

STONELEIGH & ASH NEWS



Winter scene at Wentworth House

DECEMBER 2010 & JANUARY 2011

Flying the Flag

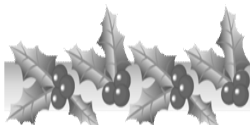
We wish a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to you all. We have given donations totalling £401 to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance instead of sending local Christmas cards.

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The flag will be flown at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh on the weekend of 17th and 18th December to acknowledge these generous donations. If you have missed the above listing and would like to contribute, please give me a call and your name will be listed on the flag notice.

Robin Bussell 024 76 416183



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The December Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club, Ashow on Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.30 p.m. and the January Ordinary Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire County Council has launched an online web application so that residents can suggest how savings should be made locally.

The “You Choose” budget simulator available through www.warwickshire.gov.uk/budgetsimulator went live on the 15th November and runs until 17th December 2010. The software allows users to adjust the budget and also shows the direct impact their spending decisions would have on local services, from road maintenance to looking after the vulnerable. The link will also direct you to “Facing the Challenge”, a document which outlines in more detail the scale of the financial challenges ahead and how they plan to achieve the savings required.

The responses they receive will be summarised in a publicly available report which will be given to councillors before they make final budget decisions on 15th February 2011.

Warwickshire is one of around 20 councils across the country to use the YouChoose software which has been made available for free by the Local Government Group and the online polling company YouGov.

Possible Grant towards the HS2 Action Groups

On the back page of this magazine is a questionnaire from the Parish Council re a possible grant to the HS2 Action Group. Will you kindly cut it out after filling it in and pass it on to one of the Stoneleigh & Ashow Councillors listed on the back of the form.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY

Registered Number: 702842

Readers may find it helpful to have some information about Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity and its operations.

Stoneleigh Village Hall will now appear on the village website to include: the facilities available, how to book, the hourly rates and the clubs /events held there which you may wish to join.

Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields are not open to public use in the same way as, say, a public park but are controlled by the trusts of the charity, the objects of which are to provide the Hall and Playing Fields for use by the inhabitants of the Parish of Stoneleigh including use for meetings/lectures/classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. The Hall is available to persons or bodies wishing to make a booking; who will or will not be allowed to book is under the control of the Committee.

The Committee consists of a representative from each of the village organisations that use the Hall plus five elected members. Committee elections take place each April at the AGM.

The Committee is responsible for governing the use of the Hall and its bookings, for control of its finances and licensing. The Committee, as trustees, must ensure that the Hall buildings and facilities are at all times kept in good repair and condition and insured against all insurable risks including public liability.

Any work to be carried out on site, including work by volunteers, must receive prior approval by the Committee to ensure all insurances and necessary Health and Safety and other safeguards are complied with.

The Charity relies on the revenue from bookings of the Hall and from the leasing of the tennis courts to the Tennis Club, the playing fields and changing rooms to the Football Club and the swings to the Parish Council to meet the annual expenditure on maintenance and repairs, cost of utilities, licensing arrangements and the cost of insurance and other expenses..

If you wish to make a booking then please contact: Joe Ball – Bookings Administrator Tel: 024 76 411 315

Continued....

The Committee are grateful for the recent efforts by the children of Stoneleigh under the supervision of Reverend Jim Perryman and Tony Hanselman in painting the football hut and the 'Tidy Up' project at the Hall. Finally, we would like to thank all the users of the Hall and Playing Fields for their continued support.

The Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee

A Stoneleigh History Society? Progress Report.

After our initial article in last month's News a number of residents, mainly from Stoneleigh Village, put their names forward but ideally we hope to attract a wider interest, the aim being to establish a group interested in researching and documenting the extensive and absorbing history of the combined parishes (perhaps to be called The Stoneleigh and Ashow History Society) and to compile a central database as a ready source accessible to those interested in learning of the history of the villages and their populations through the centuries, for example through the Villages' web sites. If anybody from Ashow, Stareton or Stoneleigh Abbey or outlying areas of the parishes is interested in this project they would be particularly welcome.

