

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



PICTURE: WILL BLAGBURN

MARCH 2011

Ashow
Village Club
Social Committee



Be inspired by local florist, Ailsa Davies,
as she shows us how to make
beautiful Easter decorations
at Ashow Village Club

Wednesday 30th March 2011

Time: 10.30am

Cost: £3.00 [to include refreshments]

*In addition to our regular opening hours,
Ashow Village Club is available for private functions and meetings -
for details, please contact Lucy Morris (lucyandphil@metronet.co.uk)
Opening hours: Tue-9-11 Wed-7-9 Fri 5.30-7, 9-11 Sun-12-3, 9-11*

Aged 12-16? Enjoy reading?

Would you like to get together with like-minded people or are you looking for inspiration on what to read next? Join a brand new Teen Reading Group and take part in fun reading activities, games and discussions.

Session times: 4.30pm – 6.00pm on 28th March, 23rd May and 27th June.

Venue: Kenilworth Library – Free of charge.

Contact: Elaine Barker on 01926 476624





Mad March Hare Quiz Night

Stoneleigh Village Club

Saturday 5th March 2011

£5 entry for a team of 5
(£1 each additional member)
starts at 7.45pm

Proceeds to the Fight HS2 / STAG
funds

Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch Team

Burglary - Between Friday 21/01/2011 and 1200hrs Tuesday 25/01/2011 a property in Stoneleigh Close was broken into. Entry was gained via a rear window, unknown if anything stolen.

Burglary - Between 0800hrs and 1705hrs Tuesday 25/01/2011 a property on Vicarage Road was broken into. Entry was gained by smashing a ground floor window to the side of the house and jewellery was taken. Forensic evidence has been obtained.

Good News - On 6th November 2010 criminal damage to an estimated value of £1000 was caused by a male in a vehicle to the grounds at Stoneleigh Abbey. After extensive enquiries by officers from your SNT and business partners the offender was identified and brought to justice. The offender, who is not a local, has been dealt with via the restorative justice procedure and has been required to write a letter of apology to The Trustees of Stoneleigh Abbey and to make a significant financial contribution toward the cost of repairs.

Local Police Station News

Kenilworth

- o From February 28, 2011, our front office services will be located in Warwickshire Direct at Kenilworth Library, Kenilworth. Until this time front office services are still available at Kenilworth Police Station, open Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm.
- o At present our Safer Neighbourhood Team operates out of Kenilworth Police Station. Work is ongoing to identify and then relocate to a new Safer Neighbourhood Office within the town

Door To Door Sales People – Police Advice

Members of the public should be aware of strangers calling at their home:

- 1** Always keep downstairs windows closed and front and back doors locked to prevent people from entering without invitation.
 - 2** Check who is calling at your home by looking through a spy hole in the door, or through a window.
 - 3** Put the security chain on before opening the door, even if you are expecting someone to call. Ask to see identification if you do not recognise the person.
 - 4** Take the identity card from them, close the door and examine it. Contact the company they claim to be representing, after finding a number from the telephone directory. Do not just ring the number on the card – it may be answered by an accomplice.
 - 5** If you have any doubts about who the caller is ask them to make an appointment to return at a more convenient time, when you can have a friend or relative with you.
- Genuine callers will not mind you making these checks. **Remember you do not have to let strangers in to your home, even if they claim it is an emergency.**

Found

Gold solitaire style engagement ring, outside 5 Birmingham Rd -
Please contact Tony Hanselman on 024 7641 5060.



News from the Tower

The more observant among you may have noticed that of late you have been hearing only five bells ringing out from the Church tower instead of the usual six. The reason for this is because we have a problem with our tenor (the sixth and heaviest) bell.

The bell ‘experts’, Taylors of Loughborough, have been called in for advice and it was decided that it was safest for the bell to remain unused whilst further investigations take place. There are one or two possible suspects for the problem – the main one being the bearings.

The investigations are on-going and it is hoped that the problem will soon be solved and that all six bells will be ringing out again in the near future – maybe even by the time you read this!

Stoneleigh Church Bell Ringers

War Memorial, The Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow

Four men who died in the Great War are commemorated on the memorial in the church, and I have now been able to discover a little more about them, following on from my researches into the men from Stoneleigh. Apparently twenty-one men from the village of Ashow served in the war, though the population at the time was just one hundred. The men who died are:

*Albert Cay
Frederick John Edwards
Albert Victor Sadler Malcolm
and Frederick Newton.*

As soon as I have written up the details I shall forward them to be placed in the church.

