



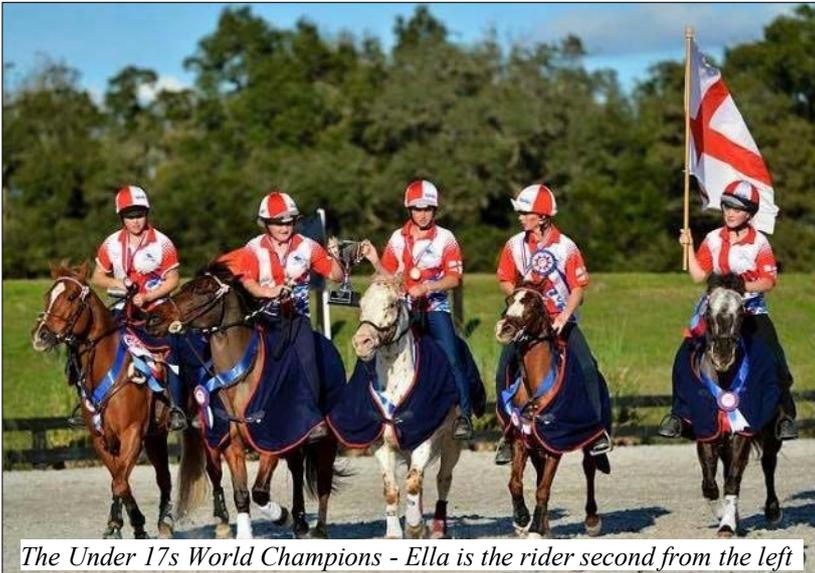
# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE  
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## International World Games, Florida – The Prince Philip World Cup.



*The Under 17s World Champions - Ella is the rider second from the left*

Hampton Lucy can be very proud of Ella Clark of Grovefields Farm who, with her four English team mates, has just won this prestigious event for Under 17s in Florida. After competing very successfully in UK and Europe, they were chosen by The Mounted Games Association to represent England and flew to Florida to compete in The Prince Philip World Cup. Mounted Games is a very fast, competitive sport, racing horses at full speed, performing baton changes, sword collections and placing balls on top of cones, etc. The English team had to ride allocated horses - always difficult as the riders have only three days to get to know and form a working bond with their horses. After the last round of thirty games, spread over four days, they were tied as joint leaders with the USA. A final deciding match was needed and

with skill and determination the English team won! This has never been achieved by a visiting team riding borrowed horses before. There will be several Mounted Games competitions at Grovefields Farm this year, and anyone who would like to come along to watch will be very welcome. Further details from Derrick Clark, Deer Barn, Grovefields Farm, Hampton Lucy, Warwick, CV35 8AT, telephone: 07768 385390.

DC

## ... And The Bells Did Ring Out!

What a wonderful evening it was. 'Carols at the Mill' returned for its third year, this time joined by The Hampton Lucy School Choir and The Snitterfield Hand Bell Ringers. Despite a blustery afternoon there was a great turnout and the occasion was complemented by a warming charcoal brazier, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies, all provided by Karl and Adrian. A big "thank you" goes to the choir for their beautiful singing which was enjoyed by everyone, and to the hand bell ringers for their wonderfully atmospheric sound - all creating a delightfully festive atmosphere in the old water mill. Donations amounted to £134.70, which was divided equally between the choir and the bell ringers. It was lovely to see so many visitors making it such an enjoyable occasion despite the weather, and thank you all for your generous donations.



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## Hampton Lucy Primary School and Nursery

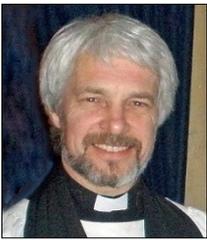
Our choir was invited to sing at Charlecote Mill and at The Charlecote Garden Store. They gave a beautiful performance which made everything very festive. The Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 and Year 2 children's production of



'A Miracle in Town' was our Christmas Assembly and was performed in the church. The KS2 children's production was entitled 'The Christmas Alphabet', with a short poem and a Bible quotation accompanying each letter. In addition, some of the letters were linked to a carol, song or a piece of music.



