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Loxley Parish Council

Loxley Parish Council is holding the Annual Parish Meeting at the school on Wednesday, 18 April at 7.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome. The meeting is usually well attended. During the evening, time is allowed for points of view, suggestions, complaints and even congratulations to be brought forward and discussed in an open forum. No blows have ever been exchanged but if anything is upsetting you, this is the evening to try to get it sorted!

This year the guest speaker is Councillor Stuart Beese and his subject will be "Changes in Local Planning". The session will take the form of "Question and Answer". We are sure many queries will be answered. So, make a note of the date – Wednesday, 18 April, at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there! RM

The Charles Maries Trail, Hampton Lucy

All aspects of the Charles Maries Trail are now in place in Hampton Lucy. The Rev. Geoffrey Eddy has completed the plant labels for the Trail and they have all been attached to their appropriate plants. Through the generosity of Kallkwik in Stratford-upon-Avon, leaflets outlining the life and times of Charles Maries and showing the locations of all the plants are now available from the church of St Peter ad Vincula in Hampton Lucy. KC



Tai Chi Classes

Wed 9 to 10am
in

Hampton Lucy Village Hall

For more details phone Debbie Wild (Tel: 0773 318830
or 01789 842262)



Loxley School Wins Bronze Eco School Award

We have been an Eco school for a year and have now achieved the first award level. We have completed an environmental review and drafted an action plan. So far we have achieved the following:-

Energy use has been considered. Measures have been put into place that have resulted in oil and electricity bills for autumn/winter 2006/7 being lower than usual! Pupils walk to school at least once a week and take part in the Warwickshire WOW scheme to reduce fuel emissions and car journeys. Cycle skills training has been booked for the summer so that older pupils have the training necessary to cycle safely. The walk or cycle ethos is promoted daily.

Many environmental issues have been covered within curriculum work and during assemblies. A recent geography topic in KS2 has been about improving the environment and included a visit to a recycling centre and a visit from the county recycling adviser. The children took a range of items with them to be recycled. The school now routinely recycles all card, paper, plastic bottles, glass, cans, computer equipment, cartridges etc., and will accept material for recycling where door collection by the council isn't available. The school has a compost bin and puts all fruit waste etc., in it each day. We have acquired the use of a plot of land and the children are currently planning which vegetables to plant. This will be done as part of science and also as a lunchtime or after-school gardening club. Energy efficiency and care of the environment are topics in science in KS1 as well as recurrent themes in literacy and personal, social and health education. We care for our school, we care for each other, and we care for our planet. After all our hard work, we received the bronze Eco Schools Award in February. It is now on display in school and we are working towards the next level (silver). DH

PARISH LETTER



Spring

Spring can be a wonderful as well as a very stressful time of year. It is a time of new life: "Spring is bursting out all over" as the old song has it, and to my mind, there are few things more enjoyable than the freshness of a spring morning.

The new energy that often comes at this season allows us to begin tasks which later on we never feel like doing! This shows itself in social and political life also.

Meetings seem to proliferate and there are new programmes to follow and activities to take up.

There is also a darker side to the season. One knows that spring is not going to last, and that everything that bursts into new life will also in due course die away. It is all part of the cycle of life that is repeated throughout nature.

This has its parallel in human experience. Our inner being has its spring time, when all seems well with our world. The sun seems to be shining upon us. And then something goes wrong. Clouds of difficulties obscure our path, and the going gets tough!

At such times, it is easy to blame our circumstances, or other people, or whatever comes to mind. But we need to see that the difficulties in life are needed

to form our character and to keep us on a straight path. As St. Matthew's gospel reminds us, the easy way leads to disaster!

Just as the darkness of night may be followed by the brightness of a lovely spring morning, so we see in the Easter story a similar contrast. After a period of intense suffering in Christ's earthly life, symbolised by the three hours darkness on Good Friday, Easter morning explodes with the joy of the empty tomb and the knowledge that death had no hold over Him.

