

# **STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS**



**MAY 2018**



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# Harry Bodenham

By now many of you will have heard the sad news that Harry passed away, very suddenly, at home on 27 March.



Harry was for many years the ringing Tower Captain at Stoneleigh Church, and he brought his ringing skills down to the Tower and helped form a new band to resume ringing at the Church Tower when it had stopped. Recently, Harry had stepped down as Captain but he remained a very active and committed member of the Tower band, despite having failing health. Certainly he found coming out on the cold and wet Thursday evenings during the past winter very challenging, but despite advising that he may not come any more, he was

generally there the next Thursday, sometimes in his slippers!

Harry learnt to ring at All Saints in Warwick (before the church was demolished) at the age of 16, and last year we celebrated his 70 years of ringing at an afternoon garden party held at a date very close to his birthday. Married to Pat who pre-deceased him and father to Helen and Paul, Harry was in his professional life an architect, and he ended his working career at Coventry City Council. He had an interest in the architectural history of Stoneleigh and collaborated in the production of a booklet on the timber-framed buildings of the village. He also had a keen interest in Romanesque architecture and spent many happy trips to France. For many years he played his Gibson guitar in a local jazz band.

Harry would bring his re-homed Labrador(s) down (he and Pat received them at the end of their working lives) and the dog would sit in the churchyard listening and looking out for him, and would patiently wait for an hour and a half for his return. Harry always enjoyed watching the dogs running around on the Meadow during intervals when not ringing, and he was also a faithful Church communicant.

His funeral was very fitting, some lovely eulogies were given and some fine bell ringing afterwards.

A talented and quiet gentleman; we shall miss him.

**The Stoneleigh Tower Band.**

## Stoneleigh History Society

The talk at our AGM in March, by Professor Beat Kumin, was outstanding; by the time this edition of the *News* goes to print we shall have enjoyed a visit to Merevale Hall, near Atherstone, the home of the Dugdale family.

After the church service on Sunday May 27 the new booklet telling the story of the Stoneleigh Stitches will be dedicated (see page 11). Eileen Burman, on whose reminiscences the booklet is based, was an enthusiastic early member of the History Society when we began in 2011, and would, I'm sure, be delighted to see the publication, which is the result of much hard work by Margaret Wallis and Margaret Brown, with photographs of all the cushions taken by Derek Robinson.

Our next meeting, at 7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday May 29, will be given by Dr Sarah Richardson, Associate Professor in the University of Warwick's Department of History. Her subject, *Warwickshire Women and the Fight for the Vote*, will provide the opportunity to find out about some of the fascinating characters and their stories as women struggled against the political establishment 100 years ago, to win the argument for female enfranchisement. The women used a wide range of tactics such as boycotting the 1911 census, challenging voter registration, petitioning, holding bazaars and garden parties and more militant methods such as mass rallies, stone throwing and vandalism.

All are welcome. Entry is £1 for members and entry for non-members costs £2.50.

*Sheila Woolf*

Stoneleigh History Society

## **And from our Vicar.....**

As I write, it is the first warm day of the year so far and tomorrow we are promised that summer will arrive in force. It has been a long and hard winter and I know that so many of us have had long drawn out illnesses as a result. But with the flowers now in bloom, the trees beginning to open their buds and the birds frantically trying to catch up on their nest building, I hope we too will find renewed energy and those lingering bugs will disappear.

Here in the West we are fortunate that the Easter Season coincides with Springtime; the Gospel story in which Jesus is persecuted, suffers and dies plunges the world of those who knew him into darkness and then by a miracle we cannot get our heads around, he is renewed, restored and risen back to life. This of course all sound incomprehensible but we, in the West, are surrounded by creation following a similar pattern. Lifeless bulbs suddenly producing green shoots, resting trees gradually dawning back to life, insects who have hidden themselves away in dark corners reappear, along with the birds, to recreate and reproduce. We truly live in a world of miracles and it is all around us if we just take the time to notice it.

A lovely image isn't it?

Yet our world is not actually so idyllic. News bulletins remind us of the devastation going on. We continue to live in world in which humans routinely violate other humans not to mention the violation of creation itself.

So how do we square this with the Good News of resurrection? If Jesus' death and resurrection was meant to bring peace and equality, we could argue it has not worked, not yet anyway. Well the thing is that death, destruction and darkness reside simultaneously with resurrection, renewal and light, and again

we just have to look around us to see it in action. If we want more of the renewal and more of the light then we are each called to be part of that change. Jesus did not come to sort it all out; he came to show us how to make the changes. His life of love, service and acceptance of all people, is the life we are called to follow.

