

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



Autumn, Stoneleigh Abbey

NOVEMBER 2013

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Launch



Richard Hancox (Chair of the Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council) at the Neighbourhood Plan consultation launch party in Ashow on 4 October 2013 (see also Richard's message on page 15).

Jeremy Wright MP was the guest speaker and he talked about the Localism Bill and the importance of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. He went on to discuss the latest developments in the Gateway application and the current HS2 situation.

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The Reverend Sharon Goble

In a moving service in Stoneleigh Church on 8th October 2013, a large congregation witnessed the installation of the Reverend Sharon Goble as Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Stoneleigh with Ashow. The service was led by The Right Reverend John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick, with Sharon's installation being carried out by The Venerable John Green CB Archdeacon Pastor. The Stoneleigh Male Choir rendered the hymn 'Guide me, Oh Thy Great Redeemer,' with Phil Jones, Chairman of the Choir, singing a solo of the first verse in his native tongue, Welsh, in honour of Sharon's homeland. Addresses of welcome to Sharon were made on behalf of residents of both Parishes, by Robin Bussell for Stoneleigh and David Holt for Ashow. Following Sharon's installation, may we, on behalf of S&A News welcome Sharon to our Parishes. Although she contributed to the September edition, the following is her first contribution to our pages as Priest in Charge.

"More Tea, Vicar?"

Dr. Chasuble, the local vicar in Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest was either starting something or representing something as this phrase was addressed to him.

"More tea, Vicar?" has been adopted as a phrase which conjures up a picture of elegant drawing room, fine bone china and crustfree cucumber sandwiches. Happy thought! But, it's a phrase which suggests and assumes a few things about the clergy perhaps which is not particularly relevant or helpful.

In so many classic English novels, the clergy are a very acceptable, if often bumbling, addition to a social gathering, but what on earth are you supposed to talk about? The hostess who chimes "more tea, Vicar?" might be covering over that lull in social chitchat which, if left too lengthy, becomes rather embarrassing, but maybe also avoiding any too weighty or lofty a subject for drawing room conversation.

Pastoral visiting is part of what I am offering in the communities of Stoneleigh and Ashow as the new vicar. It may be that because of baptisms, weddings or funerals, there is a specific need for you to contact me and for us to sit down for a chat. However, as vicar I hope that I might be a resource to the communities and congregation where I serve.

If I arrive on your doorstep, it is as a friendly and interested and compassionate person, who would like to get to know you, your enthusiasms and your concerns. If you would like a visit, please don't hesitate to contact me; if on the other hand, you'd really rather not I hope I am socially adept enough to get the message!

God bless,

Rev'd Sharon Goble

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HIGH SPEED RAIL (HS2) LATEST

The last month has seen a great deal of action surrounding HS2, including speculation about its' future. There has been increasing media coverage as more and more politicians, transport experts, official bodies and individuals question the validity of the claims being made for this project. Nonetheless, the Government remains doggedly determined to introduce a Hybrid Bill later this year or early next, after which the opportunity to influence the details of the project will be severely limited. Meanwhile the projected costs escalate (and estimated £50 billion and rising) and official arguments about speed, capacity, and 'bridging the north-south divide' continue despite claims being brought into question by many experts.

Stop HS2 and the HS2Action Alliance continue to campaign vigorously. As we go to press there is a legal challenge in the Supreme Court about the way in which consultations have been conducted and the overall environmental impact. Simultaneously, HS2 Ltd is conducting yet another consultation, this time on Property Compensation. All households should have received a leaflet about this directly from HS2Ltd. The deadline for responses is 4 December. The complete response form can be downloaded or completed online at www.hs2.org.uk or phone 0300 123 1102 for a hard copy. Pro forma postcards will be emailed and placed in the Village Clubs and Village Halls in due course. **There is to be a Property Compensation information roadshow on Friday 1 November 12 pm - 8pm at Castle Farm Recreation Centre, Fishponds Road, Kenilworth.** Readers of the News are encouraged to go along, ask questions and make appropriately trenchant comments about how this area is already blighted and will be adversely affected both by construction and the eventual railway.

We need to demonstrate our concern about appropriate property compensation as well as all the other implications of HS2 otherwise it will be assumed that we acquiesce in the details of the proposals. PLEASE put your views on record.

