



The Grapevine

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Dates for your Diary

A Walking Festival

The County Council is organising a Walking Festival for June to encourage us all to get off the sofa and into the fresh air. I have suggested a walk along our Scar Bank to Grove Fields and back along the river bank on Saturday, 4 June, starting from our bridge at 10.30am. We hope that Rosie Keep will come along and tell us a few things about local history. Ring Alan Scaife (Tel: 841105) for confirmation nearer the time. AS

Pub Games Evening

Charlecote Village Hall will be hosting a "Pub Games" Evening on Saturday, 4 June, starting at 7pm. Proceeds to the Village Hall funds. Tickets are £7.50, which includes a fish and chip supper, and are available from Jayne Grace (Tel: 842258) or Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916). HH

A Dessert and Coffee Evening

The Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI is holding a Dessert and Coffee evening on Friday, June 17 at Simmonds Barn. More details in the June edition of *The Grapevine*. CT

The Raft Race

The Annual Raft Race organised by the Wellesbourne Lions will be run on Sunday, 26 June. An email to info@rafttrace.org.uk will bring you all the details and an entry form. The NSPCC is the main charity this year.

Jazz Picnic Concert

The Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee will be holding an open-air, evening Jazz picnic concert on Saturday, 2 July. More details will appear in the June *Grapevine*, but for now be sure to keep the date free. DR



Huw Williams, the Chairman of the Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee sets a shining example at a recent spring-cleaning session.

State Pension

Do you at present collect your State Pension from a Post Office? If so, did you know that the very last order books have been sent out and the last payment you will be able to collect with these books will be at the end of May?

As of the beginning of June, payments will be made directly to a bank account or post office card account. For security reasons, it is important that you make the necessary arrangements so that your payment can go directly to one of these accounts. Should you require any assistance or further information on this, please contact Mary Harris at Age Concern, Warwickshire (Tel: 01926 458100). She will also be able to advise you on an appropriate bank that deals with this change.

Events at Charlecote Park

The 'Dawn Chorus Walk' will take place on Sunday, 1 May. Why not enjoy the symphony of the dawn chorus followed by a hearty breakfast? The charges are £15 for adults and £7.50 for children. Pre-booking is essential and there is a booking fee. The annual May Day Maypole Dancing will take place on Monday, 2 May. Children from Hampton Lucy School will dance around the maypole. There is no extra charge for this event and no booking is needed. Sunday, 8 May marks the return of the popular tour of the areas of the house that are usually closed. The charges for these 'Hard Hat Tours' are £3.50 for adults, and £1.75 for children (over 12s only). Pre-booking is essential (Tel: 07788 658495).

NB. Charlecote Park will be closed to the public for on Saturday, 2 July but will be open during all our normal opening hours for the rest of the season. We look forward to seeing as many of our neighbours as possible at the Park.

Loxley School Fayre

Loxley School will be holding a Spring Rural Fayre on Sunday, 22 May between 2 and 4pm. Please come along and join the fun. There will be jousting, Morris Men, a belly dancer, a steam engine, children's races, tombola, raffle, craft stalls, Bouncy Castle and of course plenty of refreshments! The Fayre will be held at the rear of The Fox Inn. We look forward to seeing you on the day. HC

Charlecote Fete

The Charlecote Church Fete will be held on Saturday, 28 May in Charlecote Park from noon to mid-afternoon. Carolyn Thorpe (Tel: 840564) would like to hear from anyone willing and able to help on the day. CT

PARISH LETTER



Make the Cross Count

The country's worst kept secret is out, and there is to be a general election on 5th May. 'So what?' is many people's reaction. At the last general election, only 59.4% of us bothered to vote.

CARE, a well-established mainstream Christian charity, has launched a campaign to help Christians get more involved in

politics both during and after the general election. 'So what?' may be your response to that too. Why bother? What difference can I make? Christians have been told by Jesus to be 'salt and light' in the world – to get involved in communities, to influence the way society works and to stand up for God's values. You don't need much salt to make a difference to how something tastes, and we are called upon to make a difference where we live. Part of the Christian lifestyle involves taking responsibility for others and for the world we live in.

Casting a vote is an important part of our Christian mandate, but it shouldn't stop on 5th May. There is no real divide between the sacred and the secular, and once polling is over our engagement with politics

must continue. Organisations such as CARE can help us as we support our elected representatives through prayer and action, but getting involved can be as simple and as important as praying quietly at home for our MP – whoever he or she is. Others may feel strongly about poverty, world trade, or the environment and want to campaign on individual issues.

