

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2023



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A second defibrillator can be found in the Village Hall *



Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Stoneleigh Orchard CIC - Motslow Hill plantation update - Tom Marshall

There is a saying that you start to understand the meaning of life when you plant trees in whose shade you will never sit.

It is now five years since The Woodland Trust planted a thousand native trees on Motslow Hill. I remember it was a cold winter and the planting was delayed for a couple of months. To be sure it was the right location, they sent an expert to view the site before agreeing to tree planting. The trees would extend the existing woods on the steep slope by the river and alongside Stoneleigh Road. That was good. The site was over a hectare, also good. The existing field was just pasture and not already an important habitat like a wildflower meadow or a wetland. So woodlands would increase biodiversity. Also good.

They planted a mixture of trees, oaks, birches, hawthorns, elders, hazel, crab apples, rowans, bird cherries, spindles and others. There were even a few pines. But they planted no ash trees. Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) was already widespread in 2018 and tree nurseries would not move ash trees for fear of spreading it. In the first two years after planting they came back to spray weed killer around the base of the trees. This is to stop the young saplings having to compete with vigorous pasture grass for water and nutrients. A year after planting, they did a survey to see how many trees had died. In total about one in five. But this was apparently about usual. But it also meant there were some gaps in the woodland and some empty tree-tubes.

In a few places I have filled in gaps with some non-native trees. A friend's living Christmas tree filled one spot and is now growing well. I planted a few redwoods, unfortunately about half of these died, they weren't well enough established to cope with some of our recent hot

summers. But a few redwoods are still there and I have dreams that one day they will tower over Motslow Hill. I was given some North American oaks and these are also growing well, although they are still small. I also added to the native trees by transplanting large self-seeded hollies and hawthorns from my garden. I even planted some ash seedlings, I know most will succumb to ash dieback, but if only one or two survive it means there will be a few ash trees for the next generations to see.

As time has gone on, the planted trees are beginning to look like a woodland. There are now a few places where the trees are 15 or 20 feet high. This has brought both human and animal interest. A local beekeeper has some hives among the trees. There are tracks between the trees and the distinctive tiny hoofprints of muntjac deer. Although welcome in some ways, the deer also eat the smaller trees or nibble at the bark, causing some trees to die. But as the trees are getting bigger they also become more resilient.

There are still gaps where trees have died. So if anyone has a growing Christmas tree they are thinking of throwing away, perhaps get in touch. There may be a home for it on Motslow Hill!

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals cost £10 and can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer.

Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard, however why not become a long term Friend and set up a direct debit.

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***Cover photo - View from Motslow Hill taken by
Pete Freeman***

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STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Oops! Slight change of plan.....

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date of our 10th Anniversary concert from 27th April to
1pm for 1.30pm start Friday 28th April.

This will be a FREE concert which we hope everyone will enjoy. We are currently getting in touch with all our previous members and hope they will join in songs old and new. The choir would also like to invite anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of music followed by tea and cake!

If you would like to come, please contact Pat Wightman on
patw1965@btinternet.com

As part of this year's celebrations, the choir is going to the Birmingham Hippodrome on the 15 March for a matinee performance of 'My Fair Lady.' Coincidentally, the choir will be singing 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely' at the anniversary concert on the 28th!

The 'Glitz and Glamour' lunch we held at Kenilworth Golf Club in January was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

A second, generous donation has been made to the Coventry Food Bank by members of the choir.

There will be another concert on the 13th July in aid of CRISIS – our chosen charity to support.

Pat Wightman
On behalf of the Ladies Choir

Another year, hopefully with less stress than last year.

We had such an interesting talk from Sheila Woolf 'Here Come the Girls' based on local people. The lunch group met at The Anchor at Leek Wootton. Lovely lunch and good company. The next lunch was at Smiths' Garden Centre.

The craft group have been busy knitting with an Easter theme, rabbits and ducks. These can be filled with Easter eggs. We hope to have another session on making cards next month. We meet in the hall every Monday morning. Everyone is welcome to do their own craft, learn some new ones or join us for a coffee and a chat.

Our monthly meeting is on March 6th. The talk is about reflexology and a demonstration will be given by Charlotte Yarrow. Everyone is welcome. The meeting starts at 2pm in the village hall. Please join us.

Liz Sykes

On behalf of Stoneleigh WI

Paper or on-line? Have your say! **Results**

By Stoneleigh and Ashow News Committee

Thank you to everyone to took the time to respond to our survey about your preferences for on-line, or print version of the News.

While the response rate was poor (just 18 people) of those, 61% expressed a preference for paper, 16% for on-line and 22% for both.

