

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



APRIL 2014

Butterfly, flutter by...

There was a small but familiar sound as I sat recently in the quietness of the church building. My attention was drawn to the constant flickering and fluttering movements as a butterfly at the sunny stained-glass window was hoping it would find a way out into the brightness beyond.

Presumably attracted inside by the relative warmth of the church building, this butterfly had emerged and was ready to fly freely but the playful light of the coloured glass enticed and yet trapped the creature from its full potential. No longer a crawling caterpillar, no longer cocooned, this beautiful symbol of new life just needed the space to fly carefree into the world waiting outside.



At Easter, we celebrate new life in our churches. Both collectively and individually, we may know the life that Jesus brings through the story of his cross and resurrection. I very much hope that many will gather at the special services we provide at this season to remember the story and to enter into its significance prayerfully and hopefully.

As I watched the tireless fluttering of the butterfly inside the church, I thought it was beautiful and yet so sadly limited. The sight of a butterfly fluttering by as spring emerges all around us and the sun warms our faces after the rain evokes a picture for me of carefree and leisurely days with picnics and fun in the countryside or quietly soaking up the brightness and listening to the birds. The life that we are invited into through the story of Easter is a boundless fullness of life that starts now and continues in the freedom of God's love for ever. The empty cross and the empty tomb mark the journey to this boundless freedom which is not limited to church buildings. The resurrection body of Jesus dazzled his friends with its familiarity and its transcendence. In the risen Jesus we find a fullness of life that crosses boundaries, sheds limitations and discovers new possibilities. In the risen Jesus we have all the space we need to fly free.

Happy Easter! God bless

Sharon

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

would like to welcome you to a fun filled
evening at our

Quiz Night

Friday 4th April 2014

Stoneleigh Village Hall

7pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 to include supper.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

To book, or for more info,
phone Maggie on 02476-411090

Stoneleigh Flower Group
Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the Church for **Easter** on Saturday
19th April at 10am.

Please do come along and join us. Everyone welcome

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter
lilies, then please do so to either myself or Syd Creed.

Thank you

Mandy Gibbs

Some historical thoughts from 100 years ago

*The Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand has recently announced
his intention to visit Sarajevo on 28th June 1914.*

Pygmalion premiere

*"World , the Flesh and the Devil" the world's first colour film
premieres*

*Joseph Pujol, "le Pétomane", was still entertaining Parisian
crowds: he was to go into premature retirement when war
broke out.*



**Stoneleigh church bells to be rung on the
evening of Friday 9th May**

We hope that many of you will be joining us for the
World War 1 commemoration evening, as advertised in
the magazine. This is to give notice that the church bells will be rung at
the end of the entertainment, at approximately 9.45pm. We hope this
will not cause any inconvenience for you.

HIGH SPEED RAIL LATEST

As reported in the last edition of the News, submissions were made on HS2 Ltd.'s 50,000 page environmental consultation by the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2) and Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council. A lengthy submission was also made by Warwickshire County Council, with others - including from Jeremy Wright MP, and local councillor John Whitehouse, and other local action groups - so there should be no doubt about the strength of local feeling, not only about the project itself but also about the huge effects during the construction period if it goes ahead.

Apparently there were 22,000 submissions from individuals and organisations. The number may seem small but apparently this is considered a good response and the strength of feeling should not be ignored. Shortly after the extended deadline, the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee started to further consider the likely environmental impact of HS2. For anyone as yet unconvinced that many serious questions remain either unanswered, answered unsatisfactorily, or ignored, are referred to www.hs2aa.org then follow the link to their evidence.

The next stage before the Hybrid Bill (which will give the parliamentary go-ahead for work to begin and was originally scheduled to be debated by Parliament this spring) is the Petition stage when anyone can put forward a case against the proposal. The fee for petitioning is £20. More details from www.stophs2.org StAG and the Parish Council are co-ordinating responses. Recently, the Secretary of State for Transport has voiced doubts that the Hybrid Bill will get through Parliament before the next election but petitioning will still go ahead this year.