So this Easter season we are each invited to make one change that ensure there is just a little more light, a little more renewal in our world.

What change will you make?

Blessings  
*Revd Nikki Moon*

(If you would like to talk more about this please do contact Revd Nikki on 07891 012660)

### **Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update**

The Orchard Group are pleased to announce that they have now become a Community Interest Company so going forward we now assume the title described in the heading above of “Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC”

The most obvious change to the group is that operations will now be undertaken on a more formal basis as they relate to record keeping, accounts and the need for decisions to require the approval of directors prior to action being taken. The company also adheres to “Articles of Association” which replace the existing constitution. The five directors of the company are listed as:

Pete Freeman Chairman  
Richard Hancox Treasurer  
John Churchley  
Nora Blagburn  
Quentin Compton-Bishop

Though it is an aspiration for the Orchard to be self sustaining the “Friends of the Orchard” scheme will be maintained until the orchard is of sufficient maturity to meet this goal. A favourable discount on the sale of cider will be maintained in recognition for those who have become friends and have supported us throughout the years!

The objectives of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community as follows:

**To create and maintain an orchard within the village of Stoneleigh as an amenity that is accessible to the local community;**

**To enhance the local area of the orchard and its ecology thereby to increase the amenity and interest of the village and to provide a community area in which local projects can be focussed.**

**To harvest and process the produce of the orchard and to use the net proceeds from the sale of the produce to assist in the funding of a diverse set of local community groups and organizations.**

From these statements it can be seen that the Company intends to maintain the principles on which the Orchard group was originally founded whilst recognizing that the new structure enables the project to better achieve a sustainable basis that will stand it in good stead for the future.

It truly seems that we have progressed a long way since we first met in 2011 and we want to thank all those who have contributed to its success to date.

Orchard friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2018 will cost £10. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard CIC, however why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit.

*Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh.*

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*Richard Hancox (Treasurer) [Richard.Hancox@kier.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Hancox@kier.co.uk)*

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### Meetings

The Annual Council meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

This will be followed by the Ordinary Council meeting at 7:30pm, when **Mr Adrian Hart from Warwickshire County Council and Atkins Traffic Management will present the final report on the Stoneleigh Traffic Management Study.**

The June Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Early Works Contractors for HS2 Ltd have been invited to attend with an update - see below.

### HS2 News

At the Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Councillors were thrilled to receive a surprise visit from Mr Michael Byng. Mr Byng is a rail expert who has designed the standard method of costing adopted by Network Rail, after a number of its Schemes went over budget. Mr Byng had a lot of information about the projected cost and likely disruption that would be caused by HS2, and urged the Parish Council and local residents to continue to question representatives of HS2 Ltd. The Parish Council are very grateful for the information and advice provided by Mr Byng and will continue to stay in contact with him during the whole HS2 process.

Early Works Contractors for HS2 Ltd have been invited to attend the June Parish Council meeting with an update. Further details of this meeting will be in the June edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News - watch this space!

**A series of drop-in sessions are being held at Stoneleigh Park to give tenants and local residents the opportunity to meet with HS2 representatives.**

The next sessions will take place on Friday, June 8 and Friday, October 12, from 10am until midday, upstairs at Farmers Fayre.

Anyone with queries about HS2 can also email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) or ring freephone 08081 434434. Information is also available at [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited)

### **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:

[Stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Protect your Parish!!!!

Although we are lucky to live and work in such a beautiful rural area, recent developments such as HS2, housing at Crewe Lane, housing at Kings Hill and comprehensive traffic work in the area have meant that the villages of Stoneleigh and Ashow are becoming increasingly busy and built up.

As a local resident you can have your say on the development and use of land in the Parish!!!

**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.**

*Get involved!!!*

£4000 has been set aside to help create the plan and your local Councillors are holding regular informal meetings in the village, to discuss priorities for the village and make a start on creating the plan.

## HS2 UPDATE

StAG and the Parish Council have been active in obtaining advice from Michael Byng, a specialist railway consultant. (For further details see the PC report on page 8). The result is a direct request for more information from both the Early Works Contractor and the Main Works contractor no later than June 2018.

