

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



APRIL 2013

From the Vicarage:

We have a new Archbishop – and it was a wonderful day at Coventry Cathedral on Friday 15th March as around 1000 people gathered with Justin Welby to share in an experience of prayer for him and for the nation. At the end of the day, Archbishop Justin commented: **“Today has been a really extraordinary day in terms of meeting so many people I remembered and knew. Coventry, Southam and Nuneaton have all formed me and trained me in so many ways. I’ve been reminded of the power of the reconciliation story and the need for that to be central to our ministry as Christians. And I’m hugely grateful to the Cathedral for hosting this part of the prayer journey; just the extraordinary way that they have opened the place up, and the number of people who’ve come. So I want to say thank you to them and also to thank God for what He gave me through working here and to rejoice in that.”** You can read more about his visit on the diocesan website www.coventry.anglican.org

We have a new Pope – and he certainly appears to be offering something different by his choice of name and his early actions in Rome. At the conclusion of his first sermon on the day after his election, he said, **“When we journey without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord, we are worldly: we may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, but not disciples of the Lord. My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, yes, the courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Lord’s Cross; to build the Church on the Lord’s blood which was poured out on the Cross; and to profess the one glory: Christ crucified. And in this way, the Church will go forward.”** From the website www.vatican.va

We cannot ignore the appalling events of the past which have blighted lives and damaged the church, but the message of Holy Week and Easter is one of Christ suffering for the sin of the world and the church, and offering to both new life and new hope. His sacrifice was once for all, but the new life and new hope is fresh time after time. Let us pray for Archbishop Justin and pray for Pope Francis, that they may have the courage and strength to stand firm in their proclamation of the cross which is the only source of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope for the future.

I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter season and pray that you too may find renewal at this time of new beginnings in the Church and new life in creation around us. If I can be of help in this, please do contact me.

Jim Perryman

HS2 Latest

As I write this, the Hon Mr Justice Ouseley has made his pronouncement on the Judicial Review challenges.

There were 5 separate challenges and the Government "won" (as they see it) more than they lost. The challenges came from such issues as the Consultation process (and the way it was handled in) late Summer 2011. The one challenge which the Judge upheld relates to the existing Compensation consultation, which the Judge labelled as "so unfair as to be unlawful". The Government will have to re-consult, the good news for us is that perhaps (and I can only stress perhaps) there will be a better compensation scheme in place for anybody struggling to realise the market value of their property over the next 12 years or so.

The end result is that the Government are seeing this as a green light for the HS2 scheme and appear determined to press on. I can only repeat what I have said in the past, that those people who think this project will be cancelled, have diminishing pieces of evidence to support their argument. We have to take this seriously as a community.

We had both an engineer meeting with HS2 staff in February and our latest Community Forum. Some of you may have heard that there is a proposal to site a construction "village" on the Stoneleigh Park land under the shadow of the A46, ie where "Grasslands" is held. This is a serious setback and will potentially overload our resources with the potential to have the same number of workers living on the field as there are in Stoneleigh village. Numbers have not been confirmed, and never will be, but the site proposed is large enough for this. The argument goes that if the workforce is on site then they will not need to travel, however there will be work camps every 10 miles or more potentially, so you can draw your own conclusions since you might not be able to drive cars down a partially completed rail line. Currently the plan is for the entry to the site to be on the Birmingham Road near the A46, but will this remain the only point of access for lorries delivering materials and cars for workers? We are appealing to WCC for help, I would like to say that we would

like to appeal for help and support from Warwick District Council, but their stance to refuse to engage with HS2 does the communities no favours, in my view. There are no timescales either for any of this, and much more detail is required. We also have expressed repeated concerns that attempts to realign the A46 will result in potential traffic deadlock. Dalehouse Lane will probably be closed whilst the road is realigned (no space to move it to one side), and with disruption to all our other roads scheduled for the same time. this will result in chaos.

If you want to view the latest engineering and construction proposals, these are to be found online on the village website. I haven't even started on conversations about the route and visual and acoustic screening, because these discussions have not started as yet!

