

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2014

The latest on the Gateway Planning Application

The Gateway Public Planning Inquiry is to be held at ***Leamington Spa Town Hall, beginning at 10am on Tuesday 8th April 2014.***

It would be truly wonderful if we could have a good turnout of residents on that first day, so that the Inspector is left convinced of the local feeling against Gateway. We would therefore urge as many of you as possible to attend on at least the first day.

Since you were last updated, the three Rule 6 Parties (The Community Group, Bertie MacKay's group and the CPRE) have all met Inspector Phillimore at the Pre-Inquiry Meeting (PIM) held at Leamington town hall on 22nd January. Mr. Phillimore is the Inspector who recommended passing the housing development near to Mary Arden's house in Shottery.

There were no surprises at this PIM and a number of items were satisfactorily resolved. However, the Rule 6 Parties made it plain that we were being actively excluded (by the two local authorities and the applicant) from the important steps of agreeing a Core Document List and a Statement of Common Ground. This continues, but the Planning Inspectorate and the Inspector are aware.

Our opponents are still pulling a variety of tricks. Some of you will have received the Secretary of State's (SoS) 29/7/13 notification letter regarding the inquiry. Pending the result of this inquiry, Section 14 of his letter specifically precludes any planning permissions being granted on land which is part of, or includes, the Gateway application. Since then we have discovered two such infringements.

One relates to hedge removal to allow Severn Trent to move a water main to suit the Gateway plans. We got it stopped briefly, but then WDC effectively tore up the request for planning permission for hedge removal and simply granted it, despite it being in contravention of the SoS's conditions. A complaint about this has been sent to the National Planning Casework Unit.

The other is more worrying in that it concerns extensive works at Leaf Lane in Coventry, related to the failed and still under-used Whitley Business Park. These works were actually part of the Gateway plans, but were suddenly passed as public works by Coventry City Council - and the work has already started. What was due to cost Sir Peter Rigby's company some money is now being paid for out of the public purse – you lucky people!

Unbeknown to us, Sir Peter has obviously been cosyng up to the SoS (Eric Pickles), who granted a special dispensation for these works to go ahead in contravention of his own directions letter! It seems that our Eric is as keen for Gateway to go ahead as we had always feared.

If we are given a fair hearing at the Inquiry, and **if** there are no further unseen Machiavellian dealings involving government at high levels - then right, plus national and local planning policies, is well on our side (in spades), and we must win this inquiry.

It is for reasons such as the above that we all need the Inspector to fully appreciate the strength of local feeling against Gateway, and why you are so important to the success of this Inquiry.

Please support us on day one - at least !

*Clrr. David Wintle, Clrr. Richard Hancox,
David Ellwood, John Astle & Rod Wheat*



PIE AND PANCAKES SUPPER

On Shrove Tuesday 4th March 7.15pm

At the Clarendon Arms, Castle Hill, Kenilworth.
2 course meal (choice of main courses and puddings)

£16

This event is in aid of Ashow Church Fabric Fund

Tickets from Stephen Harvey (01926 852543)

HS2 LATEST

Disagreement and confusion continues to surround the HS2 proposal. As reported in the last edition of *Stoneleigh & Ashow News*, the deadline for submissions of comments on the 50,000 page Environmental Consultation was extended by a month due to various errors and omissions in the original document. Frustrations abound e.g. as the deadline approached the consultancy charged with analysing replies stated that the size of online submissions was restricted, raising yet more fury and disbelief. The majority of comments in the media, survey responses and reactions of numerous research and political/business bodies oppose the scheme. The winter floods have generated a new debate about priorities in public expenditure and more politicians seem willing to voice concerns, but as yet there are few signs that HS2 will be abandoned - indeed, there seems widespread stubborn support despite evidence of numerous flaws (economic/environmental/social) as well as the massive, rising, costs.

Tactically, there is no option but to continue to voice opposition and concerns because if HS2 is to be built each affected area wants the most mitigation and compensation it can possibly achieve. For this reason, the Parish Council and Stoneleigh(Against HS2) Action Group has submitted responses to the Consultation and will petition when the Hybrid Bill is introduced into Parliament in the spring. We are co-operating with other action groups and with Warwickshire County Council who continue to devote considerable efforts to lobbying on behalf of residents.

Readers who wish to keep abreast of developments at the national as well as local levels should consult the following: www.hs2aa.org (HS2 Action Alliance) and www.stophs2.org (Stop HS2)

As a series of elections approach, it will be important to emphasise to candidates and their agents that prospective voters will want to know their stance on HS2 as well as on other issues.

Margaret Wallis (on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group)

Big Breakfast

The Kenilworth Committee of Cancer Research U.K. is holding a “Big Breakfast” at Stoneleigh Village Hall, from 8 to 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 26th March 2014.

