

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



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FROM THE VICARAGE:

As I approach the end of my second year in these village parishes , the events of Harvest Festivals seem very appropriate. I realise that, for most people, village life is less bound up with the Agricultural year than perhaps it was fifty years or more ago, but even so the sight of hay bales and the like is still much more common here than it was in Maidstone!

Harvest Festivals at Ashow and Stoneleigh will be taking place just before this edition is being distributed I imagine. As we move into October the focus of the year changes quickly as summer has very firmly turned to autumn. The trees are changing their hue almost as you watch, the wind is turning much colder and, as the hymn puts it, “all is safely gathered in, ‘ere the winter storms begin”. In the shops, ‘Back to School’ (which began before the poor children had even broken up for the holidays) is replaced by the ever-encroaching trappings of Christmas!

Sometimes, the years seem to be flying by so fast that we don’t actually stop and think about NOW. We end up wishing we could turn the clock back, do the things we meant to do, and perhaps more importantly say the things we meant to say to those who are really the most important.

The events of the past month for my family have really brought home how precious every day is, and have highlighted the truly important things which perhaps often can get crowded out by the urgent – yet largely unimportant – issues of daily life. My sister’s sudden illness, and my son’s sudden injury, brought the value and the fragility of life into real focus. I am deeply thankful for the love and prayer that has surrounded us and for the amazing recovery that both have made.

Another famous hymn has the line which I always found quite disturbing, especially when I was a child at school: “Live each day as if ‘t were thy last”. Yet one thing that 22 years of ministry has taught me is that you never know what tomorrow will bring, and this past month has made that even more clear. Today is the ‘present’ – God’s gift to you. Use it well. Let people know the love you have for them, offer forgiveness where needed, seek forgiveness where necessary. Let us celebrate a harvest of good things, not just of crops but of love and friendship - seeking the wellbeing of others and sharing the love of God with one another. “All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love”.

Jim Perryman

3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT

The past couple of months have seen quite a bit of activity in the parishes.

Three mornings in August, around 40 children attended the Holiday Club which was held at All Saints School, Leek Wootton, learning about exploring life with God while enjoying space-themed activities. Three Bible verses were embedded in all our memories: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5), “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15) and God’s promise that “I will always be with you, I will never abandon you” (Joshua 1:5). Important words for us all.

At Ashow and Stoneleigh, we discussed together the principle of admitting children to Holy Communion from a younger age, without the prior requirement of being Confirmed. You can read more about this by downloading a booklet from the parish website.

Hummingtops started up again, but without our leader Michelle Cooper. She gave a good lead to all the Mum’s who attend with their pre-school children and has given great encouragement to them to keep the group flourishing. The whole of Stoneleigh is missing the Cooper family who in their short stay with us added so much life and flavour to the community. We wish the whole family every blessing as they settle down in Calgary.

September will finish with our Harvest Festival, which I’m sure will be a great time of celebration with the church buildings filled with the signs of God’s goodness and the skill and generosity of those who want to share their gifts with others. It will also see the start of our Alpha Course on Monday evenings through to December at Leek Wootton Church. If you would like to know more about this, please pick up an invitation from one of the churches, or phone Jim (01926 850610).

Coming up in October is our first “Film Night” at the Stoneleigh Village Hall, and Stoneleigh Church is also the venue for our annual “Beekeepers” service and this year’s Warwick District Council Civic Service.

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. The site is gradually growing in content and we hope you will keep visiting it to see what’s new.

STONELEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Because of a holiday this report is being prepared one week early and happily no crime has been reported to me. The police, however, remain concerned about the amount of crime at Warwick University, especially the theft of laptop computers which frequently contain study work.

Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205

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Stonleigh Village Club

The EGM was held on Sunday 18th July and the following committee members were elected:

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| Chairman | Craig Cooper |
| Secretary | Barbara Gee |
| Treasurer | Richard Parham |
| Lynne Fletcher | |
| John Waters | |
| Sue Brooks | |
| Dave Brown | |
| Mick Sell | |
| Phil Glover | |

The committee thanked Bob Cooper (outgoing Chairman) and Rory O'Connor (outgoing Secretary) for the sterling job they have done in the previous year.

We would also like to thank Michelle Cooper for her fantastic support to SVC, particularly with the events for the children.

Despite the weather the Duck Race was very successful in particular the BBQ food, takings on the bar, Fletch's cocktails and ticket sales. A big thank you to everyone who helped out, and to HS2 for the donated bouncy castle.

Forthcoming Events:

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| Marrow Weigh In | September 26 th 8.00pm |
| Yard of Ale | October 7 th (see noticeboard) |
| HS2 Quiz Night | October 16 th 8.00pm start |
| Halloween | October 30 th Gools & Ghosties (see noticeboard) |
| Bonfire Night Party | November 5 th Bonfire lit at 6.30pm Firework display 7.00pm Duo Band 'Jimmy Jimmy' from 8.30pm |
| Fish & Chip Night | November 19 th |
| Cricket Quiz Night | November 27 th 8.00pm start |
| Christmas Bingo | December 4 th |

All Welcome!