SA



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## The Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to announce an interesting new development that will be happening in our Benefice of six churches later this year. As part of a wider initiative within the Diocese about training future leaders of the Church from among people in their 20s and 30s, a small community is to be set up in Charlecote Vicarage of up to 3 young people with a warden or mentor living there with them and overseeing the life of the community, which will include shared meals and regular prayer together. The members will have other jobs but will also be expected to offer some time voluntarily to the ministry and mission of our six Churches. The mentor will be a young woman called Rachel Saum who will be ordained Deacon in early July. She will then become Curate in the Lighthorne Benefice - Lighthorne, Moreton Morrell, Chesterton and Newbold Pacey - while living at Charlecote. Rachel has been working at Holy Trinity Stratford where she has done some very good work and we are sorry that we won't be getting more of her time.

With her commitments elsewhere, it is likely to be about one Sunday a month. However, overall the community should be a plus for the Church in our villages.

Another interesting initiative coming soon is that either side of Easter we are going to be running some courses about Christian faith. They are part of a series called 'Pilgrim' and can be both for committed Christians and for people who are just wanting to find out more. Each five-session module is independent so you can just do one module. If you are at all interested, please do contact me for more information.

David Jessett

PS Tommy really enjoyed his first Christmas. He enjoyed his presents very much and even spent some time playing with the things that were inside them!



### News from the Parishes

*A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.*



### Cathedral News

**Thursday, 10 March** at Coventry Cathedral, 6.30pm for 7.00pm: What Lies Beneath? - archaeological discoveries in the ruins. George Demidowicz, the Cathedral archaeologist, will explain the discoveries found when engineering works required the flag-stones to be lifted during the summer. Kelly Christ, the Cathedral's architect, will talk about the challenges encountered during the work. There will be a small display of the finds and the first opportunity for the public to access the Wyley Chapel to view the vaulted areas. Tickets are £10.00 from the Cathedral Gift Shop. **Tuesday 15 March to Tuesday 5 April:** 'The Pentateuch Project'. A textile exhibition produced by Kathrin Kiss-Elder to illustrate the five books of Moses, the Jewish Torah. The exhibition was previously staged in Cologne. **Friday 25 March, 6.00pm:** Bach's St Matthew Passion, featuring the St Michael's singers and the English Symphony Orchestra. DH

### Wellesbourne Matters

By the time you read this there will probably be more good news concerning the future of Wellesbourne Airfield, but at the time of writing a rumour was circulating that the airfield was due to close by the end of the year. That is not the case, and it is definitely 'business as usual'! Do visit our website at [wellesbournematters.com](http://wellesbournematters.com) to keep up to date and you are invited to our second AGM on Wednesday, 23 March, at 7pm in Wellesbourne Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. For further details or information call Frankie Stuart, Secretary of WM, on 01789 841819. FS

### 'The Lucy Ladies'

For some time now a group of ladies living in and around Hampton Lucy have been meeting for coffee once a month at The Boars Head in Hampton Lucy. We enjoy a warm welcome from our hosts, Phil and Angie, good coffee (or tea), and ongoing friendship. We meet very informally - no agenda and no apologies if you can't make it. Why not come along and see what we're about? From February onwards we're changing our name and moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Further details from Carol Pagett on 01789 840233, or join us on the 9<sup>th</sup> - you'll be very welcome. CP

## Charlecote Park in February

By the time you read this you'll be thinking about half term and beyond. Did you know that you can stay at Charlecote Park? The Turret is a comfortable three-bedroom apartment on the first floor overlooking the croquet lawn, and the best part is having Charlecote to yourself when the visitors have gone. Find out more in the "Places to Stay" section of the Charlecote website. Half-term also brings the first of our 2016 events, with the launch of "50 Things To Do Before You're 11¾". There are additional free activities during the school holidays to get the 'new-starters' launched on the scheme and to help those with activities ticked off to get closer to finishing all 'Fifty Things'. This National Trust scheme has been running for a few years now and is a great way to get children involved in nature and outdoor activities. Do let us know if you complete the last of your '50 Things' at Charlecote! All of our events require parents to accompany children. The house re-opens on Saturday 13 February and visitors will find out more about the life of wild Georgian bachelor George Lucy, who loved fine clothes, travel and women - and who introduced the first Jacob sheep into the country. Finally, if this is going to be a "significant" year for you, don't forget that Charlecote has been the scene of many first dates and wedding proposals. While we don't have the resources to host weddings, we're happy to arrange wedding and engagement photography - phone Rosie Thompson on 01789 470277 for information, locations and charges.

