

STONELEIGH & ASH NEWS

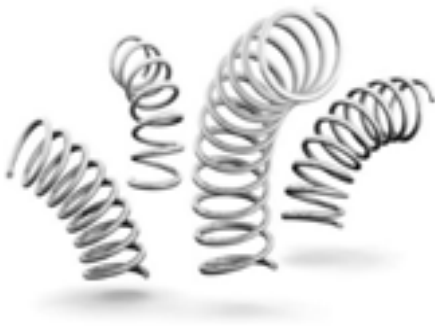


NOVEMBER 2014

Stop the world, I want to get off!...

I was having a lovely chat with someone the other day when they mentioned that it was only ten weeks until Christmas (It's a lot less now, dear reader!!). The conversation was arrested by a stunned silence, my hands covered my face as my brain spun into overdrive at this countdown and I doubled up in a manner that any onlooking psychologist could only describe as foetal! The comment caught me when I had just been despairing about how to fit all I had to do into the rest of my day, when all available time and energy was already spoken for! As the panic subsided for a brief moment, I rummaged in my overstuffed bag (which really must get sorted one of these days when I have a moment...) and pulled out the book I had grabbed off my shelf as I'd hurtled out of the house, trailing more bags and children in my wake.

Do Nothing to Change Your Life, a little book about discovering what happens when you stop, written by Stephen Cottrell when he was Bishop of Reading. (You see, I had already realised something like this could do with a reread!). The blurb on the back encourages us to *learn to nurture our inner slob... and to start an adventure of self-discovery, play and renewed creativity that will improve the way you see life and help you catch a glimpse of God.*



As energy is often low in this latter part of the year, and time is for many of us full to brimming with activity, I'd like to invite you to consider stepping out of the frenzy. It may be that sitting doing nothing is exactly what will restore you. However, if like me, you are so tightly coiled, that the spring needs help in releasing its tension without going ping, then please receive this warm invitation.

Both of our churches are beautiful spaces and open every day. In Ashow, I have put together some prayer resources which can be used at any time you can pause to enjoy the quiet. By holding a simple object but taking the time to think about it or by reading a few words and reflecting on them, I hope that you will find a haven of peace and an oasis of calm. Stoneleigh church already has a prayer table with a book to write in with your concerns if you would like others to support you in prayer.

It may also help to come alongside others (you won't have to talk to them!) in listening to a simple guided meditation in words and music and quiet, on **Thursdays in Advent**, which are **4, 11 and 18 December** in Stoneleigh church

at 10am, when I shall be offering exactly that. On all three of those weeks, our aim is to encourage you take time out for yourself but also to draw near to God and discover that he draws near to you. On the 11 December there will be a simple communion at 10:30 according to our usual pattern of worship, and on 4 and 18 December I will provide some basic resources for you to get creative (or bring your own!) Each week we invite you to stay and chat over coffee before rushing off... er, I mean, before embracing the tasks of the day with renewed perspective!

God bless

Sharon

P.S. If you can give a whole Saturday morning, join us on **Saturday 6 December at Stoneleigh Church from 9:30 – 12:30** when Audrey Rowberry, our reader, will take us through a morning in quiet preparation for Advent, called “O Come let us Adore Him.”

*Reverend Sharon Goble 07799220407
sharon.goble@btinternet.com*

A Message from Chris and Andrea Downham



On the 6th September we were very fortunate to be married in beautiful Stoneleigh. We would like to thank several people for helping us to prepare for our wedding and married life together. Rev. Sharon Goble and her team held an excellent wedding preparation day and Sharon made our wedding service very personal to us and our guests, even braving the topic of Scottish independence in front of a bunch of Scots! The Stoneleigh Church Flower Group arranged stunning flower displays throughout the church. Ron Binnie (organist) learned a new entrance piece and entertained our guests before the service. The church bell ringers called our guests out of the village club, into the church, and sent us on our way after the service. Finally Andrea would like to thank everyone who supported her and her Dad as they walked down through the village to the church with a piper.

At the meeting on 6th October, Nick Channer talked about walking the Wayfarers Walk, a long distance footpath of 70 miles which starts near Newbury and finishes on the coast near Portsmouth. He concentrated on the path between Highclere Castle and Watership Down. His photographs showed why ITV chose to film "Downton Abbey" at Highclere Castle.

The Theatre Group saw "Relatively Speaking" at the Loft Theatre on 10th October.

The Book Club met on 15th October to discuss "The Garden of Evening Mists" by Tan Twan Eng and "The Moreville Hours" by Katherine Swift. On Saturday 18th October there was a Race Night with a fish and chip supper in the Village Hall.

