

STONELEIGH & ASHOW

News



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Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

The autumn was, as ever, the busiest season of the year in the orchard. As predicted and planned, our strategy of pruning for growth played out, with the harvest down in volume by about half relative to last year's. We have, however, still managed to generate approaching 50 gallons (220 litres) of juice for fermentation; this should be available during the late spring of 2018 in time to slake the thirsts building in advance of what I'm sure will be a glorious summer!

The group have also harvested and pressed the first Stoneleigh Perry, amounting to a modest 20 litres which, despite being a small step forward, is rather a large step for the orchard project!

The group's plans to become a CIC (Community Interest Company) are back on track after a restructuring of proposed directors following our Secretary, Richard Gledhill's departure from the village earlier in the year. I am pleased to report that Nora Blagburn will fill the vacant position on the board, so our application can now resume with a full complement of directors, strengthened by the wealth of experience that Nora has to offer. We wish Richard and Louise happiness in their new home and thank Richard for his contribution thus far to the orchard project.

Back in late October, Amanda Smith and Teagan Freeman did a great job of fronting the orchard quiz in the absence of Richard, who was also our quiz master. The event was entertaining and also surprisingly successful considering the weather and other "head winds" experienced in the lead-up.

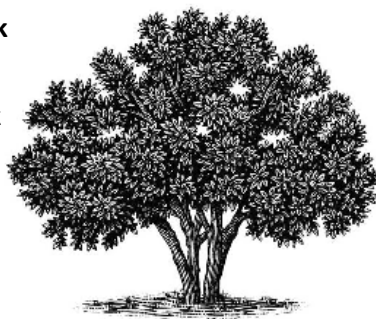
You may recall from reading the September edition that there would also be an attempt to produce a traditionally "keeved" cider using artisan methods still employed in Normandy. With regards to this, results have been a little disappointing, with the ferment looking more like a "brain in a jar" rather than something one would want to drink. Needless to say, we will persevere with this experiment next year!

Finally, let us hope that the harvest of 2017 produces a cider as popular and well-received as that of 2016 and, on behalf of the orchard group, I would like to wish everyone season's greetings and a happy new year!

Orchard friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2018 will 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)
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Richard Hancox (Treasurer)
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Stoneleigh Church Grounds Working Party

Clive Watson

On Saturday 11th November from 9.30am through to lunch (and beyond for some), a hard-working team of mixed ages and abilities succeeded in making a difference by edging paths, pruning flower beds and overhanging trees, cutting hedges and levelling rough areas. All burnable brash was devoured by a huge bonfire, which left only ashes for Remembrance Sunday. The end result — a tidier church yard for the winter. Thanks are due to the volunteers who gave up their morning: Martin Browett, Michael Ellwood, Gordon Gatward, Ben Shipman, Patrick and Tim Sawdon, Ian and Gill Smith, Paul and Kathryn Smith, Clive Watson, and Gill Watson for catering and drinks. An enjoyable, productive morning was had by all.

Neighbourhood Watch



Being part of your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme (NHW) does not have to be time-consuming. You can be involved as much or as little as you'd like. This could simply mean receiving emails to keep you informed about incidents in your village and crime prevention advice, or keeping an eye out for your neighbours and their properties.

If you would like to join Stoneleigh NHW, please contact Tony Hanselman on t.ha1@live.co.uk.

Report suspicious activity to Warwickshire Police on 101.

In an emergency, dial 999.

For crime prevention advice, visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/13089>

Support your local NHW and join today!

Your local police team is:

Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team

Tel: 01926 684471

Email: wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: [@KenilworthCops](https://twitter.com/KenilworthCops)

Website: www.warwickshire.police.uk

"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 McElowney ...	07760 101775	Claire Neale	07557 675842
Lisa Reay	07716 416320	Martin Smith	07958 955629
Mary Taylor	07890 535506		

Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Liz Sykes

There are a number of local groups who use the hall regularly and would welcome people to go along to find out more about them. These are:

