

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MAY 2019



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Thoughts from the Rev Nikki.

From Destruction to Hope

I am writing this on the Tuesday of Holy Week, the most important and spiritually demanding week for Christians around the world ,as we commemorate and remember the journey Jesus took through rejection, violence and death into resurrection and restoration which we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

But it is also the morning after the distressing scenes of Notre Dame de Paris on fire filled our TV screens. The loss of such a beautiful, historic and religious icon on this Holiest of weeks is not lost on those who profess a faith in Jesus Christ. I sat until late into the night weeping and praying, not just for the building but for those fighting the fire, those desperately trying to save the historical items such as the ‘Crown of Thorns’ (believed by many to be the actual crown of thorns worn by Jesus on the cross) and of course for the people of Paris and France as they watched on too.

But as the night drew on something incredible happened. The shock and horror, the hopelessness and fear began to transform into something new. Shock and horror turned into singing and praying. Hopelessness turned to hope as it emerged the battle was being won and the north tower had been saved along with many of the religious and historic artefacts. No one had been killed and those brave firefighters had kept injuries to a minimum. By the end of the evening as Monday turned into Tuesday we heard President Macron declare that “we will rebuild this Cathedral all together”. And as I write I see that millions of euros have already been pledged from all over the world.

We might wonder if that money could be better spent though I would argue that Notre Dame de Paris is a symbol of unity and human endeavour that goes far beyond one religion. Last night I heard it described as the Heartbeat of Paris, a place that draws millions of visitors from all nations, all cultures, all religions and none, to its doors. One commentator described it as superseding religion and being a place that unites all people. And last night as the world watched it burn, it reunited people once again. People from across the globe united in sympathy, people across religions united in prayer and the people of

France, that yesterday morning, divided by political arguments, were united in grief.

And this is the story of Holy Week. a story in which one event, which initially looks like a violent, horrific and hopeless situation emerges to be the greatest story ever told. The story of hope, the story of restoration that comes about when humanity stops fighting amongst itself and recognises its commonality and treats one another with compassion, with respect, and with love. Whether you believe in the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ or not I hope you too can believe that humanity is at its best when it works together, prays together, grieves together and hopes together.

The restoration and resurrection of Notre Dame de Paris will take many years, not the three days it took Jesus to rise from the dead. But the restoration and resurrection of unity, of hope and of love for all God's children is available right now. We just have to choose it and it will be within our grasp.

You might wonder why I am talking about the Easter story in May, well Easter lasts for 50 days after Easter Sunday and we will be celebrating the resurrection and the hope it brings right up until Pentecost on June 9th. If you would like to celebrate with us and find out more about what hope looks like in our modern world then do join us for Worship or call me for a chat.

May God bless you
Rev Nikki

Baby and Toddler Group – Stoneleigh Church – Now on a Monday Morning

Drop in for free play, a story and refreshments and an opportunity to meet other carers.

Monday 10th June 10 am to 12 noon

Monday 8th July 10am to 12 noon

Monday 12th August 10am to 12 noon

Monday 9th September 10am to 12 noon.

Contact Rev Nikki (07891012660) for further information.

Stoneleigh History Society

Although this is the May edition of the magazine, it may be published in time for you to discover details of our April meeting! On April 30 we were due to have a talk about the architectural reconstruction of Birmingham's Back-to Backs, but sadly our speaker has had to cancel. Our own Pete James has stepped up to the mark, bringing forward the talk he was due to give in June. The talk will therefore now be on the Coventry Peace Riots of 1919. All are, as ever, welcome to come along to the village hall at 7.30pm.

We shall not be meeting in May as our annual trip will, in fact, be a visit to the Back to Backs!

We shall be mounting our annual exhibition with a very special one on Duck Race day. Further details to follow.

Sheila Woolf

Reminder:

The Stoneleigh Annual Village Meeting will be held on Thursday May 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

This is your chance to come along and listen to items raised and ask questions at the Village Meeting.

From the Stoneleigh and Ashow News,

The traffic on the Birmingham Road increases monthly. In Stoneleigh the Birmingham Road continues to be filled with fast traffic during the morning and evening rush hours. And yet the Police see no reason for at least having the slight protection of a speed limit. The situation gets worse. Are we to suppose that they will not move until a Stoneleigh child gets killed? There are villages all over Warwickshire with no more traffic and speed limits. This kind of stubborn immobility is almost criminal.

written by the then Vicar ,March 1969.

(With thanks to Sheila Woolf for unearthing this).

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The **May Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday **9th May** at 7.30pm, following the AGM of the Parish Council which will be held at 7pm. Members of the public are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

The Annual **Stoneleigh Village Meeting** will be held on **16th May, 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. Apologies for the change of date for the meeting, and for anyone who went along to the Village Hall on April 18th. The meeting date was changed due to the upcoming local elections.