A Games afternoon was held on 21st October.

In October the Craft Group worked on quilts and Christmas items.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 4th November in the Village Hall. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 024 76418301. The menu will be pork casserole and fruit strudel.

Please join us for the coffee morning on 18th November, in the Village Club. Everyone is welcome.

Our Annual Meeting on Monday 1st December will be followed by a presentation from Jane Nickerson from the Samaritans.

Rachel Gill

Message from Syd Creed

Dear Friends

I have been overwhelmed with the extent of the communication to Eileen and myself following my sudden illness.

It will be slow progress to achieve full recovery and perhaps for the first time in my life I shall have to be 'patient'!

Once again thank you for your prayers and kind wishes.

Yours sincerely, Syd.

Coffee Morning

All proceeds to
Stoneleigh Church Flower Fund
on

Thursday 4th December at 10.30am

at
Stoneleigh Village Hall

Cake stall Raffle Christmas Table

All Donations greatly appreciated



Please do come along ~ Everyone welcome



The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow News

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival Service, led by Sharon, followed by a delicious Harvest Lunch at Stoneleigh Village Hall. The church looked “A Picture”, with beautiful flower and vegetable arrangements by Diana Holt, Margaret Cotton and Susan Spencer. There were generous donations of fruit, vegetables and dried goods from villagers and congregation. A substantial weight (63.7kg) of groceries were donated to the Kenilworth Food Bank to help local people in crisis, and a generous financial contribution from the collection and sale of perishable goods was sent off to “Water Aid”.

A final reminder about our concert and supper to raise funds for restoration work at Ashow Church. We only have a few tickets left! The concert on Wednesday 12th November is called “Remember”, and will feature Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, and include a 2 course supper. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £16 from Stephen Harvey tel: 01926 852543, or email stephen.harvey@doctors.org.uk

The Ashow Parish Singers have just started rehearsals on a Thursday evening, in church, at 7.30 pm, practising for our Advent and Christmas Services. New members are very welcome, so please come along if you can.

The Ashow Advent Carol Service will be on Sunday 30th November at 4.00pm, and followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Final details of all Christmas services will be published in next month’s Stoneleigh and Ashow News, and on the pew sheets in church.

Stephen Harvey

Church of
Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow

REMEMBER

On Wednesday 12th November at 7.15 for
7.30pm start

A Concert

With Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

2 course Supper

At Stoneleigh Village Hall

To raise funds for restoration work at
Ashow Church

Tickets £16

(bring your own drinks and glasses)

From Stephen Harvey (tel 01926 852543)
Or Kate Jones (tel 01926 853511)

HS2 UPDATE

The main item to report this month is that the Parliamentary Select Committee on HS2 visited the area on Tuesday 7 October, accompanied by Jeremy Wright M.P. and officials from Warwickshire District and County Councils and assorted others. Starting at Burton Green, the coach travelled to Crackley, Kenilworth and then Stoneleigh and Stoneleigh Park. A hardy group of villagers waited patiently at Gate 3 for two hours before the coach finally arrived, way behind schedule. However, the Committee listened to a presentation by Martin Smith and Anthony Bianco before speaking briefly with villagers about their concerns. They then drove through the village to Stoneleigh Park where Colin Hooper described the impact there, and Sheila Woolf spoke about historic Stare Bridge.

The Select Committee were attentive throughout, asked pertinent questions, and - despite scheduling problems – seemed to take on board the concerns that were raised about the impact on our community and the wider implications of work affecting the flow of traffic on the A46. They emphasised that although they lacked the power to advise the abandonment of the project as Parliament had already approved it, they could make recommendations about route changes and mitigation issues.

The next stage is the hearing of petitions, including those from StAG and the Parish Council. It is possible that these will be scheduled before Christmas. After that, everyone is in limbo until the visits are complete, all petitions heard and recommendations made. Meanwhile, several houses in Stoneleigh and surrounding villages have already been purchased by HS2 Ltd under the original Exceptional Hardship Scheme.

Margaret Wallis
On behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group

***Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse,
The Green, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DP
Registered Charity No: 215675***

NOTICE

The Almshouse Trustees wish to erect four handrails alongside the footpaths that lead down from the Almshouse to the road.

The installation of the handrails is designed to improve the residents' safety and accessibility to and from the Almshouses. Nearly all the residents are elderly and some suffer with poor sight and restricted mobility. Handrails will make it easier for them to access their homes from the road and improve safety during period when the footpaths may be slippery.

