

The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

* **Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper** *
* **Saturday, 6 October** *
* **at 7.30 pm** *
* **In the Village Hall** *
* **Tickets £5.00 (Tel: 842251)** *
* **Come and join us for this popular event!** *

Saturday, 26 November

Charlecote Village Hall

'Wine and Wisdom'

Evening

7.15 for 7.30pm

(quiz will start promptly)

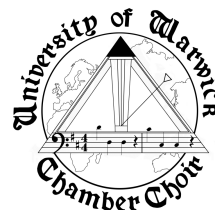
£8 per head

Please phone Gill Belcher (Tel: 840324) or
Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916) if you are
interested in joining a team

Hampton Lucy Warwickshire's Village of the Year 2007

Following our success in this competition, the Lord Lieutenant will present Hampton Lucy with a plaque in the village hall between 3 and 4pm on Saturday, 13 October. Judging of the Village Ventures competition will also take place that afternoon which will give us all an opportunity to view and discuss the exhibitions made by the ten villages to illustrate their achievements. Please come along and give us your ideas for the future of Hampton Lucy.

University of Warwick Chamber Choir



A Free Concert

Sunday, 4 November at 7.30pm

St James' Church, Alveston

Tickets are free but it is recommended you reserve them in advance at uwcc@warwick.ac.uk (Tel: 07792 907947). Any remaining tickets will be available at the door on the day. There will be a 'Retiring Collection'.

In aid of Shipston Home Nursing

Lectures at Armscote Manor

A series of lectures on gardening topics will be held at Armscote Manor from 1 to 5 October, by kind invitation of Deborah Williams. Telephone for more information (Tel: 01608 682375).

A Bridge Drive

At Bourton-on-the Hill Bridge Club
On Wednesday, October 17 at 2.00 pm
£5.00 per person including afternoon tea

To book tickets please contact either
Allan Lamb (Tel: 01386 701603) or
Maki Sutton (Tel: 01608 661539)

Hampton Lucy Primary School

Hampton Lucy Primary School has already welcomed the new nursery children to its Foundation Unit. They joined the new Reception children in the Class 1 building which was redecorated during the summer holidays following building work to install new toilets and to repair damp problems. There are eight places for nursery children, aged 3 and over, each morning from 9 to 11.30am. If you would like more information, please contact Helen Chesterton, Office Manager (Tel: 840398).

PARISH LETTERS



What I Believe

As you may have read in last month's *Grapevine*, I am to be licensed as your new 'Vicar' on Wednesday, 10 October at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy church. The service is open to all and I look forward to meeting many of you then. This first letter seems like a good opportunity to share with you some of the basics of what I believe about God and the Church.

For me, God – as revealed in Jesus Christ – is the one who created everything that is (probably over several billion years rather than seven days); the one who loves all of us His children – whether we believe in Him or not; the one who helps us – if we are open to it – to be the best we can and to lead more loving lives; and the one who offers us eternal life – a new kind of living where grief and pain and conflict are no more.

Christians, therefore, as the Church, are called to engage in three basic activities: worship, nurture and mission. We worship God – hopefully in a joyful way – because He is the awesome creator of everything that is. We nurture one another in order to grow in faith, hope, and love, and to become better Christians. We go out in mission

to share the love that God has shown to us with other people, in order to help them to discover more deeply for themselves what it is to be loved by God. We may do this by sharing our own experiences of being Christians or by doing what we can for others in very practical ways.

This is the viewpoint with which I come. I am sure we will get to know each other better in the months and years to come. As for the way things are going to work, I and a 'House for Duty' priest colleague will work together across the six parishes. The fine detail will need to be worked out with the Church Councils and congregations as we go along but I believe it can be made to work even if in a slightly different way from the previous pattern.

David Jessett

The Thread of Life

Once again Death has come stalking into our community, shocking, final, unbelievable, untimely. We shouldn't really be surprised, but we are. We know it is always there, hovering in the background, but most of us manage to keep at least *untimely* death at bay. We are shocked, we are heart-broken, we are angry, we feel robbed.