MGI

## NADFAS Church Record at St Leonard's Church, Charlecote



Work is progressing steadily on the church record for St Leonard's. Quite a few of the recorders have finished the fieldwork in church and are now able to do further research and writing up in the warmth of their own homes. You will still find some recorders in church on alternate Wednesday mornings taking copious notes. Bob

Burdett, our photographer, and his stalwart assistant Tony Barlow could also be there with cameras, tripod, lights, ladders, etc. Some of the photography is quite challenging! You are very welcome to come along, watch us work and ask questions. You could also perhaps answer some of our queries?

AW

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club News

On behalf of all members of the Wellesbourne & District Lions, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy New Year and to thank you all for your wonderful support during 2015. It continues to amaze me how, in difficult financial times, the people of this district continue to dig deep and give so generously to our local charities. A huge "thank you" goes to all of the helpers and friends from local organisations who gave up their time to join us on our Santa floats in the run-up to Christmas and an even bigger "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the massive total of over £5,000 which was raised. This is the highest sum raised for some years. We will, as usual, be taking a group of pensioners from our area to the Phoenix Players' pantomime, and will be going to the special preview evening on Wednesday, 3 February, at Stratford ArtsHouse. This year's production is Alice in Wonderland (...oh yes it is!) There is a limited number of seats on offer and transport will be provided if required. If you would like to join us then please contact Lion John Liley on 01789 841745.



AS

## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI



Wednesday, 6 January, marked our first meeting of 2016. President Kath Clarke warmly welcomed the new members including several from Loxley. We hope they will all enjoy being part of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI. The speaker for the evening was Georgie Hale who had embarked on a small cruise ship to visit the Antarctic. Unfortunately the ship sank! Her account of the experience was vivid and absolutely brilliant and all presented without notes or slides, but with lots of photographs for members to look at. Our next meeting is on February 3rd when E and M Schellenberg will speak on 'The Ifakara Bakery Project'. This will be at 7.30 pm at Hampton Lucy. On Wednesday January 20th we shall be meeting at the Boars Head for our New Year Supper which has become a popular annual event in the WI diary.

MJW

## The John Lucy Trust

The John Lucy Trust, (Charity No. 528686), was created in 1997 by amalgamating three older Foundations and Trusts. Its main purpose is to manage the four properties that it owns and to apply the net income from these for the benefit of Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery, and Hampton Lucy Parish Church. The day-to-day management of the properties is delegated to the Trust's agents, Messrs. Godfrey Payton of Warwick. Two of the properties in Hampton Lucy are the Boars Head and the Village Hall. The Trustees are also able to assist in promoting the education of persons under the age of 25 who are in need of financial assistance and who reside, or whose parents reside, in the Parish of Hampton Lucy. The Trust has five Trustees, four of whom are currently resident in the village, and they meet four times each year to discuss the management of the properties and to disburse the Trust's net income. Details of the Trust's Annual Return to the Charity Commissioners as well as its Annual Report and Accounts are available on the Charity Commission's web-site or can be obtained from the Trust's Secretary, Dr Ken Cockshull, 11 The Langlands, Hampton Lucy.