Sheila Woolf

PUBLIC NOTICE

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY

(702842)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on the 11th April 2011 at 8pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

All inhabitants of the parish of Stoneleigh who are eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Elections will be held at the meeting to elect candidates for 3 elected member positions. The successful candidates shall hold office until the end of the third annual general meeting following their election.

If you would like to apply for one of the above positions please do so in writing to:

The Honourable Secretary,
Sue Marshall
18, Mercia Ave
Kenilworth.
CV8 1E

Stoneleigh Church Flowers

The Flower group coffee morning that was held before Christmas raised a total of £512 towards the flower fund of Stoneleigh Church.

Thank you to: Jean and Robin Bussell for hosting the event at the Oaks, to all those who attended and gave so generously, to all who helped on the day and for all the donations of raffle prizes, cakes and bring and buy.

Also I would like to thank all those flower arrangers who braved the snowstorm on the morning of Saturday 18th December to decorate the Church for Christmas.

We will be decorating the Church for **Easter** on Saturday 23rd April at 10am.

Please do come along and join us. Everyone welcome

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies, then please do so to either myself or Syd Creed.

Thank you

Mandy Gibbs



Greetings to The Village Supporters Club,

One of the great joys of living in Leek Wootton is the friendship, fellowship and support of the community, a point not missed by those transient dwellers who slowly become deep rooted as villagers. This support is profound in times of hardship, loss and sorrow but is equally evident in times of joy and celebration; a situation I experienced first hand just recently. On Saturday, 29th January I was licensed in Coventry Cathedral, not to sell beers, wines and spirits but as a Reader in our diocese. Phil, my husband, says that most children can read by the age of five but I'm a late developer.

The solid support from my family, friends and our three churches was not unexpected but the well wishes, cards, flowers, gifts and Cathedral attendees from the wider community was overwhelming. These supporters consisted of agnostics, atheists and even Jedi priests; people who only attend church for baptisms, weddings and funerals (the hatched, matched and dispatched folk) BUT they came to support me. This support continued back at the Sports and Social Club with many new well wishers.

These village supporters are an unofficial group of well intentioned folk who are mobilised when needs arise, in duties such as school and hospital ferrying, offering companionship, baby sitting, soup making, dog walking and much, much more. We recognise that in the villages of Leek Wootton, Stoneleigh and Ashow we have many wonderful facilities to appreciate but why don't we recognise **The Supporters Club**? Whilst our government try to build the concept of a big society, we have our own very precious little society. Lifelong membership to **The Village Supporters Club** is free, all you have to do is wear your heart on your sleeve and turn up to support when needed. Surely this is living a true Christian life whether a church goer or a Jedi priest?

Audrey Rowberry



3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT (Ashow-LeekWootton-Stoneleigh) (See www.a-lw-s.org.uk for up-to-date service details.)

As February has only recently begun as I write, it is hard to say too much of what has been happening. However, the Marriage Preparation Day was attended by five of the couples getting married this year, and was a very enjoyable and useful time. We look forward to enjoying the ‘big day’ with them later in the year, but hope that the preparation day will help them for the life to follow that day once the guests have gone home.

March sees the beginning of the season of Lent – the time of preparation and penitence before the dramatic season of Holy Week and Easter. To start the season, we will be joining with members of the Kenilworth Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Reformed and Heart of England Revival Churches for a joint Ash Wednesday service at Stoneleigh. Then, as Lent progresses, we will share Lent Breakfasts on Saturday mornings at Stoneleigh Village Hall, and Lent Lunches on Thursdays (following the 11.30 Communion services) at Stoneleigh Church. Some members of the congregations will take part in the ecumenical house groups organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth & District.

We will also begin a sermon series for the first five Sundays of Lent looking at an overview of the entire Bible. Entitled “Big Bites of the Bible”, our themes each week will be The Law, The Promised Land, Kings & Prophets – and then into April The Gospels (on Mothering Sunday), ending with Acts & Letters.

Social activities for March include the next Film Night at Stoneleigh (Village Hall, Friday 4th, 7pm), and the Drinks, Desserts & Delights at Leek Wootton (All Saints Church, Saturday 5th 7pm). Please feel free to join us for any or all of these. They are open to everyone.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The March Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club, Ashow at 7.30 p.m. on 10th March 2011.

Parish Council Elections – 5th May 2011

The Parish Council elections will take place on 5th May 2011.

