

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



A REMINDER OF WHAT WINTER MIGHT STILL HAVE IN STORE FOR US.
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FEBRUARY 2012

From the Vicarage:

A special year is under way.

In just a few days from the publication of this edition, on the 6th of February, the true Diamond Jubilee Day of the Queen's accession to the throne takes place – but who wants a street party in February! These celebratory events will have to wait until the first weekend in June when I'm sure that there will be plenty going on.

Before that, on May 25th, Coventry Cathedral will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee with many events also taking place around this. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be spending the weekend in Coventry to join the celebrations, though it looks unlikely that the Queen will be there as according to the tour information she is coming to the West Midlands later in the year – but who knows!

Then, of course, there are a couple of sporting events that will occupy the summer, which will certainly have some impact on life at that time.

But in all the 'highlights', ordinary life will continue – births, marriages and deaths will occur and, for those families who are directly involved, these will be of far greater and lasting importance than jubilees and gold medals. The arguments about HS2 will rumble on – even though it will be a long time before any eventual construction, let alone trains, would be rumbling through our green and pleasant landscape.

Sadly, around the world, there will continue to be wars, conflicts, disasters and poverty together with injustice – both social and economic.

BUT, in the midst of it all, the pattern of the Church year will continue to remind us of the constant presence of God with us – with us in joy and celebration, with us in suffering and death, with us to challenge and discipline, with us to comfort and encourage.

I hope that, as the representation of the Church of Jesus Christ in these villages, we will have opportunities to serve our communities with energy, joy and love. I hope that you will want to be part of those acts of service so that our communities may be built up and strengthened and your faith and your understanding of God's love for you – however great or small (or even non-existent) at the moment – might grow. That would make it a truly special year.

Jim Perryman

3-Parish Spotlight (Ashow-Leek Wootton-Stoneleigh)

(See **www.a-lw-s.org.uk** for up-to-date service details and other information about the three parishes.)

We hope that everyone enjoyed the celebrations of Christmas and New Year. They were certainly very successful times in the three parish churches – and much warmer than the year before!

Now, with the end of the season of Epiphany as January turns to February, our liturgical year starts to turn our focus towards the events of Easter. We will be considering the theme of “Holiness” in our February services and looking at different elements of its meaning and outworking, thinking about both Christ’s holiness and the call on us to be holy. This will lead us to the start of the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday – February 22nd.

On the social side, the Guides at Leek Wootton are running a ‘Table-top’ Sale in Leek Wootton Village Hall on Saturday 4th from 2.30 to 4.30. Come and grab a bargain – or maybe even book a table and see what you can earn. Contact Nicola Perryman (01926 850610) if you want more information.

Ashow Church have organised a Pie & Pancake evening for Shrove Tuesday 21st which will be held in Kenilworth. Tickets, £15, are limited, so don’t delay if you want to be included. Contact Stephen Harvey (01926 852543) for more details.

The following Friday 24th evening is the time to sharpen up your brains and join the Quiz Night at the Stoneleigh Village Hall. Teams of 6 at a cost of £7 each including a Ploughman’s Supper. Contact the Stoneleigh Parish Office (admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or Sarah Ballinger (02476 715256).

Saturday 25th sees the start of our Lent Breakfast series at Stoneleigh Village Hall. Watch a film while enjoying breakfast and then, on the following four Saturday mornings, we will discuss themes which the film addresses. The choice of film has not been firmly decided at the time of writing but it will be suitable for all ages. On the same day, at Leek Wootton, our annual Marriage Preparation Day will be being held. This is a day for all those who are getting married in our three churches during the year. We wish them every blessing as they prepare for their own special day in 2012.

Jim Perryman

Stoneleigh Village to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A positive meeting was held in November with representatives from various village organisations forming a Jubilee Planning Committee, and it was agreed to go ahead with planning a village celebration during the afternoon and evening of **Saturday 2nd June**. (Keep this date free!!!)

It will be a community festival for all village residents, with different activities for all age groups: games, competitions, entertainers and displays with children's tea and supper for the adults. When plans are finalised, there will be further publicity with leaflets circulated around the village.

The Venue will be the centre of the village known as 'The Square', also using The Village Club and The Meadows.

A survey was carried out to ascertain the level of interest, the number of adults and the number and ages of the children, to assist in preparing a budget. Thank you to those who have responded already and have come forward to help with the planning. It is appreciated as we are all busy people and time is very precious.

