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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

SEPTEMBER	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion <i>With Creche</i>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 All Age Worship

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Marriage of Rebecca Jones and Darren Taylor

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Funeral of David Marshall followed by Cremation and interment of ashes on 26<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Holy Baptism of George Green and Luke Oliver and Ebony Rose Dufek

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



## SEPTEMBER 2010

## **Stoneleigh Cricket Club**

### **South Northants League Div1**

After some promising early season results, performances in the league have been disappointing of late. Three impressive home wins over Sibford, Byfield and Preston Capes have been overshadowed by some poor displays on the road. Availabilities have been very patchy – regular wicket-takers Dave Griffin and Mark Edgington have been unable to play since the beginning of July and the top order batting has also been fragile. But with only 2 weekends left, enough points have already been gained to avoid slipping into the relegation zone and two good results now could still see us finish comfortably in mid-table.

Results since last report -

June 19th at home

Stoneleigh (150 for 3, Martin Bollard 49, Darren Young 41no) beat Sibford (146 for 9, Dave Griffin 3-32) by 7 wkts

June 26th away

Fenny Compton (224 for 6, Phil Chapman 3-40) at Stoneleigh (155ao, Dave Griffin 46) by 69 runs

July 3rd at home

Stoneleigh (231 for 9, Paul Lazenby 67) beat Byfield 'A' (194 for 7, Darren Young 3-56, Mark Edgington 3-56) by 37 runs

July 10th at home

Dunchurch & Bilton (281 for 2) beat Stoneleigh (164ao, Phil Chapman 59) by 117 runs

July 17th away

Willoughby (177 for 8, David Ayers 3-36) beat Stoneleigh (156 for 7, James Chapman 60, Paul Lazenby 56) by 143 runs

July 24th away

Thornborough (50-1) beat Stoneleigh (47ao) by 9 wickets

July 31 at home

Stoneleigh (171 for 1, James Chapman 78, Paul Lazenby 69) beat Preston Capes (168 for 9, Darren Young 5-46) by 9 wickets

August 7th away

Afro Caribbean (215 for 7, James Chapman 3-30) beat Stoneleigh (79ao, Jared Davies 38 including 3 fours and 3 sixes off one over) by 136 runs

August 14th v Woodford Halse was cancelled because of the bad weather

Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields

Joe Ball  
024 7641 1315

Stoneleigh United Charities & Duchess Dudley Trust

Sue Wareham  
024 7630 6894

Stoneleigh Meadow Society

Robin Bussell  
024 7641 6183

Leigh Educational Foundation

James Johnson  
01926 419300

Stoneleigh WI

Liz Sykes  
024 7641 8301

Stoneleigh & Ashow Cricket Club

David Clark  
01926 85956

Stoneleigh Football Club

Joe Ball  
024 7641 1315

Stoneleigh Park Angling Club

Pat Brewerton  
024 7625 1659

Stoneleigh Tennis Club

Janet Charlesworth  
01926 853296

Coventry Airport Consultative Committee

Roger Fawcett  
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Deadline for articles – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## STONELEIGH & ASHOW ORGANISATIONS

The following people have agreed to the contacts and provide information about the organisations. They may or may not be office holders themselves. If contacts change it would be appreciated if The News could be informed.

Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council (Clerk)	Pat Madison 01926 4914820
St. Mary The Virgin, Stoneleigh and The Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow ( Administrator)	Sue Wareham 024 7641 5506
Church Small Groups	Rev'd Jim Perryman 01926 850610
Stoneleigh & Ashow Churches music/choir	Susan Spencer 024 7641 4280
Stoneleigh Bell Ringers	Janet Parham 01926 512309
Stoneleigh & Ashow News	Margaret Wallis 024 7641 4271
Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch	Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205
Ashow Neighbourhood Watch	Phil Morris 01926 852992
Stoneleigh Village Club	Craig Cooper 024 7697 0180
Stoneleigh Stitchers	Eileen Burman 024 7641 2972
Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers	Lynne Fletcher 024 7641 7544
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir	Judy Hadfield 024 7641 4616
Ashow Village Club	Peter Hogan 01926 859460

