

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS

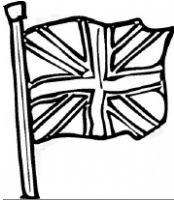


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## JUNE 2012



## HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

There has been a flurry of media activity on the subject of high speed rail. Numerous newspaper articles, television and radio broadcasts and social media exchanges on the HS2 project mean that more people are now aware of the issues involved. An excellent summary of the arguments against HS2 appear on the village website [www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk](http://www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk)

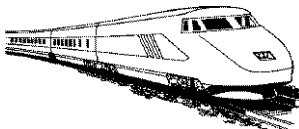
The timetable for mitigation and compensation consultations has slipped considerably and there has been a delay in announcing the dates for the second meetings of Community Forums . The Stoneleigh -Kenilworth-Burton Green Forum is likely to be on 13 June but at the time of writing (17 May) this is yet to be confirmed. Meanwhile, StAG members and Stoneleigh Park have been preparing documentation for a meeting with the HS2 Ltd. engineer assigned to this section of the route and it is hoped that detailed proposals can be discussed with him in the near future.

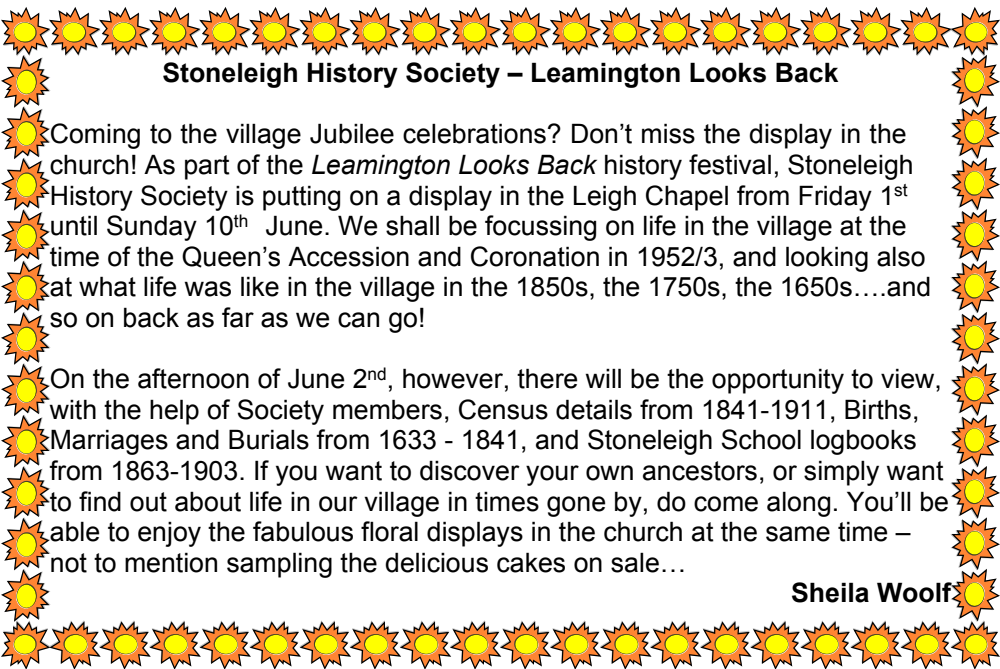
The campaign to bring to national attention some of the financial liabilities associated with this project is going well. This is being spearheaded by campaigning groups such as the HS2Action Alliance [www.hs2actionalliance.org](http://www.hs2actionalliance.org) , AGAHST (the federation of action groups against HS2, [www.betterthanHS2.org](http://www.betterthanHS2.org) )and Stop HS2. Readers can contribute financially, or otherwise, directly to this by contacting the respective websites or through StAG (email: [stagagainsth2@live.co.uk](mailto:stagagainsth2@live.co.uk)).

YouTube enthusiasts might care to look at several clips on <http://stophs2.org>, notably proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee during which it was divulged that the Major Projects Authority had designated the HS2 project as Amber/Red in its' current form (i.e. far from satisfactory, failing to meet various criteria etc.).