The idea is to hold an initial informal meeting in the New Year, perhaps mid-January, to progress the idea, perhaps to form a small committee to carry forward the form, constitution and aims of a Society and to consider ways and means of pursuing its objectives. One notable local precedent for such a group is Stretton-on-Dunsmore's history group (see stretton-on-dunsmore-history.org.uk, a well developed web-site).

Please do let me know if you are interested in becoming a part of this project. If so, please forward your name, address and contact details to me:-

David Vaughan, 1 Wentworth House, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH, phone 02476414453 or email vaughan_dandj@btinternet.com

Stoneleigh Youth Group

Positive actions and achievements by Stoneleigh Youth Group up to date...

Groups of teenagers no longer hanging out and sitting on the wall in Acorn Close

Litter in the basket ball area football pitch and car park cleared up and monitored

The basket ball area swept weeded and a lot of debris cleared

Leaves swept cleared and gathered in the car park

The tennis courts cleared of litter and swept & lock replaced

The changing rooms painted over graffiti

The lamp-post repaired by WDC, the tree was cut back as branches were breaking the sensor

2 signs ordered for the tennis courts to read 'Stoneleigh Tennis Club Private Members Only'

The wire refitted and repaired on the tennis courts

One section of graffiti scrubbed with wire brushes

One boy helped gather leaves and sweep up on 6th November

Clear rules and boundaries explained to our YP and advice given on acceptable social behaviours and responsibilities

Parents on look out with open communication that overlook the village hall & playing fields

Telephone numbers shared with residents living directly opposite the village hall

Young People with positive attitudes enjoying their contribution and the recognition this is bringing.

Trying so hard to conform and comply.

Contributed by Wendy and Tony Hanselman

024 7641 5060

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Parish Council has agreed to fund a series of 5 sessions to be given by Hybrid Arts in the Village Hall for our young people in art work through use of mobile IT . The dates are to be confirmed; please refer to Tony Hanselman.

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St. Mary the Virgin Stoneleigh

The Church Clock.

At the time of writing this report in mid-November we are well on the way to the changes to the church clock with a new face and the latest mechanism possible by modern technology- indeed I hope that all has been revealed to you by now!

The Churchyard.

The overhaul of the churchyard fencing has also taken place with repair and renewal with traditional cleft oak. General tidying up of the trees and large shrubs and essential safety tasks, have also been carried out.

The Quiz night.

The quiz night on 12th November was as popular as on previous occasions; we made a profit of £130.00

Film Show.

Details of another film show are advertised separately in the magazine; because of the rules on advertising the name of the film can only be exhibited on the church notice boards. S.G.C.

From the Vicarage:

There is something very special about a candle shining in the darkness. The flame has a sense of life and movement about it; there is the wonderful variety of colour within the flame and the glow of light surrounding it. It makes shadows seem to dance around the room as though they are trying to find somewhere to hide. The candle has always had a very important place in the life of the Church – even since the advent of electric light. Candles on the altar, candles in procession, the great Paschal Candle representing the resurrection life of Jesus, candles lit as a symbol of prayer, Christingle candles to represent Jesus as the Light of the World.

In St. John's Gospel, we find those famous words which will be read again at some of our Christmas services, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). A little light overcomes a whole lot of darkness – and Jesus is more than just a little light!

There is so much darkness in our world, and with the continuing tragedy of Afghanistan and the ongoing terror threat throughout the world, that darkness seems to be reaching out and threatening to extinguish what little signs of hope for peace there might have been. But St. John's words are as true now as they have ever been, and Christmas comes again to encourage us with the truth that the light of the love of God shines through the story of the birth of Jesus as a tiny candle whose light grows and grows, dispelling the darkness and bringing hope.

