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Clive Watson, Treasurer

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: June 2nd - 5th, 2012

We would like to suggest that Stoneleigh should hold a village event to celebrate this special occasion, sometime during these dates. A working group would be needed to begin to plan this as soon as possible.

It is hoped that interested individuals and representatives from the various organisations in the village will volunteer to be part of organising a community celebration for all to take part in and enjoy.

If you would like to help with the initial planning and ideas, please ring me, Nora Blagburn, and we can arrange a date, perhaps late November, for a meeting: Tel. No. 024 76 415405 or email blagburn@talktalk.net

From the Vicarage:

The beginning of November sees the third anniversary of the parishes of Ashow, Leek Wootton and Stoneleigh coming informally together with a 'shared' Priest-in-Charge, me. It has been a challenging time as everyone has had to get used to new ways of working. Hopefully, by now, the 'teething problems', some of which were very painful for those concerned, are consigned to history and we are able to really move on into the future with renewed vision and hope to face the considerable challenges which will lie ahead. It is looking unlikely that any formal 'marriage' of the parishes will happen any time soon, so we can concentrate on the needs of each parish individually while still looking for ways in which we can grow together socially and in mutual interest and support.

Within the churches, we are beginning to do this by ensuring that we publicise the services and events that are taking place in the other centres. I hope that there will be a growing support for such events from across the three parishes as time progresses.

But as Parish Churches, all three are here to serve the whole population of their parishes – parishes which are far bigger geographically than just the villages which give them their names. Working out that desire to serve is often a real challenge, though there are many individuals from within the congregations who are actively serving the communities in many practical ways – not always overtly in the name of the Church, but certainly motivated by the love of Jesus within them. But how can we serve better? I'd love to hear some thoughts from those of you who rarely if ever come to worship with us. Maybe you could invite me round for a chat, or put your thoughts in writing and send them to me at 4 Hill Wootton Road, Leek Wootton CV35 7QL or e-mail to **jim@a-lw-s.org.uk**

One area where we can serve you better than many would realise is through the prayer ministry of the churches. Prayer isn't a magic wand to make things happen as we would like them to, but I firmly believe that when we pray to God for individuals and situations, there is a positive effect. If you would like to request prayer at any time, either phone me or send an e-mail to **prayers@a-lw-s.org.uk** because we have some dedicated people in our congregations ready and willing to help you in this way.

Jim Perryman

3-PARISH SPOTLIGHT (Ashow-Leek Wootton-Stoneleigh)
(See www.a-lw-s.org.uk for up-to-date service details and other information about the three parishes.)

Two excellent concert performances have been enjoyed during October: at Stoneleigh, where local group "Chorum" sang various pieces of Handel's compositions, and at Ashow, where a mixed voice choir from South Wales, "Con Voce", entertained with a very eclectic mix. Thanks to all involved in these concerts, whether actively involved in the organisation, or more passively involved in the audience.

Before we leave October, a last-minute reminder that Sunday 30th October is a "Fifth Sunday" when we will be gathering from across the parishes for a united service at Leek Wootton (10.15am) rather than our normal 9.30 or 11.00 services.

We also offer you the chance to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones, whether your bereavement is recent or further in the past. There are services at Leek Wootton on Sunday 30th October (3pm) and at Stoneleigh on Wednesday 2nd November (7pm). At both of these services, you are invited to light a candle as a sign of love and prayer.

Remembrance events will take place in all three parishes on Sunday 13th. Ashow's service is at the normal Sunday time of 9.30 where two of our ministry team, Gloria Vaughan and Audrey Rowberry, will be leading the traditional commemoration before moving on to do the same at Stoneleigh. Here, the service begins at 10.50am, allowing the Act of Remembrance to take place at 11am. Jim Perryman will be at Leek Wootton this year where the service begins in Church at 10am and includes the Scouting and Guiding groups parading their flags and taking part in the wreath laying. The service concludes in time for everyone to parade through the village to the Recreation Ground where, again, the uniformed groups take an active part in the 11am Act of Remembrance at the Village war memorial.

