STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



Stoneleigh Community Orchard Wild Flower Meadow

SEPTEMBER 2014

From the vicarage

Harvest Home: I have beetroot, apple, plum, cherry, and blackberry wines in my garage. I have gooseberry, plum and mulled wine jams and greengage, apple and walnut chutney in my larder (affectionately known as the "Store Stump" after Bramley Hedge!) I have every intention of repeating my successful homemade scrumpy and would love to get my hands on my own applepress and masher to make it in vast quantities! When the apples are ripe I will be making apple scones, apple crumble, apple and rosemary bread, apple cheese, apple cakes and pressing apples on anyone who looks might they might take some home with them. In Ilmington we are so well resourced for apple trees, you can't expect everyone to want to say yes!

I am never quite sure how well received all these happily homemade ventures are, when we create hampers for a nearest and dearest at Christmas. I do wonder if the exciting parcel that leaves my kitchen receives a knowing and indulgent smile from its recipients, like the knitting gifts of great aunts of a bygone era. Actually I once knitted them all silly tea cosies but that's another story. There is something special about autumn when I comfortably slide on my slippers, shrug on my cardigan, and have a vat of something bubbling in my preserving pan. I feel the need to get creative and make the most of the harvest.

At harvest time we come with thankful hearts to enjoy the fruits of creation which we are blessed to have in plentiful supply. I think part of being made in God's image means we are made to be creative like our Creator. We won't all be good at the same things, but there is such deep satisfaction and pleasure to be found in creativity – be it through art, crafty, music, ingenuity, gardening, words, cookery, humour or some other expression. In Stoneleigh our harvest thanksgiving service takes place the day after Stoneleigh's Food, Beer and Craft Market, at 11am on Sunday 28th September with guest speaker Rev Dr Gordon Gatward. Come and join us to celebrate all we have been given and are free to enjoy in the harvest of the earth, as well as our skills, gifts and talents that give such pleasure and satisfaction personally, and often to others (!) as we express something of the spirit of creativity that is part of being human.

Happy Harvest and God bless,

Reverend Sharon Goble

Following our successful first gathering, we would love parents and carers to join us with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers for **Pray and Play**



weekly on Tuesdays at 10am in Ashow churchin school termtime from 16^{th} September.

We will have toys to play with, friendly people to chat to, and share a simple story, song and prayer to help us explore Christian faith together in our special church building.



Open door...

Ashow church is now open every day, thanks to a willing groups of volunteers. As with Stoneleigh, the church buildings are a resource for the whole community and any passing pilgrims who want to use the beautiful ancient building as a place of prayer, contemplation and historic interest.

Stoneleigh Church Dates for your Diary

September

Friday 5th – **Film Night** - 6.45 for 7pm in the Village Hall – Check church notice board for details of film. Tickets: £3.00, to cover room hire, coffee and cake.

Saturday 20th – Mill House Green Male Voice Choir and Stoneleigh Male voice choir Concert 7pm in the church (see advert for details)

Saturday 27th –Refreshments and Craft Tent at the church in conjunction with the Village Food and Drink fair. 2-4pm

Sunday 28th – Harvest Lunch in village hall (see advert for details)

October

Friday 17th – Quiz night 7pm in the village hall

Ashow and Stoneleigh Harvest Lunch

Sunday 28th September 2014 at Stoneleigh Village Hall, lunch 1pm

Tickets: £7.50 (bring your own wine) - Children under 12: £3.00

From: Parish Office 02476 415506 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk
Vegetarian option available on request.

An Evening of Music with

Mill House Green Male Voice Choir, visiting from Yorkshire, and Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

on

Saturday 20th September, 7pm,

in the church

Tickets £15 (includes a glass of wine and canapés)

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO THE FABRIC FUND

For tickets and further information please contact:
Jackie at the Parish office 024 76 415506, email:
admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk
or call Sarah 02476 715256



New Yoga Classes - September 2014 Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh

Thursday 6.30 - 7.50 pm - Yoga For ALL

Senior Citizens Centre, Abbey End Car Park, Kenilworth

Friday

9.10 -10.30 am - Carers and Babies up to 3 yrs 10.40 - 12.00 am - Yoga For ALL

Please Ring for more information 07432564047

Email - maidystar@phonecoop.coop

Anaerobic Digester for Stoneleigh?

