

The Grapevine

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'Family Spring Fling'

On Saturday, 10 May from 4pm, the Friends of Loxley School are organising 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 barbecue and licensed bar. HC

ORGAN RECITAL

**SATURDAY, 17 MAY - ST PETER AD VINCLIA
CHURCH – HAMPTON LUCY, 7.30pm**

It is not only the magnificent church of St Peter's that we can be proud of in Hampton Lucy. The church organ is a fine instrument and worthy of recognition and we now have a great opportunity to hear it in all its glory. Stephen Dodsworth has generously agreed to give an Organ Recital in aid of Phase II of the Church Restoration Appeal, showing off the instrument with music to delight us all. Stephen is a most experienced organist, having played at Pocklington Church for twenty years whilst assisting at Holy Trinity, Stratford, since 1991. The recital will include pieces by Bach, Lébure-Wély, Gigout and Guilmant, to name but four!

Tickets for the recital are £5, but to complete a wonderful evening you are invited to a 'Salmon Supper with Wine' at 'Hill House', Hampton Lucy, following the recital. The inclusive price for the recital and supper is £20, cheques payable to 'Hampton Lucy Church Appeal'. Contact Elizabeth Hunter (Tel: 840329) to book a place at the Salmon Supper. Tickets for the recital alone will be available on the door but can also be obtained from Elizabeth. (Supper tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, so get your names down ASAP! - Ed.).

Charlecote Fete

Please note, Charlecote Fete will be held this year on
Saturday, 7 June



These two 'Wee Willie Winkies' in their night gowns were seen past eight o'clock at the 89th birthday party of the Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI. Full report on Page 3.



lunch

Please come and join us for a delicious lunch of home-made soup and specialty breads, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream.

Place: Hampton Lucy Village Hall

Date: Saturday, 17 May

Time: 12 Noon – 2 pm

Price: £3 for adults and £1.50 for children

Second-hand Tools

Don't forget, Glyn Jones (Tel: 470066) and Ken Osborne (Tel: 470784) need your unwanted tools for their stall at the Strawberry Fayre, Loxley.

Hampton Lucy Annual Parish Meeting

On Wednesday, 21 May, Hampton Lucy will hold its Annual Parish Meeting. This will be in the village hall at about 8.15pm following a brief Parish Council meeting. This is your opportunity to come and tell us what you would like to see happen in the parish, or what you think we are doing wrong. The Parish Council would particularly like to invite a representative from each of the various groups in the village (VEG, Toddlers, etc.) to come and contribute to the meeting. AS

PARISH LETTER



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Dear Friends,

I once read something about crabs - in particular how they grow. As they grow, their shell becomes too small for them and they have to cast it off or even split it open to get out of it and then gradually another one develops to fit their new size. In the meanwhile they must be rather vulnerable and defenceless as their new shell hardens up.

We humans experience something similar. We too have our shells – the habits we have developed over years, the roles we have acquired, the ways we have developed of dealing with situations. But from time to time we may choose to cast off our shells or may be forced to abandon them. Children do it when they go to school or change schools. Teenagers do it when they go away to university or begin work. Parents have to do it when children leave home. Partners do it when a relationship breaks up. Retirement or redundancy forces it upon us as does the death of a

parent or loved one. At all these moments we become vulnerable and are aware of having some sort of new beginning. We have to develop a new shell.

Most of us, of course, don't look for painful experiences in life. We prefer the comfort of our old shells even if they don't fit very well. But if a crab's shell gets too thick, too hard and protective, too tough for it to crack open, then the crab cannot grow any more. That's when the crab dies. We too can die - inwardly at least – if we get stuck in an old shell.

We need to remain open therefore to change and growth, to letting go of old ways, or habits or attitudes from time to time. For along with the pain of the breaking of the old shell there is the possibility of new growth (sometimes the old shell has come to be restrictive or even prison-like). As a Christian I believe God wants us to go on growing into the most loving, happy, creative and fulfilled people we can be, and to work for a world in which all people have that opportunity. It is part of my faith, therefore, that God works with us to enable us to do that. Knowing that God is with us and praying for His help can give us the confidence to risk breaking out of an old shell, letting go of some old ways or roles or habits and making a new beginning.