On 17 March, Sir David Higgins, the new Chief Executive of HS2 Ltd., charged with delivering the project, at reduced costs, gave his verdict on the project to date

So far millions £(if not billions) have been spent on consultants, in particular engineering and public relations, and this has meant an increase in assertions in the media about the merits of the case for HS2. Volunteers in action groups, Stop HS2, the HS2 Action Alliance, and many other economic and business experts (including the Institute of Directors) have continued to challenge these assertions.

Margaret Wallis, on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group

Postscript:

Events continue to move on this project. Overall clarity on the delivery and the objectives of the project are still awaited. Nevertheless it appears that Parliament on the whole supports the proposal although it is not clear if MPs have actually scrutinised the details, especially if they are "off route" MPs (the majority). There are something like 15 "on route" MPs, mostly Conservative. The Hybrid Bill stage presents that opportunity for scrutiny, but it now depends, obviously, upon the impartiality of that Committee. It is likely that the Committee will be formed after the Second Reading of the Bill but unlikely that such a Committee will make substantial progress before the summer recess, if at all. Thus the prospect for obtaining Royal Assent before the next General Election is minimal, as agreed by the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin.

Our prospects for influencing matters now is through Parliamentary petitioning. Elsewhere in this Edition you will find a Public Notice for a meeting(s) to discuss this.

Stoneleigh History Society

Our March meeting was our third AGM, and after "business" was concluded we were fortunate to have a particular treat – a talk by Dr Nat Alcock on The Weaver's House in Spon End, Coventry. There will be a follow-up visit to the house itself in May.

On April 29th our meeting will be a talk on "When Stoneleigh Went to War", when I shall be examining the life of the village when war broke out in 1914. This will anticipate both the May 9th commemorative evening held at the church (see advert elsewhere in the edition for details) and the Society's main display of 2014, which will be centred on the men who served in the Great War and who, happily, returned. Please do come along and discover more about Stoneleigh, the way its people lived 100 years ago, and how they responded to the outbreak of war.

Sheila Woolf

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The April Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

This is a meeting for Councillors which the public has a right to attend.

Stoneleigh's Annual Village Meeting will be held in Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 24th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

This is a statutory meeting at which members of the Parish Council are required to report back to the electorate on their work over the past twelve months and for the electorate to discuss their hopes and/or concerns in the Village.

Precept/Council Tax 2013/14

The precept for the next financial year April 2014-March 2015 was agreed at £15,785. Included in this figure is a sum of £3,000 as a special grant to be used for either Gateway project, HS2 or Neighbourhood Planning.

Warwick District Council

Recycle your old clothes with your red box and help Guide Dogs. Just leave them in a tied bag marked "Textiles" with your red recycling box on your collection day. Items are sold to be re-worn, and broken/damaged items are recycled into cleaning cloths. A donation from the revenue of the textiles is given to Guide Dogs.

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.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

THE WI REPORT

The title of Paul Betterton's talk at our meeting in March was "Mysteries of the Titanic". He covered the construction of the Titanic, one of four large luxury liners built by the White Star Line, some of the bad omens surrounding her maiden voyage, the sinking of the ship and the rescue of some of the passengers. He spoke about the many myths and mysteries which surround the Titanic. He also talked about collecting Titanic memorabilia and the high prices some items fetch.

On Monday 10th March the Annual Federation Meeting, which took place at the Chesford Grange Hotel, was attended by 21 members from Stoneleigh. The meeting was attended by the National Federation Chairman, Janice Langley, who spoke about the preparations being made to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first WI in England and Wales in 1915. Tim Hewlett, the former Head of Royal Travel described his experience of organising journeys for senior members of the Royal Family, by plane and train at home and aboard. Sue Bleasdale spoke about the Central England Rehabilitation Centre situated in Heathcote, Leamington. Patients often spend several months there and WFWI has launched an appeal to raise money to buy items which will improve the comfort of long stay patients.

The main speaker, Eleanor Stewart described her experiences in France as a novice nun and in Liverpool as a nurse and a midwife. She explained that after working as a midwife for some time she decided to leave her convent because she realised that she wanted children of her own.

Members and friends enjoyed a skittles evening with fish and chip supper on 4th March at Leek Wotton Sports and Social Club and there was a games afternoon on 18th March. Members of the Craft Group made patchwork bags in March.