The following is the Article referred to in a recent poster distributed to all residents by Stoneleigh Parish Council concerning the AD proposal – Ed..

It appears that many residents are unaware of the proposal to build and operate an Anaerobic Digester, or AD for short, on Green Belt land near the village. An AD converts waste and harvested crops into gas and may have a generating set to produce electricity as well (as in the case of the present proposal). Warwickshire County Council is presently considering an application for Planning Permission to construct and operate the plant on 3.4 hectares (8.4 acres) of land north of Kings Wood on the left hand side of Stoneleigh Road north of the junction with the B4115 on the approach to the intersection with the A46.

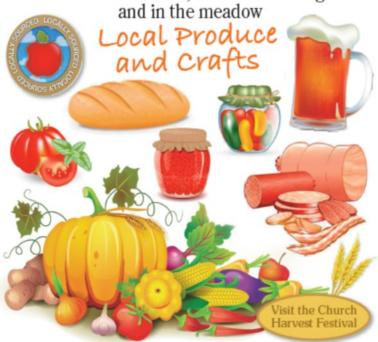
It is stated that a principal reason for the development 'is to meet the renewable energy requirement imposed on Stoneleigh Park by Warwick District Council' by a condition of the planning permission for the redevelopment of the Park that 10% of the development energy requirement is to be met from renewable sources in or adjacent to the Park. It appears, however, that the proposed AD is designed to generate 2,700,000 kWh which is estimated to be over five times the estimated 10% requirement of the Stoneleigh Park development. The surplus electricity and gas will be fed into the national grids. The AD would be fuelled by 17500 tonnes of maize, silage, grass cuttings, energy beet and whole crop rye sourced from Stoneleigh Park and local farms, annually, 4000 tonnes annually of livestock and chicken manure and slurry sourced from local farms and 13500 tonnes annually of non-animal food waste, such as fruit and vegetables, coffee and depackaged food and drink, sourced from local food processors. Accordingly there will be heavy vehicle movements into and out of the site on a regular basis involving (per the Environmental Report) '38 trips per day (19 two-way movements) or 5 per hour evenly distributed over an 8 hour working day typically Monday-Friday, occasionally on weekends during harvest time. A more typical profile reflecting both the potential campaign nature and 24-hour working of crop harvesting and digestate collection would be represented by 168 trips per day, or 10-11 per hour at certain times of the year. As a very worst case scenario a total of 33 trips per hour would result for a very limited period of time. Peak-hour traffic would be avoided where possible'. The application with supporting documents may be viewed at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/planning applications. Click on 'Search for a Planning Application' and enter the reference WDC/14CM022 in the application reference box and then click on the 'Search' button in the bottom left hand corner. The reference will then come up in red, which you click on and then the panel headed 'Plans and Documents'. Amongst the numerous documents in the list, you will see the Environmental Report which is a key document. Unfortunately the copy shown is defective in omitting the last 4 pages, 102 - 105, but these have now been added as a separate item at the end of the list of documents. These pages are important because they deal with properties in and around the village which may be susceptible to bad odours generated by the AD. The Environmental Report at paragraph 6.4.4 states that:-The production and combustion of biogas by anaerobic digestion of biological material is intrinsically odourous. As biological material breaks down it releases odourous compounds, such as hydrogen sulphide and ammonia. These gases are detectable to the human nose even at very low concentrations in air, which may lead to annoyance and loss of amenity. It is therefore important to evaluate the risk of odour impacts from such a facility and provide mitigation to minimise any impacts wherever possible. Although the Environmental Report assesses that the risks of bad odour effects will be negligible on those village properties which are identified, ranging from the Playing Fields at the Village Hall to property in Vicarage Road, unfortunately, "Odour is a critical factor affecting the viable operation of all biodegradable waste management facilities and waste water treatment plants. The levels of odour incidences at permitted sites are at an all time high with the Environment Agency deeming this to be far the most significant issue in our sector". So said Jeremy Jacobs, Technical Director, Renewable Energy Association, in September 2013. The AD would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except for periodic maintenance intervals. Noise from the generating plant may be an issue which could contribute to the ambient background noise level in the vicinity. Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council has made an excellent formal objection to the proposal which deals very convincingly with the unjustified invasion of the Green Belt, highlighting that the 'very special reasons' which are required by the National Planning Policy Framework to justify development in the Green Belt, do not exist in this case. The formal objection can be viewed at http://www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk/parish-council/council-minutes/ and it is well worth reading. If you would like to have your say on this planning application you need to hurry because the application could be dealt with by the appropriate committee of Warwickshire County Council on 16th September 2014 (but it may be later), so that your comments should be sent as far in advance of that date as can be managed. Although the time for formal responses expired at the beginning of July, Mr Grace, the Planning Officer concerned, confirms that all responses received in sufficient time beforehand will be recorded and be put before the Committee. Responses may be sent by post or delivered by hand addressed to Ian Grace, Planning Officer, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL or sent to him by email to iangrace@warwickshire.gov.uk. If you wish to speak to Mr Grace for an update on the date of hearing of the application, his phone number is 01926 417645.



