

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



"New life from Old." Photo by Martin Smith

MAY 2011

From the Vicarage:

Along with other members of my church youth group (including Nicola), I spent the night of the 28th/29th July 1981 at the edge of The Mall - in close proximity to thousands of others who had chosen to do the same: a group that apparently included the current Prime Minister! This strange activity was so that we could witness the processions to and from St Paul's Cathedral as Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married. We had been to Hyde Park the previous evening to watch the Royal Fireworks, and had then walked among the huge crowds across Hyde Park Corner, down Constitution Hill, past the Palace and along the Mall to find what seemed a reasonable vantage spot. It was a long night, with very little sleep. I remember the cheers that greeted everything that moved along the Mall that morning – milkman and dustcarts as well as police, soldiers and the like. The atmosphere was just one big fun party. Finally the real processions took place and cameras went into overdrive. Of course, in those days it was film rather than digital – so you were careful about how many you took and what the subject matter was (and you couldn't check what you'd got!). No one wanted to run out of film before the return of the new Princess and her husband. The ceremony itself was listened to on transistor radios – with good laughs when both Diana and Charles messed up the wording of their vows. Then came the return processions, followed by the crowd surging down to the large space outside the Palace gates to await the appearance on the Balcony and the famous 'kiss'. Of course, no one really managed to see too much – the crowds were too big. Photos taken with cameras lifted high above heads are real pot luck as to whether you get the angle right. I have a lovely photo of the Queen – or at least her famous 'wave'. Unfortunately, her hand seems to be coming out of a horse's nose! And the ants on the balcony really are the royal family – although you'd be hard pressed to work out who was who. But I WAS THERE!

Where will I have spent the night of the 28th/29th April 2011? Answer – in a bed!!! However, Nicola and I do plan to be somewhere on the procession route by the time Prince William and Kate Middleton – together with one or two other famous people - are making their way to and from Westminster Abbey. Maybe this time, my photos will be a little more successful – and let us hope and pray that the marriage we are celebrating will also be more successful. God bless them both.

Jim Perryman

3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT (Ashow-Leek Wootton-Stoneleigh)

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

All our Lenten activities within the three parishes went very well, and we have also rejoiced with couples at Stoneleigh and Leek Wootton who have celebrated their weddings. At the time of writing, Holy Week has only just begun so we cannot report on the exciting events planned for later in the week – but hopefully many of you will have taken part and we will be able to say something about them next month.

April also saw the three Annual Parochial Church Meetings, where churchwardens and PCC members were elected, the past year reviewed and the coming year anticipated. Stoneleigh and Ashow both now have their full ‘quota’ of Church Wardens – with Sarah Ballinger and Kate Jones joining the ‘old hands’ Ian Smith and Stephen Harvey. At Leek Wootton, Mike Nicholls has passed the baton by Hilary David – with Jonathan Cox continuing in office. May we all be open to the Holy Spirit’s leading as we move forward together to serve our Lord and our communities in the coming year.

May begins with the aftermath of Royal Wedding fever – and the chance to come to All Saints, Leek Wootton for the first of the “Summer Teas” (which take place from 3pm on the first Sunday afternoon of each month from May to September). This will have a Royal Wedding flavour to it – and will also include the very popular “Teddy Bear Parachuting” from the Church Tower. If you read this is time, do come along.

The other special event coming up is at the other end of the month: on Sunday 29th May at 10.15. This will be when the three parishes join together for a special celebration of Rogation Sunday. This year it will be at Leek Wootton for the first time. We begin at the church for a short time of thanksgiving before setting out to walk around the village, pausing at key places for readings, prayers and hymns as we thank God for all aspects of life and work and seek his blessing on the community for the year ahead. Finally, we will arrive at the Vicarage in Hill Wootton Road where we will share in the bread and wine of Communion, before enjoying a Barbecue and social time together. Do come along. You are asked to bring your own food to barbecue – salads and drinks will be provided – and also advised to bring a garden chair (labelled as yours) to the Vicarage beforehand. Parking will be primarily in the Church Car Park which is a couple of minutes walk from the Vicarage.