Christ's resurrection on Easter morning with His subsequent ascension to sit at God's right hand in Heaven assures us of the fact that death is not the end and that, for those who believe, there is Heaven awaiting us.

No wonder Easter is a joyful season! D F-L



PARISH NEWS

Hampton Lucy Church

6 April

at 7.30pm

The Cross of Christ

**A Devotion for Congregation
and Choir**

**With The Charlecote
Festival Singers**

**A series of lessons, anthems and hymns
for Good Friday**

Cathedral Style Evensong

With the Prebendal Singers

Saturday, 28 April at 4.30pm

Hampton Lucy

The Prebendal singers have Cathedral or Collegiate experience and are drawn from all over the country. They sang evensong here last December and we thoroughly enjoyed that service. We are delighted to welcome them back, along with their Musical Director David Blackwell and their organist John Pryer. John is currently at the Birmingham Oratory and an appointed recitalist at London's Alexandra Palace. So, join us as we welcome David, John, and the choir, who will be holding their workshop in church and will then lead a special sung Evensong at 4.30pm.

Loxley WI

Yes, we did have a meeting in February. Mr Winterburn, our speaker, turned up the week after all the snow had gone and we had an evening of 'Warwickshire Oddities'. We all enjoyed his knowledgeable commentary and slides. At the end of the evening, the consensus was "I wish he'd gone on longer!" Miss O'Conner came along in March and her talk – not as advertised but equally interesting – was well received. 'Arthritis, osteoporosis – cause effect and generally coping'. A subject dear to the heart of those of us not quite in the first flush of youth. Our next meeting in April will see us welcoming Mike Miles and his 'Baron of Packwood' presentation. Trips and get-togethers are under discussion for the coming months, and we look forward to joining friends at Ashorne for the Resolutions Meeting in May. RM

An Evening of Music

An evening of music with the Porter Family for the benefit of Shipston Home Nursing. The event will be held in Cherington Village Hall on Saturday, 28 April, starting at 7.30pm. Tim, Helen, Hannah, Beth and Barney will entertain us with an eclectic mixture of classical, jazz, blues and pop. Tickets £12.50, to include canapés. Bar available. Tickets from Rebecca (Tel: 01608 674929) or Helen (Tel: 01608 685332).

Shipston on Stour Rotary Club is having its annual concert on Saturday, 21 April starting at 7.30pm in St Edmunds Church, Shipston on Stour. Tickets £7, available from Rebecca (Tel: 01608 674929). RM

News from the Cathedral

Roger Morris, Chairman for the Cathedral Liaison Officers, has resigned, and will be funnelling his energies into working with rural communities. Simon Monaghan, the Schools Team Outreach Officer, talked to us about the work of the International Centre for Reconciliation. He is working in schools, and is now running a course entitled 'Conflict, Peace and Reconciliation'. He aims to discuss bullying, and coping strategies, also to counter misunderstanding between religions. He is involved in Conference work, and Assemblies in Primary and Secondary Schools. He said there is a need to listen to young people's experiences of conflict in homes and outside school. He needs to work closely with the police and a liaison officer. Bishop Colin Bennetts has announced that he will be retiring by Easter. There will be an Easter Broadcast live from the Cathedral in Songs of Praise. Mr Kerry Beaumont, the new Director of Music has recruited 20 boys and 20 girls from local schools for the Cathedral Choir. He will train their voices, teach them grade V theory of music and grade V singing and pay for their exams. In addition, the children will be given discipline, responsibility, self-affirmation and enjoyment. AB - CLO



Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI

The March meeting of the WI was very well attended, only two of the 25 members sending apologies. As it was Fairtrade Fortnight, we had invited as our speaker Mike Porter from Wasperton, a keen advocate of the Fairtrade organisation and a local distributor of goods. He told us how the movement began, how it has grown into the huge business it now is, and how small farmers in the developing countries benefit when we shop thoughtfully. He showed us some of the many products available under the Fairtrade label and encouraged us to be selective when shopping. The next meeting is the birthday party on Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30pm. There will be a 'Wine and Cheese' supper followed by entertainment by Gill Hutsby and friends who sing songs from musical shows. We hope that all members will take part in the competition to create an Easter Bonnet. **Please note:** this meeting will be in Hampton Lucy village hall, not Charlecote as stated on the programme. CT