All this is especially true for those who knew Carolyn Thorpe, and that includes many people in our three communities, as Carolyn was always at the centre of life in

our villages. Whatever was planned, Carolyn was involved; effective and competent, a person of integrity and generous with her time, she lived her life outwards, putting others first.

There will be many of you who recognise this experience, who have had the heart and soul torn out of your lives, suddenly, inexplicably and in a sense there is nothing more to be said and yet, the Christian hope will not let silence have the final word.

Down through the ages has come the grief-turned-to-joy account, handed on by those

who experienced it, of the death and resurrection of Jesus. These words have been the testimony of an unbroken chain of witnesses for two thousand years and we inherit that faith.

It can be hard to believe, it probably doesn't much lessen the sadness, but it puts down a marker, it says firmly and positively that life is not made futile by death, but that death is a doorway to the future and a life well-lived leaves a legacy, and takes with it a harvest, of goodness. We give thanks to God for Carolyn's life, well-lived.

Susan Lampitt

From the Registers

7th July	<i>Wedding</i>	Richard Edward Bryan and Claire Louise Bidmead	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
19th August	<i>Baptism</i>	Fraser Luke Alexander MacKinlay	<i>St Leonard's Charlecote</i>
31st August	<i>Wedding</i>	Steven Anthony Pittam and Jane Elizabeth Buxton	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
1st September	<i>Wedding</i>	Justin Paul Seely and Georgina Mary Robinson	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>
2nd September	<i>Baptism</i>	Benjamin Maxwell Spencer	<i>St Peter's, Hampton Lucy</i>

Loxley School

After a fantastic Leavers' Service, the summer term ended in chaos with the school having to close early due to the floods. Some children couldn't get home and had to stay with friends in the village. Building work started during the summer holidays and is still on schedule to finish at half term. The new floor is looking good and we can put up with the temporary loss of the library because it will be worth it when the new room is finished. We have a list of exciting events scheduled in the autumn term: trips to Compton Verney, and Ryton Organic; a poetry workshop; a visit from a music ensemble, and the harvest festival all take place before half term. We have been invited to attend the Warwickshire Travel Awards Ceremony because of our good work on walking to school. We shall start the new year once again committed to being a sustainable, environmentally friendly, 'Eco School'. DH

Warwickshire Baroque

On Saturday, 8 September, Warwickshire Baroque once again visited Hampton Lucy church to give a concert of baroque music. Warwickshire Baroque is a group of leading amateur string players from Warwickshire orchestras, directed by Eddie Jones, who play baroque music in the style of the period, using mainly authentic instruments, with harpsichord accompaniment. They played several string pieces by Handel, Telemann, Vivaldi, and the famous Pachelbel Canon. Two oboe concertos, by Telemann and Albinoni, were played on baroque oboes by Sue Cannan, and the sound of the baroque oboe and strings in the wonderful acoustic of St. Peter's church was delightful. A guest harpsichord player, Peter Collier, played a small set of solo pieces from the Elizabethan period, complete with stories about the music and dance of the time. The audience had an opportunity to talk to members of the band during the interval, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. The local organiser was Tim Bugg, one of the violinists in the band, and the proceeds of £250 from the concert have been donated to the Church.

Mobile Phone Scam

If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person saying that he or she is a company engineer or telling you that they're checking your mobile line and you have to press #90 or #09 or any other number, end the call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your 'SIM' card and make calls at your expense.



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



A very full meeting held on Wednesday, 5 September opened with a minute's silence for Carolyn Thorpe who will be sadly missed by all the members. The speaker for the evening was Ken Cockshull, whose subject was 'Colour in the Winter Garden'.

He showed lots of colourful slides to illustrate his talk and also gave advice on suitable plants and shrubs to brighten up our gardens in winter.

