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# STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS

## ***SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2019***

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am United Holy Communion at Ashow  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Midweek Communion at Stoneleigh  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow  
11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow  
11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Village Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

### ***From the Registers***

#### ***Funerals***

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Geoffrey Thomas Bardell – Interment at Stoneleigh

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For Pastoral Care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral,  
please contact:

Reverend Nikki Moon 07891 012660 email: [vicar@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stoneleighchurch.co.uk)

**Please note that Reverend Nikki works from Sunday to Wednesday**

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## OCTOBER 2019



## “The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”

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**Coordinator**

David Ellwood 07785 284482

Text if no reply

### **Trained Volunteers**

John Churchley	07885 496795
Laura Elliot	07738 222969
David Ellwood	07785 284482
Richard Hancox *	07596 276829
Ian Huston	07974 237331
Sharron McEldowney	07760 101775
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Lisa Reay	07716 416320
Martin Smith	07958 955629
Mary Taylor	07890 535506

**Remember: Always ring 999 first!**

\*Please note a change to Richard Hancox’s mobile number

## Film Night

For our next film night, we will be showing:

### **The Bookshop**



**Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> in Stoneleigh Village Hall  
at 6.45 for 7pm**

This film is based on the novel of the same name by Penelope Fitzgerald.

It stars Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson, and Bill Nighy.

The film is set in the late 1950s, when Florence Green, a widow, has decided to open a bookshop in the small coastal town of Hardborough, Suffolk, acquiring as her premises the Old House, a damp and abandoned property that has been standing empty for many years. After refurbishing it and moving in, she learns that Violet Gamart, an influential and ambitious local resident, had privately earmarked the Old House for her own pet project, a local arts centre - a project that she has no intention of dropping even though the property is no longer empty. Aided by several of the townspeople Mrs Gamart attempts to get Florence evicted, and the shop closed down.

Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine, cushions or a comfy chair.

Coffee and pastry served 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 2020:**

January 10<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>

## Sowe View Update

*Julia and Martin Innocent*

(soon to be village residents at Sowe View, Stoneleigh)



After what feels like a lifetime, it is with great relief that Julia and I can confirm that on 11 August we received confirmation that our planning appeal has been upheld and that we have been granted permission to build.

Whilst we still have a number of planning conditions, some of which are potentially onerous to discharge, the first hurdle has been cleared.

So, many, many thanks to all our Friends, Neighbours, Parish and District Councillors for your support, be it verbal or in writing. It has meant so much to us to know that we have your support. Thank you.

During the Parish Council meeting on Thursday we made a continued commitment to keep the village informed on our progress with the construction phase. We are committed to keeping the area clean and to give you as much notice as possible of our major deliveries, such as concrete, the timber framework etc. that will have an effect on traffic flow. This will be done via the Parish Council and the village magazine.

As the pre-construction work progresses, we will be spending more and more time on site so feel free to drop in for a chat.

Once again thank you for your support.

## HS2 Update

*Margaret Wallis*

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



September has been a tumultuous month politically and the HS2 project has been a part of this. The announcement of the Oakervee Review, soon followed by a request by the new Transport Minister, Grant Shapps, for further investigations about escalating costs in particular, have led to a spate of articles, programmes, social media interchanges and so on, all trading insults/different sets of statistics/ varying horror stories/wildly different financial predictions on wins/losses. (A mini-version of the Brexit 'debate' really!!).

Residents will have noticed that ground work has started nearby and traffic lights installed. Hedges and trees have been removed from sections of the B4115 and A46 and land cleared, with carefully laid kerbstones to the entrance on the B4115. Since the Review was announced there has been a concerted effort by many MPs and campaigning groups to halt all ground work until the result is announced. On 16 September, Grant Shapps, Transport Minister, announced a small concession i.e. that work demolishing ancient woodlands should be halted but with the proviso that any work that could hold up the scheme if it gets the go-ahead can continue. It remains to be seen whether HS2 Ltd gives appropriate instructions to its various contractors. Locally, Anthony Bianco and others have had some success in reducing tree/hedge removal on Crewe Lane associated with work on the relocation of the gas main. Evidence from elsewhere on the route indicates that local vigilance and negotiation has had some effect so local residents are encouraged to contact the Parish Council if they notice anything untoward.

