

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2012

FROM THE VICARAGE

The season of Lent is on us once more and it saddens me that for many it is seen as something negative, designed to load us with guilt and to stop enjoyment. For me, Lent is a special opportunity. Yes, it is a time to reflect on our lives and our lifestyles as we 'join' Jesus in his 40 days fasting and praying in the desert region as he prepared himself for the start of his public ministry. Yes, it is a time to be more open to God's presence and guidance and a time to be more aware of the schemes of the evil one as he seeks to derail our relationship with a loving God and Father. But an emphatic NO to doom and gloom and token gestures of 'giving up ... for Lent'!

I much prefer to see Lent as a time for positively 'taking up' something which will help to develop our relationship with and understanding of God, and will also assist our fellowship and friendship with one another – for example joining one of the special groups which meet during the period of Lent. There are weekly home groups on a variety of evenings meeting for five sessions for discussion and bible study with people from around the different church fellowships in Kenilworth and the villages; there are midweek short Communion services followed by simple Soup & Bread lunches at Stoneleigh, and also the Saturday morning Lent Breakfast studies at Stoneleigh Village Hall. All these are open to everyone – whether a member of the church or not – and a far better idea than giving up chocolate!

Of course, if your lifestyle has destructive aspects to it then maybe it would be a good idea to use Lent as a positive encouragement to 'give up' such habits – just ensure that once Lent is over, the bad habits stay 'given up'.

Wishing you a positive, fulfilling and blessed Lent as we prepare ourselves for involvement in the great drama which is Holy Week and Easter.

Jim Perryman

Front Cover: Snowdrops in the Meadows
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STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

ATTENTION
ALL STONELEIGH VILLAGERS
STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Your Village Club has reached crisis point and needs volunteers and assistance urgently

A village meeting will be held on
Thursday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall to discuss the future of the
Village Club

We urge you to come along
and support your community

Please look out for the flyer through your door

Sue Brooks

QUIZNIGHT

Saturday 24th March at 7.45 p.m.

Stoneleigh Village Club

Teams of 4 £5 : extra players £1

On behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group against HS2

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STONELEIGH PARK

A LOCAL BID FOR SUPERFAST BROADBAND

I promised you a quarterly update of Stoneleigh Park's news in the December issue of this newsletter. I haven't changed my mind! Expect a full update in the March edition. In the meantime, I was hoping I could enlist your help ...

Rural Community Broadband Fund

This area has a very narrow opportunity – in terms of funding and timing – to apply for superfast broadband under the Rural Community Broadband Fund. The area is in line to have minimum speeds of 2Mbps under the Government's core programme. We now have an opportunity to go for minimum speeds of 24 Mbps.

LaSalle's supporting role

Warwickshire County Council is leading on the application. LaSalle has become involved as manager of Stoneleigh Park. We are putting resources into the application process and will be pressing to ensure that the local area – including Stoneleigh Park and the parishes covered by this newsletter – get maximum priority. (The exact area that would be covered by superfast broadband is decided by the rules of the Rural Community Broadband Fund and is outside the control of either Stoneleigh Park or Warwickshire County Council.)

Demonstrating demand

The objective of Stoneleigh Park and local residents working together is fairly simple: the funding and the prioritisation will go to the areas that show greatest demand for superfast broadband. Evidence of that demand cannot be estimated. It must come directly from the residents and businesses of the area. We have to show that enough people in this area would definitely pay for superfast broadband if it were available and that what they intend to use it for does actually require superfast speeds.

How you can help:-

Your broadband use: Everyone in the area covered by the joint parishes can help. In fact, we really need everyone to get involved by completing the county council's questionnaire at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband

Please fill it in yourself and then pass on the details to as many people as you can think of – individuals and businesses – in the area who use the internet. It doesn't matter whether they would use the superfast speeds. We just need as complete a picture as possible of the problems, need and demand in the area.

The first round of bidding closed on 31st January. The deadlines for the second round of bidding had not yet been confirmed when I wrote this, but it is safe to say that the questionnaires must be completed by the end of March in order to give the county council a chance to prepare their application.

Finding BT's cabinets: There is an additional task for us in locating all of BT's cabinets in the area. These are the green boxes in public places. This is apparently a more difficult job than you might assume! There is a website where we can record any we come across:- <http://4sfb.crowdmap.com/> and there are smartphone apps that can help too. The more of these cabinets we find, the easier the job looks to the engineers and the more likely the upgrade is to happen.

If you have any questions, please have a look initially at the Warwickshire County Council web page at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband

Thank you in advance for your help.

Colin Hooper

Estates Director

Stoneleigh Park

colin.hooper@eu.jll.com



STONELEIGH PARK

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The March Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Ashow Village Club, Ashow at 7.30 p.m. on 8th March 2012.

Community Planning

Steve Patalong of Vital Villages Limited will be attending the March Parish Council Meeting at Ashow Village Club and will be talking about Community Planning – including the differences between Village Plans, Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.

