

STONELEIGH & ASHOW

NEWS



MARCH 2010

This month we begin a series of extracts from the diary of the late Mr Harry Edmunds, Shirley Ball's father. He was born in 1897, and later in life wrote down his reminiscences about life and events in Stoneleigh. His diary presents a fascinating insight into the village's history in the first half of the twentieth century.

The cover picture (from Shirley's collection) for this month's edition of the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* has been chosen to reflect this first extract, as it shows the old bridge at the foot of Motslow Hill.



When the river went over Stoneleigh Bridge

1900: the big flood, when G Keen and H. Hibbert were drowned. Hibbert was found the same day and G. Keen was found in the back water at Stoneleigh Abbey. The river rose very quickly and my mother took us down to the church and the water was level with the stone at the church door. From there she took us down to Walton's Field and we were just in time to see a fowl pen full of chickens go floating down the river, and when we were coming back home, Mr Adcock had just been to get the Co-Op horse out of his stable and he told my mother he was lucky to be alive: the water nearly took him away as it was up the sides of the horse. The next day we went to see the bridge at Motslow Hill and the water had lifted the bridge off its buttresses and it lay on the side of the river.



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The Arthur Rank Centre is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation serving the rural community and its churches. If you live in a rural area, whether on a farm miles from anywhere, or even in a country town, you have to spend time travelling about to get things done or find things out. That is in addition to commuting of course.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY (702842) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on the 29th March 2010 at 8pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

All inhabitants of the parish of Stoneleigh who are eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Elections will be held at the meeting to elect candidates for 3 elected member positions. The successful candidates shall hold office until the end of the third annual general meeting following their election.

If you would like to apply for one of the above positions please do so in writing to:

The Honourable Secretary,
Sue Marshall
18, Mercia Ave
Kenilworth.
CV8 1EU





The Leigh Educational Foundation

The Leigh Educational Foundation is a charitable body which makes grants to assist in the education or training of young people. To qualify for a grant (eg for school uniform, an educational excursion, course fees, equipment etc) applicants must be:

- Younger than 25
- Resident (or but for their education would be resident) in Stoneleigh, Ashow or Leek Wootton
- In full time education or training

Further details and an application form may be obtained from:

James Johnson ,Clerk to the Trustees
3 Barford Woods
Barford Road
Warwick
CV34 6SZ
Tel: 01926 419300
E-mail: johnson.jf@virgin.net

The Trustees meet four times a year (in Feb, May, Aug and Nov) to consider applications for grants.

THE ASHOW CHURCH APPEAL.

It's early days yet!

The Ashow church appeal was launched just before Christmas so, at the time of writing this in mid-February, we only have a small part of what we hope will be an even bigger final figure.

So far we have had £720 in one off donations with 5 new or renewed standing orders direct to church funds.

The newly set up "Friends of Ashow" group has 8 members which will add £840 a year to the regular income of the church. This money will be allocated to the restricted designated building fund to be used for work on the fabric of the church.

If you are one of those on our list of donors I thank you, on behalf of the Wardens and the Parochial Church Council for your support.

If you have not yet contributed I urge you to add your name to our list and contribute in whatever way suits you best; either by direct donation or regular standing order or joining "The Friends of Ashow"

What is certain is that we are in great need of support if we are to raise our income to the level required to cover our day-to-day expenses and have a cushion to enable us to meet any emergency cost that may arise.

Syd Creed.
P.C.C. Treasurer





Easter Flowers

Please do come along and join us at Stoneleigh Church on Saturday 3rd April at 10am to decorate the Church for Easter.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies, then please do so to either myself or Syd Creed.

Everyone welcome

Thank you

Mandy Gibbs



*A BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY AND NIMBLE TABBY CAT
APPEARED IN STONELEIGH CLOSE IN THE NEW YEAR
AND HAS MADE A NEW HOME THERE.*

*IF HE/SHE BELONGS TO YOU, PLEASE CLAIM
HIM/HER BACK FROM MRS DEWHURST ON 02476
414151.*

Ashow Parish Meal

The Ashow Parish Meal held at the Clarendon Arms in Kenilworth on Thursday February 11th was extremely well attended and a very successful evening.