If you would want to keep abreast of all developments check <http://stophs2.org> and www.hs2actionalliance.org

StAG representatives have attended the latest Community Forum (still no sign of listening by HS2 Ltd) and meetings with Warwick County Council and with our M.P., Jeremy Wright, who is well aware of concerns but it is still worth contacting him with your own views jeremy.wright.mp@parliament.uk

At the moment this area is surrounded by threats - not only HS2 but also Gateway proposal, the very recent proposals for Underground Coal Gasification (an even more controversial environmentally damaging process than Fracking) near Leamington, as well as various Green Belt developments. Please let your voice be heard.

Margaret Wallis (on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group)

Home-grown talent takes first office at new Rural Innovation Centre at Stoneleigh Park.

A brand new opportunity for local businesses has opened, right on our doorstep, and its first tenant is a home grown company from here in Stoneleigh. A successful female entrepreneur has opened a new sales office at the Rural Innovation Centre at Stoneleigh Park. The company is so successful that they have had to take on new premises as the business grows.

The Rural Innovation Centre is a suite of 16 serviced offices designed to provide a stress free environment for businesses to move into without spending huge amounts of time and money in setting up their own office from scratch, leaving them free to focus on their business.

A reception service is provided by Liz, the office manager, to give a friendly and professional first approach to your clients and visitors. There is also a beautiful new conference room, hot desks and a mail holding service available to anyone who has their own business and is looking for this type of service.

The Rural Innovation Centre is competitively priced and benefits from good transport links, free parking and a quiet rural setting surrounded by other well established businesses which could provide a ready-made customer base. Also available is a host of experts who can provide free coaching on growth, management, support, and provide access to loans and grants.

Liz is now looking for 15 more businesses seeking an office to rent and would really like to meet and show people round the new centre. If you are interested please get in touch via the website at www.RICoffices.co.uk or on 07734 880926



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013

A reminder that poppies will be available in the Church and the Club until 11th November, and there will be house-to-house collections..

Please give generously!.

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh and the First World War

As you may have read in last month's edition of the *News*, the First World War saw almost 100 Stoneleigh men fight for King and Country.

2014 will mark 100 years since the start of the First World War and Stoneleigh History Society would like to commemorate the men whose names appear on the Roll of Honour in the Village Hall. The names of those who survived are reproduced on the following page. Of course, those who died were remembered in *Another Country* published by Sheila Woolf in 2010.

Stoneleigh History Society is interested in hearing from anyone who has information about, or photographs of, these survivors, or who may like to help with the research.

For further information, come along to the Stoneleigh Village Club at 7:30 pm on Monday, 11 November to find out more. If you cannot make that date but would like to be involved, or for further information, please contact me on 024 7669 7037 or email me at lisareay.com

You do not have to be a Stoneleigh History Society member to be involved.

Lisa Reay

Roll of Honour 1914-18 Village Hall, those who survived.

Aris, E.	Lovell, H	Rose W.
Barnacle, H.	Metters, H.H.	Simpson, W.
Barnes S.	Mills, A.	Smith, F.
Beasley, H.	Mills, A.	Smith, W.
Bowcock, E.	Mills, H.	Stevens, G.
Burbury, C.	Mills, H.	Stoney, W.
Burbury, F.	Mills, J.	Sweatman, W.
Burbury, S.	Mills, J.	Thorley, G.
Burbury, W.	Mills, T.	Thorley, J.
Carley, H.	Mills, T.	Timms, C.
Carley, J.E.	Mills, W.	Timms, W.
Chattaway, A.	Morgan, A.	Timms, W.
Carter, G.	Morris, A.	Upton, M.
Coleman, C.	Morris, A.	Vickerman S.
Cooke H.E.	Moss, A.	Walden, T.
Craddock, J.	Paget, C. G.	Walton, J.
Edmunds, R.	Parker F.	Walton, W.
Fardon, G.H.	Parrish, A.	Ward, T.
Gallimore, S	Parrish, M.	Wardell, G.
Gardiner, F.G.	Parrish, S.	Wooding, E.
Garratt, J.	Prime, J.	Wooding, S.
Harvey, A.	Prime, W.	Worrall, A.
King, A.	Redfern, G.	Worrall, D.
King, C.	Rosamond, P.	Worrall, L.
King, H.	Rench, A.	Worrall, R.
Lee, W.	Rench, S.	Worrall, W.
	Rose, G.	