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>

Have you ever considered **becoming a Parish Councillor**? We are seeking a co-opted member for the Parish Council to represent Ashow. Full information about how to apply can be found on the Parish Council website.

Warwickshire County Library are looking to re-instate the **mobile library service** to Stoneleigh Village. The service will be parked in the Village Hall Car Park at 12.20 to 12.50 one Monday a month, starting on 29th April and 20th May. Dates are available on the Parish Council website.

It is a free service, with no fines and no joining fees, and you can borrow loads of books from their great selection. The bus driver is the most helpful person you could hope for and also very knowledgeable about the books on board. Each van has an onboard computer and you can reserve books for the next visit or if the book you want isn't on the van, they can be obtained from any other county library, ready for the next visit.

The Parish Council are hoping this will be a well used and successful service, but for this to happen we need to all support each other by considering our **neighbours**. If you know someone who will struggle to carry books to and from the village hall or will struggle to walk to and from the village hall, please consider offering some assistance.

At the April Parish Council meeting, Gareth Smith, Planning Manager for Severn Trent Water (STW), came along to talk about the proposed **Training Academy** which will be built on the STW Avon House site. This is planned to be a state of the art training facility utilising a range of technologies including virtual reality and augmented reality, as well as more practical and traditional taught methods. STW are also exploring ways of linking in with local schools to encourage pupils in the science, technology, engineering and mathematic subjects. They are also looking at potential for local businesses to be able to make use of the technology available when it is not being used by STW staff. A copy of the presentation will be available on the Parish Council website.

Warwickshire County Council seeking views on health and wellbeing in your area

A survey has been launched by Warwickshire County Council to find more out about the unique health and wellbeing needs of North Leamington and the rural area to the east of Warwick District. The survey is available at <http://bit.ly/JSNAResidents>

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and its partners recognise that the needs of different communities throughout the county will vary depending on issues such as the population age, infrastructure, community safety, jobs, housing and many more.

As part of a larger project to gain more insight into life in Warwickshire's communities called the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the results of the survey together with other data will be fed into a local needs assessment, which in turn will lead to recommendations for improving local health and wellbeing and an action plan.

All of this information will be available to WCC and its partners when commissioning new services or reviewing existing ones. The information will also be available to local voluntary and community groups, to support funding applications for example.

Please take the opportunity to complete the survey and help to inform this important piece of work.

If you would like a copy of the survey in a different format please contact southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

May Reflections

May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.

The month of May was come, when every lusty heart beginneth to blossom, and to bring forth fruit.

Midlands AutoFest 2019 Stoneleigh Park Easter Weekend.

Many readers will be aware that there were issues with this event especially on Good Friday, when traffic became an issue in Stoneleigh Village and on the surrounding roads. There were also issues of anti social, if not dangerous, behaviour and excessive noise. The matter was raised promptly at the time with the Organisers and the Police, and additional measures were put in place on Saturday and Sunday.

It is too early to write in more detail about this, but we have been made aware that matters are in hand and hopefully more information about how this can be avoided in the future will be made available .

Richard Hancox, Chair of the Parish Council would be happy to know of your experience if you'd care to email him at Richard.Hancox@kier.co.uk

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

The Orchard Group would like to thank all those who attended our quiz at Stoneleigh Village Club back in April as well as those who helped to make it such a success, particularly our quiz mistress Mandy Smith and her two helpers Teagan Freeman and Ella Murrow. Congratulations are also in order for team “Top of the Pips” who won so convincingly!

Recent activities in the orchard have involved the removal of a length of collapsed barbed wire fence from a 200 metre stretch of the river bank adjacent to the orchard.

This was undertaken for a number of reasons , the foremost of which was to improve the amenity of the area and was one of the founding principles of the Orchard Group along with improving the environment. As a consequence, the public will have greater access to this stretch of river as well as options for river centred events such as the Duck Race. Thanks to John Churchley for fielding the bulk of the work on this! It was “eye opening” to observe the wild life at this location, from the mute swans curious about the work being undertaken on the embankment and who have recently started to wander the orchard pathway next to the river , to the smaller species such as grey wagtails and an assortment of wildfowl. Who knows perhaps sympathetically managing the river bank may increase the potential for the return of species such as the water vole?

On the cider processing side of the group’s activities, in late March we received a visit from a Warwick District Council food hygiene inspector who gave the cider processing plant a rating score of 5 which translates as “very good” and recognises the fact that the group take this side of the operation very seriously.

We are also on the cusp of the period at which the cider is taken off the lees and decanted into holding tanks before being bagged up for pasteurization, and boxing.

It is a custom to await the first cider apple blossoms to occur to mark the start of this activity. In short, a large piece of work awaits those involved.

Finally, please do take the opportunity to wander down to the Orchard to observe the blossom as well as the fresh vistas of the river following our work.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2019 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, 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



Stoneleigh WI

We ended our centenary year with a dinner for all our members in the village hall. It was a splendid evening – the entertainment was provided by a jazz band; a great ending to a great year.

