

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2011

Ashow Village Horticultural Show

Saturday 24th September 2011
Ashow Village Club & Reading Room

Bar open 6.30pm

Weigh-in 8.00pm

Auction 8.30pm

- Class 1 Heaviest pumpkin
2 Prettiest pumpkin
3 Heaviest marrow
4 Collection of five vegetables
5 Onions (three)
6 Plate of cooking apples (five)
7 Plate of dessert apples (five)
8 Plate of any other fruit
9 Vase of roses (five)
10 Spray of Chrysanthemums
11 Large dahlias
12 Dahlias (decorative)
13 Dahlias (cactus)
14 Dahlias (pompom or ball)
15 Flowers (any variety)
16 Fruit cake
17 Decorated sponge cake
18 Plated pie or tart
19 Jar of home-made jam
20 Jar of pickles (any sort)
21 Bottle of home-made wine

Children's Section

- 1 Six small fancy cakes
2 One novelty animal (any vegetables)

All exhibits to be staged by 4.00pm

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 8th September at 7.30 p.m.

Denis Chamberlain, Chief Executive of RASE, will NOT be attending this Parish Meeting as previously arranged but an alternative date will be booked in due course.

Bus Service 539 Stoneleigh

The Parish Council has been advised that starting on Monday 5th September 2011 the 539 bus service which is financially supported by the County Council is revising their times.

The journeys from Stoneleigh into Kenilworth will all run approximately 30 minutes earlier than they do now and journeys into Coventry will run approximately 7 minutes earlier. Roadside publicity in the Village will be changed over the weekend of the 3/4 September 2011.

Details of the changes to bus services are shown on the County Council web site: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/busservicechanges. If you wish to discuss this matter with an officer please contact Dennis Young, Publicity Team Manager, 01926 412647, fax 01926 418041 or email: dennisyoung@warwickshire.gov.uk

Mondays to Saturdays

Stoneleigh Bridge to Kenilworth	0851,1051,1251,
1451,1821	
Kenilworth Clock to Stoneleigh	0935, 1135, 1335, 1645
Stoneleigh Bridge to Kenilworth	1002, 1202, 1402, 1712
Coventry Pool Meadow to Stoneleigh	0820, 1015, 1215, 1415, 1745

Flexibus 548 Ashow and Stoneleigh

Starting Wednesday 27th July 2011 Flexibus 548 links Stretton on Dunsmore, Ryton on Dunsmore, Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh, Ashow and Hill Wootton with Leamington Spa. If residents of Ashow wish to use this bus then they must telephone in advance on Freephone **0500 212225**. Stoneleigh, the bus will stop in Birmingham Road at 1101 and returns from Leamington opposite the Parish Church at 1340. This flexibus service is financially supported by Warwickshire County Council and the Operator is A & M Group.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

The deadline for individual and group submissions to the Government's consultation on high speed rail was 29 July. It is hoped that many readers of the Stoneleigh & Ashow News, and their family and friends far and wide, made their views known. The Stoneleigh Action Group submitted a document which can be seen on the village website.

The results of the consultation are not expected before December 2011 after which the situation will be clearer. However, the flurry of activity from pressure groups and the debate in the media shows no sign of abating. HS2 is one of the topics included in the Government's petitions initiative. If you want to register your objection to the proposal go to <http://petitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/353> The site keeps crashing so please persevere; you will get an email acknowledgment when your submission has been received.

The contact address for StAG remains stagagainsth2@live.com If there are any developments during the coming months residents will be notified through the mailing list, website, the News, or fliers.

Margaret Wallis

FEEL GOOD.....BE PART OF IT !
Friday 30th September, 10:30 to 12:30



Home made **CAKES**
BRING AND BUY AND RAFFLE

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

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

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

Jayne Brooks

Stoneleigh - Neighbourhood Watch Team



9/07/11 **Damage to Property** - The Village Hall roof was the subject of criminal damage by unknown offenders– lead flashing stripped and discarded (not stolen) along the full length of the roof. The Police have been notified and a full investigation will be under way.

