

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



APRIL 2018



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Remember: Always ring 999 first!



Film Night

**Friday 11th May
in Stoneleigh Village Hall
6.45 pm for 7 pm**

This month we are showing:

‘Paddington 2’

Paddington is happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief.

Actors: Brendan Gleeson, Hugh Grant, Jim Broadbent, Julie Walters, Peter Capaldi

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

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

To reserve a place please call Jane: 01926 858315

Cover Image

An Easter bunny carrying a basket of eggs,
painted by Maisie McGranaghan aged 5.

Thank you to all who submitted pictures.

A Message from the Treasurer

Bill Crofts

I have continued to receive a number of cheques and BACS payments in the form of voluntary subscriptions to Stoneleigh and Ashow News. Thank you very much indeed for the generosity shown by all those who have responded to our appeal, it will make such a difference in enabling us to keep our monthly magazine in circulation.

Would you please note the following couple of points;

1. I hope you will understand that I have not sent receipts to everyone who has been kind enough to make a donation. Apart from the time this would take, it would also use up valuable resources in the form of envelopes and postage, and undo a lot of the good you have done by donating! I have responded to those who have provided an email address and provided confirmation of receipt via email.
2. I am having considerable administrative and organisational difficulties with the bank where our S&A News account is currently held. As a result, I am currently in the process of moving our account to another bank. If you have set up a standing order to pay a voluntary subscription to S&A News, please do not be concerned. I will provide the new bank details as soon as they are available, and the current account will remain in operation for some time in order to allow time for people to make the switch.

If anyone else wishes to help keep our community magazine alive, please send a cheque to:

Dr W E Crofts,
North Lodge,
Coventry Road,
Stoneleigh,
CV8 3DT.

A typical donation to cover our costs is about £12.00 per year.
Thanks and best wishes.



Parking in Ashow

Inconsiderate parking has been raised as an issue in Ashow. There is limited suitable on-street parking available in the village. Where viable we would like to request that residents with off-road parking park their vehicle(s) off the highway to help alleviate the issue of inconsiderate parking.

- To provide visibility for other road users, you should not park within 10 metres of a junction.
- To allow persons to utilise the footpaths without having to enter the road unnecessarily, you must not obstruct the footpaths and/or dropped kerbs.
- Allow room for traffic flow/emergency vehicles.

If vehicle(s) are seen to be causing an unnecessary obstruction, they should be reported and fines may be issued.

Should you encounter a vehicle which you deem to be causing an obstruction, please report the issue at the time to Warwickshire Police on 101.

Please provide details of the obstruction e.g. time/date, location, type of obstruction, vehicle make/model/colour and registration.

Warwick Rural East - Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Twitter: [@KenilworthCops](https://twitter.com/KenilworthCops)
Website: www.warwickshire.police.uk

HS2 UPDATE

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

After the flurry of activity earlier in the year, there's little to report this time. However, traditional media and specialist publications continue to report dissatisfaction with the project. Scarcely surprisingly, construction and businesses likely to benefit from it remain enthusiastic, although concerns about costs are evident even amongst this group.

MESSAGE FROM REVEREND NIKKI

Revd. Nikki Moon

Hello and thank you to those who have made my first few weeks so welcoming. It is a privilege and a pleasure to be able to serve the communities of Stoneleigh and Ashow over the next twelve months. If you wish to know more about me and how I got to be a parish priest then please pop into either church and pick up the letter that gives some insight into my journey.

Over the coming year, I hope to get to know you and the communities in which you live and serve better and I hope we will be able to serve together in many ways. I have been placed in Ashow and Stoneleigh for a year to help the church communities create a joint parish profile which captures not only the history of these two beautiful villages but also captures the present issues the villages face and looks forward with hope to the future. This profile will then be used to recruit a more permanent vicar, who will bring with them the gifts and skills to help the communities move forward into that uncertain yet hopeful future.

In order to be able to fulfil this remit it is important that I hear the views and concerns of all aspects of the community and so please do get in touch or talk to me at the village coffee morning and lunch, which I hope to attend most months. I can be contacted between Sunday and Wednesday using the following:

Tel: 07891 012660

email: njmoon@outlook.com

Scam Alert

“Immediate arrest for unpaid taxes”!



Warwickshire residents are again receiving threatening phone calls from fraudsters falsely claiming to be HMRC. The bogus callers claim the resident has unpaid taxes and a warrant has been issued for their arrest within 30 minutes. Some residents are even told that the police are on their way! The fraudsters then either try and take payment down the phone for the bogus tax bill (often by asking for payment using iTunes gift cards) or send someone to collect the money in cash.

