

STONELEIGH & ASHOW

News



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Ashow Church News

Stephen Harvey

The Ashow Parish Singers are rehearsing in the church on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and will be singing at the candlelit village Christmas carol service on Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm. New singers will be very welcome.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 17th December from 10.00am onwards. Please bring any greenery etc. that you would like to use to decorate the candle poles. Children will be most welcome to decorate the Christmas tree which, once again, is being donated to Ashow Church by Stoneleigh Abbey Estate. We thank them for their generosity.

United Family Holy Communion on Christmas Day will be at 10.00am at Ashow Church.

Lucy, Phil, Sam and Wilfie Morris have recently moved to Kenilworth. We send them all our best wishes in their new home, and particularly would like to thank Lucy for all her hard work in editing the Stoneleigh and Ashow News.

Ashow Village Club provided an excellent bonfire and an amazing firework display on Friday 4th November, which was very much appreciated.

The collection in church on Remembrance Sunday for the Royal British Legion came to £123 and was given to the Poppy Appeal.



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Farewell Ashow

Lucy, Phil, Sam & Wilf Morris

We moved to Ashow in April 2006. Back then, there were just the three of us and Sam had recently started school. In 2007, Wilf came along. We remember the sheet (painted by Bob and Clare Burdett) strung across the lane announcing his arrival. Shortly afterwards, we celebrated Phil's fortieth birthday with a hog roast at the Club. Ten years on and we're wondering how to celebrate his fiftieth! We recall, too, holding Wilf's baptism at Ashow Church and enjoying bacon butties back home with many of our new Ashow friends. We were made so wonderfully welcome by the village and threw ourselves into village life - from sewers to fireworks to candlelit carols and prize-winning damson chutney. In fact, we became experts at all things damson and are desperately seeking a new supply so that we can continue making our much-sought-after damson gin!

Jumping ahead to 2016, on a beautiful late autumn evening, we said a somewhat tearful goodbye to friends and neighbours whilst enjoying some bubbly and nibbles at Bob and Clare's. (Oh how we'll miss Bob and Clare - surrogate grandparents to Sam and Wilf and just the most generous, kind neighbours one could wish for.) It hit us then what a wonderfully special place we were leaving behind.



And so, on a grey October day we bid our final goodbyes to our lovely Ashow home and moved just around the corner to Kenilworth. We're not far from the Abbey Fields (and a walk away from Waitrose) which, in turn, means that the boys can walk to school.

We're sure that many of you will by now have met the new residents of number 26 - James, Charlotte and Mabel. We're sure, too, that you'll make them feel as welcome as we were made to feel all those years ago. As we start to make new memories in our Kenilworth home, we wish them all the happiness in the world in their new Ashow home.

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

In October we had a meeting with a difference! Vic Nock gave a fascinating talk on the history of archery, demonstrating different bows, arrows and all their accessories. He brought along an array of these from his extensive collection, and we were invited to have a go. As this was on St Crispin's Day itself, we felt we left the hall with a much greater understanding of the Battle of Agincourt and a great respect for the men who fought.

Continuing the military theme, on 18th November we repeated our Centenary Reflection of the Battle of the Somme, which we had first performed on 1st July. This time, along with the Earlsdon Research Group and Spires Music, we were in the chapel at Stoneleigh Abbey, exactly 100 years after the end of that terrible battle. It was a moving occasion.

On 29th November, the talk was "Here Come the Girls", a story of wealthy American women in the nineteenth century who married into Warwickshire families, including the Leighs.

Our Christmas social will be on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We have a full and varied programme of events for 2017 and would be delighted to welcome new members!

HS2 Update

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

Quite a lot has happened in the last month and – somewhat surprisingly, given all the media attention around the US Presidential election and ongoing Brexit discussions – HS2 has featured regularly in national and local press stories.

Despite continuing criticisms about the project from official bodies, and little evidence of public support, on 14th November the Government announced the route for Phase 2 of the project. A consultation will now take place, but there is already uproar, e.g. part of a new housing development outside Sheffield will have to be demolished if one particular proposal is implemented. All statements made by the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, indicate the Government's continued support for the overall project and Royal Assent is expected early in 2017.