- **WI Craft:** Every Monday morning, 9.30am – 12.30pm
Chris Ward: chriss.ward@virginmedia.com
- **Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir:** Every Wednesday, 7.00pm – 10.00pm
David Critchley: dbcritchley@sky.com
- **Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir:** Every Thursday, 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Sheila Duckham: sduckham@talktalk.net
- **Pilates:** Every Thursday, 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Nicolette: **07958 464971**
- **Scottish Country Dancing:** Monday, 7.00pm – 10.00pm (except the first Monday of the month)
Jean Irvine: j.irvine323@btinternet.com
- **Stoneleigh WI:** First Monday of the month (except for bank holidays – then the second Monday), 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Liz Sykes: liz.sykes@talk21.com
- **Stoneleigh History Society:** Last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Sheila Woolf: shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk
- **Craft Club:** Last Thursday of the month, 10.00am – 12.00pm
Glenda: 024 7646 1206
- **Seniors' Dance:** First Friday of the month, 8.00pm – midnight
Denis: 024 7641 4214
- **Film Night:** Second Friday of the month (alternate months), 7.00pm – 9.30pm
admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

There's a lot happening on your doorstep; why not try some sample sessions?

Film Night



Friday 12th January 2018

Adapted from Michael Bond's beloved books, **Paddington** follows the comic misadventures of a polite young Peruvian bear with a passion for all things British, who travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kind Brown family, who read the label around his neck ("Please look after this bear. Thank you.") and offer him a temporary haven. But little do the Browns realise just how much comic mayhem one young bear will bring to their family life.

6.45pm for 7.00pm, Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets: £3.00

(to cover room hire and refreshments)

To reserve a place, call Jane on **01926 858315**

Alan Whitfield

19th April 1939 - 26th September 2017

Dad was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2015 and battled through all the challenges this terrible disease threw at him with stoicism and determination. It has been a tremendously tiring battle, but one that sadly beat him on 26th September.

I know it was a source of huge comfort to us all that it ended peacefully at home, and that Mum, Andrew and I were there at the end. All the friendship and love shown to us via the huge amount of cards, emails and flowers we received are testament to Dad. He was a man who could light up a room, talk for England, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Mostly, I will remember his confidence, his brightness, his determination, the fun, and the things he did for Mum, Andrew and me like thy were yesterday. If I do half as good a job at being a dad, then I will count myself successful and happy. I will miss him so much.

Many thanks for all the donations to Myton Hospice, which totalled £1,260.

Simon Whitfield



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Phil Jones, Chairman

The choir, along with the Ladies' Choir, took part in a concert at St Francis of Assisi RC Church in aid of Cancer Research UK. £2,100 was raised to help this worthwhile charity in its vital work. The two choirs sang separately and then together performed a selection of songs from Jesus Christ Superstar. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, the concert at Walton Church in aid of the Addington Fund has been postponed until February.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December 2017

Carol Concert at Stoneleigh Abbey Chapel

Tickets: £12.50 each (to include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie). Tickets are selling fast. To purchase yours, please call Phil Jones on 01926 853511. This year, the retiring collection will go to the Salvation Army, who do such valuable work in our local communities.



Ashow News

Stephen Harvey

Church Services

The **Remembrance Sunday** service in church was a very moving occasion, and made particularly poignant by the talk given by Robert Brown whose father was killed in the 1944 Normandy Campaign when Robert was only 11 months old.



The **Advent Carols by Candlelight** will be on on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00pm. (There will be no morning service that day.) The service is being organised by Susan Spencer and Audrey Rowberry, and will feature the Ashow Parish Singers. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in church.

The **Christmas Carol Service** will be on Sunday 17th December at 5.00pm (no morning service), followed by drinks at Ashow Village Club, when we hope as many families (and friends) from the village as possible will be able to join us.

On **Christmas Day**, we will be holding Holy Communion at 10.00am with Reverend Tim Brooke.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who assists in the running of the church. The treasurer, Anne Gregory; Philip Jones, who organises the sidesmen and readers; Diana Holt, who does the cleaning and flower rotas; and all those people who help on those lists to keep the church looking so beautiful. Neil Collett continues to wind the clock, and Janet Charlesworth delivers the parish magazines. Lucy Morris, a former resident, still helps to compile the magazine, and is responsible for this edition.

