

# **STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS**



**MAY 2016**

I learnt a new word recently: **NOVENA**. I've discovered that this word is used to describe the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year that period of time falls **between 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May**. There are two really exciting ways we can join others in marking this period in 2016.



Nationally, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called the country to pray and have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land.” This call to prayer is at the time in the Church’s calendar when we remember the first disciples waiting on God, as Jesus had asked them to, to be “clothed with power from on high” before they experienced the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What a great experience it will be if churches across the country are re-energised to pray for our country and the people we share it with, and to pass on the invitation we have to share in responding to Jesus.

In their letter the Archbishops said: “At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

In Stoneleigh and Ashow churches you will find **prayer stations** that week for you to use, both churches being open every day. A prayer station is a creative and user-friendly way of praying that suggests words, invites reflection through symbols and pictures and sometimes actions to help you. We will also respond to this call in our regular prayer times in Ashow on Tuesday from 5 – 5:30pm and in

Stoneleigh on Thursday from 9:30 – 10am. On **Ascension Day** itself, **Thursday 5 May**, I invite both parishes to join me in a **day of prayer**, to begin using the prayer stations in both our church buildings, and with times to pray in a more structured way together from **9:30 – 10am in Stoneleigh, in Ashow at midday and for evensong at 6pm in Stoneleigh**.

Coventry Cathedral will be one of the venues for a beacon event to support this nationwide movement of prayer at 5pm on Pentecost Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at which our oldest son, Ben will be confirmed along with others. In the same week, Coventry Diocese is organising a pilgrimage with prayer and Biblical reflection.

The main focus of the pilgrimage will be a chance to walk all or some of the Coventry Way footpath around the City from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May culminating in a Pentecost gathering at the Cathedral on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and on routes accompanying different Bishops around the Diocese.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the route comes to Stoneleigh from Burton Green at 2pm via Kenilworth arriving at 5pm for a short act of worship and prayer. It then leaves on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May from Stoneleigh at 5pm and goes to Ryton-in-Dunsmore via Bubbenhall.

If you would like to know more about the different Bishops' routes that week and to consider joining in, see the details and itinerary on [www.pilgrimways](http://www.pilgrimways) for Through Cloud and Fire Coventry Pilgrimage 2016.

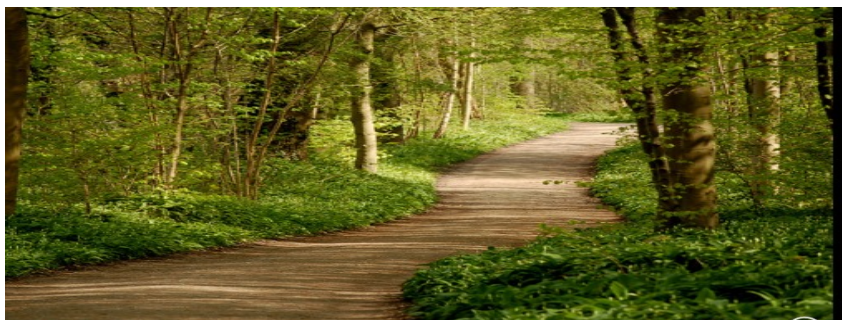
God bless

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There are still some tickets left for the  
Stoneleigh Village Celebration  
of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2pm  
(see April S&A News for more detail).  
Contact Nora for tickets or information  
on 02476 415405 or [blagburn@talktalk.net](mailto:blagburn@talktalk.net).

## **Stoneleigh Community Orchard update**

The Orchard Group would like to start by thanking all those who attended and participated in our quiz on the 16th April. The event turned out to be our most successful and entertaining quiz to date with the evening raising in the region of £250. This will be channelled back into the community by way of the Orchard and creating a space that we as residents of Stoneleigh or simply those expressing an interest in the project can be proud of. A special mention should be made to our quiz master Richard Gledhill who as ever conducted the quiz and auction with a steadiness born from experience and Mandy Smith with her young assistant Teagan Freeman coordinating the evening brilliantly! The cider was once again received with favour and with everyone in attendance drinking responsibly. We would also like to pay particular thanks to the generosity of long standing club member Patrick Deehan at the auction. Thanks Paddy !