## Latest league table

	P	W	D	L	Pts	
Thornborough	16	12	3	1	277	Promoted
Woodford Halse	16	11	3	2	259	Promoted
Dunchurch & Bilton	16	8	3	5	216	
Fenny Compton	16	9	2	5	216 *	
Preston Capes	16	7	3	6	189	
Afro Caribbean	16	6	3	7	183	
<b>Stoneleigh</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>183</b>	
Willoughby	16	5	3	8	163 *	
Sibford	16	2	2	12	113	Relegated
Byfield 'A'	16	0	3	13	90	Relegated

## Friendlies

A largely enjoyable programme of Sunday and mid-week friendlies has been played. One low point was a defeat on an indifferent pitch at Ashorne where our inexperienced side was shot out for 20 (not fortunately an all-time low!).

We were pleased to be back again for an evening match at Kenilworth after a few years break following their pavilion fire and subsequent rebuilding. The home side squeezed home with 2 balls remaining.

Another evening match saw our first visit to Hampton-in-Arden and we came away with a victory in gloomy conditions after a thumping knock of 49 from Andy Edgington containing nine fours and a six.

The Mexican Taverners visited us again from Liverpool for another entertaining Sunday afternoon while the highlight of the home victory over old rivals Shilton was a maiden club century (118no) by Darren Young. This was warmly received by his teammates and the massed ranks of the Young family supporters on 'the bank'

## Future event

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday weekend), the annual contest for the 'Unicorn Cup' will be played. Two sides representing Stoneleigh past & present, guests and visitors will play for the coveted trophy. All spectators welcome at the match plus afterwards for socialising at Ashow Village Club.

## Contacts

Spectators and prospective players are always welcome at The Abbey. For more details of fixtures and parking arrangements contact Dave Gallagher (Secretary) 07967 585609 or Dave Wildgoose (Fixture Sec) 024 7659 4879.

### **From the Vicarage? Not this time!**

This month, we hear from Gloria Vaughan who is now training for ordination. Gloria is part of the team who minister at our three churches, although she is most often to be found at Leek Wootton or Ashow: Gloria writes...

Jim has asked that I write something about my first year at theological college training for ordination.

When I was first aware that I might have a calling to the priesthood, I really tried to pretend that it was not happening. My husband Roy was about to retire and we were looking forward to spending some more time together in a more leisurely fashion. As I was already a Reader at All Saint's, Leek Wootton with a special ministry in funeral work, I presumed that that was where God wanted me to be, and I felt comfortable with that. But no, God had other ideas and purposefully pushed me along the road of selection. It is never the case that you choose this path, God calls and you answer this call by offering yourself for selection. So it was that in September 2009, after two and a half years of discernment, I found myself at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham beginning my studies.

To say that I am a little long in the tooth to be going back into education and study is actually stretching it by quite a long way. My first year has been like being on a rollercoaster ride. The highs and the lows have been enormous. Suddenly being faced with essay after essay, has been very challenging. I cannot deny that there were times when I really did not think that I would even make it to Christmas never mind the end of the academic year. I had to learn how to research, write and present the essays in the approved manner and the reading list was extensive. Technology has proved to be a concept that I am still grappling with. However, I am managing to hold my own in a very mixed class. So far we have looked at Old Testament; Ethics; Christian Theology; Spirituality; Worship; Pastoral Theology; congregations; communities and working with others! I cannot believe that we have covered all this.

Year one has now ended and I am still alive and kicking! The Lord has been forming me and transforming me in so many ways. I have grown in all the areas we have covered and I look forward with excitement and anticipation to even more growth during the next two years before my ordination in July 2012.

My next big challenge will be a placement in another church from September to December 2010. This means that I will not be with you during this time, but I hope that you will continue to hold me in your prayers as it will be difficult for me being apart from my home church. I guess for me this might be the first indication that ministry can be a lonely place. I will be spending this time at Emscote, All Saint's, Warwick. This is a very different tradition in a very different place.