A Perfect Wedding Day in Stoneleigh

Last Saturday April 9th was a perfect wedding day for our daughter Nikki and her fiance Ifor. Nikki grew up in Stoneleigh and always talks fondly of her life here, going to the bluebell wood, sledging down Mot-slow hill, playing down by the river and swimming in the Blagburn's pool. How lucky we are to live here!

Nikki and Ifor have been living and working in Dubai for 2 and a half years and love the life there. Nikki is a primary school teacher in an International school and Ifor is an engineer in the aerospace industry. We have been fortunate to enjoy some wonderful holidays there too!



*photograph courtesy of Neil Redfern
www.neilredfern.com*

When they decided to get married the decision was Dubai or Stoneleigh? There was no contest however because Nikki wanted to have an English Country wedding with all their families and friends around, some travelling from Dubai and South Africa. This very special event took place in St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh and the bonus was that we all enjoyed some Dubai-like weather which made it a perfect day all round.

The wedding party was able to walk through our beautiful village to the church which set the scene for this special occasion. The church was full and looked lovely with lots of smiling faces and wonderful floral decorations created by the ladies of the church and friends, for which we were so grateful. The Revd. Jim did us proud with a perfect service and the lads in the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir added to the occasion with songs sung in their own inimitable style.



photograph above courtesy of Will Blagburn

*photograph below courtesy of Neil Redfern
www.neilredfern.com*



The final magical touch was seeing the Bride and Groom emerge from the Church to bright sunshine, confetti, lots of smiles and a glass or two of Pimms in the Churchyard, all to the accompaniment of Stoneleigh's unique Church Bells. We could not have asked for more!

This was truly a memorable occasion and a day we will re-live over and over again.

We would like to send our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a glorious wedding day for Nikki and I for and special thanks to Revd. Jim Perryman, Mandy Gibbs, Robin & Jean Bussell, David & Janet Gibson, Betty Hind, Will & Nora Blagburn, Alan Biddle & the Choir, the Stoneleigh Bellringers, Barrie Jones and his lovely Rolls Royce, and for those who worked so hard to present us with such a beautiful church on the day.

Thank you all. Val and Steve Baker.

STONELEIGH AND ASHAW NEWS

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who extend their sincerest thanks to all contributors.*

Ashow Church News

The annual Parish Church Meeting was held recently. Stephen Harvey is continuing as Churchwarden for one more year and has been joined by Kate Jones. Bob Burdett will be treasurer, and other members of the PCC are Diana and David Holt, Peter Shrimpton, Phil Jones, Peter Bernasconi, Gynis Guthrie, Sarah Williams and David Wareing.

Grateful thanks were given to everyone who helps the Church in any way, as cleaners, flower arrangers and those who provide food for social events. Neil Collett continues to wind the clock regularly and David Wareing maintains the churchyard voluntarily.

Susan Spencer has retired as our organist and we will no longer benefit from her skills as Musical Director; but we are still very lucky to have Peter Bernasconi and Barbara Lewis to play regularly in church.

We shall be having our annual Church Spring Clean and Garden Tidy-up on Sunday 22nd May after the 9.30 Service, or at 10.45 if you will not be attending church first. The PCC will be grateful for as much help as possible, and after the work a picnic lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are available for the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir Concert in Ashow Church on Friday 10th June at 7.30 pm. Tickets price £15 to include canapes and drinks from Churchwarden Stephen Harvey (tel 01926 852543) or Kate Jones (tel 01926 853511) or any PCC member. You are advised to apply early, as last year the tickets sold-out well before the event!

Another date for your Diary is the Ashow Church Barbecue at the village club on Sunday 24th July at lunch-time.

HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

As reported in the April edition, the High Speed Consultation is now under-way; deadline for submissions is 29 July. Numerous articles in the national media and professional journals, broadcasts, and information events are highlighting the issues.

