

The Stonesfield Slate

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5	Stonesfield Craft Club	St James' Centre 7.30pm
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*Stonesfield Pre-School's
first 'Stay and Play'
Saturday on 3 October*



Photo: Lizzie Wharton

Notices & thanks

Iris Price

Iris Price, who died on 10 October at the age of 91, was born in Stonesfield and lived all her life in Churchfields, until she went into Freeland Nursing Home a few years ago. Her father was a butcher and slaughtered his meat in the slaughterhouse that still stands in Churchfields. He died when she was six months old and her mother, with the help of George Clarke, continued to run the business. Iris met her husband Alfred (Taffy) Price during the war and after they married, they continued to live at Doggitts House. She was loved and supported by her five sons and their families and she will be missed by all who remembered her.

Nanette Turner

Many people in the village will be very sad to learn that Nanette Turner died on 16 October in a hospice in Edinburgh. When she lived in the village she was the librarian and subsequently ran a playgroup in the village hall and then a nursery from her house in Church Lane, assisted by Sylvia Short.

Carol Cutler

Woodstock Surgery Flu Vaccination Clinics

Flu clinics are available at the surgery BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. If you are 65 or have a respiratory disease, heart disease, renal disease, diabetes or your doctor has advised you to have a flu vaccine please call the surgery for an appointment.

'Just getting on with it – Frank's Story'

Everyone who knows Frank Hall will be aware of his wonderful ability to recall the details of his earlier years with great clarity and enthusiasm. You'll be pleased to hear that Frank has been persuaded to have his memories written down and published under the title above. The book covers his childhood in Hampshire and Stonesfield, village life between the wars, his work and married life in Bladon and, most importantly, his wartime experiences. On returning to live in Stonesfield, Frank took on the job of organising the poppy collections for the British Legion, a task he carried out until last year. We very much hope that the book will be published by Remembrance Day – it would be very appropriate.

Contact me or have chat with Frank for the latest news on the release.

Rosemary Cleaver (891204)

Royal British Legion

Service at 11am on Wednesday 11 November at the War Memorial. We will remember them.

Frank Hall

Damage at the Scout Hut

Parents of teenagers – do you know what your son or daughter was doing on Friday 2 October? It was an Inset day for Marlborough School, and sometime during the day up to about 6pm,

considerable damage and vandalism took place at the Scout Hut. The handrails by the side of the steps leading down to the stile were smashed off, and all the barrels from the back of the scout hut were thrown down the bank into the bottom field. Firelighting wood that had been collected by the scouts was thrown about the area and on to the roof of the hut. There are also indications that the top of the 'cess pit' had been tampered with. All these actions were extremely dangerous, and we have been left with the job of clearing up and putting it right.

You, as parents of teenagers, have a responsibly to know what your children are up to when you are out at work. One dog walker has come forward with evidence about this incident, but unfortunately cannot give any names.

Please take your responsibilities seriously, and question your son or daughter about what they were doing on that day.

Clive Sutton, Group Scout Leader (891840)

Cheese and wine fundraising party

The Old Farm (opposite the shop), Friday 13 November, 7–9pm

In August, I went to teach English at a school in the remote village of Yamba, high in the Usambara Mountains in Tanzania. There is no electricity or running water and its height means that for several months of the year it is cold and damp. Mortality is high, the principal killers being malaria and bronchial diseases. Life is a struggle in Yamba, but one problem seemed so easy to resolve in the short term: One break time, whilst chatting to some of the schoolchildren in

the playground, I noticed that they were shivering with cold. Tanzanian schoolchildren wear a uniform consisting of cotton shorts/skirt and a short-sleeve shirt. A few lucky ones in Yamba possess a blue sweater. It occurred to me how easy it would be for us here to provide 240 children with a school sweater. Many of these children walk miles to school and they yearn to learn despite shivering with cold in the classroom.

I worked with the charity Village Africa and they, through their child sponsorship scheme, pay someone in a 'nearby' village to knit sweaters. All the money we raise will go specifically towards providing sweaters for the children *and* the money will be used *in* Tanzania, helping the local economy and skilled workers. The sweaters come in two sizes and cost £3.50 and £2.50.

So, with the support of some friends, I am having a cheese and wine fundraising party. Please come and enjoy some free food and drink with friends and 'buy' a sweater (£10 will buy three sweaters!). If you are unable to come in the evening, please come for a coffee morning at 10–11.30am on 13 November. Cheques payable to 'Village Africa'.

