

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



APRIL 2010

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The April Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 8th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

One of the agenda items will be the new proposed High Speed Two Rail Link.

This is a meeting for Councillors which the public has a right to attend.

Stoneleigh's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 29th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

This is a statutory meeting at which members of the Parish Council are required to report back to the electorate on their work over the past twelve months.

Precept/Council Tax

The amount precepted by the Parish Council from the District Council for the financial year 2010/2011 is £12,952 which is an increase of £296 (2.3%).

Warwickshire County Council – Temporary Road Closures

B4115 Ashow Road

The above road will be closed to through traffic from the junction with A452 Leamington Road for a distance of approximately 100m in a north easterly direction from the 10th to 20th April 2010, for gas mains replacement work.

An alternative route will be available via A452 Leamington Road, B4113 Stoneleigh Road, B4113 Coventry Road and B4115 Ashow Road.

Access to and egress from properties and land adjacent to this length of road, and for pedestrians, will be maintained at all times.

Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh

The above road will be closed to through traffic from the junction with Green Lane for a distance of approximately 400m in a south westerly direction from 25th to 27th May 2010 for pole and aerial cable replacement works for BT Openreach.

An alternative route will be available via B4113 St Martins Road,

B4115 Ashow Road, C32 Birmingham Road, C32 Stoneleigh Road.
Access to and egress from properties and land adjacent to this length of road, and for pedestrians, will be maintained at all times.

Stoneleigh Showground

Some members of the public are still walking in the Showground on land that has no public access. Very shortly there will be cattle in the Chartery Paddock (the field each side of the pack-horse bridge) with electric fences round.

Can we remind people that this land has no public access.

Warwickshire Police

There will be a mobile police station at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Saturday 17th April 2010 16:00hrs – 16:30hrs.

Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) and Warwick District Council

Following serious flooding in various parts of the district over the past few years WCAVA - Warwick District has been working with Warwick District Council to distribute grants of up to £200 for local residents, to help secure their homes against possible future flooding. The scheme is offered on a first come first served basis until the fund is used up. The maximum grant allocated is £200 per household.

Any homeowner in Warwick District is eligible to apply for the grant, regardless of whether or not your home has been affected by the floods. However, the grant can only be used to purchase flood defence items to prevent flooding.

The grants can be spent on items such as: -

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Brick Covers | <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty Water Pumps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floodgate Door Barriers | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Pumps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Bags and Sand | <input type="checkbox"/> Gulley Surrounds |

Some residents have clubbed together and installed drainage and building works.

To apply for the fund contact either WCAVA-Warwick District on 01926 477512 or Warwick District Council – Customer Service Team on 01926 456338.

Warwickshire County Council – NEW Home Wood Chipping Service

Warwickshire County Council is offering a subsidised service which is available to Warwickshire householders Monday to Friday by appointment. The chippings will be left with the householder in plastic bags supplied as part of the service. Chippings are left for use by the householder and will NOT be taken off site. Garden woody waste must be no greater than 13cm (5”) in diameter and of manageable length.

Material that is unsuitable to chip will be left for the householder to deal with; e.g. processed or treated wood pallets or fence posts.

The resident **MUST** be at home while the work is being done. Garden waste for chipping must be in an area with vehicular access. The cost of each visit (Max 1 hour) is £20 inc VAT.

To book an appointment ring 01926 738827 between 9.00 – 12.15, an answerphone will be on outside these hours.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk



HIGH SPEED TWO RAIL LINE



A map of the proposed route of HS2 in the immediate area is shown on the centre pages of the magazine.

Further information will be provided at the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 8th April at 7.30 pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

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Details of the proposed development are also available at www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/hs2ltd/

The section most relevant to our area is Map22
www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/hs2ltd/route/map22.pdf

A second extract from the reminiscences of Mr Harry Edmunds

The next thing I remember was the Coronation of King Edward the Seventh. There were two marquees and merry go rounds, coconut shies and races for the children and a mug for every child. One marquee was for food and the other for drinking and a big band.