For further official information [www.hs2org.uk](http://www.hs2org.uk) (the official HS2 Ltd website)

**Margaret Wallis** on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group





## **Stoneleigh History Society – Leamington Looks Back**

Coming to the village Jubilee celebrations? Don't miss the display in the church! As part of the *Leamington Looks Back* history festival, Stoneleigh History Society is putting on a display in the Leigh Chapel from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We shall be focussing on life in the village at the time of the Queen's Accession and Coronation in 1952/3, and looking also at what life was like in the village in the 1850s, the 1750s, the 1650s....and so on back as far as we can go!

On the afternoon of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, however, there will be the opportunity to view, with the help of Society members, Census details from 1841-1911, Births, Marriages and Burials from 1633 - 1841, and Stoneleigh School logbooks from 1863-1903. If you want to discover your own ancestors, or simply want to find out about life in our village in times gone by, do come along. You'll be able to enjoy the fabulous floral displays in the church at the same time – not to mention sampling the delicious cakes on sale...

**Sheila Woolf**



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Scams – Please be very careful if someone is calling you reporting your bank account or internet account has been hacked. No matter how plausible, do not give your bank details to anyone over the telephone. Your bank already has this information and to verify who you are, have a list of familiar security questions that do not include account numbers or sort codes.

Do not hand over bank cards to prank callers or bank details to anyone no matter how official if the call to your home as the banks do not operate like this and simply de-activate cards electronically via computer. Please be careful. Such people say they are from your bank or television license companies and will be very believable; refuse to give them information. If you are in doubt go to your local branch and speak to an advisor.

No crimes to report this month. However, summer is on its way so please be careful and secure your property - do not leave windows wide open unattended in your homes or cars. Do not leave anything of value in clear sight in your car - lock it in the boot. N.B. There is a team of three lads visiting local communities and villages in a silver Ford Fiesta registration W68 VOJ breaking into cars in the early hours of the morning; if you see this car please report it to the police immediately.

If you see any traffic incidents or ASB caused by motorist passing through the village please make a note of the registration number and report these incidents to the police; this includes HGV that are not suppose to cut through.

If you think somebody is acting suspiciously they probably are so do report anything unusual to the police. Let's remain vigilant and keep up the strong crime prevention in our area.

If you wish to report crimes please dial the central crime desk number on: 01926 415000 or 101. If it's urgent dial 999. All non-urgent calls dial 101. Visit <http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> for force news and information.

We are always looking for new NHW members on Church Lane; Coventry Road and Stoneleigh Close. Please contact me on 024 7641 5060 to register your interest.

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

**Tony Hanselman**

# ***Stoneleigh Village Club***

SVC would like to thank all the people who attended the AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> April which was adjourned.

The AGM will re-convene on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the club at 6.00pm. All welcome.

A notice has been posted on the club notice board for much needed volunteers to add their names to join any of the working sub committees. There is also a space for volunteers who wish to help the club in any other particular area but not be part of a sub committee.

Your support is much appreciated for the future of SVC.

## **Forthcoming Events:**

Jubilee Celebrations from 2pm onwards on the meadow and at the Club – please see notice board for full details.

## **Football:**

June 2 England v Belgium - friendly - 5.15pm kick off – open all day

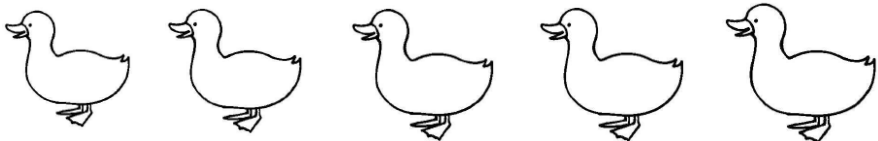
June 11 France v England – Euro 2012 – 5.00pm kick off

June 15 Sweden v England – Euro 2012 – 7.45pm kick off

June 19 England v Ukraine – Euro 2012 – 7.45pm kick off

Rolls available on all match days

**PLEASE NOTE THE DUCK RACE WILL NOW TAKE  
PLACE ON AUGUST 11TH**



## ***Summer Serenade***

The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir will present their "Summer Serenade" in the garden of Wentworth House on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012, commencing at 12.30 (the bar will open at noon). The popular quartet "Espressivo" will be supporting the Choir.

Tickets, which this year are priced at £22.50 each, may be obtained from Phil Jones (01926 853511) or through any choir member.



This year we will be making a major donation to Zoë's Place, a baby hospice in Coventry and which was identified by Jim Harris for our support.