Joe Rukin, campaign manager of Stop HS2, together with his dog, has spent many days walking the proposed route of Phase 1 and 2, with detailed commentary available on Twitter and You Tube. The tech savvy amongst you can see these valiant efforts on [youtube.com/StopHS2](https://www.youtube.com/StopHS2) and [stophs2.org/joe-rukin](https://stophs2.org/joe-rukin). This has generated a lot of publicity and Joe is to be congratulated for these efforts in this and many other respects. He has been supported by contributions from well-wishers and from groups such as our own.



# Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

Pat Wightman

Anyone passing the village hall on a Thursday afternoon might question what they were hearing as the choir reconvened after the summer break and immediately began rehearsals for Christmas! This year's theme will be carols from around the world and will include some in Indian, Mexican, Arabic and Japanese presenting something of a challenge for the ladies of the choir.

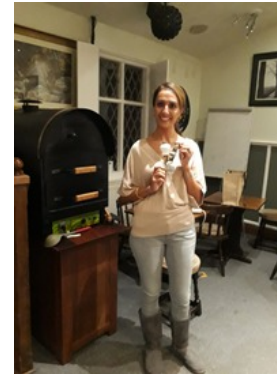
Each year the choir nominates a charity to benefit from the summer concert and this year the recipient was the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT). Two representatives from the WWT, Geoff Litterick and David Tudway attended the concert on 11 July and were presented with a cheque for £1000.

Four other charities, Scope, Acorn, Marie Curie and local charity Tastelife, have also been sent donations of £250 each from the choir.

The choir meets in the hall every Thursday in term-time from 1.30 – 3pm. New members are always welcome so if you interested in Joining, please contact the secretary, Jacky Moore on 024 7633 7535



Further to last month's report of the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir's charity event, here is another photo, featuring Val Baker and her 'bee' grandchildren, with their mother's permission



October sees the return of 'Stoneleigh's Greatest Pudding 2019'. Will Sarb Heer retain her title? Tickets are just £5 for tasting and judging, or you can enter your own pudding for free. Remember to leave plenty of room as we had 14 puddings to judge last year!

Then we have Halloween on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have games, competitions and a Monsters Ball featuring the legendary Stan the Man. Please join us from 6pm; this is a **FREE** event for members and their families. Non-members are most welcome; we just ask for a small donation to help towards the costs of putting on the event.

## Upcoming Events 2019

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Knit and Natter from 7:30pm  
All abilities welcome, or just come along for a natter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 'Stoneleigh's Greatest Pudding 2019'  
Please join us for a fun evening from 7pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Book Club from 7:45pm  
The Girl on the Cliff by Lucinda Riley  
No need to have read the book, the club occasionally gets called wine club!

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Knit and Natter from 7:30pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Monsters Ball  
**Featuring the One and Only 'Stan the Man'**  
With games, competitions and music from 6pm. This is a **FREE** event for members and their families. **Non members are welcome for a small donation towards the cost of the event.**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Knit and Natter from 7:30pm

Mondays from 7:30 Darts Team  
Tuesdays from 7:30 Pool Team  
Thursdays from 7:30 Crib and Dominos Team

**Please check notice board for fixtures list**

# Stoneleigh Village Club

Established 1856

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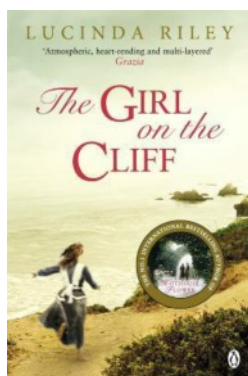


## Stoneleigh Village Club Update



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September we held our first Family Karaoke and Disco night which turned out to be one of the most successful Saturday nights in the club's history! It was great to see all ages having so much fun. If you missed out don't worry, we hope to plan another very soon...

We have also been holding a very successful meat raffle – tickets can be purchased from the bar at £2 each and the draw is at 7pm every Friday. If you can't be there, please ensure you leave a contact number so we can arrange collection. The contents are all top quality from Bosworth's Butchers and include a roasting joint, chicken breasts, minced beef, sausages, bacon and another item which we change on a weekly basis.



Thank you to all that have joined our book club; it was great to see so many new faces. It grows every single month. The next meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> October so please do come and join us, we are a very friendly group of various ages. The book being discussed will be *The Girl on the Cliff* by Lucinda Riley. See page 17 for further details about this and other events.

# Stoneleigh WI Report

Liz Sykes

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We had a demonstration of flower arrangements at the last meeting – Fay, the demonstrator, had brought a selection of seasonal flowers and foliage from her garden to show us some very innovative arrangements. As usual her chatter throughout the demonstrations was very amusing.