Sue Brooks

The Stoneleigh Village Club (SVC) Needs You!

As you are all aware the SVC is struggling to survive financially. The committee are working hard behind the scenes to think of ways to ensure that the SVC remains afloat. We are currently looking at applying for a grant from the Rural Communities Agency to improve the premises. In order to make a successful application, we, the community, need to be looking towards making full use of the SVC as a communal facility.

For example, the W.I. are looking at using the club as a social, coffee morning, meeting place once each month, hopefully starting from October 2010.

Some members of the SVC committee have suggested that a co-operative shop would be a welcome service in the community. For instance, the shop could be run by volunteers with a view to it opening once or twice for an hour each day. The possibilities are endless!

We would like to know what the people of Stoneleigh (and surrounding areas) would like from the SVC. Would you take a moment to complete the following and return it to either the club or 6 Vicarage Road (last cottage in the road). Many thanks from Barbara Gee (SVC Secretary on behalf of the committee)

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Please tick one of the following:

I would like a co-operative shop

I would consider being a volunteer for the shop

I would like to suggest the following:

Fight HS2

Stag Fund Raising Principles

The Stoneleigh Action Group (Stag) will be commencing fund raising by hosting a series of activities, which you would ask you to look out for and support. The first one of these is a Quiz Night on Saturday 16th October at the Stoneleigh Club.

Why do we need to raise funds?

The proposed route for High Speed 2 is likely to be put out to public consultation at the start of the new year and at that stage we as a group may need to make representation to the Government either alone or in concert with other groups. This consultation period may last up to six months, and so if we wish to make representations these could get very detailed. The group does have running expenses, e.g. printing, hall hire etc which need to be covered, and at the public consultation stage there is the possibility that expert witnesses may need to be called, although there is the possibility that these costs could be shared with other groups.

The latest route proposals have been issued by High Speed 2 the company set up to promote the whole enterprise, but this is subject to Government adoption. We cannot be sure what the final route may be and in any case as things stand the route is still proposed to affect our beautiful area.

What will we do with the funds?

We will account for these carefully, indeed a bank account has already been set up, and so if anybody wishes to make a donation please contact us. May we take this opportunity to thank those people who have already made a generous donation.

What if the group is disbanded and the funds are no longer needed?

We propose that funds raised generally, if not required or are surplus, will be distributed equally between the Stoneleigh village club and the village hall.

Please feel free to contact any member of the group whom you may know, or e-mail: fighths2@me.com.

Three easy ways to donate :

1 Set up a Direct Debit for a small amount each month £2.00 or £5.00 to:-

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| Bank | HSBC |
| Account | Stoneleigh Action Group |
| Sort code: | 40-26-04 |
| A/c No. | 91430106 |

2 Send a cheque made payable to Stoneleigh Action Group

3 Shop online via www.easyfundraising.org.uk. The website is free to use and a % of your purchase is donated by the shop to Stoneleigh Action Group

HS2 Route Alignment Village Meeting 7th October 19:30 : Stoneleigh Village Hall

You may have read that HS2 ltd have made revised alternate route recommendations to the Department of Transport, to supercede the route proposed in March this year. Given these changes, the Stoneleigh Action Group will be holding an open meeting to try and answer your questions about the new route, what will happen next, the outcome of the Exceptional Hardship Scheme consultation process. Tea and coffee will be available on the night.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the ongoing work of running the group and continuing the campaigning work that has been underway over the last 6 months.

On the Fund Raising front we will be running a quiz on the 16th October at the Village club, we hope you'll all be able to join us or take part in the raffle (prize donations gratefully received by the end of September)

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THANKS

Sue, James, Joanne and Doris Marshall would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and support during Dave's short illness and following his death. Thanks also for the generous contributions to the two charities in his memory and thanks to the Stoneleigh Bell Ringers for the quarter peal. Your good wishes have been a great source of comfort during this very difficult time."



VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

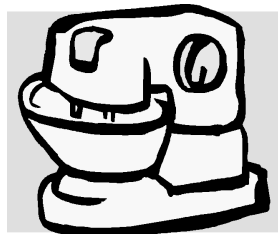
Come along and meet your friends at the first ever Village Coffee Morning on Tuesday 19th October at Stoneleigh Village Club, 10.30 to 11.30am.

