

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



OCTOBER 2018



“The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

HS2 Update

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



Once again, national and specialist media have featured many articles about HS2 Ltd. this month, mainly highlighting its shortcomings (potential dramatic overspend and so on, as reported in this column over the years). As the political landscape gets ever more complex with Brexit deadline looming, an increasing number of politicians are also raising doubts about the project although as yet there is no sign that the Government will ditch it.

In an attempt to fulfil their promise to improve communications with people affected, HS2 Ltd is now issuing regular bulletins about forthcoming works along the route.

See <https://hs2inwarks.commonplace/is/news/2018>

General enquiries can be address to HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

There is to be an HS2 Drop In session on Friday 12 October, from 11:30am to 2 pm at The Barn (a meeting room above Farmers' Fayre), Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth CV8 2LZ. Staff members from HS2 Ltd will be on hand to answer queries.

It is still hoped that representatives of the Main Works contractor and the enabling works contractor will attend the meeting of the Parish Council on 18 October so that further clarification of the likely impact on our area can be given and questions asked/answered.



Sunday
28 October

Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

Pete Freeman

The months of September & October are considered to be the busiest of the year for the Orchard group and given the exceptionally hot weather experienced throughout the summer the apples have as a consequence ripened early.

Within Stoneleigh Orchard the harvesting of early apple varieties started over the August Bank Holiday and is now complete. The apples were then left for a week prior to milling and pressing; this allowed the starch in the fruit to convert to sugar which is a desirable outcome prior to fermentation. Traditionally the apples are ready for milling when they retain the impression of a thumb print when held in the hand.

Unfortunately, 5 Church Lane doesn't possess the capacity to store vast quantities of apples for any longer than a week so we have to get on with milling and pressing before the next crop arrives so operating as part of a production line.

As this article is written the group are about to pick then press a Mid season variety of apple called "Yarlington Mill" named after a village and mill in the North Cadbury area of Somerset from which this variety of tree is derived. Those members of the community who want to observe the milling and pressing process are most welcome to visit the cider processing plant to the rear of 5 Church Lane and are also welcome to come and participate in the picking. We generally press on a Saturday and pick on a Sunday afternoon.

Prior to the start of cropping the group had a stand at the Stoneleigh Duck Race with the intention of publicising the Orchard as well as the cider. It was here that the group collected expressions of interest and contact information from folk who want to purchase next year's cider. The stand can be considered to have been a great success!

Finally, as a result of an excellent piece of work undertaken by group members John Churchley and Nora Blagburn, the Orchard now has its trees labelled so that the public can identify the various apple varieties. For those interested in this do wander down and take a look.

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2018 will cost £10.

Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard CIC. However why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit.

Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh.
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Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Richard.Hancox@kier.co.uk



Saturday 13 October at 7.30pm
Warwick Hall CV34 6PP

Enjoy this 20th century English musical journey

The Banks of Green Willow: Butterworth
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Tickets £14 & £18 with half price concessions for students & children

Stoneleigh WI Report

Liz Sykes

024 7641 8301



'What a fantastic evening' was the general consensus after the September meeting. The speaker, Heather Wilson, gave a very entertaining talk on her career through embellishing hats, collecting many various cloths from the sub-Indian continent and also her fantastic work in producing 'one off' paintings for families for significant events . It really was a very good evening.

Our 'trip' to Llantrisant, home to the Royal Mint, was quite a long journey but everyone who went thoroughly enjoyed it. The tour was excellent and the 'hands on' exhibition afterwards was fascinating. They produce over 90 million coins per week - that adds up to 5 billion coins per year. They produce coins for hundreds of countries world wide of which all are displayed there. A good day out!!

Next month we will be looking at the 100 year history of the WI in the village. This will be interesting to all and everyone is welcome to come along on Monday 1 October to Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7:30pm

The next lunch is on Tuesday 2 October. Please ring me on 024 7641 8301 if you wish to attend or have already signed up but are no longer able to attend.

On Tuesday 16 October at 10:30am it will be the coffee morning at Stoneleigh Village Club. Come for a natter!

Churchyard maintenance - Help required.

Do you have the time and energy to help the churchyard team?

Autumn grounds working party Saturday 27 October from
9.30am until Noon.

Refreshments will be served.

All welcome.

If you are able to help please contact Clive Watson: 024 7641 1658

**St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh,
Stoneleigh History Society
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir**

You are invited to an evening of entertainment with readings, local history and music to commemorate the end of World War 1.



We will look back at the four years of the war, including how it was experienced by the people of Stoneleigh.