During September the lunch club met at Leek Wootton and we had a visit to Canons Ashby. Canons Ashby is an Elizabethan manor house with 18<sup>th</sup> century gardens located in Northamptonshire. Both events were well attended and enjoyed.



In October the craft group are looking forward to a demonstration and talk on flower arranging.

The village lunch will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October in the hall at 12:30pm, hopefully without a power cut this time. Please let me know whether or not you wish to attend.

The coffee morning is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30 in the club – do join us for a natter!

## Stoneleigh History Society

*Sheila Woolf*

*Tel: 024 7641 8759*

The society had a presence at both the Duck Race in August and the Heritage Weekend in September, when our exhibition of William Roseblade's paintings drew many admiring glances. At the time of writing, our meeting on September 24, on the history of Stoneleigh School, is anticipated, as well as our contribution, for the first time, to the Leamington History Fair on September 28 at All Saints Church, Leamington.

Our October meeting, on October 29 at 7.30pm in the village hall, will be given by the Coventry Women's Research Group, who will tell us about some of the women who played a significant role in Coventry's past, including those who made their mark following the end of the Second World War. As usual, all visitors are welcome.

## Stoneleigh Church Grounds Working Party

*Clive Watson*

*Tel: 024 7641 1658*

After another successful year of regular mowing by our team of volunteers, and eradication of damage caused by the moles, the churchyard is looking well maintained. Help is now needed please from all residents of Stoneleigh and beyond on **Saturday 2nd November**, starting at **9.30 am** until circa 12.30pm.

At the end of the growing season, we try to edge the paths, cut back overgrowth of ivy, trees and bushes, weed and trim planted areas, and clear all cuttings and fallen timber to the green bins, or bonfire site.

Many couples have married and had their children christened in our church and their families have been buried at our lovely churchyard; others just enjoy the peace and tranquility whilst passing through. Refreshments will be available, so if you can come, a phone call to 024 7641 1658 before 2nd November would help with the catering, and deal with any queries you may have.

## 🎵 CONCERT 🎵

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**The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir with  
Cwmdare Voices from Aberdare, South Wales**

on

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
at 7.00pm in Stoneleigh Church**

Tickets £15.00 including a glass of wine and canapés

Available from

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Email: [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk) or  
[kathrynjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathrynjones@hotmail.co.uk)



**In aid of Stoneleigh Church**



# Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

*Robin Moore*

We are back from our summer break in readiness for our Autumn series of concerts. We are pleased to welcome several new members who have recently joined the choir.

Our next concert takes place on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> commencing at 7.00pm. See advert on the next page for further information about the concert.

Our two carol concerts at Stoneleigh Abbey take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Abbey Chapel. Further details will be announced in the November edition of the magazine.

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Betty

October 15<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Betty Wankling.



Betty, with her husband Ron came to live in village in 1962, buying a bungalow in Stoneleigh Close. Betty was born in Stockton, Warwickshire and was one of 9 brothers and sisters.

She loved the Village where she would often be seen walking with her friend Beaty Parker and she particularly enjoyed having tea and a 'chat' with friends at the Wednesday Club.

Betty will celebrate this special birthday with family and friends at the Charnwood House Care Home, where she now lives.

*Happy birthday Betty from the Stoneleigh and Ashow News readers*

*Photo and article kindly provided by Bob Duckham*

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# Church News

Reverend Nikki Moon

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## Saying thank you

By the time this newsletter goes to print the Churches of Stoneleigh and Ashow will have held their harvest festivals and given thanks for the harvest of food and produce. This is the time of year we are reminded to give thanks for what we have and what we have received from God and from others.

It is fitting therefore to give thanks to all those in our communities and beyond who give of their time, energy and possessions to ensure our communities continue to be friendly and safe places to live and work.

I personally wish to thank all those who have given so much to the upkeep of the churches and churchyards through this summer. Those of you in Ashow will no doubt have seen the beautiful new gate that Tony Gregory has poured heart and soul into and I hope you will agree that Tony has done a wonderful job. Thank you, Tony!

In Stoneleigh the churchyard team have done a great job battling the moles and a broken mower to ensure it continues to be a welcoming place for those visiting loved ones or taking time out. I know the team are seeking more volunteers so please do consider offering your time if you are able to.

I would also like to thank those in our communities who contribute to the upkeep of our churches in other ways through giving both of time and money. Sadly, we do find ourselves struggling financially in both churches which is why this month both Ashow and Stoneleigh communities will see newsletter articles, posters and maybe even a personal letter asking if you can help.

