STONELEIGH & ASHOW



JULY / AUGUST 2013

From the Vicarage



And so we come to my last 'From the Vicarage'.

My final Sunday services at Ashow and Stoneleigh will be on 21st July and I will then release half my stipend to be available to fund a new minister to come and give focussed (though part-time) spiritual leadership and pastoral care to the two parishes. I will try to do the same in Leek Wootton, where I will continue as part-time Priest-in-Charge. I will, of course, keep a prayerful interest in all that goes on here and hope that the friendships built up over these past five years will continue.

In the end, things moved extremely quickly on this and it became clear that I would have to step down from my role in the villages before the vacancy could be advertised. The advert for the post of Priest-in-Charge for Stoneleigh and Ashow has now been sent around the Diocese and can be seen on the diocesan website **www.coventry.anglican.org/home/vacancies** and I hope that some good candidates come forward for interview who can see the great opportunities for serving these parishes and helping the churches to flourish and grow in their worship of our loving God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in their making of new disciples of Jesus, and in their work of transforming communities with the incarnate presence of the Spirit of God.

During the period of vacancy (*interregnum*), please contact the Parish Administrator (Sue Wareham) and the Churchwardens (Ian Smith, Sarah Ballinger, Stephen Harvey and Kate Jones), who will do all they can to help you. By the end of August,

there will be a slight change made on the Parish website - the front page www.a-lw-s.org.uk will offer you a link to one of three parish home pages. Direct links to the individual parishes be made using addresses can the www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk www.ashowchurch.co.uk or www.leekwoottonchurch.co.uk, and the Stoneleigh and Ashow sites will still link to each other and include a united calendar page. E-mails sent to @a-lw-s.org.uk addresses will get an automatic response pointing people to alternative contacts.

Thank you for all the kindness and encouragement I have received during my time with you, and for the privilege of sharing with many of you the joys and sorrows of life. A heartfelt apology to anyone whom I have hurt or disappointed in any way, and my prayers and very best wishes for the future.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.





This month's front cover:

Ashow's new bench "Take a seat & rest your feet"

Photograph by Lucy Morris

High Speed Rail (HS2) Latest

Frustration is growing about how this area will be affected during the construction of HS2, let alone afterwards. During the recent HS2 Ltd Roadshow, on their draft environmental statement it was revealed that construction will take place over five years, during which time the local road network will be seriously disrupted and there will be considerable additional traffic (lorries and heavy machinery as well as workers). The location of a site for machinery and accommodation between the B4115 and the A46 is a cause for huge concern because *every* resident will be inconvenienced. The combination of noise, dust and congestion is hard to comprehend.

Readers are requested to respond to the draft environmental statement, making their concerns known in the strongest possible terms. Faced with several years when, according to HS2 Ltd, over 500 vehicles a day will access the compound, how will YOU get your children to school, get to work, visits friends and families, meet medical appointments etc? What if there is an emergency? How do you feel about years of dust, noise and general disruption? Silence will be interpreted as agreement with proposals. The deadline for submissions is 11th July.

Online responses can be sent via **http://hs2draftes.dialoguesbydesign.net**. You do not have to complete the questionnaire. If you want to write about one or two aspects of the proposals, you can send your comments

to **HS2DraftES@dialoguebydesign.com**. Full documentation can be seen at **www.hs2.org.uk/draft-environmental-statement**. (Section 18 covers Stoneleigh-Kenilworth-Burton Green.) Tel: 0300 123 1102 (Mon-Fri working hours) for hard copies.

StAG plans to prepare a response, but individual responses are also important. Those on our email list will receive some background information shortly. If you are not on this list, please contact **stagagainsths2@live.co.uk**. If you don't have access to the internet, contact Martin Smith after 1st July on 024 7669 0906.

Meanwhile, StAG continues to record our concerns in all possible areas (HS2 engineers, our MP Jeremy Wright jeremy.wright.mp@parliament.co.uk - County / District / Parish Councils etc), but as yet - very regrettably - there are no signs that these are being addressed by HS2 Ltd. All other groups along the HS2 route are similarly frustrated - and angry. However, the arguments against HS2 are being aired increasingly throughout the media, including specialist journals, so we cling to the hope that the Government, and those who continue to support the idea of this project, will see sense before it is too late. On 26th June, the 'Paving Bill' will be introduced in the House of Commons and, if passed, this will enable work to continue on the project until its final authorisation through a Hybrid Bill next year. Therefore, there is a relatively short time remaining in which to make views known.

