

# **STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS**



## **SEPTEMBER 2013**

## **Stoneleigh and Ashow Neighbourhood Plan...**

Most of you reading this will be aware that for a while now we have been talking about the need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for our parish. Please take a couple of minutes to read the following article...

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

The Plan:

- is a comprehensive plan, which addresses issues of concern to the community, all in one document
- is a new way for communities to impact the future of the places where they live and work
- was introduced as part of the Localism Act 2011
- must contain an action plan with ways of addressing identified local needs, with clear statements of What, Where, Who and When
- may address such items as housing needs, services, transport, local greenspace and countryside access, design and land use, local amenities e.g. Village Hall, playing fields, health and community care, business and employment.

### **Why have a Plan?**

The Plan will:

- help us to shape a future that we, the community, want to see, rather than one that could have been avoided
- provide evidence to support funding of projects
- influence decision making bodies to work with our community and take positive actions forward
- help to bring groups and individuals in the community together towards a common goal

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## **Why now?**

- We now have funding in place to produce a Plan and a few volunteers prepared to make a start on it.
- Surely it must be better for us to say what we want for our area, rather than wait and just respond to 'outsiders' telling us what we need!

## **So what's next?**

There are over 2,000 voting electorate in the Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish and we want to ensure each and every one of you has the opportunity to work with us on the plan

- Inside October's Parish Magazine will be a questionnaire.(if your copy does not contain one, please let me know)
- Please, please complete and return and ensure that your voice is heard
- The results of this questionnaire will be used to drive the heart of the plan.
- We are arranging a number of "drop in" sessions – the first one will be at Ashow Village Club the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm, the second will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall and is the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7:30pm – why not join us for a glass of wine and some nibbles?

If you would like to be involved in any way in the development of the Plan, please let me know-many hands make light work!

Many thanks for your time.

***Richard Hancox***

Chairman of Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council

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## News from Stoneleigh and Ashow Churches

Despite it being the holiday season July was a busy month for the church!

The usual team of ladies and gentlemen helped bake and serve cakes and teas in the church in conjunction with the Duck Race. We had a fantastic day with many visitors to the church and to the History Society Exhibition in the Leigh Chapel. After the service the following day we said good-bye to Rev Jim Perryman. Jim and Nicola stayed to enjoy a glass of wine with members of the congregation after the service and it gave us an opportunity to say thank you for the last five years Jim has spent with us as Priest-in-Charge of Ashow and Stoneleigh and to wish them well for the future.

The previous week the parish representatives and Archdeacon Morris Rodham had been interviewing candidates and we are now able to share with everyone that the Reverend Sharon Goble is to be the next Priest-in-Charge (part time) of the United Benefice of the Assumption of Our Lady, Ashow with St. Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh. Since 2011, on leaving her post as Chaplain to The Shakespeare Hospice to be at home with her young family, she has held the Bishop's Licence in leading worship and preaching in her local context and occasionally outside that by invitation. Sharon is married to Chris who is Priest-in-Charge of the Ilmington Benefice in the Shipston deanery and they have 3 children.

The Churchwardens and PCC members are delighted that Sharon has decided to accept the position and we are all looking forward to working with her. Sharon will be licensed on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Further details will be in next month's magazine and posted on the church notice boards.

As many of you may already know, after more than seven years, Sue Wareham, our administrator, and her husband Mike have moved to Moreton-in-the-Marsh. By the time you read this she will have already left. We are all very grateful to her for the work over the years. She has kept the administration and paper work in good order and supported us through two interregnums often doing things above and beyond the call of duty. She will be a very hard act to follow! Due to complications with moving (isn't there always) we haven't had the opportunity to say a proper good-bye but we will be doing this at the Harvest Lunch on the 22nd September.

*Sarah, Ian, Kate and Stephen - churchwardens.*

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Stoneleigh Village

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# Food, Beer and Craft Market

Saturday 21st September

From 12 noon onwards, outside the village club  
and in the meadow

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and Crafts



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# **STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB**

## **FOOD, BEER AND CRAFTS MARKET**

Saturday 21st September from 12 noon to 5pm  
in The Square outside The Club and the Meadows

This event is to raise funds to help our Village Club but also it will be a new venture for everyone to enjoy.

Its success now depends upon your support so please do keep the date free and come along to spend your money at the large variety of stalls.

Think early and easy Christmas shopping !

There are 21 stalls booked to date and we hope more to come .

Our thanks to all stallholders for this positive response and to those who have given donations for the raffle and tombola.