It is hoped that as many residents as possible will come along to this fun event, to celebrate this unique occasion together and make it a happy successful time. Still more volunteers are needed, both with the planning and with the preparation on the day itself.

Do you have ideas, suggestions ? Would you like to help ?

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Nora Blagburn

Stoneleigh History Society

A new year, and changes for the History Society...

After a very successful first year, we have with some regrets decided to move our monthly meetings away from the Village Club, to the Village Hall. We should like to thank the Club, especially Jim, for providing a welcoming space for us in 2011. Now, however, we have outgrown that space, and need rather more room to spread our wings. We hope to repair to the Club after meetings, for refreshment!

Another change is that in future we shall be holding our meetings on the last *Tuesday* in the month. On February 28th at 7.30pm we have a speaker, David Clark, who is giving a presentation on Ashow. Members are asked to pay £1 and visitors £2, to help with the cost of hire of the hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Our AGM will be held on March 27th at a venue to be decided.

Sheila Woolf

Royal Award

Janet Finch (formerly Roberts) has been awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List in recognition of her 35 years as a foster carer and during which period she provided a loving home for numerous children.

Janet, the daughter of Ruby and the late Alfred Roberts, was brought up in the village and attended Stoneleigh School and was married in Stoneleigh Church. Janet retired as a foster carer shortly after she was widowed.

Janet will be attending Buckingham Palace in the near future to receive her award and her family and friends are immensely proud that she has been honoured in this way.

Ruby Roberts

Stoneleigh Village Jubilee Art Competition

Are you aged between 5 and 16? Are you interested in Art and Design?

Stoneleigh Village is organising a celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and of course it is also the year of the Olympics being held in the UK.

You are invited to create a design which can be used to commemorate this special year - it should include one or all of the following:

- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee (60 years)
- The Olympic Games
- Stoneleigh Village.

The age categories are:

1. 5-8 years
2. 9-12 years
3. 13+



and there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each category.

Winning designs will be used in our publicity material for the Village Jubilee celebrations on Saturday June 2nd and prizes will be presented at the event. *All* the entries will be on display on the day.

Your design can be in any medium and should be sent to 9, The Bank, Stoneleigh CV8 3DA before the closing date of **April 1st**. **Make sure that you include your name and address and your age!**

Sheila Woolf

on behalf of the Jubilee Celebration Committee



Bridge Afternoons at Ashow *Village Club*



For beginners, improvers or masters!

Bridge resumed at Ashow Club
on Wednesday 25th January 2012.

Our next meetings will take place on
Wednesday 22nd February 2012
Wednesday 21st March 2012

Time: 2.00pm

Cost: £2.00 (to include refreshments)

We look forward to welcoming new and existing players.
There's no need to book in advance - just turn up.

Janet Charlesworth

Car Parking at Walsgrave University Hospital

The Clerk to the Parish Council wrote last year to University Hospital with concerns regarding car-parking and traffic problems at the hospital. The following is a précis of the hospital Trust's reply.

The problem is recognised. Action is being taken to develop more off-site parking, to provide more space at the rear of the site and to provide a new entrance to the site to relieve traffic congestion.

When grid-locking occurs on site, the Trust notes that: "the service providers mobilise additional staff to manage traffic flows".

The Trust is conducting trials to improve traffic flow around the site and will soon be evaluating the results. The Trust assures the Parish Council that the matter (car parking and traffic congestion) is taken seriously and the Trust will continue to monitor the situation.

Editor

St. Mary the Virgin Stoneleigh.

The repair of the roof of the nave must be our priority!

The estimated total cost of the physical work on the replacement of the copper roof of the nave is **£70,000**.

But from the estimates we have received we calculate that we must accumulate **£160,672** to cover all aspects of that work including the cost of scaffolding, professional and planning fees and VAT (only some of which may be refundable under new rules).

We have so far received £5,500 from the Headley Trust and we have available on 1st January 2012 a total of **£47,123** in our building fund.

We have applied, or are applying to six other national funds and trusts for help in bridging this enormous financial gap. Our efforts are directed towards raising the money we need as quickly as we can so that we can get the nave roof repaired.

We shall be launching a local public appeal for donations in connection with our evening with David Moorcroft on Friday 30th March.

It is a daunting year ahead but, when you think of it, what is new!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Syd Creed

Ashow Church

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collections at the Carol Service and on Christmas Day. As a result, we have been able to send a cheque for £300 to Acorns Children's Hospice.

