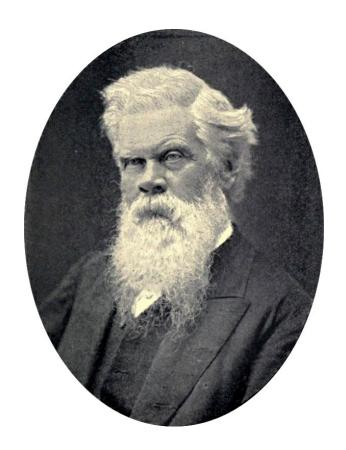
# STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



**Sir Henry Parkes K.C.M.G.**Born in Stoneleigh Parish in May 1815

**MAY 2015** 

## 2015 A YEAR OF NATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES

English Heritage Top Ten Anniversaries for 2015 1015 Viking Invasion of England: 1215 Magna Carta 1265 First English Parliament: 1315 Siege of Carlisle 1415 Battle of Agincourt: 1815 Battle of Waterloo 1915 WW1 and Gallipoli:1940 Dunkirk Evacuation 1945 VE Day: 1965 Death of Sir Winston Churchill

**Front Cover**: Stoneleigh celebrates its own bi-centennial anniversary in May 2015 of the birth of Sir Henry Parkes. Born in Stoneleigh Parish, baptised in Stoneleigh Church, he attended Stoneleigh School and later emigrated to Australia, where he became Premier of New South Wales five times and is regarded as Australia's "Father of Federation".

For further details see the Stoneleigh History Society article.

#### STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS

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# **SUMMER SERENADE**

The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir will present their "Summer Serenade" in the garden of Wentworth House by kind permission of Mr & Mrs D. Vaughan and Mr & Mrs C. Hadfield on

# SUNDAY JULY 12th 2015

commencing at 12.30 p.m. (The bar will open at noon).

Our guest singers this year will be the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir.

Tickets cost £22.50 each and may be obtained
from Phil Jones 01926 853511
or through any choir member.

**David Critchley** (Choir Secretary)

# **ASHOW CHURCH NEWS**

Again this year we celebrated Easter with a Service of Light on Saturday Easter Eve with a bonfire in the churchyard, followed by a lovely and moving candle lit service.

The church looked delightful on Easter Day with the flower arrangements created by Jean Shrimpton and Anne Gregory. There have been many favourable comments by visitors, who also appreciate our church being open 7 days a week.

We have had our annual Spring Clean and Churchyard garden tidy up on 19<sup>th</sup> April, and many thanks to all who helped, and to Pat for the picnic lunch and refreshments afterwards

# Stephen Harvey

#### FROM OUR VICAR

Would you like to speak to the man in charge or the woman who knows what is happening?... to quote just one of the fridge magnet wisdom bites we have scattered around our house relating to a past phase in our marriage!... Both my husband and I tend to refer to ourselves in our professional lives as vicars as that is the most commonly understood term for our role, but officially we both hold the same title of "Priest-incharge." On first reading, that title conjures up bossy and controlling – but actually the charge refers to the commission by the Bishop and the care of a parish.

If you are reading this article before 7<sup>th</sup> May, then there will be mounting anticipation of who will be in charge of our country in an election that is the most unpredictable in decades. Until we the people vote it is unclear who will be our government. Who will be in charge? Thankfully, in democracy, the charge lies at the point of election with the people who each get to have their say in voting, and I hope you will use yours.

In my faith, I trust that God is in charge... and I believe he is ultimately, but he has chosen to express this by giving us the charge to care for the world and one another and the freedom of choice about how to live and who to live for

I was recently reminded of the insight of Winnie the Pooh, who said, "There's been an alarming increase in the number of things I know nothing about." When I stand with my pencil poised to mark my cross, I will empathise with anyone else who has a polling booth crisis. Mine is, however, never confined just to the polling booth. I can totally identify with this mounting awareness where the more I read, discover and think, the less I feel I know. That is when I most want to remember that God is in charge – because unfathomable is not scary when it draws us deeper into the "immeasurably more" that is God, who charges us with choosing him and his ways, and marks it with a cross.