The next village lunch will be on 1st April. The menu will be sausage casserole followed by rice pudding. If you would like to book a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The next coffee morning will be on 15th April at the Village Club. At our next meeting on 7th April Julie State will talk about the History of Fragrance.

Rachel Gill

100 years ago (continued):

Mexico breaks off diplomatic relations with the USA
The Suffragettes set fire to the pier at Yarmouth and chained themselves to it (not a terribly sensible thing to do?)
George Butterworth was collaborating with Ralph Vaughn Williams to create a London Symphony. Butterworth would be killed in 1916 on The Somme and would have this posthumously dedicated to him.
Gavrilo Princip was beginning to make contact with his band of co conspirators.....



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The Gateway Public Inquiry

One final reminder that the first day of the Gateway public Planning Inquiry will be held at **Leamington Town Hall, beginning at 10am on Tuesday 8th April 2014.**

We still need as many of you as possible to attend on at least that 1st day please !

If we do not have a good attendance of local people at the Inquiry on that 1st day, then the opening statements of the QC for the developer, and the Barrister for WDC and CCC, will doubtless make much of that fact by claiming that the Gateway is obviously supported by the vast majority of local villagers and businesses, and that it is only a handful of NIMBYs who are standing in its way, to the detriment of the community at large !

We hope that you managed to attend the evening meeting in Bubbenhall village hall on 21st March to see for yourselves the enormous efforts that your team are putting in on behalf of all the local villages and villagers - and the many devious machinations that we are all up against in this Gateway Planning Application.

Finally, you will doubtless have noticed the large "Against the Gateway" banners and posters on local roads and in the three main villages. These have been put up because at any time from now, the Inquiry Inspector, Mr. Terry Phillimore, will be doing a personal, and probably private, tour around the local area and villages to see things for himself first hand. Be assured that as soon as this is over, we will take them all down again.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY (702842) ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on Monday 14th April 2014 at 8pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

All inhabitants of the parish of Stoneleigh who are eighteen years of age and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Elections will be held at the meeting to elect candidates for the elected member positions. The successful candidates shall hold office until the end of the third annual general meeting following their election.

If you would like to apply for one of the above positions please do so in writing to:

The Honorary Secretary,
Liz Sykes
Walkers Orchard
Stoneleigh

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council wishes to debate the question of petitioning to Parliament for improvements to the proposed route of HS2 .

The Hybrid Bill has been submitted to Parliament for scrutiny by Select Committee before the House votes on the Bill . In order to be able to continue to discuss mitigation of adverse effects, eg impacts during construction and during operation, the Parish Council as our representative body needs to have your agreement. This will be discussed at either of the Village Meetings, Stoneleigh on 24th April and Ashow in May (tbc) to either of which you are invited.



STONELEIGH EVENTS

Dear Stoneleigh Park Resident,

Welcome to this month's newsletter. This bulletin brings you all the latest news and information about what events are taking place on site, and where, over the immediate weeks.

Latest news

Great discounts for all site tenants

As a site tenant, you will receive a 20% discount on the rental cost of any room on site for any event. Contact the sales team to find out more via sales@stoneleighevents.com or by calling 0844 847 6685.

Events at Stoneleigh Park this month

The following events are due to take place on site over the next few weeks. This month, one large trade event falls over three weekdays. Please do note the location of each event, as there is likely to be extra traffic around these areas in the lead up to, during and after each event.

NISA – Trade Event

Monday 7th April – Wednesday 9th April 2014

This is a trade only event using parking within the event centre complex and none of the external car parks. No road closures or diversions are expected, but there will be an additional 2,400 vehicles in the area causing an increase in the volume of local traffic.

Location: Exhibition Halls 1 and 2 and The Royal Pavilion, with parking in the Warwick and Conference car park, Grand Ring shale car park and Blackdown Buildings. Traffic will be busier than usual with around 2,400 vehicles expected over three days. Please note, no road closures or diversions are planned as a result of this event.

Great Central Railwayana Auctions Saturday 12th April 2014

This is an auction of railway memorabilia and collectables. Entry is by catalogue for serious buyers.