In common with other action groups along the route, we continue to be concerned about HS2 Ltd.'s traffic management plans for this area. The recent A46 night-time diversions and the Crackley road closures have provided an unpleasant taste of the traffic densities and disruptions we face in the future.

StAG is considering the implications of the rural compensation scheme, recommended on 17 February, but which as yet is without detailed policy. The Residents Commissioner commented on this in his Report Paper 8, published on 18 March. Anthony Bianco gave this some publicity during local radio interviews highlighting the possible implications on this area.

*Margaret Wallis -*

*on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)*

### **Stoneleigh Stitches**

The Church and the Stoneleigh History Society are pleased to be able to announce that the dedication/launch of the booklet outlining the story of the Stoneleigh Stitches, as told by Eileen Burman, will take place after the service on Sunday 27 May, followed by refreshments. Eileen left a bequest to enable this booklet to be published and her daughter, Clare Sawdon (currently High Sheriff of Warwickshire) and family will attend. Further details will be available through the church and SHS.

## WI REPORT

Our meeting this month took the form of a party to celebrate our centenary. Our guests included Lynne Stubbings, the Chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, Jeryl Stone, NFWI Trustee and Sue Myhill, WFWI Trustee. We were also joined by members from other local WIs. The Salon Rouge Jazz Band played during the evening. There was a buffet with prosecco and a toast was drunk to Stoneleigh WI. The birthday cake was made by Pat Long who is a Stoneleigh WI member.

There was an exhibition of memorabilia. On display was a village diary from 1965 compiled by Mrs Ward, the president of Stoneleigh WI and a book recording the details of the 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> century tombstones in Stoneleigh Churchyard. Between April 1987 and March 1988, members of the WI compiled a Stoneleigh Diary which recorded a variety of village events including a christening, a wedding, a youth club outing to Skegness and the annual produce show. Each month is accompanied by a beautiful hand painted picture of a bird or flower. Also displayed were two certificates awarded by WFWI to Stoneleigh WI in 1928, one for honourable work contributed to the co-operative section of the Warwickshire handicraft exhibition, the other an award made to four Stoneleigh members for Community Work. In 1997 Stoneleigh WI were given a certificate to record their achievement as Outdoor Bowls Winners in Warwickshire. There was also an album of photographs of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in 2008.

Members were sad to hear the news that Chris Barnes had died after suffering a stroke. She was a member of Stoneleigh WI for many years and one of the founder members of the craft group.

The next village lunch will be on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May in the Village Hall. If you wish to reserve a place please ring Liz Sykes on 02476 418301. The next coffee morning will be at the village club on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

*Rachel Gill*



# Stoneleigh Church News and Events

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held on Thursday 19th April, in the church. There are a number of changes in the team for the coming year.

Stephen Palmer stood down after a number of years. As well as being incredibly helpful with his knowledge of the village past and present and with his suggestions, advice and the willingness to turn his hand to many practical tasks, he has served us well during his time as a member of the PCC. We also thank him for being the church's representative on the village hall committee.

We have a new churchwarden, June Burr, who has been elected to take over when I step down. This will be officially on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at a special service when churchwardens are sworn in, but she has already started to shadow my role.

As I said at the APCM, retirement from the role is well overdue and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during my term of office. It has been a privilege to have served the church and the village community in this role. I have learnt a great deal and at times, especially during the last couple of years, it has been a challenge but I know I would not have been able to continue in the role as long as I have without the prayerful support of others.

## **Church News.**

### **Events**

#### ***Friday 11th May***

Film Night in the Village Hall, "Paddington 2"  
6.45 for 7 in the village hall  
Contact Jane: 07710304651 to reserve a place.



#### ***Sunday 20th May***

Stoneleigh and Ashow Fellowship Lunch at Stoneleigh Deer Park  
12.45pm £14 for three courses.  
Contact Jane: 07710304651 to reserve a place.



#### ***Sunday 27th May***

11am as part of the service  
Dedication and launch of the booklet outlining the story of the  
Stoneleigh Stitches, as told by Eileen Burman

If you would like further details of any events please contact Jackie Cubitt,  
Parish Office (02476415506) or [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or look  
on our website [www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk](http://www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk)

*Sarah Ballinger*

***Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse***  
***The Green, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. CV8 3DP***  
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**RESIDENTIAL HOUSING VACANCY**

The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse is a Charity providing housing accommodation in ten sandstone cottages in the centre of Stoneleigh, a quiet rural village in Warwickshire.