#### Reverend Sharon Goble



# Holiday Club!

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July From 10 - 12 in Stoneleigh Village Hall and celebrated in Stoneleigh Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am

Come and join the fun, games and activities through which we will explore Bible stories and faith together. The club is open to any children of primary school age as well as any young people who would like to come and muck in to help — as long as anyone under 18 has been registered to be with us by an adult. Under 5s are also welcome as long as their own adult carer stays with them to help them join in throughout.

If you are an adult interested in getting involved, please contact Sharon on sharon.goble@btinternet.com 01608 682282 or 07799 220407 and she'd love to chat with you about it. Registering for the club will take place on the door, but can be done in advance with Jackie at the Parish office admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk and 02476 415506.

#### Sharon Goble

## STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

We celebrated the fourth anniversary of our coming-into-existence at our AGM in March, when we had a large audience for our talk on Cistercian abbeys (such as Stoneleigh Abbey) by our expert speaker, Jan Cooper. We also reflected on a particularly busy 2014. Much of this, of course, had been taken up with commemorations of the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, but we did lots more, too! Our display area in the Leigh Chapel is continuing to provide documents which are helping visitors – and residents! – to find out about the village's past, and as we progress towards commemorating the <u>end</u> of the Great War's "hundredth" we shall highlight the stories of the thirteen men from the village who lost their lives.

Our major exhibition this year, however, will centre on **Sir Henry Parkes**. Are you aware that Stoneleigh played a crucial part in the formation of today's Australia? As the front cover shows, Parkes was born into a Stoneleigh farming family, was baptised in our church and was educated at Stoneleigh School. As a young man he left England to seek his fortune in Australia, and became a newspaper publisher, poet and ultimately Prime Minister – five times! – of New South Wales. A great social and political reformer, he saw the sense in combining the various states of the country, and so became known as the Father of Federation.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 will see the two-hundredth anniversary of Sir Henry Parkes' birth, and our History Society meeting on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> will be a talk about his life, both in Australia and here in Stoneleigh. It's a great story, worthy of its own TV mini-series! And despite leaving these shores behind, Parkes held a special place in his heart for Stoneleigh: he returned as an old man, in 1882, to visit his school, his church, and to be honoured in the Village Club! (ok, so it was the Reading Room then!).

Do come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm on May 26<sup>th</sup> to find out more. You will hear news, too, about our "big event" on July 5<sup>th</sup>, when we welcome Parkes' great-great-grandson, who is making a special journey from Australia to unveil a memorial in the church. Details on this will appear in the next edition of *The News*.

Not many English villages have one of their former residents on a banknote ......



#### Australian 5 dollar note

A Federation Commemorative \$5 note was issued in 2001. Notes featured Sir Henry Parkes on the obverse and Catherine Helen Spence on the reverse.

# Sheila Woolf



# Saturday 20 June at 7.30pm St. Mary's Church, Warwick



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Tickets £12 with £5 concessions for students & children

Concert venue: Collegiate Church of St. Mary's Old Square, Warwick CV34 4RA

## STONELEIGH COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE

The Stoneleigh orchard group would like to thank all those people who attended the Orchard Quiz at the village club back in February. The event was such a success that accommodating all the teams proved somewhat challenging on the night and the cider sampling round proved an interesting logistical task!

A special mention needs to be made to those of our group who planned and coordinated the event, particularly the Quiz Master Richard Gledhill, his fiancée Louise, and Mandy Gibbs. The event raised some £200 that will go towards increasing the existing orchard this coming December as well as meeting the costs of grass cutting. Another quiz is being planned for later in the year and we look forward to a similar turn out.

It is worth at this point reminding ourselves that the orchard was setup in 2011 as a community based project which is intended to benefit the village as a whole not individuals or indeed groups of individuals ... a principle that is worth refocusing upon from time to time to counter those who may be motivated to argue otherwise.

Given the above principle and following negotiations with the Meadows Society, an extension to the Orchard was agreed earlier in the year which will increase the footprint of the Orchard to encompass the other half of the field. This will provide a natural conclusion to the planting element of the project and will further complement and enhance the environment in the Church Lane vicinity as well as add to this existing community resource.