November ends with the start of the season of Advent – the Christian "New Year". The Advent Carol Service will again take place at Ashow Church on the evening of Advent Sunday (November 27th).

The Stoneleigh History Society:

The October meeting was a very jolly occasion: the plan had been for members to bring along old photographs and other memorabilia to share, sparking off reminiscences.

On the night, we welcomed many visitors bringing their own archives, and a fascinating evening ensued, with many "oohs" and "ahs" being heard around the Club!

We also welcomed Dr Nat Alcock, whose book *People at Home - Living in a Warwickshire Village 1500-1800* is a seminal work on Stoneleigh's past, and who was pleased to receive honorary membership of the Society.

Members continue their researches into a variety of aspects of Stoneleigh's history, and we are beginning to feel that we have already made enormous progress in uncovering "the story of Stoneleigh."

If you would be interested in joining us, or simply feel that you have information – or indeed, archive material – that you would like to share, please do get in touch; we should love to hear from you. Our next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday November 23rd at the Club. Our October visitors evidently enjoyed themselves, as they had signed up as members by the end of the evening!

Sheila Woolf 02476 418759 shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk

STONELEIGH CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

Please help us to provide flowers in Stoneleigh Church by supporting our fund-raising coffee morning:

THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2011 at 10:30am

at the home of David and Jean Vaughan

1 Wentworth House

Vicarage Road Stoneleigh

02476414453

Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy

for which all donations will be gratefully received

Please come, bring your friends, all will be welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The November Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Denis Chamberlain, Chief Executive of RASE, is scheduled to attend the November meeting.

Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman

I wish to advise you that Councillor Gordon Gatward has been elected Chairman for the remainder of the current year. Councillor Daniel Persaud (who is a Councillor at Warwick University) has been elected Vice-Chairman. They can be contacted on:

Cllr G. Gatward gordong@arthurrankcentre.org.uk 02476 690746

Cllr D. Persaud Daniel.persaud@btinternet.com 07876 218042

Vacancy Parish Councillor – Ashow Ward

As I am sure you are all aware there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor at Ashow Ward. If you are interested will you please contact either Jane Mackenzie 07802 622557, rdmackenzie@mac.com or myself on 01926 491482.

The Big Tree Plant

The Big Tree Plant is a national campaign to plant more trees to improve the environment in local communities. Any community project can apply (they are not for individual gardens). Anyone interested please let the Clerk know as Cllr G. Gatward has been allocated 400 trees for the Parish.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS

This issue was edited by David and Jean Vaughan. The editor for December 2011/January 2012 issue will be Lucy Morris, of 26 Ashow, Ashow, CV8 3AX, Phone: 01926 852992 Email: lucyandphil@metronet.co.uk Copy deadline: 18th November 2011

Advertisements at £12.50 (half page) or £25 (full page) accepted at the editor's discretion, subject to magazine policy.

Stoneleigh Youth Group

Hybrid Arts – has finally come to an end for this year. I would like to thank all the young people who supported this resource and I am very pleased to hear how much you all enjoyed this active youth support. We are hoping to raise funds for more sessions next year. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the team at Hybrid for their hard work.

As autumn is upon us, darker nights and winter drawing in, please ensure you have lights on your bikes and be careful when riding on pavements that you do not accidentally damage cars or run into people. Be extra careful crossing roads, reflective arm bands are good, stay in groups in well lit locations, play safe. Skate boarders take care to use open spaces and take care on pavements.

The pitch is in great order and a couple of 5 a side sessions could be good? **Manhunt!!** When playing manhunt please stay off the garage roofs; it is dangerous and unacceptable.

