

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW

## *News*



**DECEMBER 2014 /  
JANUARY 2015**

# **50th Anniversary**

## **“Cambridge” Peal Attempt on Stoneleigh’s Bells**

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Rod Wheat on behalf of Stoneleigh Church Bellringers

**O**n Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015, beginning at about 1.00pm, a full peal attempt of a method called “Cambridge Surprise Minor” will be made on Stoneleigh's six bells. This consists of nearly three hours of continuous ringing and is a considerable challenge for the people taking part. Three hours of ringing - along a constantly changing path for all the bells and without any major slip-ups - is both mentally and physically draining. (The entire “Cambridge” method must be memorised; there are no other aids.) The reason why it is happening at this time is as follows.

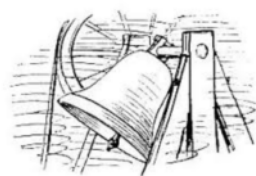
For some sixty years prior to Easter 1957, Stoneleigh's five bells were completely silent due to structural problems. When the tower and bell frame were eventually repaired, a completely new band of bellringers had to be trained from scratch. Some Stoneleigh residents will doubtless remember Paul and Gill Williamson and their young sons, Peter and Michael, who lived in Stoneleigh from 1957 until leaving for Somerset in 1968. Paul and Gill were experienced bellringers, who contributed greatly towards the communal effort of getting Stoneleigh tower ringing properly again, including teaching their sons to ring.

Thanks to Cec White, there is a copy of a “Kenilworth Weekly News” article hanging in Stoneleigh's ringing room, dated Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1965. This reports on the recommencement of ringing at our church, accompanied by a picture of some of the band at that time - comprising the then Tower Captain, Mr F Grant, Paul Williamson, Sheila Rench, Celia King, Edward and Nicholas Fardon, Miss A Woodward, Paul Groocock, Ken Hancox and Valerie Jones. (Gill Williamson gets a mention in the text of the article.) Members of this band rang the first full peal on the bells on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1962; three members were in fact ringing their first ever peal.

In early 1963, a treble was added, making the current ring of six bells. The first peal on the six bells was rung for Churchill's funeral in 1965. It was

performed on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1965, although the funeral service had been held on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The peal band was from Kenilworth and Warwick, and included one member (Tony Cox) who was ringing his first peal.

Today, Paul and Gill Williamson continue to live in Somerset; Paul had to give up ringing several years ago and Gill can only ring for short spells now. Paul and Gill's son, Peter, has arranged the fiftieth anniversary peal at Stoneleigh, when the band of bellringers will include three members of the original line-up. This anniversary celebration has the enthusiastic backing of our vicar and churchwardens. We wish Peter Williamson's peal band all the best and hope that the attempt is a successful one.



# Stoneleigh Church

## News

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Sarah Ballinger

**A**s this magazine goes to print, the application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for approximately £250,000 is in the process of being submitted.

A small and dedicated team from the church and the village have been working hard to put together the bid for these funds to repair the roof and the crumbling stonework. As a 'community aspect' has to be included in any application, the team has been focusing on ideas to conserve the church's heritage and extend its audience, thus ensuring the church is kept in good repair and remains open for future generations to enjoy.

The members of the PCC are particularly grateful to Sheila Woolf, James Cooper and Mark Bonnet for sharing their expertise, along with PCC members Niki Molyneux and Ian Smith for completing the application that Syd Creed had begun before he had his stroke.

We now have to wait patiently until early in the New Year to hear whether we have been successful and can move on to the final stage.

# Ashow Church News

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Stephen Harvey

**T**he concert by the Male Voice Choir at Stoneleigh Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> November was very entertaining, and the supper was very good. Many thanks to the choir members (some of whom doubled up as waiters), Jinty Cotton the soloist, Judy Hadfield and Alan Biddle. The event raised the great sum of £1,468, which included £392 from the raffle towards restoration work at Ashow Church. The Churchwardens would also like to thank anyone who helped in any way, particularly the cooks – Diana, Pat, Kate, Barbara, Jean, Rosemary and Nicola. They would also like to thank those who gave raffle prizes or who made a donation because they were unable to attend.