Robin Bussell

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## **Petition to close Birmingham Road Latest News**

The petition to close the Birmingham Road at the Coventry Road end was officially handed over to Councillor Doody at the East Warwickshire Community Forum meeting at Offchurch and received the unanimous backing of the delegates who attended.

W.C.C.have now replied to us confirming they have formally accepted a petition from the village with 215 eligible signatures supporting the proposal.The petition was also supported at the village meeting by a majority of 17-4. We have also received a letter of support from Jeremy Wright M.P.who is well aware of the dangerous and damaging effects the problems with the Birmingham Road are having on the community having supported the same campaign 7 years ago.We are now awaiting W.C.C.s response to the petition and that the overall majority of villagers.

If you need any further information please feel free to contact us. Telephone: .024 76 418424 or e mail: [jimeva29@gmail.com](mailto:jimeva29@gmail.com)

**Jim & Eva Mancini**



## **Heavenly Mowers Needed.**

Good exercise for a good cause in beautiful surroundings with no gym fee. Ever since 2000 Stoneleigh Parish Church grounds have been maintained by a team of voluntary mowers; the present team being Dennis Craddock, Pete Whitehouse, Ian Smith, Pete Sibley and Clive Watson. The churchyard is divided into five sections, each mown by one of the team, but an extra pair of hands would be helpful during the growing season if you could spare an hour or so. We presently double up to mow each others areas when someone is on holiday, and an extra volunteer(s) could help us out. Wednesday is mowing day for some of the team, but any time to suit yourself. Please have a chat to anyone on the team or phone me on 024 7641 1658 or e-mail your interest with contact details to [CTW@talktalk.net](mailto:CTW@talktalk.net) .

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**Clive Watson**





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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### *Meetings*

The June Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30 p.m

Mr Colin Hooper from LaSalle at the Showground will be attending the meeting. Why not come along and see what is planned for the Showground and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

### Parish Council

I am pleased to advise you of the Parish Councillors for Ashow Ward and Stoneleigh Ward:

Ashow	Jane Mackenzie – The Old Rectory, Ashow 07802 622557 Sylvia Wyatt – 5 The Long Row, Ashow 01926 854130
Stoneleigh	Alexander Agranovsky – 12 Stoneleigh Close - 02476 412149 Mrs Lynne Fletcher – 17 Hall Close 02476 417544 Gordon Gatward – 2 EastGate, Stoneleigh Park 02476 690746 Richard Hancox – 8 Stoneleigh Close 02476 693819

The elected Chairman for the ensuing year is Gordon Gatward and the Vice Chairman is Tracey Grant who can be contacted on 02476 524405. She is a Councillor for University Ward.

**Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk**



## STONELEIGH & ASHOW ORGANISATIONS

The following people have agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations. They may or may not be office holders themselves. If contacts change it would be appreciated if The News could be informed.

Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council	Pat Madison (Clerk) 01926 491482
St. Mary The Virgin, Stoneleigh and The Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow	Sue Wareham (Parish Administrator) 024 7641 5506
Church Small Groups	Rev'd Jim Perryman 01926 850610
Stoneleigh Bell Ringers	Janet Parham 01926 512309
Stoneleigh & Ashow News	Margaret Wallis 024 7641 4271
Stoneleigh Neighbourhood Watch	Tony Hanselman 024 7641 5060
Ashow Neighbourhood Watch	John England 01926 853860
Stoneleigh Village Club	Craig Cooper 024 7697 0180
Stoneleigh Stitchers	Mary Beagrie 024 7641 0252
Stoneleigh Handbell Ringers	Lynne Fletcher 024 7641 7544
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir	Judy Hadfield 024 7641 4616

Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields	Joe Ball 024 7641 1315
Stoneleigh United Charities & Duchess Dudley Trust	Sue Wareham 024 7630 6894
Stoneleigh Meadow Society	Robin Bussell 024 7641 6183
Leigh Educational Foundation	James Johnson 01926 419300
Stoneleigh WI	Rachel Gill 024 7641 4030
Stoneleigh & Ashow Cricket Club	David Clark 01926 859561
Stoneleigh Football Club	Joe Ball 024 7641 1315
Stoneleigh Park Angling Club	Pat Brewerton 024 7625 1659
Stoneleigh Tennis Club	Janet Charlesworth 01926 853296
Coventry Airport Consultative Committee	Roger Fawcett 024 7630 3337
Stoneleigh History Society	Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759
Stoneleigh Action Group (against HSR2)	Lisa Reay 024 7669 7037
Ashow Village Club	David Franklin 01926 858819

## Stoneleigh & Ashow News Treasurer's Notes.

In 2011 we spent £117 more than our income, and unless you are an European politician and have not read Charles Dickens, that is the road to ruin!

