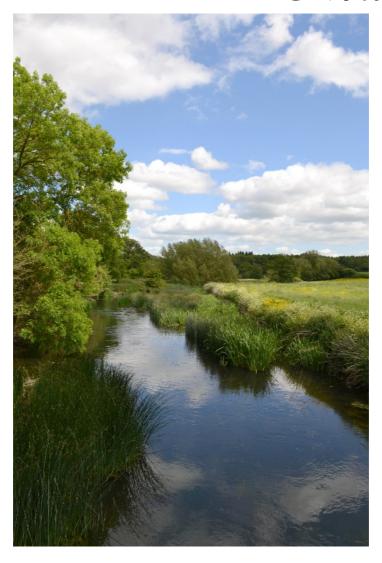
STONELEIGH & ASHOW News



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Ashow Church News

Stephen Harvey

eorge Horton, a fairly new resident of Ashow, has recently been mowing the churchyard and has made a very good job of it. Tony Gregory has been assisting him with the gardening. Many thanks to both of them.

The Christian Aid collection from Ashow raised £153, which is more than last year and a very good result for a small village.

Please come to the Pig Roast at Ashow Club on Sunday 16th August at 1.00pm to raise money for the restoration work at the church and also to support the club. For more information and tickets, see the advert on page 20 of the *News*.



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Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

t the end of May, our celebrations to mark the bicentenary of Sir Henry Parkes began. At our meeting on the 26th, the exhibition put together by Margaret Wallis, Pam Baker and myself went on display for the first time before being transferred to the Leigh Chapel of the church. Here it will remain throughout the summer, and we should be delighted if villagers and friends would go along to see it; the chapel is open every day!

To accompany the display, there were two talks: first, Ken Wallis talked about his own "first encounter" with Parkes whilst living in Australia, and realising what a significant man in Australian politics Parkes had been. Later, I spoke about Parkes' origins here in Stoneleigh when he was just the son of a tenant farmer on the Leigh Estate.

On the following day, which was the anniversary of the actual birth-date of Sir Henry, the Australian High Commissioner, the Honourable Alexander Downer, paid a visit, together with the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Mr Michael Hammon.



L to R: Alexander Downer (Australian High Commissioner), Sheila Woolf (Chair, Stoneleigh History Society), Ian Smith (Stoneleigh Churchwarden), Michael Hammon (Lord Mayor of Coventry)

First, they were given a tour of Stoneleigh Abbey, after which they came to the village, where the High Commissioner was delighted to see the Australian flag flying – many thanks, Robin! It was good to see their two Jaguars – AUS1 and 1COV – parked outside the Club!



Flower arrangement prepared by the Stoneleigh Church Flower Group for the Australian High Commissioner's visit



The Australian High Commissioner's Jaguar

Our visitors were then taken around the church before leaving for lunch at Warwick University and a visit to Moat House Farm in Canley, Sir Henry's birthplace, which was part of Stoneleigh Parish in 1815. To conclude, there was a grand dinner at St Mary's Hall in Coventry to round off a special day.

Our celebrations begin all over again on 5th July, when we celebrate the baptism of Sir Henry which happened on 2nd July 1815 in our church. There will be a special morning service of celebration at 11.00am, when a commemorative plaque will be unveiled by Ian Thom (Sir Henry's great-great-grandson who is coming over from Sydney for the occasion) and, as mentioned in the June edition of the *News*, all are welcome to join in with us.

Following this, there will be a cricket match at the Abbey (see page 9 for details). Finally, there will be a barbecue at the Club.

In addition to this unusual event in our History Society calendar, there will be an informal meeting at 7.30pm at the Club on Tuesday 30th June when anyone who would like help with family history research can come along to find out more. This is a follow-up to a similar – and successful – event in January. You don't have to be a member of the History Society to attend!