The selection of food on the menu was excellent and much enjoyed by everyone.

The PCC are very grateful to Charlotte, Ryan and Sean from the Clarendon Arms for all their help and generosity to the church. The raffle organised by Sarah Williams raised £308 and our thanks go to everyone who donated the prizes.

The total profit for the Church was £670.50.

An Appeal

I would like to thank all those who have already contributed photographs and other memorabilia to help me with my book about the men from Stoneleigh who lost their lives in the Great War. I hope to publish in plenty of time for this year's Armistice Day, and I am sending out this final appeal: are you a relative of anyone commemorated on the church memorial to the Fallen? Might you have any pictures you might allow me to use? Any further information about their lives would be greatly appreciated, and will of course be fully acknowledged.

Sheila Woolf 02476 418759
or shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk





Stoneleigh & District Ex- Service Persons' Social Club

The above organisation runs Social Evening and Supper Dance events once a month throughout the autumn and winter at Stoneleigh Village Hall. The next two events will be held on Friday March 19th and Friday April 16th. between 8pm and 11.30pm. The cost is £6 per person. A ploughman's supper + trifles or cakes is served during the interval.

The dancing consists of all types: Ballroom, Old Time, Modern Sequence, Rock n' Roll, Line Dance etc. Newcomers are more than welcome to come and have a good time and also to help with the proceeds which are donated to local charities. Please contact either Dennis on 02476 414214 or Ernie on 01926 858094.

The latest addition to the village website is a section where you can see a variety of photographs from the vast collection of Shirley Ball.

Many thanks to Shirley for allowing publication. Go to www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk and you may see yourself, your friends and neighbours as you had forgotten they looked!

STONELEIGH WI

The speaker at the meeting on February 2nd was Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Lesinski, the Master of Lord Leycester's Hospital in Warwick. His talk was about state ceremonial and he spoke about four aspects in particular: the State Opening of Parliament, visits by foreign heads of state, the Queen's Birthday parade and the Garter service at St George's Chapel Windsor. He was able to give us a fascinating and often amusing behind the scenes account of these occasions. He also spoke about his role as adviser during the BBC television coverage of Trooping the Colour.

The members of the craft group have been making crocheted items this month and the Strollers walked at Coombe Abbey. A group of members saw "Amadeus" at the Loft Theatre and a visit is being made to the new Sikh temple in Leamington on February 26th.

The next village lunch will take place on Tuesday, March 2nd. The menu will be roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage followed by fruit tart and custard. If you have put your name on the list and are unable to come or if you wish to add your name to the list please let Rachel Gill know on 02476 414030.

Rachel Gill



Stonleigh Village Club

The Club has been very busy over the last few weeks hosting a number of very successful events including the following:

The fish & chip supper evening proved very popular, a good feast was had by all. Jane's 40th Birthday party went down a storm, with Fletch's cocktails being in great demand! The Valentines event had a great turnout, with again the fabulous Fletch's cocktails top of the tasting agenda! Thanks to all involved.

Forthcoming Events: See Noticeboard for full details

20 th March	Kelly's Quiz Night – 8.00pm start
4 th April	Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Competition
10 th April	Grand National
11 th April	AGM
23 rd April	St Georges Day (Jim Ball Memorial)
May	Fletch's Cocktail Evening – date to be confirmed
May	Members Night – date to be confirmed

Reminder: MEMBERSHIP DUE SHORTLY

**THE CLUB LOGS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RETURNED
AND IT'S BEEN A VERY COLD WINTER!**

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Sue Brooks

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The March Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the **Ashow Village Club, Ashow**, on 11th March 2010 starting at **7.00p.m. Please note earlier time.** At this meeting there will be a presentation by Andrew Murphy (who is working with the owner of the Old Garage in Stoneleigh) showing plans that he has drawn up for a proposed property on the site of the Old Garage. Also there will be a presentation by Jane Coates, Localities and Communities Officer, Warwick District on “Working with Parish Plans”.