The Stoneleigh Action Group organised an initial information session in the Village Hall on 21 April. There will be a larger meeting, also in the Hall, at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 14 June**. This follows the HS2 Roadshow which reaches Cubbington Sports and Social Club Car Park on 6 June, Burton Green Village Car Park on 10 June and the Holiday Inn in Kenilworth on 13/14 June, nearing the end of its journey along the proposed route. Residents are urged to attend the Roadshow and to attend the Village meeting which will discuss ways in which the Consultation questions might be answered. This is our last chance to influence the decision whether or not this project proceeds - a decision that will affect every resident in one way or another.

There was a successful open day on 9 April at Kenilworth School, organised by the Kenilworth Action Group/StopHS2. This was attended by local MPs, councillors, an estate agent (Knight Frank) and included many displays and handouts highlighting the likely effects of the HS2 proposals on our local community. There will be information stands at Abbey End on most Saturdays until July, and at the Kenilworth Show and other events in the area. In addition to handouts, 'white elephant' car stickers, mugs, bags and tea towels will be on sale.

Readers are urged to read the consultation document and associated materials and to form their own opinions which can then be used in their personal responses to the various questions that are posed. Key sources of information are:

<http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk>

<http://hs2actionalliance.org>

www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk

Everyone concerned about HS2 and its implications are urged to write to our local MP, Jeremy Wright wrightjp@parliament.uk, or c/o House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA or c/o Constituency Office, Wilton House, Southbank Road, Kenilworth CV8 1LA (01926 853 650).

**Remember, Stoneleigh Village Hall, 14 June, 7.30 pm -
Public Meeting on the HS2 Consultation.**

Margaret Wallis
(on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group)

May Quiz

- 1. May has always had thirty-one days. True or false?*
- 2. May has always been the fifth month. True or false?*
- 3. What is the birthstone for May?*
- 4. May the first was a special day in Roman times. It was sacred to the goddess of flowers. What was her name?*
- 5. Who wrote the sonnet in which this line occurs?
'Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May'?*

The Parish Council Annual Report

Will be available to read in the June edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News.

The Old Garage Site, Coventry Road

Readers may already know that the Warwick District Council Planning Sub-Committee at its meeting on 6th April has approved plans for the redevelopment of the Old Garage site on the Coventry Road into a house.

There was a discussion at the meeting whether this should be allowed and this was the view of the Council's planning officers, who insisted that the greenbelt must be preserved. A counter view that this cleared up the site and improved the visual amenity etc was put forward and the Committee granted Approval.

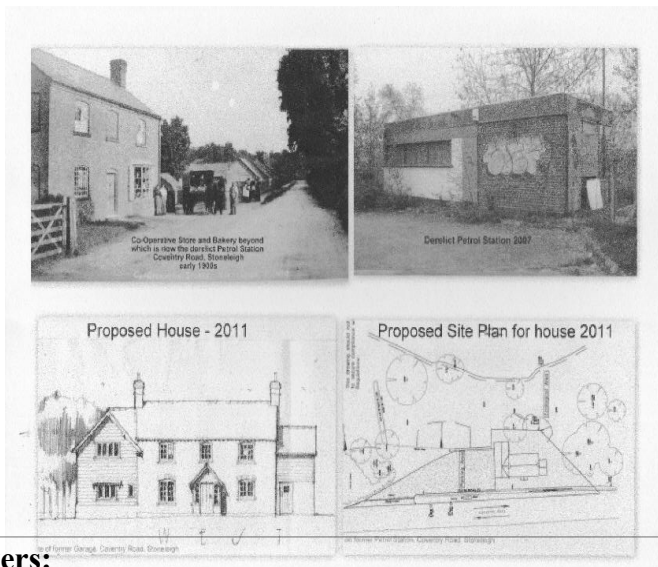
Below are the details taken from the Council's website:

"GRANT, (after consideration of whether any action needs to be taken on issue of departure) subject to conditions: sample materials, landscaping, contamination and remediation, access removal of PD rights, renewable energy and bat note.