In simple terms our volunteer editors and distributors circulate ten editions annually, with a print run of 500 costing just under £2000 . If the recipient of each magazine in 2012 donates £4 per annum I would be a happy treasurer!

Ideally ( it saves me trips to the bank) donations can be made directly to our account named Stoneleigh and Ashow News at:

**Natwest Bank. Sort code: 60.12.35 Account no: 63535718.**

Alternatively please send your payment, large or small, (payable to Stoneleigh and Ashow News) or in cash, to Clive Watson "Alliance Cottage" The Bank, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DA.

Thanks.

**Clive Watson.**



## Stoneleigh WI

Members of Baginton WI joined us for the May meeting to debate the resolution 'To urge the Government to employ more midwives' that is to go forward to the Annual Council meeting to be held in Liverpool in June. The resolution had been selected from a short list of six, and although some amendments were suggested, the resolution was passed by a majority.

The Warwickshire WI Olympics is drawing to a conclusion this month when finals will take place in the various categories.

A trip to Anglesey Abbey has been arranged for June 21<sup>st</sup>. There are places still available. If you would like to join us please contact me on the number below.

The next meeting is on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> (due to the bank holiday) when the speaker will be Rita Barrington on the Life and Times of Marie Lloyd.

The monthly lunch is on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> when salmon followed by fruit in jelly is on the menu and we can celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Please contact me on 02476 418301 if you wish to come or can no longer attend. The coffee morning is on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Liz Sykes**

## Stoneleigh History Society

In April several members of the Society paid a most interesting visit to the RASE Library at Stoneleigh Park, which houses a fantastic national collection of books and artefacts concerning agricultural history. The facility is open to anyone to visit, whether as a researcher or merely out of interest, and is highly recommended.

The May meeting of the Society takes place at 7.30pm at the Village Hall on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Two of our members will be giving short presentations on their researches into various aspects of Stoneleigh's buildings and their residents. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to view some of the materials which will go on display in the church as part of the Jubilee Celebrations. Everyone is welcome.

In June, following the successful talk given in March about the Repton landscape at Stoneleigh Abbey, we have organised a specialist "Humphry Repton Tour" to see the restoration work for ourselves. This will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> and places are limited: if you have not already done so, please contact me if you would like to join us (non-members welcome). The cost will be £8.

**Sheila Woolf**  
[shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk)  
**02476 418759**

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***DON'T FORGET - CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE  
ON SATURDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 2 PM'***



**\*\*\*\*\*Stop Press Announcement!\*\*\*\*\***

A few of us from Stoneleigh joined the congregation in Coventry Cathedral on Thursday 17th May for a very special occasion: the investiture of our neighbours, Tim Sawdon and Nicky Edwards, as the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Coventry.

These Stoneleigh residents also made history by being the first Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry to get married on the day they were formally appointed. When the Cathedral Dean, in his welcome address, announced that Tim and Nicky had been married on that very morning, the applause was emotional and heartfelt.

The investiture was followed, later in the day, by a Marriage Blessing in the Cathedral.

On behalf of all friends and neighbours in Stoneleigh, we send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Tim and Nicky in their new roles as First Citizens of Coventry and for their future life together as husband and wife. We are very proud of you both.

**Robin Bussell and Clive Watson**



**STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS**

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## ***Stoneleigh Park exhibition notice –21 May 2012***

### **Stoneleigh Park Public exhibition and consultation**

Stoneleigh Park's new management team has reached the next stage in setting out its vision for the future of the park. Our new masterplan sets out a modest, coherent and deliverable strategy for the rest of this decade and into the next.

We would like the views of local residents before we submit this masterplan to Warwick District Council as a planning application in the summer. Please visit our public exhibition at the end of May month to see our plans, talk to our project team and help us shape our proposals.