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Ann's Cakes and Garden Produce

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Bakers Dozen

Cats Protection

Costume Jewellery & Scarves

Cupcakes of Coundon

Dolly Go Brightly

Farmers Fayre

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## Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

The group would first like to thank all those “Friends of the Orchard” who have renewed their memberships and would also like to welcome those who have become new members. The Orchard was planted less than two years ago and the trees have thrived, are producing fruit and continue to head impressively skywards !

On the first day of August the Orchard group held their second meeting of the year which focussed largely on the challenges of maintaining the grass within the orchard.

Earlier in the year an attempt had been made to sow further wild flowers within this area, unfortunately the colourful drifts that were apparent during the spring and summer of 2012 did not reappear this year. One can only speculate as to the reasons for this, the fertility of the land and consequent strength of the grass which tends to prevail over wild flowers. Perhaps even the autumn 2012 floods washed away some of the seed ? The group will not give up on this aspect of the project but will redesign their strategy, perhaps scaled back until we develop a model that is successful !

We would like to thank once again the services of John Craine of Glebe Nurseries who responded with a grass cut back in July when the Orchard grass got out of control. Also the generosity of Barry Constable of TCL tool hire who also responded to the call for assistance. Thank you guys ! I am sure that many of those who use the meadows will also appreciate and thank the kind donation by Colin Rice of a bench to be located in the vicinity of the “Victory Oak”. The above efforts and donations underline the very nature of village community, an outcome at the very heart of the Orchard project’s objectives.

Finally, I want to introduce and wish success to a new “River & Meadows” subgroup headed by local villager Sharron McEldowney who are currently working to develop a bid for BIFFA related funding with the intention of improving the River and Meadow environment in the village. A good cause indeed !

To become a “Friend of the Orchard” please contact **Pete Freeman (Chairman)**,  
5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh. 02476 413893



## HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

Since the last edition of the News, the so-called 'Paving Bill' (dubbed the 'blank cheque bill' by opponents) has gone through Parliament with very few MPs prepared to vote against it. The way is now prepared for the expenditure required for the finalisation of the Hybrid Bill which will give legal authority to the project; the Government still aims to introduce this Bill before the end of 2013 although some experts doubt that this will be possible.

Media coverage of the various flaws in the proposals for HS2 have continued throughout the summer yet the Government appears determined to press forward, even - so far - ignoring warnings from the National Audit Office and the Major Projects Authority (which continues to give the project Red/Amber warning status)

The next meeting of our local Community Forum is to be held on 18 September when the Hs2 Ltd team are supposed to be answering questions about the next stage as it affects this area. Given the experience at previous Forum meetings, this is more likely to raise more questions than it answers.

Before the deadline of 31 July, StAG, and individuals in the area, submitted comments on HS2 Ltd's draft environmental statement, highlighting the adverse effects that their proposals would have on this area during construction as well as when the railway is operational. Together with other action groups up and down the proposed route, we shall continue to ask questions and point out issues as they affect our community.

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### *Meetings*

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.

### *Warwick District Council – Community Governance Review 2013 (formerly known as a Parish Review)*

Warwick District Council has recently completed a review of its own electoral warding arrangements and now wishes to conduct a District wide community governance review. This is to ensure that electors are able to identify clearly with the parish in which they reside and ensure as far as practicable that electoral area boundaries at all levels of local government are coterminous..

Further information can be found on [www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk)

If you have any comments or concerns about this review please let one of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk know..

### *Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk*

#### **BETTY CRADDOCK**

Betty passed away in hospital on June 21<sup>st</sup>

Thank you to everyone who sent messages of support and supported us through this very sad time.

Mum and Dad gave so much to this village and enjoyed every minute of it. They had a long history with past generations living in the village and were proud of it.

They are happy together now.

Thanks

Lynne and John Fletcher and family

## Stoneleigh History Society

Since the last edition of the *News* the Society has enjoyed a beautiful summer evening visit to Baginton Castle and church, and was again busy in the Leigh Chapel with our display on Duck Race Day. Several visitors came along on that occasion with stories and memorabilia to help further our knowledge of the village's past, and for this we are most grateful. On Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> the church will be participating in Heritage Weekend and so during the afternoon the Society will be present in the Leigh Chapel again. Much of our material remains on display there permanently now, so do take visitors along to see it.

