# STONELEIGH & ASHOW News



**JUNE 2015** 

## **Many Thanks**

from Val Daly

al Daly, Bertie MacKay's partner, would like to take this opportunity to pass on her grateful thanks to all the people and organisations who donated to Bertie's nominated charities following his funeral in Baginton on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

All manner of different types of donation flowed in for "Guide Dogs for the Blind" and the "St John the Baptist Church Yard Maintenance Fund". Val is very pleased to now be able to report that in total the donations reached the magnificent sum of £995.

Many thanks to you all.

## Stoneleigh Village Food, Beer & Craft Market



Saturday 19th September 2015

12 noon to 5.00pm in the Meadow

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More details next month!



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# Stoneleigh Duck Race & Fair



Great summer event - fun for all the family!

### Saturday 18th July 2015 2.00pm onwards Duck Race starts at 4.00pm

Race tickets on sale at Stoneleigh Village Club or contact Lynda on 024 7669 2605 Help needed from Club members to sell tickets please **Don't miss this chance to be a winner!** 

Charities and village organisations are invited to have their own fundraising stall at this event (NB: No car booters this year, please)
To book, please contact Nora on 024 7641 5405

#### APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

Books, CDs and DVDs for the book stall / items for the tombola (Please leave labelled at the Village Club)

Cakes, jams, preserves, garden produce (Please contact Lynda on 024 7669 2605)

Thank you in advance for supporting this fantastic event!

## Stoneleigh NAEC Events

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#### **Events in June 2015**

#### Kenilworth Show • 6th June 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 10,000 visitors over the one-day event.

#### Great Central Railway Auction • 6th June 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 400 visitors over the one-day event.

### World of Park & Leisure Homes • 12th - 14th June 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 2,000 visitors over the three-day event.

## Cancer Research Race for Life & Pretty Muddy 2015 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 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 10,000 visitors over the two-day event.

# **Events at Stoneleigh Village Club**

Social Committee

### Race Night

Saturday 30th May 2015

Starting 7.45pm

Before moving on to June, please don't forget the last event for May: Race Night. Mark's race nights are always very good fun.

### **Coventry Morris Men**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

Starting around 8.30pm (but please check noticeboard)

The ever-popular Coventry Morris Men are paying a return visit.

### **Knit 2 Together Group**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 7.30pm

### Mark's Quiz Night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015

7.45pm

### **Coffee Morning**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015** 10.30am

### Stoneleigh Open Gardens

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2015

2.30pm

See separate advert



# Events at Ashow Village Club



The Great Teams4U Bake Off Saturday 13th June 2015 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Adult and children's categories - plus the chance to taste and judge entries! For further details, contact Harriet McGrath (07752 017448) or Madeleine Timms (07793 950594) or email t4ubakeoff@gmail.com.



Pig roast with all the trimmings, salad and desserts Vegetarian/gluten-free option available on request

Come along and enjoy this village event and help raise much-needed money for Ashow Church All welcome - bring your families and friends

Look out for further details in next month's *News* In the meantime, SAVE THE DATE!

# Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

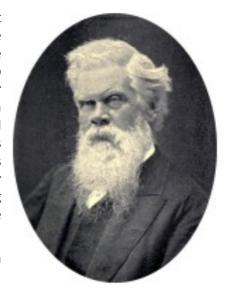
### **Celebrating Sir Henry Parkes**

ur usual April meeting took the form of an outing to Arbury Hall, the home of Viscount Daventry, in north Warwickshire. We were blessed with fantastic weather, and everyone enjoyed the "Gothick Gem of the Midlands".

By the time you receive this edition of the *News*, the Society will have held its May meeting (26<sup>th</sup>) - talks about the life of Sir Henry Parkes by Ken Wallis and myself. The SHS display about his life in Stoneleigh and his many extraordinary achievements in Australia will, however, continue in the Leigh Chapel from his birthdate, 27<sup>th</sup> May, throughout the summer. On that day, the Australian High Commissioner will have visited both Stoneleigh village and Abbey as part of the local bicentennial celebrations.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, morning service at Stoneleigh Church will be a special one commemorating Parkes' baptism there on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1815. All are welcome to attend the service during which Sir Henry's great-great-grandson, lan Thom, will unveil a newly-commissioned memorial plaque. With many visitors being welcomed to the village, this promises to be a very exciting day for Stoneleigh! There will be special parking in the Meadows, thanks to the Stoneleigh Meadows Society.

