

# The Grapevine

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*English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund recently awarded St Peter ad Vincula in Hampton Lucy a grant of £123000 towards restoration of the apse (Phase II) (see Page 2 for more information). The Regional Press Release for the two groups was held at St Peter's and was attended by Mrs Susan Vaile, The Heritage Lottery Fund representative and Mr Nick Reading, Consultant Architect to English Heritage.*

## Hampton Lucy

Support your fellow villagers as they bid for the title 'Calor Village of the Year, 2007-8, England' to be held in the Village Hall, Hampton Lucy on Thursday, 24 April between 2 and 4pm. MW  
**BE THERE!**

## Second-hand Tools

A new stall at the Strawberry Fayre, Loxley this year will be a second-hand tool stall for hand tools. So please sort out your shed/garage/greenhouse for your unwanted tools and pass them on to Glyn Jones (Tel: 470066) or Ken Osborne (Tel: 470784).

## Charlecote Fete

Advance warning: Charlecote Fete will be held on Saturday, 7 June 2008

## Loxley School Summer Events Quiz Night

The Friends of Loxley School are organising two fundraising events for the summer term. The first of these will be a Quiz Night at The Fox, Loxley on Sunday, 6 April starting at 7.30pm. This marks the return of the popular pub quiz, hosted by Wilf Ayres and Nigel Chidgey. Tickets are £5 each which includes a 'Cheese and Biscuit' supper. Buy your tickets in advance from the pub or just come along on the night.

## 'Family Spring Fling'

Our second event is a 'Family Spring Fling' at Newlands Caravan Park, opposite Wellesbourne Airport Helicopter School. This will be a fun-packed family afternoon with family games, table tennis, pool, table football and face painting to entertain the kids, plus a barbeque and licensed bar. This event takes place on Saturday, 10 May from 4pm.

## Afternoon Teas

We regret that the 'Afternoon Teas' session that was to have been held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Monday, 31 March has had to be cancelled.

'Afternoon Teas' will resume after the Easter break on Monday, 14 April. DR

## Spring Clean at Hampton Lucy Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is planning their annual clean-up operation on Saturday, 12 April from 9.30am. We would appreciate any help with this and if you are able to come for as short or long a time as you can manage, perhaps with some cleaning tools, you can be sure of a very appreciative welcome. We will even throw in some coffee and biscuits to say thank you! We look forward to seeing you there. DR

## PARISH LETTER



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Dear Friends,

In grappling with what to write this month I have the theme of new people very much in my mind. This is for two obvious reasons. The first is that at about the time this letter appears, Revd Alan Wheale, our new Associate Minister for the parishes of Barford, Charlecote, Hampton Lucy, Loxley, Sherbourne, and Wasperton, and his wife, Val, will begin to settle in among us. The second is that during March it was announced that the new Bishop of Coventry will be Canon Christopher Cocksworth, who is currently Principal of Ridley Hall, a theological college at Cambridge. (He will not be coming until the autumn

so we are unlikely to see much of him very soon.)

When we think about meeting new people I guess most of us have a range of feelings. There may be some excitement and hope about all the possibilities but also some anxiety about whether we will get on with them. I am sure that this is even more the case for the individual concerned. Don't forget that Alan has six congregations and villages to get to know and the Bishop about 200 parishes! They will both come with all they have to offer from their learning and their life experience, having accepted roles where they hope to minister to others in the name of Jesus Christ. If we are to gain all we can from them we need to be open and welcoming to them, as I am sure people will be.

New people then imply new possibilities; and it is my prayer that with both Alan and Christopher this coming together will be very positive for us all and for them and will contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom in this part of Warwickshire and throughout the Diocese of Coventry.

David Jessett



## PARISH NEWS

### English Heritage Gives a Helping Hand to St. Peter's for Phase II of the Restoration Appeal

Wonderful news! Through the stalwart efforts of Graham Barclay and Hampton Lucy PCC, the Trustees of the Church Restoration Appeal, have secured a grant totalling £123 000 for Phase II of the work still needing to be done on St Peter's — the high level roofwork repairs and those of the more visible carved stonework. All this will restore the church to its original magnificence, giving us back a building to be proud of for generations to come.