In 1905 Lord Leigh passed on and all the school children lined up on either side of the footpath from the church gates to Motslow Bridge. Before he died he used to entertain all the tenants to a dinner and sports every September. They used to come in the old Warwickshire wagons from Westwood Heath, Leek Wootton, Hill Wootton and Stoneleigh and all the food used to be cooked in the Stoneleigh Abbey kitchens. It was what people used to call a Wake. At that time Lord Leigh used to drive his own brougham to church on Sunday, it was then that the public house was made outdoors.

In 1908 and 1909 we had two big barn fires at Kingswood Cottages, it was all hands to the pump. The Reverend Noble Page went to London for an operation for appendicitis. It was a sad end when he passed on.

It was in the same year the first bus made at the Daimler was brought to test it up Stoneleigh Hill and when it got half way up it stopped and when it started coming back down the hill it ran up the bank, tipped over and burst into flames. That happened at four o' clock in the afternoon. I stood and watched it myself at the bottom of the hill.

It was in the same year the Reverend Cooke got married and brought his bride home, and the school children lined both sides of the road by the school.

GEOFFREY CHARLES BURMAN

Following Geoffrey's death on February 16th, Eileen, Clare, John and Kate would like to thank everyone who has sent letters, flowers and cards to them at this sad time.

Your kindness is very much appreciated.

STONELEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Only one, rather unusual crime, reported this month. During the night of Friday 12th March someone completely covered a car in Birmingham Road with plaster powder. Overnight some became wet and set hard. The owner is completely unaware of upsetting anyone to warrant this action. Obviously, the police would like help with any information about this.

On the good side, the police in Warwick District have recorded a 38.5% reduction in serious violent crime i.e. 265 less victims over an 11 month period. Similarly there have been 807 fewer anti-social behaviour incidents in 2009 compared with the previous year. Sadly Stoneleigh area was the only one in the district with an increase: from 65 to 85 incidents (+26.2%). Possibly the plaster incident falls into this category. There has, however, been an increase in the number of vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles in Warwick District often with thieves walking into properties through unlocked doors and picking up the keys. Don't leave them visible.

Finally the police have issued a list of things everyone should do to protect their property

1. Don't hide spare door keys. Leave them with someone you trust, because thieves always know where to look.
2. Fit good locks to doors and windows. Use them!
3. Change locks when you move house.
4. Use lights and radios on time switches to make your home appear to be occupied.
5. Keep windows and doors secure when you are elsewhere in your home or garden.
6. Fit a good quality alarm from a reputable supplier.
7. Fit and use a door chain.
8. Participate in Neighbour Watch to help protect each other.

Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205

STONELEIGH WI

WI members who attended the meeting in March will be looking at buildings in Warwickshire with renewed interest. The speaker, Huw Jones, told us about the different types of local stone that had been used for building in the locality.

The craft group spent a day making quilts that will be sent to Selly Oak hospital for the soldiers who have been injured in Afghanistan. Three quilts have been made to date and these will be on display at our next meeting. The fabric for these has been paid for by sales of items made by the craft group and by a raffle of a small quilt. It is planned to make more as funds permit.

A large group visited the new Sikh Temple in Leamington. This was very interesting; the sheer scale of the building, purpose-built with many large rooms for various activities. We were made very welcome and given supper at the end of the tour. Visitors are welcome at any time (refreshments provided) and there is an interesting display in the basement of the history of the Sikhs in the British Raj.

A group went to see Calendar Girls at Birmingham, and also attended the Annual Council Meeting at the Spa centre.

The next monthly meeting is April 12th (due to Easter) when the speaker is Tony Boullemier – Leone and the last Napoleon. The lunch however will as usual be on the first Tuesday – April 6th when turkey and ham pie is on the menu, followed by trifle.

Liz Sykes

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the kind friends and neighbours for their help, gifts, cards and good wishes after my recent hip operation.

I am doing well and am most grateful.