There will be two opportunities to see the exhibition:

- Thursday 31 May, 10am to 8pm: Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2LG
- Saturday 2 June, 9am to 5.30pm: Kenilworth Show, Car Park 1, Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2LZ

If you are unable to attend the exhibition at either venue, you will find the latest information along with a feedback form from

Wednesday 6 June on our website at

[www.stoneleighparkestate.com](http://www.stoneleighparkestate.com)

**Colin Hooper  
Estates Director**

## ***Stoneleigh and Ashow Churches***

Both Ashow and Stoneleigh churches held their vestry and annual church meetings during April. Stephen Harvey and Kate Jones were re-elected Churchwardens at Ashow and Ian Smith and Sarah Ballinger at Stoneleigh. The annual church reports were presented and Jim thanked all of those who had contributed to the working of the church during the past year.

Jim particularly thanked the Stoneleigh Stitchers, and expressed his appreciation of all they have done over the years to beautify the church with their work. Unfortunately, the group has become so small now that it no longer meets in church, but gets together at Ann Ecob's house to complete their final project. Mary Beagrie tells us that from 1990 for many years, the stitchers, originally herself, Eileen Burman, Lena Crockett plus interested representatives of the WI, Bell ringers and other organisations, were working, sometimes seven days a week on the design and stitching of the tapestry cushions for the church. The NADFAS book shows in details who and what were involved and the cushions are greatly admired by visitors from far and wide who come to see them, not to mention those who sit on them and appreciate their comfort week by week!



Last month's Teddy Bear parachuting proved to be the best ever, with the good weather helping. We even had some new jubilee parachutes. More photos can be seen on the Parish website. For the rest of the season, our monthly teas will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to avoid clashes with the big events of Jubilee, Ordination, Olympics & Paralympics.

Leek Wootton's big Jubilee afternoon is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sports Club – there is a link to information for that on the website too. Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> morning sees Warwick Road closed for the “2 Castles Run” – so our 8.00 service will be short and our 9.30 cancelled as access to/from the church will be blocked from about 9am. Some will be joining with Ashow that morning, others heading for Kenilworth to the Churches Together Open Air service and picnic at Abbey Fields by St. Nicholas Church from 11am.

**Jim Perryman**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Community Coffee mornings take place in Stoneleigh Village Clut on the third Tuesday of each month, at 10.30 a.m.

### **JUNE**

Diamond Jubilee Weekend Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Stoneleigh Church will open for teas over the weekend and decorated by the flower arrangers. There will be a display by the Stoneleigh History Society and a special 'Songs of Praise' service at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday

We very much regret that the evening with Susan Hill, scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June has had to be cancelled due to her writing commitments.

Film Nights will take place on Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> September, don't forget to mark your diaries! Tickets and further details may be obtained from The Parish Office  
[admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) 02476 415506 or Sarah Ballinger, Churchwarden: 02476 715256.

*We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these events.*

### **CONTACTS**

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Jim Perryman  
Phone 01926 850610 or email:[jim@a-lw-s.org.uk](mailto:jim@a-lw-s.org.uk)

Ashow Contact: Stephen Harvey 01926 852543

Stoneleigh contact Ian Smith 01926 853238.

To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral please contact the  
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for Pastoral Care please telephone Dr Elizabeth Penlington on  
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Parish Administrator, Sue Wareham, 02476 415506,  
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***SERVICES FOR JUNE 2012***

	<b>ASHOW</b>	<b>STONELEIGH</b>
Sunday 3rd	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow 6.00 p.m. Jubilee Songs of Praise at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 10th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Thursday 14th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	
Sunday 17th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	9.30 a.m. Village Service	11.00 a.m. All Age Worship
Thursday 28th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh	

***On the fourth Thursday of each month, at 11.00 a.m Jim holds open 'surgeries' in Stoneleigh church. If you would like to speak with him on any matter, please do call in.***

**FROM THE REGISTER**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Funeral of Ruby Roberts at Stoneleigh followed by cremation at Canley**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Marriage of Esther Jones and Darren Davidson at Ashow**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Interment of the ashes of Jim Harris at Stoneleigh**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Interment of the ashes of Phyllis Weller at Stoneleigh**  
**(funeral held at Canley)**