

STONELEIGH & ASHOWN NEWS



JUNE 2017



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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Announcement made by Reverend Sharon Goble on Sunday 14th May in Stoneleigh and Ashow churches:

For some time I have known of changes for us all, but until now, for various reasons, have only been able to tell you about those changes today.

I have a new appointment to become Rector of the Stourdene Benefice. It is a multi-parish benefice of six communities: Halford, Newbold-on-Stour, Alderminster, Ettington, The Pillertons and Butlers Marston. If you know South Warwickshire you might realise that the end of the Stourdene benefice is about a mile and a half from where I live in Ilmington. I travel through half this benefice and then on for a further half an hour to get here to Stoneleigh and Ashow, so I hope you understand why I had to explore the vacancy when it came up. My last Sunday in Stoneleigh and Ashow parishes will be 6 August when we celebrate the Holiday Club. I have been praying for you all throughout this discernment and continue to do so. I would also appreciate your prayers for myself, the family and the Stourdene Benefice.

Prayer of Blessing: God, go with us on our journey of faith - revive us when we grow weary, direct us when we go astray, inspire us when we lose heart, reprove us when we turn back. Keep us travelling ever onwards, a pilgrim people, looking to Jesus Christ who has run the race before us and who waits to welcome us home, Amen.

So long and thanks for all the Fish

I wrote the title before realising that this fun way to say goodbye was from the fourth book of the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* 'trilogy' written by Douglas Adams. Its title is the message left by the dolphins when they departed Planet Earth just before it was demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass – spooky!

Continued.....

Announcement made by Reverend Sharon Goble on Sunday 14th May in Stoneleigh and Ashow churches: Continued

As I've tried to learn from the experience in ministry in Stoneleigh and Ashow, I thought about the title of a very different film: *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, especially in relation to work with children and families which have been so much part of my parish ministry before coming here.

Although, as a project, putting on a holiday club in a marquee in the churchyard felt rather like the kind of venture portrayed in that film, I embrace that kind of madness and think it has been worthwhile. I am so glad that running the Holiday Club has helped us connect with more families locally as well as being a really great collaboration of skills and experience from across both our congregations and community.

Details below of my last hurrah as part of the Holiday Club but as part of what I hope will be a continuation of years of offering fun, friendship and faith in such a relaxed and accessible way.

Another film that has resonated with me recently is also a recent choice of the film nights run by the church. The film *Florence Foster Jenkins* is based on the true story of an aspirational soloist whose musical ability and prowess would not be agreeable to everyone, shall we say?! In the film about her singing career, this quote that she says about herself chimes with my own experiences and feelings in ministry: *some may say I can't sing, but no one can say I didn't sing.*

I hope that both the villages feel that they have been loved and that ministering in the size and shape of these communities and congregations is worth every effort. In spite of the different shape of commuting such a distance, I have tried to bring energy and commitment – to sing a new song in a strange land, recognising that we don't all like the same music.

This year's HOLIDAY CLUB in "Stoneleigh-on-Sea" will take place from 10 – 12 from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August in Stoneleigh village hall - Sharon Goble



Come and join the fun, games and activities through which we will explore Bible stories and faith together with a seaside theme.

The club is open to any children of primary school age as well as any young people who would like to come and muck in to help – as long as anyone under 18 has been registered to be with us by an adult.

Under 5s are also welcome as long as their own adult carer stays with them to help them join in throughout.

If you are an adult interested in getting involved, please contact Sharon (details below) and she'd love to chat with you about it.

Registering for the club will take place on the door, but can be done in advance with Jackie at the Parish office admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk and 02476 415506.

The Sunday celebration is for families to join in together and there will be no registration for this.

Ashow News, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Stephen Harvey

I retired as Churchwarden at the A.P.C.M after serving since 2006 (longer than the recommended period, being about 6 years). I have enjoyed my time in office very much and would like to thank the P.C.C, sidespeople, former Deputy Churchwardens David Holt and Bob Burdett, and Diana Holt who organises the flower and cleaning rotas, for all their help and assistance over the years. Also our Treasurer, Anne Gregory. We are lucky to have had 3 excellent organists, Susan Spencer, Peter Bernasconi and Barbara Lewis, and Bob - who for many years has chosen the hymns; also Phil Jones who organises the readers.

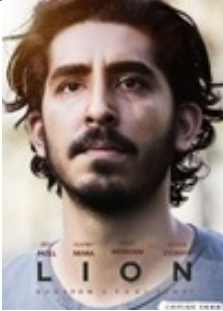
I must also mention Neil Collett who winds the clock, everyone who opens and closes the church daily, the flower arrangers and the cleaners, and especially over the last year Tony Gregory and Brenda and Martyn Foster who have maintained the churchyard in a beautiful condition. Also Janet Charlesworth who delivers the *Stoneleigh and Ashow News* magazines.

