

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



APRIL 2019



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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Cover Image

An Easter bunny on an egg hunt,
painted by Maisie McGranaghan aged 6.

Thank you to all who submitted pictures.



Film Night

Friday 10th May
in Stoneleigh Village Hall
6.45 pm for 7 pm

This month we are showing:
'Bohemian Rhapsody'

Bohemian Rhapsody is a biographical film about the British rock band Queen. It follows singer Freddie Mercury's life, from his joining the band in 1970 to their Live Aid performance at Wembley Stadium in 1985. It stars Oscar winning Rami Malic.

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

Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.
To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315

Dates for film nights in 2019:

July 12th — September 13th — November 8th

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HS2 UPDATE

*Martin Smith and Anthony Bianco,
on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)*

As I write this (18th March) the Early Works contractor should be starting the “vegetation clearance” along the A46 (this assumedly at night when a carriageway is to be closed) and along the B4115. This is to clear the route of the line and also to allow for the construction works, access routes etc. which accompany the process.

By the time you read this (unless there has been a delay to the works), you may have a clearer idea of what this actually means to our area. Clearances in other areas, e.g. near the proposed Birmingham Interchange can already be seen, and it looks very drastic.

Ironically, as these works progress, there has been no award of the main construction contract: this decision appears to be delayed. At the same time, there remains dissent in political ranks over the rising cost of HS2 with some Cabinet members openly expressing that they would cancel the project if it were their choice to do so. I think it fair to say that, whether you are a supporter or detractor, certainty over costs must be a priority before works start. Therefore it is a shame that these enabling works have to go ahead at this stage. Of course, Government and Parliament has its attention drawn to other matters.

Several pieces of work have been completed this month, including analysing and challenging the HS2 figures on earth movement and the ground investigation work (geotechnical baseline reports), which are required to enable the Main Works contractors to plan and prepare budgets. The Department for Transport then has to approve these before work can begin. Note that similar work on Crossrail took 2½ years. As above these factors will influence the schedules and start dates.

At a recent meeting with Jeremy Wright MP, Highways England, WCC and HS2 have been requested to revise the local traffic plans (dated 2017) to reflect new information and traffic movements.

WI Report

Liz Sykes

The March meeting was a walk down memory lane for many of us. Ruth Lowe spoke about Mary Quant and how she set up her business in the '60s and '70s. Ruth had a number of original Mary Quant outfits, some made by Mary when she started her business. The interesting evening included not only dresses to be inspected but also hats, shoes and other accessories as well.



In April we will celebrate the end of our centenary year with a dinner at the village hall.

Craft and art classes continue each Monday morning, come to have a go! A number of our members have discovered that they can be artists!

April's village lunch is on the 2nd at 12:30pm in the village hall, and the coffee morning is on the 16th. Come and have a chat, 10:30am at the club.

Help Needed

June Burr, Churchwarden

Are you able to open or lock the church on a Friday?
Please contact the church office if you are available for this ministry. Thank you.



Bell Ringing

Sarah Attwood, Secretary

Stoneleigh Church Bell Tower is in need of some new members. Please contact Bob Taylor, Tower Captain, at bob-bob49@hotmail.co.uk for more details. No experience or musical ability is necessary - just enthusiasm.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman



On February 12th four members of the Stoneleigh Orchard Group travelled to Pershore College in Worcestershire to investigate the facilities available for bottling cider.

This was undertaken largely in response to a number of customers requesting a sparkling cider in addition to the still "bag in a box" offering that is currently available, as well as to meet the demands of processing larger harvests going forward.

Readers may recall from previous articles that harvests appear to be increasing exponentially thereby requiring a more industrial and process based approach to meet the challenge.

Despite its location in Worcestershire, Pershore College is a part of Warwickshire College and has diversified its educational foundation to include the processing of cider and apple juice. This ranges from pressing, fermentation through to pasteurisation, carbonation and finally bottling.

The operation has been so successful that it offers the carbonation and bottling facility to small orchards and operators throughout the county and its bottled cider can be seen on sale at sites such as the Gloucester "eco" services on the M5.

Those members of the board who attended the meeting and who read the excellent follow-up visit report by John Churchly were sufficiently impressed to recommend that a small proportion of the cider from last year's harvest should go to bottling. This will no doubt present exciting new challenges and opportunities for the Orchard team to address!



Stoneleigh Orchard continues to consider aspects of marketing such as how to develop the orchard website. On an environmental front we are looking at the possibility and practicalities of removing a length of barbed wire fencing adjacent to the orchard that runs along the length of the river banks. This has degenerated into a collapsed condition, serving no purpose but to present a danger to man and beast.

Finally, the Orchard group will now be holding their quiz night on Saturday April 13th at 19:00 in Stoneleigh Village Club. The date was revised from March which coincided with other events being held in the village.

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2019 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?

