

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



JULY/AUGUST 2017



To mark the anniversary of MP Jo Cox's death, over the weekend of 16th to 18th June, communities across the United Kingdom got together, shared food and celebrated all that they held in common. Given the recent tragic events in Manchester and London, this message of hope and love is more relevant than ever.

"We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

Jo Cox, 1974 – 2016

Treasurer Wanted

Margaret Wallis, Chair, Stoneleigh & Ashow News

After many years of serving in the role of Treasurer for the Stoneleigh & Ashow News, Clive Watson plans to resign at the end of the year. Duties mainly involve dealing with Warwick Print and with occasional advertisers, as well as handling voluntary contributions. If any reader wishes to serve the local community in this way, please contact Clive for further information: 024 7641 1658 or CTW66@me.com.



Here, Stoneleigh's Oaks

*From: Domesday Book 1086
Warwickshire: Stanlei: King's Land, 2 mills*

Here, Stoneleigh's oaks
still guard this motted hill
where William wrenched hold
of dead Edward's land.

Here, still, this heart-stringed water,
Shakespeare's stream,
embraces Sowe,
ferments their seaward course.

Here, still, this church
sits in the Virgin's palm
rings births, loves, deaths
across the swans-nest sedge.

Here, still, this arched bridge
echoes with the sounds
of bedecked journeymen,
proud carriage wheels.

Here, still, the almshouse
where John Newey sank
and died, the Lord's year,
Sixteen sixty-four.

Here, still, he rests
in churchyards solemn green
with other souls about
who dreamt my life
whilst this flood soil,
deep-banded with their spoor,
dreams of conceiving Spring,
abundant fruit.

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Changes to Stoneleigh Bus Services

The Parish Council have received the following correspondence from Warwickshire County Council regarding changes to bus services which will take effect from Monday 5th September 2017:

As you will be aware, the budget for financially supported bus services has been reduced by £500,000 from April 2017, thereby requiring us to find savings across the county. Naturally, we are focusing on achieving this with as little impact on customers as possible.

The Warwickshire County Council contracts for services 539 (Coventry, Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth) and 580 (Coventry, Ryton, Bubbenhall, Princethorpe, Marton Dunchurch, Rugby etc.), currently operated by Johnson's Coaches, are due to expire on Saturday 3rd September 2017. As such, we have carried out a major and thorough review of these routes that has included assessing loading analysis on all journeys. It has transpired that a number of said journeys conveyed extremely low numbers of passengers. Therefore, the new timetables have been prepared to reflect this.

Service 11 (Rugby Town Flexibus, operated by A & M Flexibus) will take over serving Lime Tree Village. Service 579 is a new Monday and Friday market day service that will serve Lawford Heath and Croop Hill, along with Cawston Grange Drive, an area of Rugby that is quite a distance from the main bus route and from which we have received a number of requests from residents for a service.

The proposed timetables for all of the above services can be viewed at **www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk/bus-timetables/**.

Should you wish to comment on the proposed timetables, then please contact Richard Hancox (**richard.hancox@kier.co.uk**), who will in turn pass your comments on to the County Council. It may be possible to make minor adjustments, but the overall reduction in service levels will need to be maintained.

Ashow News

Kate Jones, Churchwarden (via Stephen Harvey)

The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir Concert held at Ashow Church on Wednesday 24th May was very enjoyable and successful, raising £1,452 for church repair funds. The PCC would like to express their gratitude to the choir, Judy Hadfield and Alan Biddle, and also to Jinty Cotton, the soloist, who sang exceptionally well.



Thanks to everyone who helped on the night: bar staff, raffle ticket sellers, and David Wareing for his marquee. Thanks also to those who attended, gave donations or supported the raffle. The delicious canapés were freely provided by many people and the weather stayed fine for drinks by the river. The Club was also open after the concert. In all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

As this edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News magazine covers both July and August, we would like to advertise the Ashow Village Pig Roast on Sunday 20th August, which is being organised by Ashow Church PCC in conjunction with the Village Club. It will be held in the Club garden at 12.00pm for 1.00pm. Tickets are £15 for adults or £6 for children under eight years. There will be a vegetarian option for anyone who wishes, and the meal will include salads and a selection of puddings.

