

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MAY 2017

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

Before outlining the activities of the Orchard Group during April I would like to describe a sunny, crisp morning back in late March 2012 when I managed to recruit the services of Fred Oatley and his good friend Barry Jones to the task of scuffling the meadow in the vicinity of the Orchard with the intention of turning it into a haven for wild flowers.

On this morning Fred's talent as a skilled operator of tractor and other agricultural machinery were clear to be seen and all who observed this couldn't fail to be impressed by his and indeed Barry's expertise. Fred showed an interest in the Orchard and could frequently be observed wondering alone but more often with his wife Anne inspecting the trees and offering advice. Needless to say Fred also keenly anticipated the resultant cider ! The orchard group will miss Fred and wish Anne all strength for the future.

The later days of March and start of April have largely been employed in processing cider. This involved racking off the cider from the sediment also known as the lees into a separate containment. From then on the cider is bagged, pasteurised, treated and measured for alcohol content. The process at this point starts to become what can be described as a small scientific experiment combining equipment such as a hydrometer to measure specific gravity as well as a device called a refractometer which measures the way the passage of light through liquid is distorted according to its content. There then follows some mathematics and at the end of the process a figure describing the percentage alcohol content is arrived at !

This year has seen the development of a single apple cider based on the Dabinett apple which number some 21 trees and makes it our main stay variety in the Orchard.

Dabinett apples contain a lot of the tannins that give a cider its bitter taste and will supplement our multi apple cider in the future.

The Orchard friends subscriptions have come up for renewal since the start of the year and renewals of £10 can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard, however, why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit.

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STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS – HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to join our editorial team. Experience of desktop publishing (we use Page Plus) required. In the first instance, ability to edit the September edition is a priority (which means being available for the period around 18 August). Please contact the News Co-ordinator, Margaret Wallis, for further information mwallis1@gmail.com

STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB

EVENTS FOR MAY

BINGO WEDNESDAY 10th and 24th
KNIT & NATTER WEDNESDAY 3rd, 17th and 31st

A REMINDER: IT'S TIME TO PAY SUBS

Cost have remained the same as last year

£12.00. Single

£20.00 Couple

£5.00. OAP

£10.00

**WE ARE HAVING A MUSIC NIGHT ON 27th of MAY
WITH TURKEY AND STUFFING BATCHES FOR SUPPER**

THE A.G.M. is 2nd of JUNE at 7.30pm

**Date for your diary. 9th of June we have arranged for two nurses
to come to the club, to offer a free prostate test, (just a blood test)
so ladies, bring all of your men for the test and a drink.**

**We've also set the date for the duck race,
SATURDAY 12th of AUGUST**

Film Night

Firstly, apologies to those of you who were expecting to see **Lion** in April.

We had a mix up with the release date of the DVD.

We will now show '**Lion**' on Friday 9th June in Stoneleigh Village Hall 6.45 for 7pm

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

'**Lion**' is based on a true story from the memoir, 'A Long Way Home', by Saroo Brierley
starring Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, Nicole Kidman, David Wenham, Priyanka Bose.

A five-year-old Indian boy is separated from his family and adopted by an Australian
couple.

Twenty-five years later he has memories of his family in India.



Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place call Jane on 07710304651 or email jane0891@yahoo.com



Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day

Saturday 17th June 11am-4pm (last entry 3pm)

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HS2 UPDATE

HS2 continues to generate much news in the media. Most dramatic this month has been a debacle over the awarding of a contract for the construction of Phase 1. Mace, a company that failed to get this contract, accused the successful bidder, the American CH2M Hill, of a conflict of interest as many of its staff had been seconded to HS2 Ltd and the new chief executive was a former employee. Following the threat of legal action, HS2 Ltd and the Department for Transport said that the bidding process must be repeated although they did not admit any wrongdoing. This means that the timetable for construction will be delayed, possibly by as much as up to two years. Local representatives of HS2 Ltd met Jeremy Wright and action group members from the Kenilworth and Southam constituency on 31 March and this delay was confirmed. There may be 'enabling works' during late 2017 and 2018.

Two representatives from HS2 attended the Parish Council meeting on 13th April, by invitation. One was the Community Engagement Officer and the other the Project Manager for our section of the route.

They made a brief presentation of how the route is divided, a reference to the Community Fund and how the Contractor when appointed is mandated to help the Community. However, upon closer examination of questions from the floor and the Parish Councillors on matters such as traffic routes for construction, they appeared less than accommodating and unsympathetic. As it was announced at the meeting, it can be made recorded here that a contractor for the route will be announced this summer. That contractor will then spend 12 – 18 months working on construction planning, based on the information they will be presented with from HS2 and also on the ongoing site investigations. That also may determine when construction works would actually start, but that is subject to review from the contractor.