*Sheila Maclean (898639),
sheilamaclean2@hotmail.com*

Bingo

November's Bingo Night will be raising funds for Stonesfield School PTA. Please come and join us at the Sports & Social Club on Thursday 26 November. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Alison Richards (891701)

Leylandii

I was pleased to see from last month's *Slate* that the Parish Council were unanimously supporting the Community Trust in its attempt to reduce the height of some very tall conifers affecting one of the Trust properties.

My own property is affected by similar trees, although running along a different boundary, but owned by the same people. I have tried for several years to get the height of these trees reduced, as they take all the light and minerals from my garden, shroud my greenhouse in darkness 24/7 etc, but without any success. Now, after the September equinox, my entire south-facing garden is devoid of any sunshine even on the sunniest of autumn/winter days and the ground frost (when it comes) never clears. I cannot even see the sky from some of my back windows, just a wall of green.

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Part 8, in June 2005 legislation was passed which stated that the 'recommended' height of this type of tree should be no more than 2 metres (6ft). The trees in question are now more than 15 metres (45ft) high and can grow up to 33 metres (100ft). They are not really suitable to be grown in a residential area as they grow rapidly (approximately 1 metre (3ft) a year) causing a variety of problems to adjoining properties.

I have written endless letters, been on local radio and met with David Cameron on two occasions but still cannot find a resolution to this problem. Even paying a huge fee to WODC does not guarantee a solution but I hope The Stonesfield Community Trust is successful. I urge you

to please, please think twice before being tempted to plant *cupressus leylandii* and if anyone has any ideas how I might 'let a little light' into this problem, I would be pleased to hear from them.

As a footnote, I recently met the man who planted all the conifers in question and he said it was the worst day's work he had ever done; he has had a bad back ever since!

Anne Gray (891710)

Down by the riverbank

Please can we NOT have a No Litter sign down by the river.

The whole point about down there is that it is detached from up here. It is completely wild. It is one of those rare places which is just nature, and the scene by the bridge is one of the loveliest in England. Please can we just leave it alone? As soon as you put a sign with words on it, that sense of being able to lose oneself in the landscape, to let one's thoughts roam free, has gone. We have already ruined one of the lovely pauses on the way down with that plaque about fossils. Instead of being able to drink in the slope of the hill and the dip of the valley and the glory of the trees beyond, one has to make a conscious decision first to ignore the writing on the sign. Please don't intrude in this way down by the bridge – it will ruin the absolute peace, which isn't about external noise, it's about noise in the head. Besides, there is no point in having a sign unless there is a litter bin as well, and then we have invited true urbanisation into our lovely lost valley, and, as Viv predicts, there will be an overflowing bin for us to look at.

Sorry, Viv: I applaud the sentiment, but not the solution. How about everyone (silently) picking one walk a week when they go down with a carrier bag and a pair of gloves and come home with other people's litter? I'm sure many people do this already. It works much better than any sign, which will be ignored in any event: people who can leave nappies on the grass aren't going to pay any attention to a polite request.

Someone must be collecting litter on a regular basis (we know Ginger did), because there isn't that much detritus down there – so let's keep up that good work and forget about a sign. Please.

Caroline Friend (898313)

Oxfordshire Craft Guild's Selling Exhibition

The Oxfordshire Craft Guild will again be holding its Christmas Selling Exhibition in the Oxfordshire Museum at Woodstock. The exhibition features many of the county's leading contemporary craft designers and makers. The range of craft in the exhibition continues to expand as new makers are admitted to the Guild, so there is something for everyone. The show, which takes place in the museum's Garden Gallery and Brewhouse, opens at 2pm on Saturday 21 November and runs through to Sunday 3 January.

Tam Frishberg (01865 454274)

Autumn Art Show

Saturday and Sunday 14 & 15 November, The Studio, Austin's Farm, High Street OX29 8SU, 10.30am–4.30pm

Featuring work by local artists Kerry

Burniston (painting, drawing and mixed media), Rosemary Harris (photography), Jenny Lines (printmaking) and Rachael Sherlaw-Johnson (painting). You are also welcome by appointment (01993 891700) during the following week.