I think it fair to say that after 3 years, the current members of the Stoneleigh Action Group are suffering from fatigue. It's up to you to assess if it's worth your time but we could do with newer members who have time to share out the many fruitless meetings (you have to go to know this) and people with enthusiasm, time or specialist knowledge would be gratefully welcomed.

Please give one of us a call or communicate via your Parish Councillors, whom I hope won't mind passing on a contact.

Sincerely

Martin Smith

Stoneleigh Action Group.

A spring thought....

I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd.....

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A heartfelt thankyou.

I would like to thank everybody who kindly sent me Get Well cards when I was in Walsgrave Hospital for nine days. They all cheered me up.

My cancer scar is healing nicely, but now I have to have radio-therapy follow-up.

The daffodils from the P.C.C. and church congregation were lovely and looked so bright at home, thank you all so much.

Love and best wishes

Mary White



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What's your view of Warwickshire?

A local charity is looking for people with a love of photography to share their work with a wider audience. WRCC is looking for people to submit original photographs which depict both rural Warwickshire and its communities to brighten and illustrate their website, which is currently undergoing a makeover.

Those submitting photographs will be credited when their work appears on the website. Anyone interested in submitting a photograph can find more details at

<http://www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/whats-your-view-warwickshire>

River Works at Stoneleigh

Should you be wondering what is being built by the River Sowe, close to The Mill House, Coventry Road, the following information has been provided by the Environment Agency:

Fish and eel passes are being installed on the river to help fish pass over weirs and other structures that are in place to assist with the management of water levels and reduce flood risk.

The project at Stoneleigh is part of a larger scheme across the Midlands to improve fish migration and provide unrestricted fish passage on the River Sowe. This work complements previous work carried out at Baginton Mill in 2012, where a rock ramp fish pass has been created.

Adam Deeks, the Project Manager from the Environment Agency, said: “We are designing and installing the fish pass in Stoneleigh to help fish and eels pass man-made structures such as gauging weirs. Although these structures help us to measure and manage water levels to reduce the risk of flooding, they also act as barriers that stop fish and eels swimming to other stretches of the river and beyond. Since the 1980s European eels entering rivers in the UK and Europe have declined in numbers. The area at Stoneleigh is important for wildlife and the improvements being carried out will help fish species thrive there for years to come.”

During the works, all efforts are being made to ensure the site is sensitively managed for wildlife. Some tree clearance to the west of the site had to be done to gain access for the work. This has taken place before the bird breeding season and, once the work is completed, trees will be planted to make good the site and enhance the area for wildlife. The project is due to be completed during May.

The work is being carried out under the Water Framework Directive which aims to protect and improve the quality of water environments, helping to support environments and the wildlife that depends upon them. The cost of the project is £250,000.

Environment Department

(with thanks to Robin Bussell for taking the time to research and compile the article)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The April Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 11th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

This is a meeting for Councillors which the public has a right to attend.

Stoneleigh's Annual Village Meeting will be held in Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 25th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

This is a statutory meeting at which members of the Parish Council are required to report back to the electorate on their work over the past twelve months and for the electorate to discuss their hopes and/or concerns in the Village.

Precept/Council Tax 2013/14

The precept for the next financial year April 2013-March 2014 was agreed at £15,765. Included in this figure is a sum of £3,000 to be used (in case of need) for fighting the Gateway Project and for Neighbourhood Plans.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

Some more Spring time thoughts:

I know there are many blessings received each day but sometimes we are too busy to recognize we are receiving one.

Your kind words and actions will go into the history book of someone's life.

Your rudder is the past and your vision is tomorrow. Should you come into a storm, stay focused and turn your boat into the wave; the sun will soon shine again.