PHILLIS Lends a Hand to Older People

Are you an older person who is finding it difficult to maintain your home or would you like to get out more, socialise or learn a new skill? Older people in Warwickshire are going to get a helping hand to help them stay in their own homes for longer. Warwickshire County Council is launching a new service called PHILLIS (Promoting Health and Independence through Low Level Integrated Support) to support independent living for people over fifty. The PHILLIS service will assess what sort of support is needed for an older person and then, working with partners, will identify the services to best help them. So whether it is help with shopping, getting out and about, home repairs, finding social opportunities, claiming benefits, or keeping fit, PHILLIS is here to help!

Elizabeth Ross, Policy and Development Manager, said "Research shows that providing help and support for older people as soon as they begin to struggle with some aspects of daily living, can help them live safely and confidently in their own homes. We are very pleased to be able to offer this type of support to people living in Warwickshire." Once an older person has had help from PHILLIS, the Service will keep in contact with them on a regular basis, to ensure that they continue to receive appropriate support as and when personal circumstances may change. The PHILLIS Service is free, but there may be a charge for some community-based services. Access to the PHILLIS Service is open to anyone over the age of 50 years living in Warwickshire and individuals, their family, friends or support staff can refer to the service. For further information, please contact the PHILLIS Service (Tel: 01926 731144). BA



Church Services APRIL 2007

Apr 1st	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>Holy Communion (Ian Kennedy)</i>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Family Service (Sue Lampitt)</i>
	Loxley	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (tba)</i>
Apr 5th	Charlecote	7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion (Ian Kennedy)</i>
<i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>			
Apr 6th	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Hot Cross Buns: All Ages (Bob Clucas)</i>
<i>(Good Friday)</i>	Charlecote	2-3.00pm	<i>Meditation (Andrew De Smet)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	7.30pm	<i>The Cross of Christ with the Festival Singers</i>
Apr 7th	Charlecote	11.30pm	<i>Holy Communion (Andrew De Smet)</i>
<i>(Easter Eve Vigil)</i>			
Apr 8th	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Family Holy Communion (Bob Clucas)</i>
<i>(Easter Day)</i>	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Family Holy Communion (Hugh Keep)</i>
Apr 15th	Charlecote	8.30am	<i>BCP Holy Communion (Tony Upton)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00am	<i>Come & Worship H/C (Bob Clucas)</i>
	Loxley	11.00am	<i>Matins (Mac Parry)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
Apr 22nd	Loxley	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion (tba)</i>
	Charlecote	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion (tba)</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00pm	<i>Evensong (Mac Parry)</i>
Apr 28th	Hampton Lucy	4.30pm	<i>Evensong with the Prebendal Singers</i>
Apr 29th	Charlecote	9.30am	<i>3 Parishes Holy Communion</i>

Diary – APRIL 2007

Sun 1	Loxley Annual Vestry, Parochial and Parochial Church Council Meeting after evensong in Loxley church, 7pm
Mon 2	Easter Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 3	Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 4	Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Birthday Party. 'Wine and Cheese' supper.
Thu 5, 12	Trotters Toddlers Group , Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Tue 10	Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Thu 12	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mike Miles will talk about "The Baron of Packwood"
Thu 12	Parishes' Prayer Group meets at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, 7.45pm
Sun 15	Hampton Lucy PCC Annual General Meeting in church, 7.30pm
Mon 16	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 17, 24	Keep-fit Class in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Wed 18	Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Wed 18	Loxley Parish Council. Annual Meeting at the school, 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome
Thu 19, 26	Trotters Toddlers Group Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Sun 22	Jigsaw Youth Group meets at Hampton Lucy school, 7.30pm
Wed 25	Tai Chi class at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am
Sat 28	Prebendal Singers. Evensong in Hampton Lucy church, 4.30pm
Mon 30	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm

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THE GRAPEVINE

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