At the moment a company formed from an amalgamation of Laing and Murphy is undertaking enabling works, ground investigations, establishing wildlife habitats and so on. We were told they will not be undertaking construction works associated with the main project.

Warwick District Council expects to receive planning applications relating to individual aspects of the project, e.g. ancillary buildings. The Hybrid Bill which was approved by Parliament earlier this year acts as a de-facto "outline" planning approval, and as in the case of the latter, reserved matters need to be approved by application. Warwick DC has agreed to be an Approving Authority for this, whereas other local authorities have not. The hope is that there can be some form of local input, but time-scales will be very restricted. The authority must issue a decision within a defined time-scale: failure to do so means that consent is deemed to be granted, so in that respect it differs from approval of reserved matters. Thus dialogue over revisions of applications may also be difficult to achieve. There is no requirement for Warwick DC to engage in public consultation, but they will endeavour to consult with the Parish Council. The Action Group will not be a direct consultee.

Martin Smith *(on behalf of StAG – Stoneleigh Action Group against HS2)*

Fred Oatley

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me with the cleaning up of the church ready for Fred's funeral. I would also like to thank all those who came. Special thanks to our vicar, Revd. Sharon Goble, who was such a help to me and gave an exceptional service for Fred.

Ann Oatley

STONELEIGH WI

The meeting on 3rd April was an open evening to welcome visitors and possible new members to find out what the WI is all about. There were displays of art and craft work. Information was available about the book club, theatre group, the Warwickshire Federation and the WI's College at Denman in Oxfordshire.

The Annual Federation Meeting took place at the Chesford Grange Hotel on Monday 10th April. The guests and delegates were welcomed by Annie Ashworth, the Director of the Stratford Literary Festival. She described how she had no experience of organising such an event but had to learn on the job. The Stratford Literary Festival has grown bigger every year. She was followed by Professor Steven Parissien, the Director of Compton Verney Art Gallery. He talked about the history of the house, the recent changes to the gallery and the work being done on the chapel. The next speaker was Caitlin Davies, the daughter of Hunter Davies and Margaret Forster. After university in Sussex and the United States she moved to Botswana where she worked as a teacher and then as a journalist. Today she lives in London and writes novels, non –fiction and works in journalism. Her more recent books are set in London and includes “The Ghost of the Lily Painter” based on the true story of the arrest and execution of two Edwardian baby farmers. Most of the afternoon session was devoted to floral demonstration by Jonathon Moseley. The arrangements were made using mainly spring flowers and a lot of foliage and were very striking. At the end of the afternoon the arrangements were raffled.

On 12th April a group of members met for lunch at the Dun Cow in Dunchurch. It is hoped that this will be the start of a regular lunch club. The Annual Dinner took place at the Coventry Golf Club on Friday 28th April.

There will be an afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th June to raise funds for Zoe's Place, the hospice for children. All will be welcome. Tickets are available from Liz Sykes (02476 418301).

The next meeting will be on 8th May when we will discuss and vote on the resolution to be put to the National AGM.

Rachel Gill.

Some facts about the month of May.

The month is named after the Greek goddess of fertility, Maia.

There used to be a saying based on the fact that it was considered bad luck to marry in May, “marry in May and rue the day”.

In the nursery rhyme, “here we go gathering nuts in May” probably refers to “knots” and not “nuts”, meaning bunches of flowers.



“The Heart of Stoneleigh” Defibrillator
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<h2 style="color: red;">ALL AGES WELCOME</h2>	
<p>OPEN DAY</p> <p>Introduction to bowls</p> <p>Sunday 14th May 11am to 4pm</p> <p>Just turn up when convenient and leave the rest to us.</p> <p>Light refreshments provided.</p> <p>For more information contact Chris</p> <p>YOU ONLY NEED FLAT SHOES</p>	<p>BOWLS COACHING</p> <p>Starts</p> <p>Monday 15th May 6pm until dusk</p> <p>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</p> <p>If you wish to come but can't make the dates, contact Chris</p> <p>FLAT SHOES REQUIRED</p>
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Ashow Church and Village News

As mentioned last month there will be a Summer Concert at Ashow Church on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 pm, by Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir and a local solo singer. Drinks and canapes will be served in the interval under the marquee, by the river (weather permitting, or if not, in the church). Please join us for an enjoyable evening and help raise money for Ashow Church. Tickets are £15 from Kate Jones tel. 01926 853511, or Stephen Harvey tel. 01926 852543, or Anne and Tony Gregory at The Club.

The Ashow Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30 pm in Ashow Village Club. We hope that as many Ashow villagers, congregation, and others that are interested in what is happening and the running of Ashow Church will attend.