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)









Ashow News

Tuesday 18th June saw the funeral of Edna Morgan (Pat Harvey and Kate Jones' mother) at Ashow Church, and we would like to thank everyone who has written, attended the service or donated to Cancer Research UK in Edna's memory. She had a major ground-breaking operation for cancer treatment in the 1980s which gave her another 30 years of life well lived.

The Evening of Entertainment with a fish and chip supper and the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir was very successful in raising money for restoration work at Ashow Church; tickets sold out some weeks prior to the event, with a waiting list! Could we remind people that if they wish to book for the Con Voce Choir Concert in church, performed by the popular choir from the South Wales valleys, on Saturday 5th October, they should put it in their diaries and apply for tickets as soon as they are advertised to avoid disappointment?

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual church and churchyard working party in May, followed by an enjoyable picnic lunch organised by Pat Harvey.

As you will already have read, our vicar Jim is leaving, and his last service will be at Stoneleigh on Sunday 21st July, followed by refreshments in the church. We hope and pray that it will not be too long before a new vicar is appointed.



Stephen Harvey



Leek Wootton link-up

Two weddings, a church fete, a 'Songs of Praise' and a village echoing to the sound of thousands of runners passing through on the Two Castles Run. June has certainly had its special moments.

The Vicarage and its garden have seen quite a lot of activity too, with a social evening for the members of the three PCCs and their spouses, plus various groups of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides coming for pond dipping and camping skills activities – not to mention a new washing machine which doesn't have the added function of washing the floor!

Still to come at the time of writing is the annual School v Village Cricket Match – the controversy of last year's final over still fresh in the memory of those involved (strange that it never made the national - or even the local - press)!

The fete raised around $\pounds 3100$, which was very encouraging and will be a great help to the church at what is a challenging time financially.

As we move into July and August, we will be having a Parade Service on 7^{th} July celebrating the work of our Scouting and Guiding groups in the village, and including the dedication of the new Brownie flag.

The children and staff of All Saints' School will come to the church for their end-of-term assembly, where we will be presenting all the Year 6 children with bibles as they move on to various secondary schools – and will also be acknowledging the progress of those moving from 'Key Stage 1' to 'Key Stage 2' (which translates into old English as Infants to Juniors! ⁽ⁱ⁾)

During the Summer holidays, for three mornings from Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd August, we will have our annual Holiday

Club at the school for children who will be at Primary School from September. This year, we will be on the theme of "The Storykeepers", using stories of Christians in Rome in 64AD – the time of Emperor Nero and the Great Fire. Don't worry though – none of the children will get thrown to the lions. If any children from Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes want to join in, please contact Katie Hodgson for details - **katie@iconic-investments.co.uk**.

Our Summer Teas continue on the first Sunday afternoon of each month (through to September) from 3pm to 5pm. Do come and join us for some cake and a cuppa.



Jim Perryman



Interment of cremated remains at Stoneleigh -Geoffrey Calcot Kerby

> **Friday 24th May 2013** Funeral at Stoneleigh - Avril Tomson

Tuesday 18th June 2013

Funeral at Canley and service of thanksgiving at Ashow for the life of Edna Morgan

Could you care for a dog or cat?

The Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Society (TARRS)

is looking for foster carers.

Our aim is to rescue and rehabilitate animals in the Warwickshire area -

strays, animals with behaviour problems, and those that can no longer be looked after by their owners -

and we require foster carers to look after these animals.

We'd love to hear from you if:

- You could commit to a minimum of six months' fostering;
- You'd be able to not leave the dog or cat alone for more than four hours;
- You have a secure garden and either own your own home or have permission from your landlord to have pets staying.

We are also looking for homes without any animals already in the home for our special cases.

We can be found at **www.TARRS.org.uk**, email us at **tarrs_volunteer1@hotmail.co.uk** or call 0773 4442785 for more information on this and other current roles. We always welcome donations too; without them we will not be able to continue rescuing dogs and cats.

Thank you for reading this.



Parish Council Notes

Meetings

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30pm. The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 12th September 2013 at 7.30pm.

Stoneleigh Village Play Equipment

The grass surrounding the play equipment at the side of the Village Hall needs continual maintenance. It would be helpful if a team of volunteers would agree to go on a rota to keep this grass neatly cut. If there were enough volunteers, then the task would not be too onerous.