A few suggestions to help get through the autumn and winter months: Check out the Warwick District council website: <http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/WDC/Leisure/>; there are a wide range of activities, swimming and sports opportunities locally; Scouts & Cubs: <http://www.warwick-scouts.org.uk/>; Guides and Brownies: <http://www.ggw.org.uk/index.htm>; Kenilworth Youth and Community Centre (Kenilworth): please call them to enquire: Abbey End Car Park, Abbey End, Kenilworth, CV8 1QJ, Tel: 01926 855205, Website address – www.midwarks.info/kyandcc

Senior Youth Club on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.
Junior Youth Club on Friday evening (two sessions). Term time only.

Keep your eyes on the Stoneleigh Village Club activities with Halloween and bonfire night fast approaching; we have some great family events in our village club.

Thanks to all for their ongoing support in our active youth based activities.

**Tony Hanselman, 5 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh CV83DD,
Tel:024765060**

Stoneleigh - Neighbourhood Watch Team

I have not been informed of any incidents to report via NHW this month, which is refreshing news.

As darker nights are drawing in please ensure you lock all windows and doors securing your properties appropriately, leaving the odd light on and a radio sounding as this deters opportunists.

Door to door sales people have been active and there are so many scams going on. It came to my attention that a man in a van was trying to sell a new bed as when he tried to deliver it and the recipients were out? This is suspicious activity.

Another interesting one: a canvasser knocked doors in Coventry in a suit with a PDF in hand stressing the occupier's television licence was out of date? He then proceeded to ask for bank account details from them, to check their accounts? Do not give any personal information or data to anyone either at the door, over the telephone or on a computer unless you are 100% sure, most companies have secure sites but again, 'Err on caution' is advised.

If somebody knocks your door selling things and you are not sure simply say – no thank you - and close the door no matter how interesting the offer is or how nice they appear. Install a chain on your door or a spy hole so you can see who is at the door.

Winter is fast approaching; sorry to depress you but frosty mornings mean icy roads. Please check in on our elderly and more vulnerable friends and neighbours, just to see if they are secure, safe and warm. I am aware there is a very positive community here but it always worth noting.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and vigilance in striving to keep Stoneleigh safeguarded from crime.

**Tony Hanselman. 5 Birmingham Road,
Stoneleigh, CV8 3DD, Tel: 02476415060**

If you wish to report a crime please contact Crime Desk on 01926 451111. If it's urgent dial 999. Please visit <http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> for force news and information.



NEWS FROM THE TOWER

September has been a busy month in the Tower with first quarter peal achievements for two of our band in Stoneleigh.

These were accomplished during the annual Quarter Peal Week of the Coventry District of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers – Stoneleigh falls within this district, the other two districts in the Guild being Warwick and Rugby. During this week ringers are encouraged to attempt quarter peals with the help of more experienced members from the Guild, perhaps of methods they have been learning and practising or, as in our case, first quarter peals.

Paul Reay and Martin Smith both rang their first quarter peals during the week commencing 11th September and our thanks go to Benedict Kimpton, the Guild Ringing Master, and his wife, Claire, who is Coventry District Secretary, who gave their time to come over to Stoneleigh to conduct and assist with these quarters. Another quarter peal was rung on the evening of Thursday 29th September – this time in celebration of the 75th birthday of Richard East, one of our Stoneleigh ringers. On this occasion Chris Mew from Warwick was our conductor and, as always, we are very grateful to Chris for his help.

On Sunday afternoon, 25th September, whilst the Harvest Lunch was in progress and following a most enjoyable Harvest Festival Service, a full peal was rung on Stoneleigh's bells. Mike Dew from Church Lawford and his band dedicated their peal to our Harvest Festival.

Finally, the band at Stoneleigh enjoyed a modicum of success in coming third in the Call Change section of the Guild Striking Competition Final which was held at Tysoe on Saturday 24th September. It was a most enjoyable (if nerve-racking!) afternoon in a beautiful village on a pleasant, sunny day. Bell ringing is very much a team effort – so congratulations to those who took part and thanks to all who came along to support.

Janet Parham Stoneleigh Tower

PC Ken Jones 1923 - 2011

It is with great sadness to learn of the passing away, on 11th September 2011, of Ex PC Ken Jones. He will be greatly missed by his wife Audrey and his extended family and friends.