Happy new shells! David Jessett



PARISH NEWS

Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May, 2008

*“If we come together, we can
achieve great things”*

Rekha Biswas from Bangladesh provides the most humbling and inspirational example for Christian Aid Week. This courageous lady goes from house to house, talking to families about the problems they face getting water. She encourages women to come to meetings of the local *pani parishad*, the village water council, and to take an active role.

Getting clean water is a problem throughout Bangladesh. In some parts, water scarcity and lack of infrastructure create difficulties for the many landless communities living there, while in other areas the land is flooded more than half the year, and underground water sources can be contaminated.

When water is not on tap, as it is for most of us in the developed world, it is women and

children who suffer the most. They spend hours carrying heavy pots of water to their families, causing children to lose out on education and ending up caring for family members who become sick through drinking dirty water.

Rekha has voiced this injustice and given hope to the whole village. She believes there is a solution to this problem, and to the lack of human rights in the coastal region where she lives. It is through communities - and especially women - finding their voices that change can be instigated.

Christian Aid partner, The Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, has set up *pani parishads* (*Water Councils*) in villages throughout Bangladesh, which discuss and agree the best water supply solutions, and how to establish schools, reconstruct roads and take action to stop child marriages. The villagers now have power to make their lives better.

By giving up a couple of hours during Christian Aid Week you are collecting so much more than money. Your gifts can mean water, rights and courage. By coming together, we can achieve amazing things.

A gift of £0.50p would pay for one day's gender training per person. £50 would pay for the monthly salary of a community *pani parishad* co-ordinator who helps women and the poor to discover their voice, understand their right to water, learn about health and hygiene, and begin to instigate change.

Please support our local activities. Hampton Lucy is holding a Christian Aid lunch on Saturday, 17 May in the Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Charlecote and Loxley are having house-to-house collections during The Week. Please help us to support this vital work, either financially or by offers of help. Thank you. JFL

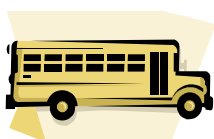
Find out more about Christian Aid Week by visiting www.caweek.org or by contacting Janet Fairfax-Lucy (Tel: 840464).

Early Warning - Loxley Strawberry Fayre

The Annual Strawberry Fayre will take place on Saturday, 12 July in the grounds of Loxley Hall, by kind permission of the Gregory-Hood family. Put the date in your diary **NOW** – It's too good an afternoon to miss! There will be various stalls to tempt you, a raffle, a children's entertainer, and it is rumoured that there will be music this year! Included in the ticket price is a wonderful strawberry and cream tea. All proceeds go to Loxley church. The organisers will soon be contacting helpers. Next month, a list of the names of stall holders will be published, together with their addresses, so that you can get rid of your unwanted bric-a-brac, books, toys, and 'second-hand' tools, and make contributions of Tombola items, produce and cakes for the tea etc. RM

'Girls and Boys Come Out to Play'

Celebrating its 89th Birthday, members of the Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI were seen as never before as they returned to their childhood for the occasion! The Village Hall was suitably decked with brightly-coloured balloons and nursery rhyme pictures. Blue and white chequered cloths and teddy bear serviettes adorned tables, and the 1940/50 style feast included jelly and blancmange. Many dressed as nursery rhyme characters including 'Little Bo Peep', 'The Farmer's Wife', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', 'Lucy Locket', 'Jack and Jill', 'Ride a Cock Horse', 'Mary Mary Quite Contrary', and 'Old Mother Hubbard'. Entertainment by actress and broadcaster Gillian Andrews depicted 'Do you remember Children's Hour?' The caterpillar birthday cake was cut by Joy Taplin, our longest serving member, dressed as 'Wee Willie Winkie' complete with nightgown. The competition 'My favourite old children's book' was won by Jean Drinkwater with 'Chatterbox'. The fun-filled evening drew to a lively close with Pass the Parcel to the accompaniment of appropriate children's songs. The next Meeting will be at Charlecote Village Hall on Wednesday, 7 May at 7.30pm, when resolutions will be put to the meeting in preparation for the National Federation AGM.



Are You Stuck for Transport?

'Community Links' operates a small fleet of vehicles with full disability access, and offers a 'door-to-door' service for people without transport. The service is for people who have a genuine need but cannot access public transport due to mobility problems or who live in a rurally isolated location with no other form of transport available. The service operates between about 9.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays in each part of the District, three days a week. The fare is £1.20 per single journey, i.e. £2.40 return 'door-to-door'. All enquiries (Tel: 264491). The Community Links social transport scheme works in close co-operation with the Volunteer Centre Medical Journey Scheme for doctor, dentist, hospital and other medical-related appointments. Enquiries for this scheme to Clarissa Roberts (Tel: 296344).