Particular thanks go to Martyn and Brenda Foster and Tony Gregory, who together have maintained and mowed the churchyard so well this year. The PCC have just bought a new mower, and Tony and Martyn would be delighted if anyone would like to join them with this work.

We are planning to have a spring clean in the New Year.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will be decorating the candle poles and tree, and we would be particularly pleased if as many children from the village could also help on Saturday 16th December at 10.00am. Please bring any greenery for the poles if you are able. Everyone is most welcome.

Superfast Broadband in Ashow

The new high speed broadband, installed in the church tower, is now up and running and much appreciated by me (Stephen) and many others. The church receives a small payment each month from David Jones who has set up the service, and I find it cheaper, faster and far more efficient than my previous broadband supplier. Further details can be obtained by calling 07816 550075 or emailing sales@heathnet.co.uk.

Stoneleigh Village Lunch & Coffee Morning

Liz Sykes

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 5th December, when we will be serving a Christmas dinner. This has, again, been very generously sponsored by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, who will also provide some entertainment. We will be asking you to give generously to support the City Mission in Coventry who supply meals for the homeless over the Christmas period. Please contact Liz Sykes if you wish to attend and have not as yet put down your name; this does help significantly with the catering.

The next lunch in 2018 will be on Tuesday 6th February. (Please note that there will not be a lunch in January.)

The coffee mornings will be on Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 10th January in Stoneleigh Village Club.

All are welcome at these events. At both events, we do need more help. If you would like to be involved with community service, please contact Liz Sykes on 024 7641 8301 or email liz.sykes@talk21.com.

Your refuse and recycling collections will change over Christmas

All collections will be affected by the following changes:

Normal collection date	New collection date over Christmas
Mon 25 Dec 2017	Sat 23 Dec 2017
Tue 26 Dec 2017	Wed 27 Dec 2017
Wed 27 Dec 2017	Thurs 28 Dec 2017
Thurs 28 Dec 2017	Fri 29 Dec 2017
Fri 29 Dec 2017	Sat 30 Dec 2017
Mon 1 Jan 2018	Tue 2 Jan 2018
Tue 2 Jan 2018	Wed 3 Jan 2018
Wed 3 Jan 2018	Thurs 4 Jan 2018
Thurs 4 Jan 2018	Fri 5 Jan 2018
Fri 5 Jan 2018	Sat 6 Jan 2018

Please ensure your bins, boxes and bags are presented at the edge of your property by 7am on your amended collection day.

Normal collections will resume on Monday 8 January 2018.

Recycling wrapping paper and Christmas cards

Recycle wrapping paper and Christmas cards with your cardboard. We cannot recycle foil wrapping paper, glittery wrapping paper, glittery cards, ribbons, bows and tape.



Extra recycling over Christmas?

Put extra recycling in a sturdy bag or small box (please keep each material separate) and place beside your red boxes and bags. Please flatten or cut large cardboard into pieces no larger than 1m x 1m.



Christmas tree recycling

Please cut your real Christmas tree into pieces and put it in your green bin for collection throughout January 2018. Make sure all decorations, tree stands, pots and netting are removed.

If you don't have a green bin please take your tree to Princes Drive Recycling Centre in Leamington Spa or Cherry Orchard Recycling Centre in Kenilworth.



Check your collection changes online at warwickdc.gov.uk/christmasrecycling



Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf, www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk

The speaker scheduled for our October meeting withdrew at the last minute, so Sheila Woolf valiantly stepped in with a new talk about George Eliot and her links with Stoneleigh. This talk was fascinating as many of the links were in various ways connected with other characters and events which had featured in previous meetings. Many thanks to Sheila for having stepped into the breach
(Margaret Wallis, Hon Sec)



At our November meeting, we heard about the ancient ceremony called Wroth Silver, an event held annually for around one thousand years in Warwickshire. Pete James gave us its fascinating history and I spoke about having attended one year, before dawn, in a field alongside the A45 at Ryton on Dunsmore!

Our members' Christmas Social will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th December. The society's programme for 2018 has been finalised and can be seen on our website at **www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk**. We should love to welcome you as either a visitor or a member at any of our meetings.