Closer to home, discussions are ongoing with Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council regarding the impact of HS2 in this area. To confuse matters even further, it has recently been announced that plans have been put forward for a series of roadworks/alterations to be completed *before* work on HS2 begins, the objective being to improve general access in the area *and* to facilitate the eventual movement of HS2 construction traffic. A decision is expected on this early in 2017. Meanwhile, the Parish Council is pressing for a Stoneleigh bypass to be considered as a matter of urgency.

The StAG annual general meeting is due to be held on 29th November. The work of the group will continue in the foreseeable future as more detailed plans about local bridges, pumping stations, fences which – in addition to the obvious issues arising from the track and catenaries – will have a big impact on residents, and we need to be able to liaise with Warwick District Council on these issues. If any reader would like to assist us in our work, please contact Martin Smith on 024 7669 0906.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016

Sheila Woolf, Honorary Organiser, Stoneleigh and Ashow

With a couple of collection boxes still to be returned at the time of writing, the sum collected so far this year is £3,024 - a magnificent amount.



Once again, I would like to thank everyone who helps so willingly: the house-to-house collectors, the businesses, schools and workplaces who sell merchandise, the churches who give their collection on Remembrance Sunday, and the dedicated team who help with the count. The money donated makes an enormous difference to the lives of the recipients. Thank you.

Stoneleigh Church Film Night



Friday 10th February 2017

Bridget Jones's Baby

starring Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth,
Patrick Dempsey

6.45pm for 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Tickets: £3.00 (to cover room hire and refreshments)

To reserve a place,
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Born in a barn?...

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

One of my friends at school was easily irritated by doors that were left open – I think she felt the cold easily. She had a particular way of yelling after anyone who left a door open - "Were you born in barn?". We mostly call it a stable. It certainly wasn't the guest room in a house, or even their own home, and today it might be more equivalent to being offered a bit of space in someone's garage – but Jesus was born in a barn. As we decorate our homes and think of gifts that will make our loved ones know that they are treasured, others in our own country and across the world will find themselves in very different circumstances from our own. Jesus was born a refugee and, on that first night of his life, relied on the kindness of strangers as his parents found themselves without a bed for the night.

As you will know, Stoneleigh Church is still a building site and the congregation has been meeting in different venues. Worshipping in the Village Hall and in the Club is continuing until Easter, and Ashow Church continues to host the united service on first Sundays and its regular pattern of worship. For me, the opportunity to use different venues is really positive – bringing us closer together, inviting creativity and informality, and rooting our prayer in the community and across parishes. I did get a bit worried when looking for a suitable venue for our very popular carol service though. As many of you will know, there was a poignancy to the search when I could find "no room"!

But we now have a very exciting venue thanks to the generous hospitality of the Kennel Club (and some really fruitful conversations on the way)! Do join us for **Stoneleigh Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm in the Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh Park**. The location is easy – just past the barrier and to the left. Parking, access and facilities are easy – and you are welcome to bring your dog! At this service, we will be inviting an offertory which will go directly to the Salvation Army who work with the homeless in Leamington. We have no costs because the Kennel Club is allowing us to use the premises free of charge.



We would love to welcome you to our services in both Stoneleigh and Ashow over the Christmas period. Details are listed on the back page of magazine. I also want to highlight the venues for our crib service and midnight communion so that you know where to find us on our travels! **The crib service will be at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve at Stoneleigh Village Hall** and is an all-age service. We will have extra tea towels for you to borrow but, if you remember and would like to, please **come dressed as a shepherd.**

Many of you enjoyed hosting the posada nativity set last year, and we will once again be sending two sets around our communities. Posada is a Spanish word meaning 'inn' and the tradition originated in Mexico. The modern-day posada encourages us to give a home to the nativity figures of Mary and Joseph for a night. It comes in a bag with suggestions and resources to enjoy this special way of sharing in the preparations for Christmas. The travelling posada symbolises making room for Jesus in our hearts, homes and communities. Each night during Advent, it is hoped that the figures will visit a different house in our communities. Each host chooses who to contact and pass the nativity set on to for the next night but, if you are not sure who to pass it on to or would like to receive it and haven't, please contact me (details below). This year, a flock of sheep will be travelling in the bags - please keep one of the sheep to look after and bring to the crib service.

