

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2013

HIGH SPEED RAIL - A PERSONAL CRISIS FOR US ALL

There have been several worrying developments since the February edition of the News. A few days before the 31st January deadline for submissions on the compensation consultation, the Government announced the route for the next stage of the HS2 project - 'The Y Route' which takes the route north of Birmingham towards Manchester and Leeds.

A lengthy debate followed in the House of Commons during which it became clear that the Government (with the support of the Labour Party) is determined to press ahead with the project, regardless of the overall costs, the weak business case, environmental damage AND many years of property and business blight, stress, noise and disruption to thousands of households, including *all* those in this area.

Note that very few properties in this area will have to be demolished and therefore qualify for full compensation; the vast majority cannot claim any compensation until after trains are running (2026 at the earliest) - meanwhile, we are just left to grin and bear it!

Arguments continue about the exact route and its impact, the number and location of stations (definitely not in Coventry) but objections are being disregarded by central Government, the Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd. with little sign that the bilateral meetings on local mitigation or the Community Forums are performing the role they were set up to play, namely listening to local communities.

Certainly we in StAG have become increasingly frustrated that very little notice is being taken of our comments/objections, despite strenuous efforts to produce well-researched documentation, and to engage fully and politely with the officials involved.

The results of Judicial Reviews are awaited but we as a group are now pessimistic about the outcome of our own efforts and those of the other action groups up and down the proposed route. Construction work will have a severe effect on communities. Thus, every road west of Stoneleigh will be severed and this, taken together with proposed contraflow roadworks on the A46, will make communication by road to Kenilworth, Leamington, Warwick etc. difficult,

affecting commuting traffic, private journeys, school buses and - very importantly - emergency services. The recent traffic chaos caused by the Shooting Show at Stoneleigh Park will be nothing compared with what lies ahead for us. There is also a very recent proposal by HS2 Ltd. to site a large spoil dump, compounds and worksites together with temporary accommodation for construction workers of 11,000 square metres between the B4115 (Ashow Road) and the A46. All this will be in addition to the more immediate impacts that the proposed expansion of Stoneleigh Park and the implementation of the Gateway scheme will have on us all (if indeed they go ahead).

The Government still plans to introduce a Hybrid Bill in Parliament before the next election (possibly later this year). This will give the legal go-ahead for the project. Warwick District Council remains opposed, Coventry is wavering.

*If you are concerned let your views be known **urgently** to our MP, Jeremy Wright c/o The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or at wrightjp@parliament.uk*

As before, details of the local and national campaigns are available at www.hs2actionalliance.org and <http://stophs2.org>

Margaret Wallis (On behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group)



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THE STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

DROVE ROADS

How were the animals taken from their pastures to markets before the age of train and lorry? They walked!

The longest and hardest drove route, the route that required the most skill, started in Wales from the far north west and passed nearby - possibly even across the 3rd tee at Coventry Golf Club.

If one sees the drove as a river, the Welsh end was a mass of tributaries which converged in the Midlands then split up again as it neared the South-East. Locally the drove road passed Meriden, Kenilworth, Cubbington, Offchurch and Southam. Thereafter, the destinations included Northampton, Kent, Essex and the London markets.

From the late 16th century, geese and turkeys walked the hundred miles from Norfolk to Leadenhall market in London each year. The journey would take three months and the birds wore special leather boots to protect their feet. Sometimes cattle would give birth along the way, and walk the remainder of the journey with their calves slung beneath them.

What does all this mean to us, here in Stoneleigh and Ashow?

Bruce Smith, historian and expert on Drove Roads, will talk about this ancient tradition at The Stoneleigh History Society meeting on Tuesday 26th March at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be preceded, briefly, by the Society's AGM.

It promises to be a lively presentation, with particular reference to our local drove roads. Find out where the route went near you and how to recognise the old routes, which you may well have driven along in a car recently!

Non-members are also most welcome to attend.

Sheila Woolf



Stoneleigh Park Farm Walk

Saturday 16th March 2013 at 10 am – 12.30 pm

As part of the Friendly Farmer project to help inform communities about local farming, food production and rural management, **Warwickshire Rural Hub** has organised a farm walk around parts of the Stoneleigh Park estate.

The **free of charge** walk will include examples of grassland, woodland and shoot/game management on the estate, the Livestock Market, the sites for the Grasslands and Muck event and the planned Equine Centre. The walk should be of interest to all ages, including children and will be led by Alan Hunt, Stoneleigh Park Farm Manager and Colin Hooper, Estates Director.

You are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear (wellingtons or strong boots) as the walk may involve walking through fields/woodland and uneven surfaces. Mini buses will be available to transport visitors between the various sections of the walk.

Car parking will be available next to the St. Johns Ambulance building just inside the main gate and the walk will commence from there at **10 am**.

The programme will conclude at the Farmers Fayre shop at Stoneleigh Park to hear about locally sourced food. There will also be an opportunity to purchase local produce and refreshments.