For cricket-lovers, please note the item that follows this one.



## Stoneleigh Cricket Club

### Celebrates Sir Henry Parkes

Paul Smith

Australian cricket team from Melbourne, 'The Reds', will be playing Stoneleigh Cricket Club on the Abbey pitch from 2.30pm. Stoneleigh History Society members and villagers are welcome to watch and join us for traditional cricket tea served at 4.30pm in the Orangery (£10 per head). We will be joined by Gideon Haigh and Mike Atherton (Australian cricket reporter and former England Captain), who will be reporting on the match for *The Times* on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015, a few days before the first day of the Ashes Tests. The cricketers and supporters will be returning back to the Stoneleigh Village Club after the match for a BBQ and drinks from 7.30pm. All welcome. For cricket details and tea bookings, please contact Paul Smith on 07989 544229 or pandorasmith@me.com.

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## Stoneleigh WI Report

#### Rachel Gill

he meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May was the Resolutions Meeting, during which we discussed the resolution which will be put to the National AGM in June. This year, the motion calls for the government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of needs of individuals to advance health and wellbeing. Following discussion, the motion was supported by a majority of the meeting.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, a small group of members visited Stoneywell in Leicestershire, which was opened to visitors for the first time this year by the National Trust. It is a small house built in the Arts and Crafts style, with a large garden which at this time of year is full of rhododendrons and azaleas in flower.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May, 36 members of the Leigh Group enjoyed lunch at *The Warwickshire*, albeit a little late owing to a malfunctioning oven in the kitchen. However, members were kept fully occupied by a quiz which stretched their memories trying to remember, among other things, the other Beverley sister - Babs, Joy and ???

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, the Book Club met to discuss "Mrs Bradshaw's Handbook" by Terry Pratchett and "The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle"" by Kirsty Wark.

The next Village Lunch will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the Village Hall. The menu will be gammon and parsley sauce with new potatoes, followed by fruit jelly. The next Coffee Morning will be in the Village Club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

At the meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Chris Edwards will talk about garden birds.



# Where do you Get your Strength from?

#### Revd Sharon Goble

his question put in a gentle, timely and sensitive way is one that I often use in pastoral and spiritual care of those with whom I am invited into conversation. It is extraordinary how many people draw strength from prayer, whether or not they know or care what else they believe in spiritually. I have never known anyone sail through life without hitting some stormy patches. So, the question for all of us is what can we cling to when our life is navigating its way through tricky waters? What will sustain us when all we can see is a blank horizon and nowhere to anchor? When we pray, we articulate with words, or sometimes just in a surge of helplessness, that we need something or, as I believe, someone outside of ourselves who cares enough and is able to help or direct us. The prayer of the Breton fisherman says:



Protect me, O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small.

If I am not prayerful, I am at sea.

If I hit a stormy patch, I am more prayerful.

This prayer of the Breton fisherman works for me... but there are other things that help me pray too.

Like me, it may help you to have a pattern to your prayer, and sometimes to have company for it; to use other people's words or no words at all; or to be very specific in your prayer about what your hopeful outcome would be.

From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June and **every Thursday from 9.30am**, I will be in Stoneleigh Church for half an hour of prayers, and would welcome anyone who would like to join me - every time or on occasion, for the whole time or dipping in and out. The prayers will be partly structured with words printed out, partly silent, and partly inviting people to pray openly out loud (though no one is obliged to say anything)! We will meet by the font and begin with the silence, so please come in quietly! If you have any prayer requests, either let me know or use the book which is at the prayer table at the back of the churches.

# Stoneleigh & Ashow Organisations 2015

he following people have kindly agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations; they may or may not be office holders themselves. Please contact Margaret Wallis if there are any changes. Alterations will then be notified in subsequent editions of the News.

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& The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow 01608 682282 / 07799 220407

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(Parish Administrator)

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024 7641 9707

Maggie Moorhouse

01926 511285

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(as above)

Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council Pat Maddison (Clerk)

01926 491482

Richard Hancox (Chair)

024 7669 3819

Stoneleigh Bell Ringers Janet Parham

01926 512309

Stoneleigh & Ashow News Margaret Wallis

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Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch Tony Hanselman

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Ashow Neighbourhood Watch Judith Clark

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Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759
Martin Smith 024 7669 0906
Pete Freeman 024 7641 3893



# Holiday Club!

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 10am - 12pm 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; 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 the Parish Office Jackie at. admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk or 024 7641 5506.