Following last orders at **Stoneleigh Club on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm**, we will celebrate the first communion of Christmas with a midnight service. I think this year's opportunity to come together round the tables and the hearth in the Village Club will be uniquely special and I hope that you can stay on and join us.

Happy Christmas and God's blessing for 2017!

God bless.



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Stoneleigh & Ashow News

Annual General Meeting

Margaret Wallis, Co-ordinator, S&A News Editorial Team

Notice of the AGM of the Stoneleigh & Ashow News,
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

The News annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. This is to discuss the experiences of the past year and to plan for the future. If any reader of the News has any points they would like raised at this meeting, please contact me *before* the meeting which will be held in Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm (**mwallis1@gmail.com** / 024 7641 4271).

I should like to place on record my thanks to all editors and distributors who have worked so hard to prepare the News and to ensure residents receive their copies before the first Sunday of each month. Also thanks to our Treasurer, Clive Watson, who has diligently maintained our financial records and has succeeded in gently persuading more voluntary donations so that production of the News can continue. Thanks to Sheila Woolf, who ensures that each month's edition of the News appears (in full colour) on the village website - **www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk**.





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SNT Police Surgeries

A member of Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team shall be present at **Stoneleigh Village Club**, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh on the below dates **between 1pm and 2:30pm**.

Saturday 19th November 2016

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Saturday 7th January 2017

Saturday 11th February 2017

Saturday 18th March 2017

These events will allow you to sit down with a member of your local police team to discuss any concerns or issues within the local community. Come along and tell us what matters to you.

Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Stoneleigh Church Building News

Ian Smith

The contractors are now in the fifteenth week of their 21 week contract and continue to report that they are working to programme and making good progress.

Masonry work defrazzing, repointing and replacing stonework is continuing on the east end and on the north and south walls. The scaffolding canopy over the nave is now in place and has enabled the work on replacing the roof to proceed, protected from the elements. All copper, underlying felt, chipboard, insulation and the plasterboard ceiling have been removed and replaced by fresh timberwork on top of raised timbers over the existing rafters. Ceiling board underneath is in place, ready to receive plaster. The new outer cover is due to be installed in the next few weeks.

Work inside has progressed with both high and low levels of replastering to the nave walls identified for commencement once work on the roof and ceiling has finished. Scaffolding in the south aisle still has to be erected to enable the decoration of the interior to take place after plastering.



As to the fundraising appeal, the total raised to date is about £60,000 which,, while being about £20,000 short of our target, still enables us to do the internal decorating and some extra stonework that lack of funds had prevented us from tackling. Despite this, a number of national charities we have approached have reported an inability to support our appeal, citing Brexit or low interest

rates as a reason. I am also conscious that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's autumn statement will be made on 23rd November and this, traditionally, is the time when a decision is made whether or not to continue the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme under which we can claim back VAT on the cost of the work and professional charges.

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Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Pete Freeman

It has now been five years since the inception of the Stoneleigh Community Orchard and, as a part of a seasonal reflection, it is worth considering the journey that the Stoneleigh Orchard group has made during that time.

As a project, the progress of the tree planting is there for the entire community to observe, a task that we intend to complete over this coming winter. For those members of the community who have attended Stoneleigh Village Club on orchard quiz nights, there may also be some familiarity with the cider in addition to the great success that has been made of these events by Richard Gledhill and Mandy Smith, the most recent being back on 22nd October, which was an outstanding night.

What is not so apparent is what has been achieved as a result of the hard work going on behind the scenes - not only those who have turned up to harvest and process the crop (with special reference to John Churchley), but also those who regularly attend our meetings, offer guidance and assist in helming the project.