However we vote, and whichever issues mean most to us, Christians should be challenging the prevailing sense of apathy and take the opportunity to transform society by working for justice and reconciliation at all levels. We can 'Make the Cross Count'.

www.makethecrosscount.com

www.makepovertyhistory.com

www.care.org.uk SE



PARISH NEWS

Loxley Church

Due to the installation of Rt Revd John Stroyan as the new Bishop of Warwick on Sunday, 1 May there will be no evensong at Loxley that day.

Confirmation

There is to be a confirmation service in the cathedral on Saturday, 4 June. Several of our young people are considering whether to be confirmed – please pray for them as they take part in the Youth Emmaus Course, probably along with some from Wellesbourne Church.

Youth Group

Youth Group is running every week during May as we follow a five-week Youth Emmaus course. It's for everyone aged 11 and up, especially (but not only) those thinking about confirmation. Why not come along and see if you enjoy it? Every Sunday at 7.30pm in the Vicarage for worship, food and fun. Details from Sarah Edmonds or Alison Harrison.

Prayer at 9

A reminder that we meet every Monday morning at 9am in Hampton Lucy Church for a quiet, reflective time at the beginning of the week. We follow a simple outline and there are opportunities to pray for the community, or simply to sit quietly in the peaceful surroundings of the church. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have anything you would like us to pray for, each church has a place you can write prayers, or do drop them in at the Vicarage.

Christian Aid Week

The UK Government is committed to making 2005 a year when poverty is on the international agenda. To tackle poverty it must address the injustices in world trade. Christian Aid Week this year (15 - 21 May) asks churches to call for trade justice. The Mozambique government helped its sugar industry by attracting investment to it. It set the price for imported sugar and this set price means that the locally-produced sugar is able to compete with imports. But Mozambique is an exception. Other poor countries are prevented from helping vulnerable industries and farmers. Rich countries and international institutions that lend money to poor countries force their governments to accept free-trade policies.

Free trade means that governments may not interfere in the market place and all traders - from rich and poor countries alike - must face each other in open competition. This gives the poorest no chance. That is why Christian Aid is campaigning for trade justice, not free trade.

The campaign is informed by the Biblical vision of a just world where the needs of the poorest people are met. To compete in today's global marketplace, poor farmers and traders need special help from their governments until they are strong enough to manage without it.

To find out more, go to www.caweek.org or call 08080 006 006. DF-L

About God: About Twenty Minutes

First, may I thank my neighbours in these three parishes for the kindness and warmth of their celebration of my 90th birthday in February. I have appreciated it very deeply. To mark this occasion, and the end of my time as a preacher, and to be a memento for my family and friends, I have brought together 22 sermons in book form under the above title (the advice given to a young curate when he asked the vicar what he should preach about!). Copies are obtainable, price £5, from: Mrs Carol Pagett (Hampton Lucy); Mr Duncan Fairfax-Lucy (Charlecote); Mrs Marjorie Pollard (Loxley). The entire proceeds of sale of any copies bought in the three parishes will be devoted, with my thanks, to their funds for their church buildings, in which it has been a joy to worship, and from time to time to preach. Geoffrey T. Eddy

Prayer Book Society

Everybody will be very welcome at Hampton Lucy church at 3pm on Saturday, 14 May for our annual service of Evensong and at tea afterwards in the school. We aim on this occasion to present the best of traditional Prayer Book worship preaching and music. This year the preacher will be Dr Roger Beckwith and the Oken Singers will form the choir. PB

War and Peace

On Sunday, 10 April Hampton Lucy church was packed to capacity for a magnificent concert given to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War Two. In a moving and varied programme, every aspect of war and peace was highlighted through readings given by Dame Judi Dench, the music of St James's Singers conducted by Julian Harris, and the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble. The concert was held in aid of appeals for the churches of St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy, St Leonard's, Charlecote and The Old Church, Alveston.

Can't Grumble about the Jumble

Hampton Lucy Youth Club held its first ever fundraising jumble sale in February. Having previously distributed black bags and covering notes to each house in Hampton Lucy, we set off on a cold and wet Thursday night to collect any donated items. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of local people, we had almost filled the van within two hours. By Friday evening, thanks to the efforts of Jenn Cowley, Kirsty and Mel, together with several other volunteers and a number of Youth Club members, the village hall was full of stalls offering all manner of items. We would like to thank Tesco, Morrisons, and Evetts Dairies for their kind donations towards the refreshments; Newtown Vehicle Rentals of Warwick, for the free loan of a vehicle, and Sue and Nigel from the 'Boars Head' for displaying posters and for allowing us to cajole their customers to help swell the coffers. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who turned out to spend their hard-earned cash. As a result, we were delighted to find the evening had made a profit of £235. TC

