



# The Grapevine

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*This idyllic rural scene was captured in June this year when cattle that were at risk of drowning in a flooded field were temporarily transferred to the village of Hampton Lucy.*

Charlecote Village Hall Garden

## **SUMMER LUNCH**

**Sunday, 12 August at 12.30pm**

Scrumptious home-made food

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All ages welcome

Tickets £8 adults, £4 (6-16), 5 and under free

Contact Katriona Collins at The Malt House (Tel: 842257)

or Helen Hoggarth at The Stable House  
(Tel: 840916)

## **Having a Summer Party?**

Remember, you can hire equipment from Charlecote Village Hall. There are tables and chairs, china, cutlery, glass, even a marquee and a bowling alley! Contact Gill Belcher for details (Tel: 840324).

## **Jazz Picnic, Hampton Lucy Friday, 6 July**

Once again, we are hoping for another lovely summer evening for our Jazz Picnic in the Parish Field, Bridge Street, Hampton Lucy, on Friday, 6 July at 7.30pm. The gates will be open from 7pm, so you can set up your picnic in good time before the music starts. Tickets are available from any member of the Village Hall Committee or by telephone (Tel: 841155) and are priced at £7 for adults; £16 for a family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children, and £1 for any extra children, entry for under 5s is free. The music is again being provided by the Dene River Jazz Men. This is always a popular event and we would really recommend you come and join us. DR

## **Loxley Strawberry Fayre**

The Fayre will be held, by kind permission of the Gregory-Hood family, in the grounds of Loxley Hall between 3 and 5.30pm on Saturday, 14 July. Tickets will cost £3 and can be bought beforehand or at the gate on the day. A delicious strawberry and cream tea is included in the price. Not to be missed! This year there will be Punch and Judy shows and a Balloon Man. In addition to our usual well-stocked stalls you might like to enjoy a 'Pimms' during the afternoon. Gifts of cakes towards the tea would be appreciated as would goods for the stalls. Names and phone numbers of stall holders can be found on the 'flyers' already delivered throughout the village. So, come along and enjoy a thoroughly "village event" afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there. RM

## **Hampton Lucy School Fete**

Hampton Lucy Primary School would like to issue a warm invitation to all villagers to its annual Summer Fete on Friday, 13 July, starting at 6.30pm in the school grounds. Come along and try out our Bucking Bronco and Lassoing events (prizes to be won for adults and children!), enjoy some BBQ, and wander around our stalls. There will also be an "assault course" for children, a grand raffle, and much more. JF

## PARISH LETTER



### Our Bishop

Reading Richard Dawkins' best-seller, *The God Delusion*, I was surprised, after 300-odd pages of argument for atheism and attack on all religion, to come to the words, "my friend Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford" (p. 335). "Good for them!" I thought. Dawkins tells us his friend was one of nine bishops he had gathered, one a Roman Catholic, and nine of the leading scientists of this country – no, not to have an argument about science and religion but to write a *joint* letter of protest to the Prime Minister about the way those two subjects

were being taught in a City Academy which was dominated, as such schools are, by the views of the wealthy contributor who had been given control of it. (They received a very feeble and unsatisfactory answer, but that's not our concern at the moment.)

What does interest me is the implications such a passage has for the question raised by last month's *Grapevine*, where we were invited to contribute our two-penn'orth to the process of appointing a new Bishop of Coventry. What sort of bishop are we looking for? Does it matter? Do you care?

I *do* care. For nearly a millennium and a half, bishops have been important in the life and history of this country. Some have been proud prelates, too closely allied to the people in power. Cardinal Wolsey springs to mind! But others have been true 'fathers in God'

and a huge influence for good. I think of many, from Wulfstan nearly a thousand years ago to Edward King a century ago; men who were revered for their obvious godliness, and loved for their warm humanity and care for their clergy and people.