Stoneleigh History Society

At our February meeting we were privileged to hear a presentation given by Nora Blagburn, accompanied of course by a superb selection of slides shown by husband Will. Their theme was the early days of the construction of Stoneleigh Close, together with their memories of the many activities with which the two of them have been involved during their 50+ years in the village. Recalling life at the school, the post office, the mothers' and toddlers' group, the fight against airport expansion and the many neighbourly celebrations in the Close, they led us down memory lane in a most entertaining way, leaving us breathless with admiration at their energy, which seems to continue unabated to this day.

This issue of the *News* will probably not reach you until after our AGM on March 26th. If it does so, however, you are most welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm, when after the formal business of the meeting we shall hear a talk by Bruce Smith on Local Drove Roads. It promises to be a fascinating insight into our area in times gone by.

The Society continues to grow and we have many future projects in mind. We shall be mounting our Jubilee Display once again this summer, since the Diamond Jubilee of the Coronation is actually 2013, of course. We have plans for both 2014 and 2015: never let it be said that a History Society doesn't look to the future! With that in mind, it would be lovely if some of our young people in the village might like to get involved – ideas welcome!

Our April meeting, on the last Tuesday of the month – the 30th. – will give all our members an opportunity to discuss new projects and research. Why not come along?

Sheila Woolf

PUBLIC NOTICE
STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS
CHARITY
(702842)
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:

The Hon. Secretary, Liz Sykes, 6 Walkers Orchard, Stoneleigh, CV8 3JG.

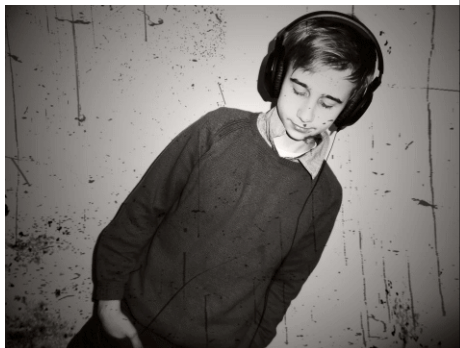
"Charlie Blackwood from Ashow is looking forward to becoming a member of the next "One Dimension" boy band.

With his new group, Mercia, they are taking part in a new media project to get their music across to a wider audience.

Their first professional music track can be downloaded at Indiegogo.com.

If you search the Creative Film Network campaign and click on the Mercia package, you'll be able to hear their work.

Good luck to Charlie and Mercia!"



WI Report

At our monthly meeting on 5th March, Marilyn Payne spoke about the Work of 'Save the Children'. She talked about her visit to India to see volunteers at work providing food and education to children living in poverty.

On Wednesday 20th March, a group of members attended the Annual Meeting of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes. The main speaker was Kay Alexander, former Chairman of the Birmingham Assay Office and former Midlands Today presenter. Stoneleigh WI's Annual Dinner took place at Guys Cliff on Friday 22nd March.

The next village lunch will be on April 2nd. If you would like to book a place, please contact Liz Sykes on 024 76 418301. The next coffee morning will be on 16th April at Stoneleigh Village Club.

At our next meeting on 8th April, Barbara Gee will be giving a flower arranging demonstration.

STONELEIGH WI OPEN MEETING

MONDAY MAY 13TH 2013

A talk by Ray Sturdy on Triumph Motor Cycles

Entrance £2 including refreshments

Everyone Welcome

LATEST EVENTS

Please find the latest events below. Click on an event below to learn about it in more detail:

[Great Central Railwayana: Live Auctions](#)

13 Apr 2013

Great Central Railwayana Auctions hold fully catalogued live auctions at Stoneleigh Park. Auctions are of 500 lots of hardware Railwayana. Viewing starts at 8.00am Sale starts at 10.00am For...

[Read more](#)



[International Antique & Collectors Fair](#)

15 Apr 2013

Exhibition

International Antiques & Collectors Fairs comes to Stoneleigh Park IACF are the organisers of the biggest and very best UK antique fairs. For quality antiques.

Some more Spring thoughts.

Life has many different chapters for us. One bad chapter does not mean the end of the book.

