

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MAY 2012

HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

The first meeting of the Stoneleigh-Kenilworth-Burton Green Community Forum was held at Burton Green Village Hall on 2 April. As agreed at a pre-meeting between the various action groups involved, Councillor Michael Coker chaired the meeting which was well-attended and calm (unlike some meetings further down the route). Several HS2 Ltd. staff were present and made statements about the scope and function of the Fora which had been created along the proposed route in order for them to better understand local issues. Each member of action groups, county and parish councils etc. explained their particular areas of concern and outlined the mitigation they sought. It became clear that further meetings would have to be held between the engineers and environmental experts and each group during which technical and other details could be discussed; StAG/Stareton/Stoneleigh Park have already requested such a meeting and have submitted material about possible mitigation measures in this area. However, it was made clear that the HS2 staff could only feed information back to the Department for Transport - they had no decision-making powers at all.

The next meeting of our forum will take place in late May, after the details of the proposed consultation about compensation have been announced. Meanwhile, the consultation on the Environmental Impact Assessment has been announced and the various action groups, councils and other bodies have been asked to comment by 30 May. The document is 223 pages long and may be found at <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/consultations/environmental-impact-assessment/scoping-and-methodology>

In addition to the Forum, StAG members have attended several meetings, including with Warwick County Council and other local interested parties.

On a wider scale, several Judicial Reviews have been requested, including those by the 51 M group of councils and the HS2Action Alliance.

The situation over HS2 remains very complicated, with technical documents, media interest, and social network sites humming with views on the subject.

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

Margaret Wallis (on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group)

Stoneleigh Youth Group

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration- Stoneleigh Village

As you are aware our village is going full out to make this a very special day, in the form of all kinds of exciting events, like a pig roast, face painting, tombola, and other wonderful acts and activities for all of us here in Stoneleigh. Nora is looking to recruit young helpers to assist on the day. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Thank you to all that helped with the bunting it was very much appreciated. It is great to see new families moving in and lots of children playing positively in our now very busy and bustling community. The main road is tricky and gets very busy becoming dangerous. Please be careful when riding bikes on pavements that you do not accidentally damage cars or run into people. Be extra careful crossing roads. Skate boarders please take care to use open spaces and do not skate in the car park of the village hall when cars are parked. The pitch is in great order and a couple of 5-a-side sessions could be good? **Manhunt** - When or if playing manhunt please stay off the garage roofs these roofs are made of asbestos which is brittle and very dangerous please do not climb up or sit on these roofs.

Useful Contacts for Stoneleigh Youth Group

Check out the Warwick District council website:

<http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/WDC/Leisure/>

There are a wide range of activities, swimming and sports opportunities locally.

Scouts & Cubs <http://www.warwick-scouts.org.uk/>

Guides & Brownies <http://www.ggw.org.uk/index.htm>

Kenilworth Youth and Community Centre (Kenilworth)

Please call them to enquire

Abbey End Car Park – Abbey End

Kenilworth

CV8 1QJ

Tel: 01926 855205

Website address – www.midwarks.info/kyandcc

Senior Youth Club on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Junior Youth Club on Friday eve (two sessions). Term time only.

Thanks to all for their ongoing support in our active youth based and community activities.



Stoneleigh - Neighbourhood Watch Team

Good News – Incident number 404 - 11/07/2011. Bikes taken from an insecure garage at a property on Vicarage Road by a group of teenagers, bikes retrieved at the time by owners. You will be pleased to know a local lad and a lad not from Stoneleigh, were questioned by Police voluntarily and both admitted to the incident. The local lad received a full reprimand for burglary and his details retained on the police systems, the other lad not from Stoneleigh got a final warning. Both lads were reported to be very apologetic, stressing this was a prank that went badly wrong.

Please be aware that over the past few days the occupants of a Grey Volkswagen Golf GTI Auto FN56TTY has been involved in burglaries at homes in Exhall, Bulkington, Rugby and Southam. The vehicle is believed to be on false plates but has not been confirmed at this time. Locating this vehicle is a Warwickshire Police priority and we need your help to find it. If you spot the vehicle in your area please contact Police on 999 and report its whereabouts immediately so that the suspects can be arrested. We believe the suspects are from Coventry and work is underway to identify them. Patrols have been increased in and around Exhall, Bulkington and the main arterial routes between Coventry and Rugby including Southam but this vehicle may pop up elsewhere so please be vigilant.