Mary Beagrie

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Elegant South African with ripe tropical fruit

TerraSur Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 6.95

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Tanguero Unoaked Chardonnay 7.15

Well balanced, long, refreshing from Argentina

Cedar Creek Semillion / Chardonnay 6.95

Easy drinking Australian with citrus flavours

Chablis Simonnet Febvre 10.95

Classic dry French Burgundy with crisp bouquet

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

Stoneleigh Village Club

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

Forthcoming Events:

4 th April	Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Competition Start 1.00pm -Volunteers most welcome
10 th April	Grand National
23 rd April	St Georges Day (Jim Ball Memorial)
16 May	AGM
May	Fletch's Cocktail Evening – date to be confirmed
May	Members Night – date to be confirmed

Club membership is now due.

Please see Jimmy to pay your membership subs.

Information concerning children in Stoneleigh Village Club

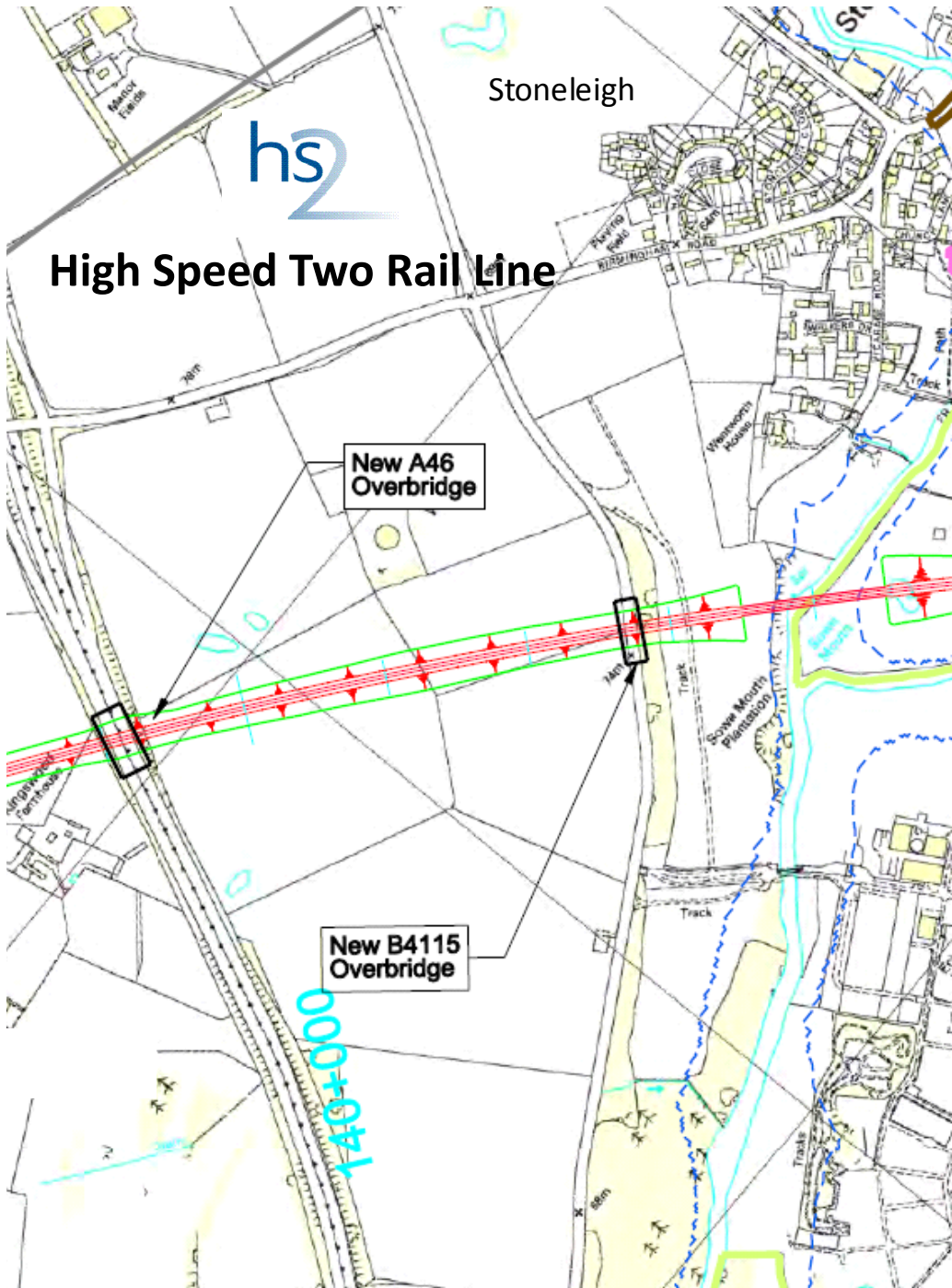
Children of current members having a family membership are welcome with an adult member of the Club. All visitors without a current membership, including children, are welcome with a current adult club member and will be asked to sign in and pay the nominal visitor's fee as explained in the Village Club Rules.