“Vast deal of time spent in thinking of what we have done & in fruitless imaginations concerning what we are to do (sic)”. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Stoneleigh Village Club

April

Sat 6th Quiz Night

Fri 12th Race Night

Sat 13th Cricket Club Social

Sat 20th Fish n Chips Night

Tues 23rd Jim Ball Trophy tbc

Friday 26th SVC AGM



Enjoy Your Club!

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

Thank you
continued



for your
support

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs have been revised and will commence for the year 1st April 2013.

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.

An application form is on the next page.



STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

Membership Application / Renewal Form

1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014

	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)_____

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(it does help us to let you know of upcoming events etc by email if you have one)

Stoneleigh Bits and Bobs

Polite Reminder

You may have noticed recently that the grass verge to The Green has been re-cut and tidied.

The Green has been affected by the very wet weather and parking of car wheels on the grass does not help. Please can you park carefully ensuring that you are not damaging the grass verges or the granite sets to the pavement edge.

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Ashow News

The Ashow website has been revised and expanded.
It can be visited at [Ashow.info](http://www.ashow.info).

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David Clark

Ashow Church Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) will be held at Ashow Village Club at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd April.

Please come to find out and have a say in all that is happening in Church, and the exciting possible changes for the future.

"A Date for your Diary" - Wednesday 19th June. Late Spring Show- Supper and evening entertainment by Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, at Stoneleigh Village Hall, to raise money for essential repairs at Ashow Church.

Many thanks,
Stephen Harvey



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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH

Dates For Your Diary

Everyone is most welcome to any of the events listed below, we look forward to seeing new faces – and old!

April

Friday 12th 7.30 p.m. QUIZ NIGHT in Stoneleigh Village Hall

Teams of up to 6 people £7.50 each including ploughman's supper

Bring your own glasses and wine.

Tickets available from the Parish Office admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk or Sarah Ballinger 02476 715256

If you are concerned about the running of your churches please come along to one of the Annual Church Meetings:

Monday 22nd April, 7.30 p.m. Ashow APCM in Ashow Club

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

May

Friday 10th 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. Film Night in Stoneleigh Village Hall, further details next month.

CONTACTS

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Jim Perryman

Phone 01926 850610 or email: jim@a-lw-s.org.uk

Ashow Contact: Stephen Harvey 01926 852543

Stoneleigh contact Ian Smith 01926 853238.

To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral please contact the Vicar,
for Pastoral Care please telephone Dr Elizabeth Penlington on
02476 41 9707, for any other matter please contact the
Parish Administrator, Sue Wareham, 02476 415506,

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

**Stoneleigh Village Club
Notice of Annual General Meeting
To be held at Stoneleigh Village Club
Friday 26th April at 7.30pm.**

Nominations for all posts can be made by completing a
form at the bar.

We are actively looking for an individuals to take forward our
active social programme into a new year and to look after the House
and Bar.

Please consider what you might be able to offer to help your Club.
We look forward to seeing you there.

*(Kim and Martin would like to thank everybody for their support and encouragement
this year in attending the Social events and for offering ideas and suggestions.
We are sorry to have taken this decision to step down, but we would be very happy to
discuss this post with anybody interested and to show you all the information and
draft programme we have devised.
It is a very rewarding task and we have enjoyed meeting new people
during our term of office.)*

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS

The May issue will be compiled by **Sheila Woolf**
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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2013**



Sunday 7 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 11 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 st	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 25 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh

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

Everyone is welcome to all services at both churches. If you are nervous about coming to church, perhaps if you haven't been for a while, please don't be, we love to see different faces and look forward to perhaps having a chat over coffee afterwards.

Stoneleigh Church is open every day from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. If you would like a time of peace and prayer, there is a prayer table with leaflets and suggestions should you need any assistance. Please write your prayers in the prayer book if you would like the congregation to include your prayers in the services.

If you know of someone who has just moved into Stoneleigh, please let us know so that our pastoral team may welcome them.

We are busy preparing a new electoral roll, which has to be completely re-done every six years. If you were on the previous electoral roll and you consider yourself to be a member of the congregation, whether regular or not, please email or telephone Sue for an application form ASAP.