Rogue traders / builders and scrap collectors are causing issues locally. Please be careful if your door is knocked by such traders as there have been problems in the past and come the better weather they will be out in force. A white van was seen in Hall close end of Feb, a couple of suspicious characters knocking doors; this was reported to the police via 101 afterwards. If you see anybody acting suspiciously, please phone the police immediately as this could be a crime taking place and your call could prevent crime from happening.

If you wish to report crimes please dial the central crime desk number on: 01926 415000 or 101. If its urgent dial 999. All non-urgent calls dial 101.

We are looking for new NHW members on Church Lane; Coventry Rd and Stoneleigh Close, please contact me on 024 7641 5060 to register your interest.

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

Tony Hanselman.



Fred Oatley showing his skills with a tractor.
But what was he doing on the Meadow?
Answer on page 19.

Writers' Group

Do you like to write?

- Scribble a few verses
- Autobiography or biography
- Fiction
- Reviews
- Essays
- Journals

I would like to invite you to help me start a writers' group in Stoneleigh, Ashow and surrounding areas.

If you are interested and would like to find out more information please do contact Maidy;

maidystar@phonecoop.coop or Tel; 02476849386



Stoneleigh WI Report

On 28th March ten members attended the Warwickshire Annual Federation Meeting at Stoneleigh Park. The morning began with the singing of "Jerusalem". The speaker in the morning was Alex McMutrie from the Cabinet Office. He talked about the Honours System and made the point that women are under-represented especially at the higher levels of the system. He explained that anyone can nominate someone for an honour from the Queen. At lunch time the members from Stoneleigh enjoyed Pimms and a picnic in the sunshine. In the afternoon after the distribution of WI awards, Adam Henson from "Countryfile" spoke about several aspects of farming today, including the pros and cons of mega farms, the importance of conservation and the growth in popularity of traditional breeds such as Gloucester Old Spot pigs. A vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Jan Wade, was followed by the National Anthem. The afternoon ended with a spirited rendition of "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life", led by Jan.

The Speaker at the meeting on Monday 2nd April was Jane Arnold and her talk was entitled "Women in Roman Times". She arrived in costume and brought some reproduction Roman artefacts including several cooking pots and other kitchen utensils. She prepared peppered honey cakes and other Roman dishes.

On 5th April a group of members enjoyed a tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford followed by lunch. On 16th April two new members visited Denman College near Abingdon to find out about the courses provided there by the WI and to see the facilities in the cookery school. The craft project for April was ribbon weaving and the lunch club met at the Old Mill Baginton.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 1st May. Please ring Liz Sykes, 02476 418301 if you wish to attend or can no longer attend. The coffee morning is on Tuesday 15th May.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th May**. It will be the Resolutions meeting, when we join with Baginton WI to debate the resolution which will be put to the National AGM in June.

Rachel Gill

Bringing faster broadband to our rural areas

For an update on this please see the details on the village website.

Those readers who are interested in a faster broadband are asked to complete the questionnaire on Warwickshire County Council's website

Comical Church Announcements

With thanks to Mary White and compiled by Max Bowen.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale - it's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The topic for the sermon will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy"

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 - prayer and medication to follow.

Low self-esteem group meet on Thursday at 8pm. Please use the back door.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

New campaign slogan announced last Sunday: "I upped my pledge - up yours!"

from the Vicarage:

One of my greatest hopes is to see a better connection between Church and Village, and also with the wider Parish. Of course, many people in the villages show a great love and service to the buildings and churchyards, which is hugely valued, but the Church is the community of people, not the physical structures, and I would love all the people of the community to feel that they were part of the Church and blessed by being so. This month sees special events to celebrate God's blessings past, to seek his blessing now and to be a blessing to one another.

Rogation Sunday is a great opportunity for the life of the Village and the life of the Church to be united as we bring the Sunday service of worship out of the building and into the community. This year, Rogation Sunday is May 13th and our venue is Stoneleigh. In this service, we move from place to place around the village, pausing to pray for God's blessing on aspects of community life and to worship him for the blessing which comes to us through the community. We will begin at the Village Hall at 11am and work our way ultimately to St. Mary's to conclude our act of worship about an hour later. During this time we will pray for the younger members of the community and the elderly, pray for agriculture and industry, for transport and environment, and for the economy – we will hear God's word from the Bible and sing hymns of praise. I hope that many of you, especially those living in Stoneleigh Village, will come and join with us for all or part of our Rogation pilgrimage and will both be blessed by the experience and be a part of God's blessing to others.