KEC

## For Walkers and Country Lovers - An Appeal

Lapwing, *Vanellus vanellus*



We hope you have been enjoying watching the birds on Thelsford Farm this winter. There are flocks of yellow-hammers, linnets and corn buntings in the trees and hedges along the track which leads to Hale End Barn. You may well also see good numbers of golden plovers, lapwings (*pictured*), starlings and many others. Some of these species are becoming quite rare now but we have taken steps to encourage them and last summer we left an un-harvested strip of barley beside the old road as a winter food source for the birds. The stubble was also left uncultivated so that weed seeds and cereal grains left behind after harvesting are available. In the middle of the field there is a green wildflower rectangle which was sown in the summer with plants that will produce seed for the birds. This has all resulted in large numbers of hedgerow birds

which would otherwise struggle without such provision - and real enjoyment for bird-watchers and walkers. Now that spring is approaching these birds need secure nesting sites. RSPB research has shown that even a dog on a lead can reduce breeding success for hedgerow and ground-nesting birds. With this in mind, may we appeal to you to keep to the designated footpaths and not take short cuts, however tempting they may appear, and if you walk with a dog, please always keep it under control. We shall then all be able to enjoy seeing these birds again next winter. SL

### 2015 Children's Concert Talent and Enthusiasm!

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the Hampton Lucy Children's Christmas Concert. It was lovely to see the church so full. There were over thirty children performing in the concert and they all played beautifully. £250 was raised and this was divided between St Peter's Church and Hampton Lucy Village Hall. Thank you to all the performers. It was a delightful way to start Christmas!

SApp



Gracie's first public performance - a star is born.

### Charlecote Wine and Wisdom

Charlecote's Wine & Wisdom evening took place in November, with eight teams from Charlecote, Loxley and Hampton Lucy participating. Derek Morris set the questions, Chris Johns more or less kept control as Quizmaster, and the winning team was "Sioux's Clews" made up of the Penn, Dunkerton, and Johns families. The magnificent sum of £435 was raised towards Charlecote Village Hall funds. Very many thanks to everyone for your support for this event. HH



## Help Loxley Village Take Control of Its Own Future!

In a bid to take the control of the future of Loxley out of the hands of potential developers, Loxley Parish Council is inviting all residents to attend a public meeting on Monday, 22 February, at 7.00pm in The Fox Inn, to hear their ideas for a Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. With regular news stories of yet more housing developments within the Stratford area, it is not surprising that the residents of Loxley Parish may feel as if they are under siege. That is why Loxley Parish, along with many other communities in the district, is working to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan. A Neighbourhood Development Plan is both a vision statement and a detailed description of how the community wants to see its own locality develop. It is written by the community for the community. Once approved by both the community and an external examiner, it then has statutory status. Any proposed development within the area covered by the plan must then legally take account of the community's views. A Neighbourhood Development Plan is not about stopping development. Even a small parish like Loxley with just over 150 households may well be required to accommodate upwards of thirty new dwellings. It is, however, about having some control about the size, type and location of any new development and whether it meets the requirements of people who need to live in the area. It is also about much more than just new development. It is about local people having a say in what they want their community to be like in 10 or 20 years. It's about the future provision of schools, roads and other local services. This is why the Parish Council is now appealing to all its local residents, and a steering group, set up by the Council to oversee the plan, wants to hear your views. For more information please regularly check the Loxley Parish website. JB

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The Charlecote website:  
[charlecote.org.uk](http://charlecote.org.uk)

### Hampton Lucy The Lucy Ladies'

Meet in The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy,  
Tuesday, 9 February at 10.30am - *(change of day!)*  
*All ladies welcome!*

### 'The Lucy Lads'

Meet at The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy  
on Thursday, 4 February at 11.30am to plan the next  
few month's adventures.  
*All 'lads' at heart welcome!*

Hampton Lucy

### Boars Head Specials

**Wine Tasting**, 7.00pm, Sunday, 24 January.  
Sample 12 wines from our 2016 wine list. £10 pp  
(Phil's Nibbles included.)

**Burns Night**, Monday, 25 January. 'À la carte' or  
haggis, tatties, and neeps! Kilts & sporrans optional.

**Italian Night**, 31 January, 5 courses, £29.99\*  
Enjoy Italy's food and wine in great company- prego!

**Valentine's Night**, 14 February, 5 courses, £29.99\*

*\*Includes wine - Booking essential.*

### Charlecote Village Hall

The hall has recently undergone extensive redecoration and new lighting installed, and now provides a welcoming, stylish, and well equipped venue at very reasonable cost for all events including parties, meetings, classes and workshops. Please contact **Gill Belcher** on **01789 840324** or **Helen Hoggarth** on **01789 840916** for more information and bookings.