A full “English Breakfast” will be provided and all donations to Cancer Research gratefully received.

To help with catering if you wish to attend, please could you fill in one of the forms which are circulating or contact any

committee member,

or Pat Drummond (Secretary), 30 Birches Lane, Kenilworth
CV8 2AD Tel 01926 854447

or Pat Harvey, Abbey House, Ashow. Tel 01926 852543

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www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk

All Ages and Stages are welcome

As I am writing this, my three children, (who are more than ready for half-term!) have been given permission to choose something to watch on the telly to chill out for a bit after school. I am trying my hardest not to go and intervene, even though I can hear that choosing what to watch is not proving to be such a treat as I had hoped. I think it's good parenting not to go and resolve the conflict. Much better for them to learn their listening and negotiating skills now amongst their siblings than for me to go and lay down the law – but if it carries on much longer...

It's not very easy to please everyone all of the time – more like impossible! Serving up a family meal to accommodate everyone's preferences and dietary requirements and timings is no picnic either, especially when we bring all the generations together around the table. What did we do before a squirt of ketchup wondrously calmed the atmosphere at the tea table?!

When coming together as the family of God, the Church, we are working very hard to try to make all ages and stages welcome and catered for and to be open to new ways of enabling that. Many of the services at Stoneleigh and Ashow are valued by adults, and we offer small groups and special courses throughout the year for adults learning and worshipping together. Every Sunday an activity is introduced as part of the service to help our younger ones engage with the theme. On the second Sunday of the month a dedicated team give of their time and experience to explore worship outside of the set Anglican liturgies. Clearly the worship equivalent of a squirt of ketchup is not for everyone but if it helps the children stay at the tea table, as it were, and learn to eat their greens, then we will relish its liberal usage with abandon! Besides, there is something essential about all the generations gathering round and sharing food – actual and spiritual. Because it is so important to us to provide a welcome to all ages and stages, we are offering some new special services and events, which we would love to share with you:

Celebrating Baptism: At 11am on Sunday 11th May, there will be an opportunity to renew baptism promises. If you are a parent who brought a child for baptism, a godparent, a child who would like to know what was said on your behalf when you were a babe in arms, or someone who would like to mark their own baptism on their journey of faith, then this service is for you! If you would like to know what baptism is about, come and join in the family party – and bring a picnic and stay for fun and games afterwards.



Holiday Club: A marquee will be going up in Stoneleigh churchyard to provide a venue for an exciting week from 4th – 8th August. The club will run for a couple of hours each weekday morning, but we will be launching our rocket to Space Academy at the All Age Service at 11am on 13th July and celebrating our space voyage at the All Age service at 11am on 10th August. The club is for primary school children; under-5s are welcome to stay with their own adult responsible for helping them to join in and stay safe; and if any young people would like to join us, we would love your help. Look out for our stall at the Duck Race where you can find out more, start to build our Rocket and register – for FREE!



Reverend Sharon Goble

The Spinal Injuries Association says: *Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury.*

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

Warwick Health Transport Service



We are a local Community Transport Project using DBS checked volunteer car drivers who provide friendly, low cost transport to and from health related appointments.

If you:-

- * Are an older person
- * Live in the Warwick District (Warwick, Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and surrounding villages)
- * Have difficulty getting to and from your medical appointments
- * Can walk unaided

We may be able to help you.

To make a booking phone:

01789 472615

Lines are open 10.00am to 1.00pm

Monday to Friday

Warwick Health Transport Service is part of Back & 4th Community Transport, WRCC (Registered charity no, 1081017)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The March Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the **Ashow Village Club, Ashow at 7.30 p.m.** on 13th March 2014.

Parish Council Vacancy – Stoneleigh Ward

The Parish Council wishes to advise you that following the resignation of Mrs Eva Mancini, a vacancy has arisen in Stoneleigh Ward. Now is the opportunity to put yourself forward to represent your village. Anyone interested please contact either one of the existing Councillors or myself. I can be contacted on 01926 491482 or email: maddisonsgandpa@fsmail.net. The Stoneleigh Councillors are Lynne Fletcher, Richard Hancox and David Wintle.

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Eva for her dedication and hard work whilst being a Parish Councillor. She made a real difference and was prepared to give of her time and talent. She will be greatly missed.

Warwickshire County Council – Free Compost Bins

Warwickshire County Council is keen to promote home composting. It is a great way for gardeners to make their own compost and it diverts garden and food waste from the waste stream saving Council Tax money.