Our parishes have been blessed by the ministry over the years of Gloria Vaughan and David Taylor, and on May 20th we will show our thanks to them both as those ministries come to an end. You can read about the plans elsewhere in this edition, but Gloria writes: *"There seem to be such a lot of things planned for this year, but for me personally, one thing is standing out above all the others. That is my Ordination as Deacon in Coventry Cathedral on 1st July 2012. After three years' training at theological college in Birmingham it is finally going to happen. There were times when it has seemed like an impossible mountain to climb, but everyone has been so supportive and I wanted to say a very personal thank you to each and every one of you who has enquired about my progress along the way. I would also like to thank those who have encouraged my husband, Roy, as he has taken on many of the household chores to free me to study and write the numerous essays involved."*

The final 'special blessing' for us will be the visit to Stoneleigh Parish by the Archbishop of Canterbury who will be at the Kenilworth Showground (opposite the entrance to the NAC) on May 27th to celebrate the "Spirit of the Countryside". Hopefully, there was room to print the flyer for this event in this months 'News' – but if not, please look on the website www.spiritofthecountryside.co.uk for details.

Jim Perryman

(Yes there is Jim! See page 23)

Big Breakfast

The Kenilworth Committee of Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone locally who attended the fund raising Big Breakfast at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Wednesday 18th April or made generous donations instead. The event made the wonderful profit of at least £1250 for Cancer Research. Many thanks to all our supporters and Joe Ball at the Village Hall for his help.



NEWS

STONELEIGH PARK

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PEOPLE BASED AT STONELEIGH PARK

SPRING 2012

Defra supports rural start-ups at Stoneleigh

Stoneleigh Park is one of the beneficiaries of £15 million of rural growth funding.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs aims to help rural entrepreneurs get their business ideas off the ground, achieve their full potential and boost the rural economy.

Refurbishment of a vacant building will provide office space for rural start-up

businesses with meeting and training rooms, hotdesks, rural enterprise support and dedicated support for female entrepreneurs.

As part of the Warwickshire Rural Growth Network pilot, Stoneleigh Park will be at the centre of a countywide hub-and-spoke network, including new enterprise centres at Shipston-on-Stour and Atherstone. The Warwickshire bid estimated benefits of the network to include 150 new business start ups and 500 new jobs over three years.

Horse spa to kickstart national equine centre



Stoneleigh Park has been chosen as the site for a specialist horse rehabilitation centre.

Equine Wellbeing Management proposes specialist care facilities for both horse and rider including hydrotherapy, a solarium, an onsite veterinary practice and professional equine therapists. A lecture room will host a wide range of equine healthcare clinics and workshops and the in-house human clinic will treat both riders and non-riders.

Director Mandy Hall comments, "Our aim is to promote and maintain the highest standards of equine healthcare and Stoneleigh Park provides an ideal location at the heart of British equestrianism."

The new buildings, in the form of a traditional farm and stable complex, would be to the north west of Avenue A.

A planning application was submitted in March. Its success will be a key step towards the creation of a national equine centre.

To locate your business at Stoneleigh Park contact LaSalle Investment Management. Speak to on-site estates director Collin Hooper on 02476 690035.

News in brief

Highways improvement plans submitted

Plans to improve traffic flow around Stoneleigh Park and redirect traffic away from Stoneleigh village were submitted to Warwick District Council in March. Extensive surveys of the travel habits of Stoneleigh Park employees and event visitors supported proposals to create a roundabout at the main gate and an alternative entrance at Gate 3. Consultation with the local highways authority and affected utilities has already established their support.

Demanding superfast broadband

LaSalle is working with Warwickshire County Council to bring superfast broadband to an area covering Ashow, Stoneleigh and Baginton. To be successful, the application to the Defra's Rural Community Broadband Fund must identify problems with current broadband coverage and likely users of the minimum 24 Mbps service. The national funding will go the areas that show greatest demand. To support the application, all residents and businesses are encouraged to complete the survey at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband by 2 May.

Virtually Stoneleigh Park

A multi-functional website for Stoneleigh Park estate goes live at the start of April. The upgrade will have more information for tenants and the surrounding community. New sections include links to tenants' websites, a site map, job vacancies and special offers available to on-site employees. Keep an eye on www.stoneleighparkestate.com from the end of April.