**The United Benefice of
The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow
and
St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh**



Contacts

For pastoral care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral,
please contact Churchwardens:

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Peter Shrimpton 01926 859404 (Deputy Warden)

Stoneleigh: Sarah Ballinger 024 7671 5256

Gordon Gatward 024 7669 0746

Richard Ashley 01926 427729 (Deputy Warden)

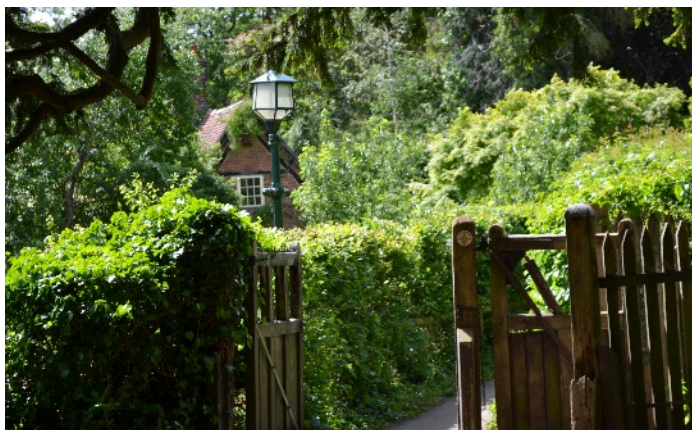
For any other matter,
please contact the Parish Administrator:

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



Stoneleigh WI Report

Rachel Gill

Stoneleigh WI's AGM took place on 6th November in the Village Hall. The President, Chris Ward, presented her report. She said that, following our recruitment drive, we had four new members, but sadly during the year two long-standing members, Norma Thorpe-Smith and Linda Benfield, had died. She referred to the variety of speakers this year: Ian Carr, who talked about the number of sports which can be adapted for blind and visually-impaired people; Paula Cornwell, who told us to mind our motoring manners with stories of driving in the 1920s; and Alan Rogers, who had some interesting and amusing stories to tell about his time in the police force. There was a very well attended skittles evening in February. In April, the Annual Dinner was held at Finham Golf Club, which proved a popular venue. Outings this year have included Hidcote, Kiftsgate and the plague village of Eyam. The last outing of the year was to the Emma Bridgewater Pottery. The recently established lunch club has proved popular; the venue for November was The Anchor at Leek Wootton. Leigh Group events included a concert by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir and an Indian evening with Indian music, dancing and a demonstration of the way to put on a sari.

During the meeting, Liz Sykes was presented with the President's rose bowl in recognition of the support she had given to Chris Ward during her first year as President. Steph Lake received the Margaret Pierozynski Memorial Award for her contribution to the Craft Group. The new Secretary is Pam Smith.

Next year, Stoneleigh WI will reach its centenary and a year of celebration is planned.

The Book Club met on 14th November to discuss "Behind Closed Doors" by Hugo Vickers and "The Gustav Sonata" by Rose Tremain. The members of the Craft Group have continued to knit sweaters for orphans in Tanzania.

Please see page 11 for details of the next village lunch and coffee morning.



Stoneleigh Church

Diary Dates

Sarah Ballinger

This year, we were able to send 38 shoe boxes to the project 'Operation Christmas Child' run by the charity, Samaritan's Purse. Thanks go to Margaret Moorhouse who was responsible for co-ordinating and delivering boxes to their collection points. Thanks also to the members of the Wednesday night 'Knit and Natter' group held in the Village Club, who supplied us with some knitted items to go inside the boxes.

As Christmas approaches once again, the season of Advent begins with the traditional joint Advent Carol Service held at Ashow on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00pm.

Nearer to Christmas itself, the church will be decorated by the flower group on the morning of Saturday 16th December, and we invite parents to bring their children along at 4.45pm to decorate the Christmas tree. This year, we have timed it later so that they can move on to the Christmas party at the Club. Adults are welcome and refreshments will be served between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

With the church building prepared, the Village Carol Service will take place the following evening. We look forward to welcoming you all for this traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. We will be offering our usual hospitality directly following the service, after which you are all invited to move on to the Village Club to enjoy further pre-Christmas celebrations.