Rachael Sherlaw-Johnson (891318)

Pink Floyd at the Social Club

On 14 November at the Sports & Social Club at 8pm, Monty from The Dirty Earth Band will be leading his own group in a tribute to Pink Floyd.

Russell Shearer

Yellow Pages

Thanks are due once again to Sri at Amlu's General Store, who put containers outside his shop for the deposit of old Yellow Pages, and to Robin Hartwell, who kindly took the Yellow Pages away and disposed of them.

Lost & Found

Found. Yellow 'Babykids' baby's sunhat. Please call 891764.

Christmas gifts

Still some bargains left for your youngsters' Christmas presents. Come and secure them soon.

O. Rudlin (891347)

Hanborough Musical Fireworks

Friday 6 November, The Playing Fields, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough

We will be holding our very popular musical fireworks display again this year, which is now drawing up to 4,000

spectators from all around the surrounding area. Refreshments this year will include BBQ, jacket potatoes, homemade pumpkin soup, teas, coffees, soft drinks and mulled wine. There will also be fairground attractions, which will appeal to both younger and older children. Gates open at 6pm, fireworks begin at 7pm. Adults £3, children £2. For further information please contact Vikki Beale on 01993 883347.

Ode to a Tree

From hedgerow sapling you grew,
Tall majestic sentinel
Watching over Fawler road

Through ice, drought and fierce sun
Your branches reaching to the sky
Your trunk rotund, your roots secure
Unchanging benign sentinel
Then one day you were no more
The road was closed
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Politics & local affairs

Parish Council

The October meeting of the Council was a peaceful one, with only one member of the public present. However, both our District and County Councillors attended.

A series of requests to the County Highways Dept remained unfulfilled although a job number had been allocated to a couple. It was noted that one request remained pending after the passing of nearly two years.

Council congratulated the Primary School on its commendable Ofsted report. The school had been recognised as significantly improving.

It was reported to Council that a dispute between the Community Trust and a householder regarding an excessively high conifer hedge would be taken up by Neil Owen, our County Councillor, in an effort to obtain resolution.

The dangers inherent at Judd's Corner caused, to some extent, by the hatching on the road was still under consideration by Highways in spite of letters from both Stonesfield and Wootton Councils. Extra pressure from County would be appreciated.

It was noted that plans to close Dean Pit for waste disposal were under consideration with a time delay of five years.

There were no planning applications.

Planning decisions by WODC

Square Cottage, The Ridings – permitted.
Roselands, Woodstock Road – permitted.
Austin's Farm, High Street – refused.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning had been a great success once again, with £860 being raised. Council congratulated the village on a good result for a most worthwhile cause.

It was noted with sadness that the trees at the corner of Longore and Pond Hill had been damaged. Council would welcome any information regarding this.

Council expressed its sincere thanks to Bernard Barrett for his sterling work in clearing the path down to the river at Brook Lane and from Brook Lane down to the Scout Hut.

Clubs and societies in the village are reminded that the time is ripe for requests for grants from the Parish Council, which would be considered for the 2010/2011 Budget. Requests should be forwarded to the Parish Clerk.

Pensioners in receipt of travel tokens are warned that the system has changed. Details are available from District offices. If anyone retains a stock of the silver tokens they should be used as soon as convenient and before they are declared no longer valid.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Richard Bishop (891414)

Police update

Police at Woodstock police station were contacted by a concerned member of public that a young man was going door to door in Bladon selling items. The main concern was that he admitted that he had a criminal past but that he was trying to make good. He had ID but was not able to produce a pedlars licence and was arrested. These young men travel down from the Midlands and are dropped off in various locations to sell things like kitchen cloths, dusters and sometimes pictures. We would

like to know when they are in the area so that their ID can be checked and to ensure that they have a licence to sell these items. Our advice is to never buy items from your doorstep, they are often overly expensive and of poor quality.

If you would like to speak to a local police officer you can contact them on 08458 505505, or by emailing woodstock@whosmybobby.co.uk

*Danielle Hilton, Partnership
Communications Officer,
danielle.hilton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

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Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10am–12noon
Thursday	2.30–5pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10am–12noon

contact Lizzie at stonesfieldpreschool@fsmail.net – we'd love to hear from you.

Our Pre-School Administrator, Zena Rozee, has a new phone number where she can now be contacted on Pre-School matters: 01993 898012.