Many religions have a 'light' festival – and I believe that the darkness of terror and violence, perpetrated in the name of religion yet totally opposed to any true faith, will never be overcome by the darkness of a 'war on terror', but will only be overcome by people of faith being ready to shine with the light that is within them. My belief is that the true light is to be found in Jesus. May his Church here and across the world faithfully and courageously allow his light to chase the shadows away, and may 2011 be a year when hope is rekindled and God's 'perfect love' casts out fear.

I wish all readers a very blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Jim Perryman

3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT

(See www.a-lw-s.org.uk for up-to-date service details.)

On the subject of light, the "Bright Lights" party at Leek Wootton on October 31st was a great time as 25 children, together with leaders and young helpers, celebrated the good of All Saints rather than the evil which has become sadly so popular over recent years, and remembered how light transforms both people and situations

The All Souls events at Stoneleigh and Leek Wootton seemed to be appreciated by those who came to remember loved ones from recent or past bereavements. This theme was continued at Remembrance Sunday where the traditional services took place in all three parishes. Stoneleigh's service saw families travel to be with us as a result of Sheila Woolf's book on the lives behind the names on the memorial, and also some of the younger members of our village community coming to remember the young men of an earlier generation. Special thanks to Taz and Sophie for taking part in the Act of Remembrance and in leading the prayers.

On the social side, another successful Stoneleigh quiz evening was held at the Village Hall. Thanks again to Sarah and all the team for keeping us entertained and well fed.

Preparations for Advent & Christmas are well under way with Susan Spencer and the choir at Ashow preparing the Advent Carol service (which will probably already have taken place by the time you read this), and all three churches gearing up for the carol services on the weekend before Christmas. These will each have a different style – and you are invited to come to whichever one (or more than one) most appeals to you: Saturday 5pm at Ashow will be more 'choral'; Sunday 4pm at Leek Wootton more 'family focussed' with a Narnia theme; Sunday 7pm at Stoneleigh more traditional lessons and carols. Don't worry, all of them will offer good opportunities to celebrate and sing familiar carols.

We hope to see you at our services over Christmas and the New Year, and offer our thanks to those who help to make the buildings look so spectacular for our celebrations.



Support for Small Arts Projects in Rural Warwickshire

Arts on our Doorstep provides professional advice, practical support and resources up to the value of £5,000 for small arts projects across the rural areas of Warwick District and Rugby Borough.

Are you a member of a group with a creative idea to bring your community together or would like to develop an arts project with a positive impact on your environment? Perhaps you're an artist who would like to share your skills with your neighbours? **Arts on our Doorstep** could be for you.

The scheme offers an opportunity to try new things. This could be an entirely new arts project or event for the first time. Or you might like to enhance an existing project by introducing a new activity, working with professional artists or trying to include new participants and audiences.

There are no restrictions on art forms.

For more information and to get in touch please visit www.warwickshireleader.net/artsonourdoorstep

If you do not have access to the internet please call 07879 117423 and leave a message with your contact details and a brief description of your project.



Millwood Fields by Judy Pordon

Walking on the border
of cornfield and woods
humming insects chaperone my dusk walk
and ancient oaks remind me
I am still only fifteen.

Clamouring over a cement aqueduct
built a century ago,
I tumble brown pebbles and
spring green waters
into my palms.

I throw a pebble into sky, imagine it
landing in some forlorn future
where I will look down
at an unfamiliar path
and dream of walking home
*From <http://judithpordon.tripod.com/poetry>
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Stoneleigh HS2 Action Group Update

During November, all non-postal readers of Stoneleigh & Ashow News should have received a leaflet updating them on recent activities, together with a fund-raising letter and a flier for the Victoria Fayre on 27 November. By the time you read this we hope you all had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the Fayre and have decided which way you can best contribute to the fund-raising efforts so that, together with the other action groups along the HS2 route, we can afford to bring in appropriate expertise to help our efforts to Stop HS2. The leaflet and other information has been posted on the village website www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk Extensive information about action being taken along the route, and press coverage details, appear on www.hs2actionalliance.org

The Parish Council notes in this issue and the questionnaire on the last page deal with possible Parish Council funding of the Stoneleigh and Burton Green Action Groups. Please kindly refer to this proposal which we hope you will feel able to support .