Engineers lower HS2

LaSalle reacted to publication of the High Speed 2 route on 10 January by reaffirming its plans for investment and development. The track, which runs across the north-east corner of Stoneleigh Park, will be sunk below ground level. The first trains will run in 2026, at the earliest.

Fitness centre opens its doors

Stoneleigh Performance Fitness Centre opened its doors in January. The transformation of Building 145 (the former International Pavilion) completed its first phase with new flooring, new lighting, highly qualified instructors and a selection of equipment from top suppliers, such as York Fitness.

The facilities are designed to appeal equally to sportsmen, lifestyle improvers, health improvers and children. Groups are already training together regularly. A new feature is the Saturday morning Family Fit session, when children can have both exercise and fun with their parents or grandparents.

For more information visit
www.stoneleighperformancefitness.com

Contractors should shortly be appointed to build a consented extension. The new changing facilities should be in use by the end of the spring.



At your service

LaSalle's estate management team is now established in a dedicated estate office. You can find Colin Hooper, Richard Wood and Val Cooper in a converted bungalow next to the main entrance. Opening hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

New conference suite for NFU members

NFU member meetings of all sizes can now be accommodated in a new conference suite. Three meeting rooms, holding a total of 80 people, sit alongside expanded catering facilities and overlook an existing ornamental fish pond.

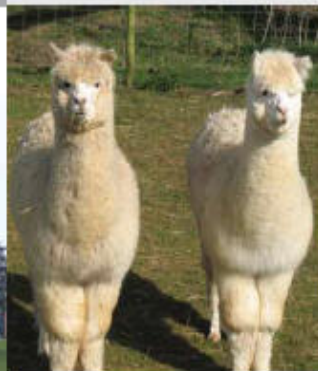


STONELEIGH EVENTS

Rarities from Peru and Birmingham

Some rare Peruvian beauties will be visiting Stoneleigh Park on 28-29 April. The annual Spring Alpaca Fiesta is a free family event, featuring around 300 animals of various breeds, bred largely for their luxurious fleeces.

Other rare beauties – from the West Midlands this time – were on display in February and March. The International MG Show joined the International Triumph Show and Race Retro, the international historic motorsport show, in a hat-trick of the UK's most popular classic car shows and a reminder of the region's rich motoring heritage.



For more information on how to host an event or book a celebration at Stoneleigh Park call Stoneleigh Events on 02476 696 969.

Janet Gibson would like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes during David's illness - he is now progressing slowly, but ladders are now banned from our home!! I now realize the importance of living in a village especially in Stoneleigh - again many, many thanks.

Stoneleigh Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Art Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Jubilee Art competition. Entrants were invited to create a design which incorporated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, or the 2012 Olympics, or Stoneleigh Village – or all three!

In the age 5-8 category:

1st Alice Smith aged 5

2nd Daniel Agranovsky aged 7

3rd Anthony Agranovsky aged 5

and “Commended” Victoria Agranovsky aged 1 ½

In the age 9-12 category:

1st Anya Payne aged 11

2nd Lydia Taylor aged 9 and Ciara Hancox aged 10

3rd Taz Ward aged 11 and Harvey James-Bull aged 9

In the over- 13 category:

“Commended” (and 1st) Alan Ward aged 13

Congratulations to everyone who entered – well done and thank you. Prizes will be presented on June 2nd at the Jubilee Celebrations, after the Tea Party. The “9-12 years” winning design by Anya Payne has been used for the cover of our commemorative programme which accompanies this edition of the *Stoneleigh and Ashow News*. All the designs will be on display on June 2nd.

We should also like to thank Mrs Viv Cooper very much for being our independent “expert judge.”

Stoneleigh Village Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Picture by Anya Payne, 11 years old



Saturday 2nd June from 2pm

LET'S DECORATE STONELEIGH VILLAGE FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE WEEKEND.

Not only with flowers as already suggested, but with bunting and flags so that it looks a riot of colour and a really festive sight !



and a reminder -
**DRESS UP FOR THE JUBILEE
CELEBRATION!**



get planning what you can wear -
prizes for the best
outfits - juniors **and** seniors !