The Orchard Group intend to run our next quiz later in the year so hope that you can all attend and make the event an outstanding success once again. There will also be a members evening which is an event intended to express thanks to those who have supported us through the years. Notification of the dates for these events will follow in due course. Finally, our AGM will occur on the 12th May in the Stoneleigh Village Club, a meeting that all members are welcome to attend.

The Orchard will shortly provide a wonderful display of spring blossom so why not take a moment to stroll down to the meadow and observe the scene from one of our benches and see what has been achieved to date.

Once again thank you all for your support !

The Orchard friends subscriptions have come up for renewal since at the start of the year and renewals of £10 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), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh.

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Richard Hancox (Treasurer) [Richard.Hancox@emhighways.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Hancox@emhighways.co.uk)

# STONELEIGH WI REPORT

At the meeting on 4th April Frances Freeman gave a talk about the area of woodland she and her husband bought at Binton Hill in South Warwickshire about 30 years ago. Their main aim is conservation but they also sell timber and logs.

The Annual Dinner was held on Friday 15th April at Stoke Bowling Club and was enjoyed by 27 members and guests.

The Craft Group's project for April was beading. Rhona Robbins, a past president of Stoneleigh WI, showed members of the group how to make bracelets and necklaces and provided the beads for them to make their own. On 18th April Penny Panchal gave a sugarcraft demonstration.

The next Village Lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd May at the Village Hall. The menu will be chicken bake and chocolate gateau. If you wish to reserve a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 414301.

The next meeting will be on 9th May when members will discuss and vote on the resolutions which will go forward to the National AGM in June. The resolutions are:

“We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted to hospital”, and

“The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food onto charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.”

Rachel Gill





## A Date for your Diary



### “The Heart of Stoneleigh” Defibrillator Training

Bubbenhall Community First Responders (CFRs) have kindly agreed to give us training in CPR and using the defibrillator on

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 19:30**

in the Village Hall.

We have some volunteers but need more. The training is very good and very practical. Anyone can do it. Because there is a limit on the number we can accommodate at each session, please let me know in advance if you intend to attend. I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me on 07785 284482 or at [dae@MediationandArbitration.co.uk](mailto:dae@MediationandArbitration.co.uk).

*David Ellwood*

Winter is many months of the year  
But now at last Maytime is here;  
And birds sing from a leafy screen  
In the trees and hedgerow freshly green;  
And the wood-anemone is out in the shade,  
With its blushing petals which too soon fade;  
Once more the bracken is unfurling there,  
And bluebells gently perfume the damp air.

[Veronica Ann Twells](#)

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### **Some events from history which happened in May:**

May Day, 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Spring celebration which became a National holiday.

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1929. Birth of Audrey Hepburn.

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1937. The airship, Hindenberg caught fire as it approached its moorings in New Jersey.

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1945. Unconditional surrender of German forces.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1937. Coronation ceremony of King George VI.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1937. Opening of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1660. Restoration of the Monarchy with the accession of King Charles II.



## **HS2 Update.**

As expected, the House of Commons passed the third reading of the HS2 Hybrid Bill on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It was passed with a very large majority. MPs on the whole would have voted on the principle of the HS2 proposal, and would not have concerned themselves too closely with the details, with which communities on or near the line of route understandably have greater concerns.

The Hybrid Bill now passes to the House of Lords, who will have three readings and who will also convene their own Select Committee to examine details of the proposal. As for the House of Commons, the Select Committee does not have the right to dismiss the proposal, but can concern themselves with the detail and make recommendations.