On May 21st there will be no service at Ashow Church for the first Sunday in a long time, because we shall all be going to Stoneleigh to celebrate their Homecoming in the newly renovated Stoneleigh Church building. We hope that everyone will be able to join us there at 11 am, followed by other celebrations and later a Pig Roast and Stoneleigh Orchard Cider from 12.30 onwards in The Meadows.



As always both our churches are open for prayer every day and we hope that you value them as places in our communities which both visibly and hospitably call us all to take time to pray. This month, as last year, there will be a special focus for a global wave of prayer in the days between Ascension and Pentecost, an initiative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York beginning last year and which this year includes the support and involvement of Pope Francis and even more

Christians and churches across the world.

Thy Kingdom Come 2017 is from 24th May to 4th June.

As last year there will be several ways you can get involved. On Ascension Day, Thursday 25th May there will be three times in that day when you can gather with others to pray, perhaps helping you join me to make a whole day of it! (or just come to some!)

From 9:30- 10am join the Thursday prayers in Stoneleigh church.

At 12noon – 12:30 join in Midday Prayers in Ashow church.

At 5pm there will be Evensong in Stoneleigh church.

In both buildings you will also find prayer stations for you to use in your own time. Prayer stations are resources gathered to help prompt or focus your prayers and located in small spaces around the church. You simply read what it says at the “station” – a table or similar – and choose whether to use the words or activity to help you to pray. These prayers stations will be in place and available daily from 24th May to 4th June. For example, this year you will find a family tree on which to hang your prayers about the people you live with and care for; a sorry bin where you can write down your regrets, rip them up and throw them away and receive forgiveness; a prayer globe focussing our prayers for the world; a “disagreeing well” in which to pray about conflicts in your life, in our lives together and in the wider world... and more!

There is also a Prayer walk leaflet available in Stoneleigh which takes you around the building itself, where the flowers will still be looking lovely from our homecoming celebrations on the Sunday before.

And... for those of you who like to make and do and be outside in the fresh air there will be the resources to make a kite and fly it in the meadows. I will have these available at our Homecoming celebrations on Sunday 21st May alongside the food, fellowship and fun (see details elsewhere!) - a great way to remind us to look up and think about God as well as enjoy being together.



If you would like to explore praying but need to talk about it first, or you would like me or someone else to pray with you, don't hesitate to be in touch.

God bless

Reverend Sharon Goble

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Stoneleigh and Ashow Joint Parish Council

Annual Report- 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Members

The composition of the Parish Council in May 2016 was as detailed below:

Ashow Ward	Councillors Mrs H. Fryer and Mrs J. Mackenzie
Stoneleigh Ward	Councillors Mr R Hancox, Mr J Astle, Mrs E Cole and Mrs S Malone

- At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th May 2016 Councillor R. Hancox was appointed Chairman and Councillor Mrs H Fryer was appointed Deputy-Chairman.
- Councillor Mrs E Cole tended her resignation from the Parish Council in October which was accepted.
- Councillor Mrs S Malone tended her resignation from the Parish Council in November which was accepted
- At the February 2017 meeting Mrs Diana Jack was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Stoneleigh Councillor.

Meetings

During the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 the following meetings were held: Annual Council Meeting and 11 Ordinary Meetings

Finance

Precept levied for the financial year 2016/2017 was £16,263.

Other income during the year was Bank interest of £11.89, concurrent expenditure £170, a Council Tax Grant of £466, plus £1382 from the Transparency Fund. A grant of £875 was received from Warwick District Council for the Ashow noticeboards.

The total income for the year was £19,167.83, which when added to the accumulated balance gave a working total of £43,730.91.

During the year total expenditure was £16,157.80 which results in a surplus of £27,573.11. Included in this is £10,562.53 of ring fenced money.

Please note: these accounts have not been verified by the Council or audited and may be subject to change at the May 2017 meeting.

The following grants were distributed during the year:

Ashow Church £500

Stoneleigh Church £500

Stoneleigh & Ashow Newsletter £300

Planning

All planning applications received from Warwick District Council are considered.

During the year a total of 36 new planning applications were considered. The applications can be classified as shown:

Ashow 3 Full –1 Granted, 2 Refused

1 Listed Building –Awaiting decision

Stoneleigh 26 Full – 15 Granted, 5 Refused, 1 Withdrawn, 5 still in progress

6 Listed Building – 4 Granted, 2 withdrawn

Stoneleigh Village Play Equipment

The annual inspection of all the play equipment was carried out in September 2016

Sarah Windridge

Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer for the period November 2016 to March 2017

Our potential new home.

We have owned the parcel of land on Coventry Road between No 6 and the old petrol station for almost 10 years now and are considering an application to build a two bedroom bungalow on the site for us to live in and to allow us to become a part of the village community. We would like to invite you to view our proposal over coffee on Saturday 6 May in the Stoneleigh Village Hall between 10:30 and 11:00 where we will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have prior to our application being submitted to the Council.