Reason for departing from recommendation

Very special circumstances

- to secure tidying and maintaining of this site adj. village
- secure decontamination of site
- would help to enhance the setting of the village "



Quiz Answers:

- 1 True: the length of May has never changed.
2. False.
3. Emerald.
4. Flora.
5. William Shakespeare in Sonnet 18, afterwards used by H.E. Bates

ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH



Film Night

on

Friday 6th May 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 024 76 715256

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17th June 2011 - 7.30pm

Quiz Night at Stoneleigh Village Hall

For further details check next month's magazine and the
church notice board.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th May 2011 at 7.00 p.m. This will be followed by the Ordinary Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Both are being held at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Parish Council Elections – 5th May 2011

There have been only two nominations for the Parish Council Elections on the 5th May 2011 for Stoneleigh Ward and two for Ashow Ward. It will be an Uncontested Election for both Wards. However this means that there are still two vacancies to fill on the Parish Council for Stoneleigh Ward. Why not give it a try and represent YOUR village on the Parish Council.

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 please contact the Parish Clerk on 01926 491482.

Stoneleigh Showground

The Royal Agricultural Society of England has completed its planned restructuring with the appointment of a new Chief Executive to manage the charity's core purpose issues.

The Society's former Director of Marketing and Communications, Denis Chamberlain, has stepped up to be Chief Executive. The organisation will concentrate on working with industry partners to develop its Practice with Science agenda, act as a think tank on technical and scientific issues and promote an education and training agenda.

The granting of a long-term lease to LaSalle Investment Management, to develop the Stoneleigh Park site, was announced in January 2011. Having completed the arrangement with LaSalle, RASE Chief Executive, Brian Warren, has left the Society.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

Stoneleigh Village Club

As I sit here looking at the calendar for SVC it is certainly action packed for April. We have been let down by the chip van for the 22nd April, so we will be using our local fish and chip shop in future! I hope that you all noticed our poster and ordered your chips in good time!

If you have managed to catch sight of this before the Royal Wedding – remember SVC will be having its own ‘wedding’. We will be open all day. There will be flowers. There will be food at a nominal charge. There will be a raffle! All we need to add is the very glamorous and gorgeous guests of Stoneleigh and surrounding areas to make the party go with a swing! So remember to come dressed for a wedding! It should be fun!

At the moment, May/June is looking much quieter:

May 6 Fish & Chip Supper Night.

May 8 Annual General Meeting – 3pm – Please come along and join us - nomination forms behind the bar.

May 21 Race Night

June 4 Bell Ringers Quiz

Advanced warning: The Duck Race and Car Boot Sale is being held as usual in August.

Finally..... Some of you already know that we are carefully monitoring our revised opening hours. At the moment Sunday afternoon opening is proving to be disappointing – even on a warm day. The committee are already volunteering during Sunday evening to keep SVC open in the summer months. We know that some of you are unhappy about the revised opening hours, but SVC needs to be used if it is to survive.

Remember to use the website or email us on www.stoneleighvillageclub@gmail.com if you want to get in touch

Membership fees were due on 1st April

Barbara Gee Secretary

RESIDENTIAL VACANCY AT
THE DAME ALICE LEIGH'S ALMSHOUSE
IN STONELEIGH VILLAGE, WARWICKSHIRE.

The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse is a Charity providing ten homes in the village of Stoneleigh. A delightful residence in the 16th century Almshouse has become available.

Accommodation on the ground floor consists of: hall, lounge with kitchen area, cloakroom with washbasin and toilet and utility area with door leading to small rear patio/garden connected to large communal gardens with useful storage building. Stairs lead to the first floor where there is a bedroom with en-suite shower, washbasin and w.c.

Each residence is equipped with cooker, fridge & washing m/c, phone line, emergency assistance-call unit, carpets, electric storage heaters, smoke & heat detectors, hot water immersion heater, and TV point. A communal digital TV aerial and mast is also provided.

The Dame Alice Leigh Charity provides and maintains the fabric and services to the building, as well as all building and garden maintenance.

The Trustees are pleased to invite applications for occupancy. Preference is given to needy residents living within the parish of Stoneleigh who are approaching retirement age or older. However interested similar persons living locally are urged to apply.