To comment on these proposals please contact

Michael Wareham, Clerk to the Trustees on
01608 654299 or email: mcwareham@gmail.com

OR

Richard Hancox, Chairman of the Council on
02476 693819 or email: richard.hancox@emhighways.co.uk

Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing field Trust

Many local residents exercise their dogs on the playing field. Could we please ask you to clear up any mess that your dogs leave on the field. I'm sure that you're all aware that the football team play there regularly and that also many children use the field. It is very unpleasant if any of the users have to play where dogs have fouled. Please ensure that this doesn't happen.

Village Hall Committee

Stoneleigh History Society

Our September meeting was a celebration of the wonderful work done by the Stoneleigh Stitchers, a dedicated team who had worked over many years to produce the stunning pew cushions in the church. These cushions represent living history at its best - a beautiful record of the village and church community. Several of those involved in the design and production were able to join us and speak about their experiences, and the evening provided a moving testimony to their teamwork and expertise. Some of the original designs done by village children were brought along, and, poignantly, we learned that Eileen Burman had left a legacy to the church to produce a booklet about the cushions.

For our next meeting on October 28th at 7.30 pm we shall return to the village hall, and our speaker will be Hazel Fryer, on "Humphry Repton and Stoneleigh Abbey". Our November meeting will provide a glimpse into the family histories of various Stoneleigh village people.

Have you bought your Stoneleigh 2015 Calendar yet? They are going fast! They are on sale in the church and directly from me; any remaining ones will be on sale at the Stoneleigh Abbey Christmas Craft Fayre on November 30th.

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh Abbey

Christmas Craft Fayre

Sunday 30th November - 10am till 3pm

Free admission

A Festive selection of Home made Gifts and Crafts, Teas/coffees

Tombola, Toys, Books, Bric -a-brac, and many more stalls

www.stoneleighabbey.org

Call 01926 858535 now for details

Four Seasons Function Room

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**The Four Seasons Function Room is now taking bookings
for Christmas Parties and spaces are becoming limited.**

(Sample Menu)

Cream of Tomato Soup

Or

Chilled Melon

**Roast Norfolk Turkey with Stuffing
& Bacon Roll**

or

**Fillet of Salmon served with
Hollandaise sauce**

Vegetarian option on request

A selection of vegetables in season

Xmas Pudding served with brandy sauce

Or

Ice cream

Cheese & biscuits

Tea or Coffee served with a mince pie

Lunchtimes £18.00pp Evenings £19.00pp

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The November Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses

The Trustees of the Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses have asked for permission from the Parish Council to erect four handrails alongside the footpaths that lead down from the Almshouses to the road. The reason for considering the installation of handrails is to improve the safety of the resident's accessibility to and from the Almshouses. It has been suggested by the Trustees that they will be made out of galvanised steel and painted black to match doors, window frames, down pipes and guttering of the Almshouses.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions to this request will they please contact either one of the Parish Councillors or myself. I can be contacted on 01926 491482 or maddisonsgandpa@fsmail.net

Pat Maddison - Parish

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Christmas Carol Concert

at Stoneleigh Abbey

Wednesday December 10th and Thursday December 11th
tickets £12 to include mulled wine and mince pies.

Ring 01926 858535 for tickets

www.stoneleighabbey.org

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Flying the Flag at Christmas

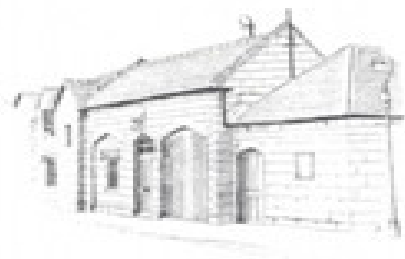


For many years now, Robin Bussell has “flown The flag” around Christmas time to offer Christmas greetings between neighbours instead of sending cards. Those wishing to join in this quaint custom have their greetings listed in the December S & A News and this list is also displayed on Robin’s gatepost when the flag is flying. In return, those joining in give a donation to Robin for his chosen charity:

The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

If you wish to take part this year please send your contributions (cash, or cheques payable to “WNAA”) to Robin Bussell at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH - and before 18th November, please, to meet the next S & A News deadline. **Thank you.**

The flag will be flying over the weekend of 19th/21st December.



