

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



**JULY/AUGUST 2016**

# Stoneleigh Church News

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## From the Churchwardens

**A**t the celebration service for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Sharon was able to announce that we too were celebrating, having received confirmation in writing that we had been awarded the full amount applied for from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which we started in March 2014, had been assessed and we had been awarded a grant of up to £211,800. This, with the amount already received, means we will have had the maximum possible grant of nearly £250,000. It will enable us to replace the copper roof above the nave with a new structure that provides adequate roof space and insulation to modern standards, and to undertake urgent stonework repairs to seal the fabric of the building.

We are now able to instruct Croft Building and Conservation Ltd, the approved tendering contractor, to commence work, we hope, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Scaffolding covering the entire exterior and the interior up to the nave ceiling will be erected (costing roughly £50,000 inclusive of VAT), replacement of the nave roof will cost anything between £75,000 and £99,000 depending on what is discovered once the old copper cladding is taken off, and that will leave £80,000 for the essential stonework repairs and replacement at all levels and on all aspects of the building.

The grant, together with monies we have in hand, will enable us to do the essential works mentioned above and will make the building watertight. If we have money over, or are successful with other smaller applications that our appointed fundraiser has made, then we will look at completing high level work on the interior whilst we have the very expensive scaffolding in place.

During the building work, we have been told that the body of the church under the nave roof will be 'out of bounds', but we will still be able to access the kitchen, toilet and prayer area through the main door, as well as the chancel and vestry through the Leigh Chapel. Jackie, our administrator, will continue to work her normal hours in the vestry, although it might take her longer to fetch her coffee! Please check the notice board frequently for any unforeseen changes that may occur.

## Dates for the Diary

### July

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Film Night - Village Hall**

6.45pm for 7.00pm - "A Good Year"

*A British investment broker inherits his uncle's chateau and vineyard in Provence. He discovers a new laid back lifestyle as he tries to renovate the estate to be sold. Starring Russell Crowe.*

Tickets: £3.00 to cover room hire and refreshments

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

**Teas in the Church**

2.00pm - 4.00pm

This will be the last opportunity this year, so come along and check out the History Society exhibition, which will be dismantled when the building work starts

### August

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday Club - Village Hall**

See posters (and page 24) for details

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebration of the Holiday Club - Village Hall**

12.00pm

Bring a picnic lunch and something to share, and stay for the celebrations at the end of a special week

### September

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Film Night - Village Hall**

6.45pm for 7.00pm - please see poster on the notice board for details of the film

Tickets: £3.00 to cover room hire and refreshments

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast Together - Village Hall**

8.30am - 10.30am

See page 8 for details - an invitation to anyone involved in the Stoneleigh community to come together for breakfast and a chat

# WI Afternoon Tea

Hosted by Stoneleigh WI

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets: £7.50

Available from Rachel Gill - 024 7641 4030

*A donation will be made to the Warwickshire Air Ambulance*



A portrait of Her Majesty the Queen (with her five great-grandchildren and two youngest grandchildren) to mark Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

# Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir Salutes the Queen

Margaret Wallis (on behalf of an impressed and grateful audience)

**O**n Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Stoneleigh Village Hall was packed again, this time in order to hear a wonderful concert by the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir, followed by a superb afternoon tea. The Hall was decorated with patriotic flags and photographs - and even a replica Queen - and choir members were a picture in red, white and blue.

An enthusiastic audience was entertained with songs linked to Shakespeare, plus favourites such as "Early One Morning", "Greensleeves" and "A Gaelic Blessing". The choir sang superbly, with wonderful harmonies. An added bonus was a mini-rehearsal of the three witches scene from "Macbeth" and brilliant renditions by Norma Thorpe-Smith and Kate McCutcheon of the amusing poems, "Nigel" and "Etchings". Congratulations and thanks to the choir and to their choirmistress, Karen Whyte, and accompanist, Alan Biddle. The performance ended with a joint rendition of the National Anthem and three cheers for the Queen. After tea, a raffle was held, with proceeds going to Zoe's Place, the baby hospice based in Coventry.☺

Huge thanks to Kate McCutcheon and her team for providing such a wonderful afternoon's entertainment and to all involved in providing lovely refreshments and red, white and blue floral centrepieces for each table.