My special thanks go to Kate Jones, who as most of you know, in spite of being an extremely busy and well travelled lady (mostly to the grandchildren in Bicester and Gatley!) has been my very supportive fellow churchwarden. She is continuing as our only churchwarden, and Peter Shrimpton has very nobly offered to act as a deputy for her. Thank you very much Peter.

With the unexpected news since the APCM that Sharon is leaving us, they will need all your help, prayers and support which I hope everyone will give them.

High Speed Broadband for Ashow village was discussed at the village meeting in May, and an enthusiastic response was received for a system that could be installed and running in a fairly short time. A signal from nearby would be beamed from the church tower to residents' houses, and the system would be very competitive, installed sooner, and faster than existing suppliers, with just a one month rolling contract of £20 per month, and minimal installation costs. David Holt is coordinating this, and would appreciate an early response from those interested in order to get it organised.

Film Night



This month we will be showing **'Lion'**

On Friday 9th June in Stoneleigh Village Hall at 6.45 for 7pm

Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine,
cushions or a comfy chair.
Coffee and cake in the interval.

'Lion' is based on a true story from the memoir, **'A Long Way Home'**, by Saroo Brierley, starring Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, Nicole Kidman, David Wenham, Priyanka Bose.

A five-year-old Indian boy is separated from his family and adopted by an Australian couple.

Twenty-five years later he has memories of his family in India.

Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place call Jane on 07710304651 or email jane0891@yahoo.com

CEC WHITE

It is with great sadness that we report the news of the death of Cec White. For many years Cec and Mary were News editors then contributors. Cec contributed to village life in numerous other ways too including as a keen bellringer, church clock winder and member of Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir with whom he provided many years of delight to so many (remember 'South Pacific?!'). Our condolences to Mary and all the family. *Editor*

STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

EVENTS FOR JUNE

BINGO WEDNESDAY 7th, and 21st
KNIT & NATTER WEDNESDAY 14th and 28th

THE A.G.M. is 2nd of JUNE at 7.30

SUNDAY 4th JUNE AT THE CLUB
TEA AND SCONES 2.00 - 5.00

**SATURDAY 17th JUNE QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF
STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS**

Date for your diary.

9th of June we have arranged for two nurses to come to the club, to offer a free prostate test, (just a blood test) so ladies, bring all of your men for the test and a drink.

Forms for time slots are in the club

GET YOUR NAMES DOWN !

THE VILLAGE MARROW COMPETITION

**Marrows will shortly be ready, for collection at the club
They will be £3 each, 50% for the winner,
25% for the runner up and 25% for the club**

GET YOUR NAME DOWN ON THE LIST AT THE CLUB



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

invites you to

"Summer Serenade"

To be held at
"The Walled Garden"
Stoneleigh Abbey

(courtesy of the Residents)

on

Sunday 2nd July 2017

'Fizz' and finger food

Bar opens 1.00 pm

Concert starts 1.30

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,
acclaimed pianist David Mason
and the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

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

HS2 UPDATE

The fact that a General Election has been called means that there is a moratorium on comments from public bodies, including HS2 Ltd. and the Department of Transport. This did not stop comments in the national and local press and indeed there was a concerted campaign to influence the party manifestos in the hope that the unpopularity of the project, and its low priority as far as public expenditure is concerned, might have some impact. It seems these efforts were in vain as the building of HS2 is included in all the main party manifestos.

As reported in the last News, the attendance of the HS2 Ltd's local 'engagement officer' at the Parish Council meeting on 13 April did little to allay concerns and those who attended were frustrated at the somewhat dismissive attitude taken. As reported in the News some months ago, HS2 has established a Community and Environment Fund to which local community groups (parish councils, village halls and suchlike) may apply for modest funds. An information event hosted by Warwickshire County Council had been arranged for 18 May but due to the General Election this was postponed to 6 July at 2 pm in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Warwick. There will be speakers from HS2 Ltd and Groundwork UK (the organisation who are administering the Fund). Attendance is limited to likely bidders.

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

Village Organisation Contact List - 2017

**These centre pages can be used as a
'pull-out and keep'
list of useful contacts for
Stoneleigh Village Organisations**

The people listed on the centre pages have kindly agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations listed.

Please contact Margaret Wallis* if there are any changes and alterations will be notified in subsequent editions of the News.