I wish you all well, and you will remain in my prayers as I will be thinking of you even though I will not be with you.

I look forward to seeing you all in January 2011.

With every blessing

**Gloria**

### **STONELEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No crime has been reported to me since the last magazine, except two laptop thefts at Warwick University, plus incidents at Bubbenhall, Baginton and Old Milverton. So the village has been fortunate over the last two months.

Again apart from myself no-one from the village attended the Warwick Rural East Community Forum meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup>. July, despite an application from the Parish Council for money to purchase grit/salt bins for Stoneleigh Close and Hall Close. A grant was awarded but it is unusual for a Council not to be represented when applying for a grant. As reported earlier this Forum also sets priorities for the police in the area. Another report given to the meeting was that from the end of August a hand held speed monitoring device will be available for people to borrow and use after suitable training. Contact our police team on 01926 684471 for more information. In this connection it is nice to see the two speed warning signs at the entrance to the village on The Bank and Birmingham Road. One final point from the Forum meeting was that there is now someone on a short term contract to advise communities on setting up youth schemes.

Our Police Sargeant Gary Holby has decided to retire after 32 years service and his post will be held temporarily by Ken Fowler until a new appointment is made this month.

A note for your diary, the next Community Forum Meeting will be in Bubbenhall Village Hall at 7.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205

### **'THANKS'**

With many, many thanks to Margaret and Ken Wallis for giving Cec and me a wonderful Diamond wedding celebration in their lovely garden in Walker's Orchard.

The weather was super – the sun shone all day – friends and neighbours had provided lovely food and drinks, and we were overwhelmed with gifts of plants, flowers and drinks.

A fantastic day.

We would also like to thank the Stoneleigh bell ringers (including Cec!) who rang for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

**Mary and Cec**

## St. Mary the Virgin Stoneleigh.

### Administrator

We are all very pleased that Sue has decided to stay with us as Parish Administrator; it makes the future look all that much brighter!

### Duck Race.

Weather wise it was a rough afternoon but our silver cloud was that it brought us a lot of customers for tea and cakes in the church: we made £223 profit and will be giving £100 of this to the Club towards their funds for their work in organizing the event. The balance we will be adding to our cheque for the NSPCC "Helpline" that was our recent "Charity of the Month".

### A Handsom Gift.

Many of us remember Mary Allbut with great affection. When she died she left us a legacy and the PCC decided that we needed another communion set for those who take the sacraments to people unable to get to church.

In discussing this with the family they offered us the gift of a silver set to be made by Mr. John Glover, Mary's son-in-law who is a skilled worker in silver.

This magnificent set was presented in church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August and blessed by Jim for use by our communion visitors.

We were pleased that, in addition to John Glover being in church for the service, we also had with us Gillian Glover and Clive Allbut, Mary's daughter and son.

### Dates for your diary!

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October- Film Night at the Village Hall.

For further details check posters .

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November -Quiz Evening

Tickets for both events will be available from the Parish Office  
(Tel. 02476 415506)



# Ashow and Stoneleigh Harvest Lunch

on

Sunday 26th September 2010

at

Stoneleigh Village Hall  
Lunch served at 1 pm

Tickets available from the Parish  
Office (bring your own wine)

*Any profits will go to charity of  
the month*

## SUMMER SERENADE

On a blustery 4 July afternoon, some two hundred and fifty people once again enjoyed wonderful entertainment from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir (Director, Alan Biddle), the Accapella Fellas (Barbershop Quartet), and soprano, Maggie Bartmanis who sang some sentimental ballads. Delicious food accompanied the sparkling wines.

Thanks go to David and Jean Vaughan and to Chris and Judy Hadfield for the use of the 'Wentworth House' gardens, to Keith and Harry Walker, Neil Simmonds, Chris Hadfield and Mike Murray for running the bar and to all those who provided the finger buffet. Thank you also to Hazel Wozencroft, Marcus Kendall and Geoff Mexson for donating such generous raffle prizes, and to all who lent furniture and to those who collected and returned it.