An announcement about the final route is expected very soon, followed by the details of the public consultation which begins early in 2011. Watch this space!

ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH



Film Night
on
Friday 14th January 2011
at
Stoneleigh Village Hall
7.15 for 7.30pm start

Please check poster in church for details of film

£3.00 (including coffee and cake)

Please bring your own drinks, cushions or comfy chair



Forthcoming events

December

Wednesday 8th	Wednesday Social - 10.30am Ashow Village Club
Friday 17th	Club Christmas Carols - 8.00pm
Saturday 18th	Ashow Church Carol Service - 5.00pm Club open following the service
Wednesday 22nd	Bridge Afternoon - 2.00pm
Sunday 26th	Boxing Day - 10.30am-2.00pm Club open following Mummers' performance

January

Saturday 1st	New Year's Day - 12.00pm-2.30pm
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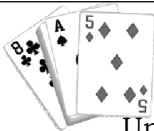
Social Morning

Wednesday 8th December 2010

Time: 10.30am

Cost: £3.00 (to include refreshments)

Be inspired by local florist, Ailsa Davies,
as she shows us how to make beautiful
Christmas table decorations,
and join us
for Christmas refreshments
at Ashow Village Club.



Bridge Afternoon

For beginners, improvers or masters!
Under the expert guidance of Janet Charlesworth



Wednesday 22nd December 2010

Time: 2.00pm

Cost: £2.00 (to include refreshments)

No need to book in advance - just turn up!

A Meditation for Christmas

At Christmas people are drawn to Jesus more than at any other time. The coming of Jesus brought joy to the world. Is it because at Christmas we find ourselves with a God that does not threaten us, is helpless, powerless, and yet has the power of love?.

It is the God who is available to all and yet depends on us in His vulnerability and yet also holds the whole world in His hands.

This is the God who gave Himself totally because He wanted to give us a chance to give to Him, in so much that as He grew up He experienced what it was like to be hungry, homeless, lonely, rejected and poor.

This God who revealed Himself by becoming a baby, born in a stable, a baby so helpless, so much in need of all that love can give.

“For as in the manger child, we gaze upon the face of Christ, so in each and every child (and person) may we recognise the face of Christ, cherishing the miracle.” *

It is Christmas every time we can smile and offer a hand of care, every time we can give the gift of time to listen to another. It is Christmas every time we let God love through us.

So may we this Christmas be born again into a renewed relationship with Christ and in doing so welcome Him into our hearts and fill our homes with love .

*From “ the Gift of Childhood ” by the Bishop of Manchester Nigel McCulloch in the book Resources for worship,

Contributed by Elizabeth Penlington



Christmas Flowers

Please do come along and join us at Stoneleigh Church on Saturday 18th December at 10am to decorate the Church for Christmas.

Everyone welcome

Mandy Gibbs

It has now been a year since the village website “went live” and it is gratifying to report that it is receiving an average of 500 “hits” per month. Disappointingly, though, the majority of these come from outside the village! Whilst it’s good to see that people elsewhere are interested in – and complimentary about -what is going on in Stoneleigh, the community itself seems less keen to engage with our website.

For those with access to a computer the site is a useful “one-stop-shop” for local information: the latest news on the campaign against HS2 is there, for instance, as well as details about all the local clubs and societies within the village; a regularly-updated “What’s On” section keeps you informed about local activities. With a few clicks you can readily access Warwick District Council’s website, the Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Forum (or “Neighbourhood Watch”) and advice from Warwick County Council; in addition you will find the websites of BBC local news, the church, Stoneleigh Park and other local businesses. Parish Council business is posted each month, and of course you can read the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* online, should you have mislaid your paper copy!