Hampton Lucy Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who came to spring clean the village hall - it looks very fresh and smart. Thank you too to all those who use the hall week by week and always make sure it is left clean and tidy. HW

Loxley WI

Already it is May and the first third of the WI year has gone. How time flies! We have already had a New Year dinner, and a look in Mr Walton's back garden and all the wonderful wildlife he photographs there. At our March meeting, Mrs Chatterton gave us a most interesting insight into acupuncture. This is an ancient form of healing which can be used alongside more conventional medicine. The needles looked a bit daunting, but doubtless with a good practitioner, all would be well! On Thursday, 10 April we were given a wonderful talk by Mrs Checketts. She told us about the old Stratford to Moreton-in-Marsh tramway. A part of local history not often thought about, but quite valuable in the context of the Industrial Revolution. So, the first few months of '08 are over. We join Ashorne & Newbold Pacey for the Resolutions Meeting on the Thursday, 8 May and we are all wondering what the Members' Committee will pull out of the hat in June. RM



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Conservation is Important to Us All

At Thelsford Farm we have made conservation a priority, as our success in the Warwickshire conservation awards shows; we have twice won the county Lapwing trophy and a national award as well. Recently a survey by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) on Thelsford Farm and the fields around Charlecote Mill showed a greater diversity of birds than on any other farm surveyed in the Midlands region. Research by the RSPB has also shown that nesting success in birds is hugely reduced by the presence of dogs, even dogs on a lead. It would help the birds breed successfully if we all kept to the footpaths and stopped dogs from running up hedgerows and ditches and along grassed field margins (these are for conservation, not access) off the route of the footpaths. Please help us to maintain and improve the habitat of the birds we all cherish. SL

Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



A reminder that the Lions Club Annual Raft Race from Wasperton to Stratford-upon-Avon will be held on Sunday, 22 June. Why not put together a team and get raft building? If you need details go to www.rafttrace.org.uk or ring Lion Paul Gibson (Tel: 841730).

The Lions' Ladies are holding a 'Ladies Pamper Party' on Friday, 30 May at Barford Memorial Hall, 7.30 – 10.30pm. Jewellery, cards, toiletries, jams, aloe vera and many other items will be on sale. Contact Jenny Down (Tel: 841567 or jm.down@btinternet.com) for tickets.

Shipston Home Nursing. Our 11th Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, 17 May, from 10am to 12 noon at Norgren Social Club, Shipston. A Sunday Fun Day will be held on 18 May at Green End Farm, Willington, nr Shipston, 1-5pm. Tickets cost £5.

From the Registers

30 March *Baptism* Aimee May Davis Hampton Lucy
30 March *Baptism* Thomas Henry Shelswell Hampton Lucy



Church Services MAY 2008

May 4th The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Family Service</i>
Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (BCP)</i>

May 11th Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Charlecote	9.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
Loxley	11.00am	<i>Family Service</i>
Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>

May 18th Trinity Sunday

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>

May 25th The First Sunday after Trinity

Loxley	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Charlecote	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (BCP)</i>

Diary – MAY 2008

- Thu 1 Trotters Toddlers Group**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Tue 6 Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 7 Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Wed 7 Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall, Resolutions for the National AGM will be discussed, 7.30pm.
Thu 8 Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Thu 8 Loxley WI joins with Ashorne & Newbold Pacey for the Resolution Meeting, 7.15pm
Sat 10 Friends of Loxley School hold a 'Family Spring Fling' at Newlands Caravan Park, opposite Wellesbourne Airport Helicopter School, 4pm
Sat 10 Copy deadline for *The Grapevine*.
Mon 12 Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 13 Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 14 Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am.
Thu 15 Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Thu 15 Parishes Prayer Group meets at home of D Fairfax-Lucy, 7.45pm
Sat 17 Christian Aid Lunch in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 12 to 2pm
Sat 17 Organ Recital by Stephen Dodsworth, Hampton Lucy church, tickets £5 on the door, 7.30pm
Tue 20 Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 21 Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Wed 21 Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall, followed by
Wed 21 Hampton Lucy Annual Parish Meeting at about 8.15pm
Thu 22 Trotters Toddlers Group, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Tue 27 Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 28 Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am

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THE GRAPEVINE

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