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Richard Hancox (Treasurer)
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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The April Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday 11th April at 7pm. Members of the public are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

The Annual Stoneleigh Village Meeting will be held on 18th April, at 7pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall. All Stoneleigh residents are invited to come along and find out what has been going on in the village and what local organisations have been up to, to ask questions and to hear from County and District Councillors.

The May Ordinary Council meeting will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on May 9th at 7.30pm, following the Parish Council Annual General Meeting at 7pm.

To view the full details of these and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council website:

<http://stoneleighashowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/CouncilMeetings>

At the March meeting of the Parish Council, there was discussion about the Warwickshire County Council report of the consultation about Birmingham Road. The majority of respondents want the road to be closed, however, there was no clear consensus as to which end the closure should be. The Parish Council will work with the Highways Authority and Warwickshire County Council to consider the best way forward.

Councillors will be meeting in early April to discuss their approach on the Stoneleigh & Ashow Neighbourhood Plan. 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. If anyone would like to help the Parish Council with this or feel that they can contribute some skills or local knowledge, please contact us at

stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com

Elections are taking place in May for District and Parish Councillors. If you are interested in standing, information is available on the Parish Council website and on local noticeboards.

Don't forget to check out the Parish Council website which is regularly updated with local information such as road and traffic issues, HS2 updates, regular Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team surgeries, information drop-in sessions and local consultations. It's a great way to find out what's going on locally and get involved. You can find us at:

<http://stoneleighashowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>

Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields

Charity 702842

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7:30pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

All adult residents of the Stoneleigh parish are entitled to vote at the AGM.

Birmingham Road Consultation

Mike Evans

The Parish Council have published the results of the consultation regarding options for easing traffic through Stoneleigh. The full report can be found on their website: stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/VillageMatters

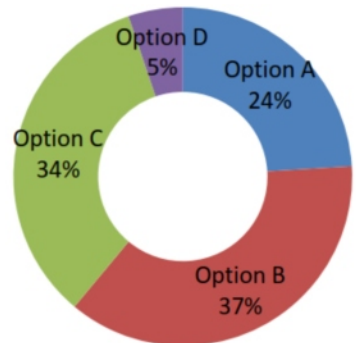
There were four options presented by Warwickshire County Council:

- A - Do nothing
- B - Close Birmingham Road at Ashow Road
- C - Close Birmingham Road at Coventry Road
- D - Alternative suggestions

Results

154 people voted, with 71% in favour of closing the Birmingham Road.

However, since this majority was split between which end of the Birmingham Road to close (options B or C), Warwickshire County Council have concluded that:



“WCC will NOT be progressing with a scheme on the Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh at this time due to a lack of clear consensus towards a particular option, which would need to be demonstrated in order to support a bid for funding.”

A Plea from Baginton Village

Lisa Conway

Stoneleigh residents have been asked to support a campaign to retain the free school bus for the children of Baginton. Many other villages face such changes as well. Please see details of the petition on:



<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Petitions.aspx>

Further details from Lisa Conway who can be contacted via:

lisa-987@hotmail.co.uk

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

The March meeting was preceded by our AGM, and we then heard from Heidi Meyer, the first female Master of Lord Leycester's Hospital in Warwick. The Hospital has a long and distinguished history and the talk was a most interesting and entertaining one.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be Derek Clarke, who will tell us about the history and restoration of the National Trust's Back to Back properties in Birmingham. We shall follow up his talk with a visit there in May.

Finally, this is a "last call" for anyone who would like to share their memories of attending Stoneleigh School. I would particularly like to hear from you if you were there when the school closed in July 1976 - whether as a pupil or as a visitor to the "farewell" event which was held then.

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Rod Owen

Upcoming Concerts for your diary:

Friday 26th April 2019

Ashow Church Concert in aid of Church Funds.

Saturday 11th May 2019, 7:30pm

Prostate Cancer Concert: St Nicholas Church Kenilworth with Coventry Male Voice Choir

Sunday 7th July 2019

Summer Serenade, Residents' Walled Garden, Stoneleigh Abbey

Full details and tickets are available from Phil Jones on 01926 853511, or by email: Kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Stoneleigh Village Club

Becki Coombe



Email us at stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com
if you would like to receive our fortnightly email.



We are absolutely DELIGHTED to announce that we have been successful in our continued applications to become de-registered for VAT. Each one of us owes ENORMOUS thanks to our accounting team, led by **Sarb Heer**, for their persistence over a long period of time.

Being de-registered for VAT means, amongst other things, that we will not operate at a loss this financial year, or need to use our financial reserves. We will tell you more about it at our AGM.

In more good news, we are ecstatic to welcome **Adrian Clarke** as our newest Committee Member. In a short time, Adrian has already provided new, positive and actionable input and we hope you will join us in welcoming him.



We are planning to host an Emergency First Aid at Work course in SVC during a weekend morning. We need a minimum of 6 people to go ahead and there will be a cost of £10 per person.

If you are interested, please add your email address to the following Doodle Poll and tick ALL of the dates you *could* attend. All entered details are private, not shared. <https://doodle.com/poll/a3uabu8tm3b5c69w>
The deadline for responses is the end of Tuesday 23rd April

Members are now welcome to display their business cards in a box that is to the right of the fireplace. At a cost of only £5 for 6 months it could be the cheapest paid advertising you do. Just pay at the bar and pop your cards in!

Monthly Events

(Remember to also check our Facebook page and our outside noticeboard)

Mondays	8:30pm	Darts Team
Tuesdays	8:30pm	Pool Team
Tuesday 16 th April	10:30am	Coffee morning
Weds: 3 rd & 17 th April 1 st , 15 th , 29 th May	7:00pm	Knit and Natter
Thursdays	7:30pm	Crib and Dominoes (Check fixture list for location)
Thursday 11 th April	7:45pm	Book Club , "The Lady in the Van", by Alan Bennett. (See posters at the club for details of the next book.)
Saturdays	12pm - 5pm	FREE use of pool table

To find out more about any of the above, simply visit on the evening, or email your question to us: stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

Additional Events

Duck Race Planning Meeting Thursday 4th April 7:30pm

We are looking for volunteers for the following roles:

2x BBQ operators (in shifts). 4x River duck collectors. Canoeists to 'help' the ducks. Children's activity lead. Please help us make the day a quacking success!

Easter Bonnet Parade and Competition Sunday 21st April 1pm

Prizes for both the best bonnet and the best Easter outfit – FREE EVENT!

Orchard Quiz Saturday 13th April 7pm

Can you improve on the top score from the Christmas Chairperson's Quiz?

☺ **Future events** - Look out for ☺

* Motown * * Gin Cocktail Tasting *

* Prosecco and Pottery * * Pop-up Vintage Tea Room *

We look forward to seeing you in the Club!

Letter from Rev Nikki

Deal or No Deal?

That is the question we all wait to hear the answer to, is it not?

Though I suspect the answer will not be as straight forward as we might hope. Of course, the sad part of all the debacle in Westminster is that other important issues facing our nation are being neglected. As Westminster spends its time and energy wrangling over Brexit, we face a growing crisis on our streets.

Knife Crime amongst our young people is at epidemic proportions and homelessness has more than doubled since 2010. Do you know that the average age that a homeless person dies is 47? That is the age that I am now, and it is a sobering fact.

Though perhaps not as sobering as the figures for knife crime. In 2018, 59 knife crime offences were committed every day and this year looks set to be even higher and those most affected are our teenagers.

Of course, the thing with statistics is that they can mask the fact that we are talking about real people. Real people who, every day, live with the consequence of inaction on these and other issues that face our communities and our families.

As we approach Easter Day, when Christians move out of the death and destruction of Good Friday and into the light and hope of Easter Sunday, let us also turn our face away from the divisions and anxieties of what may or may not happen with Brexit and instead do all we can to be the light and hope for those who are suffering on a daily basis on the streets of our towns and cities.

If you want to know more about the issues surrounding homelessness and knife crime more information can be found at:

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/> - National charity for homeless people

<http://www.benkinsella.org.uk/> - Fighting knife Crime through education and campaigning.

From the Registers

Funerals

Thursday 14 th March	William David Procter Whitfield (Bill) Funeral Service and Burial at Stoneleigh.
Monday 18 th March	Vera Gillian Robina Foster (Gill) Interment at Stoneleigh
Tuesday 19 th March	Avril Phyllis Kingston Funeral Service at Stoneleigh

Contacts:

For Pastoral Care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral, please contact:
Reverend Nikki Moon 07891 012660 email njmoon@outlook.com
Please note that Revd Nikki works from Sunday to Wednesday

Churchwardens : Ashow: Vacancy

Stoneleigh: June Burr 02476 227726, Gordon Gatward 01926 512528

Deputy Warden: Richard Ashley 01926 427729

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

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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019

Sunday 7 th	10:00am	United Holy Communion at Ashow
Sunday 14 th	Palm Sunday	
	9:30am	Holy Communion at Ashow
	11:00am	All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Tuesday 16 th	7:00pm	Service of Healing and Wholeness at Ashow
Wednesday 17 th	10:30am	Service of Healing and Wholeness at Stoneleigh
Thursday 18 th	Maundy Thursday	
	7:00pm	Foot Washing and Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Friday 19 th	Good Friday	
	2:00pm	Hour before the Cross at Stoneleigh
	2:00pm	Hour before the Cross at Ashow
Saturday 20 th	8:30pm	Service of Light at Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 st	Easter Day	
	9:30am	Family Holy Communion at Ashow
	11:00am	Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9:30am	Village Service at Ashow
	11:00am	Holy Communion at Stoneleigh