The Ashow Parish Singers are rehearsing for the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm, to be followed by mulled wine (or soft drinks) and mince pies. The Ashow Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, also at 4.00pm. Both services of readings and carols will be by candlelight.

Two recent events at Ashow Village Club were very successful. David and Diana Holt organised a “Meet and Greet” with a welcome drink and canapés for new villagers, and there was a bonfire and fireworks on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Both were much appreciated.



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## **From the Registers**



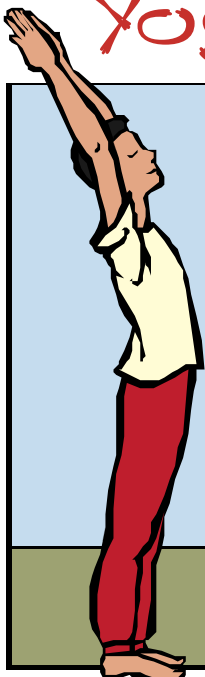
### **Baptism at Stoneleigh**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Emily Jones**



# Yoga with Maidy



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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Stoneleigh Village Hall

6.30pm

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# HS2 Latest

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Margaret Wallis on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group

**S**ince the last report, many developments have taken place regarding the HS2 proposals. These include evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee. For details, see [www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons](http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons).

The House of Lords hearings on the economic case for HS2 were presented with plenty of evidence which challenges official assertions about the project. Almost 530 pages of evidence can be found on <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/economic-affairs/Economic-case-for-HS2/HS2-Online-Evidence-Volume.pdf>.

Locally, discussions have continued between the Parish Council, StAG and the Stoneleigh History Society regarding their respective petitions. The current view is that it is important to present these petitions personally to the Select Committee because, at the very least, this means that our legitimate concerns will be recorded and no one from HS2 Ltd can argue subsequently that these issues were not raised. The extent to which concerns and any offers of mitigation result in action remains to be seen but, certainly until Parliament makes its decision on the Hybrid Bill, your local representatives will continue to do all that they can to register disquiet about the HS2 project and the way it will impact on all residents. The date for local petitions to be heard has yet to be announced, but is expected to be before the publication of the next News.





# In Conversation with Emma Clayton

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Interview by Lisa Reay

**E**mma Clayton is a writer of children's novels and has recently moved to Stoneleigh. Her first book *The Roar* was released in 2008, and in 2009 was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and won the Yorkshire Coast Book Award. In 2010, it was selected for the USBBY Outstanding International Books Honour List as well as the Texas Lone Star Reading List. Its sequel, *The Whisper*, will be available to buy in February 2015.



**When did you decide to become a writer?**

I didn't make a conscious decision to become a writer. While I was a student, I wrote a screenplay and I enjoyed that so much that I decided to write something longer. Writing became my hobby because it made me happy, but I didn't call myself a writer until I was published.

**What genre are your books and why this particular genre?**

My first two novels, *The Roar* and *The Whisper*, are dystopian thrillers. I chose this genre because I wanted to write for children on the cusp of adolescence who'd given up on books because they couldn't find ones they liked and had consequently turned to computer games and movies. I figured if I could offer something relevant, I might be able to keep them on the book wagon.

**What's *The Roar* about and where do your ideas come from?**

In 2050, the Northern Government opens new arcades and encourages poor children to play an addictive game called POD FIGHTER. Twelve-year-old Mika knows the game is not a game, but he competes to find the man who stole his sister.

*The Roar* is the sound of anger and *The Whisper* is the sound of thoughtful contemplation. The themes of the novels are issues that we face today, so my ideas came from the world I observe. However, at its heart, this is an adventure story inspired by the Steven Spielberg movies I watched as a child, and the iconography of computer games.

**Do you work to an outline or plot or do you prefer just to see where an idea takes you?**

I try to stick to an outline, but I often get carried away!

**What is the hardest thing about writing?**

Working alone. But moving to Stoneleigh has helped. It is a beautiful, friendly village with an interesting history. Despite the threats of Gateway and HS2, I feel lucky to live here.

**Why has the sequel taken so long and is it part of a series?**

*The Whisper* took a long time to write because it's a book about war for children. I felt this subject could not be rushed.

**Are you working on anything at the moment?**

Yes, I'm currently writing an adventure novel for younger readers. It's great fun!