** Contact details included in enclosed list*

Village Organisation Contact List - 2017

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	Jackie Cubitt (Parish Administrator) 024 7641 5506
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Stoneleigh Village Club	Ann Lowe 07939541613

Ashow Village Club	Jane MacKenzie 01926 853157
Ashow Village Assembly	Mike Eliot-Higgitt 01926 859678
Stoneleigh Bell Ringers	Bob Taylor 024 7650 3712
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir	Judy Hadfield 024 7641 4616
Stoneleigh Ladies Choir	Sheila Duckham 024 7641 5918 Val Baker 024 7641 4360
Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields (+ Stoneleigh Football & Cricket Clubs)	Joe Ball 024 7641 1315
Village Hall Committee (+ Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers)	Lynne Fletcher 024 7641 7544
Stoneleigh United Charities	Sue Wareham 01608 654299
Stoneleigh Meadows Society	Robin Bussell 024 7641 6183
Leigh Educational Foundation	James Johnson 01926 419300
Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses	Mike Wareham 01608 654299
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Stoneleigh WI	Rachel Gill 024 7641 4030
Stoneleigh Community Orchard	Pete Freeman 024 7641 3893
Stoneleigh Tennis Club	Amanda Smith 07798683357
Coventry Airport Consultative Committee	John Astle 01926 850413
Stoneleigh History Society (+ Village website)	Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759
Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)	Anthony Bianco 07721624241

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Stoneleigh WI - Rachel Gill

The meeting on Monday 9th May was the Annual Resolutions Meeting. At this meeting, the resolutions to be voted on at the WI National AGM were discussed and votes were taken to guide our delegate at the AGM.

The first resolution for discussion was:

Plastic Soup - i.e. to keep micro-fibres out of our oceans, calling on the Government and Industry to research and develop new innovative solutions to this problem. - **Passed with 19 for - 6 against**

Alleviating Loneliness - to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness, thus ensuring better identification of lonely people in order to be able to offer them appropriate assistance and support. - **Not Passed - considered to be local rather than national - 10 for - 15 against.**

The meeting was followed by wine and cheese and a sale of handmade jewellery in aid of charity.

9th May - The Book Club met to discuss "*Shakespeare in Swahililand; Adventures with the ever living Poet*" by Edward Wilson Lee, and "*The Nightingale*" by Kristin Hannah.

12th May - A group of members attended a concert by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir organised by Hodgetts Lane WI.

16th May - outing to Kiftsgate to see the bluebells.

23rd May - Following the success of the first meeting of the newly formed Lunch Club - members, husbands, and friends met for lunch at The Oak in Baginton.

June Events:

Mon 5th June - Next meeting - Di Casteldine talk "Life as a Nurse" - Guaranteed to be an amusing evening!

Tue 6th June - Lunch in the Village Hall. Places reserved via Rachel Gill.

Sun 11th June - Village Hall - fund raising for Zoe's Place - Children's Hospice in Coventry. Tickets from Rachel Gill (02476 414030).

Tue 20th June - Coffee morning in Village Club.

The Stoneleigh Singers Trip to Bourg La Reine. - Philip Jones



Over the early May bank holiday weekend 22 members of the Stoneleigh Ladies and Male Voice Choirs, Ron Binnie (musical director), Karen Whyte (pianist) and 9 supporters were being royally entertained by the twinning committee of Bourg La Reine, led by their industrious and charming chairman Guy Reppelin.

If music be the food of love play on: Give me excess of it....

and so it was that four choirs from Reghin (Roumania), Monheim (Germany), Sulejowek (Poland) and Stoneleigh representing Kenilworth descended on Bourg La Reine, who are twinned with all the aforementioned towns, to join the French choir of Saint Gilles to share their love of music.

Five different genres and yet a common purpose, to be entertained and to entertain. From the perspective of the Stoneleigh Choir we were rewarded with a warm welcome from start to finish. The Mayor's welcome, in the Town Hall on the Saturday morning, mentioned how important culture is and all the choirs were there to support him in his proclamation and to demonstrate the wealth and diversity of music in Europe.

It was a pleasure to sit in the audience and watch and appreciate the other choirs knowing how hard they must have worked to ensure the programme was varied and interesting.

Soon the Stoneleigh Choir stepped onto the stage in readiness for their contribution to the concert. We went from one song to the next and the reception we received was justification for all the hard work. Jesus Christ Superstar was a definite hit and we can honestly say it was an absolute pleasure singing in front of such a warm and welcoming audience. Once the concert was over the Mayor of Bourg La Reine invited all the choirs to a reception to drink to friendship.

On Sunday we were all generously and unstintingly entertained with a trip on the Seine and a walk around parts of central Paris. We sat in true French style sipping coffee and some indulging in a crepe or two. We appreciated all the effort that must have gone into organizing such a varied, informative and enjoyable day out. Our thanks must go to Christine and her cousin Anne-Marie for their care and attention to detail.