Stoneleigh WI Report

Rachel Gill

he first meeting of what was to become the Women's Institute took place on Anglesey in September 1915. The President of Stoneleigh WI, Rachel Gill, and the Vice President, Colleen Oldham, attended the Centenary AGM in the Albert Hall on 4th June in the company of 5,000 other delegates.

After the Treasurer's report and the Chairman's address, the Queen was accompanied on to the platform by Princess Anne and the Countess of Wessex. The delegates sang *God Save the Queen* and *Jerusalem*. The Queen spoke briefly about the way in which the WI has evolved and continues to stay relevant. She said that women play a greater role in society now than when the WI was founded, and continue to demonstrate that they can make a real difference. After the presentation of posies by three 'WI granddaughters', the royal party left the stage and the Queen cut the centenary cake.

The WI has always been a campaigning organisation. It was unfortunate that the resolution calling on the Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals lacked clarity. A proposal to move to the next business was carried and the resolution was lost.

The first speaker was Lucy Worsley, who spoke about the history of the WI. She had recently completed a programme for the BBC on the WI's history, so showed some stills from the programme.

The second speaker was Baroness Tanni Grey-Thopmson, who spoke about the way that she was brought up to believe that she could achieve anything, even though this was not always easy. She talked about the frustration of being in buildings without lifts, although even this was not without its compensations as, on one occasion, she was carried up several flights of stairs in her wheelchair by Sir Steve Redgrave and David Beckham. She became a Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords in March 2010.

The third speaker was Helena Morrissey CBE, the CEO of Newton Investment Management and mother of nine children. She is the founder of the 30%

Club, which is focused on achieving 30% membership of women on corporate boards.

At the meeting on 1st June, Chris Edwards talked about garden birds. He used the findings of the RSPB annual garden survey to talk about the top 20 birds seen in gardens in this country. His talk was illustrated with photographs and recorded birdsong.

The Craft Group project for June was redwork. This uses red embroidery thread on a white background of silhouettes, which is then made into a throw, pictures or cushions.

The Book Club met to discuss *Doctor in Chains* by George Morton and *Trade Winds* by Christina Courtney.

The next Village Lunch will be on 7^{th} July in the Village Hall. The menu will be gammon with parsley sauce, followed by fruit jelly and cream. To book a place, please call Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301. The next Coffee Morning will be on 21^{st} July in the Village Club.

The meeting on Monday 6th July will be the annual Members' Night.





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Feet First

Revd Sharon Goble, Priest in Charge of Stoneleigh and Ashow

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affected people will be spared the wounds and ulcers that can lead to permanent disability. This means that people affected by leprosy can remain mobile and independent – able to look after themselves and their families.

Feet First is a project of the Leprosy Mission who are involving churches in supporting them by inviting their communities to join them on a walk and a picnic. The Leprosy Mission is also inviting a donation of £10 per adult or family, which (after being doubled by the government, through the support of UK Aid) could buy two pairs of protective sandals for leprosy-affected people in Mozambique. Gift Aid forms will be made available in order to make your donation go even further.

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Thursday 20th August** for a **walk starting at 10.30am** from outside Stoneleigh church, up Motslow Hill, returning to share a **picnic** (please bring your own!) in the meadows for lunch. (If the weather is atrocious, the adventurous will still manage a wet walk, followed by an inside picnic in church!) Weather permitting, and for those still with energy, we'll then play some outside games. All ages are welcome, but

children remain the responsibility of their accompanying adults. A gentler stroll before lunch may be preferred - as would deck chairs. We would love you to join us for some or all of the time so that we can enjoy your company and help transform others' lives in supporting the work of the Leprosy Mission.

See their website for more details - www.leprosymission.org.uk. I'd love to know if you're hoping to come. You can email me on sharon.goble@btinternet.com — or just turn up on the day!

See you there!

God bless.