Ken, born in 1923, met and married his wife Audrey in 1946. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding on the 26th October 2006. Both were 88 years of age at the time of his passing.

Ken came to Stoneleigh in 1959 as the new local village police constable and enjoyed the position until 1972 during which time he became a highly respected constable and valued member of the village community. With wife Audrey they lived in what was then the new Police house opposite the Victory Hall.

Like all Village Pcs before him, transport was his bicycle; this did not present too much hardship as both he and Audrey had been keen cyclists. However, this did not last because he was to become the first Stoneleigh PC to be motorised by Moped.

During his tenure, Ken attended many and varied incidents in and around the parish; one which was to remain a very vivid memory to him was the great fire at Stoneleigh Abbey where, although he was first on the scene and tried to do what he could, the west wing of the Abbey was completely destroyed.

Ken's work in the community can best be remembered for his work with the young people of the village, devoting much of his spare time to the Youth Club and Junior Youth Club from which he took enormous personal satisfaction and enjoyment from what he saw as his responsible contribution to the village community.

Following his retirement from the Police force, Ken worked at the Royal Show and as an ambulance driver for Social Services, again showing his wish to continue to serve others in some capacity.

During his working and married life, Ken always strongly believed that it was important to support the Family, the community and accept personal responsibility.

Ken leaves behind his wife Audrey and children Valerie, David and Kathryn, who have all lost a wonderful husband and father. Audrey

has expressed how they enjoyed their time at Stoneleigh and remembers especially their involvement with the Youth clubs, Ken playing cricket and all the lovely people of the Village.

Messages if desired can be sent to Audrey's home at Medlar Trees, 27 Huntington Lane, Ashford Carbonell, Near Ludlow, SY8 4DG, email: vanjonti@aol.com

Gordon Hiorns (with contributions from grandson Matthew)

On behalf of all who remember PC Ken Jones as our Village Policeman and as a dedicated member of our community, the Editors send a message of sympathy to his wife Audrey and her family in their sad loss of a wonderful man, husband, father and grandfather. We were privileged that he lived and worked in Stoneleigh.

Stoneleigh WI

Unfortunately we were let down by the published speaker last month. At short notice another was arranged – Brian Pollard who spoke on 'The past beneath our feet' – about the treasures that had been found in the locality using metal detectors. There were some interesting objects to be admired.

On one of the beautiful Autumnal days this month a group had a delightful walk in the grounds of Charlecote house. This was ably led by Rachel and Philip who are volunteers there. Afterwards we had an excellent lunch at the Boar's Head at Hampton Lucy.

A successful coffee morning was held at Rachel's house for new members.

The next lunch is on Tuesday November 1st when the menu is cottage pie followed by a hot pudding. **PLEASE** inform me if you can/cannot attend.

The Coffee morning will be on Tuesday, 15th November at 10:30am in the Village Club. We look forward to seeing you there.

7th November sees our Annual Meeting – the 93rd for Stoneleigh WI. After the meeting we welcome back Penny Frank who is going to tell us about her new parish in Switzerland.

Liz Sykes



STONELEIGH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ORCHARD: YOUR ORCHARD NEEDS YOU!

WHAT is this about?

This initiative to develop an orchard within the village has been made possible by funding through the Rural Development Programme for England and the LEADER

Programme to develop and support 'Orchards For Warwickshire'.

WHERE will it be?

The Stoneleigh Meadows Society have generously agreed to allocate part of the 'Meadows' for the orchard. It will be in the area adjacent to the spinney and the Coventry road bridge, bordering the river and the footpath up to the 'Victory' Oak. There will be approximately 46 mixed apple and pear trees with a wildflower meadow.

WHO is it for?