11/07/11 **Theft** - early evening- time to be confirmed - two bikes were stolen from an unsecured garage in a property on Vicarage Rd, however the bikes were recovered. Statements taken by Police – crime number 404.

13/07/11 **Anti Social Behaviour** - Evening - time to be confirmed - two possibly three teenagers /young men entered the Village Hall grounds not from Stoneleigh, threatening and intimidating two local teenagers/ young men with baseball bats. Parents/guardians defused and disarmed the situation; police were called to intervene. All four lads were detained and questioned on site, two lads not from Stoneleigh one of whom was so inebriated had to be transported, the other was escorted out of the village, on his bike which was hidden in a field close to the location-crime number 366.

18/07/11 **Burglary** - Stoneleigh Close Monday between 8:30 hrs. & 17:00 hrs. small items of value were taken. The burglars climbed into the bungalow through an open Velux window. Awaiting crime number and info from the Police.

Anti Social Behaviour - Groups of youths (not from Stoneleigh) entering the village randomly in cars, bikes and on motor scooters, caused damage to property in Stoneleigh Close, threatening and intimidating local youths and residents. The police are aware. If you do see anything suspicious please do not approach them and call the police immediately.

12/08/11 **Helicopter Search** – approx 8 pm police in numbers were focussed in the Village Hall location and a helicopter was searching the village, I asked questions and was informed, further to a call from a local resident, they were searching for a high profile missing person. However I was later informed that the person in question was not missing and the operation aborted.

POLICE ALERT MESSAGES TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have agreed and arranged to go door to door with the Police to inform all residents of local issues and to see if we can expand on the neighbourhood watch team simply by keeping residents informed of local issues. This will help increase the safeguarding of our neighbourhood from crime.

Apologies to those members on the NHW team that are not on email who may have missed out on the regular communications via NHW. I do feel it is our interest to hold a NHW meeting to discuss better ways of improving our team. We are keen to recruit and expand on this voluntary service which is proving very successful in communicating live issues.

Please remain diligent and thank you for all the support you have given up to date.

Tony Hanselman

Harvest Festival Bellringing Peal on 25th September

On Sunday, 25th September, the bellringers will, as usual, be ringing before the church service at Stoneleigh. However, as this date is the Harvest Festival, it is planned to ring a full peal (comprising over 5,000 changes) on the bells immediately after the church service, and this peal will be dedicated to the celebration of Harvest Festival in Stoneleigh. Therefore, the bellringers would just like to make Stoneleigh village residents aware that the peal is expected to last for approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes. As a result, it will be heard from around 12 noon to 2:40pm on that Sunday afternoon.

Bob Taylor (Stoneleigh Bellringers)

Who am I?
I may be of help to
you.



Hello! My name is Thomas Lord Leigh and in my will of 1710 I established a charity for the benefit of young people living in the parishes of Stoneleigh (Burton Green), Ashow and Leek Wootton. After 300 years my charity is still going strong and hopefully has helped and influenced hundreds of people's lives for the better. Back then it all started with a gift of money for repairing school buildings and employing a teacher in each of the parishes but now it provides funds for virtually anything connected with the educational advancement of young people under the age of 25.

Things like.....

- Individual help for school trips both home and abroad
- School uniform/equipment of all kinds
- Help with an individual's School/College/University expenses
- Support for youth groups - Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, teams

The Charity is run by a dedicated group of Trustees for your benefit.

Find out more - see if you qualify - get an application form.

Contact: James Johnson, Clerk to the Trustees,
The Leigh Educational Foundation, 3 Barford Woods, Barford Road, Warwick CV34 6SZ
T: 01926 419300 email: Johnson.jf@virgin.net

It's there for you in ...
Stoneleigh and Ashow

HARRY HERDMAN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

On 31st July Harry Herdman celebrated his 90th birthday.

As most of you will know, sadly Wyn is not at home to share her days with Harry at the moment, but he visited her at Cubbington Mill Residential Home on the day, where she had a birthday card all ready for him.

In Wyn's absence, John & Cherry Reay had organized, and provided for, an absolutely splendid birthday dinner plus party for Harry and his 24 relatives and guests, at the Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club at 5pm on his birthday.