Councils have an overall responsibility for the well being of the local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- ☐ Representing the local community
- ☐ Delivering services to meet very local needs
- ☐ Working to improve quality of life in the Parish

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and require further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01926 491482. Nomination papers which will be available from the Clerk must be in by noon on 25th March 2011.

E-On Central Networks

Central Networks is part of E.On who distributes electricity to 5 million customers across central England.

Power cuts may be a result of circumstances that are beyond their control. That is why it's a good idea to be prepared for a power cut at all times. Suggested items that may be useful during a power cut:

- ☐ An analogue corded telephone as digital cordless phones will not work during a power cut.
- ☐ A torch with batteries.
- ☐ A wind-up mobile phone charger.
- ☐ A battery operated radio.
- ☐ A foil blanket.
- ☐ A reusable hand warmer.

If you would like any more information please email them on customerservices@central-networks.co.uk or call 02476 184010.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk



STONELEIGH WI

Glynis Gayton, whose family run a bakery in Grendon near Atherstone, was the speaker at our February meeting. She gave a very informative and enlightening talk on the ups and downs of the business, providing a number of samples of their produce that were then raffled.

Other activities have been ongoing: a few strollers took part in a short walk which was followed by lunch at the Anchor at Leek Wootton when a number of other members and friends joined them for the lunch club. The theatre group attended 'The Lieutenant of Innishmore' at the Loft Theatre and the craft group have been busy making bags. The skittles evening has had to be postponed until March.

Tuesday March 1st (St David's Day) is the next village lunch – please let me know if you can/cannot attend – 024 7641 8301, and the next coffee morning is Tuesday March 15th (I think I've got it correct this time!!)

Our next WI meeting is on Monday March 7th at 7:30pm in the village hall, when the speaker is Maureen Sutherland – her talk is entitled 'The art of coarse guiding' which I think is about her role as a local blue guide.

Liz Sykes



Raise funds for FightHS2 ~ Stoneleigh

So far we've raised a tremendous
£93.14

Let's see how much more we can
raise with **easyfundraising**
.org.uk

By visiting the website below
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fighths2

You can

- Earn cash for us when you shop online
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- Over 2000 retailers - Amazon, Boden, John Lewis,
- M&S, Expedia, eBay, Argos & more
- 100s of exclusive retailer voucher codes – save money when you shop.

NEW!

Stoneleigh History Society

Those who had expressed an initial interest in the formation of a society met in January to share ideas and to get to know one another. It was interesting to discover different individuals' enthusiasms and to discuss how we should begin – possibly a daunting task!

A committee was formed, which subsequently met to decide upon aims, projects, and outcomes, and the next meeting of the whole group will be held at the Village Club at 7pm on Wednesday March 2nd.

Some of our early ideas have been to look at past Censuses, maps and land-use and to record memories of some of our more senior village residents. Stoneleigh is extraordinarily lucky to have such a rich history, and even more so that archives are so extensive, and readily available. Although much has already been published about the Stoneleigh Estate, there is still much to be discovered.

Everyone will be warmly welcomed at the Club on March 2nd - the more the merrier! We are also arranging a visit to the Warwick Record Office to learn about how to access their holdings. As time goes on we hope to be able to put together displays, and maybe a website. If you have photographs, documents or even film which you feel able to share, we would love to hear from you. The twentieth century is history, too, so dig out the family albums and see what's revealed!

If you are unable to come to meetings, but would like to help in some way – or just share your memories - please do get in touch with me in the first instance on 024 7641 8759 or email shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh & Ashow News is 143 years old!

Last month's magazine carried some extracts from the 1971 edition, which prompted Shirley Ball to find a piece from the same year, recalling even earlier days of the publication. The 1869 edition had commented, among other things, that "keepers and amateurs should be careful not to slaughter cage birds or other domestic pets" and illustrated this by an anecdote of "a favourite tabby cat which now figures in a glass case at Warwick Museum – presented by Mr Potts, keeper to the Right Hon. Lord Leigh."

The Warwick Record Office has a copy of the very first *Stoneleigh Magazine and Parish Record*, published in January 1868. Just as today, publication was monthly, but in those days there was a price per copy – of "three half-pence"! The editorial states that "the object of the Stoneleigh Magazine is to supply a periodical at a moderate price, which shall be instructive and entertaining and at the same time a record of Parish events." The idea was to have a 30-page magazine, the central pages being "Tales, Extracts, Poetry" and the outside ones on matters connected with the parish.

