

**STONELEIGH & ASHOW**  
*News*



# SEPTEMBER 2019



## **"The Heart of Stoneleigh" Defibrillator**

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David Ellwood

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**Remember: Always ring 999 first!**

### **Cover Image**

Mixing business with pleasure at the village fete,  
Barbara and Myra enjoy an ice cream as they sell books .

Thank you to all who submitted pictures.



## **Film Night**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
in Stoneleigh Village Hall  
6.45pm for 7pm**

This month we are showing:  
**'Fisherman's Friends'**

This film is loosely based on the real-life story of an all-male group of folk singers who went from singing harbourside sea shanties to signing a one-million-pound record deal. Fisherman's Friends is a comedy drama starring: Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, David Hayman, Dave Johns, Sam Swainsbury, Tuppence Middleton, Noel Clarke and Christian Brassington.

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

**The subsequent film night is on:  
November 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **HS2 UPDATE**

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

The future of HS2 is now very much tied up with what happens to the Johnson Government. The situation changes daily, as just about every other aspects of our country's life! There is supposed to be a financial review of the project by the end of the year and it is widely anticipated that burgeoning costs will be noted, but it is anyone's guess what will happen next. During his campaign, Boris Johnson led many potential supporters to suppose that the future of HS2 was in doubt but things are far less clear now. Meanwhile, Chris Grayling has been replaced as Transport Minister by Grant Shapps.

Enabling works continues and irretrievable damage caused along the route. Belatedly, residents in this area received official notices from HS2 Ltd about forthcoming vegetation clearance near Stoneleigh Park and their effects on traffic on the B4115 and the A46. This work along the route was postponed from the spring following a widespread outcry about such work being done during the nesting season. (At the time of writing, this work has yet to begin). Joe Rukin has prepared a heartfelt video about the landtake required for HS2 and illustrates just what this means for the ancient woodlands in our wider area. See <http://stophs2.org/news/1855-landing-page>

There continues to be considerable coverage about HS2 in the media, most of it hostile. Despite HS2 Ltd claiming to keep people informed, to deal with property claims fairly and expeditiously, and generally to be 'good neighbours', complaints proliferate which is very disheartening.

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### **\*\*STOP PRESS\*\***

As we go to print, the transport ministry has named Douglas Oakervee (a leading critic of HS2) as the chairman of an independent review. He said he will produce a final report by the autumn. Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said *"Then we will be in a much better position to make the decision to go or no go by the end of the year."*

## **Stoneleigh WI**

*Liz Sykes*



The speaker at our July meeting was Helen Plumb who gave a very good talk about gemmology. Her knowledge was excellent and it seems that rubies are now the most valuable stone: check your jewellery boxes!

We've had two outings over the past month, one to Attingham Park in July, a very interesting National Trust venue in Shropshire. The venue had many good demonstrations of skills that were prevalent in the 1800s.

In August we had lunch on the Countess of Evesham, going from the canal basin in Stratford down the river. The weather was not brilliant but the lunch and company made up for that.

On Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall we have Faye Gibbs giving us a demonstration on flower arranging. Faye is always entertaining and has innovative arrangements. We would welcome you to join us.

The next lunch is on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, please let me know about your attendance, it does help with catering.

Our coffee morning is on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> in the Club at 10:30am.

## **THE TWENTIETH SUMMER SERENADE, 7 JULY 2019**

*Margaret Wallis - on behalf of an appreciative audience*



This was the third year that the Summer Serenade was held in the lovely walled garden at Stoneleigh Abbey. Unlike the stifling heat of last year, the weather was perfect and an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the occasion where they were entertained by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, together with their guests, Tony Parrott and Jinty Cotton.

The Choir, accompanied by their musical director, Alan Biddle, and conducted by Judy Hadfield, treated the audience to a range of old favourites, including a tribute to Doris Day (who of a certain age has forgotten 'Que Sera Sera'?), a 60s medley and several new additions to their repertoire. 'Best of Times' was scheduled to end the programme but 'Land of Hope and Glory' was added by popular request. Tony Parrott's programme included popular Italian pieces and Jinty Cotton included a D-Day landing tribute with two Vera Lynn favourites.

The raffle was as successful as ever and a £2000 cheque was presented to consultant Bob Grieve on behalf of Mary Ann Evans Hospice, Nuneaton. Bob then spoke about the work of the hospice.

Such events cannot happen without huge efforts by many people. Many thanks to Phil Jones and his colleagues. Also to the soloists, Keith Walker and his team at the bar and all the servers, those who supplied / prepared / purchased food and drink, donors / sellers / purchasers of raffle tickets, Kenilworth Lions for help with setting up the arena, and to the Outdoor Staging Company who ran the sound system.

Last but not least, much appreciation for the generosity of Abbey residents who were prepared to host the event again.

Very many congratulations to the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir for providing twenty years of pleasure to so many and for raising so much money for good causes.

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If you would like to sing in the Men's Choir, or would like the Choir to sing for you at one of your own fund-raising events, please contact the Chairman, Phil Jones, on 01926 853511 or email at [kathrynjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathrynjones@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Forthcoming events**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** at Sherbourne Parish Church at the opening of their Flower Festival

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Stoneleigh Parish Church. A joint concert with Cwm Dare, a Welsh male voice choir from Aberdare.

Details and tickets from Phil Jones.

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## **J.L. Huthwaite**



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**Please help us to fill shoe boxes for children this Christmas.**

“People say ‘it’s just a shoe box’ but it isn’t. It tells that child that someone, somewhere, has done this for them; someone cares about them.” *Dave Cooke, Founder*

Each shoe box is given to a vulnerable child or family in Eastern Europe, bringing joy and excitement into an often bleak existence.

**Suggested Items:**

**Boys and girls:**

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, soap and face cloth, etc.
- Stationery, gloves, hat, scarf, new socks/underwear, etc.
- Soft toy, game, toy vehicles, puzzle, small ball, etc.

**For the home:**

- T-towels, washing up cloths, small toiletries, make-up, utensils, clothes pegs, plastic utensils, small decorative items, etc.

Collection of items and filling of boxes is happening all year round. If you have any items to donate, or would like to cover and fill your own shoe box, please contact Maggie (01926 511785) or Jane (01926 858315) and we will be happy to receive them.

Alternatively, please leave items in the large blue bag at the back of Stoneleigh church.

Monetary donations are also most welcome to help cover expenses. For more information visit [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)

**Thank you.**



## **Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update**

*Pete Freeman*

As the apple crop ripened through the summer months, the Orchard group set about work in the Church Lane cider production plant, with the intention of boxing up approaching 900 litres of cider from the bumper harvest of 2018. The process essentially involves pumping cider out of fermentation tanks into holding vessels before drawing off into 5 litre bags for pasteurisation as well as sweetening to allow for different palates. We also had the option of presenting cider in clear 5 litre demijohns which made up for the disappointment of not being able to offer carbonated cider from our bottling plant in Pershore who could only offer our requested 750ml bottles in November, which of course is too late for the prime summer selling season!

Those members of our community who attended the Stoneleigh “Duck Race” may have taken the opportunity to purchase our cider at a stall in the Meadow as well as read about the project to date. That is when the information board hadn’t blown away with the gazebo on what turned out to be a very windy but enjoyable day! We are pleased to say that despite the weather conditions all the cider available that day sold out and the list of expressions of interest is encouraging for the future.

We will shortly be coming into the apple and pear picking season so if you feel like some exercise at the weekend and see members of the group toiling in the orchard do feel free to join in, as well as meet the membership!

Orchard Friends’ subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2019 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@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Richard.hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk)



## **Stoneleigh Watercolours**

*Sheila Woolf*



Did you visit the exhibition of beautiful Stoneleigh watercolours in the Leigh Chapel on Duck Race Day? The original paintings were on display there then, and they have since, for security reasons, been replaced temporarily by photocopies. Another chance to see the originals will be during the Heritage Weekend, September 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss them!

These lovely pictures, painted mostly in the 1940s by William Roseblade, who exhibited at the Royal Academy and who was a founder member of the Coventry Society of Watercolour Artists, were a gift from his family to Stoneleigh History Society. With their permission, we are intending to offer two of them, pictured here, for sale. Each picture comes ready-mounted in acid-free mount.

Details of how to purchase can be obtained from our Treasurer, Sue Crofts, by email on [sue2.crofts@btinternet.com](mailto:sue2.crofts@btinternet.com). This is your chance to own an original painting by a gifted local artist – and a piece of Stoneleigh history!



## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**

*Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk*

### **Meetings**

The **September Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday **12<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.00pm. At the meeting 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.

Cllr George Illingworth, Chair of Warwick District Council, will be attending the Parish Council meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Ashow Village Club.

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



## ***Your FREE Mobile Library***



## ***Stoneleigh Village Hall***

### ***12:20-12:50***

**Available on the following Mondays in 2019:**

2nd Sep, 23rd Sep, 14th Oct, 4th Nov



### **“Safer Neighbourhood Team” Police Surgeries**

A member of Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team will be present at Stoneleigh Village Club, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh on the dates below, between the hours of 2pm and 3pm:

Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

These events will allow you to sit down with a member of your local police team to discuss concerns or issues within the local community.

As always, attendance depends on operational requirements, which may result in cancellation at short notice.

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/>

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTICE**

### **SHEDS, ALLOTMENTS AND GARAGES**



Stoneleigh is fortunate in being a low crime rate area, but there are some things you can do to help keep it this way.

At this time of year, places where you store tools, machinery and other valuable equipment offer easy pickings to thieves.

You can reduce the risk of having your property stolen by:

- Always putting tools and equipment away in a locked place
- Disabling lawn mowers and other machinery when not in use and chaining items together to a solid anchor point
- Using closed shackle padlocks and installing alarms and security lights.

If your property is stolen, you have more chance of getting it back if it is recovered by the Police if you write down some details (make, model, serial number and identifying marks) and have pictures of the items.

You can also:

- Security-mark items with a UV pen or a forensic marking solution
- Keep hedges and fences maintained and gates locked
- Secure hanging baskets to their brackets
- Keep ladders locked up and out of site if possible

# **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019**

*Sheila Woolf*

## **Stoneleigh help needed!**

The Poppy Appeal is just as important as it has ever been. Would any neighbours in Stoneleigh and Ashow be able to help?

For several years we have conducted local house-to-house collections. Volunteers are not getting any younger, though, and it would be great if new recruits could be found, particularly in Ashow, and in Stoneleigh Road, Vicarage Road/Walkers Orchard, Stoneleigh Close, Birmingham Road/The Bank and Church Lane. Please contact me if you think you could help.

I took over as local organiser of the appeal in 2009 and so 2019 will be the eleventh year I have supervised the collections. I have enjoyed doing so but I now feel ready to relinquish the role; if anyone would feel able to take it on for the future, I would be happy to discuss what it involves.

Please contact me on the number/email below.

*Sheila Woolf*

*Honorary Local Organiser, Stoneleigh Area*

02476 418759

[shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk)





## Come along to our Coffee Morning

Every penny we raise means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Where: STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL

Date: 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT Time: 10AM - 2PM

Cakes, cuppas and cash at the ready!



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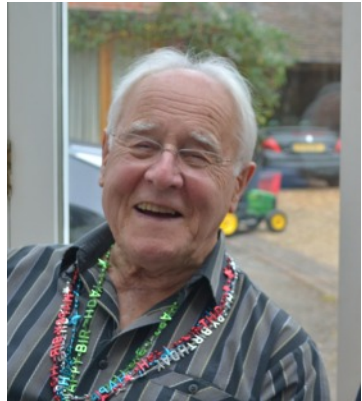
## In Memory of Bob Burdett

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*Lucy Morris*

Maurice Robert Burdett was born to Harold and Ivy Burdett on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1936 in the Manor Hospital, Nuneaton. His sister Sue gave him the name Bob.

Bob loved talking about his early life. He remembered his childhood growing up around Bermuda Village, Nuneaton. He was three years old when the Second World War started. His father joined the RAF. His grandfather was a steam engine driver and from there stemmed Bob's love of trains.



Bob's love of gardening started at school and continued throughout his life. He created the most beautiful garden at Abbey Farm and was never happier than when pootling around in the garden and mowing lawns - he had five lawnmowers! The garden hosted so many happy family gatherings, including two weddings.

Bob loved making and fixing things. Before moving to Ashow, Bob rebuilt a house in Loxley. His much-loved grandchildren called him Bob the Builder. Bob helped to build a family holiday home in France. In fact, he and Clare enjoyed many trips to France - from Avignon to the French Pyrenees and, more recently, Collioure for a big family gathering to celebrate special family birthdays.

When he was 14, Bob contracted TB, so missed a lot of schooling. However, this didn't dampen his ambition and, at the age of 17, he became an apprentice at Alfred Herbert's in Coventry. During his time there, he furthered his education at Coventry Technical College. After 11 years he moved to Edgar Vaughan, where he spent most of his working life.

Bob's interests were wide-ranging, from sailing (he was a measurer for the RYA) to tennis and squash. He made lifelong sailing friends. For many years, he refused to play golf, saying that it spoilt a good walk. However, retirement changed that and he grew to love the games of golf organised by a close friend.



Retirement also offered more opportunities in the way of hobbies. He turned his hand to woodturning and also learnt to play the organ. Music was an important part of Bob's life. It was through his choral singing that he met Clare. Bob was keenly involved in all aspects of music at Ashow Church. He repaired the kissing gate and modified the old altar that is still in church today. He acted as church treasurer for many years. In fact, Bob was always involved in village life, in particular the installation of the village sewage system and the flood relief scheme.

Bob's health had deteriorated over the past few years. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, where he had been for the previous week. He was 83 years old and had lived in Ashow with Clare for over 30 years. His funeral took place at Ashow Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019; the church was full to bursting with family, friends and villagers. It was a beautiful, moving service and was a fitting tribute to Bob, who was clearly so very loved by so many people.

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### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the people of Ashow, old neighbours too, for all you did to give Bob such a beautiful funeral.

Thanks to the Reverend Jim Perryman for helping the family to arrange the service and conducting the funeral and burial; to Audrey and members of the church in helping in so many ways (from preparing the church and arranging the wonderful flowers, to planning the music and assisting on the day); and to those who mowed the grass, cut the hedges and generally made our beautiful churchyard look its best.

Thank you also to those who enabled us to use our field for parking and for the contribution of an additional marquee and tables to accommodate the food. A big thank you too to Ashow Village Club for the welcome and the great hospitality, as well as the use of the marquee.

Thank you for all the flowers, letters and cards – they were beautiful.

And finally, I would especially like to thank you all for coming to Bob's funeral. We were overwhelmed by the numbers who attended; it meant so much to us all.

*Clare Burdett*

## **'Wild in the Garden' with the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Stoneleigh Village Hall**

*Margaret Wallis - on behalf of an appreciative audience*



A beautifully decorated Village Hall was the venue for a wonderful programme of songs, poems, soliloquies and practical advice. This charity event was in aid of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, two of whose representatives (Geoff Litterick and David Tudway) spoke about the work of the Trust and emphasised the importance of gardens in counter-balancing the adverse effects of intensive farming; £1000 was raised overall, including the raffle.

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir, together with their musical director, Karen Whyte, and accompanist, Ron Binnie, go from strength to strength. This time they were resplendent in sunny yellow tops (complete with hand-knitted bee brooches), black trousers, floral headbands and hand-knitted sunflower wrist bands. The craft as well as musical skills of members was much in evidence - lovely programmes and table decorations, with numerous garden-related touches wherever one looked.

We were treated to a variety of songs including 'English Country Garden', 'Honeysuckle and the Bee', 'Down by the Salley Gardens' and 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. These were interspersed with recitations and facts, eg about bees (a giant bee assisted by two small bees aka Val Baker's grandchildren), hedgehogs and climate change. The whole programme was compiled with great thoughtfulness and delivered impressively. The event ended with a delicious afternoon tea.

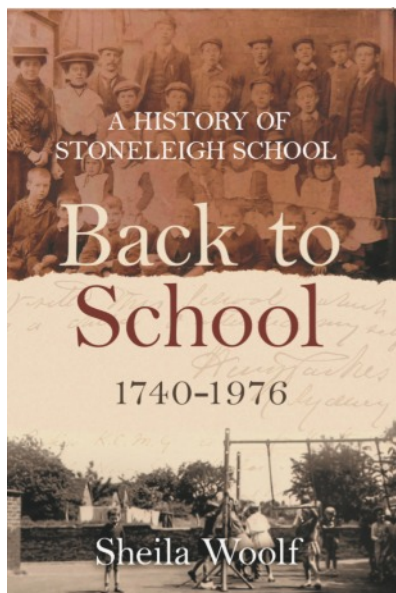
Huge congratulations are due to everyone who was involved in this thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring event. The thought, planning and delivery were truly impressive. Thank you all.

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Choir resumes on Thursday afternoons in September when thoughts must turn to Christmas! New members are always welcome. For further information, please contact the Secretary, Jacky Moore, for more details on 07790 183174

## Stoneleigh History Society

*Sheila Woolf*



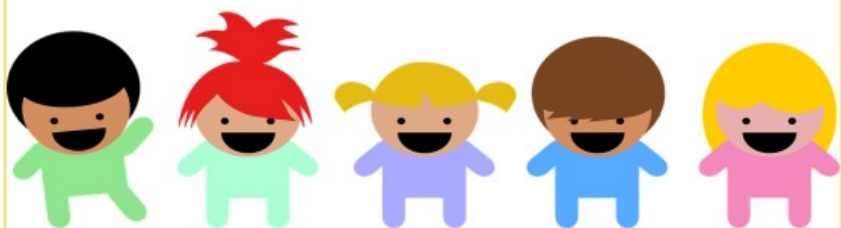
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 24 at 7.30pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall, when “Back to School – a History of Stoneleigh School” will be launched. It will cover the whole of the school’s history from its foundation in 1740 to its closure in 1976. Also contained within are many old photographs, together with the memories of many former pupils.

Did you or any of your family attend the school? If so, please come along, enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles, and reminisce with old school friends. Of course, as with any meeting of the History Society, *all* visitors are welcome. A small charge of £3 is made to cover our costs.

For catering purposes it would be very helpful to know if you can come. Please contact Lisa Reay, a committee member of the History Society, to express your interest, **before September 10**, on 024 76697037 or 07716 416320, or email [lisareay@btinternet.com](mailto:lisareay@btinternet.com).

Those of you who were kind enough to share your memories with me via interviews or correspondence will have received 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!



## **Baby and Toddler Group**

**10am to 12 noon**

**on**

**Monday 9th September**

**in**

**Stoneleigh Church.**

**Drinks and refreshments served.**

**Come along and meet other carers in a  
relaxed setting.**

**For further details contact:  
Rev'd Nikki 07891 012660  
[vicar@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stoneleighchurch.co.uk)**



## **Harry Horton-Barr: The horse rider from Stoneleigh**

At the end of July Harry represented England at the Home Internationals in Cheshire in the discipline of polocrosse (a team sport on horseback combining both polo and lacrosse).

The England team arrived on the Tuesday evening so they could meet one another as they were from Pony Club branches from all over the country. They set to work for two days training and coaching from World Class coaches who have themselves ridden at the Polocrosse World Cup. Friday was a social day (this proved an excellent day for the cinema and a lovely team meal as the weather was torrential rain!)

On Saturday the tournament started. England played Scotland and Ireland, and won both of their matches very convincingly which meant on Sunday they faced Wales who had also won both of their matches. It was a nail-biting match with the score going one way and then the other but after the 9 chukkas England triumphed to take the title. Pony Club Home Nations Polocrosse champions 2019!

Harry's age group, the junior division, were also triumphant in winning their division overall, so a thoroughly good competition for Harry.



Harry in action on his horse Millie, a 19-year-old Argentinean polo horse who is kept on the Birmingham Road.



Harry on the right with team mates Xanthe, Scarlett and Boy.

## **Stoneleigh Village Club**

*Tracy Brown*



Email us at [stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com)

### **How can we possibly thank you all?**

Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> was our annual duck race and village fete and the weather most definitely wasn't on our side. With gusts of wind over 40mph and heavy showers, to say it was a challenge was an understatement.

But you all came out in force: can you believe we had 50% fewer visitors to the village but raised almost as much as last year? That's a great achievement and we thank you all for battling the weather and supporting our biggest event of the year. Without the support and generosity of villagers, members and their families this event simply wouldn't be able to take place.

So, whether you baked a cake, were part of Stoneleigh celebrates (Cider, Knit and Natter, WI, and The History Society), bought a ticket, donated to the tombola or came along to join us, you all contributed to the success of the event.



Best of friends: Helen the duck and the Dark Destroyer had fun promoting the Duck Race!

Also a massive thanks to all our volunteers, very often unsung heroes. They were in the river, setting up and taking down marquees, collecting and returning tables and equipment, guiding cars, setting up car parking, serving drinks, cakes, bread and books, putting out bunting and signs, counting and numbering ducks, wrapping prizes, selling tickets, preparing artwork and posters, preparing and manning games (Tombola, 'Quack Quack Oops', Skittles, Beat the Goalie, Golf) they all battled the elements whilst ensuring your safety and enjoyment: ladies and gentlemen we salute you all!