Parking outside the Almshouses - Stoneleigh

It has come to the notice of the Parish Council that some motorists are parking across the paths leading from the almshouses thus making it difficult for the residents. Warwickshire County Council has agreed to paint Access Protection Markings which hopefully will relieve this problem. This should happen in the next two months. In the mean time if you park outside the almshouses will you please park with consideration to the residents.

Shrubbery overhanging the Footpaths

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there are a few houses in Stoneleigh village where shrubs have been allowed to overhang pavements thus making it difficult for residents to walk safely along these paths. If your shrubs have grown and are overhanging pavements will you please ensure that they are cut back?

Vacancy Parish Councillor – Ashow Ward

Cllr Mrs Judith Clark has resigned as a Councillor for Ashow Ward. Judith has served for 4 years and we would like to thank her for all her support and cooperation she has given. She will be greatly missed.

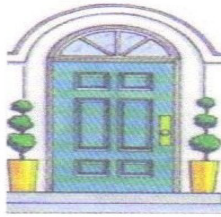
If you are interested in becoming a Councillor either contact the Chairman Cllr H. Baker on 01926 859629 or myself on 01926 491482.

Showground

During the past few weeks on occasions youngsters from the Stoneleigh area have been playing and swinging on the bridge by entrance 2 of the Showground. When approached by staff of the Showground the youngsters were polite and moved on but there is concern for the safety of these youngsters. If you know who these children are will you please ensure they do not put their lives or others at risk and keep away from this area.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

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It is possible to have the image of your property removed if you wish. Go to the following web address where a short video explains how to do so.

<http://maps.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=68385>

STONELEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Two crimes have been reported to me this month. One of these was rather surprising, since it was mid day in a very visible location, the Village hall car park. A car parked there for an event in the Hall, on Tuesday 2 February, had both number plates screwed off and stolen. The second was on the night of 17 February in Vicarage Road. A BMW car was broken into, and a camera and some other items were stolen.

A perhaps more worrying event, again in the Village Hall car park, was at about 6.30 pm on 22 January, when three young girls were playing hide and seek and a man shouted and swore at them. They were frightened and ran away. One fell over and hurt herself. One parent immediately went back but the man had gone, in what is believed to have been a small silver car. Again the police would like any more information available on this.

Sadly thefts continue at Warwick University and the police warn us all not to leave anything which might appeal to thieves on view, especially computers. I once warned a lady in a car park about a large new computer box on her car rear seat. She said, "But it's empty." That is little consolation after thieves have broken into your car in the hope it is full. On the same day I warned another lady about a nice pair of binoculars on the back window shelf. "They are not mine, they belong to my husband," was the odd reply.

Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205



A row of bottles on my shelf
Caused me to analyse myself.

One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.

A little white one that I take
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.

The blue ones that I use a lot
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.

The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain.

The capsules tell me not to wheeze
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.

The red ones, smallest of them all
Go to my blood so I won't fall.

The orange ones, very big and bright
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.

Such an array of brilliant pills
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.

But what I'd really like to know.....
Is what tells each one where to go!

Contributed by Jim Harris



I'm back! Did you miss me?