Numbers are limited to 30 participants for the walk so pre-booking is essential. Please contact Carrie Robbins at the Warwickshire Rural Hub as soon as possible on carrie@rase.org.uk or telephone 024 7685 8242



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Food & Rural Affairs

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on **Monday 29th April 2013** at 8 pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

All inhabitants of the parish of Stoneleigh who are eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Elections will be held at the meeting to elect candidates for the elected member positions. The successful candidates shall hold office until the end of the third annual general meeting following their election.

If you would like to apply for one of the above positions please do so in writing to:

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Please note:- Jay Huthwaite's new landline number is not a typo. It really is 02475
Editor

Stoneleigh Village Club

March

Sat 2nd Live music: "ACOUSTICA"

Sat 9th Quiz night

Sat 16th Paddy's Night

Sat 23rd General Social Night

Sat 30th Easter Treasure Hunt
around the village



Enjoy Your Club!

(It's not only open on a Saturday!)

Please see the noticeboard and emails for details and any changes to the social events.

If any members are not receiving email notifications from the club please drop your name and email address into the club then we can put you on the list.

Thank you for your continued support

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The March Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Ashow Village Club, Ashow at 7.30 pm on 14th March 2013.

WDC – New Plastics Recycling Scheme

From the 1st April you will be able to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays through the red box and bag scheme. Between the 11th and 22nd March refuse crews will be putting a collection calendar on all grey bins with further information about the new scheme. A leaflet will be sent through the post to properties without a grey wheeled bin.

WDC plan to deliver an additional recycling bag to all properties between 25th February and 31st March 2013. The new bag will be exactly the same as the current recycling bags. It can be used for cardboard and plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles - mixed together or preferably separated into separate bags. The new bag is purely to provide extra space for the new plastics that can be recycled. WDC will only deliver 1 bag per property and are therefore asking residents to trial their new bag throughout April. If you still need extra bags after this time please contact WDC to order one in May.

Telephone – 01926 - 412464

Email – contract.services@warwickdc.gov.uk

Website – www.warwickdc.gov.uk/recycling

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk



WI REPORT



At our monthly meeting on 5th February members took part in a gentle 45 minute Tai Chi session led by Ernie Boxall. We were assured that Tai Chi would reduce our stress levels and improve our balance and flexibility.

Members of the craft group have been busy this month making padded boxes and attending a ribbon flower demonstration and a weaving workshop.

On January 30th about forty members and friends enjoyed skittles and supper at the Sports and Social Club in Leek Wotton.

The book club met on 12th February as the meeting in January was cancelled due to bad weather. The books discussed were "The Railway Detective" by Edward Marston and "Sarah Thornhill" by Kate Grenville.

At our meeting on March 4th the speaker will be Marilyn Payne from "Save the Children".

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 5th March. The menu will be chicken and ham pie followed by lemon cheesecake. If you would like to book a place please contact Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301. The next coffee morning will be on 19th March at Stoneleigh Village Club.

Rachel Gill

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report in January 2013

Please be vigilant as a Community and keep an eye on each other's property. Remember to keep safe at all times.



Neighbourhood Watch - Safer Neighbourhood Team

*Does not recommend you to put yourselves in harm's way
If you see a crime being committed Dial 999 straight away*

Tony Hanselman



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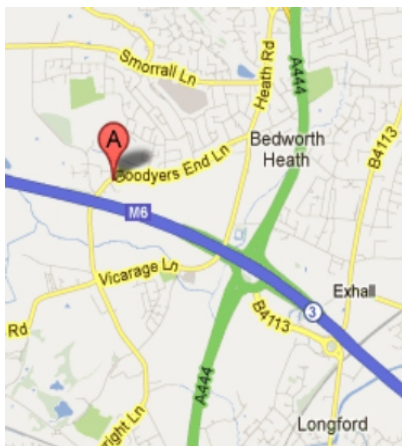
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WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY OIL SYNDICATE

Some readers of the Stoneleigh & Ashow News already participate in very effective oil-buying syndicates but some of those that do not may be interested in The Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate, run by Warwickshire Rural Community Council.



One of twenty-two Rural Community Councils (all long-standing independent charities) across England, running an oil syndicate.

They have no connection to any oil supplier and are simply interested in obtaining the best possible price per litre.

People join the oil syndicate by paying an annual membership fee, currently £20 per annum, directly to Warwickshire Rural Community Council, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

A recent deal was negotiated with oil supplied at a price of 61.95 pence per litre, giving a saving of 6.42 pence per litre against the average market price. (Results from their latest survey were: market high 77.5 ppl; internet average 63.95 ppl; market average 68.37 ppl).

If you are reliant on heating oil and would like to join members in making savings please email oil@wrccrural.org.uk, telephone 01789 472611, or have a look at www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/oil. The syndicate is open to households, community groups and businesses.

Margaret Wallis



FROM THE VICARAGE:

March is an awkward month for magazine articles! The final day of the month will be Easter Sunday – but by then you should be receiving the April edition. So I have decided to let the year pass more slowly and save Easter for next month. Sorry if this means that you get my Easter greeting a day or two late.

Last month, I introduced the theme of Lent as a time to 'come and reason together' with God and to allow his love to sweep over you like drifting snow. Thank you to those who have commented about how helpful you found this.