Music at Ashow Church

The “Con Voce” concert was held in Ashow Church on Saturday 5th October and was a very successful event. It raised £1535 towards some very essential repairs to the Church fabric. Grateful thanks to everyone who attended or who helped in any way, particularly David and Keith Wareing who put up their marquees outside, David Holt who organised the “drinks”, and all the ladies from inside and outside the village who provided the delicious canapes. The raffle raised £285, and we are grateful to all those who donated prizes.

The “Con Voce” Choir came all the way from South Wales, and donated their services free of charge, not even charging any expenses, and their singing was really delightful. Afterwards members of the choir and audience continued the evening at Ashow Club.

The Ashow “Parish Singers” have begun to rehearse again for the “From Darkness to Light” service for Advent which will be on 1st December, and the Village Christmas Carol Service. The Parish Singers meet for rehearsals at the Church on Thursday evenings, from 8 to 9 pm, and existing and new members are very welcome to join us.

Stephen Harvey

Flying the Flag at Christmas

For many years now, Robin Bussell has “flown the flag” around Christmas time as a way of offering Christmas greetings between neighbours instead of sending cards. Those wishing to join in this quaint custom have their greetings listed in the December S & A News and this list is also displayed on Robin’s gatepost when the flag is flying. In return, those joining in give a donation to Robin for his chosen charity:

The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Last year the grand sum of £710 was sent to the Air Ambulance.

If you wish to take part this year please send your contributions (cash, or cheques payable to “WNAA”, to Robin Bussell at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH - and before 18th November, please, to meet the next S & A News deadline. **Thank you.**

PS. The WNAA celebrates ten years of operations this year; let us give them a suitable Christmas present!



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Stoneleigh United Charities.

Stoneleigh United Charities is a fund comprised of the proceeds of many of the ancient charities which have been donated to the villages of Stoneleigh, Stareton and Ashow over the centuries. Its' aim is to provide help for those in financial need in these villages and the charity is now inviting applications for hardship funding to be included in the annual distribution. If you, or someone you know within the villages is in need of financial assistance, please apply for consideration to the Chairman, Jean Vaughan, 1 Wentworth House, Stoneleigh CV8 3DH Phone 02476414453.

The Village Club in former years

The Club was set up initially as a Reading Room, effectively a place where newspapers and books – more than 750 of them – could be consulted. As a central meeting-place, however, it has served a variety of purposes, not least, perhaps rather gruesomely, as the place where inquests were held. Scouring the *British Newspaper Archive* online for articles about Stoneleigh, it is sobering to note how frequently people drowned in the river, sometimes accidentally and sometimes deliberately; the circumstances of their deaths were investigated in the Reading Room. In at least one instance the body was actually brought there!

In the first half of the twentieth century the Reading Room/Club was where people met, not just for leisure purposes, but also to hear the latest national news, and to discuss how they could help others in times of need: during the First World War, for example, women met there to hear how they could help the war effort by sewing sun-shields for soldiers fighting in hot climates, or by sewing sandbags for trenches. It was a repository, along with the school, for goods collected to send to hospitals for the wounded, to Belgian refugees, or to former pupils of the school who were now at the Front.

In the nineteenth century, however, one of the most anticipated entertainments at the Reading Room was the regular lecture. In 1894, for example, the Room was crowded to hear a lecture on the Indian Mutiny, which was to be followed the next month by one on “Our Saxon Ancestors”; in 1877 the son and heir of Lord Leigh, Gilbert – who was to meet his death seven years later in Wyoming – gave an account of his travels abroad, specifically in “the Wild West” of America. On that occasion the room was so crowded that many people had to stand all evening.

Perhaps one of the most illustrious visitors was the actress Mrs Kemble, the mother-in-law of the vicar of Stoneleigh, the Rev. James Wentworth Leigh. A celebrity both here and abroad, Mrs Kemble occupied a similar status then, one might say, to Dame Judi Dench now. Staying at the Vicarage (now Wentworth House) she performed extracts from Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*, a performance which was followed by a variety of musical pieces given by a group of ladies. The *Leamington Spa Courier* concluded its article by

saying "It is not too much to add, that from Lord Leigh to the humblest cottager, everyone must have returned home delighted."

Quite possibly, however, these rather highbrow offerings in our Village Club may not have been the kind of entertainment which the people of Stoneleigh necessarily wished for: in Cordelia Leigh's *Reminiscences*, recalling Mrs Kemble's visit, she notes that the famous actress "made so many odd faces" during her performance that "the village audience went into fits of laughter"!