A cheque for £2000 was presented to Myton Hospice, Warwick, the latest in a long series of substantial charitable donations made by the Choir.

Congratulations and a big “thank you” go to everyone involved in the event, and all the planning that went in to making it so enjoyable.

If the Summer Serenade is to continue as a highpoint in the Stoneleigh calendar there is an urgent need to lower the average age of Choir members. Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir is invited to contact Judy Hadfield (024 7641 4616), Robin Bussell (024 7641 6183) or Jim Harris (024 7641 5209) for further information.

*Margaret Wallis*



In fact, the first quarter peal rung on these restored bells (about 40 minutes solid ringing) was rung in Dave's honour on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – sadly the very night before he died.

Stoneleigh's own ringers also rang a quarter peal in his honour on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. This was conducted by Colin Sweeney of Kenilworth, who had actually been one of Dave's lecturers at Lanchester Polytechnic when he did his degree. They obviously got on well there, but Colin had never mentioned his own regard for the very English art of bellringing.

When Dave decided to learn to ring church bells, he had no idea that Colin was an expert bellringer and that he often came to Stoneleigh on a Thursday evening to help us all. Equally, Colin had no idea that Dave had recently joined us. Both their faces were a picture when they recognised each other as Colin climbed the tower stairs to join us all on his first Thursday night in Stoneleigh after Dave started learning. Colin once again took Dave on as his personal challenge and protégé, and so he progressed remarkably quickly – being possessed of a natural talent and dexterity, a perfectionist's outlook and a musician's ear for the bells.

Dave will of course be greatly missed by many people, but none more so than the Stoneleigh ringers, where Dave was a key member who was rapidly eclipsing most of our number !

However, there are a couple of high spots to this sad tale. Dave's son James (the village's paper-boy for many years) is following in his father's acoustic footsteps at Leeds University, both as a career, and as a musician. Dave's daughter Joanne is now learning to ring church bells at St. Nicholas in Kenilworth, and she has already visited Stoneleigh, with Dave and Sue, to ring our bells – so there is still, happily, a bellringing Marshall working to fill the shoes of the old one we all so sadly miss.

Our best wishes go to Sue, James, Joanne and Doris, from all in the villages of Stoneleigh and Ashow, but especially from all the “heavy metal band” (his own description) of bellringers that Dave knew.

**Rod Wheat**

### Thank You

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

*Iris Donachie*

## **David Bryan Marshall**

**26<sup>th</sup> December 1959 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Following some unremarkable initial concerns, Dave Marshall was unexpectedly diagnosed with a brain tumour during May. Within a few short weeks his condition had gradually deteriorated until finally he died in Warwick hospital in the early hours of the morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

His funeral was held at Stoneleigh church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood, and then by a gathering at the Holiday Inn in Kenilworth. All three venues were packed to overflowing with family, friends, and work colleagues from Jaguar Land Rover.

As Dave's coffin left the church, followed by his wife & children, his mum Doris and the other mourners, a large group of his fellow bellringers rang the bells in his memory.

Dave undertook an apprenticeship at Triumph Motorcycles, during which time he also obtained a first class honours degree in engineering at Lanchester Polytechnic. He subsequently worked for Austin Rover; which became what we now know as Jaguar Land Rover; for 25 years; latterly as a Noise, Vibration & Harshness (NVH) Engineer on the development of new models.

As well as being a highly respected engineer at work, Dave was also a devoted family man, a great fan of motorcycles, a perfectionist in DIY, an accomplished musician on several instruments, a very rapid go-kart driver, a long distance cyclist - and over the last year or so, a talented bellringer.

Dave, Sue, James and Joanne had lived in Stoneleigh for some 18 years before moving to Kenilworth within the last 3 years or so. However, Dave had always loved Stoneleigh, so he came back to learn church bellringing, making many new friends in the process, and also discovering an old one. Sue of course is already a long-time member and leading light in the Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers.

