

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



OCTOBER 2014



When I was stood outside the Stoneleigh Club the other morning enjoying a conversation with a group of Jehovah's Witnesses, I quipped as I left them that I'd noticed that they were stood there holding an open Bible, and that I was stood there with an open packet of chocolate biscuits, (kindly given to me at the end of the village coffee morning), and that I was sure that said something! We'd been talking about our different beliefs, making some connections and recognising the shared experiences we had of talking authentically about what we held as vitally important and infinitely precious with others, though I felt we went about it very differently and with different motivation.

There is so much about Christian faith that motivates and resources me that I would love to share that with you. I appreciate that just turning up one Sunday at church may be a huge, and possibly too difficult, step to take at the moment. Coming into a village congregation for the first time, or deciding to come back after a period of absence might feel rather awkward, though the church family is trying our utmost to make it as easy and welcoming as possible for anyone.

Perhaps a smaller midweek setting would offer you something more user-friendly. This is why I am looking at a course recently produced called



This course describes itself as “*designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith, and also shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational.*”

It may be that you are not ready to sing our hymns or say our prayers, but you would like to know more about what Christian discipleship means; it may be that you are considering baptism, or would like to think about confirmation; it may be that you would like to take a fresh look at the faith foundations of your childhood, or consider Christian belief as a framework that will give meaning, value and belonging in a confusing world.

I would love to hear from you if you have an interest in finding out more. At present I am offering Tuesdays from 6 – 7:30 p.m beginning on 4th November for six weeks, but if that time or day does not suit you, please do not let it put you off getting in touch – I am very happy to walk alongside you and others a time that suits better.

Happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way. Psalm 84 v. 5

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APOLOGY

Many apologies for the various typographical errors which slipped through in last month's edition of the News. There were a series of technical problems which resulted in an uncorrected version being inadvertently sent to the printers. The News Editors have since upgraded to new software which should help to avoid such mishaps in the future.

Corrections: Following from this, please note that Sheila Woolf's telephone number is 024 7641 8759 so do contact her if you would like to order a copy (or copies) of the Stoneleigh History Society Calendar for 2015.

Editor required: Are there any readers who are prepared to produce an edition once a year? If so, please contact me on mswallis1@gmail.com

*Margaret Wallis,
Stoneleigh & Ashow News Coordinator*

In Memoriam

Joan Sidney, widow of Alan Sidney, formerly of Hall Close, Stoneleigh passed away peacefully at home in Bellingham, Northumberland on 27th August 2014.

Stoneleigh Church Grounds Working Party

When? From 9.30am to 12.30pm Saturday 25th October 2014. Refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers are requested please to undertake clearance of overgrown areas, weeding & tidying of borders, hedge cutting, etc. If you have your own tools, petrol hedge trimmer, pruning saw, strimmer, please bring them, as well as gardening gloves.

Why? We have a small team of mowers, who give up their time to keep the grass mown and generally keep the church yard area tidy, but at the end of the season more help is needed to cut back overgrown areas ready for the winter. Last year's working party did really well, and we saw some welcome new faces. If you can make it, please give me a ring, or leave a message with your name on 024 7641 1658, to give me an idea of skills available and catering numbers.

All villagers are invited; not all will be regular churchgoers, but we all appreciate the peace & tranquility of this lovely church, and most of you will have attended baptisms, weddings or funerals, so please come and help.

Thanks, *Clive Watson*

Summer Serenade

I would like to offer belated but huge thanks to all those who made this year's Summer Serenade. Over 300 people attended making the day more successful than ever. Once again, the Vaughans and the Hadfields made their lovely garden at Wentworth House available for the event. The sun shone too. An added feature this year was the inclusion of some splendid items by the newly formed Stoneleigh Ladies Choir. The raffle, with many wonderful prizes, raised £1,500 and grateful thanks are due to those who donated prizes. A cheque for £2,000 was presented to the Myton Hospices.

Margaret Wallis

REMEMBER

On Wednesday 12th November at 7.15 for
7.30pm start

A Concert

With Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

2 course Supper

At Stoneleigh Village Hall

To raise funds for restoration work at
Ashow Church

Tickets £16

(bring your own drinks and glasses)

From Stephen Harvey (tel 01926 852543)

Or Kate Jones (tel 01926 853511)

HS2 latest

A quick summary of what is going on.

Petitioning and the Select Committee Stage including a visit

The Select Committee of the House of Commons is visiting our area on Tuesday 7th October. I have seen a draft programme and they are likely to be here at lunchtime/ early afternoon. This will be confirmed with timings shortly when the Clerk's Office at the House of Commons draws up a timetable.