Friday 16 November at 7.30pm in Stoneleigh Church

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine and refreshments
(free for those who have a family member named on the
Roll of Honour)

From: Maggie Moorhouse 01926 511785

Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759

Philip Jones 01926 853511

or the parish office 024 7641 5506

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Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

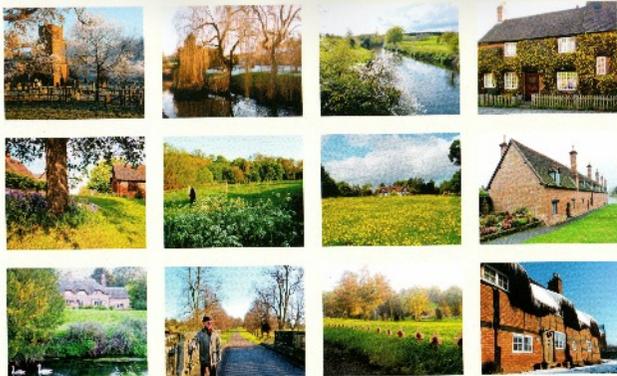
024 7641 8759

If you're reading this online you might *just* be in time to attend our late September meeting: on Tuesday 25 at 7.30pm in the village hall Shirley Ball will be giving one of her popular illustrated talks, this time about the village school. Everyone is welcome but we should particularly like to see you if you once went to school in Stoneleigh. Perhaps you can identify some of the children in the old photos!

Our October meeting will be one with a difference: Richard Churchley will be entertaining us with "Folklore and Folksongs of Warwickshire and Worcestershire." It's sure to be a super evening, with the opportunity to sing along! The meeting is on Tuesday October 30 at 7.30pm as usual in the village hall. Do come along; you will be made very welcome.

Have you bought your Stoneleigh Calendar 2019 yet? This lovely item is just £7.50 and comes with its own card envelope if you wish to post it to a friend. The twelve beautiful pictures of Stoneleigh were all taken by Will Blagburn and **all** profits are going to Myton Hospice. We

really hope to make a substantial donation for this very worthy cause.



STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY
CALENDAR 2019

Calendars can be obtained from me: just ring me on 024 7641 8759.

Stoneleigh Village Club *Established 1856*

Reflections



Robin Bussell

I attended the delayed AGM on Friday 29 June (delayed because of the need to prepare year-end accounts) and was heartened to hear positive reports from

the officers. The treasurer reported that turnover had increased and a small profit had been generated. However, there was a downside: turnover had breached the VAT threshold and the Club is now VAT registered and this will demand even better future turnover to cover the additional tax burden.

In the light of this need to increase footfall in the Club, it was very disheartening to be one of fewer than 40 members who attended the AGM. Even more worrying was the absence of a candidate for Chairperson until a committee candidate volunteered to upgrade her nomination. More worrying still was the dearth of nominations for the committee which is now two members short of the requirements of the Articles of Association (the Club rules). Moreover, the Club has still not been able to attract a membership secretary; surely there must be a member somewhere who can run the custom designed Excel computer program? The membership secretary is not required to be a director of the Club.

Perhaps it might be timely to recall a little history: it was towards the end of 2012 that the Club was in difficulty; the landlord was demanding a huge increase in rent, the Club was loss-making and the committee was in some disarray. A packed meeting was held in the Village Hall in February 2013 and it was unanimously agreed that the Village Club **MUST** be saved. However, at the forthcoming AGM in April there were no nominations for officers and the meeting was adjourned. I was the 'locum' chairman of both these meetings and felt very unhappy with the outcome.

A number of village residents came together to see if the Club could be saved – and it was! The AGM re-convened in June and a committee was

elected. Subsequently, generous members raised £42,500 to buy the building and the garden, the club was registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee (this limits the vulnerability of directors, as opposed to committee members of an un-incorporated organisation) and the Club fortunes started to improve. This was achieved through the hard work of the committee and many others.

Returning to the last AGM, it was also very concerning to hear the Chairperson, in her report, refer to some unpleasantness she had received from a small number of members during her term in office. In an organisation run by volunteers it is totally unacceptable for these volunteers to be harangued by discontented members. Critical comment and suggestion is fine in the right place at the right time and perhaps a regular forum for feedback would be a good idea. Perhaps this is why few members are willing to volunteer for committee membership?

Residents of Stoneleigh do not need to be reminded that the Village Club is the only place for impromptu social gathering in the community – we no longer have a shop, a filling station or a post office; we need the Club to be a success.

The Committee recently took the decision to standardise the membership fee at £12 per person per year. It would be a sign of commitment to the future of the Club if most Stoneleigh adult residents joined; surely £1 per month is not too much for most people?

But, to return to my earlier comment, where are the volunteers willing to step forward and make a contribution to the management of the Club? Without a strong and energetic committee on which all posts are filled it would seem highly likely that the problems of 2012/13 might recur. The small team currently in place work hard to maintain and improve the social and economic performance of the Club but they need more help. If you have some time and energy to offer: **“Your Village Club Needs You!”**

PS. In April 2015, after a vigorous membership drive, the Club had 374 members. Today we have 200 paid up members! **#your Club needs YOU!!**

This month's edition of *Stoneleigh and Ashow News* was compiled by **Lisa Reay**, who would like to thank all contributors.