But what about Dawkins' friend Richard Harries? For me, he is one of those who illustrate a quality more than ever necessary in today's sceptical world: ability to understand the mind of our time. I always listened more carefully when he did 'Thought for the Day', as I hope he still may. I hope our bishop too will be a man who is fully conversant with the modern understanding of the universe, yet no less a man of Christian faith and life than those shining examples from the past: one who will be to some of us a 'father in God', and to all in his diocese a friend and an influence for good. GTE



## PARISH NEWS

### An Update from the Prayer Group

Our Morning Prayer Group met regularly in Church at 9.00am on a Monday morning for most of the year. We were very sorry to lose Sarah and some members too. We were pleased to be there for some occasions of special need, and hope to re-establish our morning meetings. Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy (Tel: 840646), in spite of their upheavals from Charlecote to Stratford, and from Stratford to Wellesbourne, have generously continued to provide a venue for our 3-weekly Evening Prayer Group, for which we have been very grateful. Our meetings are special times of coming together in God's presence, with a word from the Bible, sharing news and concerns, upholding those in need, and all who give to our community in various ways. We also pray about worldwide issues. We meet at 7.45 for 8.00pm and finish by 9.30pm. The dates are in *The Grapevine*. Please feel free to come and join us. There is always a lovely welcome. Either Nicky Steel (Tel: 841893) or Anne Baker (Tel: 841305) would be very happy to give a lift to anyone who would like to join us.

### From the Registers

<b>22nd April</b>	<i>Blessing</i>	William ap Ioreth	<i>St Leonard's Charlecote</i>
<b>19th May</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Robert Charles Allen and Rachel Anne Lawrance	<i>St Nicholas' Loxley</i>
<b>20th May</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	Madison Louise Brown-Harris and Ellie Elizabeth Brown-Harris	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>26th May</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Benjamin Fitzhugh and Lucy Cook	<i>St Leonard's Charlecote</i>
<b>26th May</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	James Bishton and Catherine Louise Goodwin	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>5th June</b>	<i>Interment</i>	John Victor Wakefield	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>8th June</b>	<i>Funeral</i>	Michael Stephen Gadd	<i>St Nicholas' Loxley</i>



## Loxley Tennis Club

We have a fantastic facility in the village of Loxley that we want to promote. The Loxley Tennis Club is open to new and past members. It does not matter if you are an experienced player or have never played before; please join us in re-invigorating this excellent local amenity. The cost of annual membership is very low and you can play as often as you like.

Loxley Resident, Family Membership £25.00

Loxley Resident, Individual Membership £15.00

Outside Loxley, Family Membership £35.00

Outside Loxley, Individual Membership £20.00

If you would like more information about Loxley Tennis club please contact any of the following: Paul Jennings ([pauljennings@siemens.com](mailto:pauljennings@siemens.com) Tel: 842599), Sharon Plant (Tel: 470985, [sharon@plant-family.net](mailto:sharon@plant-family.net)), Vicky Leach (Tel: 842737), or Carolyn Ayres (Tel: 841122).

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

Peter Fisher, this year's retiring president, outlined the main events of the past year. The support provided by the Lions has ranged from financial help to local young people carrying out voluntary work overseas, helping our senior citizens with unmanageable gardens to supporting the Kinton Scouts attend their district jamboree. At Christmas, 16 local charities joined us to help with the Father Christmas sleighs and shared over £3,000 as a result. Recently, a number of our senior citizens were treated to a "Lions' lunch" and a trip to the Cotswolds. In June we hosted 20 children from Chernobyl for a fun day out in our area.

During the year, Peter's wife Sheila together with the Lions' wives and partners also organised a number of fund-raising events, the most recent being a "Lion racing" night at Barford which contributed £920 to The Parkinson's Disease Society.

The incoming President, Max Down, will now continue the 35-year history of the club as one of the most active local voluntary service organisations.

## Scams

Flyers are being posted through doors in Rugby offering tree care and other gardening work. The leaflets carry only 0800 and mobile telephone numbers and give no addresses. Consumers are warned to be wary of accepting any offer of work from traders who do not give verifiable addresses.