Gratitude also goes to our sponsors

- Paul at [Bakers Dozen](#), Leyes Lane, Kenilworth
- Paul at [Bosworth's Butchers](#), The Parade, Chelysmore
- [The Spice Truck](#), Stoneleigh
- [Farmers Fayre](#), Stoneleigh
- [Eddies Ice Cream](#)
- [The Cycle Restorer](#), Finham Road, Kenilworth
- [The Oak](#), Baginton

And of course when the weather got too much, you could take shelter in the church or the club. Thanks Jane, Richard, June and all your helpers, and last but certainly not least Jimmy and Karen for making sure we were all hydrated and looked after.

See you all next year?

## **STONELEIGH OPEN GOLF CHAMPION 2019**

This took place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, at Stoneleigh Deer Park and the weather conditions were on our side. This year's title goes to our very own Gary Large, with Nigel Roberts coming second and Paul Gurney in third place. A great afternoon and evening was had by all, thanks to Terry Dyer for organizing, The Spice Truck for catering and all that took part.





## Memories of Stoneleigh Village Fete and Duck Race





## Upcoming Events 2019

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Knit and Natter from 7:30pm  
All abilities welcome, or just come along for a natter 😊*

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*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September Family Karaoke and Disco Night  
Please join us for a fun evening from 7pm*

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*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Book Club from 7:45pm  
Rachel's Holiday by Marian Keyes  
No need to have read the book, the club occasionally gets called  
“wine club”!*

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*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Coffee Morning from 10:30am – 12pm  
Have a chat and meet your neighbours all for just £1*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Knit and Natter from 7:30pm  
All abilities welcome, or just come along for a natter 😊*

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*Mondays from 7:30 Darts Team  
Tuesdays from 7:30 Pool Team  
Please check notice board for fixtures list*

*Save the date – Stoneleigh's Greatest Pudding Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Halloween Monsters Ball and Kids Games Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October,  
featuring the one and only Stan the Man  
We look forward to seeing you in the Club!*

## **Creationtide and harvest**

*Revd. Nikki*

I just reread the article I wrote this time last year where I urged us all to take some time to enjoy the beautiful autumn season, or Creationtide as it is called in the church year. I spoke then of taking the time to enjoy the transformation that autumn brings, from the transformation of trees into a plethora of colour, as fruits of all kinds ripen and are ready for picking. The farmers' fields also transform as produce is brought in and the ground turns into a barren landscape until it is time to start the growing season again.

This week in Stoneleigh church we have been turning our attention to the autumn by planning our harvest festival (see last page for dates). Do come along for our family friendly services and help us to celebrate this beautiful time of the year. Please also bring non-perishable produce which we will donate to those in need through the local food banks.

This focus on autumn and harvest once again turns our attention to those we depend on for our food: our farmers and others who look after the land. It strikes me that once again they have had a difficult year. Last year it was the extreme heat which affected so many, this year it is all extremes of weather and the unpredictability of it that has brought problems up and down the country. We hold in our prayers those rural communities that have struggled with floods and hope the harvest has not been affected too badly.

And as we continue to live in uncertain times, particularly with regards to Brexit and HS2, we might spare some time to pray for the farming communities affected most by these looming situations. It can seem like there is little we can do to help but a friendly smile, a helping hand and making a commitment to buy more local and British produce (look for the red tractor on your food items) can make a difference to those who commit their lives to ensuring we have food on our tables.

And please know that if you are affected by a difficult harvest, the uncertainty of our times, or any other issue I am here to lend a listening ear alongside the daily prayers offered for you all. God Bless.

Revd. Nikki

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## **From the Registers**

**Funeral**                      Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July      Roy Bennett, interment at Stoneleigh

**Wedding**                     Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July      Gareth Blunt to Helen Kennedy, at Stoneleigh

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***SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019***

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>            11:00am    United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>            9:30am     Holy Communion at Ashow

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>   11:00am    All Age Worship at Stoneleigh  
                             10:30am    Midweek Celtic Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>           9.30 am     Holy Communion at Ashow  
                             11.00am    Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>           9:30am     Village Service at Ashow  
                             11:00am    Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>           9:30am     Harvest Festival at Ashow  
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