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Harry

Liz Sykes

Harry Horton-Barr, who's just 12, has continued his successes and has recently qualified for the prestigious Horse of the Year show that is held at the NEC in October.

Harry, whose ponies are kept in the fields off Birmingham Road, and whose grandparents live in the village, qualified with his North Warwickshire pony club team to claim victory and join just 5 other teams from all over the country to compete for the prestigious Prince Philip Cup.

The club now have the onerous task to raise funds for the week's competition. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or support the team in any way please contact Rachel Horton-Barr on Rachel.horton-barr@sky.com. There is also a North Warwickshire team 'Go fund me' page and a Facebook group to follow the team.

Thank you.

Church News

Reverend Nikki Moon

Remembering

The autumn is now in full swing and by the time you read this we will have had our harvest festivals and will be turning our attention to the season of Remembering. The Remembrance season gives us an opportunity to stop and reflect on the past, so that we might learn from it and live better in the present.

We start our Remembrance season by looking back to the Saints of old who have much to teach us about how to live well, though many of them learnt to live well by first getting it wrong so we can benefit from their mistakes too. Our All Saints' services will be on Sunday 4 November.

Also on the 4 November at 7pm we will have a special service to stop and remember all those dear to us who we love but see no longer. Our All Souls' service is a quiet reflective time to gather our thoughts and to give thanks for the memories we cherish of those we have lost.

Then of course, we turn our attention to those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom in the numerous wars and conflicts of both the past and more recent times. Do join us for Remembrance Day, if you are able, on Sunday 11 November at 10:45am or come along to the commemoration of the end of WW 1 event on the evening of Friday 16. (See advertisement on page 7)

Throughout most of October and November we will have special guests seated in the church waiting to welcome you and inviting you to come and remember with them.

However you spend the season of Remembering, my prayer is that we would all be able to glean insights and learn lessons from the past that enable us to live well in the present and build a world that gives the next generation hope for a better future. Do take some time out to stop and remember and now the church is open again please do make use of the space and come in and visit our special guests.

God Bless

Rev. Nikki

Parish Council Notes

Hannah Watts

Clerk to the Parish Council

Meetings

The **October Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 11th October at 7pm.

Please note that there has been a change of date for the November meeting. This meeting will now be held on **Thursday, November 22nd 2018**. It will still take place at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

September's meeting

On September 13th, the Parish Council welcomed Nicola van der Hoven from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to talk about the new A46 Stoneleigh junction. Ms van der Hoven gave an interesting presentation explaining the rationale and design of the junction. Work on the junction is currently planned to start in Spring 2019, but this is dependent on a number of elements, including ecological mitigation and securing funding from other partners – the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Department for Transport.

The next steps in the programme will set out clearly what is going to happen on Phase 2, which will include traffic modelling, consultation, looking at traffic issues, feasibility design. WCC are working through this a step at a time.

WCC are also looking at ways to reduce through traffic in Stoneleigh Village, which may involve closing a road at one end of the village. Consultation around this will take place during October and November, and there will be an information event in

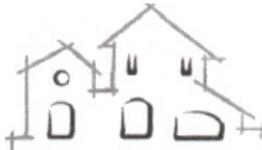
Stoneleigh Village Hall on October 10th where you can find out more and give your feedback. We will publish more information about this consultation on the Parish Council website as soon as we receive it from WCC.

Issues of parking in Stoneleigh were also discussed at the meeting, and Councillor Hancox will be writing to the Chief Constable to see what action can be taken to prevent people parking obstructively or dangerously.

To view the full minutes of the meeting and to see a copy of the WCC presentation, please visit:

[http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/Council Meetings/Minutes2018](http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/CouncilMeetings/Minutes2018)

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Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Rod Owen

Upcoming Events

Firstly a big thank you to Margaret Wallis for a splendid coverage of our Summer Serenade – it really was that good! You might like to know what the guys will be up to in the coming months so you can plan your lives around it (said cheekily & hopefully!).

On **October 13 7:30 pm** at St John's Church, Warwick Road Kenilworth we are joining Warwickshire County Male Voices and solo violinist Jeremy Sampson helping Water Aid raise funds for its splendid work taking fresh water supplies to children and communities in areas in need worldwide. Tickets are £10 obtainable from Geoff Litterick @ geofflitterick@btinternet.com or on 07821 602898 or on the door.

November 16 7:30pm

Armistice Commemoration at Stoneleigh Church £15 to include light refreshments

December 5 & 6 start 7:30pm We are once again in the Family Chapel at Stoneleigh Abbey for our candlelit 'Carols at the Abbey'. Drinks & mince pies to be included in ticket price which is TBA.