The evening of the Gala dinner certainly surpassed all we could imagine it could be. New friendships were formed, delicious food and wine shared and all the time the hosts busied themselves ensuring all ran smoothly. The accordion started to play along with the violin, clarinet and tambourine, then the singing began with the Polish Choir - everybody joined in when they could. Each country took turns to sing traditional songs. Songs flowed and soloists sang to the congregated diners. We danced until our feet were sore. This was truly twinning at its best, all that it should be, such a wealth of camaraderie, a sense of fun and an acknowledgement of the different cultures. Bravo Bourg Le Reine you more than succeeded and you made Stoneleigh pleased to have been part of such a wonderful occasion.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - Mrs Sarah Windridge - Parish Clerk

Meetings

The June Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 15th June at 7.00 p.m.

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 13th July at 7.00 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

News

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

Ashow:

Mrs Hazel Fryer and Mrs Jane Mackenzie

Stoneleigh:

Mr John Astle, Mrs Diana Jack, Mr Richard Hancox

All contact details can be viewed on the Parish Council website at:

<http://stoneleighashowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>

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



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James Johnson – Clerk to the Trustees

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Stoneleigh History Society - Sheila Woolf

All our recent efforts have been focused on the church's "homecoming" on May 21st – well before the publication of this issue. There will obviously be a great deal to report in next month's edition! The Leigh Chapel has been splendidly refitted, and now accommodates our History Society 2017 exhibition, on the church's long history. If you feel that you have any connection with the church whatsoever - whether by being married there, or having had a child baptised there... or simply because you walk the dogs that way every day! - you will find something of interest in the discoveries we have made. The display will remain at least until the autumn.

We also have a much more user-friendly space in the Chapel for our many old photographs, school log-books, parish registers, publications etc, and visitors are able to browse these whilst sitting at a teacher's desk from Stoneleigh School. Perhaps, as a pupil at the school, you might have stood by its side in the past, waiting for instructions from the teacher?

On Tuesday May 30th at 7.30pm our Society meeting will take place in the church, not the village hall, as we shall be talking about the exhibition and revealing some of the less well-known facts we have found. If this magazine reaches you in time, please think about coming along; otherwise, please do visit the display at some point over the summer.



Stoneleigh Church

News - Sarah Ballinger

There are many changes taking place within the church and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

At the APCM in April after nine years of service my fellow warden, Ian Smith, retired. Just one of his areas of responsibility has been to oversee maintenance and repairs. In this capacity he has dealt with death watch beetle, external repairs to the south aisle roof, laying on water to provide a kitchen and toilet, and working with the architects & contractors in this latest restoration project. He, along with others, appointed two vicars, an administrator and an organist! We are extremely grateful to Ian for his hard work and dedication to the church throughout his time in office and for his wife Jill who was always there to support him and turn her hand to help out!

We now have a new Church Warden, Gordon Gatward. Many of you will know him already as he lives in the parish on the showground. New to the PCC and I know he will be supported by us all as he takes on this role. A number of other long serving members have also stepped down, some of whom have been on the PCC many more years than Ian! Thank you everyone for your many years of service and although stepping down from one committee, for continuing with their other roles within the church.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



On 21st May we held our Homecoming Celebration to mark our return to Stoneleigh Church following the completion of its restoration. Despite a very wet week leading up to the day we woke up to find the sun shining.

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The day began with a service of celebration with community involvement from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, the Ladies Choir and hand bell ringers. Lunch followed the bells being rung from the church tower. After a break to eat the delicious pig roast, provided by Farmer Fayre from the showground, washed down with Stoneleigh Cider, juices, tea and coffee, entertainment continued in the church from the Stoneleigh choirs and handbell ringers and our organist Ron Binnie. Throughout the afternoon it was possible to view at our leisure the History Society Exhibition in the refurbished Leigh chapel and the pictorial record of the restoration work by the font.



There was a lovely community atmosphere about the celebration. The day was a celebration of the dedication of those who generously gave their time, shared their knowledge and skills motivated by the love of God and the church and their desire to keep both alive for the future.

Thank you everyone who came along and made the day such a success.

The new information guides for all ages and the prayer walk can be found on the new display stand at the back of the church.

After a long time in the making the new website is now live.

www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk.



The Stoneleigh and Ashow News

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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, ASHOW and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017

Sunday 4 th	10.00 a.m. United Holy Communion Service at Ashow
Thursday 8 th	10.30 a.m. Midweek Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 11 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 22 nd	10.30 a.m. Midweek Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Friday 21st April – Robert Sidney Neale (Bob)- Funeral Service at Stoneleigh
Friday 12th May – Kathleen Delapole – Funeral Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 14th May – Daphne Kerby – Interment of remains at Stoneleigh

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Revd Sharon Goble.

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