They will travel down Crewe Lane, along the B4115 and visit gate 3 of Stoneleigh Park. The intention will be that they travel through Stoneleigh village on their way to visit Stoneleigh Park, diverting to look at the A46. It would be very useful if there were to be a turn-out of interested people to stand on the route and engage with members as appropriate. The Chairman of the Select Committee has actually invited this, and in fact would consider that a "no show" means that residents aren't really that bothered, so please do your best to keep that time and date clear. We will email out details to our list, but if you think that we may not have your details please email either architect_smith@yahoo.co.uk or phone me on 024 7669 0906.

After the visit then the various petitioners for this area, including individuals, the History Society, Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council and Stoneleigh Action Group will be heard by the Select Committee in Westminster, date and time yet to be confirmed. Whilst there is no obligation to go, a no-show will probably mean that the petition and the matter(s) it represents will not be considered. All petitioners will no doubt be working on their submissions. If you would like to know more please contact me.

The Select Committee is currently (September) hearing petitioners from the Birmingham area.

Compensation Consultation

Yes another one closes on 30th September. Some possible responses were emailed out earlier in September. The DfT has been refining its offered schemes, you decide.

Additional Provisions

HS2 has refined its scheme design. Parliament has agreed to hear the provisions and to consult the public on these. If you live near the route then it is in your interest to have a look at these provisions in case they directly (or indirectly) affect you. They do not appear to have addressed any of the petitioning matters. You can find out more about these at this link: <http://www.hs2.org.uk/developing-hs2/consultations/live>

Anybody Out There?

The group has been going 4 years and to be honest I think we are all getting very tired, and older. If anybody wants to find out more and help us out, whether it is keeping an eye out for things which might affect our locality or whatever, please could you let me know. None of us, currently in the Group, can guarantee that we will "go the course".

Martin Smith
Stoneleigh Action Group.

The 2014 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

During the latter part of October it will once again be the season for selling poppies. If there is anyone in Stoneleigh who would be willing to take a box house-to-house, I would be happy to hear from you.

In addition I would be pleased to hear from anyone in Ashow who might like to take responsibility for a collecting box, whether by going house-to-house or via the Club.

I can be contacted on 024 7641 8759.

Many thanks,
Sheila Woolf





Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm

Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School

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Cello Concerto: Dvorak
Symphony No 5: Shostakovich

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Please ring for more information
07432564047

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RESIDENTIAL VACANCY AT THE DAME ALICE LEIGH'S ALMSHOUSE
IN STONELEIGH VILLAGE, WARWICKSHIRE.

The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse is a Charity providing ten homes in the village of Stoneleigh and a residence in this 16th century alms house has become available.

On the ground floor of each cottage there is a hall, lounge leading to kitchen area, cloakroom with washbasin and toilet and utility area. Stairs lead to the first floor where there is a bedroom and shower room with washbasin and w.c.

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The Dame Alice Leigh Charity provides and maintains the fabric and services to the building, as well as all building and garden maintenance.

Trustees invite applications from persons approaching retirement age or older, who are in need of accommodation. Applicants who are in need and residing in or having connections with the Parish of Stoneleigh may be given priority.

Please contact Michael Wareham, Clerk to the Trustees for further information and an application form:

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WI REPORT



The meeting on Monday 1st September was attended by 41 members. Unfortunately the speaker Jo Carter was unable to attend the meeting to talk about the life of a ladies' maid. Refreshments were served immediately after the business meeting.

On Tuesday 9th September a group of members and friends visited Dunham Massey Hall near Altrincham, which became a military hospital during the First World War. This year to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war, the house has been transformed once more with wards, recreation room and operating theatre.

A Games Afternoon was held on 16th September.

The craft topic for September was quilting and members made items which will be on sale at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th October when the guest speaker Nick Chanson will give a talk entitled "From Downton Abbey to Watership Down".

On Tuesday 7th October, there will be the village lunch where roast beef followed by apple tart, will be served, at the Village Hall. If you would like to book a place please ring Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301.

Please join us for our coffee morning on Tuesday 21st October in the Village Club, everyone is welcome.

Rachel Gill





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7.15pm for 7.30 pm start

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Tickets available from the Parish Office

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Or Sarah Ballinger 02476 715256

An insight into what was happening in Stoneleigh 100 years ago

October 17th 1914

I have had a letter lately from Albert Morris who is with 17 others of the Stoneleigh young men at Purbeck Camp near Portsmouth, and one from George Thorley who is with 3 others at Codford near Salisbury; both say they are well and happy; Mrs Worrall told me that her Reggie wrote that they are "as happy as Kings". John Thorley also wrote from Newbury that he thinks the Warwick Yeomanry will move somewhere abroad in a fortnight. Weather is rather gloomy, and there has been some rain but it is not cold enough to affect men camping out much at present, I imagine.

October 31st 1914

Stoneleigh village is anxious to keep some Belgian Refugees; Mr Carley, the farmer at Stareton, has generously offered his cottage at Stoneleigh rent free till Lady Day [March 25th]. At a Meeting the other night a great many of the people came forward with offers of furniture, cups, & saucers, saucepans etc, and weekly subscriptions in small sums which finally mounted up to about £1.