The fraudsters often use telephone numbers beginning 0203. These give the impression that the callers are based in London (area code 020). In reality the fraudsters use virtual telephone numbers that could be linked to telephones anywhere in the world. REMEMBER: receiving a phone call from someone with what appears to be a local prefix, does not necessarily mean they are phoning from that town or city.

NEVER provide any information, personal or financial to cold callers, whatever they may claim. If you believe a phone call is genuine, tell the caller that you will phone back on a publicly listed telephone number (in the phone book or on their website). Do not phone back on a number provided by the caller and always leave a few minutes between calls to ensure the phone line is clear and the caller has phoned off. Use another phone if possible.

Lastly, if you think the caller is a fraudster, Google their telephone number. You may find that others have already posted information on the Internet about them.

- Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.
- Get in touch with Warwickshire Trading Standards
- Sign up to scam alerts at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams
- Avoid rogue traders. Use Warwickshire Trading Standards “No Rogue Traders Here” approved trader scheme

WI Report

Rachel Gill



Stoneleigh WI is celebrating its 100th birthday this month. There was a photograph of members on the cover of *Corunna News*, the Warwickshire Federation's magazine.



Inside the magazine was a full page article with photographs highlighting events from each decade. These included the inaugural meeting, which took place in Lord Leigh's Reading Room (now the village club). Lord Leigh later gave the village land on which to build a village hall which was built by local men, many of whom had recently returned from the war. The new hall became the venue for WI meetings. Membership was open to girls and women from the age of 15 years. There were concert parties, talks, fetes and garden parties.

In 1940 the Victory Hall was chosen as a possible refuge for families made homeless by bombing. In a letter to the WI it was suggested that they might provide personnel to run the refuge. Unfortunately we do not know whether the refuge was ever required.

In 1965 a village scrap book was produced which includes information about a variety of village activities. At the WI meeting on 1st February the speaker was a rep from "House Coty", who spoke about and demonstrated the art of makeup. There was also a ballot for a ticket to the Royal Garden Party, which was won by the President Mrs Ward. Ten members volunteered to be stewards at the Royal Show.

In 1981 members of Stoneleigh recorded the details of the 17th - 18th century tombstones in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh. Between April 1987 and March 1988 the members of the WI compiled a Stoneleigh diary in which are recorded a variety of village events including a wedding, a christening, a youth club outing to Skegness and the Annual Produce Show. Each month is accompanied by beautiful hand painted picture of a bird, animal or flower.

Between 1990 and 2011 the Stoneleigh Stitchers, including members of the WI, made pew cushions and kneelers for the church. Their intricate work on a striking blue background features village activities, including the WI and village landmarks such as the almshouses, the smithy and the bridge over the river.

During the 1990s the WI began to serve a monthly lunch in the village hall and this is open to anyone having connections with the village. In 1991 a craft group was formed. Members work on projects chosen by the group. From time to time there are demonstrations of new and unusual techniques. This has attracted new members to our WI.

In 2008 a celebration was held to mark the WI's 90th birthday. Seven members, including the President Liz Sykes, dressed in Edwardian costume, took the audience through a brief resume of events during those 90 years. Members were invited to join the performers in singing some of the songs of the time.

A number of centenary events have been planned, including a celebration party, a mystery tour on a vintage bus, a visit to a vineyard with lunch and a trip to the Royal Mint. To conclude the year there will be a centenary dinner in March 2019.

At the meeting on Monday 5th March we were entertained by Neville Cooper and his South American Music. The Annual Dinner was held at the Coventry Golf Club and was attended by 40 members, who enjoyed good food and good company.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd April in the Village Hall. If you wish to reserve a place, please ring Liz Sykes on 02476418301.

The next coffee morning will be on 17th April in the Village Club.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman & Tom Marshall



The Orchard, although on the cusp of springing to life, is like all of nature this year in being delayed by the extended period of cold and wintry weather and so there is little to update you on other than the fact that our application to become a CIC is currently with Companies House for consideration.

This article will concentrate on a piece of work initiated by long-term orchard supporter Tom Marshall of Motslow Cottage who writes:

“At the end of February a mixed woodland of native trees and shrubs was planted on Motslow Hill.