This month's edition of **Stoneleigh and Ashow News** was compiled by **Lucy Morris**, who would like to thank all contributors. It was printed by Warwick Print.

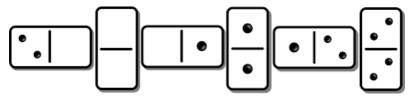
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# Cribs and Dominoes at Stoneleigh Village Club

#### Pam Pratt

hese two traditional pub games have been played in Stoneleigh Village Club for decades, and the Club is represented in local leagues in which, sadly, we have not fared too well during the past winter season.

We have been short of players and would really welcome anyone who would like to join us. The season runs from September to May, with matches normally held on Thursdays in the Club as well as at a variety of local pubs.

If you might be interested, please call Pam on 01926 425639.

## **Parish Council Notes**

#### Pat Maddison, Parish Clerk

#### **Meetings**

The June Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome at this meeting.

#### **Parish Council**

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

#### **Ashow**

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The elected Chairman for the ensuing year is Richard Hancox and the Deputy-Chairman is Hazel Fryer.

#### **District Councillors**

The two elected District Councillors are:

Nick Harrington 2 Alderman Way, Weston-under-Wetherley CV33 9GB

Mrs Pam Redford The Cottage, Main Street, Eathorpe CV33 9DE

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#### **County Councillor**

The County Councillor is:

Wallace Redford The Cottage, Main Street, Eathorpe CV33 9DE

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# Invitation to Cec White's 90th Birthday

Cec, Mary & family invite the Bell Ringers, choir members and their friends in Stoneleigh to celebrate Cec's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Stoneleigh Village Hall Monday 31st August 2015

12.30pm - 3.00pm Sandwiches and nibbles buffet

RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> July 023 8084 3662 or hclark@clarkquality.com

# Stoneleigh Village Club Limited

Robin Bussell, Chairman

### AGM - 22nd May 2015: Chairman's Report

he following report was presented to the members of Stoneleigh Village Club Ltd at the AGM of the Club on 22nd May 2015.

My report last year focused on the milestones that had been achieved in 2013/14: raising funds to purchase the Club building, the completion of the purchase, and the change of legal status of the Club. This past year has been one of consolidation: to maintain and increase turnover, and to make improvements to the fabric of the Club when funds permit.

The Treasurer will be reporting on the Club finances which, in summary, are acceptable but not as good as we might wish. Whilst we continue to trade at a profit and show a surplus of £3,000, this is a reduction of nearly £4,000 on last year, and our bottom line shows a deficit of £7,600. This deficit arises from the improvements that we have made: the garden door and steps, the log burning stove and the removal of a dangerous chimney stack, for example. We have also commissioned professional surveys of the building stonework and roof structures, and sought quotations for the execution of this work when funds can be made available. We also have a commitment for the repayment of loans for which the first instalment has been made. The deficit is funded from reserves.

Our trading figures emphasise our reliance on mounting regular special events to bring members into the Club; last year, bad weather saw the takings for our two major events (Duck Race and Food and Craft Fair) much reduced. Our reliance on special events also highlights the need for an army of willing volunteers to do the organisation, and members will have received a note seeking your help when you signed in for the AGM. The more volunteers who step forward, the lighter the individual loads will be.

On the subject of volunteers, many people have contributed during the past year and I thank them all. I would, however, wish to make special mention of one individual: Nora Blagburn is stepping down as the Chairman of the Social Group and she will be sorely missed. She has been the driving force behind so many social activities during the past three years and, in addition to a very special talent for getting individuals to do her bidding, she takes on a fantastic amount of work herself, including doing the flowers and polishing the silver! Thank you, Nora, and we wish you a speedy recovery from your recent operation.

My thanks also go to our staff who have kept the show on the road during the past year: our bar staff of Jim, Karen and Ken, and with special thanks to Ken who has retired after several years as a willing and reliable 'stand-in'. We have recruited a couple of trainee bar staff, and George is now regularly doing shifts on his own. Thanks also to Jill Avery for her unsung cleaning work behind the scenes.