Ruby Roberts

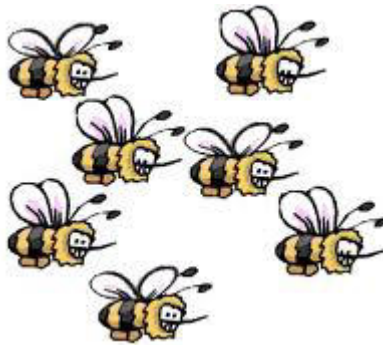
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The Roberts family would like to thank relatives, friends and Neighbours for their support, cards and messages of sympathy following the recent death of Ruby.

They also send their gratitude to everyone who attended the funeral And those who made donations to Victoria Ward, Warwick Hospital, in memory of Ruby.

A May Rhyme

"A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July
Is not worth a fly."



Stoneleigh History Society

In March we held our first AGM and were delighted to welcome a large audience at the Village Hall. It was good to reflect upon the successes of the Society in its first year, but the highlight of the evening was the talk given by our visiting speaker, Patrick McIlroy, who has supervised the restoration of the Humphry Repton landscape at Stoneleigh Abbey. Accompanied by some extraordinary pictures of “work in progress,” Patrick spoke about how restoration work had in fact started seven years ago, following a £950,000 grant. He outlined the extensive civil engineering and other work that had been required to restore the old Cast Iron Bridge, the West Park Weir, the Lake, the Gazebo and Abbey Mill Bridge. The work had in fact cost 50% more than anticipated due to problems discovered once work had begun.

Restoration work continues, and the abbey grounds are returning to Repton’s vision. Wildlife is returning – otters, kingfishers, four varieties of bats, shag and cormorant – as well, of course, as the swans. Everyone felt compelled to make a visit soon!

The April meeting of the Society comprised a visit to the RASE Library at Stoneleigh Park, where there is an extraordinary collection of agricultural books and documents. On May 29th our meeting at the Village Hall (7.30pm) will hear about members’ researches; everyone is welcome.

To coincide with the village’s Jubilee celebrations and the Leamington History Festival there will be a display on “Stoneleigh through the Centuries” in the church, from 1st-10th June. More details in the June edition.

Sheila Woolf



THE STONELEIGH VILLAGE ORCHARD

Did you know that our village has it's own orchard ?

If not - go and look in The Meadow by the Stoneleigh Bridge and see how the new trees are settling in and beginning to bud up.

The Stoneleigh Orchard Group have followed up planting work that commenced in early December with work in the fortnight leading up to Easter intended to create a wild flower meadow between the trees.

Members of the group want to thank John Crane for a grass cut that acted as a first step. Barry Jones then kindly offered the use of one of his vintage tractors to pull an agricultural device called a "scuffle" so designed to create areas of bare earth within the existing flora into which the new wild flower seed could then be sown. Of key importance to the process were the tractor driving skills of Fred Oatley who undertook a truly professional job and didn't hit a single tree throughout the exercise ! Thanks guys !

In the days following this piece of work, members of the group prepared the area to receive the seed as well as rolled the area, with the assistance of tools kindly donated by Barry Constable from the local firm TCL Tool Hire limited.

The work was challenging for all those involved, but fortunately the sun shone brightly upon proceedings and those who attended got the rare benefit of a good March sun tan !

The rain has duly arrived in typical fashion over Easter bank holiday ! and we all look forward to observing the appearance of Cornfield annuals during the summer followed by some recurrent wild flower varieties for the summers to come. We all hope the this work will enhance to this area of the meadow and give additional colour, interest and dimension to our village.

Thanks once again to all who helped with this latest phase in the establishment of The Orchard and a particular 'thank you' to the Stoneleigh Meadows Society for allocating the space for this village project.

If YOU would like to become a 'Friend of the Orchard' and donate £10 as a yearly membership to help with ongoing costs, please contact Pete Freeman for a card.



Stonleigh Village Club

SVC would like to extend a big thank you to all the people who attended the village meeting in support of the future of the Club. We hope to have an update for you shortly.

The club has been busy organising events for the community and welcomes everyone to come along and take part in these functions. We hope you all enjoyed the Easter festivities.

Easter Bonnet Parade – 1st Lisa Ellis 2nd Ryan Gavin 3rd Lauren Gavin

SVC Ladies Night

It is unfortunate that this month has seen the very last 'Ladies Night' event. It is difficult to organise events when numbers cannot be relied upon. The Treasurer and myself needed to make a decision about the subscriptions already paid, which amounted to £34. A proportion of it has been used to support the April event and the remainder will be donated to the church roof appeal. Regards Barbara.