Food, Beer and Craft Market

Saturday 27th September

From 12 noon onwards, outside the village club



Tombola • Barbecue • Music

STONELEIGH VILLAGE FOOD, BEER & CRAFTS MARKET

Saturday 27th September 2014 from 12 noon to 5pm in The Square by the Village Club and The Meadows

Do keep the date free and come along to support this event.

There will be a variety of stalls where you can be tempted to spend your money and find early Christmas presents.

Browse and buy at crafts, cards, jewellery, hand made chocolates, sweets, ice creams, specialist cheeses, artisan breads, cakes, garden produce, plants and more.

In The Meadow - barbecue, ploughman's lunch, beers and ciders to refresh you, entertained by folk group music.

In The Church, decorated for harvest - visit the history display, enjoy tea and delicious cakes with activities for children.

Have a great day out in a lovely setting and support our fund raising efforts for The Club, Church and other charities.

Finally - the Judging of the Marrow Competition by Mike at Smiths Nurseries Stall!!

Enquiries to Nora 02476 415405

Correction - Village Contacts List

The following corrections have been received since the circulation of the July/August News.

Church Small Groups: Elizabeth Penlington 024 7641 5506 and

Maggie Moorhouse 01926 511285

Pastoral Care & Prayer: Rev Sharon Goble

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Elizabeth Penlington 024 7641 5506

Stoneleigh United Charities Sue Wareham 01608 654299 (Editor)

Stoneleigh History Society World War One event,

Stoneleigh Village Hall was thronged with visitors on Tuesday June 24th, to see the special preview evening of the Stoneleigh History Society's display to commemorate those who served in World War One.

Members of the History Society have spent almost a year investigating the stories of the 93 men whose names are on the Roll of Honour board in the village hall, including those of 14 men who died.

It was a particular pleasure to have amongst the many guests, descendants of several of the "Stoneleigh soldiers." The oldest amongst them was Mr Ted Morris, aged 92, whose father Albert won the Military Medal for exceptional bravery in the field.

Other guests included members of several local history societies who are assembling their own exhibitions to commemorate the centenary of World War One. We were very pleased to have a number of extremely kind compliments!

A special cake was baked by Colleen Oldham of the Stoneleigh Women's Institute. A poignant slideshow of photographs and documents, compiled by Pam Baker, was shown throughout the evening, and the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir sang typical songs from the war. I would especially like to thank Pam, and also Lisa Reay for all her dogged research. Many other members of the Society contributed towards what was a very special evening for the village community and we hope that in the coming years even more information about the men will become available.

The exhibition will continue in the Leigh Chapel of the church. If you haven't yet seen it, please do go and have a look, perhaps on Heritage Weekend (September 13/14 th) or on the day of the Food Beer and Craft market (September 27th).

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh History Society

A reminder that our September meeting will be held in the Church, 7.30 - 9.00pm on Tuesday 30th September. We shall be talking about the wonderful church cushions, which were designed and stitched with such devoted care by an enthusiastic team over many years. There will be an introduction and description of the project, followed by plenty of time to look at the cushions and to chat over refreshments. We hope to be joined by some of 'The Stitchers', who will share their memories with us. Personal invitations have been sent to Stitchers whose current whereabouts we know but if any News reader knows of anyone who has not been contacted and who was in any way connected with the project, please encourage them to come along; we should be especially pleased to see any of the now-adult Stoneleigh children designers of the animals, birds and insects cushions.