But, as was the case with Phase I, the Trustees are now required to raise a matched sum and they hope they may build on the enthusiasm in the village and local community to start a fund-raising campaign for our wonderful church.

Yes, we need money but we also need your talents, ideas and support. Not all of us are gifted fund-raisers but we can all do something by way of support, from taking part in a cycle ride, as has been done so successfully in the past, or a Quiz Night in the Village Hall, to buying tickets to support concerts and recitals in the church. Just like last time, the Appeal will give us all an opportunity to get to know our neighbours, bind us together and involve friends in our social activity. But much more important — it'll be fun and it will raise the profile of this important local

Appeal. So, do come forward with your own ideas, from sponsored endeavours to specific events, and feel part of the team. We have so much talent in the community, so much goodwill and capacity, we can surely find the money to make up the difference. One patron has already led the way with a most generous donation, but it's worth pointing out, £1 a day for a year, with Gift Aid, will bring in nearly £500 — we only need 200 of you and we're nearly there! And if the Cascade initiative succeeds this, of itself, will raise £10 000. So, do take part. Join the Party. Put in your pennyworth — it all helps! Ring us (Tel: 840329) with your ideas. DH

#### PLEASE NOTE

The licensing of the Reverend Alan Wheale will take place at St Peter's Church, Barford on Sunday, 20 April at 3pm.

#### Church Treasurer

The honorary post of treasurer to St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy is vacant following the retirement of Geoff Cowperthwaite. Anyone who is interested and feels they would like to help please contact Chris Robinson (robinson.chrisp@ukgateway.net Tel: 842293) or a PCC member. Considerable support and help is available if required.

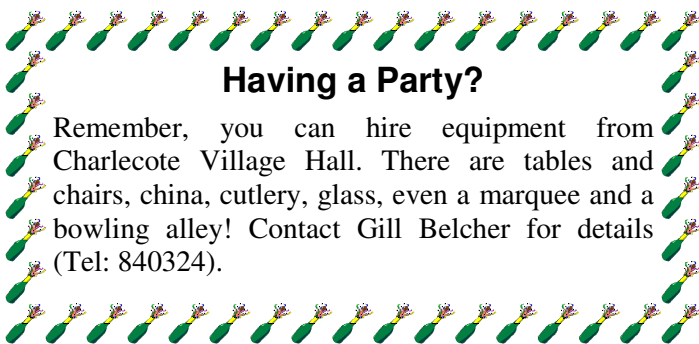
## Financial Help for Local Students

The Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation is an educational charity which provides grants to young people under 25 years of age who live in the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton, and Alveston and who may be at school or in further or higher education or other training programmes. The Trustees consider applications very carefully and, as well as assisting individuals in meeting educational costs, make grants to local schools. The Trustees would like to hear from parents and from young people who may be in financial need. Provided applicants meet the relevant criteria, the Trustees may award a grant or a series of grants towards the provision of education, training, additional classes or equipment e.g. for music, art, dance, or sports as well as help towards college or university. Requests for Grant Application Forms and other enquiries should be sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL or to the Clerk at [dh@blytheliggins.co.uk](mailto:dh@blytheliggins.co.uk) DH



## Broadband Problems?

We live in Hampton Lucy and, over the past few months, have experienced a disrupted broadband service. We regularly lose our connection and when it does work, the line speed is variable, often as low as 160Kbps. Our internal equipment has been checked but the problems are still occurring. We have heard, anecdotally, that other residents are having similar problems, and we would like to find out if the problem is indeed widespread. Armed with this information, we will then approach BT to ask that they investigate the problems at the Wellesbourne Exchange, as our individual request is having little effect! Please e-mail us ([smithfamily@cooptel.net](mailto:smithfamily@cooptel.net)) or drop a note round to 24 The Close, Hampton Lucy. Many thanks, Tass Smith.



## Having a 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).

## Shipston Home Nursing

On Saturday, 26 April there will be a Cottage Pie Dance at Ettington Community Centre from 7.45pm to 1am.

The cost is £20 per head to include a two-course supper, dancing and bar. Call Rebecca (Tel: 01608 674929) for tickets.



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## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We welcomed Chris Begg to the March meeting. He gave us an informative talk about the restoration of the Victorian gardens at Hill Close in Warwick. We are fortunate that these gardens have survived.