The event started with Pimms being served, followed by a delicious and sumptuous three course dinner with wines, coffee and bubbly. Following this, Harry then blew the candles out on his huge birthday cake before everyone tucked into a slice.

John Reay, and Harry's old friend, Rod Gale, led a round of toasts to Harry, after which Harry graciously responded, also thanking the chef and all the staff at the Golf Club for the excellent meal and service.

This was followed by a number of very well performed songs from two very professional gentlemen singers, who also happen to be golfers at Stoneleigh, and apparently one of them also shared the same birthday date as Harry.

An excellent time was had by all, particularly Harry of course !

All the best on your 90th Harry !



The picture above was taken when Harry was 21.
He looks quite the dashing young lad – very GI Joe !

Rod Wheat

SUMMER SERENADE

On 3 July a happy crowd of 275 enjoyed another afternoon of marvellous entertainment provided by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir (Director, Alan Biddle, Conductor, Judy Hadfield) with supporting sets by the “Espressivo” Trio. It was cloudy and warm but with none of last year’s wind so everyone could sit back and enjoy the music in comfort, sustained by sparkling wines etc. and delicious food. Once again, thanks go to David and Jean Vaughan and to Chris and Judy Hadfield for the use of the ‘Wentworth House’ gardens, and to Keith and Harry Walker, Neil Simmonds, Chris Hadfield and Mike Murray for running the bar. Donations of generous raffle prizes by Hazel Wozencroft, Bablake Wines, Wilsons Arms (Knowle), Kendall’s Deli, Alec Sanders and David Gibson persuaded the audience to part with a wonderful total of £1600. This splendid result is very much appreciated and particularly by the charities receiving the choir’s donations. Thanks also go to those who lent furniture and to ‘Curtain Call’ and helpers for collecting it and returning it.

During the afternoon a cheque for £2500 was presented to Acorns Children’s Hospice, another in the long series of generous charitable donations made by the Choir.

Tribute was paid to the sterling efforts of Jim Harris during his many years as Choir Chairman.

The Choir has welcomed several new, and younger, members in recent months but further recruits are always welcome. Anyone who is interested in joining is invited to contact Judy Hadfield (024 7641 4616), Robin Bussell (024 7641 6183) or Phil Jones (01926 583511).

Margaret Wallis

STONELEIGH WI

July and August are quiet months for the WI – after the members' night in July celebrating American day of Independence on the 4th, with American style food and a test of our knowledge on 'the land of the free'.

A group spent a very pleasant day at Compton Verney viewing the new exhibitions. Also a large group went to see 'Daisy Pulls it Off' at the Loft theatre. We look forward to reassembling in September when the speaker at our monthly meeting on September 5th is Terry Barker speaking on TV Drama. Terry used to work for the BBC in their drama department.

The lunch is on September 6th when chicken pie and cheesecake are on the menu and the next coffee morning is on September 20th at the club. Please let me know if either you want to attend the lunch – or you're unable to attend but have put your name down – 02476 418301. Look forward to seeing you either at the meeting or the lunch.

Liz Sykes

A Date for your diary SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH, STONELEIGH

Ron Binnie, St Mary's Church organist, presents an evening of Handel's music with 'Chorum' Chamber Choir and a small orchestra.

Further details and Tickets available from the parish office (02476 415506)
from 1st September

STONELEIGH & ASHOW ORGANISATIONS

The following people have agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations. They may or may not be office holders themselves.

If contacts change it would be appreciated if The News could be informed.

Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council	Pat Maddison (Clerk) 01926 491482
St. Mary The Virgin, Stoneleigh and The Assumption <i>of</i> Our Lady, Ashow	Sue Wareham (Parish Administrator) 024 7641 5506
Church Small Groups	Rev'd Jim Perryman 01926 850610
Stoneleigh Bell Ringers	Janet Parham 01926 512309
Stoneleigh & Ashow News	Margaret Wallis 024 7641 4271
Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch	Tony Hanselman 024 7641 5060
Ashow Neighbourhood Watch	John England 01926 853860
Stoneleigh Village Club	Craig Cooper 024 7697 0180
Stoneleigh Stitchers	Eileen Burman 024 7641 2972
Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers	Lynne Fletcher 024 7641 7544
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir	Judy Hadfield 024 7641 4616
Ashow Village Club	Tony Cleary 01926 859303

Stoneleigh & Ashow Organisations continued

Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields	Joe Ball 024 7641 1315
Stoneleigh United Charities & Duchess Dudley Trust	Sue Wareham 024 7630 6894
Stoneleigh Meadows Society	Robin Bussell 024 7641 6183
Leigh Educational Foundation	James Johnson 01926 419300
Stoneleigh WI	Rachel Gill 024 7641 4030
Stoneleigh & Ashow Cricket Club	David Clark 01926 859561
Stoneleigh Football Club	Joe Ball 024 7641 1315
Stoneleigh Park Angling Club	Pat Brewerton 024 7625 1659
Stoneleigh Tennis Club	Janet Charlesworth 01926 853296
Coventry Airport Consultative Committee	Roger Fawcett 024 7630 3337
Stoneleigh History Society	Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759
Stoneleigh Action Group (against HSR2)	Lisa Reay 024 7669 7037

Stoneleigh Cricket Club

South Northants League Div1

9 League Matches have been played since the previous report –

Sat June 18 home – Stoneleigh 115 for 1 bt Fenny Compton 114 for 7
 Sat June 25 home – Stoneleigh 220 for 2 bt Dunchurch 109 for 9
 Sat July 2 home – Middleton Cheney 76 for 2 bt Stoneleigh 75ao
 Sat July 9 home – Stoneleigh 210 for 3 bt Grange Park 209 for 8
 Sat July 16 away – v Preston Capes Cancelled – rain
 Sat July 23 away – Castlethorpe 156 for 7 bt Stoneleigh 155 for 6
 Sat July 30 home – Stoneleigh 227 for 4 bt Afro Caribbean 180ao
 Sat Aug 6 away – Willoughby 232 for 9 bt Stoneleigh 151 for 8
 Sat Aug 13 home – Bodicote 191 for 5 bt Stoneleigh 189 for 8

Highlights included a tense match at league leaders Castlethorpe who reached their target with only a ball to spare after a fine all round team effort by the Unicorns. And the ever unpredictable Afro Caribbeans from Milton Keynes were beaten at The Abbey thanks to 73 from Paul Lazenby, 91 from Dave Beale and a six wicket haul for Darren Young. With only 2 rounds of matches to go, Stoneleigh sit in 7th place, safe from relegation but hoping for a final flourish of victories against sides in the relegation zone.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Castlethorpe	16	12	3	1	277
Afro Caribbean	16	11	2	3	258
Middleton Cheney	16	11	2	3	255
Willoughby	16	9	2	5	225
Bodicote	16	8	3	5	223
Preston Capes	16	7	2	7	205
Stoneleigh	16	5	1	10	158 *
Grange Park	16	3	1	12	120
Fenny Compton	16	3	1	12	107 *
Dunchurch & Bilton	16	2	1	13	92 *

* = Points deducted

Friendlies

Some entertaining cricket has been played in midweek and Sunday matches. A double of victories against Shilton was gained (unusual for both these games to be completed since it always seems to rain on one or other of these dates). Dean Young's haul of 6-29 at Shilton is the best bowling performance so far this season. Hal Sutcliffe has been a major contributor with bat & ball and he and his brother Greg put in an astonishing 8th wicket partnership of 54 off only 22 balls to win the match against Radway. In an exciting finish at Everdon's attractive ground, we finished agonisingly 1 run short chasing 155.

But the highlight of the Sunday games has to be the stand of 97 for the 3rd wicket between Mark and Andy Edgington at Barby. This is a new Stoneleigh record for a father and son partnership beating the previous best of 89 for the 4th wicket between Richard and Ben Parham at home to Long Itchington in 1990.