If you are willing to assist, please either let Richard Hancox know on 07766 804380 (richard.hancox@amey.co.uk) or myself on 01926 491482 (maddisonsgandpa@fsmail.net).

Pat Maddison

Parish Clerk





As part of the process to incorporate the Village Club as a company, and then to purchase the building, I am able to report that the Club has now been incorporated. To finalise the process, we need to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting for the members to "rubber stamp" this and to approve the new Articles of Association. This EGM will be held in the Club on Friday 19th July 2013 at 7.30pm.

The formal calling notice and details of the resolutions will be posted on the Club notice board and emailed to members shortly.

Solicitors are now working on the purchase of the building, and I am very pleased to report that we have now reached our fundraising target for the purchase price and just need a little more to cover legal expenses. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. We have achieved a fantastic result! I am hoping, at the EGM, to start the distribution to members of the formal documentation that will acknowledge donations and loans.

Robin Bussell

Chairman, SVC



Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Despite some continuing indifferent weather, groundsman Joe has continued to work his magic and provide us with some decent pitches. Only one home match has been cancelled because of the weather, that being a midweek game.

Cotswold Hills League Division 6

With seven rounds of matches played at the time of writing, The Unicorns sit proudly at the top of Division 6, having won all seven matches.

The latest success came on 15th June with victory over Leamington IV, also unbeaten up to that point. On a sticky pitch, Leamington's batsmen were unable to accelerate against tight bowling and fielding, posting only 124 off their 45 overs. With overs lost to rain, Stoneleigh were chasing a revised target of 108 to win off 39 overs and, although the visitors' keen young attack pressed hard, James Chapman's 37 held the innings together as the total was reached.

James has a remarkable league batting average of 116 to date and he's been well supported by Lee Moreton, Paul Lazenby and Phil Chapman. With various unavailabilities amongst the bowlers, the seam attack has been shared around, Lee Moreton being the pick with 13 wickets. Other useful bowling contributions have come from Andy Waite, the Venkat brothers, Phil Chapman, Darren Young and evergreen Mark Edgington.

Friendlies

Recent results have included victory over a BBC Midlands XI who didn't field any former Test players this year! We had a comfortable win over a depleted Ilmington side, with first contributions of the season from Martin Webster and our very own star journalist, Brian Halford. The Twittersphere was busy afterwards with comment on Brian's three wickets for one run.

Other friendlies against Everdon, Coventry Barbarians and Attenborough were all lost by very narrow margins. In the Attenborough match, where we were chasing 200, Andy Edgington blasted 60 and James Whittingham, having already hit one six in the final over, went for a repeat to win the game and was agonisingly caught just inside the boundary.

We're looking forward to an evening match against Goodwood, an Australian touring side on Thursday 4th July. Come and watch SCC beat some Aussies!

And on the subject of Aussies, ex-pat former player Martin Harban will be visiting soon from down under, while 'Captain' Phil Brown is also expected. It's rumoured that Dave Griffin could also be returning to the fold later this year.

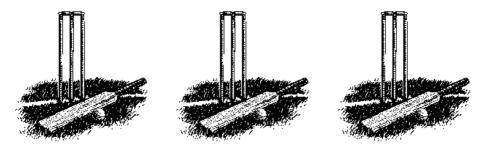
Finally, a reminder that nets are held at the Abbey, weather permitting, on Tuesday evenings – new players always welcome.

For more club details, contact Secretary, Phil Chapman, on 01926 774864.

Notes contributed by

Dave Wildgoose

Fixture Secretary (024 7659 4879)



Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers

Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers are looking for more people to join the Junior Section, so if you are eight years or older, why not give us a try? Just ask your parent or guardian if it's OK to come along.

Our regular practice nights will be starting again at 6.30pm on Monday 8th September at Stoneleigh Village Hall, culminating in playing carols at Christmas for local community groups. Please let Ann (01926 710136) know if you'd like to come along.

Bill Matthews



Stoneleigh History Society

The June meeting took the form of a visit to Bagot's Castle at Baginton, where a tour was given by an archaeologist; we then visited the lovely church of St John the Baptist. There will be no meetings in July or August but, since our display in the Leigh Chapel of the church was so successful in May, we are repeating it for the Duck Race on the afternoon of Saturday 20th July and again on Saturday 14th September as part of Heritage Weekend. A smaller version of the display is now permanently *in situ* in the Leigh Chapel.