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For any other matter, please contact the Parish Administrator: Jackie Cubbitt (024 7641 5506) admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Stoneleigh Cricket Club Celebrates Sir Henry Parkes

Paul Smith

s reported in the last edition of the *News*, on 5th July a visiting Australian cricket team from Melbourne, 'The Reds', will be playing Stoneleigh Cricket Club on the Abbey pitch from 2.30pm. All *News* readers, and others, are welcome to attend. If anyone would like to join the team and officials for a traditional Cricket Tea, served at 4.30pm in the Orangery (£10 per head), please give your name to Paul Smith by 1st July at the latest - 07989 544229 or pandorasmith@me.com.

Payment should be sent via BACS - details as follows:

Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Lloyds PLC, The Parade, Leamington Spa

Sort code: 30-94-93 Account no: 00291806

Please bring your own chair/blanket/water.

After the match, cricketers and supporters will return to Stoneleigh Village Club for a BBQ and drinks, from 7.30pm. Many thanks to Ann Lowe and her colleagues for making these arrangements.





This month's front cover:

The river at Ashow

Photograph by Lucy Morris

Stoneleigh Church Thursday Prayers

Every Thursday from 9.30am, Sharon will be in Stoneleigh Church for a half an hour of prayers, and would welcome anyone who would like to join her - every time or on occasion, for the whole time, or dipping in and out. The prayers will be partly structured (with words printed out), partly silent, and partly inviting people to pray openly out loud (though they are not obliged to say anything)! We will meet by the font and begin with the silence, so please come in quietly! If you have any prayer requests, either let Sharon know or use the book which is on the prayer table at the back of church.



Stoneleigh Village Food, Beer & Craft Market

Saturday 19th September 2015

12 noon to 5.00pm in the Meadow

Lots of stalls with a variety of food and gifts

Stoneleigh Community Orchard... and batty friends

Marianne Puxley

f you happen to be in Stoneleigh Community Orchard at dusk on 24th June and encounter a group of people waving weird pieces of equipment at the sky, fear not. The people will be harmless members of the Warwickshire Bat Group with their bat detectors. The bat people have kindly agreed to come and give the Friends of Stoneleigh Orchard the benefit of their expertise. They will be able to identify the types of bats that are flying here and to advise us about the siting of the bat boxes the Environment Agency gave us last year. If anyone is interested in joining us on that evening, feel free; apparently, the bats won't mind!

Anyone who has walked near our river on a summer evening will, I am sure, appreciate the contribution the bats make to reducing the number of midges. And if the link between bats and the Community Orchard still seems tenuous, the Orchard Group is keen to promote the biodiversity and health of the environment around Stoneleigh meadows and the River Sowe in general. To this end, we planted several native trees alongside the river last year, put up some bird boxes, and planted wildflowers in the orchard (see picture on page 12). We have learned from our experience of wildflower planting (note, I didn't say mistakes, just experience!) and hope to extend the area of wildflowers. We hope that all walkers in the meadows continue to enjoy these.

Readers may remember a map in the May edition of the *News* which illustrated the proposed planting of 35 new trees. At the AGM of the Orchard Group on 14th May, it was decided to reduce the number of these trees to 24, and that no new trees would be planted along the NW border of the orchard area close to the meadows hut.

Some new friends of the orchard have some background in brewing (strictly amateur, they assure me) and we hope to make use of their experience when it comes to pressing and fermenting the apples this year. This, combined with the expertise of Pete our chairman (gained from his cider making course), means that we may yet have cider this year!

Meanwhile, after the roaring success of the orchard quiz in February, another is planned for 24th October. Put the date in your diary and come early to Stoneleigh Village Club to get a seat!

As always, we welcome new Friends of the Orchard. A subscription costs £10 a year.

Contact Pete Freeman (Chairman) - 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh

pete.freeman@swft.nhs.uk
or Richard Hancox (Treasurer)
richard.hancox@emhighways.co.uk



Wildflowers in the Orchard 2015
Photo: Pete Freeman

Stonleigh & Ashow News: Editors Wanted

Margaret Wallis, S&A News Co-Oordinator

e shall shortly need one or two willing volunteers from Stoneleigh and/or Ashow to take on the editing of the *News* for one month each year, most likely February and June. If you are IT-savvy with some experience of desktop publishing (we use PagePlus) and interested in the challenge of working in a team of volunteers producing a local news booklet, please get in touch with me for further information (mswallis1@gmail.com). Thank you.