Captain Kay writes that a fresh urgent appeal is made for recruits, and an official enquiry is now to be made everywhere concerning the eligible men who have not volunteered; is this a preliminary step towards conscription?

Extracts from The Diary and Scrapbooks of Cordelia Leigh 1914 -1919

Edited by Sheila Woolf and Chris Holland

Article submitted by Lisa Reay

Stoneleigh History Society

If this edition of the *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* reaches you in time, please feel free to come along to the September meeting of the Society, on Tuesday September 30th at 7.30pm. It will be in the church, as we shall be hearing the story of how the wonderful cushions were created by the “Stoneleigh Stitchers.”

Our October meeting will be back in the Village Hall, on Tuesday 28th, when we shall hear from Ashow’s own Hazel Fryer, who will be speaking about Humphry Repton’s landscape design at Stoneleigh Abbey.

Finally, don’t forget to buy your copy of the 2015 Stoneleigh calendar – now on sale for just £7.50. Copies will be on sale at the Food, Beer and Craft Market, at History Society meetings and no doubt elsewhere in the village!

Sheila Woolf

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Stoneleigh Cricket Club

Cotswold Hills League Div 5

Stoneleigh are Champions!

In a nail-biting finish to the league season, the Unicorns emerged top of the heap. We did what was needed to stay in the promotion places by gaining maximum point victories in our last 2 matches, the first away to Elmley Castle II and the final match at home to Fladbury. Elmley Castle had caused some controversy by defaulting in three of their fixtures, handing Broadway II an easy 20 points on one weekend when all other matches were abandoned. But we were grateful that Elmley turned out a side, albeit a youthful one, for our fixture and enabled us to get the important victory.

With the Fladbury match won, all attention was centred on Leamington, where their IVths were taking on Broadway II to decide the promotion positions. Leamington did us a favour by narrowly defeating their visitors, putting us in top spot but, unfortunately for them, not gaining enough points to get past Broadway for second place.

To cap a fine season, we also took the Division's batting and bowling awards, Paul Lazenby scoring 421 runs including a century in the last match while Mark Edgington picked up 28 wickets. Phil Chapman made the only other century of the season and his brother James finished just behind Paul on 406 runs. Mark also returned the best match bowling analysis of 6-23 and Dave Griffin was second in the bowling list with 21 wickets.

So we look forward to the new challenges of Div 4 next season and hope to maintain the momentum of this year,

Friendlies

Of four matches played since the previous report, there have been three victories – against Bishop's Tachbrook, Dunchurch & Bilton and Coventry Barbarians. We suffered a defeat at the hands of Heckley although the match was more competitive than many previous encounters.

In the Dunchurch match there was an excellent century stand between James Chapman and Paul Smith, both making fifties, while the standout bowling performance was an opening burst of 8 overs by Darren Young, knocking over Baa-Baa's top four batsmen to set up a win.

Young Jay Patel has caught the eye with some controlled seam bowling – he's one for the future. The Venkat brothers have made good contributions with bat, ball and tea-making while Phil Chapman has continued to lead the team well, scoring consistently and fielding spectacularly.

The Bank Holiday match for the Unicorn Cup was again enjoyed by all and we must thank the MacKenzie family for their work in organising the match and the subsequent festivities at Ashow.

We round the season off with a match against Tristan Baker's team from the London Theatres on 28 Sep, finishing with a Barbecue at Stoneleigh Village Club.

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The October Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Warwick University, University House, Kirby Cross Corner on Thursday 9 October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Flight Path Protection Team – West Midlands Police

A team of specialist officers at Birmingham International Airport needs your help to protect the security of our flight paths. People who live and work beneath these busy pathways can be extra eyes and ears to assist us in keeping flights in and out of the airport safe. By being vigilant and reporting anything suspicious to our team, you will be helping to minimise the opportunity for terrorist related incidents.

If you are interested in helping you can email: fppt@west-midlands.pnn.co.uk, telephone 24 hour FPPT Community Hotline 0121 712 6151.

Pat Maddison - Parish Clerk

Since the September edition of the News went to press, notification was received that 15th October is now the earliest the relevant WCC committee will meet to discuss the location of an anaerobic digester near to Stoneleigh village. This provides us with the opportunity to refer readers to the Parish Council flier and the long article in the September issue and to encourage readers to submit their objections well before that date.

Editor

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This month's front cover:

Autumn Crocus

Photograph by Greg Reay



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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2014

Sunday 5 th	11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Ashow
Thursday 9 th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 12 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Sunday 19 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 23 rd	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 26 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh,

From the registers August and September

Weddings at Stoneleigh

Friday 15th August- Lee Steven Nowosad and Abigail Sarah Taylor

Saturday 6th September- Christopher Downham and Andrea Frances Ralph

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