We have managed to maintain our membership numbers which now total around 400, It is, however, disappointing that fewer than 100 members are Stoneleigh residents. As we work hard to maintain the viability of this village facility, it would be appreciated if we had the support of a larger proportion of village members. Adult membership of £12 per year is a small sum but, in our present circumstances, 'every little helps'.

As I step down after three years as Chairman, I would like to thank my committee members who have always been totally supportive and without whom this Club could not exist. It is very gratifying to see that we have sufficient nominations to fill our committee requirement for this coming year, and I wish the new committee every success in their endeavours. I also urge members to give the committee their support in the common interest of everyone who wishes to see the Stoneleigh Village Club flourish into the future.

May 2015

## Stoneleigh Open Gardens



## **Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2015** 2.30pm

There will be 11 gardens open for this very popular event

All proceeds will go towards improving the fabric of Stoneleigh Village Club, so please give it your full support and bring all your friends too

Free parking in the Meadows

Teas served in Stoneleigh Village Club

Adults: £4 entry (to include all gardens and the Village Club)

Children under 14: Free





This month's front cover:

Bluebell

Photograph by Lucy Morris



## Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Dave Wildgoose, Fixture Secretary

he new season started with plenty of optimism, despite some damage to the outfield caused by crows and badgers searching for chafer grubs. We were quickly brought down to earth by a heavy defeat by Bulkington, followed by another against Massey Ferguson. However, a victory against Willow restored spirits ready for the new league season.

#### Cotswold Hills League Div 4

After winning promotion as Div 5 champions, we anticipated new challenges and new venues to visit. There were two comfortable victories against Catherine de Barnes II and Overbury II before a serious challenge away to Bretforton. They were expected to be dark horses in Div 4, having disbanded their First XI, withdrawn from the Premier Division shortly before the start of the season, and concentrated their resources on a single team in Div 4. Stoneleigh were competitive throughout, but ultimately Bretforton had a little too much experience and overhauled our total of 206 with a couple of overs to spare.

Of the batsmen, James Chapman has led the way with innings of 77no and 87 to follow his century against Willow, while Darren Young, Dave Griffin and Mark Edgington have spearheaded the bowling.

#### Sunday Friendlies

Good knocks from Matt Bates, Venkat Patel and Jitesh Patel got us a decent total against Earlswood but, with the match nicely poised, rain caused an abandonment during the visitors' innings.

We were delighted to welcome back Hunningham to our fixture list after an absence of some years. The bowlers were generally on top in this match, with Hunningham making just 109 off 40 overs with 3 wickets each for James Whittingham and Mark Reading. Stoneleigh also scratched around for runs until Andy Edgington arrived at the crease and 3 big sixes quickly settled the issue.

The most recent friendly was another low-scoring match against BBC Midlands which saw them overhaul our paltry total of 104 with just 1 wicket in hand and 1 ball to spare. Andy 'Edg' starred with the ball this time, but his 2-25 off 12 overs was not quite enough to carry us to victory.

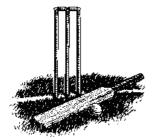
It's been good to have Stuart and Andy Waite back playing again this year, while a new recruit is Tony 'Swiss' Walters, an old oppo who we hope will be racking up runs for us in the league.

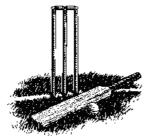
On a sad note, we were sorry to hear of the death of Joe Atkinson who played 32 matches for us in the 1990s. Our condolences to his son Dave, a former Stoneleigh regular, and all his family.

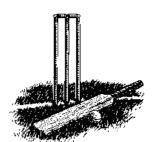
Practice sessions are held at the ground on Tuesday evenings. New players welcome, but check first in case of bad weather or a midweek fixture clash.

For more club details, contact secretary Phil Chapman (07903 117066).

Notes contributed by Dave Wildgoose, Fixture Secretary (024 7659 4879).







## From the Registers



#### **Funerals**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 **Stephen Hutton** - internment of remains





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



#### **Services for June 2015**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
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 21st	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
	5.00pm	Evensong - Stoneleigh
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh

#### **Contacts**

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Revd Sharon Goble (01608 682282 / 07799 220407)

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lan Smith (01926 853238)

Sarah Ballinger (024 7671 5256)

For pastoral care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral, please contact Revd Sharon Goble

For any other matter, please contact the Parish Administrator: Jackie Cubbitt (024 7641 5506) admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk