

Stoneleigh & Ashow *News*



July / August 2019

Events at Stoneleigh Park

There are lots of events going on at Stoneleigh Park over the summer.
For more information, visit www.naecstoneleigh.co.uk/whats-on:

The Midsummer Motorhome Show	21 st – 23 rd June
The 4x4 and Pick Up Show 2019	28 th – 29 th June
Race for Life Pretty Muddy 5k	29 th June
Race for Life 10k	30 th June
Car Chase Heroes	5 th – 7 th July
PS I Love You Clothing Sale	6 th July
Gravity Show	7 th July
The British Showjumping National Championships	6 th – 11 th August
SEIB Trailblazers Championship Finals	26 th July – 3 rd August
Guide Dogs Use Your Senses 5k Run	17 th August
Product Earth Expo 2019	23 rd – 25 th August
City of Birmingham Dog Show	30 th August – 1 st September
Bohemian Rhapsody Outdoor Cinema Experience	6 th September

“The Heart of Stoneleigh” defibrillator in the phone box on The Green
Co-ordinator: David Ellwood 07785 284482 text if no reply

Trained volunteers:

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David Ellwood	07785 284482	Richard Hancox	07770 826310
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Claire Neale	07557 675842	Lisa Reay	07716 416320
Martin Smith	07958 955629	Mary Taylor	07890 535506

Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Film Night

INSPIRED BY A TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Friday 12th July 2019

6.45pm for 7.00pm, Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets: £3.00

(to cover room hire and refreshments)

To reserve a place and a pastry, call Jane on 01926 858315



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

Starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali

Green Book won several Oscars at the Academy Awards 2019, including Best Picture. It is based on a true story about a working-class Italian-American bouncer who becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

Dates for film nights in 2019:

- Friday 13th September • Friday 8th November •

Stoneleigh Village Club

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Dear Neighbour,

As we have had a number of new families move to our village, we thought we would take this opportunity to let you know a little more about the Stoneleigh Village Club, which was established in 1856.

The club is run by volunteers, who are elected each year by members. We also organise a number of popular events such as the Duck Race, Halloween and Christmas parties. We encourage and need the support of village residents to support these events.

In 2013, members purchased the club building and garden. Funds from memberships go towards further improvements and ongoing maintenance. Membership for 2019/2020 is a flat rate of £12 per year per person, with under-18s free.

Events are published monthly in the Stoneleigh & Ashow News, on the noticeboard outside the club, via registered emails and on our Facebook page. We also have darts and pool teams, knit and knatter on a fortnightly basis, and a book club that takes place monthly.

We open Monday to Thursday at 7.00pm. On Friday, we open 'early doors' at 5.00pm – a very popular time to meet friends for a drink after work. At weekends, we open at 12.00pm. The club can also be hired for special events; please ask our friendly bar steward Jimmy for more details.

With more than 25 pubs and clubs closing every week, just £1 a month from our members ensures that we can keep this vital public facility open.

We hope to see you soon at the SVC, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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Coffee & Cake Evening

Thursday 4th July 2019

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

BEC Woodland Centre

Cymbeline Way, Bilton, Rugby CV22 6JZ

We're catching up with our volunteer teams across the UK
for this year's Shoebox Appeal.

Are you interested in finding out more about Teams4u
or getting involved in collecting shoeboxes?

Come and meet us!

To find out more about this event, contact
Fred Smythe 07957 854325



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Philip Jones (Chairman)



This year's Summer Serenade will be held in the walled garden at Stoneleigh Abbey on Sunday 7th July at 12.30pm. Tickets are £27.50, which includes smoked salmon on arrival, sandwiches and wraps in the interval, with sparkling wine available throughout the afternoon.

This year, we are supporting the Mary Ann Evans Hospice in Nuneaton, and especially the home care that they provide for seriously ill patients who, without this care, would have to be admitted to hospital. Professor Bob Grieve, a trustee of the hospice, will be coming along to say a few words regarding the hospice's work, and to receive a cheque to support this invaluable cause. The choir will be supported by our two soloists, Jinty Cotton and Tony Parrott, and we are looking forward to hearing them sing.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 20th September 2019

A concert at Sherbourne Church to mark the beginning of their Flower Festival.

Saturday 23rd November 2019

A joint concert with South Wales choir, Cwmdare Voices, at Stoneleigh Church.

Wednesday 4th & Friday 5th December 2019

Christmas carol concerts in the chapel at Stoneleigh Abbey.

Finally...

If you would like further details regarding these events, please do not hesitate to contact Phil Jones on 01926 853511 or by email at kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk.

With best wishes from the boys and gal of the SMVC

Stoneleigh WI Report

Liz Sykes

The speaker in June was Diane Vernon. She spoke very enthusiastically about how her hobby of glass making has developed into a full-time occupation firing glass to produce some truly lovely items. In addition, she has developed skills to make stained glass pictures – all very attractive.

As part of our centenary celebrations last year, we went on a vintage coach trip. It was so successful that we decided to repeat it this year. Last year, we had glorious sunshine. Not so this year; however, it was still very interesting and enjoyable. The driver, Bob Harrington, this time took us to east Warwickshire. We went through many lovely villages, some of which we had never heard of. His knowledge of the history of the county, along with his remarkable anecdotes, made for a very entertaining day. An added bonus was that he supports local charities with the proceeds from these trips.

Next month, the speaker will be Helen Plumb, with a talk on gemmology. We meet in the Village Hall on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Please come along to sample what we do.

The Village Lunch will be on Tuesday 2nd July at 12.30pm. Please let me know your availability (024 7641 8301) – it does help with the catering.

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 16th July in the Club at 10.30am. Do come along for a chat. We look forward to seeing you there.



This month's front cover:

Bumble bee

Photograph by Lucy Morris

Another President at the Palace!

Sheila Woolf

*(adapted from an article which first appeared in **Swimming Times**)*

Most of us in Stoneleigh know Liz Sykes for the many roles she has undertaken in the village: president of the WI for many years, provider of the monthly village lunch, secretary of the village hall committee, membership secretary of the village club... These are just some of the ways in which Liz has benefited her own community at various times over the years.

Her “other life”, however, might be less well-known, and 2019 sees that other life reach its pinnacle: this year she is president of Swim England. At the same time, she is still chairperson of City of Coventry Swimming Club and has been for four years. Up until last year, she has been swimming secretary for the West Midlands – ever since the region was set up – so has organised all the championships. Her involvement in swimming thus runs through from club swimming



through district and regional swimming (she is still on the board of West Midlands) all the way up to national and international.

Liz acknowledges that, if it hadn't been for her late husband, Graham, she would probably not have become involved in swimming. He, of course, went to the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne and was team captain for the 1960 Rome Olympics. He also won gold in the 100m backstroke at the 1962 Empire Games in Perth. Graham's influence on swimming in this country also extended to his development of Sportsystems in the 1980s, which completely changed the entry and result system for the sport, and brought computerisation. His system instigated a massive change from the early days of result production when they all had to be typed.

Naturally, Liz became involved in the world of swimming through Graham, and her involvement increased when her children, Gareth and Kate, took to the water. Gareth started training at about 12, when he won the ESSA championships; he later went to the world championships and made a European final in the individual medley. One of Liz's proudest moments is when she was doing the announcements at national championships at Coventry baths. Gareth had won and Graham was doing the presentations. She had to stop herself from saying "... and that's my husband and that's my son!"

Kate took after her father as the backstroker, swimming internationally for Wales. (Oh, did I mention that Liz is Welsh? There's a surprise for you!... and the irony of presiding over Swim **England** is not lost on her...)

Gareth now lives in Australia and his son Buster is a good breaststroke swimmer who has competed for his country. In fact, every member of Liz's immediate family has been involved in swimming. Meanwhile, in between her teaching, Liz was, throughout the 1990s, chairman of the national events committee and ran the organisation of all the big events. Now, since October 2018, she has become Swim England president, only the eighth ever woman to hold that position – and the first Welsh woman.



Liz currently spends many weekends travelling all over the country attending different swimming competitions in her official capacity. In May, she was invited to Buckingham Palace for a garden party. Her daughter Kate came over from Ethiopia, where she now lives, to accompany her.

As if this were not exciting enough, a letter arrived a few days before the trip, from an equerry of the Duke of Cambridge – Liz was to be one of only 20 of the thousand-or-so people there to be personally presented to Prince William!

Thankfully, the weather that day was warm and sunny, and Liz and Kate took their place in line inside the palace to be introduced to Prince William, who is Patron of Swim England. He – and the Duchess of Cambridge – chatted for some time about the importance of young people learning to swim, a cause dear to Liz's heart.

Liz says she has thoroughly enjoyed all her life in swimming. "A lot of people asked me when Graham died if I would give it all up but, even then, I don't think they realised how much more involved I had become than Graham." She has certainly given the sport a huge amount of time and energy, first at local level and now at national. Congratulations, Liz!



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DUCK RACE & VILLAGE FETE



Saturday 10th August 2019

From 1.00pm

Duck racing from 3.00pm

Please join us for the event of the year!

- Vintage tea tent • Farmers Fayre pig roast •
- The Spice Truck • Tombola • Ice-creams •
- Bouncy castles • Hook a duck •
- Local bread • Cheeses and other produce •
- Pocket money toys • Local arts, crafts and much more! •
- Village Showcase Area featuring local organisations and businesses •

If you are interesting in having a stall, please contact us at stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com or call 07889 366931.

Volunteers will be coming round the weekend before the race to collect any donations of unopened bottles for the tombola and to give you the opportunity to find out more about the event and to purchase tickets. We do hope that you'll be able to support this event and have a fabulous day out.

If anyone can spare an hour or so either setting up on Friday, at the fete on Saturday, or even tidying up afterwards, then please do contact us using the above details. If any local businesses would like to support us with signage, sponsorship etc., we'd love to hear from you too!

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

Following our most interesting May visit to the National Trust's Back to Back properties in Birmingham, we were delighted to hear from Derek Clarke, who was involved in the restoration of the buildings, at our meeting in June.

We shall not be meeting in July or August.

In August, however, we shall open our latest exhibition – on Duck Race day, Saturday 10th August. We have recently received a generous gift – more than a dozen paintings of village properties and landscapes – from the family of local artist William Roseblade, who took Stoneleigh as his inspiration when painting in charcoal and watercolour.

Roseblade (1882-1967) lived in Coventry, but had a particular affection for Stoneleigh, and is buried in the churchyard. It is therefore a great pleasure to be able to exhibit some of his works here. We are grateful to his grandson, Dr Jim Roseblade, and his grand-daughter, Phyllis Shirley Roseblade, for donating the pictures to the Society.

We hope that you will come along to the Leigh Chapel to enjoy the paintings; perhaps you will spot your own house!





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and
St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh**



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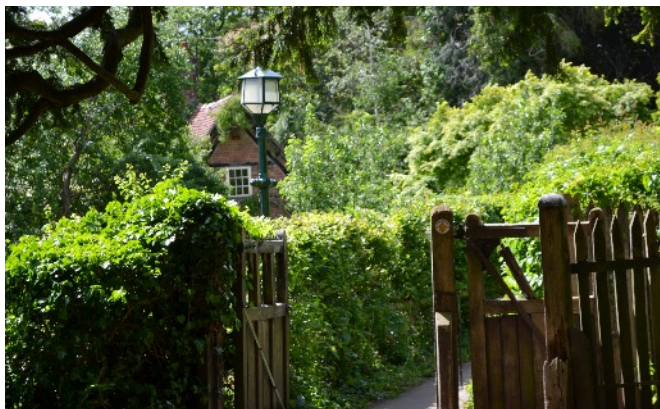
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Worrying

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Can worrying add a single hour to your life?

It's the middle of June as I write, though the weather is more akin to late winter than early summer. After last year's heatwave, this rain and cold is a bit of a shock to the system, so let us hope that summer remembers to make an appearance soon.

Of course, the weather around us and, in fact, the external events that surround us can, if we allow them, seriously affect our wellbeing, mental health and attitude to life. It has been interesting to take notice of my own mood over the past few days of cold and very wet weather, and I am taking some time to reflect on just how much external events beyond our control can affect our joy and how we then treat others as a result.

As a Christian, I know that I am called to put aside the things I cannot control and the problems or issues of tomorrow, and instead focus on the here and now and put my energy and time into those aspects of life that can be influenced in a positive way.

Jesus teaches:

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Matthew 6:25 – 27

He then goes on to state that those who seek the Kingdom of God will find all they need for life. It sounds simple, does it not? However, I certainly find it a difficult instruction to follow. There seems to be so much to worry about in our world at present: our political climate, uncertainty over the future, the climate and the effect global warming is having on our ecosystem and weather patterns, are just a few of the issues that confront us each day.

But if Jesus' words are to be taken seriously, then perhaps the best thing is for us to use the time we are spending worrying to instead seek the Kingdom

of God, a kingdom where the overriding principles are of love for others, grace to forgive and action to put right what is wrong. It seems to me that we may not be able to stop the rain, but we can take personal action to reverse climate change.

We may not have control of who becomes the next Prime Minister, but we can use our hard-fought-for freedoms to voice our concerns through our local MPs and, when the time comes, casting our vote.

We may not be able to control the means by which we exit the EU, but we can ensure that we play our part in bridging divisions and overcoming hatred to the stranger.

And we do all these things and more by first seeking the kingdom of God; seeking the love and grace of a God who will then strengthen us to act towards others and towards our planet in loving and grace-filled ways.

I will certainly be taking steps to stop staring out at the rain and instead start focusing my attention on God through prayer and reflection. Perhaps you are feeling drawn to do the same?

With blessings for a joyful summer, no matter what the weather.



Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Pat Wightman

Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir continues to meet at the Village Hall every Thursday afternoon (in term time only). We are a lively group who enjoy each other's company, as well as getting down to the business of singing a wide variety of music under the direction of our leader, Karen Whyte.

On Saturday 18th May, we acknowledged the arrival of spring with a concert of themed songs and poetry to a full house at St James' Church, Old Milverton. The concert raised £220 for the Brunswick Healthy Living Centre in Leamington Spa, a charity nominated by the church. £100 was also donated to the church.

At the end of May, a trip was organised to the Birmingham Hippodrome to see "Calendar Girls: The Musical". Some choir members were inspired to wear their own specially made sunflowers (pictured).

As we go to print, rehearsals are in full swing for the summer concert and high tea on Thursday 11th July at the Village Hall. This year's concert is in aid of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. All songs, old and new, will reflect the love of the outdoors, so it should be a lot of fun!

The choir welcomes new members so, if you are interested in joining, please contact Secretary, Jacky Moore, on 024 7633 7535.



Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

The Orchard Group are currently in negotiations with the Pershore bottling plant, with the intention of offering a carbonated and bottled product. Efforts to achieve this are, however, being thwarted by what I am told is a national shortage of bottles. Despite this, the group remain optimistic that we will be able to have a bottled, carbonated product ready for the duck race in August or, failing that, later that month. The group have also been working with villager and fellow group member, Jules Storer, to create a label for our bottles which, at this point in time, involves a refinement and miniaturisation of the label developed for our boxes involving a “green man” tree caricature located at the end of Church Lane. Other recent activities have largely centred on selling “bag in the box” still cider in order to raise the capital to achieve our bottled cider ambitions. In fact, this year our bag in the box product has proved particularly popular, with some very positive feedback! Needless to say, we are hoping to generate a lot more five-litre cider boxes throughout the summer months.

In the orchard, this year’s spring blossoms were a little sparse compared with last year’s, and weather conditions have been such that those blossoms that did occur came and went very rapidly. As a consequence, there will definitely not be a reoccurrence of the bumper harvest of 2018. Certain cider apple varieties also tend to be biennial, i.e. the trees crop every other year, meaning that they have a chance to rest and develop foliage during the fruitless year. One other observation made in the spring was that leaves of many of the trees appeared to have been attacked by insect pests. We’re still trying to identify the culprits, which may be many and varied, but definitely include aphids. The group ethos is not towards the use of pesticides. If a major issue did happen, then we would look towards the use of green alternatives as a means of control. Interestingly, a large number of ladybirds appear to be preying on the aphids, which clearly demonstrates how nature creates its own “yin & yang” balance.

One “tongue-in-cheek” conclusion concerning this issue is that our first attempts to ward off evil spirits during our January Wassail were unsuccessful, so it will clearly need refining next year!

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. Alternatively, why not become a long-term friend and set up a direct debit?

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Sporting Success for Harry

Rachel Horton-Barr

Harry Horton-Barr is 13 and attends North Leamington School. He represents the North Warwickshire branch of the Pony Club, and stables his horses off Birmingham Road behind the old police house in Stoneleigh. He can often be seen training or exercising the ponies on evenings and weekends.

More recently, Harry and his horse Millie have been selected to ride for England in the Four Nations Home Internationals 2019 in Polocrosse! The competition is held over two days in July in Cheshire. Polocrosse is a team sport that is a combination of polo and lacrosse. The objective of the game is to score goals by throwing the ball between the opposing team's goal posts, with three players on a team working together to move the ball up the pitch to score, whilst being defended with sticks by their opponents.



The England Team is currently looking for sponsors and it would be great to have a business or supporter on board as soon as possible as the logo needs to go to the shirt manufacturers. The cost is £500 for logos on all the playing kit, rugs etc., a banner at the tournament and an ad in the programme. Any sponsorship will be promoted via social media and other press coverage around the event. Please contact me if you think you might be able to help – rachel.horton-barr@sky.com.

Harry continues to compete successfully at mounted games as well (featured in the Stoneleigh & Ashow News before Christmas). At the beginning of June, he finished sixth in the European individual Masters on his new pony, Bobby Jo.

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Forthcoming Events

Mondays **Darts Team** From 7.30pm

Tuesdays **Pool Team** From 7.30pm

Please check noticeboard for fixtures list

Saturday 29th June **Cricketers' Quiz** From 7.00pm
The legendary cricketers' quiz returns!
Please arrive ready to place food orders (fish and chips) by 7.15pm. See posters on the noticeboard for more details.

Saturday 6th July **Family Pool Night** From 7.00pm
Please join us for a fun evening for all the family.
All ages and abilities welcome.

Wednesday 10th July **Knit & Knatter** From 7.30pm

Thursday 11th July **Book Club** From 7.45pm
"The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan

Tuesday 16th July **Coffee Morning** 10.30am – 12.00pm
Have a chat and meet your neighbours. Just £1.

Wednesday 24th July **Knit & Knatter** From 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th August **Knit & Knatter** From 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st August **Knit & Knatter** From 7.30pm

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Duck Race & Village Fete



Saturday 10th August 2019

Fun for all the family!

Stalls, stalls, stalls...

Look out for posters in the village

Parish Council Notes

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The **July Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 11th July 2019 7.00pm.

At the Parish Council meeting in September, we will be joined by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Phillip Seccombe. He will be discussing issues of local crime, traffic and anti-social behaviour, so come along to hear what he has to say and get your questions answered. The meeting will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

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 meeting in June, we were joined by a number of representatives from HS2 and works contractors to give an update on what is going on in the local area. A copy of the presentation given by HS2 can be found on the Parish Council website. There is lots of work planned for the roads in and around the Parish. For more information, take a look at the minutes of the meeting or attend one of the drop-in sessions run by HS2. They will be in Stoneleigh Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and Tuesday 8th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Further information can be found on the Parish Council website.

Last month, we reported that there were proposals for revising the Stareton road junction to make it safer. This work will not be going ahead for the time being, so we will keep you informed of any future plans.

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to represent Ashow following the uncontested election in May. If you have ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor, details of eligibility criteria and how to apply are on the Parish Council website.

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/>

A History of Stoneleigh School

Sheila Woolf

I am delighted to say that my book on the history of the school will soon be published, and will be officially "launched" on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall. It will cover the whole history from the school's foundation in 1740 to its closure in 1976. Contained within it are the memories of many former pupils and, of course, many old photographs.

Did you or any of your family attend the school? If so, I would like to extend a particular invitation to you to come along and perhaps reminisce with old school friends. Equally, as with any meeting of the History Society, *all* visitors are welcome. A charge of £3 is always made to visitors to cover our costs.

September seems a long way ahead, but it would be very helpful to know if you can come (for catering purposes). Please contact Lisa Reay, a committee member of the History Society, to express your interest, on 024 7669 7037 or 07716 416320 or email lisareay@btinternet.com.

Those of you who were kind enough to share your memories with me via interviews or correspondence will receive a personal invitation from me, and so there will not be a need for *you* to contact Lisa.

Naturally, the book will be on sale at the meeting! I shall also be taking pre-orders at the Duck Race on 10th August.

For History Society news, please see page 12.

HS2 Update: July 2019

Martin Smith for the Stoneleigh Action Group

Another month comes and goes. Speculation over the future of HS2 is only that, as once again the attention of the political classes is now on the Conservative leadership campaign and how to deal with the Brexit confusion. For those in the leadership campaign, loose talk on HS2 when not in any position of power is perhaps being tempered by the reality of power, and outright opposition now melts into cautious scepticism.

The enabling works continue. We have had a large swathe of trees cut from the south-eastern edge of the A46, but again we are not aware of a decision being taken on giving the main construction contractors the green light to proceed. In our section, that will be a consortium of Balfour Beattie and Vinci (BBV). They will be building the section of HS2 from Long Itchington, through Birmingham to Handsacre in Staffordshire.

The enabling works have been based on the Additional Provisions AP4, which is an addendum to the Hybrid Bill relating to HS2. There is some confusion at this stage as other works (e.g. the roundabout to the A46 at the Stoneleigh junction) may produce alternative outcomes, but it was not a part of AP4. However, for now, the works are based on AP4 as there are no other agreed proposals which might need to be taken back to Parliament – just speculation over possibilities.

BBV has carried out ground investigation works to try to define a tighter budget forecast for the project. Clearly, there has been some Treasury scrutiny over the projected costs of HS2. Is the political will moving further against this project? However, this is mere speculation and, until otherwise announced, this project remains on the books and we have to expect it to proceed.

HS2 made a representation to the Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council on 13th June, which proved to be a very contentious meeting as HS2 continue to make assumptions without reference to the local representatives and without considering other wider impacts, especially traffic, despite constant representation.

HS2 is proposing more community drop-in sessions. There is one booked for **Tuesday 2nd July at Stoneleigh Village Hall from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. If you cannot make that session, there is also one scheduled for **Tuesday 16th July at Kenilworth Youth Centre from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. Should you have any questions about the project and what lies ahead, then why not drop in and ask somebody from HS2?

Further enabling works should be scheduled to prepare the “haul route” for construction lorries, using the B4115 from the Thickthorn roundabout, and building the ramp up from the construction compound back on to the southern flow carriageway of the A46, which is why a deeper belt of trees has been cleared. You may wish to know more about timescales to implement these and what impacts to traffic flow are expected and how any mitigation may help. I would recommend that you try to drop in if you have questions.

Thanks to Anthony Bianco for his dogged persistence in trying to get answers from HS2’s representatives.

BINGO

All welcome!

Stoneleigh Village Hall (small room)

Open at 7.30pm to start at 8.00pm

Wednesday 3rd, 17th & 31st July 2019

Wednesday 7th & 28th August 2019

Wednesday 11th September 2019

Remembering the Dial House Farm Murder

David Clark

It's exactly 200 years since the gruesome murder at Dial House Farm, Ashow.

Sunday 29th August 1819 was a glorious day, so farmer Joseph Dormer, his children and house guests went for an evening stroll after supper, leaving Mary Dormer and 21 year old servant girl, Ann Heytre, at the farmhouse. When they returned, they found Ann in a distressed state in the kitchen and, upstairs, Mary Dormer dying of multiple stab wounds. Ann confessed to the murder, her explanation being that she 'had a thought in her head that told her she must do it'. A more likely reason is that she was incensed at not being allowed to attend the Ashow Wake that was taking place that day. She was hanged in public on the 'New Drop' in Warwick on 12th August 1820. A year later, her brother Thomas was hanged on the same gallows for his part in the murder of a doctor in Alveston. Mary Dormer is buried alongside her husband, Joseph, in Ashow churchyard.

(Dial House Farm is at the end of the B4115 at the Chesford crossroads.)





From the Registers



Funerals

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Doreen Hunter – interment at Stoneleigh

Sunday 16th June 2019

Avril Kingston – interment at Stoneleigh

Sunday 16th June 2019

Christopher Wilkinson – interment at Stoneleigh

Weddings

Saturday 25th May 2019

Daniel Zaremba to Gemma Carman – Stoneleigh

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Services for July & August 2019

July 2019

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	United Holy Communion – Stoneleigh
Wednesday 10 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 Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion – Stoneleigh

August 2019

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	United Holy Communion – Ashow
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ashow
	11.00am	All Age Worship – Stoneleigh
Wednesday 14 th	10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Patronal Festival – Ashow
	11.00am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion – Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Sung Holy Communion – Stoneleigh