Sheila Woolf

News from Stoneleigh & Ashow Churches

A *lot has been* happening in your churches in the last few months both in front of and behind the scenes!

In the middle of last year, Jim Perryman, our Priest-in-Charge, wrote to both PCCs advising them that the possibility was being explored with the Diocese of appointing a part-time priest for the two parishes of Ashow and Stoneleigh, which would leave him free to concentrate on his ministry at Leek Wootton. Our parishes had never been completely happy with the combining of the three parishes, despite Jim's efforts. Their doubts that it would not work geographically had been proven and neither the three parishes nor the benefice had been properly 'united'. Over the months, this proposal has been discussed at all PCC meetings and at meetings between the Churchwardens, the Bishop and the Archdeacons, and the decision was made that a part-time priest in charge be sought to cover Ashow and Stoneleigh.

A huge amount of work was done by the Churchwardens to produce a parish profile - a document which has to be presented to applicants interested in the position - and, following many meetings, this was eventually agreed with the Archdeacons in May. Things then moved on apace but, because the appointment process could not start while Jim was still in post, he has had to resign. As Jim has explained in "From the Vicarage", his resignation will take effect from 21st July, when he will take his last services in Stoneleigh and Ashow and the parishes will then officially be in 'interregnum'.

The post is being advertised, firstly within the Diocese, and we are led to believe that there are some interested parties. All being well, the interview process will take place in July, so watch this space. Meanwhile, we would like to thank Jim for all the hard work he has done in the parishes. Many of you will know how difficult he has found it to heal the real hurt felt in Stoneleigh at the loss of a resident vicar and the sale of the parsonage, and also the treatment it is perceived we have received in times past from the Diocese.

The regular congregation appreciate Jim's ministry as spiritual and sensitive - although his services may well be peppered with glimpses of his 'odd' sense of humour! Those who have attended weddings and funerals will also have appreciated the depth and sincerity of his manner. Thank you, Jim.

So, we move on and we ask for your prayers and support during this time of change.

Dates for your Diary

- July Friday 12th Film Night, 6.45pm for 7.00pm (Field of Dreams)
- AugustSaturday 20th Stoneleigh Village Duck RaceTeas will be served in the church during the
afternoon

Bank Holiday Monday 26th - Barbecue at Sarah and Michael Ballinger's

September Friday 13th - Film Night, 6.45pm for 7.00pm (My Family Bought a Zoo)

> Sunday 22nd - Harvest Lunch, 1.00pm in the Village Hall following the service







The new social committee has met twice now and we are planning a number of social events. We've already enjoyed music from Acoustica as well as a quiz night. A number of members are looking forward to the opportunity to watch the rugby games at Stoneleigh Village Club (which has extended opening hours to enable this) and to enjoy the new BBQ.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29 th June	Lions Tour Rugby & BBQ (Club opening early)
Saturday 6th July	Lions Tour Rugby (Club opening early)
Saturday 20th July	The Duck Race & Village Fair

Preparations are well underway for the Duck Race. The ducks have been counted and are now resting in preparation for the big day! Great things are planned – see the poster in this magazine for more details.

We intend to run a **book stall**, so please bring your old books into Stoneleigh Village Club. We are also having a **car boot**, so if you'd like to have a car boot stall, please let Jimmy or Ken at the Club know and they'll pass it on to us. Last but not least, there will also be a **cake stall** at the Duck Race - we'd appreciate any cake donations. Please drop these in beforehand to 10 Vicarage Road or on the day to the Club or the Village Fair itself.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Social Committee



The Essential Collection 2013

Sunday 7th – Tuesday 9th July

The Essential Collection is a stylish bridal trade show. Strictly trade only.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/84/the_essential _collection_2013.aspx

Custom Carnage UK

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July

Custom Carnage is a body art and custom car extravaganza that strives for a family-friendly atmosphere and feeling of intimacy rather than hustle and bustle. There will be numerous trade stands and plenty of entertainment. All visitors welcome. Tickets are $\pounds 17$ or $\pounds 30$ for the weekend per person. Please note that this is the first time the show has been held at Stoneleigh Park, and the organisers have estimated to welcome around 2,500 visitors each day, so traffic disruption is expected to be minimal. Visitors will be entering the site via Car Park 5 and parking on site. Music will be played in the halls until 8.00pm each night.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/78/custom_carna ge_uk_.aspx