On March 17th, our normal services in Leek Wootton are being disrupted by the road closures in place for the new Warwick Half-Marathon, so the 9.30 am service will be cancelled. However, every problem is an opportunity to do something different so, later in the afternoon (5.00 pm), I am planning a "**Passiontide Commemoration**". This will be something akin to a Christmas 'Nine Lessons and Carols', but will, instead of leading us to Bethlehem, take us on a journey to Jerusalem through readings and songs to help us see the bigger picture of those dramatic events of the week which culminated in the crucifixion of Christ. It will be a new experience for me and I hope that many from our three parishes will gather to enter in to this drama for themselves and let it come alive in a fresh way. It should also help us to understand in a more personal way the cost and value of God's love shown to us in Jesus, and maybe make our Easter celebrations even more special than normal.

The previous week, of course, is that special celebration of Mothering Sunday. Bring the whole family along to one of our churches to join in the celebration of and thanksgiving for all those who are mothers, and also all those who care for us and nurture us – who fulfil a mothering role in our lives – including your Parish Churches as we hold you in our prayers.

If there is anything in particular that you would appreciate prayer for, please drop a note or make a phone call to the Vicarage or send an e-mail to prayers@a-lw-s.org.uk and we have people who will commit themselves to pray for you and your concerns. The same is true if you would value a visit from the vicar or a member of a parish pastoral team – just ask.

Jim Perryman

LEEK WOOTTON LINK-UP:

We had a very good time at our Christingle service and Pancake Party at All Saints in February. Sadly, numbers were disappointingly low, but for those who came it was a very worthwhile and enjoyable time. During March, in addition to the Passiontide Commemoration service mentioned elsewhere, Leek Wootton is hosting the three Parish Agape meal on Maundy Thursday at the Leek Wootton Village Hall, beginning at 7 pm. This is an informal Holy Communion set in the context of an evening meal as we think about the "Last Supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples. To help with catering, please contact the Vicarage or sign on the list in one of the three Churches if you would like to come to this.

Don't forget that our parishes are also part of Churches Together in Kenilworth and District. There is a new website being set up to bring news of our various ecumenical events – worship and social – and this can be found at www.ctkd.org.uk where you will find news of the Women's World Day of Prayer events and also the Good Friday Procession of Witness and ecumenical service in Talisman Square. There will also be news of the various services for Holy Week and Easter across the different fellowships.

Jim Perryman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Friday 8th March 6.45 p.m. in Stoneleigh Village Hall - Film Night
'*Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*'

Tickets £3.00 available from Stoneleigh Churchwardens

Make yourself feel at home

Bring your own wine, cushions or a comfy chair

Coffee and Cake in the interval

April

Friday 12th April 7.30 p.m. in Stoneleigh Village Hall – Quiz Night

Monday 22nd April 7.30 p.m. Ashow APCM

Tuesday 23rd April 7.15 p.m. Stoneleigh APCM in Church

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012

As I write this report the draft accounts have been passed to the examiner, for him to give his seal of approval. It is every treasurer's expectation that if any errors are found they will be minor ones! The draft accounts show that we had a trading surplus of £2,536 at the end of the year.

The rejection by English Heritage of our grant application, to support our own efforts to raise the estimated £280,000 total required for the replacement of the nave roof and repair of the stonework, has overshadowed our activities in 2012. However, our efforts to raise money have continued. We now have £26,999 in the designated roof fund compared to £19,726 at the end of 2011.

Income raised through gift aided personal giving has increased year on year as have our other collections. Given that in 2011 the total gift aid recovered was inflated by money raised from one off donations, the 2012 total figure, of £23,548 for income from giving, is very encouraging.

Overall expenditure is down £1,628 and this is positive. There are headings that reflect an increase over 2011 but most of those are the outcome of increased VAT and costs generally.

This is a brief summary of last year's accounts. If you want more of the detail come along to the church on 23rd April for the Annual Parish meeting.

Syd Creed

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Ashow Contact: Stephen Harvey 01926 852543

Stoneleigh Contact: Ian Smith 01926 853238

To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral please contact the Vicar

For Pastoral Care please contact Dr Elizabeth Penlington on
024 7641 9707

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
Sue Wareham, 024 7641 5506

<http://www.a-lw-s.org.uk>



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SERVICES FOR MARCH and EASTER 2013

Sunday 3 rd	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow
Thursday 7 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 10 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 14 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh 5.00 p.m. Passiontide Commemoration at Leek Wootton
Thursday 21 st	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 24 th	PALM SUNDAY 9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Thursday 28 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh, followed by the stripping of the altar 7.00 p.m. Agape meal at Leek Wootton Village Hall
Friday 29 th	GOOD FRIDAY 2.00 p.m. One hour devotional service at Stoneleigh
Saturday 30 th	EASTER EVE 6.00 p.m. Service of Light at Ashow 7.00 p.m. Service of Light at Stoneleigh,
Sunday 31 st	EASTER DAY 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Information about services and events at Leek Wootton can be found at
www.a-lw-s.org.uk