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Chris Johns leads the teams into the critical 'Music' round at the Wine and Wisdom evening in Charlecote.



Christmas Afternoon Teas in Hampton Lucy Village Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – FEBRUARY

Snowdrop Ceilidh



A 'Snowdrop Ceilidh' will be held on Saturday, 2 February, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Music will be provided by the Draught Guinness Band (John Dunkerton and Lee Robinson). Tickets will be available from any of the Hall

Management Committee or by phone (Tel: 841155). The cost will be £5 for adults and £2 for children. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle and the committee will provide 'nibbles'. We look forward to seeing you there – it's great fun! DR

Making Wills and Inheritance Tax Planning

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI is holding an Open Meeting on Wednesday, 6 February in Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7.30pm at which Mr Donald Hunter, a well-known local solicitor, has been invited to speak on the topic of "Making Wills and Inheritance Tax Planning". Anyone who is interested (men and women) is invited to attend.

The Mobile Library Service

The County Council launched its revamped mobile library service in January. There are now five library vehicles, named Romeo, Cleopatra, Othello, Hamlet, and Titania, and it is Romeo who will be coming to our villages at the locations and times shown:-

Friday, 15 February

Loxley, Goldicote House at 13.30 for 15 minutes

Charlecote, Village Hall at 14.00 for 20 minutes

Hampton Lucy, opposite the Boar's Head at 14.45 for 20 minutes.

Under the new arrangements the mobile library will provide:-

Large and small print titles

Spoken versions

Books for young children

Information on the net

Local library and County Council information screens

If you have any questions about the service, or you wish to renew books between visits, please phone the County Council (Tel: 01926 851031).

Future Dates:-

Mar 7, 28; Apr 18; May 9, 30; June 20; July 11; Aug 1, 22; Sept 12; Oct 3, 24; Nov 14; Dec 5.

PARISH LETTER



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Dear Friends,

Since my last letter, I had the experience of addressing a congregation of 110 people, most of them aged under thirty. They had gathered in Hampton Lucy church to say farewell to, and to give thanks for, the life of a friend of theirs who had been killed in a car accident. It was, of course, a very sad occasion and it presented me with a considerable challenge to try to say something that would make sense of this situation in terms of God's role in it. There were no easy answers.

In the end what I tried to say was that my understanding of God was that in creating us, He has tried to make us capable of acting freely and so to be able to make genuine choices. This means that we can choose to love one another or not. In other words He has not made us like robots who only do what He

commands. There is plenty of evidence that this is the case in the world. Unfortunately, this also means that we can get things horribly wrong with tragic and irreversible consequences. It is a scary truth.

However, to go with this there are two joyful and comforting truths. Firstly, that God has not abandoned us to our fate but intervened in the world in Jesus to show us that His love and power extend beyond life as we experience it here. The resurrection of Jesus, which we shall celebrate in our Easter festival next month is, therefore, at the heart of the Christian Gospel and expresses the hope which this truth offers us.

Secondly, while God may not intervene to stop such tragic things happening, that does not mean that He is indifferent to them. Rather, because He loves us all, He draws near to us in our difficult times as well as our good times and gives us the strength to keep going. I believe also that He is there to guide us in our decisions as we pray for that and listen to what He may be saying to us.

Even, and perhaps especially, in the face of devastatingly sad events it seems to me that Christianity has something to offer.

David Jessett



PARISH NEWS

Meet the Vicar in Loxley!

On Thursday, 21 February, the Revd David Jessett will be at Loxley School from 7pm to meet anyone who wishes to meet the vicar. There will be a glass of wine and some nibbles. David will introduce himself and there will be the opportunity to ask him questions.

We are still looking forward to Revd Alan Wheale coming to assist David across our new group of six parishes. He is unlikely to arrive among us before the end of March but we shall have the opportunity to meet him at a later date.

Ash Wednesday, 6 February

As we have only one priest across our six parishes it has been agreed that for this year, there will be one Ash Wednesday service in our group. It will be held at St Peter's, Barford at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 6 February.

This means that it will be an opportunity for members of all six congregations to come together as we did at David Jessett's Licensing and so to begin Lent together.

Forthcoming Attractions Saturday 1 March

The Charlecote Festival Singers will be at Hampton Lucy Church at 4.30pm for a Choral Evensong (Cathedral Style).

Saturday 8 March

The Stratford Chamber Choir will perform Gabrieli's 'In Ecclesiis' and other items at St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 from Elizabeth Hunter, Hill House, Hampton Lucy.

Food for Thought

We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience.



Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Kath Gardner, the President, welcomed everyone to the January meeting, wishing us all a Happy New Year. We were also delighted to welcome three new members. We hope that they will enjoy future meetings and social events. Following a very successful Christmas party in December, we are having our New Year meal in the King's Head, Wellesbourne. Mr. Scharf, the speaker for January's meeting brought an interesting collection of antique writing materials to help him illustrate his talk. He had some very unusual writing equipment and his enthusiasm and knowledge helped to broaden our awareness of the subject. Our meeting on 6 February in Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7.30pm will include a talk by Donald Hunter on "Making Wills and Inheritance Planning". All are welcome. HS

Message in a bottle

"*Message in a bottle*" is a new initiative launched by Wellesbourne Lions. It's simply a special small plastic bottle which is kept in the owner's fridge containing details of their personal medication requirements. When help is needed from the emergency services or friends they can quickly find the information to help ensure the correct medical response. If you want a bottle or you want to find out how the scheme might help you or a senior citizen near you, call Max Down (Tel: 841567).