Tickets are available from David Holt (tel 01926 859537), Kate Jones (01926 853511), Tony Gregory (Club Steward, tel 01926 717084) or email Stephen Harvey on **stephen.harvey@doctors.org.uk**.

Feedback from the residents of Ashow regarding Sharon's departure early in August indicates that everyone will miss her presence in both the community and in Church, as well as her pastoral role in the village. We all send her and her family best wishes for the future.

Holiday Club

“Stoneleigh on Sea”



Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August 2017
10am – 12pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall
and celebrated in Stoneleigh Church
on Sunday 6th August at 11am

Come and join the fun, games and activities, through which we will explore Bible stories and faith, together with a seaside theme. The club is open to any children of primary school age, as well as any young people who would like to come and muck in to help – as long as anyone under 18 has been registered to be with us by an adult. Under 5s are also welcome as long as their own adult carer stays with them to help them join in throughout. If you are an adult interested in getting involved, please contact Sharon and she'd love to chat with you about it. Registering for the club will take place on the door, but can be done in advance with Jackie at the Parish Office – 024 7641 5506 and admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk.

Stoneleigh Village Club

Established 1856

Events for July/August

Bingo

Wednesday 5th & 19th July

Knit & Natter

Wednesday 12th & 26th July

Cheese & Wine Night

Saturday 15th July

Duck Race & Summer Fair

Saturday 12th August

If you know anybody who would like to have a stall, please let us know



Stoneleigh Village Hall & Sports Field Trust

The car park is for the use of patrons of the hall; it is not a public car park. Please also be advised that those patrons are parking at their own risk.

HS2 Update

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

Amidst all the current political upheavals, HS2 is still receiving considerable media coverage. The end of the purdah required by the General Election has meant that HS2 Ltd has released a raft of documents relating to its plans. For a briefing paper outlining the story so far, see:

www.researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefings/Summary/SNO0316.

As the main political parties showed no sign of removing their support from HS2, there is no sign that this situation will change – but who knows?!

Warwick District Council has received the first of what will be many planning permission requests over the coming years. This one refers to mitigation pools in the flood plain adjacent to Dalehouse Lane – three pools are to accommodate wildlife (notably newts!) which would be displaced by eventual construction works. If approved, this work will begin during the summer and there will be some associated local construction traffic.

Warwick County Council is hosting invitation-only (to parish councils) meetings on 28th June (to meet the HS2 Construction Commissioner) and on 6th July (to hear more details about the HS2 Community and Environment Fund).

The Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2) will continue to co-operate with Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council as the project proceeds, the Parish Council being the body through which Warwick County and District Councils and HS2 Ltd will communicate details of future action.



Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf, www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk

Last month's magazine gave details of the church's "homecoming" event on 21st May, in which the History Society was delighted to take part. Since then, our display in the Leigh Chapel has been viewed by a great many people – from all over the world! – and their enthusiasm for our researches makes all our work worthwhile.

On 30th May, we formally launched the exhibition, and several of those who had contributed to the research spoke about aspects which had particularly interested them. We hope that many more people, visitors and residents alike will take the opportunity to see the exhibition over the summer. We are very grateful to the church for providing us with new boards and lighting as well as an extended display space for our ever-growing resources and publications.

In June, we visited the works of Toye, Kenning and Spencer in Bedworth, which was once the home of the UK weaving industry. They have been in business since the seventeenth century making woven insignia, and hold a Royal Warrant from Her Majesty the Queen as "Supplier of Gold and Silver Laces, Insignia and Embroidery". They now make everything from uniforms to ceremonial wear, and manufacture honours, decorations and medals presented at investitures. A family company, they employ highly skilled craftspeople whose talents have been passed down from generation to generation. It was a most interesting visit.



Our next formal meeting will be at 7.30pm on 26th September in the Village Hall, when Shirley Ball will speak about the village school. All are welcome.

Stoneleigh Village Duck Race + Summer Fair



Saturday 12th August 2017

Fun for all the family and stalls, stalls, stalls...