The October meeting will be held at Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 3 October at 7.30pm with a talk on 'The Baron of Packwood' to be given by Mr M Miles of the National Trust. MRW

Beware! Caller Scams

All householders are warned to beware of callers falsely claiming to be working on behalf of Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and offering to fit free burglar alarms. This is a scam and those that agree to the fitting of an alarm are likely to be asked for payment for installation and pressured into signing a contract for a long and potentially very expensive alarm-monitored service.

Also, beware of the activities of several men who are reported to be offering residents a £110 Argos 'credit' card to be paid back at £5 per week. They are asking for personal/financial details such as date of birth. Argos has confirmed that this approach has nothing to do with them. The men are reported to have been abusive when challenged. Trading standards believe this may be an attempt to elicit information for identity theft.

The Raft Race

The weather on Sunday 2nd September was kind this time, the river was not in flood and off went 38 raft teams to compete in the Wellesbourne & District Lions Club's re-scheduled 30th annual raft race from Wasperton to Stratford. This year the beneficiary was The Jennifer Trust based locally in Stratford-upon-Avon, the only UK charity supporting children affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The rafters are still collecting their sponsorship which we will hand over in November.

The Lions' ladies will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 13 October from 9.30am until 12 noon in the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne. Books, videos and bric-a-brac will be on sale. All proceeds will go towards the 'The Friendship Project', a charity which improves the social opportunities for vulnerable children in Warwickshire. To raise funds in support of Noonan's Syndrome, a branch of the Birth Defects Foundation, the club is holding another 'Race Night' at St Peter's Church Hall on Friday, 10 November at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £7.50 each to include a hot supper and dessert. Give Lion President Max Down a call (Tel: 841567) and come along for a night of fun. GC



Church Services OCTOBER 2007

- Oct 7th** Charlecote 8.30am *Holy Communion BCP (Tony Upton)*
Hampton Lucy 10.00am *Family Service (Bob Clucas)*
Loxley 6.00pm *Evensong (Mac Parry)*
- Oct 10th** Hampton Lucy 7.30pm *Licensing Service for David Jessett*
- Oct 14th** Charlecote 9.30am *Morning Worship (Keith & Mary Blackburn)*
Loxley 11.00am *Family Service (Hugh Keep)*
Hampton Lucy 6.00pm *Holy Communion (David Jessett)*
- Oct 21st** Charlecote 8.30am *Holy Communion (David Jessett)*
Hampton Lucy 10.00am *Come & Worship (Bob Clucas)*
Loxley 11.00am *Matins (Mac Parry)*
Hampton Lucy 6.00pm *Evensong (Mac Parry)*
- Oct 28th** Loxley 9.30am *BCP Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)*
Charlecote 11.00am *Common Worship (tba)*
Hampton Lucy 6.00pm *Evensong (Mac Parry)*
- Nov 4th** Charlecote 8.30am *Holy Communion (David Jessett)*
Hampton Lucy 10.00am *Family Service (Bob Clucas)*
Loxley 6.00pm *Evensong (Mac Parry)*

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- Tue 2** **Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 3** **Tai Chi** class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Wed 3** **Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI** meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. Talk on 'The Baron of Packwood' by Mr. Miles.
- Thu 4** **Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Mon 8** **Afternoon Teas** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tue 9** **Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 10** **Tai Chi** class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 11** **Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 11** **Loxley WI** meets at The Manor, Mrs Renfrew will tell us about the "Mystery and Magic of Straw-work", 7.30pm
- Sat 13** **'Village of the Year' Presentation** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, probably between 3 and 4pm but see notice board.
- Mon 15** **Loxley Parish Council** meets at 7.30pm, venue to be announced
- Tue 16** **Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 17** **Tai Chi** class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 18** **Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 18** **Parishes' Prayer Group** meets at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, 7.45pm. Transport can be arranged. Please contact either Nicky Steel (Tel: 841893) or Anne Baker (Tel: 841305).
- Mon 22** **Afternoon Teas** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tue 23** **Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 24** **Tai Chi** class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 25** **Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Tue 30** **Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 31** **Tai Chi** class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am

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THE GRAPEVINE

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

• **Please** keep all news items short, (fewer than 200 words), and add a contact telephone number.

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