**How can readers discover more about you and your work?**

My website is [www.emmaclaytonwriter.com](http://www.emmaclaytonwriter.com). You can also find me on Facebook.



## GOLFERS' QUIZ

1. Do you enjoy playing golf?
2. Do you have limited time to spend on the game?
3. Would you like to enjoy the benefits of club membership at a very reasonable cost?

If you have answered "yes" to these questions, you will be interested in the new 'flexible membership' at Coventry Golf Club.

This provides the opportunity for around 25 rounds per year for less than half of the annual subscription. This scheme offers the benefits of membership of this prestigious club and its well renowned golf course.

Details may be obtained from the Secretary (024 7641 4152) or the Professional (024 7641 1298) or call in to see us at St Martin's Road, Finham, Coventry CV3 6RJ.

**Membership availability under this scheme is limited, so do not delay.** The Club also has a few vacancies for Full, Intermediate, Junior and Social Members.





## **Simple guided meditation in words and music and quiet**

### **Thursdays in Advent**

**4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am in Stoneleigh Church**

Our aim is to encourage you take time out for yourself, but also to draw near to God and discover that he draws near to you. On 11<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a simple communion at 10.30am according to our usual pattern of worship, and on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December, there will be some basic resources for you to get creative (or bring your own!). Each week, we invite you to stay and chat over coffee before rushing off... except on 4<sup>th</sup> December, when we would like to encourage you to make your way to the Village Hall to support the coffee morning organised by the flower arrangers.

### **“O Come Let Us Adore Him”**

**6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in Stoneleigh Church**

Join us on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am to 12.30pm when Audrey Rowberry, our reader, will take us through a morning in quiet preparation for Advent entitled “O Come let us Adore Him”.

# Stonleigh & Ashow News Annual General Meeting

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Margaret Wallis, Chair, S&A News Editorial Team

**T**he News AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. This is an opportunity for the editors to review the previous year's issues and to discuss any policy matters, as well as to approve the accounts. If any reader wishes to make comments on any aspect of the News, please get in touch with me before the meeting at [mwallis1@gmail.com](mailto:mwallis1@gmail.com) or on 024 7641 4271.

May I place on public record my appreciation of the efforts of all editors and distributors who have ensured that the News has appeared as planned throughout the year, and to Clive Watson, our Treasurer, whose careful stewardship and gentle soliciting of voluntary contributions has ensured that our accounts remain in the black?



## Halloween at Stoneleigh Village Club

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Paul and Ruth Homer

**W**e would like to express our thanks to all the witches, wizards, ghouls and ghosts, those who provided and served food and drinks and, of course, the Ghost Walk organisers. It is these volunteers who make Club events such as this so successful. The children had a wonderful time.

Thank you and well done.

# Events at Stoneleigh Village Club

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Nora Blagburn on behalf of the Social Committee

## **“Run, Rabbit, Run: Celebrating Peace after War”**



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm meal**



**Tickets £12.00**

*from the Club Bar by Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November please*

*Enquiries to Marian 024 7641 7055 or Nora 024 76 41 5405*

***Booking essential as numbers will be limited***

A nostalgic evening with food, music, songs and memorabilia.

Dress of the period appreciated, but optional.

If rations allow, the choice of menu will be:

**Rabbit Stew**

or

**Boiled Beef and Carrots**

or

**Lord Woolton Pie (vegetarian)**

and

**Puddings**



## **Children's Christmas Party**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**6.00pm**



**Members' children free / £3.50 per child for non-members**

All children 10 years and under are welcome.

*To help with numbers for tea and present from Santa, names and payment by Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December please. Tickets and list at the Club Bar.*

# Other Dates for your Diary

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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## **Stoneleigh Ladies' and Male Voice Choirs Carolling**

6.30pm

Both choirs meet at the Club before carolling around the village and returning to the Club on completion

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## **Carols in the Club**

followed by the Grand Draw at 9.00pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

## **New Year's Eve at the Club**

*See noticeboard for details*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015

## **New Year's Day Village Walk**

Meet at Motslow Bridge at 11.30am for a one hour gentle walk to blow the cobwebs away - followed by refreshments in the Club

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

## **Meeting**

7.30pm

A meeting to discuss forward plans for the Club Social Programme in 2015. It is hoped to gather together everyone who has been previously involved, or may wish to help in the future, in the social activities of the Club. This is an opportunity for anyone to have a say in what they would like to see arranged at the Club.