To encourage residents of Warwickshire to either start composting or help existing home composters improve their knowledge, the County Council's Waste Management Team are running a series of free home composting workshops across Warwickshire. Each resident attending the workshop will receive a free 330 litre compost bin. (Limited to one free bin per household).

Each workshop will last approximately 45 minutes consisting of a 30 minute presentation by two County Council officers with an expertise in home composting and waste management plus a question and answer session.

The workshops will take place as follows:

Atherstone – Saturday 5th April 10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

Lower House Farm Recycling Centre, Baddesley Ensor, Atherstone CV9 2QA

Stratford – Thursday 10th April 6.00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.
Holy Trinity Church Centre, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon

Nuneaton – Wednesday 30th April 6.00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.
Nuneaton Town Hall, Nuneaton

Warwick – Tuesday 6th May 6 .00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.
Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF

Rugby – Saturday 10th May 10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.
Rugby Library, Little Elborow Street, Rugby CV21 3BZ

To book on to a course either:

- ☐ Book a place online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting
- ☐ Email the Waste Management Team at composting@warwickshire.gov.uk
- ☐ Telephone 01926 412593

If you have any queries about the workshops please contact Katey Stoneman, Waste Project Officer, 01926 412724 or kateystoneman@warwickshire.gov.uk

Message from Police re Dog Owners

If you're a dog owner you more than likely enjoy taking your dog(s) for walks in the countryside, including on agricultural/farm land. It is important to keep an eye on your dog(s) and make sure you watch that they don't eat from found animal carcasses and most importantly that you pick up all of your dogs' excrement. This also means once the dog poo has been bagged, you **DO NOT** leave the bag at the side of a field/path, hoping that you remember to pick it up on the way back to the car. Dog excrement left in the countryside can have serious consequences.

Click the link in blue to find out more about the Neospora Parasite on the BBC Countryfile website. You can catch the episode/feature from Sunday 16-FEB-2014 on 'catch up TV' or BBC iPlayer.

<http://tevel1.com:81/programmes/b03w73yz>

Pat Maddison, Parish Clerk

Stoneleigh Village Club

Some dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th March is Shrove Tuesday so, of course, it is “**Pancake Race Night at the Club**”: racing in Vicarage Road: race starts 7.30pm, pancakes provided, bring your own frying pan. Prizes, prizes! There will be pancakes to eat as well – 50p each!

Saturday 15th March: an early Saint Patrick’s Night celebration with Irish Stew and live music by the ever popular “**Acoustica**”. 7.30 pm.

Saturday 29th March: Nora’s popular British Pudding Night. Try 10 favourite puddings for a ‘fiver’ and pick a winner.

Membership

Membership subscriptions fall due on 1st April and renewals will be welcomed during March: individually named subscription envelopes will be available in the Club, into which you are asked to place your remittance and post it in the subscription box. Subscription rates remain unchanged from last year: £12 single, £20 couple, £5 senior single, £10 senior couple.

Committee

The AGM will take place at the beginning of May (to allow time to prepare year-end accounts) and the committee will then be elected. The committee has been short-handed this year and we need more members to share the load of Club Management. Also, several members of the existing committee have now been in post for a couple of years and are in need of a break. Please give some thought to this and, if you are in any way prepared to offer some time to the Club, please let one of the committee know.

Robin Bussell, Chairman



The Leigh Educational Foundation

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**Interested? For more details and an application form
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**James Johnson
3 Barford Woods
Barford Road
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CV34 6SZ
T: 01926 419300
E: johnson.jf@virgin.net**

**Application forms should be returned by 1 May 14 for consideration by
the Trustees at their next meeting.**

Treasurer's Notice

Thank you to all residents who in 2013 made their annual donation, [payable to *Stoneleigh & Ashow News*, either by direct payment to our bank account Sort Code: **60-12-35**, Account Number: **63535718**], or by cheque or cash sent to: *Alliance Cottage, The Bank, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DA.*

Please continue to support the volunteer teams of editors and distributors in 2014, when apart from all sorts of local events, there will be more news on HS2, Gateway, and traffic issues affecting our villages.

If you are a new resident, or someone who hasn't got round to making a donation, please help support this local publication which is now facing a ten per cent increase in printing costs for 2014. Postal recipients are also reminded we have faced increased postal costs.

Clive Watson, Honorary Treasurer

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**Proceeds from the evening will go towards the repair of the
church fabric.**



You are invited to an evening of entertainment, literary readings and local history, including music of the time from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir.

**Friday 9th May at 7.30
in Stoneleigh Church**

Tickets £15 including a glass of wine and canapés.