One of the most prominent events recorded each month was the fortnightly Penny Reading given in the Reading Room (now the Village Club), usually "crowded with an enthusiastic audience" who heard lectures, songs, and extracts from Shakespeare given, often by members of the Leigh family.

Edition number 9, for September 1868, also in Warwick Record Office, gives details of various "Harvest Homes" at the Abbey, where "rustic sports" were held, and also of a Coventry and Warwickshire Flower and Horticultural Show at the Home Park, Stoneleigh Abbey, when "most of the shops in Coventry were closed, and a great many persons numbering between six and seven thousand assembled from the neighbouring towns."

Sheila Woolf

HS2

At the time of going to press, there is little to report on HS2. The date now given for the announcement of the public consultation is 28 February so there will be more to report next month.

Last month's edition included a flier about the Stop HS2 National Convention to be held at Stoneleigh Park on 19 February. We hope that many readers of the News were able to attend. Reports on www.stophs2.org.

There have been many press articles and reports, the most interesting of which is from the Taxpayers Alliance which challenges all the arguments put forward in favour of the current proposals.

This issue was edited by Sheila Woolf

The April issue will be edited by Pam Baker

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Stoneleigh Village Club

The club has been fairly busy over the past few weeks, and we hope you all enjoyed the Handbells Quiz which proved a very popular event. Thanks to Lynne for organising.

Forthcoming Events:

- March 5** **Quiz Night - hosted by Martin Smith on behalf of HS2/StAG - 7.45pm start. £5 per team of five.**
- April 23** **Jim Ball Memorial Evening**
- April 24** **Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade – see notice-board for further details**

All Welcome.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH

Film Night

on

Friday 4th March 2011

at

Stoneleigh Village Hall

6.45 for 7pm start

Earlier start due to length of film

Please check poster in church for details of film

£3.00 (including coffee and cake)

All welcome, feel free to bring your own drinks, cushions or comfy chair

For tickets: call Sarah on 76 715256

Future dates: Friday 6th May, 8th July, 9th September

Stoneleigh Village Club - Committee Communication

Dear Member,

In order to increase the communication between the committee and the membership, please find below the main points of discussion from our recent meetings, as always you can find minutes of each meeting on the club notice board.

After a detailed review of the current financial position of the club, the committee have agreed a range of initiatives to reduce costs and increase profitability. Many of these initiatives will be implemented over the course of the coming year and are designed to not only increase the income of the club but are intended to provide greater exposure and make the club accessible to a broader section of the community.

Undoubtedly you will be aware that in January the VAT rate was increased, coupled with this the brewery also increased its prices, the cumulative effect of this has been an approximate rise of 6% in our costs, we have therefore unfortunately had no option but to increase bar prices by the same amount. I can assure you that this only covers the clubs costs and there is no additional profit being made on bar sales.

Through the committee's review, it has been identified that there are certain times during the week where we do not generate sufficient sales to cover our operating costs, we have therefore taken the decision to revise the clubs opening hours to the following:

With effect from 27th February 2011 (add 20 minutes drinking up time)

Monday 1930-2300
Tuesday 1930-2300
Wednesday 1930-2300
Thursday 1930-2300
Friday 1930-2300
Saturday 1200-1600 1930-2300
Sunday 1200-1600 Closed

Although only minor changes to weekday trading you will notice that the decision has been taken to close on a Sunday evening, this will be reviewed towards the end of March when historically trade increases and we also host several clubs/societies.

The committee have also reviewed the current membership fee and have decided that there will be no increase for the 2011/12 membership year.

Stoneleigh Village Club now has its own website! You can find out about up coming events and leave feedback for the committee. You can find the web page at:

www.stoneleighvillageclub.co.uk

Needless to say we shall continue to advise through both the Parish Magazine and the Notice Board as normal, but should you have access please take a minute to check the web site out and let us know your thoughts.

The current telephone number for the club will no longer be available after the end of February. We are in the process of obtaining a new number which shall be issued in due course.

Finally the committee would like to thank all members for their support over the past year and look forward to your continued support in 2011.

With Regards on behalf of the committee

Craig Cooper – Chairman

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



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2011

	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Sunday 6 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Ash Wednesday 9 th	7.00 p.m. Ashing and Holy Communion Service with 'Churches together in Kenilworth' at Stoneleigh	
Thursday 10 th	There will be no Holy Communion at Stoneleigh on this day.	
Sunday 13 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 31 st		11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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 Stoneleigh contact Ian Smith 01926 853238.
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 for any other matter of parish administration please
 contact Sue Wareham on 02476 415506,
 Email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk
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