Look out for posters in the village

Offers of help welcome



Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Pete Freeman

At the combined Orchard Group AGM and EGM on Monday 22nd May, the group re-elected Pete Freeman as Chairman, Richard Hancox as Treasurer, and elected Richard Gledhill as Secretary. These are potentially interim positions as central to discussions on the evening were the processes surrounding the group's intention to transform to the more formal structure of a Community Interest Company. During the meeting, a number of decisions were taken in preparation for that transition, the first being the agreement to form a company "Limited by Guarantee", which is a non-profit-making company centred on serving the community. Five directors were selected: the three post-holders listed above as well as John Churchley and Quentin Compton-Bishop. A decision was also made to field out the work involved in setting up the company to an external accountant. We hope to give an update on our progress with this later in the year.

On less formal matters, the cider from the harvest of 2016 has been received very favourably, with feedback overwhelmingly positive. The group are always keen to hear your views of the product as well as the project in general. The harvest of 2017 will most probably be less bountiful than that of last year as a result of our pruning undertaken earlier in the year to encourage the trees to develop structure. It should also be recognised that some of our varieties, particularly Yarlington Mill and Stoke Red, fruit "biennially", which means that they fruit for one year then take a year off, thereby giving a crop on alternate years. There should, however, be a reasonable harvest, and we are already discussing plans to make the harvest a little more of an event this year, so do follow those plans in the September edition of this magazine.



Orchard friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals cost £10 and can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard. Alternatively, why not become a long-term friend and set up a direct debit?

Contact Pete Freeman (Chairman)
5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh
pete.freeman@swft.nhs.uk

Richard Hancox (Treasurer)
richard.hancox@kier.co.uk

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Phil Jones, Chairman

The choir's successful year culminates on 2nd July with our Summer Serenade, which takes place in the walled garden at Stoneleigh Abbey. This year's chosen charity is the Waverley (formally the Waverley Day Centre) in Kenilworth, which provides facilities for a variety of groups, including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and PHAB.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 18th September 2017

Concert at Cubbington Church

Friday 20th October 2017

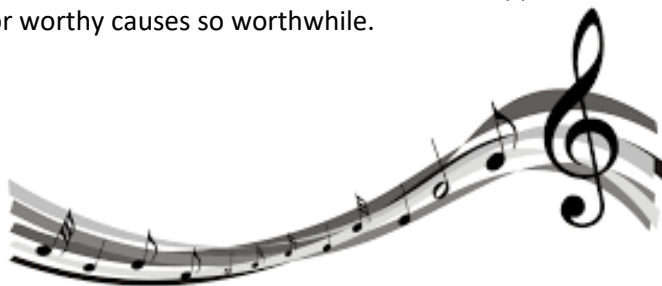
Concert in aid of Cancer Research at St Francis of Assisi RC Church, Kenilworth

A joint event with the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December 2017

Carol concert at Stoneleigh Abbey Chapel

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, which makes our singing for worthy causes so worthwhile.



Correction

Phil Jones, Chairman, Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

The article about the choir trip to Bourg-la-Reine in the June edition of the magazine was written by Kate McCutcheon and not Philip Jones (who only submitted the article). Apologies to Kate.

Stoneleigh WI Report

Rachel Gill

The speaker on 5th June was Di Castledine, whose talks are very amusing and entertaining. She had spoken to us before about her life as a nurse in Coventry. This time, her topic was life as a Captain in the Territorial Army, where women were very much in the minority, especially in the Officers' Mess.

On Sunday 11th June, a traditional afternoon tea of scones and jam, sandwiches and cakes was served to members, family and friends. Following tea, a substantial donation was made to Zoe's Place, the hospice for children in Coventry. There was also an opportunity to purchase items created by the Craft Group.

The Lunch Club will meet at the Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall on Thursday 6th July. The Book Club will meet to discuss ***Bilbo the Life Guard Dog*** by Steven Jamieson and ***Maestra***.

The next Village Lunch will be on Tuesday 4th July. The menu will be fish pie and fruit jelly and cream. If you would like to book or cancel a place, please contact Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301.

Last month saw the retirement of Margot Mather, one of the longest-serving helpers at the Village Lunch. She was presented with flowers at the end of lunch.

The meeting on Monday 3rd July will be a games evening with a fish and chip supper.



