



# The Grapevine

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## Charlecote Summer Lunch

This new event in Charlecote's social calendar was held on Sunday, 12 August and 45 people enjoyed a delicious lunch and traditional musical entertainment provided by John Penn and his band in the beautiful surroundings of the Village Hall garden. The proceeds of over £400 were given to Village Hall funds. HH

*From left to right in the foreground of the picture are Pat and Bernard Harrison and Vanessa and Ian Lewis*

## Baroque Concert

There will be a concert of baroque music given by Warwickshire Baroque at 7.30pm on Saturday, 8 September in St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy. The programme will include oboe concertos by Albinoni and Telemann. Tickets £5 from either Tim Bugg or Nikki Steel. Proceeds will go towards church funds.

## Recycling

The Stratford Upon Avon Freecycle™ group is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it. Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate! One main rule: everything posted must be free. This group is part of The Freecycle Network, a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. Check out Freecycle.org for other cities and info on the movement! E-mail stratforduponavonfreecycle-owner@yahoo.com for questions or improvement ideas! Have fun and jump right in!

## Village of the Year

Hampton Lucy is Warwickshire's Village of the Year 2007 and now we have the opportunity to go into the Central Region competition. We will receive a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant in the village hall on Saturday, 13 October. This is a great compliment to all those residents who have put in a lot of effort for the benefit of their community.

The village has also been named the Best Kept Village in the Stratford District and will receive an award in Sambourne village hall on Saturday, 29 September. Our thanks are due to the commitment and energy of so many people dedicated to maintaining a high standard throughout the village. Unfortunately there is nothing they can do about our roadside verges which have come in for criticism once again. Well done, Hampton Lucy! MW

## A Ceilidh in Hampton Lucy

We shall be holding a ceilidh again in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 22 September at 7.30 pm. You are warmly invited to this most enjoyable evening of dancing and music. John Dunkerton and Lee are providing the music and guidance and we can guarantee an evening of fun and laughter. Tickets are available from members of the Hall Committee or by phone (Tel: 841155). The cost is £5 for adults and £2 for children. The Committee will be running a bar and providing 'nibbles'. We look forward to seeing you there. DR

## Warwickshire Farm Praise and Food Fayre

Make Saturday, 22 September a diary date for your taste buds. Warwickshire's finest farm and food producers are gathering under one roof to tempt you with their mouth-watering samples of great food and drink. You, your family and friends are welcome. There will be farm walks and rural crafts, attractions for children and a cooking demonstration from 'Ladies in Pigs', all in the heart of the beautiful Kingston estate. The finale is the harvest festival with music and a service of farm praise. Please join us at Kingston Farm, Harbury from 10.30am onwards, with the service at 4.00pm. Entry and car park are free. For further details ring the ARC-Addington Fund (Tel: 024 76690587).

## PARISH LETTER



### Our New Vicar

On Sunday, 12 August it was announced, with much rejoicing, that our next vicar is to be the Revd David Jessett. His institution will be in early autumn.



David is currently Rector of Barford and Vicar of both Sherbourne and Wasperton and will continue in these posts. He is 51 and is married to Sue. They have a son, Guy, aged 13. Many of you will know David from his work locally and will appreciate his unquestionable ability and

extensive experience gained through his training posts and his ministry over nearly 30 years, ten of which have been based at Barford. He has a wide range of interests including motor racing. (We hope not on the bypass between the parishes).

In addition, the Diocese will appoint another priest in a "house-for-duty" role, to offer Sunday services and 2 days per week in support of all the parishes. Whilst planning is in its early stages, I know that David has committed to allocate his time as far as possible equally across the two benefices. We are particularly grateful to our fellow parishioners in Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton for supporting this change and look forward to building new friendships.

Some of you will, no doubt, be disappointed that we will not have a new Rector in this benefice. However, the plan for Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley to work in partnership with Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton is exciting and brings with it great opportunity. Whilst we have recognised that there will need to be changes for the

better, it is not currently planned that the benefices will be combined. As churchwardens, we have also been aware of the limitations to growing the Church here, both spiritually and in numbers by seeking the range of skills needed within one person. We ask an enormous amount from our *vicar*, from working with our schools and families to ministering to the sick and older members of our population. This places great demands on them and their time.

In this media age, expectations are understandably high. We believe that this appointment will help us move forward in the parishes and develop more fully our individual offerings to each other under strong and flexible leadership. **CPR**

*The Licensing service for the Revd David Jessett has been set provisionally for the evening of Wednesday, 10 October at St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy*



## PARISH NEWS

### News from St Leonard's

We were lucky with the weather for our Garden Party in June and funds were boosted by over £1,400. Our thanks to all who supported the event, with a special mention for members of the WI who not only ran the cake stall but also contributed half the proceeds of the Quilt Raffle. The successful completion of Stage 1 of the Restoration of St Leonard's was celebrated with a party at Thelsford Farm. This took place on one of the wettest days ever, Friday, 20 July, but this did not dampen our spirits one bit. There will be a very special Harvest Evensong on Sunday, 23 September at 6pm. The Festival Singers will lead the celebrations and the service will be followed by a simple supper in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We hope to be joined by members of all three villages, especially the farming community. **CT**