Margaret Wallis



Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm

Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School

Overture Cockaigne: Elgar Cello Concerto: Dvorak Symphony No 5: Shostakovich

Conductor: Jacques Cohen Soloist: Lionel Handy

The Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra starts its exciting season under the baton of the international conductor Jacques Cohen and welcomes back Lionel Handy, the much recorded and acclaimed cellist.

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Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Cotswold Hills League Div 5

With just 2 rounds of matches to go at the time of writing, the promotion chase is on a knife-edge. Broadway II head the table with Leamington IV and ourselves just behind. We have lost just one match, that at home to Broadway when, missing 5 of our front-line bowlers, we just failed to defend a total of 212. James Chapman has been leading the way with the bat, currently having amassed 382 runs at a remarkable average of 95.5. Skipper Paul Lazenby, Dave Beale, Paul Smith and Lee Moreton have also put in useful shifts. Of the bowlers, Dave Griffin and Mark Edgington have taken18 wickets apiece, Phil Chapman 13, James Mills 12 and Lee Moreton 10. Unusually, no-one has made a century or taken 5 wickets in a match.

The weather has had a big say with 3 matches not started and 3 more abandoned, including the return fixture at Leamington where we had the home side in deep trouble at 106-8 when a huge thunderstorm washed out any possibility of further play. But there is some controversy over results involving Elmley Castle who have already conceded walkovers three times and may be subject to league action which could modify the table positions. Leamington and Broadway also have to play each other on the final Saturday so any 2 of 3 could be promoted.

Friendlies

Poor weather has also continued to disrupt the Sunday and Midweek programme of Friendlies. Of the games that have been finished, we have won 6 and lost 6 but the Sunday team has generally been a happy crew, enthusiastically led by Phil Chapman contributing his usual all-round performances. Jitesh Patel has not only done well with the ball but also provided a seemingly inexhaustible supply of relatives to fill gaps when we've been short not to mention an enormous pile of pizza for tea one afternoon.

Possibly the stand-out batting performance was a partnership of 127 between Paul Lazenby and Andy Edgington in the match against Radway. Andy bludgeoned his way to 63 with 7 fours and 3 sixes while Paul made a more sedate 51. It was the second highest fifth-wicket stand on the records. One unusual statistic was the winning of two successive matches by 1 run. In 50 year's worth of scorebooks, I've not been able to find a similar occurrence.

Skipper's Birthday

A match was held to celebrate Paul's 50th birthday and his star-studded side of Stoneleigh past & present took on a current team. It was good to see so many old faces. Things did not go quite to form. Paul was out second ball, caught off Smudger opening the bowling. The stars mustered 164 off their 35 overs (Hodson 49,Afko 51no). After an enormous Joyce Waite tea, the home teamcantered to victory with the Chapman brothers leading the way (James 47,Phil 50no).

For more club details contate Phil Chapman 01926 774864 *David Wildgoose*

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

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

Bubbenhall Community First Responders

The Parish Council have recently had a presentation from Mt Steve Haynes a volunteer with Bubbenhall Community First Responders. The Community First Responder Scheme (CFR) is a national initiative and forms an integrated part of the ambulance service

Bubbenhall CFR's work under the West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) First responder Scheme. There are currently around 1,500 CFR working across the West Midlands region that are supported by a WMAS CFR Co-ordinator for Coventry and Warwickshire.

CFR's operate to a strict deployment protocol and operating procedures set by WMAS NHS Trust. CFR's are called out by WMAS to life-threatening, emergency medical calls within their locality providing vital first person on scene assistance to people who are ill or injured prior to the arrival of the ambulance crew.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the scheme; volunteering to train as a first responder or a fundraiser/support worker then please contact the scheme co-ordinator: email: info@bubbenhallcfrs.org.uk or visit their web-site: www.bubbenhallcfrs.org.uk

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO ROBIN

Well, that got you all wondering didn't it??! After more years than he cares to remember, Robin Bussell has been on the Stoneleigh & Ashow News production/compilation team. Impressively, he managed to move seamlessly from the 'cut & paste' days when items came in scribbled on bits of paper, or were roughly typed,or even phoned, to the current days of desktop publishing. He adjusted to the digital age with confidence and rapidly-gleaned know-how which was the envy of his contemporaries on the team. We shall miss him enormously and wish to place on record our great appreciation for all that he has done for S&A News.