A residence in this 16<sup>th</sup> century Almshouse has become available.

On the ground floor of each home there is a hall, leading to a sitting room with kitchen. A door to utility room leads through to a cloakroom with washbasin and toilet. A dog-leg staircase from the hall leads to the first floor where there is a bedroom and shower room with washbasin and toilet.

Outside there is a small private patio connected to large communal gardens where there is a useful storage building with dedicated space for each resident

Cottages are equipped with cooker, fridge & washing m/c, phone line, emergency assistance-call unit, carpets, electric storage heaters, smoke & heat detectors, hot water immersion heater, and TV point. A communal digital TV aerial and mast is also provided.

The Dame Alice Leigh Charity, repairs and maintains the fabric and services to the building, as well as the outbuildings and communal gardens.

Applicants must be needy, of retirement age, capable of independent living and have a genuine need of Almshouse housing.

Preference is given to residents who live in or have connections with the parish of Stoneleigh. However, Trustees welcome applications from other qualifying persons.

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

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Clerk to the Trustees  
Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse  
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## Sowe View, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh CV8 3BZ



Having narrowly lost our planning application appeal, Julia and I have been weighing up our options on what to do with our parcel of land on Coventry Road. Having now reached our decision we feel that having had such stirring support from our friends and neighbours in the village we should write and bring you all up to date.

Unfortunately, our need for single storey living remains, due to Julia's multiple sclerosis, and sadly always will do, so for us to build an affordable, sustainable and above all accessible house is our best option, both now and the future. So, to this end we are currently altering the drawings, taking on board the comments of the conservation officer, removing the garage and proposing to widen the drive as this will not only benefit us, but our two neighbours who also share the access.

We are mindful that to build the house we will need to remove some trees. However, we are willing to commit to the Village of Stoneleigh that once all excavation and levelling works are complete we will commence our tree replanting in the next available planting season and not several years after occupancy. In doing so we aim to minimise the disruption to the wildlife to the shortest possible duration. We also commit to keeping you informed during the major stages of the construction programme.

Once our application has been submitted we will write to you again and let you know the planning number so you can see the full extent of what we are proposing.

In the meantime, should you have any questions about our proposal please feel free to contact Martin Smith Architects or alternatively ourselves directly either via email [m.innocent@btconnect.com](mailto:m.innocent@btconnect.com) or 07541 866930.

Thank you for your continued and much appreciated support,  
*Julia and Martin Innocent.*

# Stoneleigh Village Club

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## WELCOME TO THE CLUB NEWS

The lighter nights have invariably added to the feeling that consistently warmer days are just around the corner; it has been lovely to see more members in the garden already over the past month!

Since the launch of our 'best Facebook picture' last month, we are pleased to announce that **Mick Sell** is most welcome to collect his free drink from the bar! Fancy a free drink yourself? It's easy, post a photo to Facebook and include StoneleighVillageClub in your post so it gets reposted onto our page: [www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub](http://www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub). The winner will be posted in the magazine, so... get snapping and posting!!



*"Aunt Selly still not had his free pint!"*

*Posted: 1st April*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please sign a guest in to attend following events, or simply to join us any time that we are open!

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Knit and Natter, 7.30pm**

**Bingo**

**Book Club, 7.30pm**

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

\* **May book** = *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber \*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

*(Every 2nd Sat)*

**Walk Club, 10.30am – 2.30pm** (return time approx)

Meet outside SVC to walk a *gentle* flat route through to the Anchor at Leek Wootton. All abilities (and dogs) welcome! Max 10km.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Saturdays

*(Weekly)*

**Coffee Morning, 10.30am – 12pm**

**Run Club, 9-10am**

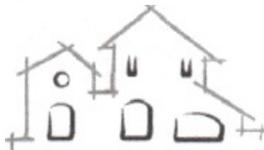
Meet outside SVC to leave for a 'flat' 3/4/5km *leisurely* run!

**!SAVE THE DATE! ... Prostate and a Pint: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Men – give your Prostates a health check via a quick, painless blood test, then enjoy a bravery pint!

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***SERVICES FOR MAY 2018***

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Ascension Day Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashaw 11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashaw 11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Village Service at Ashaw 11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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please contact:

Reverend Nikki Moon 07891 012660 email [njmoon@outlook.com](mailto:njmoon@outlook.com)

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