With thanks from the Church Wardens and PCC of Ashow

Ashow Church

The Churchwardens Stephen Harvey and Kate Jones would like to thank everyone who came to decorate the Church for Christmas, and in particular Diana Holt and Margaret Cotton who did the large arrangements. The tree was donated by Stoneleigh Estate.

The church looked lovely lit by candlelight at the Carol Service on the Sunday evening, and the Ashow Choir organised by Bob Burdett sang beautifully.

The proceeds from the Christmas Services (£300) have been sent to Acorns Childrens Hospice.

Our grateful thanks go to to the PCC, sidespersons, David Wareing who maintains the churchyard, everyone on the Cleaning and Flower Rotas and to Neil Collett who winds the clock, for their help in 2011.

Future Event. There will be a Pie and Pancake Supper at the Clarendon Arms, Kenilworth, on Shrove Tuesday 21st February at 7.15 pm. Tickets £15 from Stephen Harvey tel. 01926 852543 or Kate Jones 01926 853511. All welcome.



Vernon Moyers

Pauline, Vivienne, Joanne and Denny would like to thank all our neighbours and friends for their cards, letters and comforting words.

Also to the choir who were heard singing in the Chapel congregation on December 29th.

Stoneleigh Has A Village Orchard!

Saturday 3rd December dawned dry and bright and by 9 am the Orchard Group of volunteers were assembling trees, stakes and tools in the field, with previously marked out plots. This event marked the culmination of months of planning and preparation and everyone was eager to make a success of it!

When other volunteers arrived, we gathered round for a demonstration planting of the first tree by Gareth Davies the local "Leader" representative; (many thanks to Gareth for his support)

Then the digging of the holes began - the ground was so hard just below the surface - thank fully there were several strong men to tackle this task not least amongst these was James Fletcher who rose to the challenge of installing the substantial stakes while the rest of us could manage to dig, plant the trees, fix the stakes and put round the protective netting.

Others arrived to help, some bringing very welcome food and drinks, thanks to Ann, Laura and the rest of the catering team!

Those present ranged in ages from a 4 year old to an 82 year old; and all were enjoying this new venture. By 2 pm all the trees were safely in their holes and we gathered up spades, forks, barrow, debris, etc , departing home, tired but pleased.

Thank you to all who were able to come and help make this day a success, plus those who helped prepare and finally complete the planting on the weekend prior to Christmas.

In the spring, the wildflower seeds will be sown in the meadow and we look forward to seeing the apple blossom and wild flowers in the future.

It may be a while longer before there are enough apples to produce cider but we will await and prepare for that day with great anticipation !

Thank you to those who have already become **Friends of the Orchard** and we hope more people will be interested to join, sponsor a tree to commemorate a special event, a wedding, in memory of a loved one or just to support this venture to make this a sustainable enterprise that is managed in and by the village of Stoneleigh.

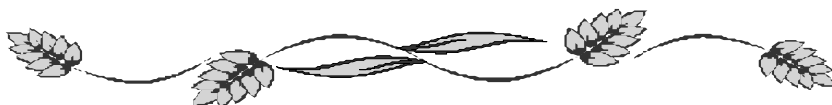
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Pete Freeman



Orchard Project Workers - The First Planting



“Thank You”

To my many and dear friends in and around Stoneleigh, I have been quite overwhelmed by your tributes, congratulations and gifts on the occasion of my recent “Big 0” birthday (yes, I have to admit it was 90 but I don’t like to be reminded!)

There have been so many wonderful memories for me: in Church, in the Village Club and so many knocks at the door – I get quite emotional just thinking about it.

So, all I can say is: “Thank you all so very much; I really value your friendship”

Iris Donachie

Stoneleigh WI Report

The speaker at our Christmas meeting on December 5th was Jill Fraser. She started her very lively and entertaining talk by describing how she and her husband bought a former vicarage in south Warwickshire and found that they were expected to host a number of annual village events in their garden. She told us how she became more and more involved in village life while working and looking after her family. We were all wondering how she managed to find the time to do so much when she began to describe her involvement in a charity which works to improve patient wellbeing in hospital.