**£1 from every ticket sold will go to The Royal British
Legion.**

Tickets available from:
Sarah 02476 715256 or
Jackie at the parish office 02476 415506
or email admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Events at Stoneleigh Park during March

MG & Triumph Spares Day Sunday 2nd March 2014

This event will feature an autojumble, displays presented by different clubs, cars for sale and hundreds of exhibitors, offering everything you could need for your MG or Triumph. Doors open at 9.30am and the event will end at 4pm. Tickets are £12 per adult on the day and free for under 15-year-olds. Approximately 2,000 vehicles are expected on site during the day, so please be aware that the surrounding areas will be busier than normal and allow extra time if you are travelling. No external road closures or diversions are planned.

Leamington & Warwick Model Railway Show Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2014

Now in its 39th running, the exhibition includes 26 working layouts in many scales and 40 traders. Refreshments will also be available. The event is open from 10am - 5pm on Saturday and from 10am - 4pm on Sunday. Tickets are £7 per adult, £6 per concession, £4 per child and £18 for a family of two adults and two children. Parking for the event is on site and no external road closures or diversions are planned. However, the surrounding area will be busier than normal with around 500 vehicles expected.

International Jaguar Spares Day Sunday 16th March

Visitors come from across Europe and the rest of the world for this event. Here you will find parts for the full range of Jaguar and Daimler models of all ages, both for routine servicing and maintenance and for major restorations. Visitors will be directed to park on site and no external road closures or diversions are planned. Please note that the surrounding area will be busy with around 1,000 vehicles expected on the day. www.jaguarsparesday.com

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Email: info@stoneleighevents.com • www.stoneleighevents.com

Stoneleigh History Society

By the time this reaches you the Society will have been treated, at our February meeting, to a trip down memory lane when Shirley Ball talked about Stoneleigh from old photographs. Once again Shirley stirred recollections of the past via a selection from her treasure trove!

On March 25th the Society will be holding its AGM at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Once the “business” aspect of the meeting is concluded we shall hear a talk from Dr Nat Alcock on The Weaver’s House, Spon End, Coventry, a cottage restored to show how a weaver would have lived in 1540. It promises to be an excellent talk and will be followed up in the summer by a visit to see the house.

As the weather improves (!) don’t forget our photographic competition (see last month’s edition). We’re looking forward to assembling a super 2015 “Stoneleigh Calendar”.

More details about the Society can be found on our website www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk

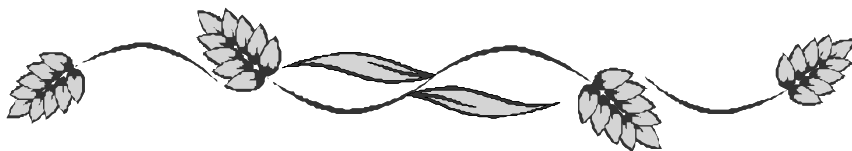
Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
presents "Stoneleigh Music Hall"

SMVC will present their version of "Stoneleigh Music Hall" in the Village Hall on 13th to 16th March.

A few tickets are available for the show on Sunday 16th March, at 5.00 pm and which will include a hot two-course supper. Tickets are £20 from Phil Jones (01926 853511).

The Preview Night on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm is open to senior citizens of Stoneleigh at no charge and to others at £5. Tickets from Robin Bussell (024 7641 6183)



Stoneleigh Harvest Festival Songs of Praise, 1984

A video of the TV programme has been uploaded to YouTube. It can be viewed under 'Stoneleigh Songs of Praise'.



STONELEIGH WI

The speaker at our February meeting was Liam D’Arcy Brown, who has written several books about China. He talked about the island of Chusan at the mouth of the Yangtze River, which was occupied and ruled by the British for three years in the mid-19th century. He told the stories of some of the British settlers attracted by the opportunities for trade on Chusan.

This month members of the Craft Group have been learning mosaic techniques. There was a Games Afternoon on 18th February and an outing to see the snowdrops at Painswick on Friday 21st February. The Book Club met on 25th February to discuss “The Firebird” by Susanna Kearsley and “Daisy, the Life and Loves of the Countess of Warwick” by Sushila Anand.

The next village lunch will be on 4th March. If you would like to book a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 024 76418301. The next coffee morning will be on 18th March at the Village Club. The title of Paul Betterton’s talk at our meeting on 3rd March will be “Mysteries of the Titanic”.

Rachel Gill





**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH
*SERVICES FOR MARCH 2014***

Sunday 2 nd	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion service at Stoneleigh
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday Service 12 noon – 1.00pm at Stoneleigh
Sunday 9 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Thursday 13 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 16 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 23 rd	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 27 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 30 th	9.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service at Stoneleigh

From the registers

Funerals

Tuesday 11th February- Hazel Marjorie Harrison- Burial at Ashow

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Revd Sharon Goble.

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
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