An interesting article of 1910 considers the thorny question of "outside" membership of Stoneleigh Village Club; Lord Leigh wanted only Stoneleigh residents to be able to use it, and was concerned that the premises "should not be used by people, say, on the road to Coventry or Leamington, just as a public-house." When it was pointed out at a meeting that "the consumption of beer in the Stoneleigh Club was far greater than that of the clubs in neighbouring villages", one wit shouted "Yes, because there is no public-house in Stoneleigh!"

Sheila Woolf

The Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The November Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Warwick University, University House, and Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 14th November 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Warwick District Council – Recycling and Refuse Collections over Christmas

There will be NO recycling and rubbish collections on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th December 2013. This will affect everyone's collection days during Christmas week; please see below:

Normal collection date for Christmas week

Monday 23rd December 2013
Tuesday 24th December 2013
Wednesday 25th December 2013
Thursday 26th December 2013
Friday 27th December 2013

Amended collection date

Saturday 21st December 2013
Monday 23rd December 2013
Tuesday 24th December 2013
Friday 27th December 2013
Saturday 28th December 2013

Please ensure your bins, boxes and bags are presented at the edge of your property by 7.00 a.m. on your amended collection day. Normal collection dates will resume from Monday 30th December 2013 and collections will happen as normal on New Year's Day.

In the event of bad weather this winter your recycling and rubbish collections may be interrupted. Why not sign up for our "email alerts" so we can send you the latest news on your collections -

visit - www.warwickdc.gov.uk/emailalerts

Website: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/christmasrecycling

Email: contract.services@warwickdc.gov.uk Telephone: 01926 353365

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

This month's edition was compiled by David and Jean Vaughan who thank all who have contributed.

The edition for the two months, December 2013 and January 2014 will be compiled by Lucy Morris, 26 Ashow, Ashow, CV8 2LE
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Deadline for copy is 18th December 2013. Electronic copy is preferred but typed or handwritten material is acceptable. Advertisements at £25 for a full page or £12.50 for a half page are accepted at the discretion of the editor subject to magazine policy.

WI Report

The speaker at our October meeting was Nick Channer, who spoke about the life and work of Agatha Christie. His talk was accompanied by slides which included views of her house, "Greenway", in Devon, which now belongs to the National Trust.

There was an Exhibition in the Village Hall on Sunday 6th October to display the work of the Craft Group. It was very successful, with about a hundred visitors. Members played Scrabble and Rummikub at a games afternoon on Tuesday 15th October. A group of members went to the Spa centre on 25th October to see "Carousel".

Members of the Book Club met on 15th October to discuss "The Travellers Tree" by Patrick Lee Fermer and "Natural Causes" by James Oswald.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 5th November at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to book a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The menu will be cottage pie followed by fruit strudel. The next coffee morning will be on 19th November in the Village Club.

Our next monthly meeting will be on 4th November and will be our AGM.

Rachel Gill

A message from Sue Wareham

I would like to thank everyone who so kindly contributed to my leaving gift, when I 'retired' as administrator of Stoneleigh and Ashow Churches. I was completely overwhelmed by your generosity and look forward to spending my garden vouchers as we transform the gravel wilderness which is currently our new 'garden' in Moreton in Marsh.

The seven years I worked as Administrator have just shot by, I can't believe it can possibly be that long. Time enough though to make lots of really good friends and become a part of two loving church communities - I will miss you all. Thank you so much,

Sue Wareham

STONELEIGH CHURCH

The present state of our plans for the repair of the church.

In September 2012 English Heritage rejected our bid for a grant towards the estimated cost of £265k for the repair of the nave roof and the decaying sandstone walls and windows revealed by our late 2010 quinquennial review. The linking of the projects made good sense as the scaffolding required for the roof would also be used for the repair of the upper elevation stonework.

Given the terms of the rejection by English Heritage that “the work you propose [on the roof] is not clearly urgent” we turned our attention to the state of the stonework. We sought to start work on the lower stonework that required little or no costly scaffolding.

Consequently we made an application on 30th September to National Churches Trust for a grant towards the cost of an estimated £50k scheme to repair the lower level stonework that can be carried out without the use of high level fixed scaffolding. The outcome of our application is promised by March 2014!

Syd Creed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8th November

Film Night – Nativity (the first film) - 6.45 for 7pm in the Village Hall
£3.00 and includes Coffee and Cake.

Friday 22nd November

Games Evening – 7.30pm - Stoneleigh Golf Club Tickets £15, includes a Chicken, Chips and Salad Supper. Teams of 4, you can bring your own team or join one on the night.

For tickets or further details please contact
Jackie: Parish Office 024 76415506 or Sarah: 024 76715256

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Stoneleigh and Ashow Neighbourhood Plan

In last month's magazine you should have received the first Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

Although we have started to receive completed questionnaires we still need many more please.

This really is an opportunity to influence future development in and around the village as well as influencing what should stay the same or be protected for future generations.

Many residents are expressing their views on such issues as traffic volume and speed, future housing needs, both the number of houses they feel the village needs as well as the location and style of these houses etc.

In order that we understand your thoughts make sure you complete your questionnaire and return it before the end of November.

Should you require a replacement questionnaire or a second copy for another householder then either download a copy from the village web site or email your request to: sanda.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Many thanks for your time.

Richard Hancox Chairman of Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council

At: Richard.hancox@amey.co.uk

News from Stoneleigh Village Club

Hello everyone

It has been a busy time for the Stoneleigh Club social committee. We are very pleased to welcome Bill Whatmore onto the committee and, as always, would be pleased to hear from anyone else who may have time and energy to spare in helping to arrange and promote social events.

By the time you read this we will have already enjoyed Lynne Fletchers Quiz night in aid of the Handbell ringers. The Halloween festivities will also have taken place, complete with the now infamous, 'Ghost Walk.'

Unfortunately the Bonfire and Firework event which was to take place on 2nd November has been cancelled, as most members will already know. The reasons are explained on the following page.

Mick Malone's Quiz night will take place on November 23rd, 7.30pm at the club, with a party night, including entertainment from a live singer on November 30th.

See the club for further details.

We are now focussing on social events for December, which will be advertised in the club and in the next edition of Stoneleigh News.

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE CLUB - See you there.

The Social Committee

Cancellation of Stoneleigh Village Club's Bonfire night and Barbecue event

In a recent letter to Club members, Robin Bussell, the Chairman of the Committee of the Club, explained that regrettably the decision to cancel the event had to be taken because of an unacceptable increase in the cost of public liability insurance. Even then the policy would have excluded anyone involved in igniting fireworks, except specialist pyrotechnic professionals. To have proceeded without insurance would have exposed volunteers helping in running the event and members of the public to unacceptable risk. Fortunately the firework supplier has agreed to cancel the Club's order without cost.

Here is a recipe for a 'stay at home' Bonfire Night, serves 4.

Ingredients: 50g/1¾oz butter, good-quality sausages, pricked several times with a fork, 1 onion, peeled, thinly sliced, 3 shallots, peeled, finely chopped, 2 garlic cloves, peeled, finely chopped, 1 tbsp chopped fresh sage, 1 small pumpkin, peeled, seeds removed, cut into equal-sized pieces, 1 tbsp white wine vinegar, 1 tsp caster sugar, 200g/7oz canned chopped tomatoes, 400g/14oz canned cannelloni beans, drained, rinsed, 500ml/18fl oz chicken stock, salt and freshly ground black pepper, 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley.

Preparation method: Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4., Heat half the butter in a large casserole over a medium heat and fry the sausages for 4-5 minutes, or until golden-brown all over, Add the remaining butter, onion and shallots and fry for three minutes, or until softened. Add the garlic and sage leaves and cook for a further three minutes, stirring well, Add the pumpkin and stir the mixture until well combined. Increase the heat to high and add the white wine vinegar. Continue to cook until most of the liquid has evaporated, Add the sugar, tomatoes, cannelloni beans and stock and season to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper, .Bring the mixture to the boil, then transfer the casserole to the oven for one hour, or until the sausages are cooked through and the pumpkin is tender.

Sprinkle the casserole with the parsley before serving.

Events at Stoneleigh Park during November

The following events are due to take place at Stoneleigh Park during November.

For more information on any of the below, please visit

<http://www.stoneleighevents.com/events.aspx>

International Dirt Bike Show

31st October – 3rd November

This is the largest dedicated off-road show in Europe. The show has been at Stoneleigh Park for the past 13 years. It is a great day out for those who already ride, but also non-riding family and friends, as the industry-supported Get On campaign will be on hand all day for those who would like to give it a go. Tickets are £15 on the door. Children aged 10 and under go free. No external road closures are planned, but with around 4,700 vehicles expected over the four days, the surrounding area will be a little busier. Minimal noise disruption is expected, however the event will be finished by 5.30pm each evening.

www.stoneleighpark.com/events/105/international_dirt_bike_show.aspx

Your Horse Live

9th – 10th November

This year's Your Horse Live presents another fantastic show full of celebrity and expert demonstrations, extensive shopping, top advice and much more. Tickets are £16.50 per adult in advance or £21 on the door. Traffic on site and immediately surrounding the site will be busier than normal with around 7,400 vehicles expected over the two days. No road closures or diversions are planned.

www.stoneleighevents.com/events/95/your_horse_live_2013_.aspx

The National Poultry Show

16th – 17th November

The highlight in any fancier's calendar, here you will find nearly 7,000 entries, 500 sales pens and everything you need for your poultry from the many trade stands. Visitors from all over the world, including Australia, USA, India, as well as many European countries, all enjoy the friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Tickets are £12 per day per adult on the door and £6 per child (4-16). Local traffic will be busier than normal with around 2,000 vehicles expected over two days, however no road closures or diversions are planned.

www.stoneleighevents.com/events/89/the_national_poultry_show_2013_.aspx

The Stoneleigh Events monthly newsletter is packed with all the latest events and offers at Stoneleigh Park. If you would like to receive the newsletter straight to your inbox each month, please follow this link to sign up:

www.stoneleighevents.com/subscribe.aspx Contact Stoneleigh Events Tel: 02476

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info@stoneleighevents.com • www.stoneleighevents.com

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

The Orchard Group would like to thank all those who braved the autumnal wind and rain to attend the “maiden” apple pressing



Selecting from the harvest

event at 5 Church Lane on Saturday 12th October and who helped to make it such a success under challenging circumstances. The apple juice and pies didn't disappoint and as a group it felt good to start to give something back to those who are existing members as well as to welcome potential new members from both inside and outside of our community. The

event was definitely a team effort and particularly benefited from the experience and planning of Nora Blagburn, Laura Eliot and John Churchley. Well done to all of you!

Earlier in the month the group had also received the good news that our treasurer Richard Hancox had applied and won funding from Warwick District Council via the Warwickshire Rural East Community Forum to assist with the maintenance of the orchard grass. This once again demonstrated what an asset he is to our team.

Looking forward to the future we have further plans to increment the number of trees within the bounds of the existing orchard area. The planting dates are yet to be finalised, but are likely to occur during one of the first two weekends of December.

It never fails to amaze me as I write of the above, how far we have come as a group since the inception of the project back in 2011 and also the wealth of talent and energy we have within our community!

The group shortly intends to advance things a stage further by investigating the process and chemistry of cider production, so there are likely to be further apple pressings occurring throughout the month of November. Anyone interested in observing or participating may wish to consider becoming a “Friend



The end product

of the Orchard” or contacting:



The first press!

Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh. 02476 413893

Stoneleigh Village Food, Beer & Craft Market September 2013

THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to make this go well and to the visitors who supported this new venture to raise funds for the Village Club. The weather was good, the Meadows made a lovely setting, the band played, the beer flowed, and there were lots of craft goodies to buy.

The Church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival, serving tea and cakes, much enjoyed once again, with funds towards the church maintenance.

Following this success and the positive comments from stallholders, it has been decided to repeat this event next year. to take place on **Saturday 27th September 2014**, to complement **the Church Flower Festival** taking place that weekend - **Theme - 'Feed The World'**.



So Save The Date, don't go on holiday that weekend and look out - we shall be asking for helpers !

Start making jams and chutneys please with those bountiful crops of fruit this autumn ready for a stall.

Nora and the Club Social Committee

STONELEIGH CHURCH FLOWERS

Please help us to provide flowers in Stoneleigh Church by supporting our fund-raising coffee morning:

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2013 at 10:30 am in Stoneleigh Village Hall

CHRISTMAS TABLE

for which all contributions will be gratefully received.

Please come, bring your friends, all will be welcome



**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH
SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2013**



Sunday 3rd 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion service at Stoneleigh
5.00p.m. All Souls Service at Stoneleigh

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th 9.30a.m. Remembrance Sunday at Ashow
10.50 a.m. Remembrance Sunday at Stoneleigh

Thursday 14th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 17th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow
11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 24th 9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow
11.00 a.m. all Age Service at Stoneleigh

Thursday 28th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the registers

Sunday 13th October Elsie Gwendoline Robbins Internment of Ashes

*Wednesday 16th October Joyce Beale Internment of Ashes
Both in Stoneleigh Churchyard*

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