It’s important to update and expand a village website, however, and in future we hope to include dedicated sections on the Village Club and the Village Hall, as well as a page for the younger people in Stoneleigh. The editors would love to hear from you – whether you would like to advertise your business, or include information about an event. Contact details are on the website.

Visit www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk regularly – it was created for you!

Sheila Woolf
Mark Bonnett

Stoneleigh Village Club

The club has again been very busy over the last few weeks hosting some fabulous events including Halloween and Bonfire Night which were a resounding success, not only did the club do well on takings, we also attracted some new members. Thanks to everyone for taking part especially the hard working committee, Dean, Jim, Karen, Lynda, Jackie, Rory, Barry, Tony, Jan and Nicky to name but a few, and of course to the fab duo 'Jimmy Jimmy' for providing the entertainment. We hope all the new families that came to these events continue to use the club and become members, this is your village club.

Forthcoming Events:

Christmas Bingo	December 4
Christmas Carols with the Choir & Christmas Raffle	December 19
Santa's Grotto – early evening start see noticeboard	December 24
Christmas Night – Bar open 6pm courtesy of Craig	December 25
Boxing Night – Fletch's Cocktails	December 26
Music Quiz – Mick & Colin	December 27
New Years Eve Party – Dave's Disco, Late Bar	December 31
New Year's Day Walk	January 1
Bellringers' Quiz	January 8

All Welcome!

INFORMATION: A take out beer service is available from the club within the last 30 minutes of drinking up time. Beer is offered at very competitive rates, please ask behind the bar for selection.

Want to make a booking at Stoneleigh Village Club?

You can now email us on:

Stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

Finally, Happy Birthday to Mick Sell reaching the big 50!

Sue Brooks

STONELEIGH WI

The Annual Meeting took place in November when Pat Lines was installed as president. After the business and refreshments we had a talk about 'dowsing' given by Fay Palmer.

Our usual activities have occurred – a large group attended 'Oliver' at the Spa Centre and at the end of the month an even larger group will be going to see the Military Tattoo in Birmingham.

Our Christmas trip to Chatsworth will include some people from the village – it will be lively to have them with us – and hopefully it will be a good day.

The WI are looking forward to the Victorian Evening at the village club when we will be supporting the cause with a craft stall.

The coffee/social mornings have started well – with over 20 people attending each one. The next one will be on Tuesday December 21st in the club at 10:30am. Thanks to Jim for opening up, lighting the fire and helping out.

The next lunch is on Tuesday December 7th – when we will be having our usual Christmas lunch enhanced by entertainment from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir. If there are changes to your plans please ring me on 02476418301.

The December meeting is on the 6th at 7:30pm in the village hall when the speaker will be Janet Courtney on 'A Victorian Christmas'. We will also be having an 'american' supper and the 'secret santa'. We would love you to come and join us.

Liz Sykes

“Beautiful Flowers in a Beautiful Church”

Please help us continue to provide lovely flowers in Stoneleigh Church by supporting our fund-raising coffee morning:

WEDNESDAY 1ST December 2010
10.30 am at the home of Jean Bussell:
The Oaks
Vicarage Road
Stoneleigh

Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy
(and for which all donations will be gratefully received)
Please come – Everyone is welcome



Stoneleigh Church Flower Group

Neighbourhood Watch Changes

A neighbourhood watch scheme has operated in Stoneleigh for many years and, for the past 20 years or so, Roger Gilbert has acted as the Lead Co-ordinator. Now into his eighties, Roger has decided to retire from the post and all of us who have been associated with NW would like to thank him for his untiring efforts during those 20 years. We are sure that the deterrence that NW offers has contributed to keeping crime in the village at a low level and we are grateful for the leadership that Roger has provided.

When this article was first written, it went on to emphasise the need for a replacement for Roger. You will see elsewhere in this News that a new Lead Co-ordinator has been found and we are pleased to welcome Tony Hanselman to the task.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community initiative from which we all benefit and its continuation without a break is good news. Thank you Tony for volunteering.

