

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



OCTOBER 2015

Share Not Scare



This month, the Goble household will be cooking up its own traditional October fare of “Steaming Cowpat.” This pudding, which is very palatable, and made in a similar way to chocolate custard, was invented in our house when I was trying to find a way to join the fun which we all like to have when the evenings draw in without selling out to the aggressively marketed merchandise to “celebrate” Hallowe’en. So we ended up with gruesome and disgusting rather than freaky and frightening.

As parents we’ve had to do some serious thinking about what is consistent in our attitude to what we associate with Hallowe’en and a reluctance to trivialise the very serious question of evil. We don’t ban stories with witches and monsters, so we all avidly enjoy Harry Potter and Room on the Broom – some of us like Doctor Who and Scooby Doo. If we then stand watching the burning effigies of Catholics on bonfires a week later but denounce all things Hallowe’en in a snuffy pious way, it really does not help our children discern how to handle the complex mix of culture that is ours. We still do not choose these Autumn festivals as major features in our calendar, as readers of my articles will know, we rather eccentrically share a Thanksgiving/Christmas meal on 31 October with my family; but we’ve needed to steer a course through the world we live in and work out what we can in all integrity join in with and what we really want to avoid.

The origins of this autumn festival stem from All Hallows’ Eve – the day before All Saints’ Day on the 1 November – a time to mock those things which traditionally hold us in fear before celebrating the stories of followers of Jesus through the generations who have gone before us. Mostly people don’t take the dressing-up and the associations seriously, which if we are reminding ourselves that light obliterates darkness, that good is more powerful than evil, is probably not itself a bad thing. The only other common usage of the word “hallow” I can think of is in the Lord’s Prayer. “*Hallowed be thy name*” honours and lifts up the name of God as holy - distinct, set apart and above earthly things, super-special. On balance I would rather fill my mind and, where I have influence, those of my children’s with what is noble, lovely, pure,

good and true than be titivated by evil and drawn into darkness. I'd rather be preoccupied with what is sacred (holy) than scared.

Although I always find pumpkin carving tougher and messier than other people suggest, I rather enjoy giving it a go. I find it is especially effective with a cross shaped aperture and a smiley face. But what I really do object to is the relatively modern custom of trick or treat: an elaborate form of begging with the selfish motive of being out to get what you can by intimidating people in their own houses, disturbing their privacy and generally making a nuisance of yourself. I will take a lot of convincing to see it any other way. I have tried various ways of handling callers with varying degrees of success. I have had to scrub raw eggs and flour off a previous vicarage which was targeted - now why do you think it was thought more fun to pelt my vicarage over and above next door, I wonder? Another year, I put a sign out suggesting that people help themselves to treats (and didn't wake the babies by ringing the bell) because we are here to share not scare. The sign was defaced, all the treats taken by one group and the doorstep littered with flour. However you handle it, we would love you to join us to celebrate goodness and greatness at 10am on All Saints' Day on 1 November in Ashow church and at any of our services in the parishes.

God bless

Reverend Sharon Goble

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Every Tuesday in November and 1st and 8th December from 6 – 7:30 in Stoneleigh Church we invite you to join in our next Pilgrim course, which describes itself as *“designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith, and also shows you how to pray and how to live like*

Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational.”

For these six weeks, we are looking at how can we build our lives on the teaching and example of Jesus. The Pilgrim Course book on *The Beatitudes*, explores the Christian vision for the world, including openness to God, thirsting for what is right, peace making and living as citizens of God's Kingdom.

Stoneleigh Church Grounds Working Party

May I once again request a party of volunteers to join our Autumn Work Party, commencing from 9.30 a.m. On Saturday 31st October 2015. The past year has seen many activities within both village and church, bringing visitors from far and wide, all of whom have appreciated the tranquil setting of our historic church; and the efforts of the Mowing Team. A little extra help would now be appreciated before winter weather sets in.

If anyone has their own hedge trimmer, or strimmer (petrol preferred), this would be helpful, together with sharp spades to edge the paths. Horticulturists might care to prune the planted areas, with their secateurs. Gloves & stout shoes advisable.

All are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided to keep you going during the morning. If possible please let me know if you can come, to help with catering or just turn up on the day. My number is 024 7641 1658 . Thanks

Clive Watson

BBC comes to Stoneleigh

At the beginning of August it began to unfold: the BBC was interested in using Stoneleigh as the basis for a programme on domestic architecture. A series called *Home from Home*, presented by Dan Cruickshank and made in collaboration with RIBA, will be aired on BBC 4 in the New Year and charts the architectural development and social history of three typical British house types – the cottage, the terraced house and the flat.