A plan has been provided showing the existing orchard and areas of new planting, from which it is hoped readers can visualize what is intended by way of scale and dimension.

It may also be of interest that a test batch of cider from the field is also being developed, albeit of small volume, it is our intention to ultimately distribute a product to our members as well as sell this for the benefit of the local community. The Orchard group would like to encourage new members at an annual cost of £10. Donations can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard, however why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit.

The group would like to post notice of the annual AGM scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> to be held in the village club which members are welcome to attend.

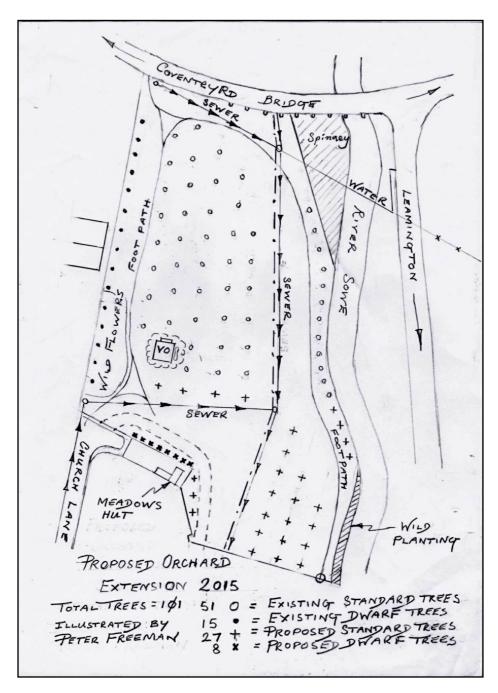
Finally, the orchard group would like to wish Richard & Louise the very best for their future together!

Pete Freeman (Chairman)

5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh. <a href="Pete.Freeman@swft.nhs.uk">Pete.Freeman@swft.nhs.uk</a>

Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Richard.Hancox@emhighways.co.uk

# STONELEIGH ORCHARD PLAN





Kings Hill Nurseries

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enquiries@kingshillnurseries.co.uk

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We cater for Christenings, Weddings, Funerals, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Business Meetings in fact any event that you may have in mind.

Why not make an appointment and have a look around at our facilities and we will be happy to provide you with more information.

# CANCER RESEARCH BIG BREAKFAST AND SPRING CONCERT

The Kenilworth Committee held a "Big Breakfast" to raise money for Cancer Research UK at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. The event raised the wonderful amount of £1,077 profit. Many thanks to all who attended and/or gave donations. Our grateful thanks again to Joe Ball for all his help.

We have also sold about 185 tickets for the Spring Concert with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir and the Welsh Choir Bois Goetre Hen a'r Cylch on April 18th at Stoneleigh Church. Many thanks to the singers and all who have helped or contributed.

## Pat Harvey





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# STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB LIMITED (SVCL)

(A Company not having a share capital, Registered Number 8560869)

Notice is hereby given that the second Annual General Meeting of SVCL will be held in the Stoneleigh Village Club on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Presentation of the Chairman's report.
- 3. Presentation of the Treasurer's report on the financial state of the Club and on its Annual Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2015, and including a review of the likely income, expenditure and cash requirements of the Club for the current financial year.
- 4. Election of Officers (Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary); Officers currently in office retire at the AGM but are eligible for re-election.
- 5. Election of other members of the Committee; committee members currently in office retire at the meeting but are eligible for re-election to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6. Any other business with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting, or any other matter which a member or members wish to raise providing written notice of such matters has been given to the Secretary at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Committee shall have approved the matters for discussion.

By Order of the Committee *Patrick Sawdon*Honorary Secretary

#### Notes:

Nominations for election to the Committee shall be proposed by another member and submitted to the Club seven days before the AGM.

Under Article 11.8 of the Club's Articles of Association, members present at a General Meeting shall have one vote which shall be taken on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by the Chairman of the meeting or by at least two thirds of the members present which, in either case, shall be held as the Chairman directs.

# STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB EVENTS FOR MAY

Friday 1st Special May Day event with a barbecue from around

6.30 pm and the Coventry Morris Men performing at

7.15 pm.

(Parking in the Meadow; please, no parking outside

the Club).

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Rugby European Cup Final.

Live Music starting at 8.00 pm.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> "Knit 2 Together Group" 7.30 pm.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Crib and dominoes v The Engineers.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Social Planning Group Meeting 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 13th Bingo.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Booking 8.00 pm.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning 10.30 am.

"Knit 2 Together Group" 7.30 pm.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> CLUB AGM 7.30pm.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Bingo.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Football FA Cup Final;

Rugby Premiership Final; Race Night 7.30 pm.

A future date for your diary:

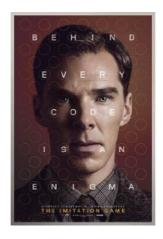
Stoneleigh Village Open Gardens Weekend, 27th/28th June 2015.

More details in the June issue of *The News* 

Please support the Village Club and, in particular, make a special effort to attend the AGM; we will be seeking volunteers to assist with the arrangement of social events in the future in addition to electing our committee for the forthcoming year.

# Social Group

# STONELEIGH CHURCH FILM NIGHT



"THE IMITATION GAME"
Starring Benedict Cumberbatch

Behind every code is an enigma. During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the German enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians at Bletchley Park.

# Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Stoneleigh Village Hall 6.45 for 7pm

Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine, cushions or a comfy chair.

Coffee and Cake in the interval

Tickets: £3.00 to cover refreshments and room hire, from Parish Office

Tel: 02476 415506 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

# Invitation to Cec White's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Cec, Mary & Family invite The Bell Ringers, Choir Members & their friends in Stoneleigh to celebrate Cec's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Stoneleigh Village Hall Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 12.30 to 3.00 pm Sandwiches & Nibbles Buffet

RSVP by 1st July to 023 8084 3662 or hclark@clarkquality.com

# **Magnificent Magnolias**

April experienced temperatures which were almost double the average for the time of year and the Magnolia on Vicarage Road made it through without a frost turning it brown!



# STONELEIGH AND ASHOW JOINT PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report- 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

#### **Members**

The composition of the Parish Council in May 2014 was as detailed below:

Ashow Ward: Councillors Mrs H. Fryer and Mrs J. Mackenzie Stoneleigh Ward: Councillors Mrs L. Fletcher, R. Hancox and D. Wintle University Ward: Councillors D Botterill, Ms T. Grant, and J. Smith

- · At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Councillor R. Hancox was appointed Chairman and Councillor Ms T Grant was appointed Vice-Chairman.
- · At the May meeting Councillor P. Lam tended his resignation from the Parish Council which was accepted.
- · At the June meeting Mrs Sue Crofts was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Stoneleigh Councillor.

# Meetings

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 the following meetings were held: Annual Council Meeting and 11 Ordinary Meetings.

Attendance of Councillors at these meetings is detailed below. Maximum possible attendance 12 meetings.

S. Crofts*	10	100% attended
	10	10070 attended
L. Fletcher	9	75% attended
H. Fryer	9	75% attended
T. Grant	9	75% attended
R. Hancox	10	83% attended
J. Mackenzie	10	83% attended
J. Smith	10	83% attended
D. Wintle	8	67% attended

County Councillor W Redford attended 6 meeting out of 12 which equates to 50%.

#### **Finance**

Precept levied for the financial year 2014/2015 was £15,802. Other income during the year was Bank interest of £22.84, concurrent expenditure £180, Community Forum £2,685.57 and Baginton & Bubbenhall Parish Councils £784.00. Total income for the year being £19,474.41, which when added to the accumulated balance gave a working total of £37,229.53.

During the year total expenditure was £13,816.57 which results in a surplus of £23,412.96. Included within this figure is £13,716.31 of Ring Fenced Money.