# Stoneleigh Choirs Triumph in Stratford

David Critchley, Secretary SMVC



Presentation of £500 cheque from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir to Zoë's Place by Phil Jones, Chairman. The choir is resplendent in their new uniform, which they wore for the first time at a concert for the Shakespeare Hospice. They performed, together with the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir, and raised over £2,000. This included a donation from the SMVC of £500. The venue of Holy Trinity Church, Stratford upon Avon, with its very good acoustics, was ideal.



**Zoë's Place**  
**Baby Hospice**

[www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry)

# Parish Council Notes

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Pat Maddison, Parish Clerk

## Meetings

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm.

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00pm.

## Additional Meeting

An additional meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm at Ashow Village Club. This meeting will be attended by Mrs Tracy Darke (Development and Planning, Warwick District Council) and Mr Colin Hooper (Estates Director, Stoneleigh Showground). Mr Bill Hunt (Deputy Chief Executive, Warwick District Council) was invited, but is unable to attend. This is to discuss what progress and plans have been made with regards to new roads, infrastructure and general development in the surrounding area of our Parish in the light of the forthcoming HS2 and the proposed 1,800 houses at Kings Hill Lane.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Victoria Mary Healey** (internment of remains at Ashow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Patricia Freeman** (funeral service at Stoneleigh)

### Baptisms

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Emily Lauren Marsden** at Stoneleigh

**Elijah Peter Marsden** at Stoneleigh



# BT: Breakfast Together

Bringing it all together and it's *still* good to talk!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**8.30am – 10.30am in Stoneleigh Village Hall**

Stoneleigh Church would like to invite together anyone who is involved in Stoneleigh community in its widest sense, and we thought this would be fun over breakfast. We can't promise a full English, but we'll do our best to honour those who give up a bit of Saturday morning! The timing is influenced by the attempt to avoid any other diary plans in the diverse range of activities associated with Stoneleigh community. Nobody is excluded who wants to come, but we will prompt each organisation or group with an invitation to send at least one representative. We don't want to overlook anyone, but you know who you are and we might not yet... so let us know if you are interested by emailing Sharon (details below). The agenda is very open-ended in that we simply envisage coming together to meet others and to talk informally about activities and businesses we are already planning and involved in, in the hope that we might strengthen the community by getting to know one another and what's going on better. We do have a vision that more partnerships, support and new ventures might emerge from this forum opportunity. We propose repeating this six-monthly, if there is a spark of interest.

Hope to see you there!

God bless.

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# Stoneleigh Village Club

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Established 1856

*With summer in the air, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Club and garden, so why not pay us a visit?*

## **Events for July and August**

**Bingo**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July & alternate Wednesdays

**Knit & Natter**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July & alternate Wednesdays

**Abba Night**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

*Come along and enjoy all your favourite Abba music  
- more details to follow*

**Duck Race & Summer Fair**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August

*If anyone would like to help with the Duck Race,  
you would be most welcome*

Mark would like to thank everyone who contributed to his **Race Night** which, as part of his bike challenge to Vietnam and Cambodia, raised £1,100 for Zoe's Place baby hospice.

## **Correction/Addition**

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### **Village Organisations Contact List 2016**

Please note the following and amend the list that appeared in the middle of the June edition of the News:

**Correction:** Stoneleigh United Charities

Sue Wareham  
01608 654299

**Addition:** Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse

Mike Wareham  
01608 654299



## THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

# Celebrations in Ashow, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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Stephen Harvey

**T**here was a moving service at Ashow Church at 9.30am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. One of the highlights was a solo of "This Mother's Heart" (written by Katherine Jenkins for the Queen) sung by Jinty Cotton and arranged for the piano by her accompanist, Mark Francis Bruder. A souvenir book "The Servant Queen and the King she Serves" was distributed to the congregation and the village.

Later in the afternoon, Diana and David Holt organised a party, which was a fun-filled event that was very much appreciated by all those who attended.

Our grateful thanks go to all who helped make it such a special day.





THE QUEEN'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION

# Bubbles and Birthday Cake in Ashow

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David Holt

**V**illagers, young and old, came in their numbers for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, held at the Ashow Club. The sun shone, Graham and Tina played wonderful folk music on their accordion and violin, Prosecco flowed generously and there was enthusiastic conversation.