Please contact Michael Wareham, Clerk to the Trustees for further information and an application form:

Mr M C Wareham
Clerk to the Trustees
Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
c/o 23 Coopers Walk
Bubbenhall
Warwickshire CV8 3JB

Tel: 024 76306894

Email: mcwareham@gmail.com

Stoneleigh WI

Our speaker in April, Peter Preece, spoke about wild life photography. His talk was illustrated with his prize-winning photographs of birds and he described some of the ways he tempts birds to the best locations for his shots. Everyone enjoyed the evening, even those members who thought they were not interested in wild life or photography.

On 8th April fifty members and friends visited Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire. In spite of the glorious weather the interior of the Hall was the main attraction. Members of the craft group were particularly interested in the fine examples of sixteenth century embroidery on display. On 11th April three new members made a visit to Denman College, near Abingdon, where members can study a range of subjects, including a wide variety of crafts. There was also a theatre trip to see "What the Butler Saw" at the Talisman Theatre.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd May and the Menu will be sausage casserole followed by rhubarb crumble and custard. Please let Liz Sykes know if you wish to cancel or add your name to the list on 76 418301.

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 17th May at the Club.

Our next WI meeting will be at Baginton on Tuesday 3rd May. We will be discussing the resolutions for the National AGM in June.

Rachel Gill

Joyce Birditt born 21 Oct 1924

Born in Stoneleigh and every inch a Stoneleigh person

The only child of Gladys and Harry Mills she was born on the Birmingham Road in a house backing onto 'the Yard'. Although an only child she & her cousin Rhoda, who was also born in Stoneleigh, were like sisters, throughout their lives, until Rhoda passed away in 1999. All her school life was spent at Stoneleigh School. It was when she was at school she joined the church choir and she remained in the choir until her late 70's when it was disbanded. She met Bob, who was the same age, when he was evacuated from Coventry to her neighbours in Stoneleigh.

Trained as a shorthand typist, she worked in Coventry and before the end of the war she worked as a secretary at the Armstrong Whitworth aircraft factory at Baginton Airport. Bob and she got married in 1946 by which time Bob was in the Navy, but it was not too bad as he was stationed in Rugby! Julian and Gary were born within the next few years

Like most women of that age she became a full time mother and house wife after her children were born. She joined the Stoneleigh Mother's Union and became their chairman or 'Enrolling Member' for about 25 years enjoying organising guest speakers and became friends with many of them.

Julian & Gary both married and produced grandchildren for a doting Grandmother. Julian & Jane having produced 2 girls, Katie & Holly. Then Gary & Serena having produced 3 boys, Harry, Max & Angus. Babysitting duties then followed! She and Bob became interested in antiques and she had a job for a couple of days a week at an antique dealer in Warwick, working there until she was 75. She particularly enjoyed the paperwork and accounts using her experience from her early days at work

Her life changed forever when Bob died in 1993. She was very lucky to have so many good friends living locally and they were all a great support & comfort to her. She was very proud of her grandchildren and that kept her going.

Slowly her health deteriorated and she could no longer live in the house in Stoneleigh and finally moved to a retirement flat in Kenilworth. Although a very nice flat and she did like walking into the town centre, it wasn't Stoneleigh. She continued going to go to services at Stoneleigh Church which she loved, thanks to the kindness of Sid & Eileen Creed. Because of her health the last year of her life was spent in a care home and hospital but fortunately she ended her life in a lovely nursing home where the staff could not have been kinder.

Julian Birditt

The Hawthorn Tree - Queen Of The May

The Hawthorn is known as the May Tree. The popular rhyme "Here we go gathering nuts in May" is thought to have been sung by the young men, gathering not "nuts" (which do not grow in May) but "knots" of may blossoms for the May Day Celebrations The cutting of the may hawthorn blossom had great significance and symbolised the beginning of new life .

Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity Chairperson Report April 2010 – March 2011

Once again the Village Hall has had a successful year with plenty of bookings and the facility continues to be enjoyed by the whole community. Thanks go to all those organisations, many represented on the committee, who continue to support the Village Hall year on year.

We welcomed new users the Hybrid Arts Group funded by the Parish Council for the young persons of Stoneleigh. These sessions were well attended.

Routine maintenance work was completed including repairs to the extractor fans, guttering and cleaning of the Tennis Courts. Furthermore we would like to thank the young persons of Stoneleigh who had a 'tidy up working party' in October 2010.

The Village Hall appeared on the Stoneleigh website and we wait to see whether this will result in increased bookings.

A independent Health and Safety report of the Hall was commissioned and the recommended actions will be implemented throughout the remainder of 2011.

Recently we have learnt of the Parish Councils/Stoneleigh Youth Groups successful application for new play equipment. Discussions are ongoing to decide on the best site in the village for this equipment and the feasibility of it being placed at the Village Hall is under review.

The hiring rates for the year remained fixed.

Many thanks to Sue for her continuing hard work as Secretary, to Joe for his time and commitment in his dual role of Treasurer and bookings administrator and to David for the invaluable support he has given to me as Vice Chair throughout the year. Thanks to all the members of

the committee for generously giving their time and for all their hard work to ensure the future of the Village Hall.

Finally, Shirley Ball has decided to resign from the committee after many years of service. We would like to thank Shirley for her valuable contribution, time, effort and hard work over the years.

Amanda Gibbs

Chairperson

Committee for 2011 – 2012 are as follows:

Tony Samouelle	Chairman
David Gibson	Vice Chairperson
Sue Marshall	Secretary
Joe Ball	Treasurer and Bookings administrator

Elected members:

Sarah Attwood

Liz Sykes

Sue Marshall

Tony Samouelle

Amanda Gibbs

Representatives:

Dennis Craddock	Ex Servicepersons Association
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Iris Donachie	PCC
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Lynne Fletcher	Parish Council
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Lynda Hobbins	Hand - bell Ringers
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Colleen Oldham	WI
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Gary Attwood	RASE
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Amanda Gibbs	Tennis Club
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David Gibson	Male Voice Choir
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Joe Ball	Football Club
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Big Breakfast

Kenilworth Committee of Cancer Research U.K. have been holding their annual "Big Breakfast" in Ashow Village for many years.

This year it will take place at
Stoneleigh Village Hall
7.30 to 11.00 am,
Wednesday 4th May 2011

A full "English Breakfast" will be provided and all Donations to Cancer Research gratefully received.

To help with catering if you wish to attend , please could you either fill in one of the forms which are circulating, or contact any committee member.

Or telephone Pat Harvey, secretary, on 01926 852543.

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Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch Team

Breaking & Entering - A garage in Hall Close Stoneleigh was broken into between approx 27th – 30th of March by unknown person/s nothing was taken but damage was caused to the roof. Police have been notified.

Two unknown youths one Asian and one white were disturbed in Stoneleigh Close looking into a vehicle parked on a drive in Stoneleigh Close on 02/04/11 this has been reported to the Police - **Please be vigilant**

Garages and garden sheds are a popular target with burglars and are often overlooked when security is being considered.

Garages

Garages are frequently used for storing not only cars, motor bikes and cycles, but also property similar to those found in garden sheds, as well as DIY power tools and sporting equipment. Considering the value of the property contained therein, security precautions are often found to be wanting, and for this reason they are identified as easy targets by burglars.

If you already have a burglar alarm system, why not extend it to the garage? Alternatively, there are various stand-alone alarm devices on the market specifically designed for remote use in garages or sheds.

Garden sheds

The value of the contents, such as garden mowers, strimmers and cycles etc. can often add up to many hundreds of pounds. It is therefore wise to secure the shed door with at least one heavy-duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock.

The major problem with vulnerable garden sheds is that they provide burglars with an arsenal of house breaking implements, e.g. the garden spade: If a shed is too fragile to secure adequately, larger tools should be either bolted or padlocked to a heavy

bench or frame, or kept in a more secure place such as a locked garage. Alternatively, tools can be secured by chaining them together.