The partnership owed much to the failure of Barby's wicketkeeper to execute a simple run-out when Andy had made only a few. Andy went on to make 66 off 41 balls (6 singles, 9 fours & 4 sixes) and Mark made a more restrained 46 including 8

fours. In the same innings, Andy also passed 1000 runs for SCC. Mark had already passed the 5000 runs mark for the club and is now just 36 away from 500 wickets. We went on to win the match by 12 runs with Greg Sutcliffe and Phil Chapman picking up 3 wickets each.

Bank Holiday Weekend

On Sunday 28th August, the annual 'Unicorn Cup' match will be played between an invitation Stoneleigh XI and a team of SCC exiles & guests. All welcome at The Abbey with refreshments provided.

Website. We are developing a new website at <http://stoneleighcc.wordpress.com/>. Please give it a try - any contributions or suggestions for content will be gratefully received.

For more club details, enquire via the website or phone secretary Phil Chapman (01926 774864) or Fixture Secretary Dave Wildgoose (024 76594879).

Old Photos

A number of team photos are now on the new website which I'm sure will interest those in the parish with long memories. This one is particularly intriguing since it dates from the time when the Club was playing at a ground in the village before the move to The Abbey. Any information about the players, date or match details would be much appreciated as would any other old photos.



Notes contributed by *Dave Wildgoose*.

RECIPE - HAPPINESS CUP

A quarter cup of friendship

And one cup of thoughtfulness.

Stir together with a pinch of tenderness.

Very lightly blend in a bowl of loyalty

With a cup each of charity, faith and hope.

Be sure to add a spoonful each

Of gaiety and truth that sings,

And also the ability to laugh at little things.

Moisten with sudden tears of heartfelt sympathy.

Heat in a good-natured kettle and serve repeatedly.

Anon (contributed by Mary White)

FROM THE VICARAGE

I am writing this just after we've finished the Holiday Club at All Saints School in Leek Wootton. It's been a fantastic three days with members of all three parishes actively involved in working with the 34 children who attended.

It really is a joy working with the young people – seeing their enthusiasm and energy and trying to help them recognise that they are loved and valued by God and by the Church. Our “Storykeepers” theme helped them to see that being a follower of Jesus is not the easy option. The early Christians in Rome faced great danger as they met and shared the stories of Jesus, and in our world today that remains true for many millions of people. Those who truly follow Jesus will seek the good of their communities through service and care – but will be an obstacle for those who seek power through oppression and corruption, and will be a discomfort to those (rich or poor) who care only about themselves. Christianity is not about “Thou shalt not”, nor about being “holier than thou”. Jesus summed up the whole ‘law’ by two of the commands from the Old Testament: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength” and “Love your neighbour as yourself” – and when a questioner said, “Who is my neighbour?”, Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to show that it could be anyone – even those we would see as our enemies or those we would be prejudiced against.

The recent riots and looting that took place in our country had no sense or excuse – they were just an outpouring of opportunistic greed and anarchy, yet they were perhaps a reflection of the state that our nation has allowed itself to get into. Politicians, the Media, Banks etc have all had their versions of such greed and anarchy, and the chaos and damage caused has been equally or even more severe – just less tangible and visible. If you undermine the foundations of a building, for a long time it looks just as good as ever – then suddenly the whole edifice comes tumbling down. The same goes for society. I have great respect for the views expressed by the Bishop of Manchester on Sunday 14th August (see www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14520074). The stories of Jesus need to be heard again by our society at all levels. The culprits on this occasion were predominantly the young, but what example have they been set by our me-centred, you-disposable culture. Whatever happened to “Love your neighbour as yourself”? Oh yes, it disappeared not long after we abandoned “Love the Lord your God”!

Jim Perryman

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

In addition to very enjoyable times of worship, we had great times with all the social events through July and August – duck racing, barbecues, walks, parties. Well done to all those from the churches who put so much energy and effort into making these events so successful. While many things closed down over the summer, the one thing that really opened up (if only for three days) was our “Storykeepers” Holiday Club. If you want to find out more about this, then come along to the “Follow-up” service at Leek Wootton on Sunday 4th September at 9.30!