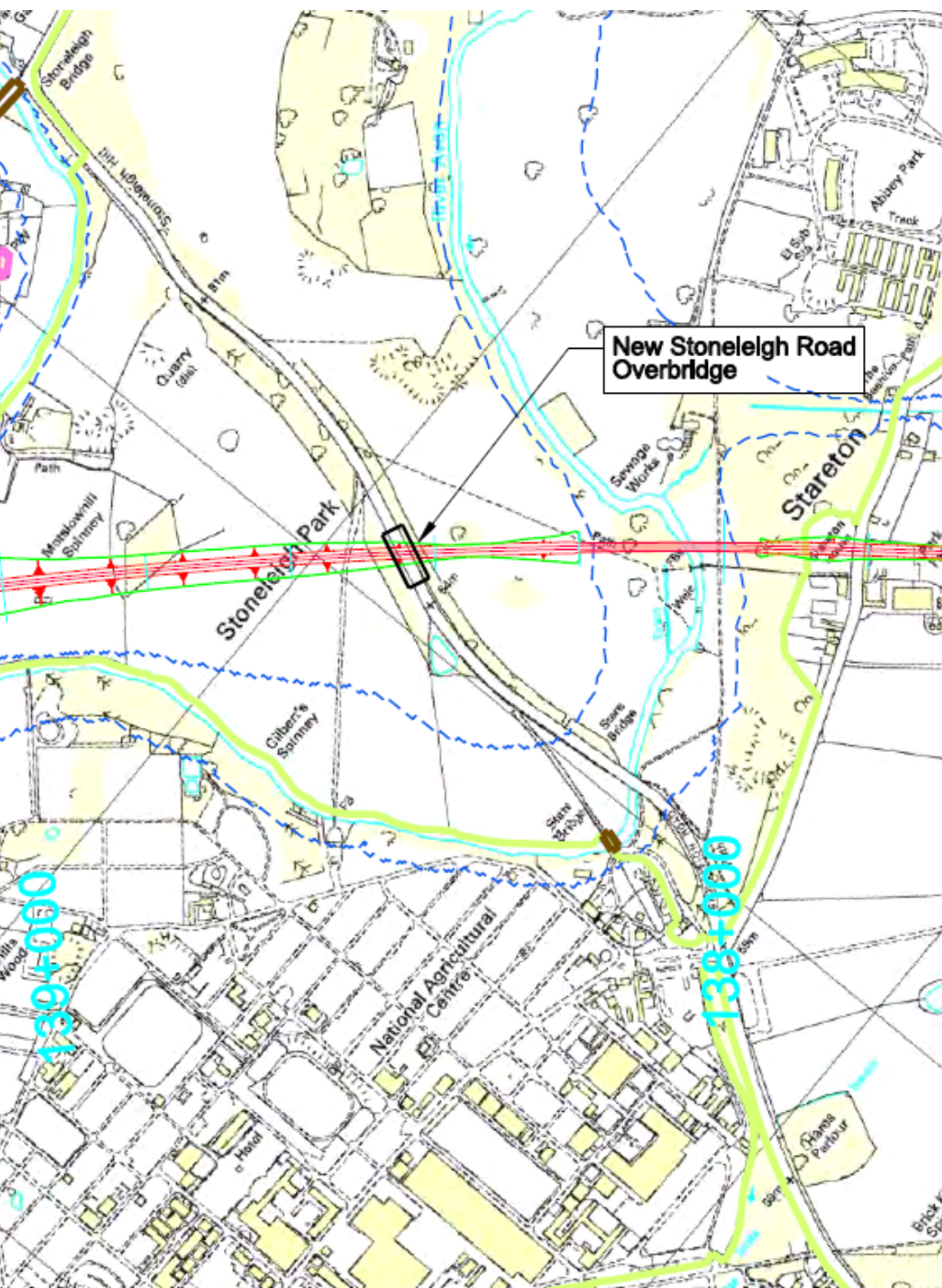
Unsupervised children pose a liability risk to our club for various reasons, and therefore, adult members who bring children into the club must accept and maintain responsibility for their supervision. Guests are expected to follow Village Club rules.