Anthony Bianco of the Stoneleigh Action Group has prepared and submitted a petition to their Lordships on behalf of Stag. It is to be seen if their Lords and Ladyships are more sympathetic to some of the issues which communities have raised, and which on the whole the Select Committee in the House of Commons rejected. One recommendation which did come out of the first process was that a review of the Compensation process is carried out, and this is being undertaken by HS2.

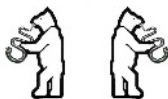
We will continue to update the Community on developments and progress. The timescale for hearing petitions is to be announced after the composition of the Select Committee is announced. I also understand that the Joint Parish Council has submitted a petition, along with our MP, Jeremy Wright, who has also submitted a petition. Jeremy abstained in the vote at the Third Reading in the Commons.

**Martin Smith**

for the Stoneleigh Action Group.

April 2016.

# Immanuel's GROUND Warwick's West Gallery Quire



## ***'In Prosperity and Adversity'***

At the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DN

Saturday 7th May

7.30 pm

Tickets: £10 including refreshments after the concert

Available from the church office Tel: 02476 415506

e-mail: [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk)

Proceeds for the church restoration fund



Immanuel's Ground will take another look, in a concert of music and words, at the times of George III, as seen through the eyes of some of the then residents of Stoneleigh. It seems there was little enough prosperity to go round, especially when it came to marrying a soldier...

**In association with**

**Stoneleigh History Society**



## Tea and Cake



will be served in Stoneleigh Church  
2 pm – 4 pm  
on the 4th Sunday during the Summer months  
on

22<sup>nd</sup> May : 26<sup>th</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> July

*The History Society's summer exhibition  
will also be open to visit in the Leigh Chapel*

**Film Night**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May in the 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

This month we are showing 'Brooklyn' set in 1950's Ireland and New York, young  
Ellis Lacey has to choose between two men in two countries.

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# **Stoneleigh and Ashow Joint Parish Council**

## ***Annual Report- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016***

### **Members**

The composition of the Parish Council in May 2015 was as detailed below:

Ashow Ward	Councillors Mrs H. Fryer and Mrs J. Mackenzie
Stoneleigh Ward	Councillors Mrs S Croft, R Hancox, Mrs S Malone and D Wintle

- At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Councillor R. Hancox was appointed Chairman and Councillor Mrs H Fryer was appointed Vice-Chairman.
- Councillor D Wintle tended his resignation from the Parish Council which was accepted.
- At the September meeting Mr John Astle was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Stoneleigh Councillor.
- Councillor Mrs Sue Crofts tended her resignation from the Parish Council which was accepted.
- At the February meeting Mrs Estelle Cole was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Stoneleigh Councillor.

### **Meetings**

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 the following meetings were held: Annual Council Meeting and 11 Ordinary Meetings

Attendance of Councillors at these meetings is detailed below. Councillors with an asterisk after their name were not on the Council for a full year so the number of meetings reflects this position. Maximum possible attendance 12 meetings.

J Astle *	7	100% attended
H. Fryer	12	100% attended
R. Hancox	11	92% attended
J. Mackenzie	12	100% attended

S Malone*	10	91% attended
E Cole*	2	100% attended

County Councillor W Redford attended 10 meetings out of 12 which equates to 83%.

District Councillor N Harrington \* attended 10 meetings out of 11 which equates to 91%.

District Councillor Mrs P Redford\* attended 7 meetings out of 11 which equates to 64%.

## Finance

Precept levied for the financial year 2015/2016 was £15,999. Other income during the year was Bank interest of £25.03, concurrent expenditure £180, Grant £6,000 for the Joint Neighbourhood Plan with Baginton & Bubbenhall Parish Councils, Donations towards purchasing a Defibrillator £2,038, Federation Colliery Opposition Group £315.76 and Stoneleigh Park £200. Total income for the year being £24,757.79, which when added to the accumulated balance gave a working total of £48,170.75.

During the year total expenditure was £23,607.67 which results in a surplus of £24,563.08. Included within this figure is £12,800.42 of Ringed Fenced Money.