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## Church Services

February 2016

<b>7 February</b>	<b>The Sunday Next Before Lent</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>10 February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
7.30pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW
<b>14 February</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	CW
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP
<b>21 February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	
<b>28 February</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Choral Evensong	BCP
		with <b>The Festival Singers</b>	

### For your diary:

#### January

- Sun 24 **Wine Tasting**, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 25 **Burns Night**, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, **Notice Board**.  
 Sun 31 **Italian Night**, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, **Notice Board**.

#### February

- Wed 3 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3**.  
 Wed 3 **Alice in Wonderland**, Wellesbourne & District Lions, **page 3**.  
 Thur 4 **'The Lucy Lads'**, meet at The Boars Head, 11.30am. **Notice Board**.  
 Mon 8 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Tues 9 **'The Lucy Ladies'**, meet at The Boars Head, 10.30am, **page 2** and **Notice Board**.  
**Wed 10 Copy deadline for The Grapevine.**  
 Tues 9 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (**visit website**).  
 Fri 12 **Valentine's Night**, The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy, **Notice Board**.  
 Tues 16 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 Mon 22 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm, **page 3**.  
 Mon 22 **Loxley Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting**, The Fox Inn, **page 4**.  
 Tues 23 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

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**Editor's note:** This additional page is to accommodate late items from the Hampton Lucy Parish Council. To be fair to The Loxley and Charlecote Parishes, who also contribute to the funding of the newsletter, Hampton Lucy Parish Council has agreed to cover the extra cost involved. If any of the Councils or Parochial Church Councils wish to use the newsletter in this way to publicise events or pass on Parish news, the Grapevine Team will always be pleased to assist.. The Grapevine's role is to be a source of information for the community. However, publication will always be at the discretion of the Editor.

AJW

### **Resignation of Sue Main, Hampton Lucy Parish Councillor**

It is with regret that the Parish Council received a letter of resignation from Sue Main as a Parish Councillor at the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13 January, 2016.

Sue has been a Parish Councillor since being elected in 2002 and served as the Chairman since 2010. She has also served as a Councillor on Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

During her period as Councillor, Sue has used the knowledge, experience and expertise she had built up as a District and Parish Councillor for the benefit of our Parish and has always worked to support the community.

As an example, when Charles Church submitted their planning application to build houses in the village, Sue set up and led the Housing Action Group which fought to get the application rejected. Although ultimately unsuccessful, but only after an appeal by the developers and a public enquiry, the Group did succeed in reducing the number of houses to twenty-five.

The Parish Council, on behalf of all the residents of the Parish, would like to thank Sue for her hard work and commitment to the Parish and we wish her well for the future.

CS

### **Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Hampton Lucy**

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, that a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Hampton Lucy by reason of resignation of Councillor Sue Main on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

Any ten local government electors for the Parish may require an election to be held to fill the said vacancy. To do this, they must send a written request to the Chief Executive, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, which must reach him not later than 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016. No set form of words is necessary.

If such a request is received by the Chief Executive, an election will be held. If no request is received, the vacancy will be filled in due course by co-option by the remaining members of the Parish Council.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

By order of the Parish Council



(Signed) Dr John Dunkerton

(Designation): Hampton Lucy Parish Clerk

### **Clean for the Queen**

Between 4 March and 6 March, 'Country Life' and 'Keep Britain Tidy' are suggesting a national 'Clean for the Queen' event as part of this year's celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The link is <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/clean-for-the-queen-for-her-majesty-s-90th-birthday/2549/2/1/999/3>

So, we need as many people as possible in Hampton Lucy to help over that weekend, picking up litter, tidying paths, hedges, cleaning signs, painting things etc. We will also have a working party giving our lovely old bridge a good scrub, if I haven't already managed to get the County Council to do it! So, see you there and watch this space.

JD

### **Local charities**

Each year, Hampton Lucy Parish Council has £200 to donate to local charities. Macmillan nurses were mentioned at the Parish Council meeting last night as a possibility. If anyone has any other ideas for a worthy local charity or would like to bid for some funding help, please let me know before next March's meeting.

JD