Our autumn programme begins on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by one of our members, Pete James, who has researched his family's history right back to the 1500s in Stareton. Pete will also be helping us negotiate the world of old handwriting so that we can make more sense of ancient documents. It promises to be a fascinating evening; we begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

In October Pam Baker will speak about the research she has done into the "Disbursements" of the church's officials in 1663, in our very early parish registers, which themselves date from 1633. What did these men spend the church's money on? How often did they repair to the Swan Inn? Why were they paying to have urchins killed? ....all will be revealed...

At our November meeting we shall welcome Paul Smith who will talk about Edward Chandos Leigh and the Leigh family's long association with Stoneleigh Cricket Club: a must for local sports' lovers!

Finally for 2013 our December Social will be held as usual in the Club.

Many plans are being made for 2014 and beyond, and if you have always been meaning to join the Society but have not yet done so, why not come along in September? Our meetings are always (except in December) held on the last Tuesday of the month.

*Sheila Woolf*

## **Rural Innovation Centre - A New Opportunity for New and Small Local Businesses**

I've just been appointed as the manager for a brand new initiative, based at Stoneleigh, aimed at helping small businesses in the rural areas of Warwickshire.

My new role is manager of the Rural Innovation Centre, which is a suite of serviced offices designed to provide a stress free environment to help small and new businesses to grow and flourish. It has been funded partly by DEFRA as part of the Rural Growth Network project, aimed at growing employment in rural areas.

The offices, that used to belong to Barclays Bank, have been beautifully refurbished to a high standard. They are fully furnished, with phone lines and ultrafast broadband installed, so all our new tenants will have to do is plug their computers in and go. Lease terms for the office suites are very flexible with rents that are competitive and inclusive, so the only extras are for consumables like phone calls and electricity.

As part of the RGN project there will be considerable free business advice on site, provided by the Warwickshire County Council team. Other support partners include Warwickshire University, PERA Consulting, Coventry and Warwickshire LEP and Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust.

The Centre has 15 offices which would suit between two and six people. They are light and airy, individually controlled heating and cooling systems and tenants can have 24 hour access if required. The building has a shared kitchen, toilets and shower room plus access to a photocopier and other large office equipment. There is also a conference room which can seat up to 30 people, with audio-visual projector, that can be hired on an hourly, half day or full day basis at competitive rates. This is open to anyone who would like to hire a room. Tea and coffee will be provided and caterers can be arranged to provide food from the onsite 'The Farmer's Fayre'. We also have a room for 'hot-desking' aimed at people who just need a desk for a day, week or month at a time, and may want to use our business address to provide a professional point of contact for their business.

The Park is quiet, picturesque a wonderful place to work, with a fantastic team of people.

Other facilities here on Stoneleigh Park include a children's day nursery, gym, Farmers Fayre café and organic farm shop, archive storage and hotel, along with walks in the peace and fresh air during your lunch break. If this sounds good to you, my name is Liz and I would love to hear from you and show you round this brilliant project. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email [Elizabeth.burkinshaw@eu.jll.com](mailto:Elizabeth.burkinshaw@eu.jll.com), or on 02476 690199. I look forward to meeting, and helping, some of you.

## **WI Report**

The meeting in July was our annual Members' Night. All members contributed to an American supper, which was followed by a Games Evening. The games played included Rummikub, Uno and Dominoes.

There was an outing to Hidcote on Tuesday, 9th July and a Games Afternoon on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The Book Club met on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of August to discuss "The Spy Who Loved" and "A Half Forgotten Song by Katharine Webb".

The catering group provided lunch for members of a Leicestershire WI on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August prior to their visit to Stoneleigh Abbey.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The next coffee morning will be on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

At the next meeting, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Frances Freeman will talk about "Fun with Kitchen Gadgets".

*Rachel Gill*

### **Tai Chi**

The Tai Chi classes will resume on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

The cost is £5.00 per session.

All are welcome to this gentle exercise class.

**STONELEIGH & ASHOW CHURCHES**  
**Stoneleigh & Ashow Churches**

**Dates For Your Diary**

**September**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Film Night – My Family Bought a Zoo.** 6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start at Stoneleigh Village Hall

*Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine, cushions or a comfy chair.  
Coffee and Cake in the interval*

Tickets £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire, from Parish Office 02476 415506

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Heritage Open Day and Ride and Stride, teas in church** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Teas in church 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.** in conjunction with The Village Club Food, Beer and Craft Market.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Lunch –1.00 p.m. in the village hall,** tickets £7.00 (bring your own wine and glasses).