The following grants were distributed during the year:

Ashow Church	£500
Stoneleigh Church	£500
Stoneleigh & Ashow Newsletter	£300
Stoneleigh Village Hall	£100

## Planning

All planning applications received from Warwick District Council are considered. During the year a total of 28 new planning applications were considered. The applications can be classified as shown:

Ashow            5 Full –2 Granted, 1 Refused, 1 Withdrawn, 1  
Awaiting Decision.  
1 Listed Building – 1 Granted

Stoneleigh 18 Full – 12 Granted, 5 Refused, 1 Withdrawn.  
4 Listed Building – 4 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00 p.m. This will be followed by the Ordinary Council Meeting . Both are being held at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

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

## **Big Breakfast**

The Chairman Rosemary Brown and the Kenilworth Committee of Cancer Research U.K. would like to thank everyone locally who attended the Big Breakfast at Leek Wootton recently, or who gave generous donations.

The Breakfast was very successful and made the excellent profit of £1,122 for Cancer Research.



Pat Harvey



## Ashow News

The village was very sorry to see George and Janey Horton move to Alveston recently. They had played a very active part in village life, and a well attended farewell party was held at the Club. George together with Tony Gregory had over the last year maintained the churchyard voluntarily, and they had done an excellent job of keeping it tidy.

### A.P.C.M.

The Ashow Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Village Club at 7.30 pm

At this meeting we will be discussing what is happening in the church, electing officers, and planning for the future. We hope as many people as possible from the village will be able to attend.

Stephen Harvey



**Saturday 14 May 2016 at 7.30 pm**  
**Coventry Cathedral CV1 5AB**

### **A Musicale Entente Cordiale**

*The WSO, St. Michael Singers of Coventry Cathedral & The Villebon Choeur Josquin des Prés of France come together for a classical spectacular.*

***Crown Imperial (Coronation March) - Walton***

***Gloria - Poulenc***

***Tristan & Isolde (Prelude & Liebestod) - Wagner***

***Te Deum & Benedictus - Elgar***

***Pomp & Circumstance (March No. 1) - Elgar***

**Conductor - Paul Leddington-Wright**

**Soprano - Nadine Benjamin**

**To book tickets**

**Tel: 0844 4771000**

**Or buy online at [www.wso.org.uk](http://www.wso.org.uk)**

**Tickets £15, £20, £25. Concessions £13, £18, £23. Students & children half price.**

**Concert venue:**

**Coventry Cathedral CV1 5AB**

# **A Special Evening Concert**

*at the*

**Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon**

*on*

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 19:30**

*in aid of the*

**Shakespeare Hospice**

*presented by the unique*

**Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir**

(a choir that is different-singing popular songs from films, shows, stars and groups, with an additional touch of comedy)

*supported by the*

**Stoneleigh Ladies Choir**

(with songs from Shakespeare and his period)

Come along and have a very enjoyable and unusual evening, and support the Shakespeare Hospice at the same time!

There will be an interval when a glass of wine will be served.

Tickets priced £15 can be obtained from either choir via

Geoff Mexson (call 01926 854602)  
or Kate McCutcheon (call 024 7641 0100)  
or Phil Jones (01926 853511)

## **STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR**

On behalf of the Choir I would like to thank everyone who came to our show in March. We had a wonderful time singing and performing and judging from the comments received by choir members, so did the audiences.

The Choir will be busy over the next few months:

1) Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

A joint concert with the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon in aid of the Shakespeare Hospice.

2) Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>

We will be singing at the Queens Birthday Celebration Party at the Village Hall

3) Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Summer Serenade at Wentworth House (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs David Vaughan and Mr & Mrs Chris Hadfield )– see advert for further details

**Phil Jones,**

Chairman: Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

## **STONELEIGH LADIES' CHOIR**

Invite you to  
*'A Right Royal Do'*

On Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

There will be entertainment with afternoon tea.

The proceeds will be donated to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.