## Loxley WI

We joined friends at Ashorne & Newbold Pacey for the May Resolutions Meeting. This year's Resolution, to be aired at the Annual WI meeting in the Albert Hall was to do with the retention and funding of Community (Cottage) Hospitals. There was a lively debate and the consensus was that the Government and NHS should get their acts together and not let so much money disappear into "black holes"! After delicious refreshments, the evening ended with a hilarious game of "Beetle". Our June "Members Meeting" (held too late to be reviewed for this edition of *The Grapevine*) promises to be another evening to remember, if rumour is to be believed! We look forward to July when member Mary Baker, an ex "Guide Friday" guide, will tell us some of her experiences on the famous green tour buses. Visits to 'Snowhill Lavender' and to Milldene are planned as is our annual Summer Supper Party, but much more of these events anon. RM



## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

The popular Members Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 June was very well attended and had an oriental theme. The speaker, Kathryn Henderson, gave an excellent talk on the history of acupuncture and its application to specific parts of the body. This was followed by a varied selection of Chinese-based refreshments which was greatly enjoyed. The next meeting is in Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 4 July with a talk on 'The Lighter Side of Travel'. We begin at 7.30pm and new members and guests are very welcome.

We have now donated a 'Harlequin Glory Bower' tree to the Charles Maries Trail in Hampton Lucy. The tree, more formally known as *Clerodendrum trichotomum*, was introduced from China by Charles Maries in about 1880. Some members were fortunate to have seen one flowering in the gardens of Highgrove last year. MRW

## Tenth Annual Auction

The Friends of the Shakespeare Hospice are asking for good quality items of china, silver- and metal-ware, paintings and small items of furniture which will fit into a car boot. If you have anything to donate, please ring either Marian Morgan (Tel: 293695) or Jill Taylor (Tel: 295546).

## Advance notice

### Charlecote Village Hall

### WINE AND WISDOM EVENING

Friday, 23 November

(NB. Please note change of date)



## Church Services JULY/AUGUST 2007

<b>July 1st</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Family Service (Michael Ashton)</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>July 8th</b>	Charlecote	9.30am	<i>Morning Worship (Keith &amp; Mary Blackburn)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Family Service (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion (Richard Williams)</i>
<b>July 15th</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Come &amp; Worship Holy Comm (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Matins (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>July 22nd</b>	Loxley	9.30am	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
	Charlecote	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion (TBA)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>July 29th</b>	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Joint Parishes Service, BCP Holy Comm.</i>
<b>Aug 5th</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy		<i>No service</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (TBA)</i>
<b>Aug 12th</b>	Charlecote	9.30am	<i>Morning Worship (Reader)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Family Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion (Richard Williams)</i>
<b>Aug 19th</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Come &amp; Worship Holy Comm (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Matins (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>Aug 26th</b>	Loxley	9.30am	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
	Charlecote	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Norman Howes)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>

### Diary – JULY 2007

<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Tue 3, 10</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy &amp; Charlecote WI</b> meets in Charlecote Village Hall. Talk on 'The Lighter Side of Travel', 7.30pm.
<b>Thu 5, 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
<b>Thu 5</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy church, 7.45pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	<b>Jazz Picnic</b> in Parish Field, Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	<b>Loxley Parish Council</b> meets at the school, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 12</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> meets at The Manor. Mary Baker, 'Tour Bus Trail', 7.30pm.
<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy School Fete</b> in the school grounds, 6.30pm
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Loxley Strawberry Fayre</b> , at The Hall, 3-5.30pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Tue 17</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy Parish Council</b> meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 26</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy church, 7.45pm

### Diary – AUGUST 2007

<b>Wed 1, 8</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 9</b>	<b>Loxley WI Summer Meeting</b> . Venue to be announced
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>Summer Lunch</b> in Charlecote Village Hall Garden, 12.30pm
<b>Thu 16</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets at Hampton Lucy church, 7.45pm

### Forthcoming Events—September

<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
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### Wellesbourne Pre-School

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### THE GRAPEVINE

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