During the year we've had some excellent speakers and outings – a vintage coach trip (so good we're repeating it this year), a visit to a vineyard and also a distillery. We also visited the Royal Mint in Llantrisant - that was really interesting and we all minted our own coin. Twenty two of our members attended the Warwickshire Federation Annual Meeting at the Polo Club near Southam. A lovely location and, as always, excellent speakers.

Our speaker next month is Sue Rasmussen and her talk is 'Dress for Success'. She speaks about colour coordination and styles – interesting?? Everyone is welcome on Monday May 13th at 7:30.

Village lunch is on May 7th at 12:30 in the hall – please let me know if you can/cannot attend – it is useful for catering purposes. The coffee morning is on Tuesday May 21st in the Club at 10:30 – come and have a chat and meet your neighbours.

Liz Sykes

Bingo Nights



Lynne has advised us that after over 60 years of playing in Stoneleigh Village Club, the bingo has a change of venue, due to ongoing concerns about background noise.

It will now be held at **Stoneleigh Village Hall**. Starts at **8 o clock**, fortnightly on **Wednesday**.

DATES:- May 8th, 22nd, June 5th.

HS2 UPDATE

There continues to be considerable media attention on the financial review of current infrastructure projects, including HS2. Although construction work has supposedly been halted (ahead of any award of a notice to proceed to a contractor), 'enabling works' continue and there has been controversy, for example, over the removal of trees and hedgerows during the nesting season despite assurances from HS2 Ltd that this would not happen.

Locally, work continues in preparation for the gas main diversion in the field adjacent to Crewe Lane, and the building of a replacement road across Stoneleigh Park. The newly appointed Independent Construction Commissioner, Sir Mark Worthington, had visited the area on 3 April and had been thoroughly briefed by Anthony Bianco and Colin Hooper who emphasised the many outstanding questions about the HS2 project which HS2 Ltd had so far failed to answer. Sir Mark commented how 'on the ball' this area was and how helpful it was for him to have the reality of the proposals put in context before construction began.

Following a meeting with Jeremy Wright MP on 15 March the idea of an HS2 Implementation Forum has been revived whereby HS2 Ltd can be held to account for its impact on the local community.

Please note that HS2 Ltd plans to continue their surveys associated with the local underground gas pipeline. This work will involve closure of the A46 from 9 pm on 26 April to 6 am on 29 April (one northbound lane open) and the same times on 3 to 6 May (one southbound lane open). However, HS2 Ltd warns that 'our works schedule is open to change'.

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)



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



One would be delighted if one would partake in a Vintage Afternoon Tea with hot refreshments, cakes and sandwiches from **3pm Sunday 12th May**.

Please help with the planning and implementation of the infamous August Duck Race by joining other members in the Club for **7.30pm Thursday 12th May** – your help is *needed* and appreciated 😊



Thank you to the four people that expressed an interest in completing a Emergency First Aid at Work course for £10 in SVC during a weekend morning.

The deadline for completing the survey below is by the end of Thursday 12th May. We will need to have a minimum of 6 people for the course to go ahead...

<https://doodle.com/poll/a3uabu8tm3b5c69w>

A reminder that members are now welcome to display their business cards in a box that is to the right of the fireplace. Only £5 for 6 months - it could be the cheapest paid advertising you do? Just pay at the bar and pop your cards in?!



The Book Club next meet on **7.45pm Thursday 9th May** to review the book: *I am Pilgrim* by Terry Hayes. New members are always most welcome and of course people do not need to have read the book in order to attend!

😊 **STONELEIGH VILLAGE CLUB WELCOMES NON-MEMBERS TO SIGN IN FOR £1 PER VISIT** 😊

Stoneleigh Village Club

MONTHLY EVENTS

(Remember to also check our Facebook page & our outside noticeboard!)

Mondays 8.30pm **Darts Team**

Tuesdays 8.30pm **Pool Team**

Weds: 1,15,29 May. 12,26 June 7.00pm **Knit and Knatter**

Thursdays 7.30pm **Crib & Dominoes** (check fixture list for location)

Thursdays 11/4 & 9/5 7.45pm **Book Club** (current book is above)

Tuesdays 16/4 & 21/5 10.30-12 **Coffee Morning**

Saturdays 12 – 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

☺ Look out for the following in the future ☺

* Motown *

* Gin Cocktail Tasting *

* Prosecco and Pottery *

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SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

Sunday 5 th	11.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Wednesday 8 th	7.30 pm Licensing of Rev Nikki Moon at Stoneleigh
Sunday 12th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Sunday 19th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 26th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Sunday 14th April – Patricia Ann Brown – Interment at Stoneleigh.

Thursday 18th April – Margaret Emma Mills – Funeral Service at
Ashow

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