The coconut shy, with faces of the Royal family strategically placed behind the coconuts (with the Queen and Prince Philip overseeing events), proved to be very popular and, after a "play-off", Dominic Turner-Burr was the outright winner. Hooking ducks from the duck pond and colouring the Queen's head and corgis were also very popular with the young.

At 4.45pm, tea was served and, by good luck, everyone was sitting down in the marquees when the torrential rain started. It was quite dramatic and enjoyable to view from the comfort of the marquees, although Jinty and her musical friends had to make a hasty retreat!

With a beautiful birthday cake was on display, the youngest villager, 12-week-old William Hardman, and the oldest villager, Leyton Bowkett, were invited to cut the cake.

A rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" was sung before David Holt proposed a toast to Her Majesty, commenting on her amazing reign as a monarch and the dedicated service she has given the country. This was followed by the enthusiastic singing of the National Anthem, led by Jinty Cotton. Everyone enjoyed themselves; the surplus funds from the day have been given to the Ashow Club and Church in equal proportions.

Grateful thanks to all those who helped, particularly Diana Holt and Dawn Turner-Burr for organising a very enjoyable village party, and to the financial support of Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council.



Leyton Bowkett cuts the cake,  
accompanied by William Hardman



Children enjoy the party



Winner of the coconut shy play-off,  
Dominic Turner-Burr



## THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

# Celebrations in Stoneleigh, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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Sarah, Nora, Mandy and Jane

*(Ed: Many thanks to them and all who made this celebration so enjoyable.)*

**I**t was at the end of the church carol service before Christmas when we first had a conversation about organising a community celebration for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Nearly six months later, we are able to look back on a successful and enjoyable weekend of celebrations.

It began on Saturday evening in the Village Club with a performance from the John Stead Band.

On Sunday, the church was full for a special service of celebration, reflecting on the Queen's role and how her faith has helped her throughout her long life of service. Over coffee, the congregation was entertained by the bell ringers ringing in celebration, and ending with a tea party in the Village Hall with over 200 guests sitting down for tea together.

The afternoon opened with music from the Coventry Performing Arts Youth Jazz Orchestra led by their Director, Mark Allison. It was a rousing start to the proceedings, getting everyone in the mood as they arrived and either seated themselves in the hall or moved through to the field for the start of the organised activities.

For the young and the young at heart, whilst they waited for tea, there were races (ably demonstrated by Revd Sharon), competitions, craft activities and games. Winner of the most marbles spooned into a pot in 30 seconds was Coreen (with a grand total of 80), number of pegs on a washing line with one hand, Connor (with 15 in 30 seconds) and number of pegs off a washing line with one hand, Caitlin (with 16 in 30 seconds). Well done to all the winners and to everyone for taking part.

Following tea, there was a presentation of a commemorative mug to all the over 90s in the community, the singing of “Happy Birthday, Her Majesty” led by the Stoneleigh Hand Bell Ringers, cutting of the birthday cake, and a toast to the Queen.

The afternoon finished with the Male Voice Choir leading the community singing, rounding off the village celebrations in what has become a tradition.

None of this could have happened without those who supported the idea and Richard Hancox who, as well as taking care of the finance, was full of practical advice.

In addition, there were many people who baked cakes and filled their freezers with scones in advance of the weekend or allowed their homes to be taken over by the sweet smell of jelly. Lots more people contributed in numerous ways with the many and varied tasks required to put on such an event. Even the rain managed to hold off for enough time to allow everything we planned to happen, although apparently Nora still has craft paper drying out all around the house!

We hope it will be a weekend that will be remembered for many years to come.

*We are pleased to say that all surplus food was donated to the Coventry Comfort Carers’ Homeless Outreach Project whose clients were very grateful.*



The John Stead Band





The Coventry Performing Arts Youth Jazz Orchestra  
led by Mark Allison



Afternoon tea is served



“Happy Birthday, Her Majesty”  
led by the Stoneleigh Hand Bell Ringers



Stoneleigh celebrates the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday



The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir lead the singing at the party



The Queen waits to blow out her candles



Iris Donachie receives her commemorative mug



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## What's missing?... U R!