Please come along and support this event.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

COMMUNITY PLANNING

The government will soon introduce revised planning guidelines which could affect us all.

Warwick District Council is currently working on the New Plan for the area which will cover the years from 2013 until 2028.

Local Communities can influence this Plan if they can work closely together and produce a recognised Neighbourhood Plan for their area.

The Parish Council will meet on 8th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in **Ashow Village Club**

The meeting will open with a talk by an invited speaker about Community Planning.

Come on the night - Learn more - Ask questions - Become involved

Clr Richard Hancox

02476-693819

OPA - **OLDER PEOPLE IN ACTION**

Older People in Action is a charity working with the NHS, Warwick District Council and Age UK

As we get older we are less likely to be active. However, according to Government guidelines, it is recommended that we do 30 minutes of exercise (e.g. walking), five days a week, plus one hour of balance exercises a week and one hour of strength exercises a week.

Looking at how you can incorporate these guidelines into your everyday activities so that you can reap the benefits of keeping active and reduce your risk of falling is the theme of:-

OPA's Falls Prevention Event

at Stoneleigh Village Hall

on 22nd March 2012 from 11.00am – 12.30pm

To book your place please ring: 01926-477517

Rachel Gill



**STONELEIGH VILLAGE
JUBILEE CELEBRATION
Saturday 2nd June from 2pm**

Do not miss this special village event

Heralded by the Church Bells followed by the
Morris Dancers

See the Falconer flying his falcons in The Meadows
and racing his ferrets (stroke one!)

Try out the Circus Skills Workshop

Games and Competitions (more details later)

Fabulous Flower Arrangements
with Tea and Cakes at the Church

Your Photo taken with H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

Children's Tea Party
Adults Supper with Pig Roast and Salads

Displays of Village Photos and
all the Children's Art Competition entries

GRAND RAFFLE - lots of prizes to be won

Your Personal Invitation to follow soon.

Please keep Saturday June 2nd free!



HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

A village meeting was held in Stoneleigh Village Hall on 7th February at which the immediate implications of the Government's decision to press ahead with the HS2 project were discussed.

Various forms of mitigation have been proposed by HS2 Ltd, notably cuttings across Stoneleigh Park, and these would be taken forward by StAG (notably requesting 'cut and cover' which would reduce noise for the surroundings and cause far less disturbance to the enterprises at the Park).

The Government, through HS2 Ltd, has decided to establish a series of 'Community Forums' through which interested parties can put forward their views. The exact nature and structure of these bodies have yet to be announced, or which of the action groups Stoneleigh/Ashow/Stareton/Stoneleigh Abbey and Park will be 'twinned'. Watch this space! Whatever happens, the StAG will continue to argue the case for mitigation in this area.

There is to be a consultation about the form that any compensation might take, both in the short or long term. Again, the details have yet to be announced but there will be a tight time-table. One issue will be property blight which occurred as soon as the route was announced in March 2010. In order to assist a strong case being made for compensation in the short term rather than after the railway is up and running (c2026), it would be helpful if anyone who has had difficulty selling their house, or feels unable to move, because of property blight, would send details - in confidence - to Martin Smith, 23 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, or architect_smith@yahoo.co.uk.

Various groups which oppose HS2, including the 51M Group of county/district councils along the route, are considering the possibility of a Judicial Review, questioning several aspects of last year's consultation exercise. Again, further details are awaited.

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of the **Stoneleigh Action Group**

For up-to-date information check the official site of HS2
www.hs2org.uk

For the Department for Transport comments see
www.dft.gov.uk/topics/high-speed-rail

For the Consultation Report see
www.dft.gov.uk/publications/hs2-consultation-summary

For the Transport Select Committee's report see
www.parliament.uk/business/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/hsr1

JOIN IN THE JUBILEE FUN

In an effort to make the village more beautiful for The Jubilee and the Olympics may we ask all villagers to consider a red, white and blue colour scheme for their front gardens this year.

You might like block colours or mixed.

Please join us and make the weekend of
2nd - 4th June 2012 an extra special one.

Help us to fly the flag!! (in flowers)

Gill Watson
02476-411658



THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION ART COMPETITION

A Reminder - Entries to be in by **1st April** please.

Parents - do encourage your children to enter.

We need lots of entries !

Full details about the competition were
in the February magazine and the
recently delivered leaflet.

Or contact **Sheila Woolf** 02476-418759





STONELEIGH WI

Mike Miles was the speaker at the February monthly meeting. He spoke to us about the women who worked on the canal boats in the Midlands, from the inception of canal transport until its decline in the 1960s. It was a very hard life, although also a close knit community where friends and families were always there to help and support.

Unfortunately the proposed visit to gardens in Painswick was cancelled due to the inclement weather, the snowdrops were beneath the snow!

A successful skittles evening was held at the Leek Wootten social club, with supper provided by Barbara Hines.

Walks have been suspended at the moment, but the lunch hasn't, so no chance to build up an appetite beforehand.