The following day 39 villagers attended the Christmas lunch in the village hall. Red pepper and sweet potato soup was followed by turkey and the traditional accompaniments with a glass of wine. Christmas pudding was followed by mince pies and coffee. The WI is grateful to the Stoneleigh Male Voice choir which sponsored the meal and provided the entertainment afterwards. On Tuesday 20th December instead of the usual coffee morning, a birthday party was held for four of the coffee morning 'regulars' who were celebrating significant birthdays in November or January.

The Book Club met in December to discuss "Notwithstanding" by Louis de Bernières and "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

Jean Baggot, our speaker in January, is proud of her Black Country roots and in a very amusing talk she described her early life in West Bromwich. She also brought along her remarkable hand embroidered tapestry which looks back on her life and the changing world around her.

This year the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes is holding a competition to celebrate the London Olympics. So far Stoneleigh WI has competed in the preliminary rounds of the Scrabble, Rummikub and knitting events. We entered two teams in the qualifying round of the Federation Quiz. On the Quiz evening Stoneleigh WI received the Warwickshire Federation 2012 Baton which was passed on to Baginton WI during afternoon tea at the Baginton village hall on 25th January.

The February Lunch club will be on Tuesday 7th February, The menu will be bacon wrapped chicken followed by pancakes. Please ring Rachel Gill 02476 414030, if you wish to add your name to the list or let us know that you are unable to come.

The next meeting will be on 6th February. Mike Miles' talk will be entitled "Women working on Midlands Canal Boats".

Rachel Gill



A Thank you!

We would like to thank all those who helped to make our Diamond Wedding celebration such a memorable and happy occasion for us.

We have been overwhelmed by the good wishes from so many people in the village and church and thank you all for the flow of love and goodwill that this has brought to us.

We thank Rev. Viv for taking the church service which was a delightful and happy occasion.

We were so pleased that Susan could play for us and make her unique contribution to the service. We appreciated that this was her first service since her welcome recovery to health.

Of great pleasure was the bell ringers present to us of ringing a quarter peel on the day itself; it was very generous of them.

With our very best wishes to you all for a happy New Year.

Eileen and Syd Creed.

Stoneleigh Village Club

The Club Committee wishes everyone a “Happy New Year”.

The club has been very busy during the festive period and we hope you enjoyed the many varied events.

Thanks go to all who helped to organise these events which includes the carol singers, bell ringers, hand bells and of course the very important Santa for our Christmas activities, and to the folk band Leere who provided the New Years Eve entertainment.

Forthcoming Events:

February

1st Ladies Night – see Barbara Gee for info

18th Stoneleigh Handbells Quiz Night – 8pm start

Please note there is now an age restriction on the pool table. Anyone 16 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

URGENTLY REQUIRED: new Committee members, including Officer roles. Please contact any member of the Committee.

Reminder – the AGM will be coming up in April – see notice board for details.

We look forward to seeing you in the Club.

Sue Brooks



Parish Council Notes

Meetings

The February Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the **University of Warwick, University House, Kirby Cross Corner at 7.30 p.m.** on 9th February 2012.

Warwickshire Police – New Non-Emergency Contact Number 101

What is 101? 101 is now the number to call when you want to get through to your local police when it's less urgent than 999. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long you are on the phone.

You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make them aware of any policing issues in your local area. For example:

- If your car, bicycle or mobile phone has been stolen.
- If your garden shed has been broken into.
- If your property has been damaged.
- If you suspect drug use or dealing in your area.
- If you want to report a minor traffic collision.
- If you want to give the police information about crime in your area.

Always call 999 in an emergency. What is an emergency? When you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; where there is danger to life; or when violence is being used or threatened.

Warwickshire County Council – Household Waste Recycling Centres

Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres opening hours are changing in the New Year.

With major reductions in the County Council's budget the Council made a strong commitment not to close any of its Household Waste Recycling Centres and keep them open 7 days per week (apart from Stockton which currently only opens 3 days a week) but to help support this decision it is necessary to reduce the hours opening Monday to Friday to six hours per day. Following public consultation earlier in last year the new arrangements will be put in place on 9th January 2012 at all sites except Judkins in Nuneaton which is run by a contractor and will change on 1st April 2012.

Last entry to the sites is as advertised below. The sites will fully close 15 minutes later. If on site before last entry time residents will have time to recycle and dispose of their waste. The new gate opening and closing times will be:

Winter

Monday to Friday – 9.30 to 15.15
Saturday and Sunday – 8.30 to 16.15

Summer

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9.30 to 15.15
Wednesday – 9.30 to 18.15
Saturday and Sunday – 8.30 to 17.45

For more information visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc

Pat Maddison
Parish Clerk

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The Church of St Mary the Virgin Stoneleigh

Dates for your Diary in 2012

Community Coffee mornings take place in Stoneleigh Village Club on the third Tuesday of each month, at 10.30 a.m.