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Rev'd Sharon Goble, Priest in Charge of Stoneleigh and Ashow

**A**s you will be aware, the church building in Stoneleigh will be closed for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> August as essential works are undertaken – churchwardens have outlined those elsewhere in this magazine and will be pleased to talk in more detail to anyone who would like to know more. You will already have been part of the conversation about developing community use if you took part in the questionnaire earlier in the year.

However, this does not mean that the church is closed - because the Church is the people of God, who will continue our mission in worshipping God, making new disciples and transforming communities. Like all families who enjoy being out and about together for picnics and holidays in different places as well as at home, the church family in Stoneleigh will enjoy being in different venues for the time that the main part of our building is inaccessible. Why not take this opportunity to come and join in? What an opportunity, as we do things differently, to meet new people and enjoy a fresh experience of worship and fellowship because the dynamic of our meeting space will inevitably feel different – and I'm really excited by that. I think we will all gain a lot through this – even if that is a clearer understanding of how we appreciate our building and how that aids our worship and mission.

We will be meeting at the usual time of 11.00am in the Village Hall on second and fourth Sundays, and in the Village Club on third Sundays. The office will still be open and accessible at the usual times, as will the main door to the kitchen, toilet and prayer corner. Thursday prayers and Holy Communion will continue to meet in the chancel, but Sundays will be elsewhere and the enclosed insert of dates is there to help you. Although I'll be having my normal holidays, I don't expect to be taking any more than that!

First Sundays of the month will be a united Holy Communion at Ashow church at 10.00am, and Ashow congregation will of course continue to

welcome anyone who might choose to join them at 9.30am in Ashow church building on other Sundays of the month. At the time of going to print, I am exploring ideas of what might work at Christmas, especially a venue that will fit 280+ for our very popular carol service on the Sunday before Christmas. So, if any of you have ideas of where we might go, do be in touch. Otherwise, watch this space.

We have no weddings booked for the six months of the works, as you would expect. Baptisms can, however, still take place wherever we are worshipping. For funerals, we may again be able to use Ashow Church or look at other church venues. As always in both our parishes, if you would like a home visit or home communion please be in touch.

God bless.

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## HS2 Update

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Margaret Wallis, on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)

**R**egrettably, together with many others, on appeal, our petition to the House of Lords was not accepted. There has been a much tougher approach to petitions than during the process with the House of Commons, one issue being that many of the points had already been made in previous submissions.

It seems that the Parish Council's petition has been accepted without challenge and a date for their petition hearing is awaited. This will be our community's last chance to make representations before Parliament on the perceived shortcomings of the scheme and how certain improvements/amendments could make its construction and operation more acceptable to those who live and work in proximity to the route. The matter of proximity is a thorny issue because effects can ripple outwards, e.g. traffic disruption, to a much wider radius than other aspects.

Despite the continued adverse publicity about the HS2 and its wider implications, there seems no sign that the project will be abandoned, especially as the tendering process for construction is well under way. We will continue to monitor the situation and lobby on behalf of local residents whenever appropriate.

# The Brownies Visit the Stoneleigh Bell Tower

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Sarah Attwood

**M**ore than the usual peals of laughter and bells rang out from the Stoneleigh bell tower on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> May. The 8<sup>th</sup> Kenilworth Brownies came to explore and investigate Stoneleigh's church and grounds. The girls experienced chiming the bells and watched some practice rounds. Many thanks must go to John Newborn from Lillington, who brought his model bell along for Bob Taylor and Martin Smith to demonstrate the mechanics and physics involved in ringing the bells.

Brownie Helena Smith said, "The bell tower was smaller than I thought it would be. I managed to chime the bell by just going up on my tiptoes. The other girls kept being lifted up in the air by the rope. It was great fun!"

To round off the evening, the Bell Ringers were treated to the Brownies' unique hand-clapping display in the church to say thank you.

A little learning was enjoyed by all, especially the answer to the Brownies' question regarding how old the oldest bell was. It was cast in 1530?!!



# The Patron's Lunch

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Liz Sykes

**Editor's note:** On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016, The Mall in St James's Park, London was transformed for its largest ever street party to celebrate The Queen's patronage of over 600 charities and organisations on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Patron's Lunch was planned as a truly 'Great British' street party, with 10,000 guests attending the celebration, among them Stoneleigh's Liz Sykes...