# The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014

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Sheila Woolf, Honorary Organiser

**O**nce again, I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously in contributing to this year's poppy appeal. The final total is not available at the time of writing, but I shall notify you in the next edition of the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News*.

Very many thanks also to all those who gave up their time to collect "house to house" (a difficult task in unpredictable weather!) and to those who helped in a variety of other ways (especially Dennis, of course!).



Photograph by Will Blagburn



# Travelling to Bethlehem

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Reverend Sharon Goble

**I** have done a fair amount of travelling in the last year as a commuter. I, alongside many others, have become very familiar with my route to work and, as with all journeys, it does not always go according to plan. The timing of my trip influences its ease and speed, of course, so it didn't take very long driving home after the midnight service last Christmas Eve, for example. (There weren't many people up and about in the small hours – just me and Father Christmas!) However, it took an age to get to church on Rogation Sunday, stuck behind cyclists and farm machinery.

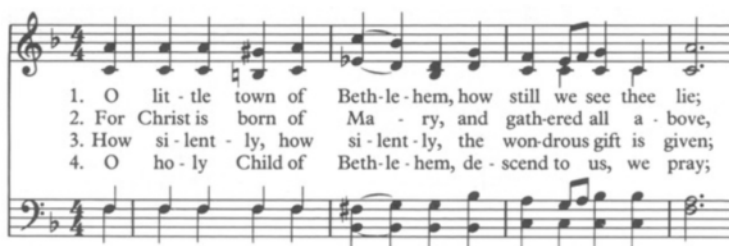
Then there's the weather, which has in fact so far been less challenging than I had anticipated – although I had a memorable white-knuckle drive through high winds whilst Classic FM (my favourite travelling companion) played Beethoven's Fifth! Notice that I am not making mention of roadworks. I confess that I am struggling to find a printable comment.

Some travelling plans are utterly interrupted, of course; as was the case for us as a family two years ago. The scene of the car crash at tea-time on Christmas Eve as we travelled between nativity services is one that I will never forget. Three cars were written off because a busy person overtook us on a solid white line, choosing to take the risk to get home five minutes sooner and considering their journey the most important of all. He and we and others nearly never made it home at all because of that moment of rash decision. But I will also not forget the kindness of strangers who stopped to help the angel Gabriel (Fliss) and the shepherds (Ben and Timmy), the vicar (my husband) and the distressed mother (me). It was a peculiarly poignant scene amongst the broken glass and bits of metal. I gathered my precious family to me, astounded that we had all managed to walk away relatively unharmed. Once home, we dusted ourselves off, and Chris and I continued into the night taking Christmas services, with the reality of what we'd been through only really hitting us in delayed shock on Christmas Day.

Over this festive period, many people take on extra journeys to gather with family and friends, so I hope you take the greatest of care as you go. In the Christmas story we are invited to travel once again to Bethlehem. In the familiar story itself and its themes, journey is a strong thread: pregnant Mary with Joseph and a donkey; shepherds running through the night; wise men from distant lands; angels from heaven and God come to us in a baby.

Travel with me to Bethlehem as we immerse ourselves into the Christmas story and explore these other journeys together. I hope that you include a trip down the church path to join us and hope too that our journey to Bethlehem will be memorable for all the right reasons. If you are busy before Christmas, come and join us in Stoneleigh at 4.00pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December for an informal gathering and sharing. You might like to bring your leftover festive fayre, a favourite Christmas poem, your prayer concerns, or just yourself.

Happy Christmas!



## Carols with Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

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**W**eather permitting, Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir will be singing carols in Ashow on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at Ashow Village Club at 6.30pm, and in Stoneleigh on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at Stoneleigh Village Club at 6.30pm. It is hoped that we will be joined by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir.

# Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

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Pete Freeman & Richard Hancox

**T**he Stoneleigh Orchard Project continues to gather momentum, and it is with some amazement that this year many of the orchard trees produced a small but welcome maiden harvest. This was quite an assuring outcome, given the inception of the orchard was only three years ago! The maiden harvest has already been processed to cider, albeit of small volume, which holds some promise for harvests in the future and is an opportunity to repay all those members of the community who have shown faith in the project and to whom the orchard group owe a debt of gratitude.



Stoneleigh cider press,  
November 2014

This autumn, the group started to focus on developing the skills required to develop a craft cider, and it's our hope that a product can be developed that will make the venture self-sustaining as well as providing support for other village resources. Indeed, the cider processing facility has also recently been engaged in assisting a local farm to develop a Perry. Although purely on a trial and experimental basis at this point in time, it offers possibilities for the future.

It is our intention to continue the wild flower coverage of the meadow following the positive feedback concerning the remembrance wild flower area on display earlier in the year.

The "River and Meadows" subgroup is currently in the process of planning the installation of bird and bat boxes to be distributed throughout the area; something that may well have been implemented by the time that this magazine has been received.

It is also planned to hold a quiz in the Village Club early in the New Year, which we hope will go towards assisting with the finances of the Orchard Project.

The orchard group welcomes new members for an annual fee of £10, and wants to thank existing members for their continuing support. Donations can be made to Pete Freeman (Chairman) or to Richard Hancox (Treasurer). Cheques should be made payable to **Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard**. Alternatively, why not become a long-term friend and set up a direct debit to avoid having to remember to renew your friendship each year?

Finally, the group would like to wish season's greetings and a Happy New Year to everyone and to thank you once again for your support!



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[richard.hancox@emhighways.co.uk](mailto:richard.hancox@emhighways.co.uk)

# Pray and Play

**Pray and Play** is taking a break at the end of November. We hope to be able to offer it again in the springtime. More details to follow nearer the time. Any queries or suggestions are welcomed; please contact Revd Sharon Goble. Thank you.



# Stoneleigh Church

## Dates for your Diary

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Sarah Ballinger

December

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Flowers and Decorating the Tree**

3.00pm - 4.00pm in the Church

Children are invited to bring their parents to help them decorate the Christmas tree, admire the beautiful flowers and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie

January

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Film Night - "Mr Banks" - Village Hall**

6.45pm for 7.00pm

*Tickets: £3.00 to cover room hire and refreshments*

February

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fellowship 'Bring and Share' Lunch - Village Hall**

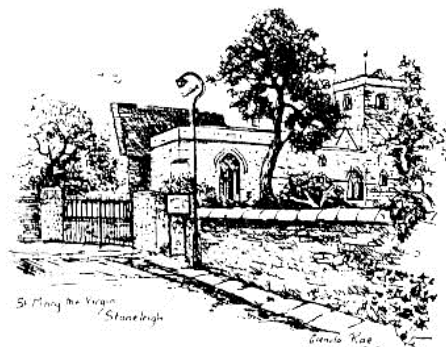
following the 11.00am United Service at Ashow

If you would like to join us or would like further details, please contact:

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or call Sarah (024 7671 5256)



# Stoneleigh History Society

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Sheila Woolf

**A**t our October meeting, we were treated to a fascinating and authoritative talk by Hazel Fryer on Repton and the landscapes of Stoneleigh Abbey. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, we looked at a variety of Stoneleigh family histories, with some surprising stories!

The Stoneleigh History Society now has more than forty members and continues to provide interesting information about the rich heritage we enjoy. If you have considered joining us, why not give it a go? We shall be holding our annual Christmas Social at the Village Club on the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and you would be most welcome to come along and have a chat. We are also going to be at the Stoneleigh Abbey Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November with a variety of our documentary researches. You can find out more at [www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk).



## Quiz Night

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Kate McCutcheon

**S**toneleigh Ladies' Choir enjoyed an evening of merriment and fun at their second quiz evening held in October. As usual, many teams bantered, and searching for the correct answers was, at times, testing. Our quiz master John, ably assisted by his wife Girda, ensured that order was kept when the excitement became too much. The evening raised over £300 for charity, and the ladies look forward to the next quiz evening, so watch this space.