As we move into September, our focus begins to move from summer holidays towards the renewed activity of the Autumn. Harvest Festivals approach: Ashow and Stoneleigh will celebrate theirs on the 25th, and Leek Wootton on October 2nd. These will be accompanied by Harvest meals and social events – look out for details.

On the purely social side, there is another film night at Stoneleigh (9th), and the last of the Summer Teas at Leek Wootton (4th – 3pm)

The hours of daylight may be decreasing once more, but we intend to keep the light of Christ shining brightly in our Parishes. We hope you'll enjoy being part of it.

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Stoneleigh Village Club

The club has been busy over the past few weeks, and we hope you all enjoyed the very successful events. The Duck Race being a fabulous event which certainly proved as popular as ever. Thanks to the Committee, and all the very willing volunteers for helping to organise who are not on the Committee. In particular:

Rory O'Connor - General Help Paul Britton - General Help

Steve McGranaghan – BBQ Richard Dorrington - BBQ

Dave Anderson - Golf Monitor Kelly Ridge - Ticket Sales

Lindsay Barnett - Ticket Sales John Reay - Golf Supplies

1st Prize went to Clara Orton – well done!

Thanks to Nigel Roberts for the Stoneleigh Golf Open – great night!

Forthcoming Events:

Rugby World Cup starts 9th September

England fixtures are as follows:

10th September England v Argentina 09:30

18th September England v Georgia 07:00 **open from 7.00am for bacon rolls.**

24th September England v Romania 07:00 **open from 7.00am for bacon rolls.**

01st October England v Scotland 08:30

Quiz Night – 24th September 8.00pm start

Halloween Night – 29th October 7.00pm start – details on noticeboard

Bonfire Night – 5th November 6.00pm start – details on noticeboard

We are planning to hold a **Stoneleigh Open Gardens**. Please let any member of the Committee know if you are willing to volunteer for this event.

Barbara Gee is the contact from the Committee, supported by

Lisa Reay and Jan Whitehouse (see noticeboard for details).

NEWSFLASH!!!!

Sunday Opening hours: 12.00noon – 3.00pm 7.30pm – 11.00pm

Members will now be asked to show their membership card at the bar; this will help us monitor the non membership usage which requires a sign in fee of 50p. All non members must sign in and pay 50p.

Look forward to seeing you in the Club.

Sue Brooks

NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Two Special Quarter Peals at Stoneleigh

During June 2011 two special quarter peals were rung at Stoneleigh Tower. The first was on Thursday 23rd June and was to celebrate our Tower Captain, Harry Bodenham's, 80th Birthday the previous Monday.

Harry initially learned to handle a bell, aged 16, on the eight bells of the Victorian church of All Saints, Emscote in Warwick (now replaced by a modern church). This was a band called together to start ringing again in 1947 after the long silence throughout the war. However, William Collett, a helper, eventually persuaded Harry to transfer his allegiance to his tower – St Mary's in Warwick. After Harry married Pat, they moved to Kenilworth and eventually they both became ringers at St Nicholas, where they remained until Harry was asked in 1990 if he would be prepared to teach a band from scratch to ring at St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh – the bells at Stoneleigh had not been rung by a local band for several years. This was duly accomplished and Harry remains Tower Captain at Stoneleigh, where the band continues to flourish and attract new members.

Our usual Thursday evening practice followed the quarter, after which members retired to the Village Club for celebratory drinks and eats provided by Pat and Harry. We are indebted to Chris Mew from Warwick for conducting this quarter for us – Chris is a 'regular' conductor at Stoneleigh and we are very grateful for the time he spends with us helping us with our quarter peals.

The second quarter peal was just two days later on the afternoon of Saturday 25th June and was rung in memory of our ringer, Dave Marshall, who died just one year ago on that date, aged 50. Many will remember Dave from the time when he, Sue and their two children, James and Joanne, lived in Stoneleigh before moving to Kenilworth just over four years ago. Joanne was able to take part in this quarter, having learnt to ring at St Nicholas in Kenilworth as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. After the quarter the ringers were invited back for tea and cakes with Joanne and her family – the multi-talented Joanne having baked the delicious cakes in the morning.