February - Friday 24th

Quiz Night –Teams of 6

7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets £7.00 per person to include a ploughman's supper.

March - Friday 9th

Film Night – See posters for film details

6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Friday 30th

An Evening with David Moorcroft

See separate page for details.

April – Thursday 5th

Agape Meal

7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall.

May - Friday 11th

Film Night – See posters for film details.

6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Saturday 26th

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir in Concert

7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Church.

June - Saturday 16th

An Evening with the Author Susan Hill

More details to come soon.

Film Nights will also take place on Fridays 13th July and 7th September, don't forget to mark your diaries! Tickets and further details may be obtained from The Parish Office admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk 02476 415506 or Sarah Ballinger, Churchwarden: 02476 715256.

We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these events.

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh

We launch our 2012 major public fund raising appeal to replace the nave roof, with an exciting evening with

DAVID MOORCROFT

5000m Olympic Gold Medalist



Friday 30th March 7.30 p.m.

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets £15.00 (to include a glass of wine and canapés) now available

from the parish office, 02476 415506

admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

or Sarah Ballinger, Churchwarden

02476 715256

**Residential Vacancy at
The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
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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:

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Have you checked out the Stoneleigh village website recently? Whether you're new to the village or not, take a look and see the information available. Not only are there details about various village organisations, but you can see a list of "What's On", and additionally there are links both to the Church's and the Club's websites. In these anxious days about HS2, you can access all the latest information on the progress of the project, with quick links to StopHS2's site, too.

The website also provides links to a variety of other local websites, including Warwick District Council, the police and local BBC. You can even check the latest bus timetables! News will be regularly posted this year about the Jubilee celebrations and the community orchard.

If you would like to advertise a local business, please contact us. Of course, should you lose your paper copy of the "Stoneleigh & Ashow News", you can read it online!

Sheila Woolf

Rosemary Williams

It is with enormous sadness that I report the death of Rosemary Williams on 19th January 2012, in her 95th year, after a short illness.

Rosemary was our neighbour in Church Meadow Cottage, Vicarage Road since we moved to Stoneleigh in 1984. She was a wonderful neighbour who took an interest in everything around her and always welcomed a chat and, if the time was right, a glass of something was always offered. I shall miss her charming presence and sparkling conversation.

As I go to press, provisional funeral arrangements are: noon, Thursday, 2nd February; but please check this.

Robin Bussell

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Tickets:

from Stephen Harvey, tel: 01926 852543

or Kate Jones, tel: 01926 853511

High Speed Rail Latest

Sad to say, but those readers who declared “It will never happen. The country cannot afford it. There are other ways of tackling overcrowding etc.” when proposals for HS2 were announced were wrong. On 10 January the Secretary of State for Transport, Justine Greening, announced that the Government had decided to press ahead.

Before we get too depressed it is worth reminding ourselves what has been achieved since proposals were made in March 2010. The original route which passed close to Stoneleigh and threatened to eliminate much of Stareton has been moved to Stoneleigh Park. Lobbying by Stoneleigh/Stareton, and latterly supported by Stoneleigh Park, has resulted in a proposal from HS2 Ltd that much of the crossing will be in a cutting. There has been a bit of tweaking to the route - potential good news for Kenilworth Golf Club! However, New Kingswood Farmhouse is threatened with demolition. Various other mitigation measures are yet to be discussed, including at the point where the route crosses the B4115 which on the current plan will be seen and heard from Stoneleigh.

Throughout the last two years, Stoneleigh Action Group has collaborated with other action groups along the route, maintained regular contact with our MP and kept abreast of the national debate.

It is worth noting that the results of the consultation process did not feature in the publicity around 10 January. A 231-page report was produced which analysed the results in great detail. In fact only 24% of respondents supported

HS2 and the majority of these were an orchestrated write-in campaign by the 'Yes Campaign' to the first question only. Widespread objections have therefore been ignored. According to the report 32 responses came from Stoneleigh, 21 from Stoneleigh Park, 8 from the Showground, 7 from Stoneleigh Abbey and 3 from Ashow.