It is to be a community project and a facility for the whole village, for all to enjoy. It is suggested that villagers could become 'FRIENDS of the ORCHARD' with a donation of £10 to have a share in the fruit and perhaps sponsor a tree in memory of a loved one. This would help to provide a fund for future on-going maintenance costs, with fund-raising events and sales of Stoneleigh Cider.

WHO will do it?

A small group of interested villagers have held six meetings to date, to work on this project, supported and advised by Gareth Davies, the Leader Project Representative. The trees are ordered and due for delivery, ready to be planted on the weekend of December 3rd 2011.

NOW THE FUN PART!

An appeal for volunteers to help! Come and make this a community activity for the village.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November 2011. Can you wield a spade to lift some squares of turf? - then come along and prepare the plots prior to planting.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December 2011. Can you dig a hole? Plant a tree, hold a stake, fix a tie, fit a protective collar? - then come along for the tree planting session. These trees must all be planted as soon as possible after delivery.

Can you bring a flask of coffee and maybe cake or biscuits? Come along to feed the workers!

Jobs for All - Large and Small!

Will YOU be part of this exciting new project?

It will give lasting pleasure to many and provide some community activities such as apple picking, tasting, pies, juice and cider making in the years ahead?

Can you help? - Like to join as a 'FRIEND' or need more information ?

Please ring or email if you can help on the above dates: contact

Pete: 024 76 413893 email pete.freeman@swft.nhs.uk

John: 024 76 414841 email john.churchley@yahoo.com

Nora: 024 76 415405 email blagburn@talktalk.net

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir - Diary Dates

Following a very successful Summer Serenade in July, at which we presented a cheque for £2500 to Acorns Children Charity, the choir had a few weeks off. We are now well into our autumn programme and have had our first concert in Stivichall. Further engagements include:

Friday 11th November:	Wolston WI
Saturday 3rd December:	Leamington Town Hall
Tuesday 6th December:	Village Lunch, Stoneleigh
Wednesday 14th December:	Stoneleigh Abbey Carols
Thursday 15th December:	Stoneleigh Abbey Carols

For further information on these events please contact either Phil Jones (Chairman) on 01926 835511 or Judy Hadfield (02476416616) or Robin Bussell (02476416183).

Rehearsals are underway for our next extravaganza which will be during the week commencing Monday 12th March in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Robin Bussell

The Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Support

May I sincerely thank everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on 30th September; everyone who helped on the day and everyone who sent very generous donations. We were able to send £600.00 to Macmillan. In their letter of thanks, I was told that it costs £25 for every hour a Macmillan nurse spends with someone living with cancer. The figures speak for themselves, so once more thank you all very much indeed for your support.

Jayne Brooks

Farewell Mr Tuesday (1929-2011) - Rest in Peace.

When Janet and I lived in Stoneleigh Road before moving to the Village, we became acquainted with this gentleman, who had made his home in South Wainbody Woods, under the branches with a roof of black poly-thene sheeting suspended overhead. His name we never knew other than as Mr Tuesday which he explained was the day on which he arrived in Coventry. He had a few blankets for his bed and a small log fire on which he cooked his meagre meals; only he and his Maker will have known how he endured the cold of the long winter months.

We have no idea what rations he bought or on which he survived beyond what may have been provided by friends and kind neighbours. I and others who had conversations with him found him well spoken and obviously well educated; to my knowledge he read the classics, mainly in Latin, sometimes in Greek. He kept in touch with world affairs by a small mobile radio and through the Times newspaper which some kindly person provided for him.

On Tuesday, 11th October, 27 friends gathered at Oakley Wood Crematorium to bid farewell to this very fine gentleman, whose name and origins none of us knew; nor, so far as I know, could he be identified by the Police or Coroner. Whilst the police knew of him and his 'home' and kept an eye out for him, they had no idea of, or record of, his identity. At his funeral service he was simply listed as 'Mr Tuesday'.