**W**hen I left Stoneleigh on the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> June, the weather seemed promising, although the forecast was for showers. When I arrived in London, it had already started to drizzle. My taxi dropped us at the nearest point to where we had to register to enter The Mall, but there was a long queue. In the end, it took almost 45 minutes to register as we went through four security checks. By that time, it was raining steadily and, although I had a kagoule, I was very wet. We were then given our ponchos – which were waterproof – but the rain ran off them to wet everything else!

However, it got a lot better when we reached our designated places. Sheltered by the trees on The Mall, we received our hampers from the M&S stand, our goody bags from Boots, a commemorative cup and saucer from PG Tips, as well as water and other basic needs.

It did stop raining and we thoroughly enjoyed the parade, with so many young people taking part. And then the Royals – our section had Princes William and Harry and the Duchess of Cambridge. I was introduced to both William and Harry.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with everyone chatting and a carnival spirit. I felt very proud and honoured that I'd been asked to represent the Amateur Swimming Association and, in particular, competitive swimming. I'm not a great swimmer, but it was in recognition of all the volunteering that I've done over many years.

Such a memorable day and so glad that I could be there.



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# Stoneleigh History Society

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Sheila Woolf

**A**t our May meeting, the village hall was full for the talk given by David Fry about Victorian and Edwardian photographers in Warwickshire (and Stoneleigh in particular). By way of introduction, David demonstrated the type of camera, and tripod, typically used for the photographs he showed us. Careful planning was required - none of the spontaneity and instant clicking of the modern age! David's talk was illustrated by numerous old photographs which the audience greatly appreciated. Afterwards, many members chatted with David and looked at the selection of old postcards he had brought with him. This was a thoroughly enjoyable and nostalgic evening.

At the end of June, several members gathered to take a tour of old Kenilworth, including the abbey ruins, our next full meeting being in September.

We are pleased to be joining the Earlsdon Research Group for a special event to mark the opening of the Battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July . All are welcome at St Barbara's Church, Earlsdon for an afternoon of readings, poetry and music. (Please see separate advertisement on page 26 for further details.)



# Treasurer's Notice

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Clive Watson, Honorary Treasurer

**T**hank you to those residents who, in 2015, made their annual donation (payable to *Stoneleigh and Ashow News*) either by direct payment into our bank account (sort code: 60-12-35, account number: 63535718) or by cheque or cash (sent to *The Treasurer, Alliance Cottage, The Bank, Stoneleigh CV8 3DA*).

Please continue to support the volunteer teams of editors and distributors in 2016 when, apart from all sorts of local events, there will be more news on traffic and other issues affecting our villages. If you are a new resident, or someone who hasn't quite got round to making a donation, please help support this local publication. The printing costs alone for 2015 ran to £1,880 for ten editions of 510 copies, either hand-delivered by volunteers in Stoneleigh and Ashow, or posted to absent friends. Even a modest £5 would be appreciated. Thanks!

## Stoneleigh Churchyard Mowing Team

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Clive Watson

**E**ach year, the team receives compliments on the standard of the care and maintenance of our church grounds. There are times, due to holiday or other commitments, when one of the team has to miss a week, thus leaving the grass longer and more difficult to mow. Absences are covered if possible by other team members willing to do a second area on top of their own. May I ask you, or someone in your family, to consider offering your or their services to act as cover for these occasions? Simply phone me on 024 7641 1658, or speak to one of the team when you see them out mowing, to find out more. I may be out, so do please leave your name and number. Thank you for reading this far.

# Holiday Club Going for Gold!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
10.00am – 12.00pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall  
and celebrated in Stoneleigh Church  
on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon



There's nothing quite like the Olympics. The excitement and drama commands the attention of the whole world. The ancient Olympics fascinated the early Christians. In the Bible, Paul loved to compare his life to a race. He was so focused as a follower of Jesus Christ and kept going despite all the obstacles in his path. There will be nothing quite like the **ALL-IMPICS**, our **Holiday Club** this year, again based at the Village Hall in Stoneleigh from 10.00am to 12.00pm from

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, and celebrated on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August with a bring and share picnic lunch at 12 noon and half-hour celebration "closing ceremony" at 1.30pm.