As well as being, by far, our most accomplished and rapid learner for years, with his engineering background, Dave was also invaluable for undertaking tower maintenance work.

He worked closely with Graham Nabb of Kineton, to restore to working order the five long-abandoned bells of a church in Avon Dassett. This took an extended period, and was physically hard work – and done simply for Dave's love of working on and renovating old mechanical things.

## **The Meadows Hut, Stoneleigh**

The Meadows Hut at the end of Church Lane has seen many decades of social activity in Stoneleigh. It is unclear to me when it was first built, or for what primary purpose, but it was the Darby and Joan Club for many years. Then, in the late eighties, the name was changed to The Wednesday Club because that was the day of club meetings and the club membership was all Joan and no Darby!

The Stoneleigh Meadows Society had purchased the building and its plot of land shortly after acquiring the meadows in 1983 and establishing the Meadows Society as a charity having as its main charitable object the permanent preservation of the Meadows for the benefit of the residents of Stoneleigh and of the public generally.

In 2003 the Wednesday Club was disbanded and new uses for the hut were sought. The hut was renamed the Meadows Hut and taken over by the Parochial Church Council for meetings, social gatherings of all sorts and for the use of any organisation who might need it. Once more, time has moved on and circumstances have changed.

The Church now has in-house kitchen and washroom facilities, the cost of utilities for the Meadows Hut (water and electricity) has increased inexorably and the PCC is no longer able to absorb the cost and responsibility for this facility.

The structure of the Hut is still generally weatherproof but the roof and all windows and doors are in very poor condition and, overall and without significant renovations, its life is very limited. The Meadows Society has therefore reluctantly concluded that, unless there is someone with a magic wand and a brilliant new idea for using the Hut, the days of this piece of village history are numbered.

Unless feasible alternative suggestions are forthcoming, one solution might be to seek planning permission for a small single-storey house in character with the remainder of Church Lane with a view to sale with the consent of the Charity Commissioners. The funds thus raised would underwrite the finances of the Meadows Society for years to come and guarantee the proper management of the Meadows for future generations.

Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal should write to me, the Secretary to the Meadows Society: **Robin Bussell, The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV83DH.**  
**Email: robin.bussell@sky.com**

# **ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING**

## **STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL**



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Friday 24th September 10:30 to 12:30

Home made **CAKES**  
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### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Please come and join us for the annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses. There will be a cake stall, a 'bring and buy' and a raffle. We would be most grateful if anyone feels that they could donate a cake for the stall - every little helps.

We look forward to giving you a warm welcome at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Friday 24th September from 10:30 to 12:30.

*Jayne Brooks*

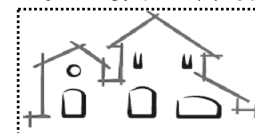
### **ASHOW CHURCH BARBECUE**

Over 80 people enjoyed the Barbecue at Ashow Village Club garden on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. It was very successful with an excellent barbecue well cooked by Phil Morris and Kate Jones, and a large choice of puddings all donated by many helpers, with a wonderful cheeseboard given by David Wareing's sister Sue. The food was organised by Diana Holt and Pat Harvey, and Clare Burdett did the raffle which made £214. We are very grateful to all those people who gave raffle prizes or helped in any way. Particular thanks also to David and Keith for all their hard work with the marquee and setting up before hand. The total profit for Church funds was £794-24.

*Stephen Harvey (Churchwarden).*

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## THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF CHARITABLE GIVING

On 24 September there will be celebration to mark the three hundredth year of charitable donations by the Leigh Educational Foundation to residents of Stoneleigh Parish. Lord Christopher Leigh will host a celebratory tea party in the Tea Rooms at Stoneleigh Abbey, 4-5 pm on Friday 24th September 2010 for current and previous recipients of grants. The Trustees' records do not include details of the current whereabouts of all recipients so if any of them, or their families, read this article please contact the address below for an invitation which will be issued on a first come, first served basis (*n.b. the deadline for replies is 8 September*).