What next? The new investors (La Salle) and the owners of Stoneleigh Park were quick to announce that they intend to continue their development plans. The various campaign groups have vowed to continue the fight. Despite Government statements and the advertisement of jobs by HS2 Ltd, this project cannot go ahead until a Hybrid Bill has been passed by Parliament and this is not expected until 2014 so there is time for continued lobbying and there are likely to be some legal challenges. There is also to be a further consultation exercise about compensation arrangements and the Government has yet to carry out an Environmental Assessment of the project.

There will be a village meeting on **Tuesday 7th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall** at which views can be shared, the latest situation explained (to the best of the Stoneleigh Action Group's abilities) and ways discussed about how more local people can be involved (e.g. sharing information about how blight is affecting house sales). Please keep the date clear in your diaries.

Margaret Wallis

Stoneleigh Action Group

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

“March Showtime”

The spring offering from the choir this year will be based upon the ever popular Cole Porter love story, “High Society”.

Show dates are 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of March and each performance will be preceded by a 2-course hot meal. Tickets are £18 and may be obtained from Phil Jones (01926 853511), Judy Hadfield (024 7641 4616), Robin Bussell (024 7641 6183) or David Gibson (024 7641 1772).

In addition, there will be a preview evening on 14th March (starting at 8.00pm) and to which we would like to invite Stoneleigh Senior Citizens (at no charge). Tickets for this are available from Robin Bussell. A limited number of preview tickets are also available for sale at £5 each.

Robin Bussell

The Season of Goodwill

Once again, charitable giving over the Christmas season this year has been wonderful and I am very pleased to report the following:

- The Church flower ladies raised around £600 at their coffee morning at Wentworth House.
- The Male Voice Choir collected £400 at their Stoneleigh Abbey carol concerts for the Kenilworth Friendship Project for Children.
- The ‘flag flying’ at The Oaks, instead of sending local Christmas cards, raised £550 for the Air Ambulance.

“Thank you” to those who worked for these events and a special “thank you” to those who gave so generously.

Robin Bussell

The Children's Society

The total collection this year from the boxes was £283.89p.

In thanking the people who had boxes and helped towards this collection, the Staff said they rely on the funds raised to go towards various projects. Presently they are supporting vulnerable children and young people throughout the country.

In England alone, 84,000 children every year, aged under 16, run away overnight on at least one occasion. Many of these children will be at risk, hurt or harmed or even sleep rough.

Fortunately, with 25 years experience the Children's Society understands the issues so can offer positive help.

“Thank you” to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Gwendoline Howse

Audrey Jones

Valerie, David and Kathryn are sad to announce the death of their mother Audrey Jones, wife of the late Ken (formerly of Stoneleigh police house) in her 90th year. Audrey spent many happy years with Ken in Stoneleigh and had many fond memories of the village.

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS

The AGM for the Stoneleigh and Ashow News was held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 and a report of this meeting will be included in the next issue of the News.

In the meantime, readers should be aware that, for 2011, expenditure exceeded income by £110 with the major cost being the cost of printing.

This publication is financed by voluntary donations from our readership and now is the time of the year for you to express your satisfaction with our efforts. Even the smallest of contributions will help to keep the News going.

The report in the March News will also include a subscription reminder slip.

Please make any cheque donations payable to “Stoneleigh and Ashow News” and send them to me at: Alliance Cottage, The Bank, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DA. I am also very pleased to receive any cash donation.

Alternatively, donations may be made direct to our bank account by quoting: Branch Sort Code 60 12 35, Account Number 63535718.

The S & A News Staff, comprising compilers and distributors are all volunteers and, as folk become older some of us need to relinquish these duties so, if there are any volunteers who might wish to take a turn at some simple desk top publishing or deliver a few copies of the News around the locality please make yourselves known to our Chairman, Margaret Wallis, tel. 024 7641 4271.

Thank you,

Clive Watson,
Honorary Treasurer.





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and
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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2012

	ASHOW	STONELEIGH
Sunday 5 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow	
Thursday 9 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 12 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Wednesday 22 nd Ash Wednesday	7.00 p.m. Ashing Service at Stoneleigh	
Thursday 23 rd	No Communion Service at Stoneleigh today	
Sunday 26 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 All Age Worship

On the fourth Thursday of each month, at 11.00 a.m., our vicar, Jim Perryman, will be holding open 'surgeries' in the church. If you would like to speak with him on any matter, please do call in.

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