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, there will be a short, half-an-hour communion service at 11.00am at Stoneleigh, with the usual Crib Service for the children at 5.00pm.

Following the success of last year's Midnight Communion Service in the Club on Christmas Eve, we have decided to repeat it again this year. We are grateful to the club for helping us facilitate this service, which will begin at 11.30pm.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 16th December Christmas Flowers

In the morning, the flower arrangers will be decorating the church. All welcome. Meet in the church.

Decorating the Christmas Tree, 4.45pm

Children are invited to bring their parents to help them decorate the Christmas tree. We invite you all to take a moment from this busy weekend to enjoy the beautiful flowers and relax with some tea and cake between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Looking Forward to 2018

Friday 12th January

Film Night – Village Hall, 6.45pm for 7.00pm

See page 6 for more details.

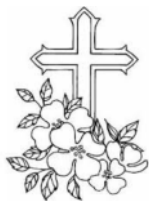
Tickets: £3.00 to cover room hire and refreshments

Sunday 4th February

Bring and Share Fellowship Lunch

This will take place in the Village Hall following the United Service at Ashow. For further details, please check posters.

If you would like to join us or would like further details, please telephone Sarah Ballinger (024 7671 5256) or Jackie Cubitt (Parish Office 024 7641 5506) or email admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk.



From the Registers

Funerals

Tuesday 7th November 2017

Norma McIntosh – burial at Stoneleigh



Stoneleigh Village Club

Established 1856



Mon – Thu: 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Fri: 5.00pm – 11.00pm

Sat: 12.00pm – 11.00pm

Sun: 12.00pm – 10.30pm

Welcome to our monthly update.

We would very much like to receive your news and views via **stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com** or on our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub**. Do remember that this is a member-led club for our members!

Huge thanks go to Ray who raised the majority of the funds to enable a new 55" TV to be installed! Don't forget to let the committee know if there is anything you would like purchasing for the Club and our members so that it can be approved asap!



Upcoming Events

Remember that you can sign a guest in whenever we are open. We hope to see you in your Christmas jumper over the festive period at the Club!

Christmas Lights Switch-on
with soup, mince pies and mulled wine, 7.00pm
Friday 1st December

Knit & Natter
Wednesday 6th & 20th December

Bingo
Wednesday 13th & 27th December

Children's Christmas Party
Saturday 16th December, 5.30pm
Santa arrives at 6.00pm!

Coffee Morning, 10.30am

Tuesday 19th December

Chairperson's Christmas Quiz, 7.30pm

Friday 22nd December

New Year's Eve Bring and Share

Sunday 31st December

New Year's Day Walk, 11.30am

Monday 1st January – meet at Motslow Bridge



Car Parking in Stoneleigh

Margaret Wallis, Stoneleigh & Ashow News Co-ordinator

As is reported on page 26, the village meeting on 21st November discussed car parking at some length and the Parish Council will consider various remedies in collaboration with the Police. Of course, this is a problem which not only affects residents but emergency vehicles, rubbish trucks, contract vehicles, pedestrians who might find pavements blocked, and so on.

There have been an increasing number of examples of inconsiderate/unimaginative parking and, as the News Co-ordinator, I have been asked to request that everyone thinks carefully before parking and to advise their visitors accordingly. Those fortunate enough to have a designated parking place or drive are asked to use them rather than park on the road.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Sheila Woolf, Honorary Organiser, Stoneleigh and Ashow

Once again, may I thank everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. The children, staff and parents of Finham Primary School came up trumps again with a magnificent collection of £300, but I must thank **all** who gave, whether of their money or their time: the house-to-house collectors, the businesses, schools and workplaces who sell merchandise, the churches who give their collection on Remembrance Sunday, and the dedicated team who help with the count. The ingenuity of others' fundraising is superb, from the lady in Coventry who makes crocheted/knitted poppies to the lady at the NFU who makes wonderful cakes! The work of the Legion is as important as ever in providing assistance to ex-servicemen and their families.