Martin & Julia Innocent

STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

present a Summer Concert

WEDNESDAY 24 May @ 7.30pm
at Ashow Church

*Drinks and canapes will be served by the river.
All monies raised in aid of Ashow Church.*

Tickets £15

and can be obtained from:

Kate Jones [01926 853511]

Stephen Harvey [01926 852543]

Anne Gregory [07724234479]

Tony Gregory at Ashow Village Club [07724234456]



Stoneleigh Church Homecoming Celebration

Sunday 21st May 2017
Starts 11am

Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations.

The day begins with a special service at 11am after which you can enjoy a Pig Roast and Stoneleigh Orchard Cider followed by puddings and coffee all served in a marquee on the meadow.

In the afternoon there will be a programme of short recitals from Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir; Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir; Stoneleigh adult and junior hand bells; our organist Ron Binnie and of course the bells will ring out from the tower.

Stoneleigh History Society's summer exhibition on the history of the church called *'1000 years of change and renewal'* will be on display in the Leigh Chapel.

There are no tickets or invitation cards being produced. However it would of course help our catering if you would indicate the number in your group who are hoping to come. Please contact Jane Taylor jane0891@yahoo.com

Stoneleigh and Ashow News.

The June 2017 edition will be compiled by
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Please note that the address editor.sandanews@gmail.com is no longer in use.

This month's edition was compiled by Kim and Martin Smith, who would like to thank all contributors. It was printed by Warwick Print at the University.

The online colour version is available at the Village Website
www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk

We prefer digital A5 copy please, but paper may be submitted as an alternative.

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STONELEIGH W.I.

AFTERNOON TEA

At Stoneleigh Village Hall

Sunday June 11th

3-5pm

Price £7.50

Sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee

ALL WELCOME

Tickets Liz Sykes 02476418301

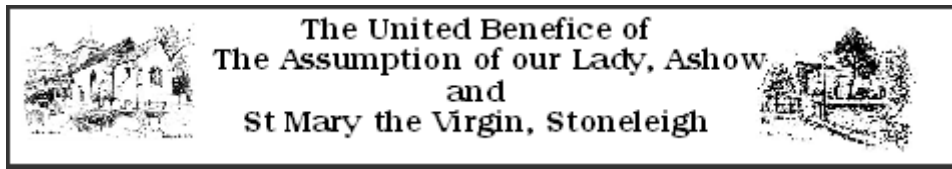
Stoneleigh History Society

After beginning the year with presentations about the history of Coventry and the history of illegal marriages (the two subjects were not connected!) our April meeting, which will probably have occurred before the *News* is published, had an entirely Stoneleigh-based flavour. Not only did we hear about the restoration of the church but also about a schoolgirl's sampler, created exactly 200 years ago at Stoneleigh School. The evening was rounded off by a slideshow of views of Stare Bridge throughout the course of one year – a lovely structure whose setting will inevitably be compromised by HS2.

We welcomed Sue Crofts as the society's new treasurer, following Lisa Reay's resignation of this post, and thanked Lisa for all that she has done – and continues to do – for the society. For many months a team from the Society's committee has been working on a full history of the church, ready to be displayed at the end of May. Our intention has been to identify the ways in which the church has been altered over time, whether by new building or by the addition of memorials, textiles, pews, stained glass and so on....there have been times when the list has seemed endless!

Our display, *Stoneleigh Church: Centuries of Change and Renewal*, will be in the Leigh Chapel in time for the church's "welcome back" service on May 21st, and on Tuesday May 30th at 7.30pm our monthly meeting will take place in the church itself, with stories being told about our findings. *Everyone* is invited to this celebration of our beautiful, historic church. We should be delighted to share our discoveries with you.

Sheila Woolf



SERVICES FOR MAY 2017

Sunday 7 th	10.00 a.m. United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Thursday 11 th	10.30 a.m. Midweek Communion, at Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 st	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Homecoming Celebration Service at Stoneleigh <i>followed by Pig Roast in the meadow and afternoon of events in the church see advert in magazine for all the details.</i>
Thursday 25 th	Ascension Day 12.00 noon Midday prayers at Ashow 5.00 p.m. Evensong at Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30 a.m. Village Service at Ashow 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 3rd April – Frederick Arthur James Oatley –
Funeral Service in Stoneleigh Church followed by burial in the churchyard

Monday 3rd April -Keith Charles Bayliss - who died suddenly on 25 February 2017.
Keith lived in Stoneleigh from 1947 until his death. He was buried with his Mum, Emily May Bayliss, at St Giles Church, Bubbenhall

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