Tickets £10 available from Val Baker (02476414360) or  
Maggie Samouelle (02476411090)



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

invites you to

## "Summer Serenade"

To be held at

Wentworth House, Vicarage Road

Stoneleigh

(courtesy of Mr & Mrs David Vaughan  
and Mr & Mrs Chris Hadfield)

on

Sunday 3rd July 2016

'Fizz' and finger food

Bar opens 12.00 noon

Concert starts 12.30

Tickets £25.00

The choir will be singing a selection of popular songs from shows, films etc. and will be ably supported by Soprano Victoria Wilson and acclaimed pianist David Mason.

Victoria sings in a variety of styles encompassing jazz, popular and classical.

This is our major fund raising event which sells out very quickly, so to order your tickets contact:

Phil Jones on (01926 853511)

The Charity for this concert will be announced shortly.

**Note:** In the event of seriously inclement weather that prevents the choir from singing, refreshments will be served under gazebos

## A Message from Mark Morris.

On Saturday May 14th in the Stoneleigh Village Club I am having a Race Night to raise funds for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. It starts at 7.30pm.



I'll be going to Vietnam and Cambodia in November and every penny that I raise goes to Zoe's place (I've already paid for the cost of the trip). Race Night's are a really fun way for all the family of raising money and enjoying yourself.

Please do come along and support this worthy cause. I look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.



*If you have never been to a Race Night, they are good fun. Just bring some money to place your bets and help this good cause. Editors.*

## STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS

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## STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

Hello everyone - We are looking for a relief Bar Steward to do one or two regular shifts at the club and take over when Jimmy and Karen go on holiday. Previous experience serving in the service industry is required as you will be responsible for all aspects of the bar and staff management in Jimmy's absence. If you are interested in being considered for this position please contact me on 07939541613.

We are having some problems with dog fouling in the back garden at the club. Can I please ask that members do not allow their dog into the garden area unaccompanied and in any event to clean up after your dog? The garden is for the use of everyone and we have a number of children who visit - we need your help to make sure it is clean.

Events coming up in SVC....

**Wednesday 4th May 2016** - Knitting group at 7pm

**Saturday 14th April 2016** - Marks Fantastic Race Night - In aid of Zoey's Place baby hospice - Please come along and support this event

Sunflower seeds are available in the club free for the children's Sunflower growing competition - Judging date to be announced.

See you soon in SVC!

**Ann Lowe.**



## Stoneleigh History Society

It isn't too late for you to buy tickets for the concert at Stoneleigh Church on 7 May (see advert elsewhere in this edition). This musical evening promises to be a lot of fun, with dramatic stories involving local people from times gone by: there will be a recruiting officer, a bride abandoned at the altar, and much flag-waving and patriotic singing! The choir, based in Warwick, have been preparing for many months and we hope that the concert will raise a good sum for the church repair fund. Tickets can be bought from [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or directly from me (see below for contact details).

The History Society's summer exhibition will be in place in the Leigh Chapel by the time this edition of the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* goes to print, following our "launch" of the churchyard project on 26 April. Please do go and have a look at the first phase of our researches into the stories of former Stoneleigh residents; there are some extraordinary and surprising tales!

At the next meeting of the History Society, on Tuesday 22 May, David Fry, an expert in old photographs and postcards, will be talking to us about local Victorian and Edwardian photographers and their work. It will be a very interesting evening and David would be happy to look at any old photos or postcards you might like to bring along. We meet in the village hall at 7.30pm.

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OF  
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OUR LADY, ASHOW**



**and  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH**

***SERVICES FOR MAY 2016***

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>                      10.00 a.m. United Holy Communion Service at  
   Ashow
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>                    9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow  
   11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>              10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh  
   **Pentecost**
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>                      9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow  
   11.00 a.m. Fellowship Communion at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>                  9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow  
   11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>              10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>                  9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ashow  
   11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

***From the registers***

***Funerals***

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Jean Fardoe - Memorial Service*

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