The Legion's financial year runs from the beginning of October to the end of September and, with various extras, including donations as a result of talks I have given about my own father's war service, the 2016-7 total came to £3,614.29. Our 2017 total, beginning therefore from 1st October, has already reached £3,632.71 – our best ever.

Thank you all.



HS2 Update

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

A figure to make one gasp is the quoted cost of £400 million per mile for the construction of HS2.

There has not been quite as much media attention to the HS2 project in the past month. Too much else has been happening! However, HS2 produced an updated report about its plans for traffic management during the Phase One construction phase. Basically, this implies that they can do whatever they want and county councils have to sort out issues locally.

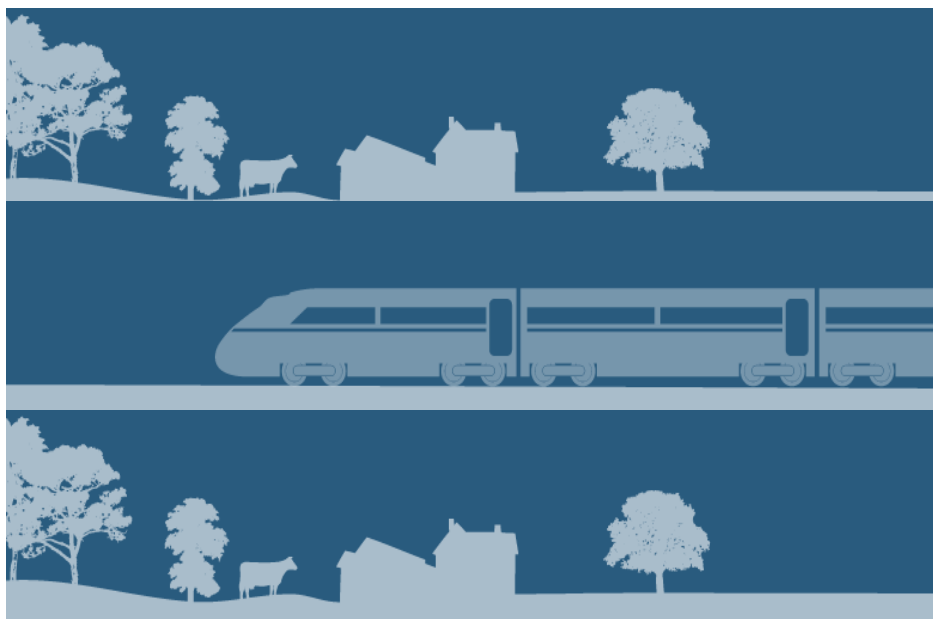
Gareth Epps, the Independent Construction Commissioner*, visited this area on 21st November and our concerns were expressed robustly. This visit was initiated by Stoneleigh and Kenilworth action groups and was handled by Debbie Prince (Warwick District Council). The aim of the visit was to ensure that he had a first-hand look at our local route so that, if a case was made to him, he would be better informed and able to best deal with it. On arrival in our area, he was met by Anthony Bianco at the Crewe Lane/B4115 junction to view the road diversion and possible extent of A46 diversion works above Crewe Lane, then to Gate 3 looking across the Avon viaduct and flood plain to the end of the proposed cutting through Stoneleigh Park. Thence to Stoneleigh crossroads to view the maintenance compound site and proposed exit to the Birmingham Road and the proposed new A46 junction. He was also shown Stare Bridge and Stoneleigh Bridge and the proposed Gate 1 Stoneleigh Park rebuild and crossing. Finally to the Estate Office where Colin Hooper and Anthony Bianco gave a map-based presentation to summarise the current situation and to highlight areas of likely concern. Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Churchill-Wright also attended. Mr Epps thanked everyone for allowing him to visit and to hear about potential areas of concern that might need his intervention. He will suggest that contractors make a similar visit shortly. Ground investigations in this area have now been completed.