From the very limited information we had gleaned from him, it appeared that he had been born in Newcastle on Tyne in November 1929; at some 50 years of age, in 1980 or thereabouts, he left the 'Gold Pavements' of London, having decided to walk away from his former life. He kept walking and, I imagine more by chance than intention, he arrived in Coventry. He rented a room in Earlsdon until his money ran out, when he was forced to take to the Woods, making his home some few hundred yards to the north of King's Hill Lane. He must have had a very hardy constitution to have survived the rigours of the English winters, bitter during recent years. Remarkably, he survived for 20 years or more, without ailing (so far as I know), though his heart finally failed him, unexpectedly, during September.

There are many unanswered questions; perhaps they never will be answered about this amazing character. Who was he, what was his upbringing and education, his employment, why did he forsake the conventional life for a home and survival in the woods? Why, evidently, no pension or social security benefits? All I do know is that he was a lovely man that one could not fail to respect and whom I was privileged to have met.

David Gibson



2011 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year marks a very special anniversary of the Royal British Legion: its 90th year. In addition, the date of remembrance is a once-in-a-lifetime one for most people: 11-11-11-11...think about it!

Last year our area of Stoneleigh and Ashow, which also includes Stoneleigh Park and schools in Green Lane, raised the magnificent sum of £3116. Please continue to show your support for this worthy cause – there will be house-to-house collections as well as the usual static ones. Last year the enamel poppy pins proved a very popular addition to the purchase of the “normal” poppy, and these can be worn at any time of year; in 2011 there is a special pin showing the 90th anniversary logo.

Two years ago we began again the tradition of creating a miniature “Field of Remembrance” in the triangle of grass outside the church door. Perhaps, in the week prior to Remembrance-tide, you might like to purchase a small “poppy cross” in memory of a friend or relative, and plant it there in the churchyard.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sheila Woolf

Howard Baker

A big thank you to all those who organised the buffet after Howard’s funeral.

He would have been so humbled by such a response. Thanks also to Margaret Cotton for all she did for Howard in his last weeks and to Peter Horgan and Mike Cotton for their company and understanding in Howard’s last hours.

I am most grateful for the sympathy and support shown to me by the residents of Ashow.

A big thank you to you all.

Terry Baker

Flying the Flag at Christmas

As has been customary for many years now, I will "Fly The Flag" over the weekend of 17th and 18th December for friends and neighbours to wish each other a "Happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas" instead of sending local Christmas cards. Your charity donations will, once again, be given to:

The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA)

If you wish to take part please send your contributions (in cash or cheque payable to "WNAA") to me at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH before 18th November (to ensure you receive an acknowledgement in the next News). Last year this 'quaint custom' raised £401 for WNAA.

Robin Bussell

Stoneleigh Village Club

The club has been busy over the past few weeks, and we hope you all enjoyed the very successful events. Thanks to all involved.

Particular thanks to Fred Oatley for making our marrow growing competition possible. The lucky green fingered winners are as follows:

1st John Craine 38.5 lbs A whopper!!!

2nd Ken 30 lbs

3rd Ed 29.5 lbs

Well done and thanks to all those who took part.

Forthcoming Events in December:

Casino Night – Coming Soon; 18th Christmas Carol Service & Bellingers.; Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale from 1st November. Raffle will be drawn on the evening of 18th December.

Christmas Entertainment – see noticeboard for details

Christmas Eve - Santa's Grotto will be open for all children from 7.30pm

New Years Day Walk – 11.30am Motslow Hill bridge.

Look forward to seeing you in the Club.

Sue Brookes

STONELEIGH CHURCH EVENTS: Dates for your diary:

October:

Saturday 29th at 7.30p.m - Stoneleigh Village Hall: Shirley Ball will be repeating her fascinating talk '**STONELEIGH - PAST AND PRESENT**'. Tickets £10.00 to include a light supper and refreshments, now available.

November:

Sunday 6th at 4.00p.m - Stoneleigh Church: You are warmly invited to join us for '**SONGS OF PRAISE**', when we will be recognising all of those who contribute to the running and maintenance of Stoneleigh Church.