The following grants were distributed during the year:

Ashow Church £500 Stoneleigh Church £500 Stoneleigh & Ashow Newsletter £300

# **Planning**

All planning applications received from Warwick District Council are considered. During the year a total of 39 new planning applications were considered. The applications can be classified as shown:

#### Ashow

6 Full –3 Granted, 1 Refused, 1 Withdrawn, 1 Not Required.

## Stoneleigh

26 Full – 17 Granted, 3 Refused, 5 Withdrawn ,1 Awaiting Decision. 6 Listed Building – 6 Granted.

# University

1 Full – 1 Granted

# **Stoneleigh Village Play Equipment**

The annual inspection of all the play equipment was carried out in September.

# Pat Maddison

Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer for the period of the report.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

# Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00 p.m. This will be followed by the Ordinary Council Meeting. Both are being held at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

# Election of Parish Councillors

Below is a list of the nominations for the election of 4 Parish Councillors for Stoneleigh Ward:

Sue Crofts North Lodge, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh

James Fletcher 17 Hall Close, Stoneleigh Lynne Fletcher 17 Hall Close, Stoneleigh

Richard Hancox 8 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh

Tony Hanselman Croome Cottage, 5 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh Sue Malone Jasmine Cottage, 16 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh David Wintle 2 The Chantries, Chantry Heath Lane, Stoneleigh

Below is a list of the uncontested election candidates for 2 Parish Councillors for Ashow Ward:

Hazel Fryer Grovewood, Ashow

Jane Mackenzie The Old Rectory, Ashow

# **Election of District Councillors**

Below is a list of the nominations for the election of 2 District Councillors for Stoneleigh & Cubbington Ward:

Gareth Davies 93 Rugby Road, Cubbington Green Party David Ellwood The Cruck Cottage, Church Lane, Stoneleigh Independent Nick Harrington 2 Alderman Way, Weston under Wetherley Conservative Colin Hughes 111 Stirling Avenue, Learnington Spa Green Party Pam Redford The Cottage, Eathorpe Conservative John Roberts 20 Hillcrest, Cubbington Labour

Fiona Walsh 60 Lewis Road, Radford Semele Labour

# Election of a Member of Parliament for Kenilworth and Southam

Below is a list of the nominations for the election of the Member of Parliament:

Rob Ballantyne Green Party

Harry Cottam UKIP

Richard Dickson Liberal Democrat
Jon Foster-Smith Digital Democracy

Nick Green The Official Monster Raving Loony Party

Bally Singh Labour

Jeremy Wright Conservative

#### **Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk**



# MAY EVENTS

# TRAFFIC NOTIFICATIONS

Kit Car: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Traffic on the B4113 is expected to be busier than usual, but no road closures or diversions are planned due to this event. Volume of traffic for this event is expected to be between 9,000 - 10,000 visitors over the two day event.

Warwickshire District & Parish Elections: 7th May 2015

The Count will be located in Hall 1 and Hall 2.

Traffic on the B4113 is expected to be busier than usual, but no road closures or diversions are planned due to this event.

Catalyst Festival 2015: 23rd - 26th May 2015

Traffic on the B4113 is expected to be busier than usual, but no road closures or diversions are planned due to this event. Volume of traffic for this event is expected to be 1,200 visitors over the four day event.

Contact NAEC

Tel: 02476 696969 / Out of Hours Contact Number: 07979053376 Email: info@stoneleighevents.com www.naecstoneleigh.co.uk

#### Hannah Frost

# the WI

#### WI REPORT

Thirteen members attended the Annual Federation Meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Chesford Grange Hotel. The delegates and guests were welcomed by Clare Sawdon, the Chairman of Warwick District

Council. The first speaker was John Johnson of Johnsons Coaches, who gave a lighthearted history of his family business. Hazel Armstrong from ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) talked about the many projects in India and elsewhere that she has helped to run. These projects help women to set up small businesses and also bring clean water to villages. The WI raises money to sponsor these projects. In the afternoon we were entertained by Judith Hibbert who took us back to the days of Joyce Grenfell, Gracie Fields and Julie Andrews. There was a presentation to The Brain Injury Unit at Leamington Hospital. There was also serious business including the Chairman's Address and the Treasurer's Report.