**October**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Con Voce Welsh Choir Concert,** 7.00 p.m. at Ashow Church. Tickets £15.00 to include a glass of wine and canapés.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night** Stoneleigh Village Hall, details to follow.

**CONTACTS**

**Churchwardens**

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**Stoneleigh** Ian Smith 01926 853238. Sarah Ballinger 02476715256

To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral, in the first instance please contact Sarah, for Pastoral Care please telephone Dr Elizabeth Penlington 02476 419707, for any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator, 02476 415506 email: [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk)

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## STONELEIGH EVENTS

The following events are due to take place at Stoneleigh Park during September. For more information on any of the below please visit <http://www.stoneleighevents.com/events.aspx>

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August-Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**City of Birmingham Dog Show 2013** – free admission; qualifying show for Crufts.

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**JCB International Dog Trials 2013** – please note this will take place in car park 2 situated on the B4113. Access will be very restricted for the week starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The public footpath across the top corner of the field will remain open and be stewarded.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Espayo National Dressage Championships** – this is the UK premier dressage event. Fantastic educational displays and shopping will make for a great day out. Tickets are available to purchase in advance ( £11 for Pony club members/ £13 for non-members, by September 13<sup>th</sup>) and are also available at the gate. Access will be via gate 3.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**Stoneleigh Mini Militia** - new event; militia memorabilia; doors open at 9am for the public.

Stoneleigh events newsletter gives all the latest news of events at Stoneleigh Park. To receive this, follow the link –

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

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# **Stoneleigh Cricket Club**

## **Cotswold Hills League Div 6**

There are only two rounds of matches left in the league at the time of writing and The Unicorns remain top of Div6 having already secured promotion.

There has been only one league defeat – at Kineton 2nds on 13th July when an availability crisis meant that a weakened side went down by just 1 wicket.

One of the closest victories came at home to Bearley when we chased down 200 to win with Paul Lazenby making 77, Lee Moreton 35 and a quickfire 25 from Hal Sutcliffe. At Mickleton we beat the weather as well as the opposition, scampering through our overs before the rain arrived to ensure that there would be enough overs bowled to give a result.

The eagerly awaited return fixture at second-placed Leamington IV comes up on 24<sup>th</sup> August and the result of this is likely to decide who finishes top of the division.

James Chapman remains top of the league batting stats with an average still over 100.while Phil Chapman has taken 22 wickets with Lee Moreton close behind on 21.

## **Friendlies**

Some matches have been lost to the weather and one to an inexplicable fixture error on the part of your author.

Generally there has been some entertaining cricket. Two matches against Shilton have both been close with a victory apiece. Another close finish saw us beat Ashorne & Moreton Morrell by 21 runs in a high scoring match. It was disappointing to lose rather easily to our old friends from Liverpool, the Mexican Taverners although it was on the same weekend that we had the serious availability problems mentioned above.

Skipper Phil Chapman has been leading from the front with a series of good knocks including several fifties and he also leads the wicket-takers list with Andy Edgington close on his heels. Phil also shared in a

new record for the highest partnership between brothers when he and James put on 134 for the third wicket against Hearsall.

The visit of Goodwood C.C. from Australia was a high point. We were seriously outclassed but they entered into the spirit of the game having been wowed by the Abbey factor. Many 'tubes' were dispatched at The Village Club afterwards.

We are relieved to have Dave Beale back playing for us after his health scare but we were all very upset to hear about Lin Edgington who has suffered a stroke. Our best wishes go to Lin, Mark and family as she begins the road to recovery.

For more club details, contact secretary Phil Chapman (01926 774864).

***Notes contributed by Dave Wildgoose, Fixture Secretary (024 7659 4879).***

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and  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH  
**SERVICES FOR September 2013**



Sunday 1st	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Harvest Festival</b> 9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

***From the registers***

***Baptisms at Stoneleigh***

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Emma Elizabeth Myruski

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Lucy Anne Hickman

***Funerals***

6<sup>th</sup> June, Burial of Ashes in Stoneleigh Churchyard, Edna Beatrice Brown

6<sup>th</sup> June, Memorial service at Ashow following funeral service at Canley,  
Edna May Morgan

13<sup>th</sup> June, Funeral at Stoneleigh, Avril Dorothy Tomson

22<sup>nd</sup> June, Interment of Ashes at Stoneleigh, June Lindley

27<sup>th</sup> June, Interment of Ashes at Stoneleigh, Henry Derrick Horne

8<sup>th</sup> July, Funeral and Burial at Stoneleigh, Gwendoline Betty Craddock