Over the past eight weeks the director, presenter and researcher have made many visits to Stoneleigh finding out about the village's history and its past connection to the Abbey. Very many houses have been visited and as this goes to press filming will begin at the Food Beer and Craft Market, at the Club and at the Abbey itself. It already seems that everyone you bump into has chatted to them at some point! It will be interesting to see how the project progresses; watch this space!

Sheila Woolf

HS2 Latest

Since we last wrote, some matters are moving quickly, others not so fast. Our response to the Additional Provisions 2 (AP2) petition has been submitted and is currently being considered. There is a challenge to our right to appeal, and this has happened to many groups who have objected. The Select Committee is still working through the first batch of petitioners at the hearing stage and so there are concerns over the timescale to what they hope is Royal Assent.

We have also submitted a response to the revised environmental statement. An area of unnamed woodland somewhere near the B4115 has been classified as ancient woodland, but surprisingly that has no effect on the proposed route!

The election of Jeremy Corbyn as labour leader may have an effect on Labour Party support for HS2, although it is more likely that there will be no change.

As I write this, details are emerging about the next set of Additional Provisions (AP3) which will generally outline the impacts on the Euston area. Whilst it is never going to be an easy task to get HS2 out of the Euston area, HS2 has produced up to 6 plans for the station area and many attempts to configure track layouts. We have to look at these details in detail to check that there are no impacts for our area. However the success of the Euston proposals is critical to the operation of HS2 and the West Coast Mainline and might appear to an outsider as a triumph of political rhetoric and broad-brush planning over reality. Clearly the cost constraints are going to be seriously stretched, whilst anything is achievable with an unlimited purse, under public scrutiny other methods may be employed.

It is likely that AP4 will be out soon and the speculation is that these will have more specific revised details for Warwickshire, and in particular for the route through Stoneleigh Park, but that is to be seen.

Martin Smith

(on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group)

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

The autumn season is now upon us and this year promises to be a very busy period for the Orchard Group. In addition to the annual harvest we have the Orchard Quiz evening at Stoneleigh Village Club on Saturday 24 October at 19:30. So please be reminded of this event as the last one proved to be a very entertaining evening !

Stoneleigh orchard consists of several varieties of apple tree each of which have particular ripening periods and harvesting recommendations. By the time you read this article we should already have harvested a variety called "Tom Putt" for which it is recommended that picking occurs during mid September and makes it the earliest of our varieties to ripen. Our Perry Pears will also have been harvested. If you would like to participate in picking and pressing then we have no set event to achieve this owing to the factors described above though ripening and picking of our many varieties will occur between now and late November. Given most of our members are occupied through out the working week and as the evenings are also closing in, such events will most likely be held over weekend afternoons throughout October. Once picked the apples are then generally left to stand for a week prior to pressing.

The orchard group will welcome those who wish to join in or simply observe the cider making process throughout this period
So if interested do come along to No 5 Church Lane !

For those of you who are "energetic" environmental enthusiasts and wish to get involved in increasing the biodiversity of the orchard meadow then please feel free to participate in the preparation and sowing of the wild flower area. An event which is imminent and with a date again likely to be set during a weekend in October. Please contact Pete Freeman if you would like to participate.

Finally, we intend to complete the autumn season with a tree planting event scheduled to occur on the 5 and 6 December. An ideal opportunity to build up an appetite for the oncoming festive period !

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.

Pete Freeman (Chairman)

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Richard Hancox (Treasurer)

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Ashow Harvest Festival and Lunch

Ashow Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October at 11.00 am.

Donations are very welcome, of dried goods, tins, packets, nappies, toiletries, etc , which will be given to the Kenilworth Food Bank, in addition to any Fruit and Vegetables to decorate the church and which will be sold off later, and these may be taken into church which will be open as usual on the Saturday morning.

The speakers at the Village Service will be representatives of the Kenilworth Food Bank.

The Ashow Harvest Lunch will be held afterwards on Sunday 11th October at 12.15 for 12.30 at Ashow Village Club. All are very welcome, and a 2 course meal will be provided.

Cost will be £7.50, and numbers are needed for catering purposes, to Kate Jones tel 01925 853511 or Stephen Harvey 01925 852543.

WI Report



We began the meeting on 7th September by congratulating members of the Craft Group who were successful in the Warwickshire Federation Corunna Cup Competition. The bakers were particularly successful with Margaret Bosworth winning best in show for her

Victoria Sandwich.