Of course, Robin is irreplaceable but nonetheless we do need someone who is willing and able to join the team and is prepared to compile a month's edition. If you can devote a few hours a *year* and are keen to volunteer your skills to this vital part of village life, please contact me mswallis1@gmail.com for more information.

Margaret Wallis, Stoneleigh & Ashow News co-ordinator

Ashow News

Ashow Church is now open to visitors or worshippers every day of the week. Many thanks to the volunteers who are opening it each day. The response from the village, visitors and walkers has been very positive.

The "Space Academy" Holiday Club at Stoneleigh Church run by Sharon and her enthusiastic band of helpers was much appreciated by the children and grandchildren from Ashow or its congregation who attended, and enjoyed great fun.

Sharon will be continuing the "Pray and Play" sessions in Ashow church in school term time on Tuesdays at 10am for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers, from 16th September.

The weekend of 9th/10th August saw the delightful wedding of Catie Mackenzie and Christopher King on the Saturday at the church, and on Sunday the Baptism of Jack, the son of Alice and Rowland Cooper. Both were very memorable services.

The Ashow Harvest Festival is the Village Service on Sunday 28th September at 9.30am. In addition to the usual fruit and vegetables gifts of dried goods will be particularly welcome as the produce will go to Leamington Christian Mission (Steph and Geoff).

Date for your Diary

Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm (prompt) at Stoneleigh Village Hall. A Concert including songs from the First World War by Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, with Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets from Kate Jones (tel 01926 853511), or Stephen Harvey (tel 01926 852543). Any profit will go to Ashow Church Restoration Fund. Further details to be announced

Thank you

Rev Sharon Goble and her team for welcoming us and making our wedding day, 9th August , just perfect. The sermon touched the whole congregation irrespective of personal beliefs and united us all in the ceremony and celebration of our marriage. Everyone has been very supportive with prewedding meetings and the rehearsal (when the congregation had coffee al fresco to enable us to practise in the church).

Many thanks to everyone who made our day so special Catie and Chris King

Coming Soon!

Stoneleigh Calendar 2015

A very big thank you to all sixteen people who entered photographs for our 2015 calendar. There were 75 beautiful pictures from which to choose, and it was a difficult task! the challenge was not only to decide on the final twelve, but to decide which months they would fit into.

Choices were made by majority vote from a panel of seven members of the Stoneleigh History Society and the identities of all the entrants were kept secret until the end. All the "winners" have been sent our congratulations, along with commiserations to the unlucky ones. Perhaps they might be lucky in future years..!

We hope that when the calendars are printed you will be happy to buy...perhaps several! The aim is to have them for sale in readiness for the Food, Beer and Craft Market on September 27th, but please get in touch with me if you would like another means of purchasing. They will also be on sale at the September meeting of the History Society, on September 30th, (see History Society article), and elsewhere in the village.

At £7.50 each, these calendars will make super Christmas presents as well as being the ideal addition to your kitchen wall!

Sheila Woolf 02476 418759 shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk hs

HS2 UPDATE

Extensive media coverage about HS2 has continued throughout the summer, not only regarding criticisms of the project as such but in the context of other ideas for infrastructure which the Government has floated – a trans-Pennine 'HS3', a link from CrossRail into the Home Counties, re-location of HS2 Ltd to Birmingham and proposed payments to some of its staff far in excess of the Prime Minister's salary, re- generation of northern cities and so on. It seems that each time new ideas are floated deeper investigation shows that they undermine rather than enhance the case for HS2! Be that as it may, there are no real signs of any official wavering about the project.

The general public has been invited to respond to the HS2 Ltd's Property Compensation Consultation. The deadline for responses is 30 September 2014. The proposals are far too complicated to precis here but may be found on www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-property-consultation-2014 This site also includes maps showing the proposed schemes for areas near the Phase One route; these maps indicate that the 'safeguarded zone' is larger in some places than was indicated on earlier maps so more properties will be affected. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the HS2Action Alliance has yet to publish its guidance on responses to the Consultation. When that guidance is available it will be circulated to those on our email circulation list; anyone wishing to add their names to this list should contact staghs2@live.co.uk

Margaret Wallis on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group





WI REPORT

The meeting on Monday 7th July was Members' Night. Every year the meeting in July is organised by a group of members, who are not on the committee. This year their chosen theme was puddings. The evening started with a demonstration by Joan Coulson of a microwave chocolate fudge pudding. She assured us that the pudding was delicious but also unfortunately full of calories. After this we were encouraged to try all the other puddings which had been made by the organising group. We sampled pavlova, with three different fruit fillings, elderflower and blackcurrant jellies, oaty apple pie, and various chocolate concoctions.