Ruth Thornburn, on behalf of the Pre-School Committee

Pre-School situations vacant

Maternity Cover – Pre School Assistant (Temporary Contract)

To provide assistance to supervisor during Pre-School sessions. Experience with young children is essential but professional development training will be offered. An awareness of a Pre-School environment and flexibility to work at our After School Club and Holiday Club provision would be desirable. We are offering a minimum of two sessions per week but can offer additional sessions to cover for sickness and absence for training. Salary: from £5.88 per hour (unqualified), increased rate if qualified.

After School Club Supervisor (Permanent Contract)

This position requires a minimum qualification of Level 3 in either Playwork or Pre-School Practice. The role will involve taking responsibility for supervising After School Club sessions in a way that is safe and stimulating for the children. We are offering 15 hours per week (3–6pm) as well as the opportunity to work at our Holiday Club provision. Salary: £6.87 per hour.

Pre-School news

Have your cake and eat it! The Pre-School cake stall is held outside Pendle Court from 8.30am every third Thursday of the month during term times. Please support us by baking or buying. If you can help in any way or need to deliver cakes prior to the morning, please contact Rachel Brand on 01993 898895.

Our Christmas shopping event will be held on Saturday 7 November at the Village Hall from 11am to 4pm. An opportunity to buy novel gifts and cards including Daisy Roots 'paint your own' pottery, Jamie at Home kitchenware, hand-knitted children's clothing (0–5 years) and Indent jewellery, plus somewhere to come for a morning coffee or lunch with your friends. More information about this event will be on posters up and around the village, so keep your eyes peeled!

Are you creative, or someone who works helping people in the community? If you would like to come and share your skills and stories with the children please

A CRB check will be required for both positions. It would be possible to combine the two positions for the right candidate.

The closing date for applications is Friday 13 November 2009. The start date is 5 January 2010.

For further information, please contact Jenny Woolley on 01993 898517 or email jenny@stonesfield.com.

Oxfordshire Museum

Garden Gallery

Until 15 November: *The Uncommon Reader: Fifty Years of Textual Intercourse* (Tom Phillips RA). Tom Phillips is well known for works that combine text with image. In this exhibition we see recent sculptures in wire, a selection from the artist's photographic postcard archive project, *We are the People*, illustrations to Plato's *Symposium*, *Ulysses* and to his translation of Dante's *Inferno*. Also included in the exhibition are portraits of writers such as Samuel Beckett, David Rudkin and Salman Rushdie, a book jacket design for Iris Murdoch and a fragment of The Library at Elsinore installation.

Treasures Gallery

Soldiers of Oxfordshire: Part-time Defenders – the first 100 years. The Haldane Reforms of 1908 established the Territorial Army that we know today, combining the militia and volunteers of the previous century. The exhibition will show snapshots from the early years of the TA to the present, to show some of the reasons why men joined, and their life during the two World Wars, between and after them, as well as images of the TA soldier today.

Picture Gallery

Soldiers of Oxfordshire: Winston Churchill – Oxfordshire Hussar 1901–1965. An exhibition of largely unpublished material, it shows how Churchill, while deeply involved in high offices of state, was a keen part-time soldier with the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and his long association with the County and its military.

Friends Lecture

England Observed: Anna Eavis. Monthly evening lecture in the Coach House. The photographs of John Gay (1909–1999). Wednesday 4 November at 7.30pm. Friends free, and visitors welcome (£2). If oversubscribed, Friends take precedence, so why not join today?

Finds Identification Service

On the first Wednesday of each month, Anni Byard, Finds Liaison Officer, will be in the Learning Centre, 2–4pm. Bring in your archaeological finds for identification. Telephone 01993 814103

Dinosaur Garden

Dinosaur footprints found at Ardley Quarry plus a full size replica Megalosaur, set in the walled garden with lush Jurassic planting.

Museum Opening Times

The museum opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sundays 2 to 5pm. Last admission 4.45pm. Closed on Mondays. Free admission. For further information telephone 01993 811456

Poems in a Pub

Monday 9 November at 8pm at the Rose and Crown, Charlbury

Fitzgerald's *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*

will be read by Sabita Banerji as the long poem, followed by the audience of poetry lovers contributing their own and others' best-loved creations. The evening will include a competition for the best poetic translation of a poem by Verlaine featured on handbills. There will be a collection for Cecily's Fund.

Peter Clifton (891956)

November at the Woodstock Bookshop

18 November, 7.30 pm – Jamie McKendrick

Jamie McKendrick is one of the poets who worked on *See How I Land*, an anthology of writing edited by Carole Angier arising from Oxford Poets & Refugees Project. Jamie will talk about the project and read from some of the poems. Admission £4.

7 December, 7.30 pm – Nicola Beauman

Nicola Beauman founded Persephone Books in 1998. It was set up to reprint

(mostly) women writers, (mostly) of the inter-war period portrayed in a *A Very Great Profession* (her book about women's novels, 1914–39). Admission £4, bookable in advance from the Woodstock Bookshop – 01993 812760

Rachel Phipps (812760)

Fingers crossed

Did you know that you can capture the fingerprints of your children or your partner in silver to create a bespoke piece of jewellery? Kirstie, who is Banbury-based, specialises in jewellery made from silver clay, a malleable form of silver that is hallmarked at 999 (99.9% silver). She will be exhibiting with a number of artists and craftspeople at this year's Christmas Fair Chipping Norton Town Hall on 28/29 November and selling a wide selection of her jewellery.

For more information please contact Kirstie on 01295 271051, www.knrjewellery.co.uk (see advertisement on p. 23)

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Clubs & societies

Stonesfield Society

Our next meeting will feature the illustrated talk *With Scott to the Antarctic*, given by Janet Pottle. This will be in the Village Hall Clubroom at 8pm on Wednesday 18 November. Coffee and tea will be available after the talk, and there will be a raffle. Visitors £2, everyone welcome.

Jennifer Powell (891303)

Stonesfield Gardening Club

We are looking forward to the visit of our next speaker, John Alcock. His presentation, *Plants for Christmas*, will be in the Village Hall on Monday 9 November at 7.30pm and will precede our AGM. I am sure he will be as entertaining as Timothy Walker, who spoke about his wife's transformation of their cottage garden near Oxford Botanical Gardens. Visitors £2, all welcome.

Wendy Gould (898091)

Women's Institute

(visitors always welcome)

Only 18 members were able to attend our recent meeting. Pam Mercer was presented with a County Pin, and the President and Joyce Betteridge received birthday buttonholes. Diana Dawe was congratulated on having become a great-grandmother. The competition for the most useful kitchen utensil was won jointly by Hilda Hyde, Sheila Hallam, Muriel Penry and Dorothy Bateman.

Sylvia Huddleston introduced Simon Jones, an auctioneer and valuer who has appeared on TV's *Flog It*. He told us that he began his career as a tea boy, progressed to being a porter and then, after gaining a degree in History of Art, served his apprenticeship to become an auctioneer. He is a fine arts and chattels surveyor at Jones & Jacob, a partnership in Watlington. Much of their work involves valuations for insurance and probate purposes and they are selective about what they accept for auction. They have sold a pair of Russian porcelain plates, found in an attic, for £42,000 and a small bamboo pot for £900.

Members had been asked to bring along small items for identification and valuation. One lady brought along a photograph of a clock which Mr Jones said was French, art nouveau, circa 1900, with an insurance value of £2000. A part Royal Crown Derby breakfast set manufactured in 1921 was valued at £600. A small toilet box with a hand-pierced silver lid turned out to be William IV, 1837, and worth £55-£60. Not a fortune but a good return nonetheless on the 20p that she paid at a tabletop sale! One member brought along a small collection of jewellery bought for 10 or 20p per item at jumble sales. A brooch which looked like black plastic turned out to be tortoiseshell with gold and silver inlay, worth £120-£150. Another brooch from 1905 was valued at £40-£50.

Other members weren't so lucky. An Edward VIII coronation souvenir, a little

dish, was worth only £5-£10, as thousands were produced at the time and many still survive. A cracked Victorian jug was worth only pence, but as the items were of sentimental value to the owner who had no intention of parting with them anyway, it didn't really matter. Mr Jones was thanked for having given us a fascinating evening.

The speaker at the November meeting will be Derek Parkes with *An Actor's Life for Me*.

Brenda Oliver (891330)

Over 60's Darby & Joan Club

Our October meeting saw us enjoying our Harvest/Ploughmans Lunch. Once again our thanks are due to the 'A' Team who helped with the preparation and serving of the meal. Thank you all for doing the washing up too.

We were delighted to have Estelle Eddy with us again – it was lovely to see her. After lunch our speaker Ronald Perkins showed slides and talked about Deer in Britain. It was a very interesting talk accompanied by beautiful slides. Thanks are due to the person or persons who had kindly fixed the curtains at the upper windows making the room dark enough for us to see the slides well.

Members were told of the change in bus tokens. They are now green and there are some changes in using them. The notice from the WODC was read out.

Final payments were collected for the November outing and members were advised to bring a packed lunch. We will leave at 10.30am and return immediately after the show.

Members were thanked for helping with

the knitting of little hats for smoothie bottles, enabling Gladys to send off 187 this year, 87 up on 2008. Well done everyone, this will help Age Concern Oxfordshire. Ruth from Age Concern will be with us in November and will be available for a chat should anyone have any questions. A few leaflets had been placed on the tables about paying for care and the BBC Fatherhood Appeal.

Our Christmas Party will be on Friday 4 December with Santa and entertainment. Members were advised that this year there would be no charge. We will be taking names at the November meeting and tickets with details will be issued. If you are unable to come in November please let Avis have your name so that your ticket can be delivered. We do need numbers for catering. We look forward to having Debbie Faulkner with us this month with some of her Christmas crafts, just to get us in the mood for thinking about the festive season. Another busy afternoon ended with the raffle.

I look forward to an enjoyable trip on 3 November. Best wishes to you all.

Avis Ushaw (898134)

Stonesfield Craft Club

October's topic was to make a card using Bloxxx decoupage. The method is just like other decoupage in as much as the picture is cut out and layered using silicone gel, but unlike other decoupage the picture is divided into squares. When complete it is a bit like looking at the picture through a stained glass window. We finished by matting and layering the card.

It was quite easy but also fascinating to build a window picture. Everyone made at

least two cards and were very welcome to take more to complete at home. Once again the members were mesmerised at how easy it was to make cards that look so very effective. The nine of us at the session all had another fun-filled evening.

On 5 November we will be meeting at the St James' Centre at 7.30pm and would be very pleased to see anyone who would like to join us in making cards using another crafting technique.

Debbie Faulkner

Scrabble Club

We meet every Thursday at 6.30pm in the village, always at one of our member's homes. If anyone would like to join, do give me a call.

Janet Melrose (891566)

Wootton Talks

13 November: Lone Droscher-Nielsen, founder of a rehabilitation centre for orangutans in Indonesian Borneo, which is the world's biggest primate rescue project, caring for over 700 animals. Orangutans are seeing their habitat destroyed after the rainforest is cleared to produce palm oil – an ingredient in many products we all use on a regular basis. Lone recently starred in Orangutan Diary on BBC Two and has been voted the World's Greatest Living Dane.

Future speakers include Rupert Sheldrake, once described as 'the most controversial scientist on Earth' (11 December), and Jon Snow (15 January).

Talks take place at the Wootton Village Hall on Fridays at 7.30pm. Tickets £6, available from Andy Warner

(810939/07966 286487). More information on www.woottontalks.co.uk

North Leigh History Group

Tuesday 3 November: *Dying for Glory*, a talk by Michael Boyes at the North Leigh Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £2. Members free. All welcome.

Diana Power (882301)

Evenlode Books, Christmas Catalogue

The catalogues that I deliver door to door in Charlbury and surrounding villages have arrived. If you would like to help with the catalogues this year, however small a batch, please let me know. Every little helps. We're talking Charlbury of course, but also Enstone, Stonesfield, Finstock, Ramsden, Fawler, Leafield, Spelsbury, Taston and Chadlington.

Films in Charlbury

You probably know that ChOC (Charlbury's Own Cinema) puts on a top film every month in the Memorial Hall. This is a very popular event and often attracts audiences of 80 or so. I've taken over the email list for details of forthcoming films: if you would like to go on that list, please let me know. You won't hear from ChOC unless you ask, and I recommend you to sign up, especially if you live outside Charlbury and don't see the posters.

Jon Carpenter

Woodstock U3A

U3A is a nationwide organisation set up for older people not in full time employment, who wish to meet socially and become involved in a wealth of

different interest groups. Monthly meetings generally last about two hours and include a guest speaker. The speakers for Woodstock U3A for November and December are:

3 November: James Mitchell, *Magic of the Musicals*

1 December: Marguerite Osborne, *Storyteller – Ghouls & Ghosts*

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Mary Hawken (812166)



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World's Biggest Coffee Morning

On behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Support Nurses, I should like to thank all those who helped in any way to make this village effort a success. We had visitors from Combe Longa, Witney, Woodstock and Chadlington, but the vast majority were home-grown Stonesfieldians.

The food on offer was up to its usual standard with the bacon and sausages being supplied by Freeman's of Woodstock, and all the bread and tea cakes from Crusty's Bakery in Berinsfield. Our thanks also go to the many businesses in the village who donated

prizes for the raffle, cash donations and vouchers.

Overall, after expenses had been met, we made a profit of £860, which has now been sent to Macmillan. It will go a long way towards the costs of running the service in our area.

There can be very few families in the land in which the horrid spectre of cancer has not been seen; it is one of the most worthwhile causes one can support. Thank you, Stonesfield and friends, for another successful event.

Richard Bishop and Derrick Millard, joint organisers

The Ride and Stride

We are most grateful to the many people who sponsored our two riders for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride on 12 September on behalf of the Stonesfield Methodist Church. The final total was £588, which is divided equally between the Trust and the Stonesfield Methodists.

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Sport

Stonesfield Football Club

It doesn't take the Brain-of-Britain to work out that since we're in the middle of autumn then the new football season must be in full swing. Indeed, our lads, having endured the rigours of pre-season training, are now pitting their wits against Oxfordshire's finest. The early season honour of being first in the *Slate* goes to the unlikeliest of our intrepid trio . . . The Vets! I have it on good authority that Judd's Garage was inundated with requests for Zimmer frame repairs, adjustments and overhauls, prior to the big kick-off. By the looks of things Judd's did a grand job: after three games it's a 100% record and our grey-haired heroes top their league! They opened with wins against Watlington (3-0) and Milton United (2-0) then leapt to top spot with a stunning Roy-of-the-Rovers performance by trouncing Abingdon United 7-3. With these results you'd have thought that a good run in The Vets Cup would be guaranteed . . . not so. They travelled to Goring in round 1 confident of victory, but crashed out following a 3-1 defeat. Still, it's been a confident start to the season from 'The Auld Yins' and I'm predicting league glory for them this season. I wish I could say the same for our other sides.

The Firsts started the new season under new management. First and foremost let's say a massive thank you to Steve Brookes

and Paul Knight for the last few seasons. Their management style was excellent and the trophy cabinet groaned under the weight of their success! Steve and Paul, take a bow, you did us proud! It's been a baptism of fire for new player/manager Martin Hall as his team have yet to record their first win. Four successive defeats against Marston (1-0), Kennington (2-0), Fritwell (3-1) and Enstone (2-0) suggest that they could be the whipping boys this season. I doubt it though; they are a team in transition, having blooded several young players who are finding it difficult to adjust to Men's football. There's every confidence among the supporters that they will soon be climbing the league. My prediction: Martin Hall will get them fired up and a mid-table finish beckons.

It's been a torrid start for The Reserves as well. They opened their league campaign with a thumping at Slade Farm Res (6-0) then recovered well with a magnificent display of opportunistic football and a stunning win against Bardwell Res (5-0). Unfortunately they're out of The Clarendon Cup following defeat (4-2) at OUP Res. This could be a topsy-turvy season for The Stiffs but with goals aplenty their games promise to be full of entertainment. Like The Firsts, they'll finish in mid-table.

Tom Flanigan 891979

Church news



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in Combe Longa Traditional English.

All Age Worship is worship for the family, of all ages.

From your Parish Priest

Having passed harvest celebrations we seem to be rushing far too quickly towards December and our Christmas festivities. Christmas of course is a time to remember the coming of our saviour and the salvation of humankind. We also enjoy sharing the festivities through meeting with old friends and family. However, before we get into the party spirit and enjoy the freedom that we have to gather in each others company, we have our time of Remembrance. November for me is a time to pay my continuing thanks to God and my continuing thanks for those who gave their lives so that we could enjoy our freedom together.

It is easy sometimes to take for granted our liberty and our human rights; to express ourselves about our concerns with regard to the way our nation and our world is governed. I know that we

don't always feel that democracy is working very well but as Churchill once said, 'Democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.'

My thoughts about democracy are that it is a first rate (one might say perfect) system of government only spoilt by the imperfections of humankind. There's an old saying about similar issues in the church. 'If you find a perfect church, don't join it. You'll only spoil it!'

You and I, unfortunately, are tarred with the same brush of imperfection. The scriptures uncomfortably tell us that 'We have all fallen short of the glory of God' and that we have all failed in some way or another. We all need a saviour to help us to come to terms with our unerring ability to mess up! Thank goodness we look towards Christmas and the

celebrations of the arrival of the Saviour, Immanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.

'In the meantime let's be thankful and grateful for our imperfect, yet tremendously brave friends and family who gave their lives to make sure you and I have a free and democratic future.

Thanks not only for the sacrifices made in the last two great wars but in conflicts since that time. They thought, with all its imperfections, the freedom of democracy for their loved ones and even strangers

was worth their ultimate sacrifice.

Why not join us or our Methodist friends in giving thanks on 8 November for all the imperfect blessings of our democracy and lives together. Our services in Stonesfield and Combe are as advertised and you will receive as 'near perfect' a welcome as we can muster.

Hope to see you soon, and don't forget to give me a wave if you spot me around the villages. God bless,

Rev Roy

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 November [All Saints' Day]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	All Age Worship
11am	Stonesfield	All Age Worship

Sunday 8 November [Remembrance Sunday]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
10am	Combe Longa	Remembrance Service followed by service at War Memorial (10.45am)
10am	Stonesfield	Remembrance Service followed by service at War Memorial (10.45am)
6pm	Stonesfield	Service of Remembrance for loved ones who are no longer with us

Sunday 15 November [Second Sunday before Advent]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion [CW/sung] with Scramblers and Explorers

Sunday 22 November [Christ the King]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	Parish Communion [BCP/said]
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion [CW/sung]

Sunday 29 November [Advent Sunday]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
10am	Stonesfield	United Benefice Communion Service [CW/sung]

Sunday 6 December [Second Sunday of Advent]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	All Age Worship : Christingle Service
11am	Stonesfield	All Age Worship : Christingle Service

Mid-week Communion Services

Mid-week services of Holy Communion (said) are held as follows:

Σ Wednesdays 9.30am at Combe Longa

Σ Thursdays 9.30am at Stonesfield

Everyone is most welcome.

Remembrance Sunday Services

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the Remembrance Sunday services. All are most welcome at the 6pm service – this is a special opportunity to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Stonesfield Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

I have just received an invitation to the official opening of the Marriotts Walk Shopping, Leisure and Residential Centre in Witney. It is to be opened by our Member of Parliament, David Cameron, and will be followed by a drinks reception. I shall go, of course, if only to have the opportunity to have a good nose around.

When I responded to the invitation, I asked a question. Had any thought been given to including a prayer of dedication for the centre and those who will live and work there? I happen to believe that it is really important that the church is seen to be part of what many would call the ordinary life of the community. I shall await the response from the District Council with some anticipation. Right now, I am not at all certain what they will say but I felt that I had to ask.

Talking about the church being a real part of life, it was good to see some

Stonesfield folk taking part in the recent recording of Songs of Praise. The programme goes out on 15 November and as well as our singing of the hymns, Northern Irish singing group The Priests will also be taking part.

I was fortunate to be able to have a conversation with the three of them. What struck me most forcibly was that these men blessed with beautiful voices are still working priests. Their life as parish priests comes first and singing very much second to the demands of their parishioners. So closely are they intertwined with ordinary life that Father Eugene's church in Ballyclare was attacked last week in an episode of sectarian violence. I suspect that this was an attack on The Priests as they use their music as a bridge between the life of the church and so-called ordinary life.

There is, of course, nothing ordinary about life. Each of our lives is remarkable and special. Including church as part of our lives means bringing Jesus into our lives. In his human life he was truly

engaged with those around him. He made a difference.

It is my hope that you will also allow Jesus to make a difference in your life. Enjoy the broadcast of Songs of Praise. The new album by The Priests is called *Harmony* and is released on 23 November. All royalties are to be donated to their new charitable trust.

Yours, with love, Richard

Richard Donoghue, Methodist Minister

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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER:

Sunday 1 November

11am Mr Ron Glithero

Sunday 8 November

10am Mr Eddie Fowler followed at

11am by Remembrance Service at War Memorial

Sunday 15 November

11am Local Arrangement

Sunday 22 November

11am Revd Richard Donoghue

Holy Communion

Sunday 29 November

11am Mr Ian Prince

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