Forthcoming Events:

April

The SVC AGM will be held at 6pm on 29th April – all members welcome

May

8th Cup Final Day – Open all day from 12.00 noon – BBQ & Evening Disco

Duck Race will be held on 14th July this year – please see noticeboard for details.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs have been revised and will commence for the year 1st April 2012

Fees per application as follows:

Single Adult	£12.00	this includes children up to 18 years
Double Adult	£20.00	this includes children up to 18 years
OAP	£5.00	per person

Life membership has been abolished.

We look forward to seeing you in the Club your support is much appreciated.



STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

Membership Application / Renewal Form

1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013

Tick box for membership required

Single adult membership £12.00

Double adult membership £20.00

Senior Citizen £5.00

Surname_____ Name_____

Surname_____ Name_____

Address_____

Postcode_____ Contact No._____

Email address (if any)_____

Email address (if any)_____

Ashow, Burton Green & Stoneleigh Joint Parish Council

Annual Report- 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012

Members

The composition of the Parish Council in May 2011 was as detailed below:

Ashow Ward Councillors H. Baker and Mrs J. Mackenzie.

Burton Green Ward Councillors Mrs M. Hills, V. Owen, A. Taylor & I de Worringham.

Stoneleigh Ward Councillors Mrs L. Fletcher & G. Gatward.

University Ward Councillors Ms T. Grant and D. Persaud.

- At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th May 2011 Councillor H. Baker was appointed Chairman.
- At the May Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Mr R. Hancox and Mr A. Agranovsky were co-opted as Parish Councillors for Stoneleigh Ward
- At the June Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Cllr G. Gatward was appointed Vice-Chairman
- At the June Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Mr D. Botterill and Mrs L. Thrift were co-opted as Parish Councillors for University Ward.
- Following the death of the Chairman Cllr H. Baker, at the October Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Cllr G. Gatward was appointed Chairman and Cllr D. Persaud was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Meetings

During the period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 the following meetings were held: Annual Council Meeting and 11 Ordinary Meetings

Attendance of Councillors at these meetings is detailed below. Councillors with an asterisk after their name were not on the Council for a full year so the number of meetings reflects this position. Maximum possible attendance 12 meetings.

A. Agranovsky*	9	90% attended
D. Botterill	7	88% attended
L. Fletcher	9	75% attended
G. Gatward	8	67% attended
T. Grant	10	83% attended
R. Hancox*	9	90% attended

M. Hills	10	91% attended
J. Mackenzie	12	100% attended
V. Owen	11	92% attended
D. Persaud	9	75% attended
A. Taylor	11	92% attended
I de Worringham	10	83% attended
S. Wyatt*	4	100% attended

Finance

Precept levied for the financial year 2011/2012 was £25,452. Other income during the year was Bank interest of £25.92, concurrent expenditure £180, community forum £3,000 and Village Hall-play equipment £3,630. Total income for the year being £32,287.92, which when added to the accumulated balance gave a working total of £46,941.88.

During the year total expenditure was £19,559.06 which results in a surplus of £27,382.82.

The following grants were distributed during the year:

Ashow Church	£500
Stoneleigh Church	£500
Burton Green Newsletter	£250
Stoneleigh Newsletter	£250
Stoneleigh HS2 Action Group	£647

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th May 2012 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.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

Stoneleigh Action Group (StAG) would like to express their thanks to everyone who came and supported the quiz held on Saturday 24th March at Stoneleigh Village Club. A total of £161.50 was raised with £81.50 being donated to StAG and £80 to the Stoneleigh Village Club.

Thank you too to those who donated raffle prizes and to Martin and Kim Smith for compiling a very successful and enjoyable quiz.

On behalf of StAG

Lisa Reay (Treasurer)

J.L.Huthwaite



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Spirit of the Countryside

*Warwickshire
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*Harbury
Morris Dancers*

*Vintage
Tractors*

A Celebration of Rural Life

**A service and picnic with
The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,
The Most Reverend Rowan Williams**

Entertainment Car parking Toilets

**12 noon on Sunday 27th May 2012
NAC, Stoneleigh CV8 2LG**

**Hog roast and other refreshments available
or bring your own picnic.**

Bring your own rug or picnic chair

Leek Wootton Link-up:

Sunday May 6th sees the first of our Church Summer Teas at All Saints from about 3pm – 5pm. This will also include our annual Teddy Bear Parachute Jumps from the Church Tower. Bears (and other soft toys) and owners of all ages can join in this exciting event – but only the toys get to jump off the tower!