Stoneleigh Church Film Nights

Sarah Ballinger



Friday 10th July 2015 **The Hundred-Foot Journey**starring Helen Mirren

Friday 11th **September 2015** See poster in church for details of film

6.45pm for 7.00pm in the Village Hall Tickets: £3.00 (to cover room hire and refreshments)

For tickets and further information, please contact: Jackie at the Parish Office (024 7641 5506 / admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or call Sarah (024 7671 5256)

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Stoneleigh Village Club Ltd

Ann Lowe, Chairman

s you will know, the Stoneleigh Village Club AGM took place on 22nd May 2015, and a new Board of Directors was appointed. I am very pleased to be leading the new Board and to have the continued help of 'old hands': Liz Sykes (Membership Secretary), Mark Morris (Treasurer), Patrick Sawdon (Director) and John Waters (committee member).

In addition, we welcome a number of new Board members. Lorraine Bailey joins us as Secretary, and Mandy Gibbs, Dawns Salt, Bal Sangha, Lynda Rice and Jan Whitehouse have all joined the Board.

Thank you to all who completed 'offers of help' slips at the AGM. We are currently compiling a list of helpers and will be in touch over the next few weeks. Together, we hope to build on the good work of all those who have gone before us.

We will be seeking the views of club members to see what events you would like to see taking place in your village club in the future. Without you, the club could not survive. Along with the church and the village hall, It is the heart of the Stoneleigh community and it is important that it remains open and provides a service for all of its members.

This month, we are looking forward to the Open Gardens weekend on 27th and 28th June 2015.

On 5th July 2015, we will be welcoming the Australian cricket team for a BBQ at the club after the Sir Henry Parkes event in the church that morning and the cricket match at the Abbey in the afternoon. The BBQ will start at 7.30pm and promises to round off the day nicely (especially if the weather holds!).

On 18th July 2015, we have the Duck Race to look forward to. If you have taken books of tickets, can you please return the ticket stubs and money to Jimmy behind the bar as soon as possible?

Hope to see you soon in your village club.



Holiday Club!

Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July 2015 10am - 12pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall and celebrated in Stoneleigh Church on Sunday 2nd August at 11am

Come and join the fun, games and activities through which we will explore Bible stories and faith together. The club is open to any children of primary school age as well as any young people who would like to come and muck in to help - as long as anyone under 18 has been registered to be with us by an adult. Under-5s are also welcome as long as their own adult carer stays with them to help them join in throughout. If you are an adult interested in getting involved, please contact Sharon on sharon.goble@btinternet.com, 01608 682282 or 07799 220407; she'd love to chat with you about it. Registering for the club will take place on the door, but can be done in advance the Jackie at Parish Office admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk or 024 7641 5506.



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Events at Stoneleigh Village Club

Social Committee

Cricketers' Barbecue Sunday 5th July

7.30pm

This follows the unveiling of Sir Henry Parkes' commemorative plaque in church (11.00am) and a special cricket match at Stoneleigh Abbey (2.30pm)



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir Summer Serenade Sunday 12th July

12.30pm (bar open at midday)

(Editor's note: TICKETS SOLD OUT, but the Club will be open as usual)