We will continue to host family themed events and will have special events in which there will be no visitors' fees. These will be advertised ahead of time and include events such as the Annual Duck Race Day.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support on this issue. We do understand this is a negative impact on our children; however, we cannot put the club at risk.

SVC Committee







Forthcoming events

Saturday 4th April	Easter egg hunt - 12.00pm For children of all ages Easter bonnet parade - 8.00pm Prizes for best child's, lady's & gent's Bonnets
Wednesday 14th April	Wednesday Social - 10.30am Cost: £2 (inc refreshments)
Wednesday 28th April	Bridge afternoon - 2.00pm Cost: £2 (inc refreshments)
Wednesday 12th May	Wednesday Social - 10.30am Cost: £2 (inc refreshments)
Saturday 15th May	FA Cup Final
Wednesday 26th May	Bridge afternoon - 2.00pm Cost: £2 (inc refreshments)
Friday 28th May	Plants available for Horticultural Show £1 per plant
Wednesday 9th June	Wednesday Social - 10.30am Cost: £2 (inc refreshments)
Saturday 12th June	World Cup Football England v USA - 7.30pm kick-off
Sunday 13th June	Ashow Village Summer Event & BBQ Fun starts at 2.00pm - details to follow
Friday 18th June	World Cup Football England v Algeria - 7.30pm kick-off

The Ashow Village Club Social Committee



Wednesday Social Mornings

A good time was had by all at Ashow's first Wednesday Social, which was held at the Club on Wednesday 10th March. Eighteen villagers came along to enjoy tea, coffee, home-made refreshments (courtesy of Clare and Lucy) and, most importantly, a catch-up with friends and neighbours.

It was decided that next month's meeting will be a fundraiser hosted by Nick Williams, who needs to raise £4,000 for his forthcoming World Challenge.

Wednesday 14th April 2010

Time: 10.30am

Cost: £2.00 (to include refreshments)

Do join us after the Cancer Research Big Breakfast, which is being held at the Harveys' from 7.15am to 10.30am.

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### Normal opening hours

|                |             |         |   |         |
|----------------|-------------|---------|---|---------|
| <b>Tuesday</b> | Evening     | 9.00pm  | – | 11.00pm |
| <b>Friday</b>  | Early doors | 5.30pm  | – | 7.00pm  |
|                | Evening     | 9.00pm  | – | 11.00pm |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | Lunchtime   | 12.00pm | – | 3.00pm  |
|                | Evening     | 8.00pm  | – | 11.00pm |