The enthusiasm and hard work of many volunteers means that they are now open to the public with a wide variety of events for us all to enjoy. We shall visit these gardens in early July as one of our summer outings. An earlier outing will have been to the County Courts on Thursday, 20 March. There will be a tour of the Court Rooms, Jail and Judge's House, followed by seeing the ceremony for the swearing in of the new Sheriff. Our 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, 2 April will take us back to our childhood. Gillian Andrews (retired actress) is entertaining us; her talk is called "Do you Remember Children's Hour?" You are invited to dress up as a Nursery Rhyme character. **Please remember that the evening will start at 7pm and will be held in Hampton Lucy's village hall.** HS



## Raft Race

April will see the launch of Wellesbourne Lions' annual raft race entry programme which this year is in support of the Princes Trust. If you want to enter a team and enjoy a "Day on the River"

on Sunday, 22 June, have a look at [www.rafrace.org.uk](http://www.rafrace.org.uk) for details.

If you would like to find out more about your local Lions Club please give this year's President Lion Max Down a call (Tel: 841567).

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club

### Barn Dance

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club are promoting two new events in April and May. The first is a Barn Dance at 7.30pm on Friday, 11 April at Ettington Village Hall. The proceeds will be in support of the Friendship Project which provides help and assistance to local young people. Tickets are £10 on the door or £9 if you call Jenny Down (Tel: 841567).

### Charity Cycle Challenge

The second new event is a charity cycle challenge being organised in conjunction with Wellesbourne Sports & Social Club in aid of the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Teams of five to eight people are invited to take part in a 26 mile circular course starting from the Sports & Social club on Sunday, 4 May. For details and entry forms phone Lion Rod Scott (Tel: 01926 624434) or Ray Thomas from the Sports Club (Tel: 841909).



## Church Services APRIL 2008

- Apr 6th The Third Sunday of Easter**  
 Charlecote 8.30am *Holy Communion (BCP)*  
 Hampton Lucy 10.00am *Family Service*  
 Loxley 6.00pm *Evensong (BCP)*
- Apr 13th The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 Charlecote 9.30am *Morning Worship*  
 Loxley 11.00am *Family Service*  
 Hampton Lucy 6.00pm *Holy Communion*
- Apr 20th The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 Charlecote 8.30am *Holy Communion (BCP)*  
 Hampton Lucy 10.00am *Come and Worship*  
 Loxley 11.00am *Matins (BCP)*
- Please Note Barford 3.00pm Licensing of Revd Alan Wheale — No Evensong at Hampton Lucy**
- Apr 27th The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 Loxley 9.30am *Holy Communion (BCP)*  
 Charlecote 11.00am *Holy Communion*  
 Hampton Lucy 6.00pm *Evensong (BCP)*

### Diary – APRIL 2008

- Tue 1 Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Wed 2 Tai Chi class** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am  
**Wed 2 Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI, 89th Birthday Party.**  
 N.B. The meeting is in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7pm.  
**Thu 3 Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm  
**Thu 3 Parishes Prayer Group** meets. Contact Anne Baker (Tel: 841305)  
**Thu 3 Loxley PCC Annual Meeting** at the school, 7.30pm  
**Sun 6 Friends of Loxley School Quiz Night** at The Fox, Loxley, 7.30pm  
**Tue 8 Keep-fit Class** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm  
**Wed 9 Tai Chi class** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am.  
**Thu 10 Copy deadline for *The Grapevine*.**  
**Thu 10 Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm  
**Thu 10 Loxley WI** meets at Lane End, Mrs Checketts will tell us about 'The Old Tramway', 7.30pm  
**Sat 12 Spring Cleaning, Hampton Lucy Village Hall**, from 9.30am  
**Mon 14 Afternoon Teas** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm  
**Wed 16 Tai Chi class** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am  
**Thu 17 Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm  
**Wed 23 Tai Chi class** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am  
**Wed 23 Loxley Parish Council** meets at the school, 7.30pm  
**Thu 24 Judging of "Calor Village of the Year"** in HL Village Hall, 2-4pm.  
**Thu 24 Parishes Prayer Group** meets. Contact Nicky Steel (Tel: 841893)  
**Mon 28 Afternoon Teas** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm  
**Wed 30 Tai Chi class** at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am

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