For those not familiar with the Foundation, grants are awarded for items such as school uniforms, equipment, field trips, tuition fees and the like to residents under the age of 25. Further details available on request.

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**Clerk to the Trustees**  
**The Leigh Educational Foundation**  
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### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

#### **Meetings**

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Please note the October meeting will be held on the third Thursday and not the usual second Thursday which will be October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the J. Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park. This is to enable the Chairman of Trustees of RASE, Mr Henry Cator OBE, to attend the Parish Council meeting.  
Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

## HIGH SPEED RAIL 2

There has been plenty of activity on your behalf over the summer. This is outlined in a separate, yellow, sheet which is being circulated with this edition of the News. Please note that the sum of money allocated to the Exceptional Hardship Scheme is now £50 million rather than £15 million. Thanks to extensive lobbying, including by Stoneleigh residents, the Scheme has been improved but remains inadequate.

Applications open on 20 August [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk) or phone 020 7944 4908 and ask for documentation, or write to The Exceptional Hardship Scheme, HS2 Ltd, 3rd Floor, 55 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU for full details.

Representatives of the Stoneleigh Action Group had an information stall at the Duck Race on 14 August and, despite the appalling weather, attracted considerable interest, 100% support, and some generous donations. All the evidence is that the Coalition Government is determined to press ahead with this proposal. *All* readers of the News will hear it, many of you will see it, and the value of *all* your properties will be very seriously affected by it.

[FightHS2@me.com](mailto:FightHS2@me.com) 07517 041937

### Stoneleigh WI

The July meeting was 'member's night' - organised by a group of the members. We started with a glass of 'Pimms' followed by a light supper and strawberries and cream. Some quizzes had been prepared that included one of photographs of the locality taken from unusual aspects - it proved to be demanding.

The Strollers completed a walk around Frankton and Marton on a warm day but as usual recovered in a local pub. Also a number of members walked around Stoneleigh one evening - all of this will contribute to our entry for the WI Triathlon.

An evening at the Loft was enjoyable - an Alan Ayckbourne play. A visit to the 'Art in Action' exhibition at Waterperry Gardens was interesting as were the delightful gardens there.

A 'swishing' evening was held at a member's home - swapping items of clothing. This raised £50 for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

A trip to Croome Park has been arranged for September 3rd - there are a few places available - please contact me.

Our next meeting is on Monday September 6th at 7:30pm at the village hall - the talk is entitled 'The Crown Jewels'.

**Liz Sykes**

## ***"Another Country***

### ***The Story of Stoneleigh Men in the Great War"***

I am delighted that, at last, my book on the lives of the thirteen men from Stoneleigh who died in the Great War has reached publication after eighteen months' research and writing. It has been a fascinating voyage of discovery and a pleasure to contribute something to the history of the village.

The official "launch" of the book will be held at Stoneleigh Abbey on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm., when I will give a short presentation, with pictures. Although tickets are going fast and space is limited, you can contact me on 02476 418759 if you would like to come. Tickets for the evening cost £3 to include a glass of wine, the proceeds going to Myton Hospice. Copies of the book, priced £6.50, will be available then.

If you are unable to come to the launch, copies may be obtained by phoning the number above or calling in to see me at 9, The Bank. I can also post copies on receipt of a cheque; please add £2 for the price of postage and packing.

**Sheila Woolf**



#### ***Calling all children***

Would you like to take up a new hobby? – try handbell ringing. We meet weekly and our next meeting is on Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> at Stoneleigh village hall at 6:30pm. All are welcome to 'have a go' but please bring an adult with you on the first night. .

**Contact Lynne Fletcher 02476 417544**

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#### **Stoneleigh Luncheon Club**

The next village lunch is on Tuesday September 7th at 12:30 and on the menu this month is chicken pie followed by lemon cheesecake. Unfortunately we will have to increase the charge to £3.50.

If you wish to come and haven't as yet let me know - or if you've forgotten, please ring me on 024 7641 8301.

Liz