HS2 Ltd itself has come in for some severe criticism, most recently about unauthorised redundancy payments (staff turnover at all levels of the organisation is exceptionally high, partly due to the relocation of offices

from London to Birmingham), and this led to the resignation of the Finance Director. Despite constant assertions that HS2 Ltd would engage effectively with local communities, there has been a lack of effective community engagement until this month, an experience shared by other communities along the proposed route. For instance, notices about recent drop-in information sessions were only sent to libraries, with no information to parish councils or action groups etc. This serious oversight has now been rectified. A visit by HS2 Ltd traffic staff has been scheduled for 8th February (see the Parish Council item on page 23). As the HS2 project moves to its next stage, StAG and the Parish Council are working even more closely to ensure that the community's interests are promoted and protected as much as possible.

HS2 Ltd has said that it expects that the majority of its plans will be delivered through Warwickshire County Council, who have established a dedicated information site at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2news>.

** His role is to be a neutral arbitrator between HS2 Ltd, construction teams and communities.*



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Parish Council Notes

Mrs Sarah Windridge, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The December Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 14th December 2017. The annual budget will be reviewed ahead of the precept request in January.

The January Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Club on Thursday 11th January 2018. The precept amount for 2018 to 2019 will be confirmed at this meeting.

The February Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 8th February 2018. **Representatives from HS2 Ltd will be attending to give an update on planned works, including traffic measures.**

Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings. The agenda, including upcoming planning applications, can be found on the Parish Council website at <http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>.

Parish Council News

Mr Adrian Hart and colleagues from Warwickshire County Council attended the November Parish Council meeting to discuss an update on the A46 junction at Stoneleigh, and to share the results of the recent traffic study in Stoneleigh.

Atkins Traffic Consultancy is working with WCC to investigate highway options in the area. The aim is to reduce traffic flows and improve the environment. Atkins Traffic Consultancy will test the available options and weigh up the positive economic case and the impact on the environment.

The traffic management study is not yet completed, but a full report will be posted online and sent directly to the Parish Council in late December or early January. Current options include a possible road closure at the end of Birmingham Road at the B4115 junction, or a bypass, the route of which is yet undecided.

Once the final report is submitted, Warwickshire County Council will carry out a public consultation on the proposals in Spring 2018.

The reports from WCC and Atkins Traffic Consultancy, and subsequent question and answer session can be found in the minutes at: **<http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/CouncilMeetings/Minutes>**

The Parish Council are pleased to report that Mr Anthony Bianco has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent Stoneleigh ward. Mr Bianco is a very enthusiastic and active member of the Stoneleigh Action Group against HS2, and will represent the Parish Council on matters relating to HS2. Please see page 20 for a full report on the latest HS2 news from Margaret Wallis at the Stoneleigh Action Group.

Warwickshire Rural Forum Grant Fund

The Community Forum Grant Fund is a joint initiative between WCC Councillors and WDC Councillors. Every resident who lives in the Community Forum area can have a say on how the grant money is spent. The fund provides grants up to a maximum of £3,000 for small-scale ideas that meet locality or neighbourhood needs. Any constituted not-for-profit group can apply, or the Parish Council can apply for a grant on behalf of the residents. The next round of grants will be launched on Monday 4th December 2017, with a closing date of Friday 26th January 2018.

If you would have an idea or a project which would benefit the local community, please contact the Parish Clerk at **stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com**.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Councillor Martyn Foster recently attended a meeting regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a planning charge introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area.

The levy can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including transport, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities.

Fifteen per cent of Community Infrastructure Levy charging authority receipts are passed directly to those parishes and towns where development has taken place.

Communities that draw up a Neighbourhood Plan will benefit from twenty-five per cent of the levy revenues arising from the development that takes place in their area.

The Parish Council would like to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Stoneleigh and Ashow, and will be taking the first steps to achieve this in the new year. If anyone would like to help the Parish Council with this, or feels they can contribute some skills (e.g. using ICT to create village plans), please contact us at stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Facebook

The Parish Council have a new Facebook page! Please search **Stoneleigh Ashow Parish Council** on Facebook and send us a friend request, or 'like' our page to receive notifications and local updates!

HS2

HS2 Ltd are holding drop-in surgeries in Cubbington Village Hall from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on the following dates:

Thursday 11th January 2018

Thursday 8th February 2018

Thursday 8th March 2018

Thursday 12th April 2018

Other dates, including sessions in Stoneleigh, will be announced in due course. For further information, please contact the HS2 Ltd Helpdesk - email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk or Freephone **08081 434 434**.