The speaker at the meeting was Paul Taberner formerly head of Warwickshire's Crime Scene Investigation. He gave us interesting insight into the methods used by real scenes of the the crime investigators which are usually more rigorous than those used by their television counterparts.

In September members of the Craft Group, made bags using plastic, canvas and cotton in a range of colours.

On 23rd September a group of members met for a walk followed by lunch at the Hart, in Ufton.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 6th October and the menu will be roast beef and homemade apple tart. Please contact Liz if you wish to confirm or cancel your place on 024 7641 8301.

The coffee morning at the Village Club will be on Tuesday 20th October from 10:30.

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th October and the speaker will be Mel Harvey who will talk about the history of Punch and Judy.



Rachel Gill



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Stoneleigh Village Club

HALLOWEEN

GHOST WALK

AND CHILDREN'S PUMPKIN LANTERN COMPETITION



Saturday 31st October

Children's tea starts 6pm. Ghost walk 6.45pm

Charge £1.50 per child

Food available for adults (separate charge)

Stoneleigh History Society

Several members of the Society had a busy time during Heritage Weekend, helping to take guided tours around the church and meeting visitors to our displays in the Leigh Chapel. Similarly on the occasion of the Food, Beer and Craft Market we were pleased to showcase our researches to many interested visitors.

Our meeting on September 29th (7.30pm in the Village Hall) – you might just receive your *News* in time to catch it! – will see the launch of our next big project, which is to survey the churchyard and record all the gravestones. This is a huge task even though we already have a most helpful survey, which was done in 1981 by the W.I., on which to base our study. Anyone who would be interested in helping should contact Lisa Reay who is leading the project, on 024 7669 7037 or lisareay@btinternet.com

At our October meeting, on Tuesday October 27th, Pete James will talk about the history of fulling mills in Stoneleigh and the surrounding area.

Sheila Woolf



Thank you

A really big 'thank you' to everyone who helped with the heritage open day event on 12th September. We have had some lovely comments from those who visited the church and discovered for the first time our beautiful church and all its history. Our thanks also go to the Stoneleigh WI who provided the tea and cake and the Village club for the use of their facilities.

Sarah Ballinger

Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Cotswold Hills League Div 4

We did it!

The Unicorns finished as Champions of Div4 after a tense final Saturday of the league season. The penultimate match had seen us slip to a disappointing defeat against Alcester & Ragley. A below par batting performance saw us total only 157 with Dave Atkinson making 63 but the bowlers battled hard to try and save the game and the visitors lost 8 wickets in getting over the finish line. There were enough bonus points from the match to keep us on top of the table.

So to the last match with 3 teams, Bretforton, Dorridge & Hockley Heath and ourselves vying for 2 promotion places and we had to visit Dorridge & HH who had been in a good run of form and crept up to 3rd place. Dorridge opted to bat first on a difficult surface but Stoneleigh had plenty of bowling resources and Dave Griffin picked up two early wickets. Their number 4 went for some big shots, including one enormous six but after he fell to a great catch by Mark Reading-Jones, the bowlers chipped away at the lower order. The coup-de-grace was applied by Lee Moreton with a superb throw to run out the last man and the team left the field elated by the knowledge that by dismissing Dorridge for only 106 they had already earned enough bonus points to secure promotion.

Skipper Paul Lazenby was determined that we should win the match. His staunch knock of 23 off 116 balls anchored the innings as Lee Moreton (25) and Phil Chapman (22no) were the other main contributors in a 6 wicket victory. And with the match won, the news came through that although Bretforton had also won, they had not secured enough points to overtake us at the top. A delighted group of players and supporters repaired to 'The Boot' for appropriate celebrations.

James Chapman finished with 654 runs and Mark Edgington took 20 wickets – a great effort by both but not quite enough to win either the Division Batting or Bowling awards

Friendlies

Some good wins in the final weeks of the season. The most remarkable set of results was a hat-trick of victories against Coventry Barbarians (one match was a replacement for a team that had cried off). Baa-Baas always bring a competitive side but good team efforts in each match took us through to victory.

Statistically, the highlight is Sunday skipper Phil Chapman's record double of 1000 runs and 50 wickets in a season, the first time this has been achieved by a Stoneleigh player, Phil having narrowly failed to pass the target 2 years ago. His 1000th run came up in the match against Baa-Baas on Saturday 12th September and he claimed the 50th wicket the following day in an enjoyable match against Chesterfords, a touring side from East Anglia.