On May 20th at our 9.30 service, we will be saying farewell to Gloria and Roy Vaughan as Gloria finishes her ministry within the Parishes before being Ordained as Deacon on July 1st and moving to All Saints, Emscote to serve as Curate there. We will also be giving thanks for the ministry of David Taylor who has served as Reader and ‘retired’ at the end of last year. David will be granted Reader Emeritus status during the service. There will be a ‘bring and share’ lunch at All Saints’ School in Leek Wootton from about 12 noon to honour them both. Please come and join us.

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.

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

Diamond Jubilee Weekend Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

Stoneleigh Church will open for teas over the weekend and decorated with flowers. There will be a display by the Stoneleigh History Society and a special ‘Songs of Praise’ service at 6.00 on Sunday – further details next month

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.

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To arrange a wedding or a funeral please contact the Vicar,
for any other matter of parish administration please contact Sue Wareham on
02476 415506, Email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk
<http://www.a-lw-s.org.uk>

Stoneleigh and Ashow Churches had an extremely busy Lent and Easter. Communion was held at Stoneleigh Church each Thursday during Lent and this was followed by a simple lunch of soup and bread, with all profits going to charity. Breakfast study groups also took place each Saturday during Lent in the Village Hall. The Ashow Village service and the Stoneleigh All Age Worship service on Mothering Sunday were well attended by families with all the ladies receiving a bunch of spring flowers kindly prepared by Pat Harvey and Susan Spencer. Many thanks to you both.

On Maundy Thursday, the three parish Agape meal was held at Stoneleigh Village Hall and this was followed by a 'pilgrimage' to Stoneleigh Church to strip the altar. This was the first time this had been done at Stoneleigh and it was a very moving and meaningful service. The Good Friday vigil and the Easter Saturday Services of light were well attended and Easter Sunday saw large congregations at both churches, the tradition at Stoneleigh of the Easter egg hunt and the decorating of the Easter Cross by the congregation being extremely popular.

Stoneleigh church was open for tea and viewing the Easter flowers on Easter Saturday, many thanks to the flower arrangers for the spectacular arrangements. (Some of us were in the Cathedral on Easter Monday for the recording of 'Songs of Praise' and the Cathedral flowers were not a patch on the ones at Stoneleigh!).

The Churchwardens and PCC would like to thank all who have contributed in any way at all to make Easter such a special time at both of our churches.

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Le Premier Mai : May the First -

with thanks to Mary White

All over France, on the first of May, friends offer sprigs of lily of the valley to those close to them. In Paris, on every street corner, there are flower sellers with a few stems of "muguet" (lily of the valley) delicately wrapped in cellophane and tied with a white bow. These flowers represent love and friendship, to last throughout the coming year.

Parfum de Bonheur



PUZZLE

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Can you find the hidden sports? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BOXING, CRICKET, CURLING, CYCLING, DIVING, FENCING, FOOTBALL, GOLF, GYMNASTICS, HANDBALL, HOCKEY, HORSE RACING, JUDO, LACROSSE, MOTOR RACING, NETBALL, POLO, ROUNDERS, ROWING, RUGBY, SAILING, SKATING, SKIING, SOCCER, SQUASH, SWIMMING, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING.



If 2 apples and 5 oranges cost £1.30 and 1 apple and 1 orange costs 35p, how much does each cost?

What is this riddle describing?

“When The Horse Strokes The Cat
The Wood Begins to Sing”

Answers on back page



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SERVICES FOR MAY 2012

	ASHOW	STONELEIGH
Sunday 6th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 13 th	11.00 a.m. Three Parish United Rogation Service at Stoneleigh.	
Sunday 20 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 27th	The Archbishop of Canterbury will be visiting the Kenilworth Showground, opposite the main entrance to the showground to conduct an All Age Worship service which will start at 12.00 noon. This will take the form of a 'Celebration of Rural life and The Spirit of the Countryside'. There will be an 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion service at Leek Wootton on that day, but all other services in the benefice will be cancelled and congregations strongly encouraged to go to the event.	
Information about services and events at Leek Wootton can be found within the magazine or at www.a-lw-s.org.uk		

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.

FROM THE REGISTER

Thursday 19th April

Funerals of Cynthia Gray and
Sheila Millar Craig at Stoneleigh,
followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium.

Answers: a violin, apple costs 15p and orange 30p