And lastly our **March Concert 2019** is in production! Hooray! But more about that in future notices – just try and contain yourselves!

Tickets for any of our events are always obtainable from Phil Jones on 01926 853511.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to catching up with you at one of our extravaganzas!

Best wishes to you all from The Boys and Judy Hadfield at Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir.

Stoneleigh Village Club

Est. 1856

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WELCOME TO THE NIGHTS DRAWING IN AND THE WEARING OF COATS



Extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate all quizzers in August – which was a fantastic sight to see!

Rumour has it there may be ‘mobile phone blockers’ at the November 2nd quiz, so get swotting up!!!

Neil, thank you for hosting and please claim your free drink for featuring on our Facebook page!

Fancy a free drink?

Post a photo to Facebook, include StoneleighVillageClub to get reposted onto our page: www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub. You may be the winner?!?!..

REGULAR EVENTS

(Remember to also check our Facebook page & our outside notice board!)

Mondays	8.30pm
Tuesdays	8.30pm
Alternate Wednesdays	7.00pm
Alternate Wednesdays	7.30pm
Thursdays	7.30pm

Darts Team

Pool Team

Bingo

Knit and Natter

Crib & Dominoes

(check fixture list for location)

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday 3	7:00pm	Bingo
Wednesday 10	7:30pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday 11	7:45pm	Book Club (to review at 8:00pm) <i>The Uncommon Reader</i> by Alan Bennett
Tuesday 16	10.30am - 12	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 17	7:00pm	Bingo
Sunday 21	2 - 4pm	Children's: Pumpkin Modelling & Club Decoration *FREE*
Saturday 27	6:00pm	Halloween: Ghost Walk, Games & Monster's Ball!!!
Wednesday 24	7:30pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday 25	7:45pm	Ladies' Night – Halloween Special!
Wednesday 31	7:00pm	Bingo
Friday 2 November	7:00pm	Quiz * Fish and Chips food order at 7:15pm *

☺ STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB WELCOMES NON-MEMBERS TO SIGN IN FOR £1 PER VISIT ☺

The Ashow Organ "Puff" Fund

Susan Spencer

Keeping You Informed

I must thank everyone who has contributed money to repair the chamber organ at Ashow. The response to The "Puff" Fund has been generous, both from individuals and from two local charities. The sum raised already covers the cost of essential repairs which will be completed by the end of October. "Marvellous" as our treasurer said.

What I didn't say in my first communication was that in the first place I applied for a grant for repairs, from a London based charity and we were turned down, basically because we were not prepared to spend enough money to actually restore the organ to its proper appearance, i.e. with the 1970's whitish paint stripped off and the unfortunate 'gold' paint removed from the decorative pipes. We can all learn from our mistakes like this! And by now I have enquired of the organ builders as to the added cost of putting all this right. The next move is to persuade the Ashow PCC to agree to this proposal.

I am willing to finish the job, and ask you to help me raise some more money to accomplish this. I shall also approach two more local charities. The fund stands at £4614.40.

Well done and thank you.

Cheques can be made out to:

ASHOW PCC and marked for 'Ashow Organ Puff Fund'
and sent to:-

Ashow Church Treasurer
Mrs Anne Gregory
Club Cottage
Ashow
Warwickshire
CV8 2LE

Or donations can be made directly
to Lloyds Bank
Sort Code 30-94-93
Account number 01941006



Film Night



On our next film night we will be showing

‘The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society’.

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

Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine, cushions or a comfy chair.

Coffee and pastry in the interval.

This is an historical drama based on the novel by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer. The film follows Juliet Ashton (Lily James), a journalist who forms a strong bond with members of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society as she writes a book about their experiences during World War II. As she gets to know the islanders better, Juliet begins to form lifelong friendships as she learns about life on Guernsey during its Nazi occupation in the war.

The cast also includes Michiel Huisman, Matthew Goode and Jessica Brown Findlay.

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

To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315



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



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2018

Sunday 7th	10.00 am United Holy Communion at Ashow
Wednesday 10th	10.30 am Midweek Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 14th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh with Baptism
Sunday 21th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 28th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers – Baptism

Sunday 9th September – Elsie May Allard at Stoneleigh Church

Contacts:

For Pastoral Care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral,
please contact:

Reverend Nikki Moon 07891 012660 email: njmoon@outlook.com

Reverend Nikki's working days are Sunday to Wednesday

Churchwardens :

Ashow: Vacancy

Stoneleigh: June Burr 024 7622 7726 Gordon Gatward 024 7669 0746

Deputy Warden: Richard Ashley 01926 427729

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
Jackie Cubitt, 024 7641 5506

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website: www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk

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