Parish Council Notes

Mrs Sarah Windridge, Parish Clerk

Meetings

Please note that we have had to rearrange the July Ordinary Parish Council meeting. It will now be held at Ashow Village Club on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7.00pm.

The September Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.00pm. Members of the public are invited to attend. The agenda, including upcoming planning applications, can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>

Warwick District Council has invited the Parish Council to attend a meeting on 29th June to meet the HS2 Construction Commissioner. The Parish Council hopes to send a representative to this meeting, and also to a seminar on 6th July to find out more about the HS2 Community Benefit Fund. Outcomes of both meetings will be reported at the meeting on 26th July.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for one Parish Councillor to represent Stoneleigh Ward, and two Parish Councillors to represent Ashow Ward. If you feel that you can put something back into the community, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. If you are interested or wish to know more about this position, please contact the Chairman, Richard Hancox, on 07770 826310 or email richard.hancox@kier.co.uk.



Community First Responders

David Ellwood

Thanks to local generosity of both time and money, we have had our defibrillator in Stoneleigh for over a year now. Linking with that, the Community First Responder Scheme is a national initiative and is an integrated part of the Ambulance Service.



Because they are local, Community First Responders (CFRs) can respond more quickly than an ambulance and they provide vital “first-person-on-scene” assistance to people who are ill or injured before the arrival of the ambulance crew. Ambulance

crews tell of the valuable, indeed invaluable, role they play in making an often vital difference. West Midlands Ambulance Service is recruiting at present for CFRs in our area. Details are available through the following websites:

<https://wmas.nhs.uk/wmas-services/community-first-responders/>

http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/be373809227362f24bcccae63b35d28a/?vac_ref=914647046

Becoming a CFR in Stoneleigh, Stoneleigh Abbey and Ashow would not only be rewarding for the individual, but reassuring for all. If you feel you could, and would like to, be a CFR, please apply promptly. The official closing date will already have passed by the time you read this, but don't let that deter you. Thank you.

“The Heart of Stoneleigh” Defibrillator in the phone box on The Green

Co-ordinator: David Ellwood 07785 284482 text if no reply

Trained volunteers:

John Churchley	07885 496795	Becki Coombe	07841 378404
Laura Elliot	07738 222969	David Ellwood	07785 284482
Richard Hancox	07770 826310	Ian Huston	07974 237331
Sharron McEldowney ...	07760 101775	Claire Neale	07557 675842
Lisa Reay	07716 416320	Martin Smith	07958 955629
Mary Taylor	07890 535506		

Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Celebration of the time Sharon's spent with us

Sarah, Kate, Gordon, Richard & Peter, Churchwardens

We have been very saddened to learn that our vicar is shortly leaving our parishes to take up a position much closer to her home and family at Ilmington. Our sadness is tinged with pleasure for her that her new appointment will hopefully give her more time with her family.

Since coming here in October 2013, Sharon has been very much part of our villages, not only in the churches but also within the community with her pastoral care to everyone. She will be very much missed.

It is fitting that her last service with us will be United on 6th August, when we celebrate the Holiday Club in Stoneleigh Church at the 11 o'clock service, because her work with young people, and particularly the Holiday Club, has been very much part of her ministry. It is proposed that after the service there will be a small celebration to recognise her time with us, at which light refreshments will be available, and it is hoped that not only church worshippers but also many villagers will like to join us.

Some people have suggested that they would like to make a financial contribution to a small gift for Sharon, so if anyone feels they would like to do so, please hand it, clearly identified, to either Peter Shrimpton at Ashow or Richard Ashley at Stoneleigh. If sending by post, please forward to Richard at 5 Hall Road, Leamington Spa CV32 5RA. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Church, but please write Sharon's name on the back of the cheque.



Stoneleigh Church Diary Dates

July / August

**Monday 31st July
- Friday 4th August**

“Stoneleigh on Sea” Holiday Club - Village Hall
10.00am - 12.00pm
See poster on page 7 for details

Sunday 6th

Celebration of the Holiday Club and the time that Sharon and her family have spent with us - Church
Bring a picnic if you wish, but there will be plenty to share.