Mother's Day

Carvery Lunch at Stoneleigh

Sunday 19th March 2023

Menu

Starters

Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day
Fan of Melon served with Parma Ham
Goats Cheese & Tomato Salad
Duck & Orange Pate

Mains

Beef, Pork, Turkey, Gammon and Poached Salmon
served with Chef's Potato Selection, Seasonal Vegetables
& Yorkshire Pudding
Vegetarian Option: Somerset Beetroot & Brie Tart

Desserts

Lemon & Orange Cheesecake, Cherry Frangipane,
Strawberry Pavlova, Apple Pie,
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Coffee & Mints

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Menu subject to change

Easter Sunday

Carvery Lunch at Stoneleigh

Sunday 9th April 2023

Menu

Starters

**Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day
Fan of Melon served with Parma Ham
Goats Cheese & Tomato Salad
Duck & Orange Pate**

Mains

**Traditional Carved Roasts served with
Chef's Potato Selection & Seasonal Vegetables
Vegetarian Option: Somerset Beetroot & Brie Tart**

Desserts

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STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our meeting in March will see the return of local historian Anne Langley, who will speak to us on “Early Allotments in Warwickshire – their contribution to society”. Anne’s research is always interesting and if you are a keen gardener this might well be the meeting for you!

Prior to the talk we shall hold our AGM, but everyone is welcome to come along to the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 28th. There is a small charge of £3 for visitors. Refreshments are provided.

If you have connections with Bubbenhall you might be interested in a copy of “A History of Bubbenhall Village School 1865-1975” which has recently been published, price £10. To get a copy please contact alan.roe14@gmail.com.

Sheila Woolf

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FILM NIGHT

For our March film night, we will be showing:

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris



In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook - but the very future of the House of Dior.

Starring Lesley Manville as Mrs Harris

Friday March 3rd 2023
in Stoneleigh Village Hall
Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing

Please can you bring a cup and plate.
Coffee, tea and pastries will still be served in the interval.

Entry price £4.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315 by
Wednesday March 1st

**** Save the date ****

April Film Night will be Friday 28th April



STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir is busy rehearsing for our next concert at Ashow Church on Friday, March 24th. Further details are to be found below.

Members held our annual dinner at Coventry Golf Club on February 25th, our first celebratory meal since lock down.

If anyone is interested in joining the joining the Male Voice Choir please contact me on 01926 853511 or 07910240453 or come along to Stoneleigh Village Hall on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

The choir received some sad news last month, when we heard of the sudden death of our former musical director David Mason. David was a very gifted musician and composer and our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Avril and the family at this very sad time.

Philip Jones
Chairman

A fundraising Concert in aid of Ashow Church
Featuring
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
on
Friday 24th March 2023 at 7pm.

Tickets £15 each to include a glass of wine and refreshments, available
from Philip Jones - 01926 853511 or 07910 240453
Email: kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk
Or any member of Ashow PCC or SMVC



STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL

We have a few amenities in the village, one of which is the village hall, given to us by Lord Leigh.

It was set up as a charity and run by a group of volunteers who unfortunately are diminishing! For the building to be maintained more help is needed.

There are monthly meetings when business is discussed and in particular decisions are made about improvements and maintenance.

Can you spare a couple of hours a month to help our community?

If you can, please contact the secretary Lynda Hobbins at

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"Can you help me with a funeral plan?"



Can you provide therapy using animals?



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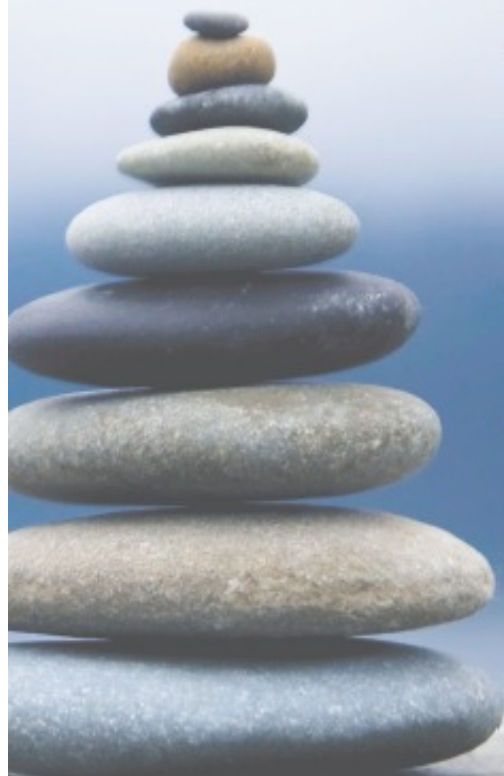


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HS2 UPDATE

Residents continue to be all too aware of disruptive activities in our area. Advanced warning of some road works and closures have been posted to some, but by no means all residents, which adds to the confusion. Where possible, notice will also be given in the News, village website and facebook page but the main responsibility for keeping the community informed remains with HS2 Ltd.

It has recently come to light that, despite assurances to the contrary from HS2 Ltd and the contractor, BBV, planning permission has yet to be obtained for access from the construction site to Stoneleigh Road and thence the A46. This is a very serious set back.

The next few weeks will see various traffic lights and road closures along the Ashow Road and Crewe Lane while site clearance, drainage and other preparation work is carried out. It is expected that Crewe Lane will close completely near its junction with the Ashow Road from 6-27 March. Sporadic traffic lights will continue on Dalehouse Lane and will be installed on Kenilworth Road near Gibbett Hill Road to allow plant crossing.