As I write this, I have recently returned from two weeks in the Swiss ski resort of Wengen. While I cannot deny that I had a good time enjoying the skiing and the resort, it was a 'working holiday'. As some of you know, I was there to act as Chaplain of the English Church in Wengen (St. Bernard's). The church has been there since 1928, originally planted to serve the British skiing community who had formed the "Downhill Only Club" – which celebrated its 85th anniversary while I was out there. Now, along with a similar church in Zermatt, there is a much greater focus on reaching out to the English-speaking community rather than simply holding Sunday worship for the 'faithful'. Both Wengen and Zermatt churches are owned and maintained by the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS), based at Tachbrook Park, Warwick. I have been involved with ICS for nearly 20 years, sometimes acting as a chaplain in both summer and winter seasons in France and Switzerland, and for six years as permanent chaplain to the English-speaking community in Lyon. Since 2002, I have been a member of the Council of the society and so am very committed to their work – which is a major reason why I looked to move to this area in 2008.

So what have I been up to in Wengen for two weeks? Well, I have to admit that I had an easier time than some of the previous chaplains this winter. You will probably have read about the young English man who disappeared in Wengen over Christmas and whose body was found the following week. Tragedies of that magnitude may be rare, but our Chaplains become deeply involved with these and with lesser problems too. Nothing serious happened on my 'shift', but there were still opportunities for building relationships with residents, seasonal workers and holiday makers, for offering a listening ear and a compassionate word, and for sharing the good news of the Gospel in conversation and in Sunday worship.



I also led a memorial service for a Nottinghamshire farmer who had been a regular in Wengen for some 70 years, and who died last year following complications after a serious skiing accident. And, yes, I enjoyed some good skiing, good food and good company.

Thank you to those who supported me through prayer while I was away, and those who looked after the ministry in the parishes here.

Jim Perryman

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

A change to the “Last month in the churches” heading as we try to make this part more clearly looking ahead as well as back.

February highlights have included our Marriage Preparation Day, held at Leek Wootton for the couples who are getting married in the three churches this year. Nearly all managed to come and found it a very helpful and enjoyable day. We have also enjoyed the ministry of a variety of local retired clergy while Jim was away in Wengen, and thank Tim Brooke, Alan Davies, John Eardley and Roy Greenland for giving us their time and wisdom at our Sunday and Thursday services. By the end of the month, our Saturday Lent Breakfasts will have started again, as will the new monthly study group at Stoneleigh “Digging Deeper”, looking at our place in God’s wonderful world. If you want to join in with these, please contact the Vicar, Jim Perryman (01926 850610)

As we move into March, and journey together through the season of Lent, we will enjoy the festival of Mothering Sunday before the ‘shadow of the Cross’ falls upon our worship as we build up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. During Lent, there will be midweek Holy Communion services in Stoneleigh EVERY Thursday at the later time of 11.30am.

To keep up to date with what services are happening, when and where across the three parishes of Ashow, Leek Wootton and Stoneleigh, please see the website **www.a-lw-s.org.uk**

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White Wines

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Elegant South African with ripe tropical fruit

TerraSur Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 6.95

Dry, Chilean with a fresh crisp finish

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Well balanced, long, refreshing from Argentina

Cedar Creek Semillon/Chardonnay 6.95

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Sparkling Wine and Champagne

Willowglen Brut 7.45

Refreshing Australian sparkler with creamy fruit

Mumm Cordon Rouge 22.95

Fine, light bodied champagne with clean finish



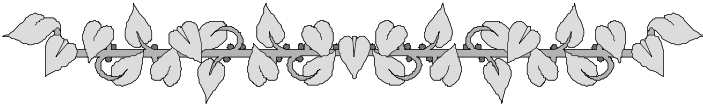
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References are available on request.

Jason Huthwaite



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**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH
SERVICES FOR MARCH 2010**

Date	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Thursday 4 th		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion and Baptism at Stoneleigh	
Thursday 11 th		11.30 Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th Mothering Sunday	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st Passion Sunday	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th Palm Sunday	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship

There will be a creche at the 11am. service at Stoneleigh on Mothering Sunday.

There will be no Lent Lunches in the Meadows Hut this year, but there will be a Communion Service in church every Thursday at 11.30 during Lent.

FROM THE REGISTER

Wednesday 17th February ,Cremation at Oakley Wood
WILLIAM HARRISON - Late of No 7 Hall Close