The start of the project set out some broad objectives such as providing a community resource and focus, enhancing both the amenity and biodiversity of the area, pulling people together, and not to mention the production of a quality craft cider! These objectives have, by and large, been achieved. This year has concentrated our minds on how to meet our final objective of making the orchard self-sustaining; a requirement that exceeds informal arrangements. To date, this has led to the signing of a formal agreement with the Meadows Society, the acquisition of insurance to cover our activities, as well as agreement permitting the cider to be sold to the Village Club. Regulatory food hygiene requirements have also been met. A final stage will be to address the demands of HMRC so that the orchard becomes what they describe as a legal entity and thus is allowed to formally sell the produce.

To this end, the Orchard Group will most likely have to restructure, a process that will involve consultation with all friends of the orchard, so please do attend our meetings.

The Orchard friends' subscriptions comes up for renewal at the start of the new year and renewals of £10 can be made to Pete Freeman (Chairman) or to Richard Hancox (Treasurer). Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard. Alternatively, why not become a long-term friend and set up a direct debit?

It is apparent that 2017 already promises to be yet another demanding year for the group, so let's look forward to this and start by wishing everyone season's greetings and a happy New Year!

Contact Pete Freeman (Chairman)
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 Richard Hancox (Treasurer)
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Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

presents

A SPRING SHOW

9th - 12th March 2017

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Thursday 9th March 2017, 7.30pm (Preview Night)

Tickets: £5 / Stoneleigh senior citizens FREE

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th March 2017, 7.30pm

Sunday 12th March 2017, 5.00pm

Tickets: £20 (to include a two course meal)

Tickets available in January from Philip Jones (01926 853511)

Stoneleigh Village Club

Established 1856

Events for December

Bingo

Wednesday 7th & 21st December

Knit & Natter

Wednesday 14th & 28th December

Chairman's Christmas Quiz

Saturday 10th December

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 17th December, 5.00pm

Father Christmas is coming!

*Remember to get your children's names on the list
- numbers are limited to 50.*

Christmas Raffle

Drawn on Sunday 18th December at the Club

Raffle tickets on sale at the Club

New Year's Eve Bring and Share

Saturday 24th December

*Come and see the New Year in with friends and neighbours
- details available in the Club*

***For Christmas and New Year opening times,
please see the noticeboard outside the Club***



Stoneleigh Church Community News

Sarah Ballinger

As you will have read in Ian Smith's report, the building repairs are well underway. You will have seen his news that the appeal for extra funds has now reached £60,000. As a consequence, we will be worshipping in the community for a little longer whilst the extra works and community projects are carried out.

The two deputy wardens, Richard and Stephen, have already been working on creating the community space we agreed with HLF in the Leigh Chapel. They have been reorganising the layout to include an area for the Stoneleigh History Society (SHS) displays, as well as a meeting space for Sharon and a children's play area. The lighting and heating is under review, with the intention of providing a more comfortable place to meet, chat and enjoy the exhibitions.

Following my meeting with the SHS, we are working together, using their skills and knowledge, to create a more detailed history of the church for all ages to engage with. Marianne Puxley is developing a special children's guide and Mel Dearing is creating a timeline.

The website is being 'coded' and, in the meantime, we have a link to the church Facebook page, which contains our diary of events. We have continued with our regular film nights; *Eddie the Eagle* was enjoyed by all who came along. The next film night is in February, with a quiz evening in January. See posters (pages 7 and 22) for further details.

The Restoration Workshop and Open Morning (when those who are interested can find out more about the whole project) is due to take place a few days after this magazine goes to print. In anticipation of this, I would like to thank everyone who will be helping with the day, in particular Jim, the club steward, who is providing soup, and Jane Taylor and her team, who will be serving tea, coffee and cake.

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Philip Jones, Chairman

On 21st October, a concert was held at St Francis of Assisi RC Church in Kenilworth with the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir in aid of the Diabetic Association (South Warwickshire branch). It raised the magnificent sum of £2,500 for their funds, and was a wonderful evening enjoyed by a packed church.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 6th December 2016

SMVC will sponsor and sing at **Stoneleigh Village Hall Seniors' Christmas lunch**

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December 2016

Carol concert - Stoneleigh Abbey Chapel

Tickets (£12.50) available from the Abbey office. The retiring collection will be in aid of the Cruse Bereavement Care, Kenilworth.

Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th March 2017

A Spring Show - Stoneleigh Village Hall

See page 16 for details

Sunday 2nd July 2017

The Summer Serenade - The Walled Garden, Stoneleigh Abbey

By kind permission of the residents



At the end of October, we were sorry to say goodbye to the Morris family as they moved from Ashow to Kenilworth.

It was 10 years ago when Phil, Lucy and Sam came to live in Ashow. They were joined by Wilfie a year later. During their time in Ashow, they contributed so much. For a couple of years, Phil was Chairman of the Village Club and, with the support of Lucy, took the Club through a difficult time. They arranged many events to make a success of the Club and for the enjoyment of villagers. Lucy enhanced the church choir with her beautiful voice. She also gave her time freely in taking her turn in producing the village magazine to a high standard - fortunately, Lucy is willing to continue with this task.

Phil led many working parties on the NARA sewage system and was a director for several years. He wrote a working manual for the system, which is invaluable, particularly when properties change hands. Phil's expertise will be greatly missed.

We already miss the sounds of the boys playing sport in the garden and hope they settle in their new home. We will miss them as they were great neighbours and friends.

Bob and Clare Burdett

Blow Away the Cobwebs!

Robin Bussell

Marian Murray will, as usual, lead the annual Stoneleigh village walk on News Year's Day. The walk will start at Motslow Bridge at 11.30am and will take about an hour over a route somewhere around the showground area. It is open to all and is a wonderful opportunity to blow away the cobwebs and start the New Year with a clear head!

We gather in the Village Club afterwards for refreshments (but please no muddy boots or paws on the new carpet!).



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Stoneleigh Church **QUIZ NIGHT**



**Bring your own
drink and glasses**

Teams of up to 6

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Saturday 21st January 2017

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets: £7.50 (inc ploughman's supper)

Tickets available from
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or Jane Taylor 07710 304651

Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

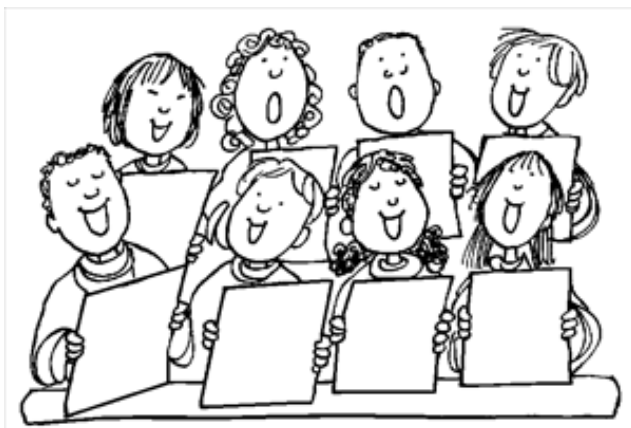
Ladies' Choir Committee

Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir has entered its third year, developing a varied repertoire under the musical direction of Karen Whyte. We have performed at several fundraising events over the last 12 months and have supported various charities, including Alzheimer's Society, Zoe's Place and, together with the Male Voice Choir, the Shakespeare Hospice and Diabetes UK.

We have also given a substantial donation of £2,000 to Stoneleigh Village Hall towards new doors and a cooker. We enjoyed a lovely day out in Stratford, having lunch on a river boat. There, we celebrated the ninetieth birthday of one of our members. What an achievement! In addition, we have held quiz nights, which have been great fun and have helped to raise additional funds.

The choir is now looking forward to performing at several venues in Kenilworth and surrounding areas in the run up to Christmas. Lots of words to be learnt!

We currently have 45 members, and rehearsals are always lively and enjoyable. Karen is a very talented MD and makes sure we work hard. The choir would like to thank all who have supported our fundraising events.