September

Friday 8th

Film Night - Village Hall
6.45pm for 7.00pm - please check the notice boards or our website for details of the film. To help us buy the right number of pastries, please call Jane Taylor on 01926 858315 to reserve a place.
Tickets: £3.00 to cover room hire and refreshments (payable on the door)

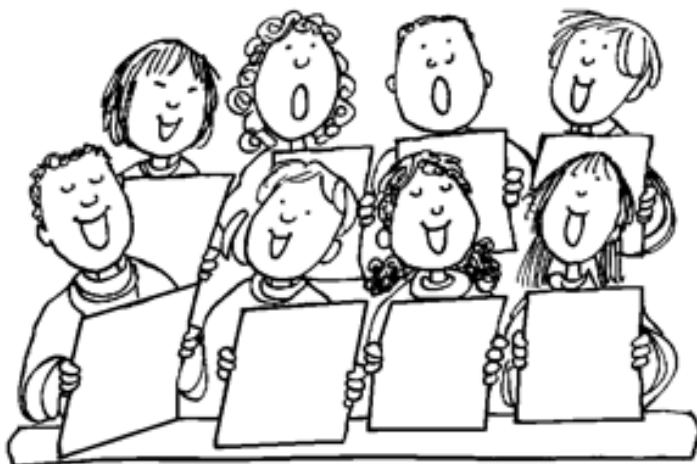
Saturday 9th

Heritage Open Day - Teas in the Church
Teas will be served in the church during the afternoon. Please check notice board or website for further details.

Sunday 24th

Harvest Festival Service - Church
This year, the WI are organising the Harvest Supper on a different evening. Further details to follow.





Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir
presents a
SUMMER CONCERT & AFTERNOON TEA

at Stoneleigh Village Hall
1.30pm
Thursday 13th July 2017

Tickets: £10

Available from Val Baker (024 7641 4360 / bakersvsn@talktalk.net)

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Please contact Lucy or Cathy on **01926 854450** or email **schooloffice2620@welearn365.com**. Places are filling up fast!

St John's Primary School and Nursery

Mortimer Road, Kenilworth CV8 1FS

www.st-johns.warwickshire.sch.uk

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Sunday 20th August 2017

Commencing 12 noon at Ashow Village Club

Food from 1pm

(Vegetarian option available)

Adults £15 / Children (8 & under) £6

Fun & games

Proceeds to Ashow Church

Tickets available from

Mr David Holt 01926 859537 / witherwell@btinternet.com

Dr Stephen Harvey 01926 852543

Mrs Kathryn Jones 01926 853511

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For pastoral care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral,
please contact Revd Sharon Goble (until 6th August),
then the Churchwardens

For any other matter,
please contact the Parish Administrator:

Jackie Cubbitt 024 7641 5506

admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Website: **www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk**

Office hours: Wednesday 9.00am-12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm



Damson Gin

Lucy Morris

If you're wondering what to do with a glut of damsons come the middle of September, look no further than this recipe for damson gin. With thanks to Nigel Slater for recipe inspiration.

900g damsons, washed and picked over

700g sugar

Approx 1.5l gin

Wipe the damsons, discarding any that are squashed or bruised. Prick the fruit all over with a needle and put them into glass preserving jars, layering them with the sugar. **Alternatively, freeze the fruit in a sealable plastic bag, then bash them with a heavy object until they are cracked.**

Half fill each of the jars with fruit. Pour gin over the fruit to fill the jars, keeping the gin bottles for later. Seal and leave in a cool place for at least three months (which means this can be bottled just in time for Christmas!). Turn the jars over from time to time – I do it every few days - or give them a shake. Filter the gin through a muslin-lined funnel into the reserved gin bottles. Store in the cool, where it will keep for several months. Serve neat or with tonic. The gin-soaked damsons are particularly lovely with ice-cream, whilst packing a definite alcoholic punch!





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Services for July & August 2017

July 2017

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	United Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Thursday 13 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 27 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Communion - Stoneleigh

August 2017

Sunday 6 th	11.00am	United Celebration of the Holiday Club - Stoneleigh, followed by picnic
Thursday 10 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship - Stoneleigh
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Thursday 24 th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	Village Service - Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion - Stoneleigh

Please note that "From the Registers" is held until the September S&A News