

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



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## JUNE 2014



## Campus Road Improvements



Warwick University are working with Coventry City Council to improve safety along Gibbet Hill Road, 23 June 2014, with some minor preliminary enabling works taking place in advance. The most intensive part of the works will take place over the summer vacation.

During this time, for all traffic other than buses and construction and service vehicles, this essentially means:

There will be no through route from one end of Gibbet Hill Road to the other. All traffic destined for central campus (University Road and its car parks, and Scarman Road) must enter campus via Kirkby Corner roundabout.

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For more info please visit:

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/insite/news/intnews2/2014\\_road\\_works/road\\_improvements](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/insite/news/intnews2/2014_road_works/road_improvements)

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# World War 1 Commemoration

An evening of Entertainment, Literary Readings and Local History, including music of the time from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, took place at Stoneleigh Church on Friday 9th May and what a splendid, memorable and emotional evening it was.

The proceeds from the evening, which we think will exceed £1600, are going towards the repair of the Church fabric with a donation of £1 from every ticket to the Royal British Legion. Reverend Sharon and the Churchwardens wish to express special thanks to the three organisers, Sheila Woolf, Maggie Moorhouse and Philip Jones not only for their inspiration but also for the tremendous amount of time and hard work over many months taken to bring their production to fruition.

One only has to look at the script contained in the Choir Brochure to realise the loving care that went into putting everything together.

We also want to thank the Choir members, the individuals who sang or spoke, the bell ringers, flower arrangers, the refreshment providers and any others who contributed to make the evening a most fitting tribute to those who served our country in that War.

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## **“I love Paris in the springtime...”**

On Easter Monday the Goble family went on their first adventure together overseas. Arriving by Eurostar, we explored Paris for a few fun-filled days together. We saw Paris by foot, by bus, by boat, and by train, both above and below ground. We saw Paris by day and Paris by night; “au soleil et sous la pluie” and returned home with no less than 71 photos of the Eiffel tower!

As a grand finale for our last evening, we decided to visit the Montparnasse tower so that we could look down from a height and see where we’d been. Our excellent “Paris Pass” included the possibility of going up to the 56th floor of this office tower which is given over to this tourist opportunity for another view of Paris from the top. I really wasn’t sure about coping with the height but when I asked the ticket office where the Ladies was and was told the 56th floor I felt committed to joining in! Only 38 seconds in the lift, from where we even walked up to the 59th floor to see Paris lighting up for the night. Once accustomed to the slightly swaying sensation of being at this altitude, I marvelled at the city in miniature below us. Inspired by this new perspective, our shots of the Eiffel tower then got really fun, as we played with our camera waiting for dusk and experimented with the whole idea of perspective. We have one shot which looks like we’re holding the Eiffel tower in the palm of a hand, another which looks like we are pinching our fingers to pick it up as though it is not much bigger than a pin.

Living and working in rural villages, we don’t often visit the city, we hardly ever normally use public transport and this was our first venture abroad as a family – and so the whole experience was partly with a view to gaining a little perspective on our little bit of English countryside in the grand scheme of things. There is something slightly appealing and yet terrifying about anonymity in the city. As we were carried along in a crowded metro tunnel there is something depersonalising about it. When our sore feet told us we’d travelled huge distances, yet the view from the tower made it look like a model village, we gained some perspective. The picture of the Eiffel tower nestling in my son’s palm was a trick with the camera – but it reminded me of the celtic blessing which I often sing by way of a lullaby to my children at night which talks about God holding us in the hollow of his hand. I don’t actually need to go out into a big foreign city to feel small and insignificant, but the faith to which I cling is in a God who holds us close because he treasures us and will never let us go.

**Rev’d Sharon Goble**



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## **STONELEIGH DUCK RACE & VILLAGE FAIR**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### Meetings

The June Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 12th June 2014 at 7.30 p.m

### Parish Council

I am pleased to advise you of the Parish Councillors for Ashow Ward and Stoneleigh Ward:

### Ashow

Mrs Hazel Fryer : Grovewood, Ashow 01926 859945

Mrs Jane Mackenzie : The Old Rectory, Ashow 07802 622557

### Stoneleigh

Mrs Lynne Fletcher : 17 Hall Close.02476 417544

Richard Hancox : 8 Stoneleigh Close.02476 693819

David Wintle : 2 The Chantries, Chantry Heath Lane 02476 307147

The elected Chairman for the ensuing year is Richard Hancox and the Vice Chairman is Tracey Grant who can be contacted on 02476 524405. She is a Councillor for University Ward.