Register on the door, but if you want to know more, contact Sharon or Jackie Cubbitt in the Parish Office - [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or 024 7641 5506.



# St John's Primary School and Nursery

Aiming High; Proud to learn together.



Our happy and caring nursery is now able to offer flexible provision to suit children's and parents' needs. From September 2016, you will be able to take your 15 hours' provision in any combination of 15 hour allocations. This could be 2.5 days, 5 mornings or 5 afternoons. This is bookable one term in advance. Additional top-up hours are also available in various combinations. Please come and see our wonderful nursery in action and talk to our friendly staff about our flexible provision options.

Led by a fully qualified and experienced teacher, and supported by caring staff, we have super facilities inside and out and are fully committed to ensuring that your child is happy and gets off to a flying start. We have intakes in September, January and April. Your child can join us from the term following their third birthday.

Please contact Lucy or Cathy on **01926 854450** or email **[schooloffice2620@welearn365.com](mailto:schooloffice2620@welearn365.com)**. Places are filling up fast!

## St John's Primary School and Nursery

Mortimer Road, Kenilworth CV8 1FS

## **' ... AND THE DARK SOMME FLOWING'**

*From: 'A Farmer Remembers The Somme' by Vance Palmer*



The morning of 1st July 1916 saw the start of the Battle of the Somme, in an Offensive which would last for 141 days. On that first day alone, thousands of British troops would die. Perhaps a member of your family was amongst them?

Exactly one hundred years later, the Earlsdon Research Group together with the Stoneleigh History Society invite you to join us for a Reflection in words and music on the personal stories and events of that day and those that would follow.

Join us for

### **A Centenary Reflection**

at

**St. Barbara's Church,**

**Beechwood Avenue, Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6AG**

**on Friday, 1st July 2016**

to include

**1914-18 Exhibitions by the Earlsdon Research Group and  
the Stoneleigh History Society**

**Viewing with Refreshments from 3pm**

**Performance from 4.00 - 5.15pm**

Donations will be invited to cover costs. Any excess will be gifted to the international charity, 'War Child', whose work provides safe havens for children in active war zones. [www.warchild.org.uk](http://www.warchild.org.uk)

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**Cricket at Stoneleigh Abbey**  
 Photograph by Susan Hopcraft



**Ashow Club hosts visiting Morris dancers from Harbury, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
 Photograph by Stephen Harvey





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



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Office hours: Wednesday 9.00am - 12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm



This month's front cover:  
**The Queen Elizabeth Rose**

# Stoneleigh Village Duck Race + Summer Fair



Saturday 13th August 2016

Fun for all the family and stalls, stalls, stalls...

Look out for posters in the village

offers of help welcome



# Stoneleigh WI Report

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Rachel Gill

**T**o celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Queen, a toast was proposed to Her Majesty by the President at the beginning of the meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Members entered into the spirit of the occasion by wearing hats. The evening continued with “Desert Island Discs”. Colleen Oldham, Patricia Downes and Rachel Gill each presented three of their favourite records. These included “The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” by Handel, “The Dance of the Swans” from Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky, “Yesterday” by the Beatles and “Stranger on the Shore” by Acker Bilk. During the evening, a draw was made for two bursaries for a two-day course at Denman College. They were won by Florian Barker and Liz Sykes.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, there was an outing to Gloucester. Members and friends were able to visit the 11<sup>th</sup> century Gloucester Cathedral and Gloucester Docks, where many of the former warehouses have been converted into shops and restaurants and the Waterways Museum.

This month, the members of the Book Club are reading “Blue Stocking” by Jane Robinson and “The Girl You Lost” by Katherine Crofts. The next meeting will be in July.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall. The menu will be quiche and salad followed by strawberries and cream. If you wish to reserve a place, please contact Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301.

There will not be a village lunch in August. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Club.

The meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July will be a games evening, including indoor and outdoor games and an American supper.



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**Services for July & August 2016**

**July 2016**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	United Holy Communion - Ashow
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship & Launch of Holiday Club - Stoneleigh
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh

**August 2016**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	United Holy Communion & Confirmation Service with Bishop John - Ashow
	12 noon	Picnic at Stoneleigh Village Hall, closing with Celebration Service for Holiday Club
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worshiop - Stoneleigh Village Hall
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Club
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Village Hall