The members of the book club are reading Warhorse by Michael Morpurgo and Sophia's Secret by Susannah Kearsley.

Members of the craft group are producing some beautiful beaded boxes, requiring a lot of time and patience.

The next lunch club is on Tuesday March 6th when roast pork is on the menu. Please ring Rachel Gill on 02476-414030 if you wish to add your name to the list, or if you're unable to attend.

The coffee morning is on Tuesday March 20th

Next month's speaker on Monday March 5th will be Jane Arnold who will be talking about women in Roman times.

Liz Sykes

STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall will include a talk on Ashow, given by David Clark. Members £1, visitors £2.

The next meeting of the Society will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday March 27th at 7.30 pm, when we shall hold our AGM (members only), followed by a speaker to be confirmed – please see website www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk for details.

Sheila Woolf

STONELEIGH - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Theft: Between 09:00hrs and 15:00hrs Wednesday 01/02/2012, unknown offender(s) stole a quantity of coal from the rear of a property situated along Chantry Heath Lane.

A property on the Coventry Road close to the junction of Birmingham Road had its garage broken into between 01:30hrs and 06:45hrs Thursday 09/02/2012. Offender(s) forced the garage door and stole power tools.

We are looking for new NHW members on Church Lane, Coventry Road and Stoneleigh Close. Please contact me on 02476-415060 if you are interested in joining the Stoneleigh NHW team.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and vigilance in striving to keep Stoneleigh safeguarded from crime.

Tony Hanselman

If you wish to report a crime please contact crime desk on 01926-451111. If it's urgent dial 999. Please visit <http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> for force news and information.



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admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

or Sarah Ballinger, Churchwarden

02476-715256

3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT

(Ashow - Leek Wootton - Stoneleigh)

LENT BREAKFASTS

Lent study groups which are preceded by a fellowship breakfast, will take place on Saturday 25th February, and Saturdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March 2012 from 9.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. in Stoneleigh Village Hall. This year we will be studying the film 'The Little Prince' from the story "Le Petit Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

AGAPE MEAL

The three parish Agape Meal which is a simple meal based on the ritual of the Last Supper, will take place at 7.00 p.m. at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Maundy Thursday, 5th April. It will be followed by a 'Pilgrimage' to Stoneleigh Church to strip the altar ready for Good Friday. Please sign up on the lists at the back of all churches if you would like to take part in either of these events. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

COVENTRY PILGRIMAGE

The Coventry Pilgrimage, organised by the Cathedral, will be passing through Stoneleigh on three occasions during the week beginning 26th March, leading up to Palm Sunday. Following the route of the Coventry Way, the walk is open to strollers as well as more seasoned walkers. You can join in any of the evening walks or follow the complete route at the weekend. Further details can be found on the Church Notice board or call Sarah on 02476-715256

LEEK WOOTTON LINK-UP

The congregation at Leek Wootton are trying to deal with a problem this month. There isn't enough space for the Children's groups to meet during the Communion services and some families have begun to stop coming because of the squash! We are experimenting with three different options in the run-up to Easter and asking people for their opinions of what works best: Use another room at a neighbouring house (by kind permission of the owners!), stop the groups and just have a crèche and then have a children's service in the afternoon, or have all groups meet at the school and then walk up to church to join in the end of the service. These will be tried in turn at the 9.30 a.m. communion services on February 26th, March 11th and 25th. Other 9.30 a.m. services are All Age Worship (including Parade Service on Mothering Sunday), and there is a traditional language 8.00 a.m. communion each week.

Jim Perryman

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

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

On the fourth Thursday of each month, at 11.00 a.m.

Jim will hold open 'surgeries' in Stoneleigh Church.

If you would like to speak with him on any matter, please do call in.

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

7.30 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall

April

Please see the Church notice boards and the April Issue of Stoneleigh & Ashow News for all details of the Easter services.

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 Friday 13th July and

Friday 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.

Contacts

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Jim Perryman

Phone 01926-850610 or email: jim@alw-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 contact

Sue Wareham: 02476-415506 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

<http://www.alw-s.org.uk>



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and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2012

	ASHOW	STONELEIGH
Thursday 1 st	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12.00 noon</i>	
Sunday 4 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Thursday 8 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12.00 noon</i>	
Sunday 11 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 15 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12.00 noon</i>	
Sunday 18 th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship
Thursday 22 nd	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12.00 noon</i>	
Sunday 25 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 th <i>Coventry Pilgrimage Service</i> <i>(please see other notice regarding this)</i>		6.30 p.m. the church will be open to welcome walkers for refreshments followed by a service to receive the Cross of Nails at 8pm.
Thursday 29 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh <i>Followed by Lent Lunch at 12.00 noon</i>	
Information about services and events at Leek Wootton can be found within the magazine or at www.a-lw-s.org.uk		

FROM THE REGISTER

Thursday 2nd February 2012

Funeral of Rosemary Carey Williams

Followed by interment of cremated remains in Stoneleigh churchyard
on Thursday 9th February