Knit 2 Together Group

Tuesday 14th July 7.30pm

Golf, The Open Championship

Thursday 16th & Sunday 19th July Look out for times in the Club

Duck Race & Village Fete

Saturday 18th July 4.00pm

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st July 10.30am

Knit 2 Together Group

Tuesday 28th July

7.30pm

Race Night

Saturday 1st August 7.45pm

Knit 2 Together Group

Tuesday 11th August 7.30pm

Quiz Night

Saturday 15th August 7.45pm

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 18th August 10.30am

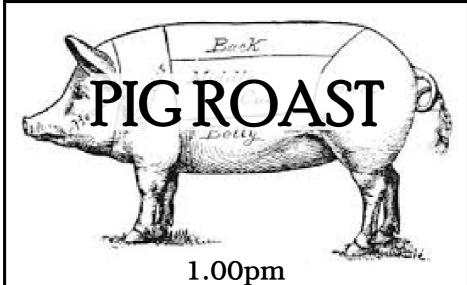
Rugby: France v England

Saturday 22nd August

8.00pm







Sunday 16th August 2015 Ashow Village Club

Pig roast with all the trimmings, salad and desserts Vegetarian/gluten-free option available on request

Adult: £12.50 Child 5-12 years: £6 Under 5s: FREE

Tickets available from Stephen Harvey (01926 852543) or Kate Jones (01926 853511)

Come along and enjoy this village event and help raise much-needed money for Ashow Church All welcome - bring your families and friends

Parish Council Notes

Pat Maddison, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.00pm. Please note the earlier start time. This is because Mr Ray Bullen from Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council will be giving us a presentation on the issue of the housing numbers in Warwick District Council's Local Plan.

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Neighbourhood Plan

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. All neighbourhood plans must meet basic conditions. A neighbourhood plan relates to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area. A neighbourhood plan will be subject to examination and referendum and will then form part of the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives neighbourhood plans far more weight than some other local planning documents such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group comprises members of the Parish Councils of Baginton, Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh and Ashow. An initial scoping meeting was held on 5th May, with Kirkwells attended by Louise Kirkup and Claire Parker. The meeting was also attended by Joanne Shattock, Wendy Harris and Steve Haynes from Bubbenhall, Walter Bush from Baginton, and Richard Hancox and David Wintle from Stoneleigh. Apologies were received from Chris Goodwin from Baginton and Robin Fryer from Ashow.

Locality funding is now available again for up to £8,000, and we can bid for six months' expenditure and are able to bid for additional money up to four times. An expression of interest is required, followed by registration and an application. It was agreed that an initial application would be made, identifying Pat Maddison as the principal point of contact on behalf of the three parishes. David Wintle would be identified as the initial contact for any queries.

Issues identified by the first questionnaire were numerous, but predominantly related to traffic, HS2 and Gateway. Housing would also need to be addressed, as would Middlemarch and Stoneleigh Park.

The plan needs to be evidence-based and, as such, surveys would be required. A survey of housing needs for each village should be pursued; Sarah Brooke-Taylor from Warwickshire Rural Community Council had made contact to offer such. This was agreed by Stoneleigh and Ashow councillors.

Traffic surveys have been undertaken from time to time, and information about these should be sought from the County Council. However, we are aware that some of these are very out of date.

A grant funding application has been made to Locality. The result of that application is expected very shortly. Local meetings of the steering group have taken place in Baginton, Bubbenhall and Stoneleigh, and information was shared at a joint meeting this week.

A draft vision and objectives statement is being prepared in the light of the responses to the first questionnaire and evidence collected to date. Village design statements are being considered to promote sympathetic and sustainable development within the villages wherever they may occur. A project planner has also been included with the grant application (including a programme for the next six months).

We hope to be able to appoint Kirkwells shortly to begin the other aspects as set out in their proposals.

The Warwickshire Rural Community Council will shortly be sending out questionnaires for the survey of housing needs. We would encourage you all to complete this survey. All information provided is kept confidential. The only information that the Parish Council will receive will be a summary of all completed questionnaires.





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Services for July & August 2015

July 2015

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Celebration of Sir Henry Parkes - Stoneleigh
Thursday 9 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 23 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
August 2015		
Sunday 2 nd	11.00am	Holiday Club Celebration - Stoneleigh
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Thursday 13 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 27 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	United Holy Communion - Ashow
	5.00pm	Thanksgiving Service - Stoneleigh (preceded by tea at 4.00pm)