On Thursday 17 th July a group of members went on a boat trip at Stratford, which included afternoon tea. In July the Craft Group finished off items started but not completed in the previous months. There was a Games Afternoon on Tuesday 15th July. The Book Club met on 19th August to discuss "Kicking the Habit" by Eleanor Stewart and "The Silent Tide" by Rachel Hoare.

The next village lunch will be on 2nd September. The menu will be cottage pie followed by chocolate gateau. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 024 76 418301. The next village coffee morning will be on Tuesday 16th September in the Village Club.

At the next meeting on 1st September Jo Carter will talk about the life of a ladies maid.

Rachel Gill

Events at Stoneleigh Park during September

Trade Only Event 9th – 11th September 2014

Approximately 1,100 vehicles are expected on site each day therefore traffic on the B4113 is expected to be slightly busier than usual.

LeMieux National Dressage Championships 18th – 21st September 2014

The Lemieux National Dressage Championships returns to Stoneleigh Park from 18th – 21st September. There are 22 championship titles up for grabs and the best horses and riders in the country will all be vying for the honours.

The event is being held on site at Stoneleigh Park, with visitor parking in Car Park 3. Approximately 500 vehicles are expected on site on the 18th and 19th, and 1,000 vehicles on 20th and 21st August therefore traffic on the B4113 is expected to be slightly busier than usual.

Ticket prices start at £14 per adult and £8 per child. For more information, please visit www.bdchampionships.com/national/index.php

Warwick University Park & Ride

20th September 2014

The event is being held on site, with parking also on site. There are 2,000 extra vehicles expected each day, so local traffic is expected to be busier than usual.

Wedding Exhibition

28th September 2014

Diversified Events have brought together a unique mix of leading wedding experts from the West Midlands to help you make those important decisions when planning your wedding day.

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Tickets are £5 per person. For further information, please visit diversified events.co.uk

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A report in The Independent during July carried the news of a study by Warwick University Researchers, with the co-operation and support of Severn Trent, into the content of water discharged from sewage treatment plan. For those not aware of this article, the scientists are

reported to have discovered drug resistant bacteria in the sediment samples taken downstream of Finham, and tests have shown the level of antibiotic resistance is many times higher downstream of Finham, than it is upstream. The microbes contained mutated genes that confer resistance to the latest generation of antibiotics, and the scientists believe this discovery shows how antibiotic resistance has become widespread in the environment, with sewage treatment plants acting as giant mixing vessels where antibiotic resistance can spread between different microbes.

To quote the leader of the study "This is a worrying development and we need to be concerned about it. We've completely underestimated the role waste-treatment processes can play in antibiotic resistance." It is to be hoped there will be some further advice in due course, via the Severn Trent, but in the interim beware of the river sediment, and potential risks to health

With thanks to Will Blagburn who spotted the original report, paraphrased above.



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For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator, Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506

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St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh Services for September 2014

Sunday 7th 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Thursday 11th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 14th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh

Sunday 21st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Thursday 25th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 28th HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow

11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh,

(Rev Gordon Gatwood will be preaching)

From the registers July and August

Weddings at Ashow

Saturday 9th August- Christopher Hamilton King and Catriona Elizabeth Mackenzie

Baptism at Ashow

Sunday 10th August – Jack Magnus Cooper

Weddings at Stoneleigh

Friday 25th July - William John Whatmore and Jana Vilemina Bobek
Saturday 2nd August - Oliver Richard Marvell-Smith and Hannah Elizabeth Mancell
Friday 15th August - Lee Steven Nowosad and Abigail Sarah Taylor
Baptism at Stoneleigh

Sunday 20th July Daniel Peter Thomas Hutchcox Burial of Ashes at Stoneleigh

Wednesday 6th August Sunday - Donald Charles Andrews