*The Ashow Village Club Social Committee*

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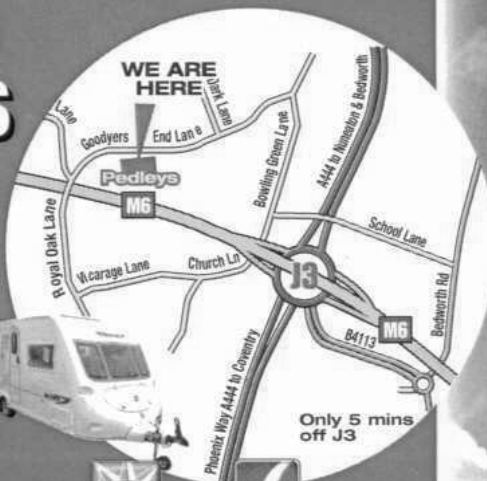
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## Bridge afternoons at



The first Bridge Afternoon at Ashow Village Club was a huge success. Thanks must go to Clare Burdett and Janet Charlesworth for running it. Sixteen people attended and it's hoped that they'll spread the word so that we see an even bigger turnout on 24th March.

Why not join us in April?...

**For beginners, improvers or masters!**

Under the expert guidance of Janet Charlesworth

**4th Wednesday of every month**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 28th April 2010**

Time: 2.00pm

Cost: £2 (to include refreshments)

No need to book in advance - just turn up!

*The Ashow Village Club Social Committee*



Front Cover

Daffodils at last



Hopefully, in full bloom for Easter





## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE



### **Omelette Arnold Bennett**

Serves 2

#### Ingredients

300ml / ½ pint milk

300ml / ½ pint water

3 bay leaves

2 slices onion

6 black peppercorns

280g / 10oz undyed smoked haddock fillet

6 eggs

20g / ¾oz butter

2-3 tablespoons double cream

2 tablespoons freshly grated parmesan

Mix the milk and water in a large shallow pan and heat to simmer.

Add the bay leaves, onion and peppercorns.

Add the smoked haddock and poach for about 5 minutes until cooked.

Lift the fish out on to a plate and leave until cool enough to handle.

Flake the fish discarding skin and bones

Pre-heat the grill ready for the last stage of cooking.

Heat a 23-25cm nonstick frying pan over medium heat.

Beat the eggs.

Swirl the butter around the frying pan and pour in the eggs.

When the omelette is set underneath but still moist on top sprinkle on the cooked haddock.

Pour the cream on top then sprinkle with the parmesan.

Put the omelette, still in the frying pan, under the hot grill until risen and lightly golden.

Serve on a warmed plate with a crisp green salad and some crusty bread or croutons.



## FROM THE VICARAGE

By the time this magazine arrives, we will be on the verge of Holy Week and Easter – and will also have enjoyed (I hope) our Church Annual Meetings where Churchwardens and PCC members will have been elected. Both Stoneleigh and Ashow have been blessed with good groups of faithful servants over the past year, some of whom I know will not be standing for re-election this year. Both they and those who will continue to serve deserve our thanks and prayerful support.

Stephen and David at Ashow, and Tom and Ian at Stoneleigh have been fantastic churchwardens and I want to publicly thank them for all the help, support and encouragement that they have given me personally during this past year as well as all they have done for the parishes.

For me, Holy Week is probably the most intense week ‘work-wise’ of the entire year, but it is the most exciting and exhilarating time too as we enter through our acts of worship into the drama of that week in Jerusalem from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. These eight days transformed the history of the world – and continue to transform the lives of millions who find the amazing truth of God’s love for them as individuals, shown in Jesus Christ’s act of self-sacrifice. It was Holy Week 1979 when my eyes began to be fully opened to the reality that Jesus was STILL ALIVE, and that his death and resurrection actually had a relevance for my life – indeed that my own sins were part of the reason why Jesus came, lived and died. It took another week before the message sunk from my brain to my heart, but I got there in the end: and I have thanked God ever since that he didn’t give up on me during those preceding more wayward years.