Coffee Mornings will be held regularly on the third Tuesday of the month.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

APPLE CAKE

170 g (6 oz) soft margarine
170 g (6 oz) caster sugar
170 g (6 oz) self-raising flour
3 eggs
1 lemon, rind and juice of
225 g (8 oz) cooking apple, diced
Pinch of mixed spice
Pinch of ground cinnamon
45 ml (3 tbsp) demerara sugar
55 g (2 oz) chopped nuts



- 1 Grease and line a 1 kg (2 lb) loaf tin
2. Place all the ingredients in a bowl, except the demerara sugar and chopped nuts. Beat with an electric mixer or by hand until thoroughly creamed.
3. Spread evenly into loaf tin.
4. Sprinkle the top of the mixture with demerara sugar and nuts
5. Pour into the prepared loaf tin and bake at 150°C in fan oven or 180°C in a conventional oven for an hour or until a cocktail stick inserted into the centre comes out dry.

STONELEIGH WI

The speaker at our meeting on 6th September was Yeoman Warder J. D. David, who spoke about the Crown Jewels. His knowledge, his enthusiasm and some beautiful photographs made for a very interesting evening. He also spoke in an entertaining way about his time as a "Beefeater", living and working in the Tower of London.

About forty members and friends visited Beckford Silk Works and Croome Park on Friday 3rd September. The weather was glorious and we had a most enjoyable day. The members of the craft group have been trying different card making techniques this month. The book club met on 14th September to discuss "Kisses on a Postcard" by Terence Frisby and "Leonie and the Last Napoleon" by Tony Boullemier. The Strollers completed a walk, with wonderful views, at Easenhall.

The next village lunch will take place on Tuesday 5th October. The menu will be cottage pie and blackberry and apple crumble.

If you have put your name on the list and are unable to come or if you wish to add your name to the list please let Liz know on 024 7641 8301.

Rachel Gill

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

Please note the October meeting will be held on the third Thursday and not the usual second Thursday which will be October 21st 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.

Stoneleigh & Ashow Organisations

In last month's news there was a list of organisations and contact names and telephone numbers. Unfortunately both my surname and telephone number were incorrect. My surname is **Maddison** and my telephone number is **01926 491482**. Please amend your records.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Bertie MacKay, Chairman, Warwick District Council, is holding his Civic Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 24th October at the Church of St.Mary the Virgin. You are invited to attend.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

This service will take place at Stoneleigh Church on

Thursday 4th November at 7.00 p.m.

All are welcome, but only those we know to have been bereaved in the last two years, and those who indicated they would like an invitation following last year's service will be specifically invited.

Stoneleigh Cricket Club

South Northants League Div1

The league season fizzled out. Another match was washed out on the penultimate weekend and with promotion and relegation issues already settled, Fenny Compton were the visitors on the last Saturday. A close game saw Fenny emerge victorious by 5 runs.



Final League Table

| | P | W | D | L | Pts | |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|-------|-----------|
| Thornborough | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 300 | Champions |
| Woodford Halse | 18 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 279 | Promoted |
| Fenny Compton | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 246 * | |
| Dunchurch & Bilton | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 236 | |
| Preston Capes | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 219 | |
| Afro Caribbean | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 207 | |
| Stoneleigh | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 200 | |
| Willoughby | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 187 * | |
| Sibford | 18 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 136 | Relegated |
| Byfield 'A' | 18 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 105 | Relegated |

Friendlies

The friendly program at the end of the season produced some good finishes with Stoneleigh finishing victorious in all but one match. Particularly satisfying was a win over Coventry Barbarians when Phil Chapman's 62 was the basis of our 174 total, while some excellent catches helped to dismissed Baa-Baa's for 141.

Statistics

Darren Young and Phil Chapman have pretty well carved up the season's awards between them. Although Paul Lazenby scored the most runs (1128), Darren finished top of the batting averages at 39.75 including the only century of the season. Phil took the most wickets (38) while Darren also topped the bowling averages with 31 wickets at 10.42. Phil had the distinction of making the most ducks (5) but he was outstanding in the field with 21 catches, a figure second only to Colin Summerton's record of 23 back in 1988.

The awards will be presented at the end-of-season do at Stoneleigh Village Club on Saturday 18th September following the now traditional match against the Abbey Residents in the afternoon.

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

| | Ashow | Stoneleigh |
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| Sunday 3rd | 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion Service at Ashow <i>Please note time of service</i> | |
| Sunday 10th | 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion | 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion |
| Thursday 14th | | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion |
| Sunday 17th | 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion | 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion <i>With Creche</i> |
| Sunday 24th | 9.30 a.m. Village Service | 11.00 All Age Worship |
| Thursday 28th | | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion |
| Sunday 31st | 10.15 a.m. Three Parish Holy Communion at Leek Wootton | |

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tuesday 7th September 2010
 Funeral of Kate Robbins at Stoneleigh, followed by burial at
 Nature Reserve Burial Grounds

22nd August
 Holy Baptism of Edward William Bennell