A date has not yet been set for our own end-of-season 'do' but we shall certainly enjoy the league presentation night at Kenilworth Wardens on September 25th.

For more club details, contact Secretary Phil Chapman (01926 774864)

Notes contributed by Dave Wildgoose

Fixture Secretary (024 7659 4879)



The SCC team at Dorridge & Hockley Heath CC on Saturday August 29th after victory had secured them the Div 4 Title in the Cotswold Hills Cricket League.

Parish Council Notes

Meetings

The October Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village on Thursday 8th October 2015 at **7.00 p.m.** Please note earlier time. This is because Fiona Henderson from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council will be giving a short presentation on Housing Needs Survey.

I am very pleased to advise you that Mr John Astle has been co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Councillor for Stoneleigh Ward.

Below are the details of the four Councillors for **Stoneleigh Ward**:

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Stoneleigh Club October News

Sunday 4 th	7:00pm	Weigh in Marrow Competition
Friday 9 th	7:00pm	Pudding Night 10 Puddings to taste & judge £5:00 a ticket
Saturday 12 th	7:30pm	Orchard Society Quiz Night
Saturday 31 st	6:00pm	Children's Tea and Halloween Walk - See page 10 of the <i>News</i> for further details



Favourite Things - for Cec

Scouting and merlot and puzzles and rugger
These keep Cec ticking, the 90 year old bugger
Grand and great grandchildren and bells that go 'ding'
These are a few of his favourite things

Berkswell wishing well and proposal to Mary
Married 65 years now, which is properly scary
Through thick and thin though they work as a team
And for them living in Stoneleigh is living the dream

Lucy, Dom, Ben, Cath, Charlotte and Sami
Grandchildren all, plus James, Kathryn and Harry
Parents, Grandparents, now great grandparents too
What a dynasty Cec started back in Beake Avenue

When the wind bites, when the rain stings,
When it's getting cold
Remembering what fills all those 90 odd years
Then it doesn't seem so old

Their almshouse is small but it's perfectly formed
It's quaint and efficient and very well warmed
Much like our parents it's well on in years
But 16th century – no, they don't come anywhere near!

Year after year there's been Stoneleigh choir gigs
Cec always in dresses and lovely blond wigs
Bras full of coconuts, plus lippie and tights
So that's what he gets up to those long winter nights!

90 years young is really quite a feat
Having so many friends here is pretty neat
Family and friends and a village that cares
Saying 90 is old – well nobody dares!

When you're 90, nifty 90
We're all here to say
90 years old Cec, what a lifetime of fun
Here's wishing you a very Happy Birthday

*Created by Heather and sang by her at her Father's 90th Birthday Party, to the tune of
My Favourite Things from The Sound of Music*



Photograph by Will Blagburn

Cec's 90th Party

Cec, Mary and family would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all their friends in Stoneleigh who made Cec's 90th birthday celebration on 31st August such a happy and memorable event. They feel very lucky to be surrounded by such a caring village.

Cec says a special 'thank you' for all the generous gifts he received and to all his colleagues in the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir for their amazing performance.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

At the Heart of Saving Lives



Increasingly, otherwise redundant phone boxes are being used for community purposes. One of the most popular uses is to house a defibrillator, available for members of the community to use in an emergency.

Defibrillators are now at the Malt Shovel in Bubbenhall and The Oak in Baginton. Bubbenhall has four Community First Responders, fully trained to be the first emergency service on the scene, to administer first aid until a Paramedic or Ambulance crew can take over. A number of villages in south Warwickshire – Eathorpe is an example – have installed a defibrillator in their otherwise disused phone box.

The first few minutes of an emergency are vital. It is said that every minute lost reduces a patient's chance of survival by 10%. A defibrillator can play an important role in reversing that decline.

I have received a very positive response to the idea of installing a defibrillator in the phone box in Stoneleigh and we are now setting about raising approximately £2,000 to fund the cost and installation of a defibrillator. West Midlands Ambulance Service will provide basic CPR and Defibrillator Training free to a number of local residents.

Please contact me at dae@MediationandArbitration.co.uk or on 07785 284482 to help with this vital community mini-project.

David Ellwood



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



Services for October 2015

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	United Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 8 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 11 th	11.00am	Harvest Festival - Ashow - See page 7
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 24 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow

From the registers

Weddings

*Saturday 29th August- Thomas Bennett and Sally Jewitt
in Ashow Church*

*Saturday 29th August – Stephen Brown and Rosheen Duffy
in Stoneleigh Church*

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