### Parish Council Vacancy – Stoneleigh Ward

The Parish Council wishes to advise you that following the resignation of Mrs Eva Mancini, a vacancy has arisen in Stoneleigh Ward. Now is the opportunity to put yourself forward to represent your village. Anyone interested please contact either one of the existing Councillors or myself. I can be contacted on 01926 491482 or email: [maddisonsgandpa@fsmail.net](mailto:maddisonsgandpa@fsmail.net).

**Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk**



## Stoneleigh Ladies Choir Quiz Night

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir held their first social evening on 4th April 2014, a Quiz night at the Village Hall, this was a success. Everybody joined in the spirit of the evening testing their wits against one another. At times the room was filled with a continual hub of banter and laughter, order having to be called regularly!

Our Quiz Master, Mr John Claridge ably assisted by his wife, Girda, had compiled questions and pictures to test the best of us – what fun! The winners received bottles of wine and those bringing up the rear wine gums. The evening raised a total of £339, and from this a charitable donation has been set aside to support Syrian refugees occupying encampments across the border in Jordan a cause in which our Musical Director, Karen Whyte, plays an active part.

The next social function is a Barn Dance in Stoneleigh Village Hall on Friday 20th June 2014 at 7:30pm. Please come along and support the Ladies - a fun time is guaranteed! Tickets are now available from Val Baker, Social Secretary on telephone: 024 7641 4360

Kate McCutcheon  
on behalf of Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

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## APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

For Stoneleigh Village Duck Race & Fair - Saturday 19th July  
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Donations may be left at the Village Club

Thank you in advance.







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# Stoneleigh History Society

On Tuesday 24th June the Stoneleigh History Society would like to invite everyone to the village hall at 7.30pm.

As you will be aware from previous articles recently in the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News*, members of the society have been researching the lives of the 80 men on the Roll of Honour board in the hall who served in the First World War and came home again. We now have an extensive display to share with all the people of Stoneleigh and we hope very much that as many people as possible will come along. If you have any photos or other memorabilia which you would like to bring along on the night, we should be delighted. There will be a slideshow which will illustrate the men's lives, and lots to see. Rumours are circulating of media coverage...

Please come along!



## Stoneleigh History Society

At our May meeting Sheila Woolf gave an excellent and enlightening talk on "When Stoneleigh Went to War" which gave a real flavour of what people were doing and how it affected them when the men enlisted. It also gave us some idea of how Stoneleigh embraced refugees particularly from Belgium. Diary entries from Cordelia Leigh, old photographs, and newspaper articles added to the nostalgic evening.

The evening whetted our appetite for another fantastic event that Sheila was involved in putting together with Maggie Moorhouse and Phil Jones on Friday 9th May, in Stoneleigh Church. A Commemorative Evening was hosted in memory of those soldiers who went to war from Stoneleigh: songs from the era were sung by Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, poems and diary extracts read, and those who lost their lives honoured. A very poignant evening was concluded by the Stoneleigh Bell Ringers ringing the bells. Thank you to all involved.

Lisa Reay



### A Stoneleigh Calendar

Now that the wet and miserable days of winter 2013/14 are behind us (we hope!), don't forget to send the Stoneleigh History Society your photographs for the village calendar 2015. Email them to

[woolfsheila@gmail.com](mailto:woolfsheila@gmail.com) by July 31<sup>st</sup>

and a selection will be made; they should be in .jpeg format and of a high resolution. Please remember to label your pictures as appropriate with your name and contact details. If you are under 16, please tell us so!

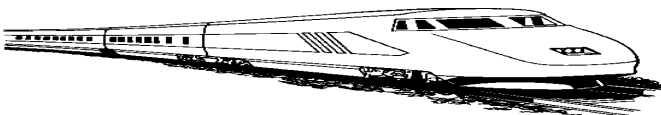
**Sheila Woolf**

## HS2 LATEST

As widely predicted, the second reading of the 'Hybrid Bill' was passed with an overwhelming majority on April 28th. With very few exceptions, MPs simply mouthed briefings based on misleading/inaccurate information/briefings. Our MP, Jeremy Wright, abstained, arguing that he was in a better position to argue for changes if he was inside Government than outside. Given the outcome of the debate, the petitioning process began immediately, a specially appointed committee of MPs being charged with the task of receiving petitions and then hearing evidence in their support. The procedure that was required to be followed was extremely complex/legalistic/archaic but had to be followed to ensure that a petition was deemed valid. StAG members have spent many hours preparing a petition on your behalf. The Parish Council, Stoneleigh History Society and Stoneleigh Park submitted separate petitions, as have an unknown number of individuals, before the deadline of 23 May. At the time of writing it is reported nationally that the anticipated number of petitions is far lower than had been expected which means, regrettably, that there is less likelihood of HS2 being radically altered/delayed or stopped but we continue to live in hope. The committee will not begin hearing evidence until the autumn and, depending how long the proceedings take, final recommendations about likely changes might not be made until after the next General Election.

Irrespective of the outcome, thanks should be recorded to those who have worked tirelessly on this issue on residents' behalf ever since the project was announced in March 2010, notably Martin Smith and - more recently - Anthony Bianco.

**Margaret Wallis** on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group



## **Eileen Burman**

It is with great sadness that we heard from Clare that her mother, Eileen Burman, had passed away after a long and distressing illness.

Eileen was well known for her love of embroidery and we have her to thank, together with her talented team of stitchers, for the beautiful pew cushions in our Church.

She gave much time to sharing her knowledge of the Church and took great pleasure in showing groups around it. She will be sadly missed.

**Jackie Cubitt**



## **Stoneleigh Churchyard Summer Appeal**

Villagers and visitors to Stoneleigh often express appreciation for the peace and tranquility to be found when visiting St. Mary's, especially those who find the benches by the west door a cosy sun trap during the afternoon and evening. We have a manpower problem during the months of June, July and August, when members of our volunteer mowing team will be on holiday.

Would YOU, or a member of your family be prepared to offer 1 or 2 hours at a time convenient to yourself, to help mow a section of the church yard, presently divided between five of the mowing team? If so, please let me know when, and we will get a member of the team to contact you to get you used to the petrol mower. Alternatively, drop by on a Wednesday morning, around 10am to see for yourself, when, if dry, one or two of us should be there mowing. Thanks.

**Clive Watson**

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## The WI Report

The meeting on 12th May began with a presentation from a volunteer from the Air Ambulance. He explained that his son had been seriously injured in a motorbike accident and had been taken to hospital by the Air Ambulance. His son survived and Mark now spends a considerable amount of time raising money for the service. His talk gave a fascinating insight in to the work of the pilots, doctors and paramedics who work for the service and the equipment that they have at their disposal. After the presentation members discussed the resolution which will be voted on at the WI National AGM in Leeds in June. The resolution calls on every member of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known and to encourage their family, friends and members of their local community to do likewise. The meeting supported the resolution unanimously.

On 13th May a small group of members went to see "Tomb with a View" at the Priory Theatre.

On 15th May ten members attended the Leigh Group meeting in Kenilworth to hear a talk by Simon Topman the managing director of Acme Whistles. His entertaining talk was interspersed by demonstrations of some of his firms products, including a nineteenth century police whistle, a "Thunderer", used by countless schoolteachers and a noiseless dog whistle.

On Sunday 18th May more than 50 guests attended an afternoon tea in Stoneleigh Village Hall to raise funds for the Air Ambulance. There was a Games Afternoon on 20th May.

On 21st May a group of members travelled by coach to Audley End near Saffron Walden. This magnificent house for a short while belonged to King Charles II.

The next village lunch will be on 3rd June. The menu will be salmon with new potatoes and mixed vegetables followed by strawberries. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 17th June at the Village Club. At the meeting on Monday 2nd June Graham Soden will speak about the Shetlands.

**Rachel Gill**



## **Stoneleigh Village Club Limited**

Fifty three members attended the first Annual General Meeting of S.V.C.L at 7.30 pm on Friday 16th May 2014 and the following is a brief synopsis of the meeting:

The Chairman (Robin Bussell) presented his report for 2013/14 and emphasised the achievement of various milestones: the raising of funds to purchase the building, the completion of the purchase and the incorporation as a company limited by guarantee together with an increasing membership. All those who had made a contribution to the Club organisation were thanked for their efforts. The emphasis now shifts to ensuring the maintenance and improvement of the building whilst continuing to improve the business performance of the Club. The Chairman concluded by recording a satisfactory year and hoped that this success might be continued into the future.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mark Morris) presented a brief financial report which showed an increase in turnover to £79,000 and a trading surplus of £4,700. This was the first time since 2008 that a surplus had been achieved.

The officers of the Club: Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary (Patrick Sawdon), were re-elected to their positions unanimously and unopposed. There were only three candidates for committee membership and these three were duly elected: Ann Lowe, Liz Sykes and John Waters.

There were no questions under Any Other Business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

**Robin Bussell**

## Stoneleigh Village Club Dates for Your Diary

### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 8.00 pm:**

**Acoustica** returns for an evening of classical guitar music and helped along with some real ales from Warwick brewery.

*This promises to be an evening with a difference and we hope to see you there.*



### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm:**

**Mark's Race Night.** This is also a (gambling) evening with a difference as Mark Morris raises money for sponsorship of his bike ride round Lake Malawi later this year and all in support of **Myton Hospice.**

### **World Cup 2014**

All the England matches will be shown on the re-furbished big screen at the Club:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: England v Italy, k.o. 11.00 pm. The club will remain open until around 1.00 pm for this match and we ask for our neighbour's understanding on this occasion.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June: England v Uruguay, k.o. 8.00 pm.  
Barbecued food will be available.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: England v Costa Rica, k.o. 5.00 pm; the club will open at 4.00 pm and barbecued food will be available.

### **Duck Race 2014**

The Duck Race will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Have you bought your tickets yet?





## RACE NIGHT AT STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB ON SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

Do come along and have a really fun family night out at the club without even realising you are raising money for charity!! Mark Morris, our erstwhile Treasurer later this year is taking on the **Myton Hospice Cycle Challenge**. This is over 240 miles in Malawi and Mark is aiming to raise at least £3,000 for Myton. Come along on the night for:

- B-B-Q.
- 6 races (using wooden horses and a dice).  
Hopefully some of these will be outside!!
- A charity auction.
- A raffle.
- Have a flutter on each race on the tote at £1 a time.
- Buy a leg of a horse for £5 a time. These will be sold off prior to the event. See Jim in the club.
- Donkey rides for the children.

Jockeys are of course needed for the horses and we already have had some interest.

It will be a really great family evening. Do try and come along and support Mark.



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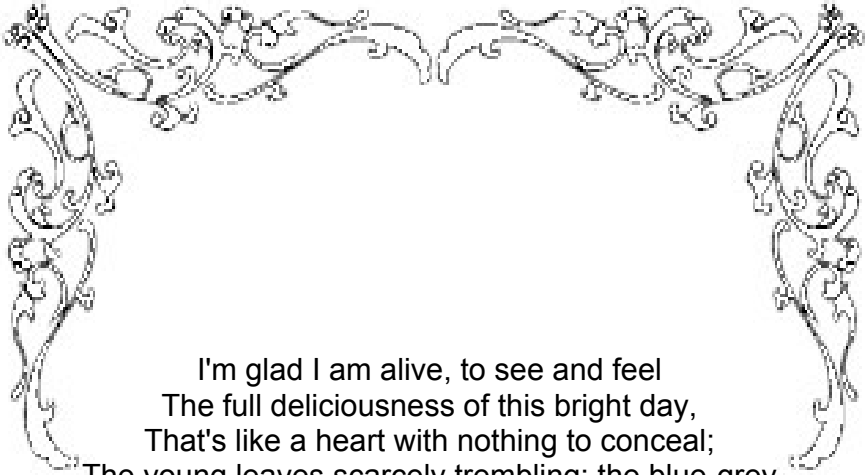
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## **Ten interesting facts you should know about June.....**

- June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere
- June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite
- The June birth flower is the Rose (Rosa) and the Honeysuckle (Lonicera)
- In 2009 June was the 662 most popular name for girls in the USA
- Anglo-Saxons gave the June the name Sera monath (Dry month)
- In the USA March is National Nutrition Month and National Peanut Month
- June is derived from either Juno goddess of marriage or from iuniores (young people)
- In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June
- June is international men's month
- June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere



I'm glad I am alive, to see and feel  
The full deliciousness of this bright day,  
That's like a heart with nothing to conceal;  
The young leaves scarcely trembling; the blue-grey  
Rimming the cloudless ether far away;  
Briars, hedges, shadows; mountains that reveal  
Soft sapphire; this great floor of polished steel  
Spread out amidst the landmarks of the bay.

I stoop in sunshine to our circling net  
From the black gunwale; tend these milky kine  
Up their rough path; sit by yon cottage-door  
Plying the diligent thread; take wings and soar--  
O hark how with the season's laureate  
Joy culminates in song! If such a song were mine!

- William Allingham, On a Forenoon of Spring





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LADY, ASHOW  
and  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,  
STONELEIGH**



***SERVICES FOR JUNE 2014***

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion, Stoneleigh
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion, Stoneleigh
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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