Scams

Trading Standards Service has been alerted to a work-from-home scam that is being offered by e-mail. Recipients are offered the opportunity to earn large sums of money working from home. Your task is to receive payment from the company's customers, bank the payments in your own account, deduct 10% as your fee, and send the remaining money on to the company. Unfortunately the cheques you receive will be counterfeit or stolen. The cheques will initially clear, but when the bank finds out that they are bogus, it will remove the funds from your account. If by then you have already forwarded most of the money to the 'company', that money is lost and you will be seriously out of pocket.

Another scam involves bogus emails which falsely purport to come from Paypal. One relates to 'confirming your personal details' and requests that the recipient login to their account and provide personal and financial information. The other, entitled 'You Have a Payment Pending' says that someone has sent you some money and to complete the payment you must follow a link in the email. Always delete such emails and never click on the links they contain. To do so could expose you to a risk of fraud and your PC to the risk of virus infections.

Complementary Therapies

Shipston Home Nursing invites you to a Complementary Therapies Day on Saturday, 23 February between 10am and 3pm at Lower Farm Barn, Great Wolford.

Come and talk to holistic therapists to explore the benefits of Aromatherapy Massage, Indian Head, Reflexology, and Energy Field Therapy. Enjoy a tranquil experience to improve your well-being. Admission costs £20 per head to include everything; entrance, tea/coffee and home made biscuits, fresh orange and bottled water available throughout the day, home-made soup and bread, PLUS at least three fifteen minute sessions with the therapists of your choosing. To book your place please call Rebecca (Tel: 01608 674929). RM

Ruth Morris

Ruth Morris, who provides *The Grapevine* with much of its copy about the village of Loxley, is home once more after spending New Year's Day in hospital undergoing operations on both of her knees. She has asked me to thank everyone who so kindly sent her messages of concern and encouragement both during her hospital stay and since coming home. As she says, "the worst is now over and there is light at the end of the tunnel. By Strawberry Fayre, I shall be able to do high kicks and 'all that jazz' with my brand new knees."

So, look out! - Editor

Wellesbourne Lions

The Lions Race Night in early November was well supported and as a result a cheque for £680 was donated to the local Noonan's Syndrome support group. At the 2007 Raft Race presentation night in late November the Lions handed the race sponsorship of £7,750 to the Stratford-based Jennifer Trust.

Each year the Stratford & Alcester fire crews help by lifting the rafts out at the race finish. It was, therefore, with sadness for friends lost that we made our collection for the Warwickshire Firemen's Fund at Wellesbourne Co-op. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed. Stratford and Wellesbourne Lions added to the money raised and the sum of £1,200 was handed to the firemen's Stratford colleagues.





Church Services FEBRUARY 2008

Feb 3rd	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Charlecote	8.30am <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Hampton Lucy	10.00am <i>Family Service</i>
Loxley	6.00pm <i>Evensong (BCP)</i>
Feb 6th	Ash Wednesday - A Joint Service for All Six Parishes
Barford	7.30pm <i>Holy Communion</i>
Feb 10th	The First Sunday of Lent
Charlecote	9.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>
Loxley	11.00am <i>Family Service</i>
Hampton Lucy	6.00pm <i>Holy Communion</i>
Feb 17th	The Second Sunday of Lent
Charlecote	8.30am <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Hampton Lucy	10.00am <i>Come and Worship</i>
Loxley	11.00am <i>Matins (BCP)</i>
Hampton Lucy	6.00pm <i>Evensong (BCP)</i>
Feb 24th	The Third Sunday of Lent
Loxley	9.30am <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Charlecote	11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>
Hampton Lucy	6.00pm <i>Evensong (BCP)</i>

Diary – FEBRUARY 2008

- Sat 2** ‘Snowdrop Ceilidh’ in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Mon 4** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Tue 5** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 6** Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Wed 6** Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Mr Donald Hunter, will talk about “Making Wills and Inheritance Tax Planning”. All are welcome, 7.30pm.
- Thu 7** Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Sun 10** Copy deadline for *The Grapevine*.
- Tue 12** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 13** Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 14** Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 14** Loxley WI meets at Lane End, The Manor. Mr Walton will give a talk entitled “Wild about the Garden”, 7.30pm
- Fri 15** Mobile Library visits all three parishes. See front page
- Mon 18** Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
- Mon 18** Loxley Parish Council meets at The School, 7.30pm.
- Tue 19** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 20** Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 21** Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
- Thu 21** Parishes’ Prayer Group, meets at Janet and Duncan’s home, 7.45pm
- Thu 21** ‘Meet the Vicar’ in Loxley School Hall, from 7pm
- Tue 26** Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- Wed 27** Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
- Thu 28** Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm

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THE GRAPEVINE

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