The tree planting took place on 28th February to 2nd March, the coldest days of 2018, with the hill covered in snow. Ironically the planting had originally been scheduled for the end of November but was postponed because of snow and cold weather at that time. However the tree-planting contractors were undeterred. In total, 1200 trees and 400 shrubs were planted with species including oak, hornbeam, wild cherry, silver birch, field maple and alder. The tree planting covers about half the field and the aim is to extend the existing woodland next to the river Sowe and create a larger habitat for wildlife. Because the new trees are behind the existing woodland, most of them will not be visible from Stoneleigh meadows.

The tree planting was organised by The Woodland Trust, who viewed the site and agreed to support the project. They were particularly keen because the planting was next to existing woodland. They took on all of the organisation, ordering and arranging delivery of the trees and hiring a contractor. It made the whole process a lot simpler! They also paid about half the cost of the planting.



Right now the tree planting is not much to look at: more like a field of tree-tubes and stakes than a native forest. It will be a few years before there is much sign of a woodland. But this is for the future, not for the present. Many of us would like to leave the environment in a better state than we found it. Hopefully, this is one small contribution."

Orchard friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2018 still only 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, however why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit?

Pete Freeman (Chairman),
5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh.
Pete.Freeman@swift.nhs.uk

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

LILLINGTON BOWLING CLUB

Lime Avenue, Lillington, Leamington Spa. CV32 7DB

ALL AGES WELCOME

OPEN DAY

Introduction to bowls

Sunday 13th May
11am to 4pm

Just turn up when convenient
and leave the rest to us.

Light refreshments provided.

For more information contact Chris

YOU ONLY NEED FLAT SHOES

BOWLS COACHING

Starts

Monday 14th May
6pm until dusk

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

If you wish to come but
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FLAT SHOES REQUIRED



To contact Chris
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United Benefice Fellowship Lunch



Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club

Sunday 20th May at 12.45

Sunday lunch from the carvery

£14 for three courses

Call Jane to make a reservation: 07710304651

Village Lunch & Coffee Morning

This month's lunch is on Tuesday April 3rd
if you wish to come please let me know.

The coffee morning is on Tuesday April 17th in Stoneleigh Village club.
Everyone is welcome - just come along for a chat.



Liz Sykes 02476418301.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Sarah Windridge

Meetings

The April Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 12th April. The summary of income and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2018 will be reviewed.

The May Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 10th May at 7:30pm Mr Adrian Hart from Warwickshire County Council and Atkins Traffic Management will present the final report on the Stoneleigh Traffic Management Study.

The Annual Village Meeting for Stoneleigh Village will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 19th April at 7pm This is a statutory meeting at which members of the Parish Council are required to report back to the electorate on their work over the past twelve months, and for the electorate to discuss their hopes and/or concerns for the Village.

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

At the meeting on 8th March, the Parish Council heard an update from Mr Adrian Hart and Ms Lisa Jones from Warwickshire County Council regarding the Kenilworth to Leamington cycle route. The County Council are building the route one stage at a time, hoping to connect Kenilworth to Leamington, and even possibly to Ashow and down to the Stoneleigh crossroads. Full details of the plans can be seen in the minutes on the Parish Council website.

HS2

Cllr Bianco is working tirelessly on the Council's behalf regarding HS2, and has attended several meetings and consultations recently in order to find out more about the latest developments. The Parish Council will invite HS2 Ltd, including works contractors, to a meeting in the autumn for an update.

Neighbourhood Plan

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 2018.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a local initiative which gives communities the power to prepare a planning document that includes a shared vision for their neighbourhood.

These plans can set out policies on the development and use of land in the parish and have formal weight in determining planning applications.

This is a chance for the residents of Stoneleigh and Ashow to have their say and make a real impact on planning decisions in the parish. It will also increase the amount of money that the community will receive from any development in the area.

£4000 has been set aside to help create the plan, and if anyone would like to help the Parish Council with this or feels they can contribute some skills or local knowledge, please contact us at

stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

Parish Council email distribution list

The Parish Council would like to create an email distribution list for the Parish. This will be a fantastic way to stay well informed about local news, planning issues, HS2 and local events.

If you would like to be included on the email list and receive frequent updates and news about your local area, please email the clerk, Sarah Windridge on:

stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com

ELVIS SEEN IN STONELEIGH!

Rod Owen

“The King” has been appearing all week at Stoneleigh Village Hall in the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir Annual March Concert 'Fun & Fantasy' together with Tom Jones, Tony Bennett, Petula Clark, and Diana Ross & The Supremes, thanks to the ingenious SMVC Time Machine.