Location: Stareton Hall, with parking in the Warwick and Conference car park. Traffic will be busier than usual with around 500 visitors expected. Please note, no road closures or diversions are planned as a result of this event.

www.gcrauctions.com

Stoneleigh Indoor Car Boot Sale Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th April 2014

Gates open at 6am for sellers and buyers. Entry is 50p per person and from £10 per seller for a car or small van. The car boots will finish at 1.30pm.

Location: Exhibition Halls and Blackdown Buildings. Parking for both public and traders will be onsite. Traffic will be busier than usual with around 1,000 visitors expected. No road closures or diversions are planned.

www.stoneleighcarboot.co.uk

Spring Alpaca Fiesta Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th April 2014

The Spring Alpaca Fiesta is now in its fifth year and is one of the biggest alpaca shows of the year. Last year, it attracted 60 UK breeders, from the largest herds in the country to small hobby breeders, with entries reaching 300 alpacas. Entry for the general public is free.

Location: Blackdown Buildings, with parking in the Warwick and Conference car park. Traffic will be busier than usual with around 300 visitors expected. No road closures or diversions are planned.

www.bas-uk.com/shows-events/heart-england-spring-alpaca-fiesta

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THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH

**In commemoration of those who fought in the
Great War of 1914 – 1918**

**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

What's On at Stoneleigh Village Club for April.

Please would all members and potential new members please note that annual subscriptions are due from 1st April. Current members will find an envelope addressed to them for their subscriptions: please ask at the bar.

Saturday 12th April . *Members Night. Details to be confirmed, but this will include a slide show put together by Will Blagburn of Club events held over the past year. A chance to renew your subscriptions!*

Easter Sunday 20th April. *Easter Egg Hunt starts at 12.15 in the Churchyard followed by coffee at the Church and then back to the Club to judge the Easter Bonnet Parade.*

Saturday April 26th. *Kim and Martin's Quiz Night. Teams £5 for 4 members plus £1 for each additional member up to 6 maximum. Starts 7.45pm.*

A few thoughts.

In this age of technological and scientific apparent certainty, the (current) loss of flight MH370 led one commentator to state that "the only certainty is uncertainty".

Did you know that in the rock group ZZTop, the drummer, Frank Beard, is the only member without one?

A shrimp's heart is located in its head, a squid has three hearts whilst a jellyfish has no brain.

Your tongue is the strongest muscle in your body.

The collective noun for a group of vultures is a committee.

The Easter Act was first passed by Parliament in 1928. The purpose was to provide a fixed date for Easter as the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. It has however, yet to be implemented!

A Polite Request.

As spring is upon us, a reminder to all those who park adjacent to, or drive near to, The Green in Stoneleigh, to please try not to drive across its edges or to park inner wheels on it.

This will allow the grass to recover. Thank you

J.L.Huthwaite



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(Kim and Martin would like to thank everybody for their contributions to this edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News. If we have omitted anything please accept our sincerest apologies.)

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS

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If you have a very particular font which you wish to be used, then please specify this to the editor who will try to oblige!



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



SERVICES FOR APRIL 2014

Sunday 6th 11.00 am United Holy Communion at Ashow
Thursday 10th 10.30 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th 9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow
 11.00 am All Age Worship Service at Stoneleigh

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 17th 7.00pm Bring and Share Agape meal
 (*Please bring food of your choice to share!!*) Followed by
 8.00 pm Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Good Friday Service

Friday 18th 2.00 pm Devotional service lasting one hour at
Stoneleigh

Easter Eve

Saturday 19th 8.00 pm Joint Service of Light at Ashow

Easter Day

Sunday 20th 9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Followed by children's Easter Egg Hunt organised jointly by the village club and the church. All welcome.

Thursday 24th No Midweek Communion

From the registers

Funerals

*Monday 3rd March- Brenda Jessie Bellamy-
Service and Burial at Stoneleigh*

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

Revd Sharon Goble.

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506

email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Thank you

A really big thank you to everyone who organised and supported the meal and talk by John Burton at the village hall in March. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all who attended and we raised a magnificent £730 towards the fabric fund.

Sarah Ballinger