary skills as well. Her energies have recently been channelled into a campaign drawing people’s attention to the demise of the British Dairy Farming industry. Our next meeting on Wednesday, 7 February will be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7.30pm. It will be a craft event when each member will sew a piece of a quilt which, when completed, will be raffled at the villages’ summer fetes. We look forward to welcoming future new members. HS

### From the Registers

<b>28 November</b>	<i>Funeral</i>	Jill Stoney	<i>At Oakley Wood</i>
<b>05 December</b>	<i>Funeral</i>	Laurence (Laurie) Ferguson	<i>At Oakley Wood</i>
<b>06 December</b>	<i>Funeral</i>	Barry Alfred Cole	<i>St Peter’s, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>10 December</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	Eleanor Mary Yates	<i>St Nicholas’, Loxley</i>
<b>16 December</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Juliette Barker and Anthony Ingham	<i>St Leonard’s, Charlecote</i>
<b>30 December</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Nicola Jones and Richard Girling	<i>St Leonard’s, Charlecote</i>



## Church Services FEBRUARY 2007

<b>Feb 4th</b>	Charlecote	8.30a	<i>Holy Communion (Alan Boddington)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00a	<i>Family Service (Sue Lampitt)</i>
	Loxley	6.00p	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>Feb 11th</b>	Charlecote	9.30a	<i>Morning Worship (Reader)</i>
	Loxley	11.00a	<i>Family Service (Hugh Keep)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00p	<i>Holy Communion (Neville Beamer)</i>
<b>Feb 18th</b>	Charlecote	8.30a	<i>Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00a	<i>Come &amp; Worship H/C (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	11.00a	<i>Matins (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00p	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>Feb 21st</b>	Charlecote	7.30p	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<b>Feb 25th</b>	Loxley	9.30a	<i>Holy Communion (TBA)</i>
	Charlecote	11.00a	<i>Holy Communion (Alan Boddington)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00p	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>

## Diary – FEBRUARY 2007

<b>Thu 1</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Thu 1</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, 7.45pm
<b>Sat 3</b>	<b>'Lady Molly of Scotland Yard'</b> a 'Live & Local' performance at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, tickets £8, 7.30pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	<b>Loxley PCC</b> meets at The Hall, 8pm
<b>Tue 6</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy &amp; Charlecote WI</b> meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.
<b>Thu 8</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Thu 8</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Winterburn of "Warwickshire Countryside"
<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 15</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Tue 20</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 22</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Thu 22</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets at the home of Janet and Duncan

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### THE GRAPEVINE

• **Articles** to: Ken Cockshull, 11 The Langlands, Hampton Lucy Tel: 01789 842908; grapevine3p@dsl.pipex.com

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