Friday 25th, 6.45p.m for 7.00p.m - Stoneleigh Village Hall: **FILM NIGHT** See notice board for film details, tickets £3.00

December:

Saturdays 3rd, 10th and 17th Dec 9.15 a.m – 11.15 a.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall: **ADVENT BREAKFASTS** . An opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually for the Christmas Season and get away from the shops!

Sunday 11th at 6.30 p.m. Stoneleigh Church: A performance of '**THE MESSIAH**' Tickets £10.00 to include mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 18th at 7.00p.m Stoneleigh Church: **TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE** Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

January 2012

Thursday 12th at 7.00p.m Clarendon Arms Kenilworth: **POST CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL** Tickets £12.00 to include a two course meal and coffee.

Friday 27th 6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. Stoneleigh Village Hall: **FILM NIGHT** ; See church notice board for film details, tickets £3.00

February

Friday 24th 2012 at 7.00pm. Stoneleigh Village Hall: **QUIZ NIGHT**

For further details and tickets for any of the above events, please contact the Church Administrator, Sue Wareham on 02476 415506 and leave a message, or email admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk.



NATIONAL AWARD FOR LIZ:

As the London Olympics loom in less than a year's time, many local residents will remember with affection Stoneleigh's very own Olympian, Graham Sykes, who swam for his country in both the 1956 and 1960 Games, captaining the swimming team in the latter.

The Sykes family are synonymous with swimming, in fact – Liz and Graham's son Gareth swam for Great Britain for many years, their daughter Kate swam for Wales, and now their

18-year-old grandson Buster represents Australia!

And what about Liz? Her contribution to swimming has been no less significant, and was recognised on October 22nd when she was presented, at an ASA Annual Council meeting in Nottingham, with a well-deserved award for her services to swimming.

Liz has been secretary and welfare officer of the prestigious City of Coventry Swimming Club for more than 30 years, and since 1993 has been involved in running national events. In addition to this she has run *all* the regional championships for 16 years, and has been on a national technical swimming committee for 10 years, now chairing the National Events Committee. Six years ago she became Swimming Secretary for the whole of the West Midlands Region, and in September this year was elected its President.

Frequently zipping up and down the country at weekends in connection with one or other of these roles, Liz will be in London early next year for several days as she is on the committee for organising the Olympic trials.

Many congratulations, Liz!

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh Open Gardens 2012?: A number of residents have expressed interest in a 'Gardens' event in 2012. Two weekends have been suggested: June 23 /24 or July 7/8. The following additional attractions have been proposed: Book Stall, Flower and Plant Stall, Morris Dancers, Steel Band, Craft Stall, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Tea and Cakes. If you would like to be involved in Open Gardens then please contact Barbara Gee or Lisa Reay by email Barbara.Gee@gmail.com or lisareay@btinternet.com or phone Lisa on 024 76697037 if preferred.

NEW OPENING



**With effect from 1st November 2011,
the Club's revised opening hours will be**



Friday
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday
12.30pm - 3.30pm

Sunday
12.30pm - 3.30pm
8.00pm - 11.00pm

*Ashow Village Club is available
for private functions and meetings.
For further details, please contact Lucy Morris
01926 852992 / ashowclub@gmail.com / 26 Ashow*

**Ashow Village Club & Reading Room
NOTICE OF AGM**

Location: Ashow Village Club
Time: 8.00pm

**Advent Carol service in Ashow Church
Sunday, 27th November.**

Please note that the service will now be at 6:00pm.
Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Club
after the service.



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



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2011

	ASHOW	STONELEIGH
Wednesday 2nd	7.00 p.m. All Souls Memorial Service at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 6 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	4.00 p.m. 'SONGS OF PRAISE'
Thursday 10 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 13 th	9.30 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10.50 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Sunday 20 th	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 27 th	6.00p.m. Advent Carol Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Jim Perryman
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Stoneleigh Contact: Ian Smith 01926 853238.

To arrange a wedding or a funeral please contact the Vicar,
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