I hope that you will join in the re-enactment of that drama through our many and varied times of worship and contemplation. As well as our regular Sunday service times, we will gather on Thursday morning and evening, Friday morning and afternoon, and Saturday evening. Each service will be different in style and mood, but together they help us to build up and be part of the ‘big picture’ of Christ’s great act of salvation which is offered to all people. It is a life-changing, and death-changing experience – and certainly worth a bit of diary-changing to get involved with.

*Jim Perryman*

### 3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT

During March, we have been enjoying Lent Breakfasts each Saturday morning in Stoneleigh Church. Those members who have provided all the food and drink each week have done a fantastic job in less-than-easy circumstances and we have all indulged in a very un-Lenten fashion! However, we have then had some good studies looking at themes brought out by the film “Ice Age”, considering isolation, healing of memories, the challenges of change and issues of prejudice and what we pass on to future generations.

Now we approach Holy Week and Easter – the very heart of the Christian Faith – and will be sharing many activities across the three parishes. There will be a morning service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at Leek Wootton 10.30am, and our Agape at 7pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, where we remember the ‘Last Supper’ by sharing Holy Communion in the context of a meal. If you wish to come to this, you will need to pre-book for catering reasons.

On Good Friday, we begin with a short “All Age” service at Leek Wootton 9am after which you can join in walking to St John’s, Kenilworth. After a refreshment stop there, the Churches Together in Kenilworth & District Procession of Witness begins as we walk first to Talisman Square for an Open Air service and then continue to Abbey Fields where the large Cross is set up. After that, it is a sprint to Stoneleigh for the 3-hour devotional service beginning at 12 noon. For all these events, you are invited to join in for as much or as little as you choose – with the service at Stoneleigh designed to arrive/leave on the hour or half-hour.

On Saturday, Easter Eve, Stoneleigh Church will be open in the afternoon to enjoy the wonderful decoration of the Church, and some good refreshments, before we begin our series of “Services of Light” at the three churches when we light our Easter Candles to symbolise the resurrection light of Christ beginning to reappear through the darkness. These services will be at 5pm in Stoneleigh, 6.30pm in Ashow and 8pm in Leek Wootton.

For some of us, Easter morning will begin very early at Coventry Cathedral where there is a Confirmation service taking place at 5.30am when at least one of our members will be affirming her faith and

receiving the laying-on-of-hands by the Bishop. Then it is back to the Parishes for our regular Easter celebrations in all three churches.

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](http://www.a-lw-s.org.uk)

*Jim Perryman*

## STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

**In Concert at Ashow Church**

Friday 14th May  
at 7.30pm



Tickets  
£15

Ticket price includes  
canapés and a glass of wine

For Tickets Please Contact:

David Holt ~ 01926 859537 or Stephen Harvey ~ 01926 852543

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### SERVICES FOR APRIL 2010

|                                             | ASHOW                                                                             | STONELEIGH                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Maundy Thursday | 7.00 p.m. Agape Meal in Stoneleigh Village Hall                                   |                                                                                                                                            |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Good Friday       | 2.00 p.m. One hour<br>Devotional Service                                          | 12.00 noon three hour<br>Devotional Service                                                                                                |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Easter Saturday |  | 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.<br>Stoneleigh Church<br>open for refreshments<br>for people to see the<br>Easter Flowers<br>5.00 p.m. Service of<br>Light |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Easter Sunday     | 9.30 a.m. Holy<br>Communion                                                       | 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.<br>Coffee and Easter Egg<br>Hunt<br>11.00 a.m. Holy<br>Communion                                                        |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.30 a.m. Holy<br>Communion                                                       | 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy<br>Communion                                                                                                          |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.30 a.m. Holy<br>Communion                                                       | 11.00 a.m. Fellowship<br>Holy Communion                                                                                                    |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                   |                                                                                   | 10.30 a.m. Holy<br>Communion                                                                                                               |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.30 a.m. Village<br>Service                                                      | 11.00 a.m. All Age<br>Worship                                                                                                              |

### FROM THE REGISTER

Sunday 7th March Holy Baptism of Daniel Benjamin Edward Jarvis.