Ashow Church building is badly in need of extensive stonework repair costing circa £80K, so fundraising efforts will begin in earnest for that in the coming weeks. If you can help by joining the fundraising team, please contact Diana Holt. If you would like to donate to the repair costs, please contact Anne Gregory.

Stoneleigh church is facing the fact that despite great efforts last year and huge generosity from the worshipping community we still bring in less money each

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

A survey has been launched by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to find out more about the health and wellbeing outcomes, and factors affecting them, for residents of this area. The survey is available at [bit.ly/JSNAResidents](https://bit.ly/JSNAResidents). Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and public sector 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.

The survey forms part of a larger project to gain more insight into life in Warwickshire's communities called the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment ("JSNA"). Together with other data the survey results will feed into a local needs assessment, which will lead to recommendations for improving local health and wellbeing. 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](mailto: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/>



Thank you to Nora Blagburn for choosing the picture for this month's magazine.

Remembering Will Blagburn who took the photograph and would have been 90 years old on 21<sup>st</sup> October.



# Parish Council Notes

*Hannah Watts*

*Clerk to the Parish Council*

## Meetings

The **October Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Ashow Village Club on Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.00pm. Cllr George Illingworth, Chair of Warwick District Council, will be attending the Parish Council meeting, as will Gareth Smith of Severn Trent.

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>

## September Meeting Update

At the Parish Council meeting in September, we were pleased to confirm the appointment of Lucia Rolli as co-opted Councillor for Ashow.

Also at the September meeting, we were joined by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Phillip Seccombe. Mr Seccombe explained that his role was to find out about the issues that were of most relevance to local people, and to feed that information back to the Chief Constable to inform the local policing priorities. He talked about the wide range of areas that he gets involved with, including better joint working with adjoining forces and collaborative work around high cost areas such as IT and forensics, the establishment of a Rural Crime Unit, an increase in the number of police officers, working with regional teams around serious organised crime, and local road traffic issues. Mr Seccombe answered a number of questions raised by councillors and members of the public, including regarding policies around household burglaries. He stressed that residents should always report a crime to the police, as this enables officers to have a full understanding of what is going on in specific areas of the county and can direct police resources accordingly. Non-emergency crimes can be reported online via the Warwickshire Police website, at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk>

week than it takes to keep the doors open and a half time vicar in post. Every house in Stoneleigh should receive a letter about this situation soon and I urge you to consider if you can support us to ensure the beautiful historic church at the heart of the village remains viable into the future.

I thank you personally for taking the time to read these letters and for your comments and responses to them. Perhaps this month we could all be mindful to say 'Thank you' more often particularly to those who do much for us but never ask for anything in return.

God Bless

Rev'd. Nikki

## Ashow Church Needs Repair

*Diana Holt*

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Considerable work is needed to repoint areas of Ashow Church!

A recent Quinquennial Review highlighted the most urgent attention, and to continue the work that was done some 10 years ago.

This will be a costly business, and funds of £80,000 or more will need to be raised to cover the costs!

We are also hoping to repair our Church bells at the same time.

A small committee is needed to mastermind the application for grants to help with all the costs involved, and to see how we can the raise the money ourselves.

Anyone who feels that they could help us with this , please do contact Diana Holt on the details above or phone Anne Gregory 07724 234479.

You don't need to be a churchgoer, but maybe you care about our lovely historic church.

We do hope you can help us.

# Ashow News

*Kate Jones*

## Our Fantastic New Gate.

If you have walked along the path to Ashow Church recently you will have noticed the wonderful new gate which leads into the churchyard. The gate was made by Tony Gregory who has done a marvellous job in both building and erecting it. The members of Ashow Church are really appreciative of all the hard work this has entailed. Thank you Tony for all your efforts.



## Ashow Church BBQ.

This year the Ashow Church BBQ took place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at Ashow Club. What a contrast from last year when we experienced a deluge of almost biblical proportions to this year when we were blessed with glorious weather and an excellent cricket result! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event such a success, especially the club for allowing us to hold the BBQ there, Tony Gregory and his helpers for setting up and clearing away afterwards, Anne Gregory who organized the food and the ladies who made the delicious puddings. We raised over £650 for the church and everyone who attended said how much they enjoyed the event.



**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 accessories, brush, soap and face cloth, etc.
- Stationery and paper, gloves, hat, scarf, new socks/underwear, etc.
- Soft toy, game, toy vehicles, puzzle, small ball, small musical instruments, etc.

### For the home:

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

(For more information visit [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com))

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.

Donations can be made online as above.

**Thank you.**