Stoneleigh Village Club – November Diary

Saturday 1 st November	Halloween Party
Monday 3 rd	Darts v The Oak (cup match)
Tuesday 4 th	Pool v The Lion
Tuesday 11 th	Sam's "Baby Shower"
Wednesday 12 th	Bingo
Saturday 15 th	Fish and Chips (list behind bar; price £7)
Tuesday 18 th	Coffee morning, 10.30 am
Saturday 22 nd	Tarsem's Curry Night (Tickets £12)
Monday 24 th	Darts v The Tiltyard
Tuesday 25 th	Pool v Legion Assassins
Wednesday 26 th	Bingo
Thursday 27 th	Crib and Dominoes v Berkswell 'A'
Friday 28th	Mark's Quiz Night

Please watch the notice board for further details, changes and additions.

Notes: Each Friday is "**Early Doors**": the bar opens at 5.00 pm for that well-earned drink after a busy week at work.

Throughout November, the Club will remain open on **Sunday Afternoon** for **Premiership Football** on **Sky TV**. This is a trial run to determine the demand for this from members.

Social Committee

Stoneleigh Village Club

The following is a summary of an email report to members at the end of our half year accounting period.

It has been a mixed half year: four months with a trading surplus and two with a loss and a small surplus overall. Bar sales alone are insufficient to sustain the Club and 'events' are essential – together with helpers to organise and customers to support them. We always need more helpers – please.

We continue to try to improve the facilities of the Club and the door into the garden has been a great success with members making use of the garden – when the weather permits. We will shortly install a wood burning stove as we have been advised that the oil boiler is on its last legs; we hope this, too, will improve the general ambience of the Club.

We have conducted a survey of the stonework and the roof and will deal with essential repairs as funds become available. The Club has received huge support from Jaguar Land Rover as they have included SVC in their Community Support Programme. In return we have agreed to support JLR's favoured charity: the British Red Cross.

Membership numbers have grown steadily although it is disappointing that fewer than 170 are Stoneleigh residents. To ensure the future of the Club we really do need maximum support from the Village; we also need more members to be prepared to lend a hand in the management of the Club and organisation of events. If you have any ideas on how we might improve our activities and appeal to members, please have a word.

*Thank you for your support
Robin Bussell, Chairman*



(Ramon Evitts displays his winning 20 pound marrow in the marrow competition!)

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

The choir returned from their summer break at the beginning of September and were quickly back into the concert scene with a visit from the Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir from Yorkshire. A lovely evening in the Church raised around £1000 for the Church roof appeal and the Stoneleigh Choir contributed a further £1000 to the fund. The evening finished in the Village Club and many new friends were made.



he Millhouse Green coaches fill The Square in Stoneleigh!

The popular carol concerts at Stoneleigh Abbey will be on 10th and 11th December this year. Tickets are available from the Abbey ticket office (tel: 01926 858535) and are priced at £12.

Robin Bussell

This month's edition of Stoneleigh and Ashow News was compiled by **Sarah Ballinger**, who would like to thank all Contributors.

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Celebrating Will Blagburn's 85th birthday at the October village coffee morning.

Congratulations from us all Will!

Photo by Robin Bussell



Stoneleigh Church News

The last two weekends in September were very busy.

Firstly, we welcomed the Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir from Yorkshire and Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir to perform a concert in the church. The church was full and being a mild evening we were able to serve the refreshments in the churchyard. This very enjoyable evening raised approximately £1200 for the fabric fund which was boosted by a cheque from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir of £1000. We are very grateful to the SMVC for arranging the concert and their very generous donation to boost our appeal fund.



The following weekend Harvest Festival coincided with the Village Food and Craft Fair and we were able to welcome many visitors to the church to enjoy its history. It was looking at its best decorated for the festival. The flowers in the rich autumn colours, alongside the fruit and vegetables so beautifully arranged by the Flower team, to whom we are very grateful. Many came to the SHS exhibition in the Leigh Chapel and stayed for tea and cake. The following day Harvest was celebrated in church followed by a joint harvest lunch with Ashow in the village Hall. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported these events.

A Date for your Diary

The next film night will be held on Friday 7th November in the village hall, 6.45 for 7pm. when we will be showing 'War Horse'
Tickets are £3, to cover room hire and refreshments, and are available from the Parish Office

Photographs from the
Village Food, Beer & Craft Fair
by Will Blagburn





**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY,
ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday 2nd	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh 5.00 p.m. All Souls Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Sunday 9.30 a.m. Remembrance Service at Ashow 10.55 a.m. Remembrance Service at Stoneleigh
Thursday 13th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 16th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 23rd	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 27th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 30th	11.00 a.m. Advent All Age Communion at Stoneleigh 4.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service at Ashow

From the registers

Burial of Ashes at Stoneleigh

Friday 19th September- Doris Palmer

Tuesday 14th October – William Walker

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Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506

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