Our thanks go to Sue Marshall and Graham Nabb for coming over from Kineton to conduct and assist with this quarter. Joanne has had help and support from them both in the past through 'Kids in Charge' – a scheme which helps young people in the area improve their ringing skills and, at the same time, have some fun!

Janet Parham
Stoneleigh Tower



Stoneleigh Youth Group

Hybrid Arts – Due to holiday commitments it has not been possible to deliver the weekly Hybrid Arts group sessions throughout the summer holidays. We do have 4 sessions left and these will recommence on Wednesday 7th of September, every Wednesday at the village hall from 5pm. with the final one being delivered on the 28th of September 2011. I am liaising with Hybrid Arts and other youth-based associations to source more funding for the continuation of the programme and will be looking into other possibilities for you in the future. Stella would like to hear your ideas and feedback from all the children that attend. The team delivering the final 4 sessions will be Sally Montague, Jo Graham and Lucy Wilson.

Play Equipment – This has been a huge success and proved very popular, meeting the play needs of a wide range of children. Great to see all the families actively enjoying the much-appreciated facilities.

Damage to property – I know you were all very saddened and disheartened by the damage to our Village Hall. The police are investigating the matter. There have been young people, senior teens and young men entering the village recently. Please keep away from them if they are causing a nuisance and report their presence to your parents who will act appropriately.

Broken bottles - Two broken bottles (Smirnoff Ice) have been found. It has been implied by some that this may have been left by local youths. Either way this is unacceptable and I feel I must reinforce that it is against the law for young people to drink alcohol in public places under the age of 18 years. Also, broken glass poses a real danger to younger children playing in the location.

Final note – I would like to thank all the young people who have been looking after the litter situation in the Village Hall and using the bin. Hope you have had a great summer holiday!! A big thank you to Joe Ball from us all - for all of his hard work in looking after the Village Hall grounds. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Tony Hanselman, 5 Birmingham Road

STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Like the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News*, the History Society has taken a summer break, at least from its meetings. Nevertheless there has been a huge amount of activity over the last months, with members pursuing their researches with increasing enthusiasm and growing expertise.

Our first exhibition, displayed in the church on Duck Race day, centred on the history of The Forge, celebrating the 160th anniversary of the present building on The Green. Having researched via the censuses and parish registers the names of blacksmiths from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries, it was particularly rewarding to receive a wealth of information about twentieth century blacksmiths, iron-workers and farriers, from their relatives. We learnt a great deal about John Goode from his great-niece who came to spend Duck Race day with us at Stoneleigh (and who was mightily impressed by the lovely cakes on sale in the church!), about Edward Langley Fardon from Miriam Fardon and family members who had put a wonderful website together to celebrate his life, and of course about Tom, Tim and “Spud” Allison from Mary Allison. Thank-you to all of them for sharing their stories and pictures with us. Our many visitors thoroughly enjoyed seeing old photographs of these men at their work at the forge, and some former villagers were happily able to renew old acquaintances.

In the coming months we hope to be able to share more of our researches with the wider world. We are already welcoming new members to the society, and no doubt we shall continue to learn much more about the fascinating history of our village and its residents.

Sheila Woolf

J.L.Huthwaite



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



	Ashow	Stoneleigh
Sunday 4 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow	
Thursday 8 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 11 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Thursday 22 nd	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 25 th	9.30 a.m Harvest Village Service	11.00 a.m. Harvest All Age Worship

FROM THE REGISTERS

Sunday 24th July Holy Baptism at Stoneleigh,
Rudy William Gray

Sat 30th July Wedding Blessing at Stoneleigh
Craig Anderson and Lauren Reid

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Jim Perryman
Phone 01926 850610 or email: jim@a-lw-s.org.uk
Ashow Contact: Stephen Harvey 01926 852543
Stoneleigh contact Ian Smith 01926 853238.

To arrange a wedding or a funeral please contact the Vicar,
for any other matter of parish administration please
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