Meanwhile road closures etc. will continue in connection with the new A46 crossing. Drivers are advised to use extreme caution. Slip roads between Festival and Thickthorn Islands will be closed from 8 pm to 6 am on weekdays for some weeks.

Chris Packham is promoting a video on behalf of the Wildlife Trust highlighting the massive environmental damage being done by HS2 Ltd., far greater than has previously been acknowledged.

There seems no interest in these findings by the Government.

This can be viewed on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN5229nRa68>

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)

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Neighbourhood Plan



This is your chance to help plan the
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OPEN DROP-IN EVENTS

Date Saturday 4 March 2023

Venue Stoneleigh Village Hall Time 10:00 – 11:30 pm

Ashow Village Club Time 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Come and talk to us about the future of the Parish:

- What open spaces should be protected?
- Do we need new housing to meet a local need?
Where should it go? What should it look like?
- Do we need more businesses?
- What heritage assets should be safeguarded?
- What other facilities are needed?
- How can we improve the roads?

Refreshments Provided

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th March 2023**, to be held at **Stoneleigh Village Hall** at 7pm. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending this meeting.

To view the full details of this, and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, and Neighbourhood Plan development details, please visit the Parish Council website at:
www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk.

Becky Maoudis

Parish Clerk

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Stoneleigh Village Club

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We hope that you have had a happy start to 2023.

For the club, it has been a busy time.

The committee is working together to plan a range of events for the rest of the year which will include a celebration for the Coronation – more details to follow on the Club’s Facebook page about that.

The next quiz night will take place on Saturday 11 March. We advise you to enter your team early to avoid disappointment!

As ever, we would be pleased to receive any suggestions for events, clubs and general ideas for improving the Club’s offering and how we can make the Club more accessible to the wider community. If you have any suggestions, then please do get in touch at stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

The Committee



Let us buzz on in!

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Kenilworth Talking News Association Puts Talking News On-line

I thought you might like to be aware of the additional availability of The Talking News for Kenilworth, Leamington & Warwick which is now on-line. This publication is produced with members of the community with sight problems and others who have difficulties reading books and newspapers in mind. It is an entirely free-to-user service and produced by volunteers of the KTNA from its base at The Waverley Centre, Kenilworth.

The recordings are published fortnightly using local news and national magazine copy. The recordings run for approximately 90 minutes in two sections, news and a magazine which features articles on a variety of interests from local history, music, literary items, gardens & places to visit and more. Each item has its own track for ease of access and listening. Produced on a memory stick, delivered free of charge via Royal Mail to those who register with us, or by access on-line, it is hoped to help our listeners engage with current happenings in our communities and help them feel less isolated. A listening device, a kind of simple to operate "Boom Box", is supplied free of charge for those listeners registered for the memory stick who require it.

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If you wish to receive the service, would like to introduce someone else, have any queries or would just like to give us any feedback on what we do, please don't hesitate to contact me. We also welcome volunteers as readers, administrators or working on the technical & production side. It is rewarding and most worthwhile work so please think about it, the amount of time you can give is the amount of time we need however long, short or infrequent. Thank you for listening.

Kenilworth Talking News Association, based at The Waverley Centre, Kenilworth. Call: 01926 777580 Email: rodney.owen@ntlworld.com

Rod Owen

Joint KTNA Magazine Editor

University of Warwick Update

March 2023

I wanted to share a brilliant project my colleagues have developed. Using the format of the BAFTA and National Comedy Award-winning TV show 'Taskmaster', the University of Warwick has given young people across Coventry, Warwickshire, and beyond the opportunity to learn about interesting aspects of the law through fun and interactive tasks. With the success of last year's competition, 25 universities across the country have signed up to roll-out the programme nationally, including Oxford, Edinburgh and Leeds universities.

These universities will oversee the Taskmaster School Tasking programme delivered to over 6000 children at up to 125 schools, particularly in low-income areas.

Warwick Law School began the national rollout of School Tasking last year by working with primary school children in Year 5 from a diverse range of backgrounds, aiming to widen access to university for under-represented pupils.



Children from Year 5 classes are split into teams of five or six, to compete against each other and other local schools in a bid to be crowned the year's School Tasking Champions.

The project was founded and led by Warwick Associate Professor, Dr Ali Struthers, who sought special permission from the creator and star of the show Taskmaster, Alex Horne who has become a great supporter of the scheme, describing the work of Ali and the University of Warwick as "remarkable".

During the in-school sessions, classes are introduced to some of the most interesting areas of the law and given a chance to practice key skills from communication to lateral thinking, just as in the TV show. What a wonderful way of getting young people interested in the law!

Ben Hayday

University of Warwick

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

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Sunday 12	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 19	9.30 am Celtic Mothering Sunday Service at Ashow 11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 26	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Friday 17 February 2023, Sheila Mary Deutsch
Interment of ashes at Ashow Church

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