Stoneleigh Village Meeting

A meeting was held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Tuesday 21st November to discuss local issues. PCSO Ed King and Parish Councillor Richard Hancox were in attendance to chair the meeting and the main issues discussed were:

a) Crime

There was an unusual 'spike' in crime during November, mainly burglaries from garages. Ed King made various observations about these figures and gave assurances as well as provided various takeaway advisory leaflets about how people might protect themselves more effectively. He warned people never to confront an intruder on their property but to call the Police immediately, noting car registration numbers if possible.

b) Car Parking

See also separate item on page 18. This had become an increasing problem for residents. Particular trouble spots were on Birmingham Road, the Triangle (including the Almshouses) and Vicarage Road by the Club. Apparently, Police enforcement powers are limited and staff levels meant that regular checks were impossible. The encouragement of good neighbourliness was the first course of action. However, the Parish Council will take up these issues wherever possible and will discuss with the relevant authorities the use of yellow/white lines in particularly dangerous parts of the village and the use of notices with police-approved wording to be placed on offending cars (including those parked by visitors to the village, e.g. dog walkers) trying to encourage better behaviour.

c) Traffic

Some longstanding traffic problems were discussed. Despite various consultations, there was no united view from the village about possible solutions/partial remedies, e.g. closure of Birmingham Road, introduction of speed bumps (chicanes preferable). Issues about lack of visibility on roads in some parts of the village (e.g. exit from the Bank), passing parked cars on Birmingham Road, dangers of cars being driven too fast from the Bridge are tied with the issue of parking. Future developments such as HS2, Rugby Farmers' Market re-location, A46 junction changes and proposed housing development at King's Hill were all likely to exacerbate traffic problems. The Parish Council was in regular contact with the relevant bodies to attempt to find solutions to the consequent problems for Stoneleigh.





We wish all friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. We have made donations to the Air Ambulance instead of sending or delivering local Christmas cards.

**Mike and Pam Baker
Sarah and Michael Ballinger
Shirley and Ernie Ball
Nora Blagburn
Jayne and David Brooks
Martin and Sue Browett
Jean and Robin Bussell
Viv and Martin Cooper
Syd and Eileen Creed
Bill and Sue Crofts
Jim and Karen Gavin
Janet and David Gibson
Philip and Rachel Gill
Judy and Chris Hadfield
Ann Harris
Ted and Betty Hind**

**Dick and Daphne James
Ann Lowe and Jules Storer
Marian and Mike Murray
Janet and Richard Parham
Sheila Rench
Lynda and Colin Rice
Alec and Janet Sanders
Tim and Nicky Sawdon
Patrick Sawdon
Pete and Jackie Sibley
Kim and Martin Smith
Jean and David Vaughan
Ken and Margaret Wallis
Clive and Gillian Watson
Pete and Jan Whitehouse
Shel Whitfield**

The flag will be flown at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh over the weekend of 15th/17th December to acknowledge these donations. If you have missed the list above and would still like to contribute, your donation will be acknowledged on the 'flying notice'. Thank you to all those who have contributed and raised more than **£500** so far.

Robin Bussell





**The United Benefice of
The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow
and
St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh**



Services for December 2017 & January 2018

December 2017

Sunday 3 rd	4.00pm	Service for Advent – Ashow
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship – Stoneleigh
Thursday 14 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 th	5.00pm	Carol Service – Ashow
	7.00pm	Carol Service – Stoneleigh
<i>Christmas Eve:</i>		
Sunday 24 th	11.00am	Said Communion – Stoneleigh (30 minutes)
	5.00pm	Crib Service – Stoneleigh
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion – Stoneleigh Village Club
<i>Christmas Day:</i>		
Monday 25 th	10.00am	Christmas Morning Service – Ashow
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion – Stoneleigh

January 2018

Sunday 7 th	10.00am	United Holy Communion – Stoneleigh
Thursday 11 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship – Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ashow
	11.00am	Fellowship Holy Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion – Stoneleigh