For more information about home security contact your local PCSO or visit the [Home Office Crime Reduction website](#)

Crimedesk

If you wish to report a crime please contact crime desk on 01926 451111

If its urgent dial 999

PS David Kettle, PC Michael Everall, PC Adriano Towle, PCSO Jackie Pimlott and PCSO Edward King

Tony Hanselman. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

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Stoneleigh Youth Group



Hybrid Arts are coming to Stoneleigh Village Hall regular Wednesday's from 5:30 pm – 7:00pm starting 20/04/11 - All children from Stoneleigh welcome, suitable for all ages.



A BIG CHEER! I am delighted to share that Stoneleigh Youth Group has won the grant application for updated play equipment! We are hoping to place these in the village hall grounds, which includes the 3 items below, the location and logistics need to be agreed and resolved, but in principle the Village Hall Committee unanimously agreed that the young people of Stoneleigh need and deserve recreational help which will be a wonderful opportunity for our community. More details will follow.

A Pod Swing A Large Revolving Bowl A Rotating See Saw



Installation - We have raised £650 up to date from residents and our church towards £2000.00 installation costs and are making application for £1000.00 via WRE Community Forum so the children will be busy doing some fund raising in due course, car washing etc at weekends. Please note: If any parents or local residents would like to assist and support us please contact Tony Hanselman. 024 7641 5060.

TREASURER'S NOTE:

May I first thank those of you who have already made a contribution to Stoneleigh & Ashow News for 2011; especially the good folk of Ashow who lead the way in making direct payments into our account, [Sort Code: 60 12 35, Account: 63535718].

Printing, delivery and postage costs could well increase in 2011, I appreciate we all have to face increased fuel, VAT., and other costs, hence can we please spread the publication costs, by ALL READERS considering their ability to make a small contribution by direct payment [at any NATWest bank], by cheque payable to Stoneleigh and Ashow News, or by cash [for which a receipt will be issued]. This includes our *postal delivery readers*, some of whom have been most generous, whilst others may wish to ensure continued delivery by sending a minimum contribution of £7.50 to me @ **Alliance Cottage, The Bank, Stoneleigh, Warwks., CV8**

3DA.

Thanks, *Clive Watson*

WINTER FUEL COSTS, CAN YOU SAVE MORE THAN £228?

Most of us will have received notification from our Utility energy provider the bad news

your fuel unit costs will be going up, at the same time as bills received have shown a significant increase in units used during the extremes of cold weather experienced in 2010/11. As a subscriber to Which Magazine, [an independent not for profit consumer body] I entered my annual unit consumption [kilowatt hours, kWh on your bill], or annual expenditure, into their free on line comparison site: www.which.co.uk/switch. I found I could save £228.24 by switching supplier; achieved by simply pressing the "*Choose this one*" option box. **Which** does the rest, based on the information given which will include your current provider's account reference, so have your bill handy. Six weeks later the account has been transferred.

Final tip. Remember to cancel your bank Standing Order to the former supplier once you make the switch.

If you make the switch and achieve a saving, perhaps you might care to send a little back to Stoneleigh & Ashow News!!

Clive Watson



**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH
SERVICES FOR MAY 2011**



	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Sunday 1st	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow	
Sunday 8 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 12 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 15 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship
Thursday 26 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 29 th Rogation Sunday	10.15 a.m. Rogation Walk from Leek Wootton Church followed by Communion and Barbecue at the Vicarage	

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wednesday 30th March

Funeral of Joyce Burditt at Stoneleigh, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Saturday 9th April

Wedding of Ifor Cole and Nicola Baker at Stoneleigh

. Sunday 10th April

Wedding Blessing at Stoneleigh Dave Neydorff and Fiona Sadler

Tuesday 12th April

Funeral of Millicent (Mim) Hall at Stoneleigh, Followed by
Cremation at Oakley Wood

Thursday 14th April

Funeral of Nellie Huckvale at Ashow followed by burial at
Canley Cemetery

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