Our Annual Dinner took place at Stoke Bowling Club on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Speaker at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April was Steven Bruce, an auctioneer and valuer. One of his interests is silver and he showed us his collection of silver teaspoons and explained how their value was calculated. He has promised to come back next year so that we can have our own Antiques Road Show.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, four members attended The WI Speakers Selection Evening at Warwick School. This was an opportunity to hear short excerpts from talks offered by potential speakers for our meetings. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall, the menu will be beef casserole and bread and butter pudding. If you wish to reserve a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The next Coffee Morning will be on 19th May in the Village Club.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May when we will discuss the resolution which will be voted on during the WI Centenary National AGM at the Albert Hall in June. The Resolution reads "This meeting calls on HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals, in order to advance health and wellbeing."

# Rachel Gill

## STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR TARGET OVARIAN CANCER

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir was approached by the Charity **Target Ovarian Cancer** asking them if they could target 50 women to inform them about the signs and symptoms of Ovarian Cancer. Always up for the challenge the choir decided to go one step further and organise a 50's concert to raise both awareness and money for such a worthwhile cause.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon the audience began to arrive at Stoneleigh Village Hall. The hall was bedecked with flowers in milk bottles and pink cake pops – everything seemed to be pink and the comment made by a member of the audience was "the atmosphere in the room was so friendly and welcoming". Everybody sat down to a ploughman's lunch with fresh rolls straight from the bakery, still warm! There was a real buzz in the room and laughter echoed throughout.

Once the meal was over the Chairman gave a talk on the Charity and its work and the symptoms to be aware of with Ovarian Cancer.

The costumed choir then sang songs from the 1950s, brilliantly accompanied on piano by Alan Biddle, who entered into the spirit of the occasion by wearing a sequined jacket and Elvis Presley wig – what fun! Our energetic and talented Musical Director, Karen Whyte, kept the pace going ensuring the ladies moved to the rhythm of the music. The audience joined in and the atmosphere was electric! The ladies faces ached from smiling – what fun we had! People laughed, bantered and enjoyed hearing or being reminded of life in the fifties. Soloists entertained the audience and the whole afternoon moved at quite a pace but everybody left the hall wanting more.

Not only did we raise in excess of £800 but the choir informed 126 ladies (including the choir) about Ovarian cancer and everybody was able to leave with a symptoms leaflet.

Many thanks to everybody who supported Stoneleigh Ladies Choir for such a worthy cause; we enjoyed sharing the time with you.

Our next event will be a Quiz Evening on Friday 19th June. Tickets £8 available from Val Baker Telephone:- 02476 414360.

#### Kate McCutchion

on behalf of Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

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#### Jude Henderson

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# STONELEIGH CHURCH IS TAKING PART IN THE 2015 HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND Volunteer guides needed

This year the church is taking part in the 'Heritage Open Weekend' held between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. You may be familiar with this national event which has been running for a number of years.

Although we are already open daily we are drawing up a special programme for the Saturday and as part of this programme we are planning to offer guided tours of the church on the 12th at set times in the morning and afternoon.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to a group we also need people in the church to answer questions on a one to one basis too.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share our beautiful church building, which is steeped in history, with the wider community.

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in being trained as guides. No previous experience is necessary as full training will be given so if you would be interested in taking part, or just want more information before committing yourself, I would be delighted to hear from you by the end of the month.

# Sarah Ballinger

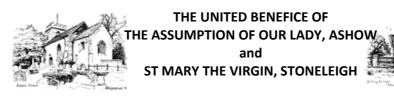
024 76 715256 or sarahjballinger@gmail.com

# ANOTHER STONELEIGH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY 300th Wedding Anniversary

30th May 1715

Richard Farmer of Ashow married Elizabeth Randoll of Preston Bagot.
They started their new life together in Stoneleigh at Manor Farm.
The Farmer family lived there through four generations until 1886.
Richard & Elizabeth are commemorated
on a stone in the central aisle of Stoneleigh Church.

#### Pam Baker



# **SERVICES FOR MAY 2015**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh

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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost** 

9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow

11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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

Sunday 31st **Trinity Sunday** 

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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