The show, which has been a sell out on all nights, ran from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 March 2018. It was opened by the Choir ensemble singing a great selection of songs including One Direction's (yes! One Direction!!) 'History' and finishing off the first half with a 'Selection from the Sixties' with great audience participation.

During the interval, the audience enjoyed a delicious two course meal superbly provided by Top Nosh of Leamington.

The second half was set in the 'local' on a free and easy night, and introduced several well-known numbers (which the audience enjoyed joining in with) and climaxed in a Las Vegas style Grand Finale. From the reactions and comments from the audience they were indeed great nights of fun and fantasy!



The Choir is grateful for all the help received with its production, especially from Susie Davies (guest Producer), her able assistant Nigel, Alan Biddle (Musical Director), Steve Watkins (Lighting & Sound), Penny Lauridsen (Stage Manager), Joe Ball for his help, Jenny & Liz of Top Nosh and the Chair & Committee of Stoneleigh Village Hall for the use of the premises. We would particularly like to thank all those that supported the shows and helped us raise even more money for our local charities.

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

By the time the News goes to print, we shall have held our AGM, followed by a talk from Professor Beat Kumin of Warwick University. In April we shall not have our regular meeting, but have booked to visit Merevale Hall, home of the Dugdale family, near Atherstone.



We have many plans for the near future: Philip Gill's book about past residents of the almshouses will soon be published, as will a book about the Stoneleigh Stitches, who produced the magnificent cushions in the church. Another Stoneleigh calendar- for 2019 - is in preparation, this time showcasing lovely pictures by the late Will Blagburn. It will be on sale in late summer.

Although our 2017 exhibition about the church's history is remaining in the Leigh Chapel this year, we shall be complementing it with a display about the Stoneleigh men who gave their lives in the Great War. This will stay in situ until after the final centenary commemorations, marking the end of the war, on 11 November 1918. Details of the men's lives and war service can now be seen on our website www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk by going to "Burials Database".

There are plans afoot, also, for an Autumn event to mark this important anniversary, with music from the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir as well as readings. Watch this space!

Stoneleigh Village Club

Becki Coombe



WELCOME TO SPRING!

By the time you are reading this, we will be making use of our lovely beer garden, rather than cosying around the Club's woodburner - surely?!
Whichever is the case, please do send your updates and news to us via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub or email us at stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are most welcome (and encouraged) to sign-in guests at these events.

Wednesday 4th & 18th

Knit and Natter, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th & 25th

Bingo

Thursday 12th April

Book Club, 7.30pm

Join us to review our latest book
(no need to have read it to attend)!

April book = *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Riddell

Saturday 14th April
(*Every 2nd Sat*)

Walk Club, 10.30am – 2.30pm (approx.)
Meet outside SVC to walk a *gentle* flat route
through Hunningham and the Kings Head at
Cubbington. All abilities (and dogs) welcome!

Tuesday 17th April

Coffee Morning, 10.30am – 12pm

Sunday 22nd April

St. Georges' Games Night, 4-7pm
Compete at our annual event to try and win the
Jim Ball Memorial Shield!

Saturdays
(*Weekly*)

Run Club, 9-10am
Meet outside SVC to leave for a 'flat'
3/4/5km *leisurely* run!

Friday 8th June

Prostate and a Pint. *Time to be confirmed.*
Men – give your prostate a health check via a quick,
painless blood test, then enjoy a bravery pint!

S.V.C. Book Club



"April Book Club had seven reviewers on Thursday evening... we hope to see even more reviewers at the next meet!"

Fancy winning a free drink?

Each month we will announce the 'best Facebook picture' that has made its way onto our Stoneleigh Village Club page. So, whenever you are in the Club, please try your luck at being the monthly winner by posting a pic of you at the Club with a description. We want to hear from you all, from darts to the arts - don't be camera shy and get snapping!!

We look forward to seeing you in the Club!

This month's edition of ***Stoneleigh and Ashow News*** was compiled by Mike and Bernice Evans, who would like to thank all contributors.

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The May 2018 edition will be compiled by

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and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR APRIL 2018

Sunday 1st	Easter Sunday
	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 8th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Thursday 12th	10.30 am Midweek Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 15th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 29th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms during March.

Contacts:

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Stoneleigh Churchwardens:	Sarah Ballinger 02476 715256
	Gordon Gatward 02476 690746
Deputy Warden:	Richard Ashley 01926 427729

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk
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