The Pet Show 2013

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July

A national event dedicated to the British public and their beloved pets, covering all major sectors including dogs, cats, small animals, birds, fish and horses. The main focus is to promote, educate and encourage responsible pet ownership, while catering for all the family. All visitors welcome. Tickets are $\pounds 16.80$ per adult and $\pounds 10.80$ per child on the door. Reduced rates are available when booking in advance. There may be some traffic disruption over the weekend.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/47/the_pet_show _2013_.aspx

Stoneleigh Country & Livestock Show Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August

A new and exciting country and livestock show showcasing all that's best in traditional country activity. The main arena entertainment will feature dog training, falconry, gun dogs and display riding. There will also be plenty of craft and country retail stands, with everything from chicken runs to jewellery. Tickets are £8 per adult and under 16s are free. This is the first time that the event has run, but it is expected to be well-received. There is an exhibitors' party taking place on the Saturday evening. However, noise will be monitored. Around 8,000 visitors are expected over the weekend, so there may be some traffic disruption as a result.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/102/stoneleigh_c ountry_livestock_show_.aspx

The Great British Craft Festival

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August

Brought to you by Hunkydory Crafts, the festival will be stacked with crafting goodies galore, over 70 exhibitor stands, and free demonstrations throughout the weekend, plus make and take classes with some of your favourite celebrities to be confirmed. Tickets are £5 per day or £7.50 for the weekend. Traffic disruption is expected to be minimal.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/106/the_great_br itish_craft_festival.aspx

Scootfest 2013

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th August

This is a large festival for scooter enthusiasts. Many visitors will be bringing their bikes on to site to ride around the various courses. There will also be a retail village, fairground and main stage on site playing music. Increased traffic around the area is expected over the weekend, especially on Friday when those using the campsite will arrive. There will be music played, particularly on the Saturday. However, we will be working to constantly monitor the noise levels and no music will be played after 10.00pm.

http://www.stoneleighpark.com/events/100/scootfest_2 013.aspx

Coventry Festival of Motoring 2013

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th August

Last year's event attracted 1,000 classic vehicles throughout this weekend of displays, competition and entertainment. There is a procession which takes place both on and off site towards Coventry and back. This may slow traffic up a little. General traffic disruption is expected to be minimal.

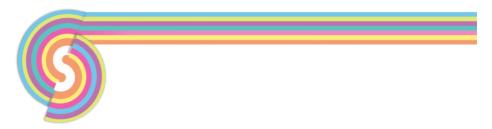
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Stoneleigh WI

The speaker at our meeting on Monday 3rd June was Ruth McCartney, who is a WI Adviser. She spoke about the origin of the Women's Institute in Canada in the nineteenth century and the foundation of the first Institute in Wales, in Anglesey, in 1915. She described how the idea spread in Wales and then in England until the present day, when there are over 200,000 members. Ruth also spoke about Lady Denman who was very influential in the development of the WI and the founding of Denman College, which provides day schools and short residential courses for members.

Three members attended the WI AGM in Cardiff on Saturday 1st June. The guest speakers were Griff Rhys-Jones and John Humphreys. On Monday 10th June, the Craft Group held a sugar paste modelling workshop. The Book Club met on Tuesday 11th June and discussed "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony and "The Light Behind the Window" by Lucinda Riley.

A group of members travelled to Lacock in Wiltshire on Friday 14th June. They visited the Abbey, the former home of the Fox Talbot family, and the museum which celebrates the contribution of William Henry Fox Talbot to the invention of photography. They also enjoyed shopping in the picturesque high street.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 2nd July. The menu will be quiche, salad and new potatoes followed by strawberries and cream. If you would like to book a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301. There will be no coffee morning in July or August.

The next meeting on Monday 1st July will be Members' Night. This will be a games evening and an American supper.



This month's edition of Stoneleigh and Ashow News

was compiled by **Lucy Morris**, who would like to thank all contributors.

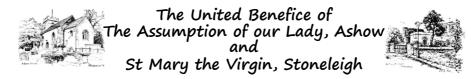
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Services for July & August 2013

July 2013

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	United Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 21st	Jim Perry	man's last services at Stoneleigh & Ashow
	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion & Baptism
		- Stoneleigh
Thursday 25th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh

August 2013

Note: No Thursday Holy Communion in August

Sunday 4 th	11.00am United Holy Communion - Ashow
Sunday 11 th	9.30am Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30am Holy Communion - Ashow
c .	11.00am Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30am Village Service - Ashow
c .	11.00am All Age Worship - Stoneleigh

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