Stoneleigh Village Club

*Under 10's*

# Christmas Party

**SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER 6.00PM**

**Members children free of charge, non members £3.50**  
Tickets must be obtained in advance from the club

# Stoneleigh Church

## Grounds Working Party

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Clive Watson

**F**irst, thanks are due for the excellent turnout on 25<sup>th</sup> October and the hard work put in by the “willing volunteers”, who actually had great fun. Works involved pruning flower beds, edging paths, cutting back overgrown ivy and trees, mowing grass and planting heathers. Due to further storm damage to our ancient Swamp Cypress tree, there was also a lot of fallen timber to be burnt on a bonfire which managed to consume all the debris produced. Apologies to anyone caught in the initial smoke cloud.

The work party included Martin Browett, Anna and Paul Hitchcox, Tim and Patrick Sawdon, Quentin Compton-Bishop, Ian and Gill Smith, Paul Smith, Martin Smith, Clive and Gill Watson, and Peter and Jan Whitehouse. Thank you all.

### **WARNING**

Please take care whilst walking in the churchyard in windy weather as, after recent storms, there may still be loose branches suspended in the canopy. I refer at the time of writing to high up on the Swamp Cypress (next to the small shed). We await a tree surgeon's advice.



This month's front cover:

**Ivy**

Photograph by Lucy Morris





# Stoneleigh Events

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## **Notice of refurbishment work taking place**

As part of Grandstand – Stoneleigh Events’ investment into the redevelopment of exhibition facilities at Stoneleigh Park – we wish to advise residents of forthcoming work taking place on site. From Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015, there will be refurbishment work taking place on Stoneleigh Events’ Blackdown buildings. The work will take place between 8.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Friday and occasional Saturdays, with a break over the Christmas period. Development will involve both external and internal demolition and construction. Although some noise is anticipated, we believe that this will be kept to a minimum. We thank you for your support with the ongoing improvement work being made to the venue.

## **Events in January 2015**

### **Trade Only Event**

#### **18<sup>th</sup>– 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Approximately 5,000 visitors are expected over the three days of the event, therefore local traffic is expected to be slightly busier than usual. Parking will be on site in the Blackdown Buildings and Warwick Conference Centre car park.

### **Militaria Shows**

#### **25<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Militaria Shows is Europe’s premier indoor military show and militaria collectors’ exhibition. It is held annually at Stoneleigh Park. The event is being held on site at Stoneleigh Park, with visitor parking in the Blackdown Building and Stock Vehicle Park. Approximately 1,500 visitors are expected, so local traffic is expected to be slightly busier than usual. For more information on the event, visit [www.militariashows.com](http://www.militariashows.com).

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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## **Family Christmas Concert**

**Sunday 7th December at 3 pm**

Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School

Join us for a festive, family concert conducted  
& introduced by Paul Leddington Wright  
from BBC1's Songs of Praise

A wonderful programme of popular pieces and carols, including  
Sleigh Ride, Troika, Jingle Bells, Christmas Fanfare  
& a charming narration with orchestra of Another Night before Christmas  
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We wish all friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. We have made donations to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance instead of sending or delivering local Christmas cards.

**Mike and Pam Baker**  
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**Shirley and Ernie Ball**  
**Mary Beagrie**  
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**Jayne and David Brooks**  
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**Iris Donachie**  
**Jean Fardoe**  
**Jim and Karen Gavin**  
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**Ted and Betty Hind**  
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**Margaret and Ken Wallis**  
**Gill and Clive Watson**  
**Bill and Jana Whatmore**  
**Rod and Jill Wheat**  
**Mary and Cec White**  
**Madeline White**  
**Peter and Jan Whitehouse**  
**Sheila Woolf**

The flag will be flown at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December to acknowledge these donations. If you have missed the list above and would still like to contribute, your donation will be acknowledged on the 'flying notice'. "Thank you" to all those who have contributed £501 so far!

***Robin Bussell***





**The United Benefice of  
The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow  
and  
St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh**



## **Services for December 2014 & January 2015**

### **December 2014**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Holy Communion - Ashow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	4.00pm	Carol Service - Ashow
	7.00pm	Carol Service - Stoneleigh
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	5.00pm	Crib Service - Stoneleigh
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	10.00am	All Age Christmas Communion - Ashow
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Carols around the Christmas Tree - Stoneleigh

### **January 2015**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh