

STONELEIGH & ASHAW NEWS OCTOBER 2013



Stoneleigh History Society

Most readers will be aware that in 2014 the country will commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of The Great War. In Stoneleigh we would like to put together the stories of our own men and women who contributed to the war effort; our Roll of Honour in the Village Hall carries almost 100 names of those who served between 1914-18, but there are others - Women's Land Army Workers, for example - whose work should be equally remembered. The History Society hopes to assemble a display showing details of all those who "did their bit" at that time, and plans are afoot to have a special commemoration to run alongside next year's Duck Race in July.

Might you be able to help us in finding out about those who went to war at that time? Or, indeed, those who stayed behind and provided valuable work on the Home Front? Might you have any memorabilia which could be used in our display? A photograph of a serviceman, or his family, perhaps? Equally, it would be wonderful if our display could show photographs of medals or anything else which could help tell our village story. (We would not wish to have actual objects, for obvious reasons!)

In 2010 extensive research was carried out for the book "Another Country - the Story of Stoneleigh Men in the Great War", but this focused on the thirteen men who died, and are commemorated on the church memorial. It would be appropriate, now, to look at those who were fortunate enough to return. If you could help in any way, please contact me - details below.

By the time this issue reaches you the History Society will have begun its autumn programme with a fascinating talk by Pete James on accessing the complicated handwriting in old documents, and how he had to do this to research his ancestors in Stareton in the sixteenth century.

Our October meeting will develop this theme, when Pam Baker will talk us through her investigations into the Churchwardens' "Disbursements" of 1663. This document, found with our earliest parish registers, reveals how money was being spent - and there are several surprises!

Everyone will be welcome at the Village Hall on Tuesday October 29th at 7.30pm.

Sheila Woolf
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Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
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The Almshouse has a number of elderly residents who own cars. Over recent months they are finding it increasingly difficult to park in the road outside the Almshouse.

In addition it is frequently challenging for residents to be dropped off and/or collected from the kerbside because of parked cars.

It would be much appreciated if Stoneleigh residents who are not Almshouse residents would refrain from parking cars in the road outside the Almshouse.

Also, residents would be very grateful if care is taken to ensure that vehicles are parked so there is clear access to the pathways.

Thank you.
The Board of Trustees.
September 2013

WI Report

At our September meeting Frances Freeman gave an entertaining talk entitled "Fun with Kitchen Gadgets". She demonstrated a number of familiar and some not so familiar gadgets and provided us with some interesting recipes to try.



In September a group of members visited Ludlow for the Food Festival and another group went to the Priory Theatre in Kenilworth to see "Entertaining Angels".

The Craft Group was busy in September preparing for the Craft Show on 6th October in the Village Hall. The Show will be open from 11am to 4pm and light refreshments will be available..

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 1st October. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The next coffee morning will be on 15th October in the Village Club starting at 10.30.

At the next meeting, on Monday 7th October, Nick Channer will talk about Agatha Christie.

Rachel Gill

Stoneleigh Church Grounds Working Party

When? From 9.30am to 12.30pm Saturday 19th October 2013

Refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers are requested to undertake clearance of overgrown areas, weeding & tidying of borders, hedge cutting, etc. If you have your own tools, petrol hedge trimmer, pruning saw, strimmer, please bring them, as well as gardening gloves.

Why? We have a small team of mowers, who give up their time to keep the grass mown and generally keep the church yard area tidy, but at the end of the season more help is needed to cut back overgrown areas ready for the winter. Last year's working party did really well, and saw the ladies outnumber the gentlemen. If you can make it, please give me a ring, or leave a message with name on **024 7641 1658**, to give me an idea of skills available and catering numbers.

All villagers are invited, not all will be regular churchgoers, but we all appreciate the peace & tranquility of this lovely church, and most of you will have attended baptisms, weddings or funerals, so please come and help.

Thanks,

Clive Watson

By way of introduction...

When writing your CV for a new job, one of the suggestions is to describe yourself in five words and this is what I put: I am approachable, non-judgemental, compassionate, open-hearted and a good listener. Clearly I am not good at maths, but that could never stay a secret anyway!

To the above I will add five random anecdotes you might like to hear in conversation one day: I was evacuated from a war zone; I've put the bookie boxes out for race day; I attended the funeral of Prince Arthur (Tudor); we celebrated our engagement with a bag of chips on a bench with champagne and I've owned the same double-buggy as the Spencer family.

Here are five leisure pursuits: home-brewing; crafts, playing music, walking and zumba.

Five things my family might say about me: Timmy (age 3) "Mum gives snuffly cuddles;" Felicity (age 8), "Mum's teaching me to play piano"; Benedict (age 10) "we have great chats at bedtime;" Chris (husband), "from tree to jam pot in five hours!" and my Dad still calls me "Shazzy!" (Don't even think about it!)

In introducing myself to the parishes of Stoneleigh and Ashow, I hope very much that this does not remain a one-sided conversation. As parish priest, I am looking forward to lots of conversation - sharing, questioning, laughing, exploring and living.

I live in Ilmington but you can contact me through the parish office, on sharon.goble@btinternet.com and on 07799220407.

*Rev Sharon Goble,
Priest-in-Charge of Stoneleigh with Ashow*

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STONELEIGH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

An Invitation to all the “Friends of the Orchard” and anyone who may be interested in seeing how it is progressing.

Come along to the Community Orchard on Saturday 12th October between 2pm to 3pm to enjoy a coffee or apple juice, some apple pie and cream / custard.

See how the trees are progressing, talk to the Orchard Steering Group about future plans, make your suggestions and enjoy sitting on the beautiful oak bench, kindly made and donated by Colin Rice.



*enquiries - to Nora
024 7641 5405*

The latest on the Gateway Planning Application

Firstly, thank you to all those people who wrote in before the December 2012 and June 2013 WDC Planning Committee meetings, demanding that the Gateway application be called-in for the Secretary of State's decision. That is exactly what was announced via a letter from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 6th August. Though Gateway wasn't turned down by WDC (as it should have been), we now have the second best option, which happens to be the one that we have always considered the most likely outcome – even if WDC had bounced it.

The Planning Inquiry is now scheduled to be held at Leamington Spa Town Hall, beginning on 8th April 2014. We consider this a very dilatory timetable. WDC, Coventry City Council, and the applicant, appear to be attempting to thwart our efforts (once again) by drawing out the Inquiry process as far as stretched credibility will allow. Our suspicion is that by the slowing down the Inquiry, WDC are hoping that their hugely divisive, but still developing “New Local Plan”, can gain sufficient “weight”; or even be accepted; before the result of the Gateway Inquiry is announced. WDC have of course included the Gateway in the “New Local Plan”, and they are desperate to keep it that way to win this.

It is therefore vital that as many voices as possible are raised against the many questionable assumptions and conclusions in the “New Local Plan”, in order to slow it down. We must certainly change the grossly inflated and unjustified employment and housing land requirements that it currently depends on.

In preparing for the Inquiry, three local “objector” groups have applied for and been granted “Rule 6” status by PINS. A “Rule 6 Party” (R6P) can field witnesses at the Inquiry and cross-examine any or all witnesses and paid experts appearing before the Planning Inspector. Our three R6Ps are the CPRE, The Community Group (TCG) and Ward Councillor Bertie MacKay. All three groups are co-operating closely in preparation for the Inquiry. We of course have no paid “experts” or QCs representing

our side, but that is who we must face once again. TCG is our local group, headed up by Stoneleigh Parish Councillor David Wintle. Currently TCG comprises the residents and Parish Councils of Stoneleigh & Ashow, Bubbenhall and Baginton, plus Finham Residents' Association, Cheylesmore residents, Friends of the Earth, Against the Gateway and several others, including some local companies. It is still early days, but David is doing a great job of pulling TCG together.

Since the announcement of the Inquiry, a great deal of work has been undertaken by a relatively small team of people from the local villages affected, and of course by our Ward Councillor and CPRE. Leading up to the Inquiry there is much to be done; with numerous documents and statements to be agreed and written, and PINS deadline dates to be met. At the moment our groups are coping quite well with the workload, but as we firm up the plans, arguments and witnesses, we may be asking for a small number of additional people to assist us, possibly even by acting as witnesses.

The next major deadline for the three R6Ps is the 30th October, by when we must have submitted to PINS our “Statements of Case” (SoC) and “Statements of Common Ground” (SoCG). This latter is supposed to be agreed between the Joint Local Planning Authorities (WDC+CCC=JLPA), the applicant, and our three R6P groups. However, there is doubt that the applicant or the JLPAs wish to co-operate fully with us (what a surprise !), so in all probability there will be two SoCGs submitted, the R6Ps' one, and the JLPA + applicant one.

We will pass on any major news as it appears, via the S&A News, but if you wish to receive more timely updates on the Gateway by email, then send your email address to rodwheat@gmail.com and mention the Gateway.

Cllr. David Wintle, David Ellwood, John Astle & Rod Wheat



STONELEIGH EVENTS

The following events are due to take place at Stoneleigh Park during October. For more information on any of the below, please visit

<http://www.stoneleighevents.com/events.aspx>

All - Breeds All - Britain Calf Show **5th -6th October**

The highly-successful All - Breeds All - Britain Calf Show is one of the largest shows of dairy cattle in the country. Competitors come from all over the UK to compete in the Showmanship and Calf classes. Visitors can see six dairy breeds in action.

www.stoneleighpark.com/events/104/all_breeds_all_britain_calf_show.aspx

Outdoor Trade Show - Trade only **8th - 11th October**

This is the UK's only national outdoor trade show. It will feature a fantastic product mix from many leading brands in the outdoor market.

International Jaguar Spares Day Autumn 2013 **13th October 2013**

There will be at least 200 stalls, all under cover, from the UK and abroad. The event is open to the public from 10am - 4pm. Admission is £8 on the gate.

www.stoneleighpark.com/events/93/international_jaguar_spares_day_autumn_2013.aspx

Tackle & Guns - Trade only **13th - 14th October**

Britain's only shooting and fishing trade show, showcasing thousands of products across the shooting, fishing and country clothing sectors.

The National Restoration Show **27th October**

The National Restoration Show is for everyone who has a passion for their classic vehicles and their upkeep. The event is open from 9.30am - 4.30pm. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £12 on the day.

www.stoneleighpark.com/events/110/the_national_restoration_show.aspx

International Dirt Bike Show **31st October - 3rd November**

A great day out for those who already ride, but also non-riding family and friends, as the industry-supported Get On campaign will be on hand all day for those who would like to give it a go. Tickets are £12 in advance or £15 on the door. Children aged 10 and under go free.

www.stoneleighpark.com/events/105/international_dirt_bike_show.aspx

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW CHURCHES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5th October

An Evening of Music with 'Con Voce' mixed voice choir from South Wales.
7pm in Ashow Church. Tickets £15, includes a glass of wine & canapés.

Tuesday 8th October

Licensing Service of our new Priest in Charge the Revd Sharon Goble
7.30pm Stoneleigh Church all welcome.

Friday 11th October

Quiz Night - 7.15 for 7.30 in the Village Hall. -
Teams of up to 6 people - £7.50 including Ploughman's supper.
Bring your own wine and glasses.

Friday 8th November

Film Night - Nativity (the first film) -
6.45 for 7pm in the Village Hall £3.00
include Coffee and Cake.

Friday 22nd November

Games Evening - 7.30pm -
Stoneleigh Golf Club Tickets £15,
includes a Chicken, Chips and Salad Supper.
You can bring a team or join one on the night.

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AT SOME OF THESE EVENTS.
ALL PROFITS FROM FUND RAISING EVENTS WILL GO TO
FABRIC FUNDS OF ASHOW AND STONELEIGH CHURCHES**

Contacts

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Ashow contact: Stephen Harvey 01926 852543
Stoneleigh Contact: Ian Smith 01926 853238

To arrange a wedding, funeral or baptism, please contact the Vicar.
For any other matters of administration please contact our
administrator: Jackie Cubitt: 02476 415506
email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

ST MARY THE VIRGIN STONELEIGH



Quiz Evening

Friday 11th October

at

Stoneleigh Village Hall

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

£7.50

(including a Ploughman's Supper)

bring your own drink and glasses

Teams of up to 6 members

Tickets available from: Parish Office 02476 415506

Or Sarah 02476 715256

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO THE FABRIC FUND

Ashow News

We have a few tickets left for our Evening of Music, with “Con Voce”, the popular mixed voice choir from South Wales.

The concert, which was a “sell-out” last time will take place in Ashow Church on Saturday 5th October 2013 at 7.00 pm.

Tickets are £15, to include a glass of wine and canapés in the interval, and are available from Stephen Harvey (01926 852543) or Kate Jones (01926 853511).

After the concert we hope to move on to Ashow Club, where the singing will probably continue.

On the morning of Sunday 6th October, some of the choir hope to attend this month’s United Holy Communion service together with Stoneleigh congregation, at Ashow Church at 11 am.

The concert is to help raise money for some much needed restoration work to the stonework and fabric of our very old church building.

Stephen Harvey

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013



This year, from October 24th until November 11th, poppies will be available as usual from the Club and the Church, and there will be house-to-house collections.

Please give generously!

Sheila Woolf

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The October Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 10th October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate

Do you want to save money on the cost of your heating oil?

Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) has set up a new oil syndicate that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order. All you need to do to take advantage of the Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate is pay an annual membership fee (Domestic £20) which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

By bringing communities throughout Warwickshire together and making the most of joint buying power we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating. The average household makes a saving of approximately £50 per order.

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery it is using a lot of diesel-a full tanker can get as little as 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

Oil is ordered in bulk and delivered once a month. For example in July the average price was 61.63 pence per litre and the Oil syndicate negotiated a price of 56.25 pence per litre.

To find out more information their website is www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk, telephone: 01789 472611 Sarah Brook Taylor or email oil@wrccrural.org.uk

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

FINANCIAL YEAR 2013

Not all of our readers appreciate that the Stoneleigh & Ashow News is published by a team of volunteer editors and distributed in all weathers by yet more volunteers. Costs of printing are met by voluntary contributions from local residents, grateful for the regular flow of information on local events and issues, together with some advertising revenue.

I have this year been remiss in not reminding everyone that we rely upon regular annual donations, which cover the year from January to December.

May I ask you, and your household to consider making a payment, be it £5 or more if you can, by cheque payable to Stoneleigh and Ashow News, addressed to myself at Alliance Cottage, The Bank, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 3DA. Cash donations are also welcome, or if you prefer please make direct payment online, or into any Nat West branch to credit our bank account: Branch Sort Code: 60 12 35 Account Number: 63535718.

Thank you to all who have contributed this year, (and to those about to); you might even be a budding editor or wish to help our distribution team, in which case please phone our Chairman Margaret Wallis 024 7641 4271

Clive Watson
Honorary Treasurer



FIGHT THE GATEWAY



CHARITY HALLOWEEN BALL

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 7PM TILL LATE

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PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB ON

02476 301332

PLEASE COME ALONG TO RAISE MONEY AND SUPPORT THIS LOCAL EVENT



Stoneleigh and Ashow Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Resident,

In last month's Parish Magazine we mentioned a questionnaire that was expected to be inserted in this month's edition.

Well hopefully your copy contained the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Number 1.

We would like as many back as possible to ensure we have a good understanding of what the Parish wants in its Neighbourhood Plan.

If your copy did not have a questionnaire inserted then please request a copy by sending an email to sanda.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com or by down loading a copy from the village website www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk

Many thanks

Richard Hancox

Chairman Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council

Did you know?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is named after the Latin word "octo", meaning eight. October is the tenth month of the Gregorian calendar, it was the eighth month of the old Roman calendar. Historically, the year started in March, but when January and February were added in, October kept its name.



There are two birthstones for the month of October?
The transparent tourmaline and the opaque opal.

October 10th is national metric day

High Speed Rail (HS2) Latest

Last week, the Voyager 1 space probe left our solar system. Travelling at 38,000 miles per hour (or about 17 km per second) it has travelled for 11 billion miles in 36 years. Sounds like a big number then?

So, you might be concerned that if we were going to spend upwards of £40 billion, (and that might be a tad on the lean side) on a high speed rail line, then we would be sure of our economic case. That's what you would expect of a responsible Govt. Well, it has tried to carry out due diligence, and last week it published the results of an economic analysis carried out by KPMG which said that HS2 would produce benefits of £15 billion per year, or £1.7 million pounds per hour. The trouble is the very body which commissioned the report then peer reviewed it , so that's a bit like marking your own homework: if you are wrong, you'll never know! Of course the Government who are commissioning it will not be around to see if they were right, and in the process they will have spent public money in procuring this project.

You may not be surprised to know that HS2 Ltd hasn't perhaps devoted the same attention to meeting our requests for fair environmental mitigation (just ignoring these whilst pushing on because they must meet their own deadlines for the Hybrid Bill for what is being called in some quarters "The People's Railway") . They may be concerned that this will cost "them" money, and you will have to decide if their attention to detail is correctly and consistently being applied. You will have noticed that the Govt has been required to re-consult on the Compensation proposals , and if you have already responded to the first consultation you will have to do so all over again or lose your comments.

You can read about this at

[Property Compensation Consultation 2013 section on the GOV.UK website.](#)

Many of you will have received a leaflet through the post in mid September. There is a proposal for a Property Bond, but the details will need to be reviewed before further comment.

55% of people polled in a recent YouGov poll were opposed to the principle of HS2, which could suggest that having HS2 pushed forward as a solution looking for a problem leaves us without a rigorous analysis of what national infrastructure we do need.

On a more practical note members of the Stoneleigh Action Group are still attending the Community Forum meetings. At the one held on 18th September, HS2 Ltd outlined the proposal to submit all the documentation to Parliament by the end of the year as a part of the Hybrid Bill process. More will be published about this in time, I am sure. What it does do is to draw a line underneath the design process although we have been told that the bi-lateral discussions will continue and it may be possible for HS2 Ltd to submit agreed designs as an amendment to the original process, since the process is then controlled by Parliament. Individuals may be able to petition as a part of the process, which is likely to take a while to be processed through Parliament, although the original intention would be before the next General Election in 2015.

We are also discussing and collaborating with Warwick County Council., who will of course be a key "player" in County wide matters if this project continues past the Hybrid Bill.

If anybody would like to know more, then please contact Martin Smith on 024 7669 0906.

Martin Smith
On behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group



Stoneleigh Village Club

Progress continues to be made in achieving our ambitions for the Village Club: the Club is now a Company Limited by Guarantee and elected members of the Committee are the appointed Directors (although we shall continue to call ourselves a committee rather than a board!) As a company, we have to conform to company law and this, of course, means we have to abide by our rules. I mention some of the effects below.

We must maintain an accurate Register of Members and, at present, I'm sure there are mistakes in our list: there are probably names on it that are no longer members, and others for whom we do not have a record of subscription payment although they are probably fully paid up. Please take a look at the list in the Club and tell us if there are any mistakes.

The Club welcomes members' guests, but they must be signed in and the appropriate fee paid (£1 per person for temporary membership). Children of members are welcome (without a need to be signed in) but may not sit at the bar. Special groups of guests (eg christening parties) may be permitted by special arrangement with the committee/steward and payment of the appropriate fee.

We try to keep members fully informed of Club activities and email is the most effective method of communication. If we do not have your email address, please let us have it by emailing stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com).

We recognise that the Village Club is very much part of the local community and, in this respect, we hope that we can join with other local organisations in providing joint events and activities; if any local club or organisation has ideas for such joint activities we would be very pleased to hear from you and have you participate in our social committee planning activity.

Finally, I am able to report that we expect the purchase of the building to be completed soon; matters have been delayed by a problem with the definition of the rear garden boundary – hopefully now resolved.

Please use your Village Club – it is there for your enjoyment.

Robin Bussell

Chairman, Stoneleigh Village Club Ltd

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



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2013

Sunday 6 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion service at Ashow
Thursday 10 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 13 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 24 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh

From the registers

Funerals

8th September, Funeral and Burial at Stoneleigh, Mavis Reay

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