Adopt a Tree

The Parish Council has rented the old allotment land alongside the Stratford Road from Miss Creek for a peppercorn rent, with a view to turning it into a spinney or mini nature reserve. In May we propose to identify and protect the trees already there, and in autumn we hope to get some "whips" (small saplings) of native trees and plant them. Parishioners are invited to come along and adopt a tree, which they can then nurture into a forest giant. Contact Alan Scaife (Tel: 841105; alanscaife@onetel.com) if you are interested. AS

A WI Party

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI celebrated its 86th birthday at the April meeting. The evening was made most enjoyable by welcoming our guests who joined us for a delicious buffet supper, followed by lively entertainment from Mike and Patricia Ledbury. Mike, playing his melodeon and accompanied by Pat beating out the rhythm on a Napoleonic side drum, romped through a collection of folk tunes. He explained a little about each one, the area of the country associated with it and pointed out any relationships with folk tunes from other regions. We were treated to a brief description of how to play a melodeon. The evening was great fun as well as interesting. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 4 May at 7.30pm.

Annual Plant Sale

The Shipston Home Nursing Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, 21 May at the Townsend Hall, Shipston between 10am and noon. If anyone has any plants or can help with collection on the day, please phone Sonia Baker (Tel: 01608 661459) . RM

Hampton Lucy School

On Comic Relief Day the pupils dressed in red clothes bringing much colour around the school. Year 6 organised games in the afternoon and cakes and red roses were on sale. This all enabled the school to donate a creditable £222.20 to Comic Relief. A team from Sky News shot a video diary of a pupil in year 6. They filmed class three performing their maypole routines followed by the whole school singing "Resurrection Rock", the Easter story. The filming ended with a visit to class three in numeracy. The film was used as a backdrop to a feature shown on Sky News on Wednesday, 6 April.

We were delighted that three pupils, Christopher Mason, Emily Smith and Eve Ashley performed at the Warwick Area Chamber Music Festival. This term we are pleased to welcome to the school Mr Peter Braithwaite, our new Caretaker. Also, we welcome Mrs Marie Osborn as Lunchtime Supervisor and Mrs Wendy Sprake as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. Once again on Bank Holiday Monday, pupils will perform maypole dancing at Charlecote Park. HH

Holiday Let, Normandy, France

Newly renovated house to let in quiet village close to Domfront, ferry ports and D-day beaches. Please phone J. Beverley for further details (Tel: 267991 between 10 and 4.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday (messages at Tel: 840107).



Church Services MAY 2005

May 1st	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family Service</i>
	Loxley	<i>No Evensong due to installation of Bishop John</i>	
May 5th	Charlecote	7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion with Festival Singers</i>
<i>(Ascension Day)</i>			
May 7th	Charlecote	5.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 8th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
May 14th	Charlecote	5.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 15th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
May 21st	Charlecote	5.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 22nd	Hampton Lucy	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	9.30	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
May 28th	Charlecote	5.00pm	<i>Compline</i>
May 29th	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Joint Parishes Communion</i>
<i>(5th Sunday)</i>			

Diary – MAY 2005

Sun 1	Installation of John Stroyan at Coventry Cathedral, 3pm (tickets reqd)
Sun 1	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 2	'Prayer at 9' at Hampton Lucy church, 9am
Mon 2	Maypole Dancing at Charlecote Park
Tue 3	Loxley Parish Plan , Steering Committee meets at 'Crofters', 7.30pm
Wed 4	Rogation Day
Wed 4	Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall to discuss Resolutions and WI Archives, 7.30pm
Wed 4	Archdeacon's Visitation to Barford church, 7.45pm
Thu 5, 12, 19, 26	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3
Sun 8	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 9	'Prayer at 9' at Hampton Lucy church, 9am
Mon 9	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 10	'Praise and Play' at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Wed 11	Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm
Thu 12	Loxley WI with Ashorne & Newbold Pacey, Resolutions, 7.30pm
Thu 12	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Sat 14	Prayer Book Society's Annual Evensong Service, Hampton Lucy church, 3pm. Tea afterwards in the school
Sun 15	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Sun 15-21	Christian Aid Week
Sun 22	Cycle Ride from Hampton Lucy to Lighthorne: starts from church, 11am
Sun 22	Loxley School Spring Rural Fayre behind The Fox Inn, 2-4pm
Sun 22	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 23	Afternoon Tea at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Sat 28	Charlecote Church Fete in Charlecote Park, 12 noon-3pm

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