Robin Bussell

NW Co-ordinator in Vicarage Road

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STONELEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This is the last report I shall be writing for the news. After nearly twenty years I have decided that at 80+ my mind no longer copes with problems or thinks things through as it used to. Consequently the Lead Co-ordinator NW role is being taken over by Tony Hanselman in Birmingham Road, who is actively engaged in promoting useful activities for young people. All the local Group Co-ordinators know how to contact him if you have information to pass on. I am continuing as the Group co-ordinator for my current 11 households; consequently I shall remain in touch with NW.

Since the last magazine several things have happened. One of the more disturbing was shortly after the last News deadline there was a break in at a house in Birmingham Road which is being extended and modernised. The thieves took all the cans of Coke in the fridge, drank most of them then urinated in the workers' kettle and defecated on the bathroom floor. We do not know where the criminals came from, but how low can you get? Fortunately the kettle was not used afterwards.

Secondly, youths broke into a car at the rear of the Smithy close to midnight on 22 October. A resident saw it, shouted at them and they ran away towards Coventry Road dropping everything they had stolen. Thirdly, during the day on 26 October an unsuccessful attempt was made to break into a wall safe in the Church which was being used to collect money for the Poppy Appeal.

Finally I am told there has been a significant increase in anti-social behaviour near the village with the breakage of a tractor window whilst it was being driven and fires in bales of straw.

With my best wishes to Tony Hanselman in his new Lead role.

Roger Gilbert 024 7641 5205

As a footnote to the above we are asked to include, with possible harsh winter conditions to come, a reminder of the difficulties our elderly neighbours can experience, such as dark nights, icy paths, wheelie bins, shopping, the need for a prescription. We should be mindful of the help we can give by a little thought, a knock on the door, an exchange of telephone numbers or other such help can be reassuring for the less well able.

Also we need to be aware that in hard times, with the onset of the Christmas season, crime rates may tend to increase so it will pay us to be extra vigilant. To report serious problems phone 999 or, 01926 451111 for the less serious. Contact Age Concern for general advice on 022478231999. Ed.

Vicarage Road Update

Further to the item that appeared in the November edition (originally submitted for October) the sewage problems proved more complicated than originally thought. Stoneleigh Park, Severn Trent and Environmental Health Department of Warwick District Council are working hard to rectify the situation. Recent information received suggests that a solution has been found and is being implemented.

Brian Warren, CEO of Stoneleigh Park, reassures adjacent villages that the Showground will continue to operate in a responsible manner, that it is determined to take its community responsibilities very seriously, and asks that any concerns with Stoneleigh Park about any issues are addressed in the first instance to the Duty Event Manager on telephone number 07825 713 038, or, exceptionally, the Security Gate staff on 02476 858 233. Mr Warren further expresses the hope that 'we can continue to co-exist in an atmosphere of collective accord, forbearance and co-operation, to our mutual benefit'.

A Village Project for Stoneleigh?

The Warwickshire County Council "Leader Project" has the objective of promoting rural development in the county and funds are available for a wide variety of projects. For example, some villages are proposing to establish a village orchard, and this has been suggested as a possible project for Stoneleigh. The Meadows Society would willingly support such an initiative by offering a small area of the Meadows for orchard planting if there are people who would like to form a project team.

More information on "Leader Projects" may be found on the Warwickshire website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk.

If anyone is interested in developing a Stoneleigh Orchard Project and forming, or joining, a project team, please contact me in the first instance.