Parish Council Notes

Sarah Windridge, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The December Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7.00pm. We have invited Mr Gary Fisher from Warwick District Council to attend the meeting to discuss the development that is progressing at Stoneleigh Park. At present, it has not been confirmed that Mr Fisher is available to attend.

The January Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.00pm. PC Wendy Burrows will be attending the meeting to discuss local policing issues.

Co-option of Councillor for Stoneleigh Ward

I wish to advise you that there is a vacancy for a Councillor in Stoneleigh Ward following the resignation of Mrs Estelle Cole. This vacancy has already been advertised on the village notice board and also on the website. I have been advised by Warwick District Council that an election has not been called.

Do you feel that you can put something back into the community? If so, why not apply to become a Parish Councillor? This position hopefully will be filled by co-option at the December meeting. If you are interested or wish to know more about this position, please contact the Chairman, Richard Hancox, on 07770 826310 or email richard.hancox@kier.co.uk.



This month's front cover:

Japanese aralia flower

Photograph by Lucy Morris

From the Registers

Funerals

Wednesday 26th October 2016

Joyce Wilkes - burial at Stoneleigh

Tuesday 1st November 2016

David John Shirley - interment at Stoneleigh

Thursday 10th November 2016

Vera Walker - interment at Stoneleigh

Thursday 10th November 2016

Mary Woodfield - burial at Stoneleigh

Thursday 10th November 2016

Barry Woodfield - interment at Stoneleigh

Thursday 17th November 2016

Suzanne Michele Astle - burial at Stoneleigh



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Stoneleigh WI Report

Rachel Gill

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th November. Chris Ward was elected President, Rachel Gill will be Vice-President and Liz Sykes will continue as Treasurer. At the time of writing this report, a new Secretary had not been appointed. The President's Rose Bowl was presented to Chris Ward for her contribution to Stoneleigh WI as Secretary. The Margaret Pierozynski Award went to Patricia Downes for her work with the Craft Group and for organising theatre trips and the Book Club.

The Book Club met on 8th November to discuss "The Silk Merchant's Daughter" by Dinah Jefferies and "A Season of Secrets" by Margaret Pemberton.

Members of the Craft Group have been making a variety of items for Christmas. There will be a sales table at the Christmas lunch.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 6th December and, as usual, a traditional Christmas lunch will be served. The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir has once again generously agreed to sponsor the meal and to provide entertainment afterwards. If you wish to book a place, please contact Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301.

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 20th December.

The village lunch in January will be on Tuesday 10th January 2017, which is the second Tuesday of the month. The Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 17th January at the Village Club.

The meeting on 5th December will be the Christmas party.

At the meeting on 9th January, the speaker will be Ian Carr from British Blind Sports.





We wish all friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. We have made donations to Myton Hospice and the Addington Fund instead of sending or delivering local Christmas cards.

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Sarah and Michael Ballinger
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Will and Nora Blagburn
Jayne and David Brooks
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Sheila Woolf**

The flag will be flown at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh over the weekend of 16th/18th December to acknowledge these donations. If you have missed the list above and would still like to contribute, your donation will be acknowledged on the 'flying notice'. "Thank you" to all those who have contributed and raised more than **£600** so far!

Robin Bussell



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



Services for December 2016 & January 2017

December 2016

Sunday 4 th	10.00am	United Holy Communion - Ashow
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh Village Hall
Thursday 15 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Leigh Chapel
Sunday 18 th	4.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service - Ashow
	7.00pm	Carol Service - Kennel Club, West Hall, Stoneleigh Park
Saturday 24 th	5.00pm	Crib Service - Stoneleigh Village Hall
	11.30pm	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Village Club
Sunday 25 th	10.00am	All Age Communion - Ashow

January 2017

Sunday 1 st	10.00am	United Holy Communion - Ashow
Sunday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Service - Stoneleigh Village Hall
Thursday 12 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Leigh Chapel
Sunday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Village Hall
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Village Hall
Thursday 26 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Leigh Chapel
Sunday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Holy Communion - Stoneleigh Village Hall