Steve, Jamie and George on the new skateboard ramp

### Hampton Lucy Skateboard Ramp

In the May *Grapevine* we asked what should be done with the skateboard ramp in Hampton Lucy playing field, which was in a bad state. The response was a resounding "Mend it!" and a quote for £1780 for a full restoration was obtained. An application to Stratford District Council produced a quarter of this; the John Lucy Trust gave us a quarter, the parish council will pay a quarter, the Wellesbourne Lions gave £200, and Clive Naylor, in a magnificent fund-raising effort, has already raised £640 from generous villagers, so there is a little left over for other playing field projects. The work on the ramp was completed on 1 August, just in time for the fine weather. Many, many thanks to everybody and all those organisations who made a contribution. AS

### The Raft Race

Well what a wet June we all had! Sadly, our Annual Charity Raft Race, this year in support of the local charity The Jennifer Trust, was a casualty. The race, which had over 40 teams all set to go on Sunday, 23 June, had to be abandoned on safety grounds. However, the good news is that the teams are set to have a go on the new date of Sunday, 2 September. GC

### Loxley Strawberry Fayre

Fortunately, the sun decided to shine and the Annual Strawberry Fayre held on Saturday, 14 July, was a most enjoyable event. Although attendance was slightly down, a sum in excess of £1700 nett was realised during the afternoon. All ages were catered for; the Punch and Judy was a great success as was the 'Pimms'! Many thanks to all who helped, before, during and after the event and to everyone who attended. Most particularly, thanks are due to the Gregory Hood family for the wonderful venue. RM

### Jazz Picnic

The Jazz Picnic held in the Parish Field at Hampton Lucy on 6 July was again a resounding success. Our thanks to the Village Hall Committee for organising it so well. As evident from the accompanying photograph, the band has developed quite a following.



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We are devastated to hear of the tragic death of Carolyn Thorpe whilst on holiday in France. Her death will leave us bereft of a wonderful contributor to many aspects of life in our community.

The next WI meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 September, at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. We welcome Ken Cockshull talking about "Colour in the Winter Garden". Ken is regularly involved with judging at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea and Hampton Court Palace Flower Shows. The October meeting has M. Miles of the National Trust whose talk is called "The Baron of Packwood". November is the AGM and we end the year by celebrating a Victorian Christmas. Visitors are always welcome and we hope to recruit more members for next year. So, please do come along and enjoy an evening with us. The meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month. HS



### Loxley WI

Our Summer Supper Party at Houndshill in August was a most enjoyable event. It was a most happy 'get together' after having to cancel other planned events due to the unseasonable inclement weather. Looking back, our 'Members' Meeting' in June really was an evening to remember. A member had arranged for a belly dancer to be the evening's speaker! We didn't quite know what to expect but the evening proved to be most entertaining. The history of this form of dance is fascinating and yes, we were all invited to 'have a go'. Some performed more successfully than others, but it was all good fun! July saw Mary Baker taking us on a delightful tour of Stratford and the properties of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Her reminiscences as a former tour guide were most entertaining. Sadly, member Pauline Whitehouse died late in July. Her Humanist burial service was a very happy occasion, attended by several members. We look forward to our September meeting when we welcome Mr Edwards and 'Scriptease', and to our Group Meeting at Ashorne on Tuesday, 25 September. RM





## Church Services SEPTEMBER 2007

<b>Sept 2nd</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion BCP (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Family Service (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>Sept 9th</b>	Charlecote	9.30am	<i>Morning Worship (Reader)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Family Service (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion (David Jessett)</i>
<b>Sept 16th</b>	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Come &amp; Worship, Baptisms (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Matins (Mac Parry)</i>
<b>NB</b>	<b>Sherbourne</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b><i>Evensong (Bishop Colin)</i></b>
<b>Sept 23rd</b>	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion BCP (Tony Upton)</i>
	Loxley	9.30am	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
<b>NB</b>	<b>Charlecote</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b><i>Harvest Festival Evensong with the Charlecote Festival Singers (Mac Parry)</i></b>
<b>Sept 30th</b>	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Joint Parishes Service and Loxley Harvest</i>

### Diary – SEPTEMBER 2007

<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>Raft Race</b> from Wasperton to Stratford-upon-Avon
<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Loxley Parish Council</b> meets at 7.30pm
<b>Tue 4, 11</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy &amp; Charlecote WI</b> meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Talk on 'Colour in the Winter Garden', 7.30pm.
<b>Thu 6, 12</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
<b>Thu 6</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets, venue to be arranged
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>Baroque Concert</b> in St Peter's, Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>Loxley PCC</b> meets at The Manor, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 13</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> meets at The Manor, Mr Edwards and 'Scriptease' 7.30pm
<b>Tue 18, 25</b>	<b>Keep-fit Class</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Wed 19</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy Parish Council</b> meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Thu 20, 27</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>Ceilidh</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Tue 25</b>	<b>WI Group meeting</b> at Ashorne, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
<b>Thu 27</b>	<b>Parishes' Prayer Group</b> meets, venue to be arranged

### From the Registers

<b>7th July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Richard Edward Bryan and Claire Louise Bidmead	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>14th July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	David Andrew Bloxham and Kelly-Anne Towey	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>21st July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	David Chamberlain and Alison James	<i>St Nicholas', Loxley</i>
<b>21st July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Thomas Jethro Perkins and Caroline Elizabeth Kelly	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
<b>4th August</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	James Murphy and Ellie Fox	<i>St Nicholas', Loxley</i>
<b>4th August</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	William Keith Newton and Nicola Jane Gray	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>

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