Robin Bussell

Secretary, Stoneleigh Meadows Society

Tel: 024 7641 6183; email: robin.bussell@sky.com



A recipe for Christmas Roast turkey with cranberry pistachio stuffing

Ingredients

4.5 kg (10lb) oven-ready turkey
15g (½ oz) butter
6 streaky bacon rashers
Fresh herbs to garnish (optional)

For the stuffing

45g (1 ½ oz) butter
1 onion, finely chopped
125g (4 ½ oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
2tbsp finely chopped parsley
125g (4 ½ oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
115g (4 oz) fresh or frozen cranberries, roughly chopped
60g (2 oz) pistachio nuts, chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 egg whites
1-2 tbsp milk, to mix



Preparation

1. To make the stuffing, melt the butter in a frying pan, add the onion and fry over a medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 3-4 minutes, or until softened;
2. Remove from the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs, parsley, cranberries and pistachios. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Leave to cool. Stir in the egg whites with a little milk to make a firm mixture;
3. Preheat the oven to 180 °C (350 °F/Gas 4). Stuff the neck end of the turkey with enough stuffing to fill the cavity, reserving the rest. Weigh the stuffed turkey and calculate the cooking time, allowing 20 minutes per 450g (1 lb) plus 20 minutes extra.
4. Brush the melted butter over the turkey skin. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, place in a roasting tin and cover loosely with foil;. Roast the turkey for the calculated time or until there is no trace of pink in the juices when pierced through the thickest part. Baste occasionally and remove the foil for the last 30-40 minutes of cooking to brown the skin;
5. Roll the remaining stuffing into 8 walnut-sized balls. Stretch the bacon rashers out thinly with the back of a knife, then cut in half crossways. Roll a piece of bacon around each stuffing ball and place on a lightly oiled baking tray;
6. When the turkey is cooked, remove from the oven, cover with foil and leave to rest for at least 20 mins. Before carving. Increase the oven temperature to 200 °C (400° F/Gas 6). place the stuffing balls in the oven and cook for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with the turkey garnishing the balls with herbs, if desired.

A Merry Christmas
to You All!



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



December	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Sunday 5 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow <i>Please note time of service</i>	
Thursday 9 th		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Saturday 18 th	5.00 p.m. Choral Carol Service at Ashow	
Sunday 19 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	7.00 p.m. Traditional Carols
Thursday 23 rd		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Christmas Eve		5.00 p.m. Crib Service 10.00 p.m. 'Midnight' Holy Communion
Christmas Day	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	
Sunday 26 th		11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
January		
Sunday 2 nd	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow <i>Please note time of service</i>	
Sunday 9 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 13 th		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship
Thursday 27 th		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th	10.15 a.m. Three Parish Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	

FROM THE REGISTERS

Saturday 23rd October

Marriage of Brian Burton and Wendy Bayliss at Stoneleigh

Thursday 4th November

Funeral and burial of Mary James at Stoneleigh

PARISH COUNCIL

There has been a proposal to the Parish Council asking for financial support by the Action Groups of Burton Green and Stoneleigh to fight the High Speed 2 Rail Link.

Because of the amounts the Action Groups may need and in order that the Parish Council retains the level of reserves recommended by "Good Practice", this would require a one off increase in the Precept.** This would allow the Parish Council to respond to specific proposals for assistance.

As the precept is part of the Council Tax, the Parish Council is seeking the views of householders before taking a decision at its January 2011 meeting. If the precept increased by £12,000 in the financial year 2011/12 the increase on Band D Council Tax would be approximately £1 per month.

Only householders should indicate their preference below. Please tick the appropriate box

I WOULD be in favour

☐

I WOULD NOT be in favour

☐

of this increase for the purpose stated above.

Name.....

Name.....

Address.....



Will you please hand in your completed form to one of the Parish Councillors by 31st December 2010 at the very latest.

ASHOW

Howard Baker - 6 The Long Row

Jane Mackenzie - The Old Rectory

STONELEIGH

David Ellwood- The Cruck Cottage, Church Lane

Lynne Fletcher- 17 Hall Close

Gordon Gatward- 2 EastGate, Stoneleigh Park

Sheila Woolf- Lavender Cottage, 9 The Bank

This same questionnaire is going out to Burton Green and the University.

****The Parish Council only have modest reserves and the recommendation is for the reserve to cover one year's trading.**

Pat Maddison – Parish Clerk

