

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



NOVEMBER 2019



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Coffee Morning



Friday 6th December, 10.30 am
at
Stoneleigh Village Hall

Cake stall Raffle Christmas Table

All donations greatly appreciated

Everyone welcome – please do come along

All proceeds to

Stoneleigh Church Flower Fund

A farewell letter from our friendly Fish Monger

Dear Friends,

As you know the time has come for me to hang up my fish knives!

It has been a real pleasure meeting so many lovely people and becoming friends with you all . You have supported and looked after me very well.

I hope you have all enjoyed the fish I have had the pleasure to supply.

My colleague, Gary Johns (gary.antony.johns@gmail.com), is buying the business, so I would ask you to look after him as well as you have me and give him the same support. He will be using exactly the same fish supply chain, so the quality will be just the same.

As you know I have been cutting back with my semi-retirement, but Gary is looking to expand the business using a card machine, creating a website and generally bringing the business into the 21st century. He will also be re-introducing a **weekly** fish delivery! So if you are aware of anyone who would like to be added to the weekly fish rounds please let us know.

So thanks, you dear friends once again, for your support. We wish you all the very best for the future. Your friend and erstwhile Fish Monger.

John Montgomery



**Please help us to fill shoeboxes for children for
Christmas 2019**

Collection of items and filling of boxes is happening
all year round but the

**last packing of boxes for this Christmas will take
place on 8th November.**

Items particularly needed for this year are new pants and socks for older children, small toys such as cars, small games, packs of cards and tennis balls. Items for boys are especially needed.

If you have any items to donate, or would like to cover and fill your own shoebox, 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 the church.

Thank you

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Film Night

For our next film night, we will be showing:



The Bookshop

**Friday November 8th 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 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 10th, March 13th, May 8th, July 10th,
September 11th , November 13th

Parish Council Meetings

The **November Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday **14th November** at 7.00pm. We will have a presentation from Warwickshire County Council about the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which will inform council policies and spending on services.

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>

October meeting update

At the Parish Council meeting in October, we were happy to welcome Cllr George Illingworth, Chair of Warwick District Council and previously a District Councillor for our area. He spoke about the challenges associated with the large-scale developments planned in the local area, but also of the opportunities available across the District with the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

We also received an update from Gareth Smith of Severn Trent Water about the redevelopment of Avon House into a training academy. Planning permission for the conversion has been granted and building work should start in the new year, taking about 6-9 months. Severn Trent are aware of the potential impact on local traffic and will be drawing up a travel plan for people using the site to minimise the impact on local roads.

Cllr W Redford informed us that there will soon be a consultation from Warwickshire County Council into making Stareton Road one way, and this will be discussed by the Parish Council when it is released.

The Parish Council will also consider suggesting a reduction in the speed limit on Stareton Road, from 50mph to 30mph, as part of the consultation response. We were also updated by Cllr P Redford that the Autofest event will no longer be held at Stoneleigh Park.

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



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

Please note that once again poppies will be available for sale in the both Stoneleigh's and Ashow's Clubs, and via some street collections. They are also on sale at a number of local outlets including Farmer's Fayre. Please give generously!

Unfortunately, following my appeal in last month's magazine, nobody has come forward to take over the collection in future years. I am sorry to say, therefore, that this is the last occasion on which poppies will be on sale in the villages. I am extremely grateful to all those who have volunteered their time to help me over the past eleven years, during which time more than £30,000 has been raised for this very worthwhile cause.

Sheila Woolf
Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser, Stoneleigh area.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

With the harvest of 2019 now collected and the final pressing scheduled for Saturday 19th October, by the time this article enters circulation the juice should already be in containers fermenting. The process surrounding the preparation of the juice at the start of containment is very important to get right in order to prevent any chance of infection or spoilage occurring before the addition of cider yeast to the liquor.

Nowadays, sterilization can be achieved through the addition of sulphites in the form of Campden tablets. It is with some astonishment and amusement that one can glance back in history and find out how this process was traditionally undertaken using brimstone (sulphur). One interesting reference to the process can be found in the works of the renowned diarist John Evelyn's *Pomona* of 1664 who quoted fellow Royal Society member, John Beale as follows:



"Lay brimstone on a rag, and by a wire let it down into the cider vessel, and there fire it: and when the vessel is full of smoak the liquor speedily pour'd in, ferments the better!"

Needless to say the process sounded quite hazardous and one that the group will not be reviving!

With all the apples in the orchard now collected, the group's thoughts and activities now turn towards maintaining the trees and the land with a focus on pruning following damage to the exhaust

pipe of the tractor during the final grass cut of the year, caused as a result of contact with low hanging apple tree branches!

Finally, for those interested in purchasing cider we are still selling 5 litre boxes at £20 in both dry & medium dry with a 20% discount for "Friends of the Orchard".

Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh.

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Richard Hancox (Treasurer),

Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk

Pete Freeman

Chairman



Christmas Greetings



Regular readers of the S and A News will not need to be reminded of my regular Christmas

activity where I "Fly the Flag" to wish friends and neighbours the compliments of the season instead of delivering cards to each other. Those wishing to join in this Christmastime activity make a contribution and, in turn, greetings, and their names are listed in the December issue of the S and A News. All the donations are given to a nominated charity which, this year, will be Myton Hospice. Last year, I also supported Myton Hospice and was able to send them £636.

If you wish to take part, please send your contributions, cash or cheques payable to "Myton Hospice") to Robin Bussell, The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH – and before 18th November, please to meet the next S and A News deadline. Of course, I accept contributions after this date and names of contributors are posted on the "flying notice". The flag will fly over the weekend of 20th/22nd December.

Thank you

Robin Bussell



STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

As predicted, the ladies in the choir are having great fun learning the words of carols from other countries for 'Carols from Around the World', the theme for their performances this Christmas. The choir have been invited to sing at the Coventry Jubilee Rotary Club Christmas dinner, at the Coventry University Hospital, Walsgrave and at the Stoneleigh Church Carol Service.

Last month choir members and their guests enjoyed another Quiz Night with fish and chip supper at the village hall. Also some of the choir joined forces with members of the WI to enjoy a Saturday morning with Nigel and John singing ABBA which proved to be very entertaining. The choir are hoping to invite Nigel and John back in the spring for another workshop.

The Stoneleigh Ladies Choir AGM took place in October.

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

Pat Wightman



ASHOW CHOIR 2019

Yes, it's that time of year once more, when we start our music preparations for the special service on Advent Sunday, and for the Christmas Carol service itself.

We welcome anyone and everyone who would like to join in and sing the beautiful music with us.

The choir practices are held each Thursday evening at Ashow Church from 7.30pm - 8.30pm We will begin on Thursday 7th November.

O come on, once more, all ye faithful!

Susan Spencer



Stoneleigh WI

Drugs – the subject of the talk given in October. Ray Allen spoke about his life in the drug squad based in Leamington. It seems amazing what goes on locally!

The craft group have been busy – the flower arranging workshop was well attended and everyone went away with some lovely arrangements.

There will be another workshop on October 21st. Again the theme is flowers – however these are being made out of paper.

The workshop on November 4th will be on stained glass. Everyone is invited – but please let us know in advance. The weekly craft workshops are each Monday – pop along to see what we do. All welcome.

We have a trip to Waddesdon Manor on Wednesday November 27th to see the house decorated for Christmas. There are still a few places on the coach. If you're interested please contact me. The cost is £20 plus admittance to the house if you're a NT member.

The village lunch will be on Tuesday November 5th – again please let me know so that I can cater for the correct number of people.

Coffee morning is on November 19th in the club at 10:30 am. Come for a chat – it costs just one pound .

Liz Sykes

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

There were once four people whose names were **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was asked to do it. **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did. **Somebody** got angry because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** knew that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Somebody** wouldn't do it. And in the end, **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** because **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

Stoneleigh Village Club

Est. 1856



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stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

Stoneleigh Village Club Update

Wow that was a busy Autumn: our darts, pool and dominos leagues have all restarted - if you do want to join please make yourselves known as soon as possible so we can sign you on.



On Saturday 21st September we held a friendly cricket match with a team representing our club against Stoneleigh at the Abbey. Being such a glorious day it was followed by a bbq in the club garden. We will look to make this an annual event again, and

thanks to Eian and team for arranging such a fun family day out.

We also had the pleasure of hosting our church's annual harvest festival lunch. It was lovely to show our club can be used for a variety of functions, and as members you and your families and friends can all use the club for events. Just ask and we'll do our best to cater for your requirements.



We ended September with the annual Marrow Contest. This year's winner was John Craine, weighing in at a whopping 72.4lbs. Congratulations to John and also to our runners up Sephie and Neil at 45.3lbs and Chris and Dave at 37.7lbs.



Thanks to Tim Sawdon for the plants and arranging.

Then Friday the 4th October as well as the weekly meat raffle drawn at 7pm we held 'STONELEIGH's GREATEST PUDDING 2019'. As always the competition was close, we had to use the 'cheer-ometer' as it was a draw between Sarb Heer and her award winning carrot cake and Claire Clarke (with assistance from Adrian) and her secret recipe sticky toffee pudding.



This year the Sticky Toffee Pudding won. Congratulations Claire and Adrian, and of course to all our participants. We had some amazing puddings and a great evening was had by all .

Tracy

Stoneleigh Village Club Events

*Wednesday 13th November Knit and Natter from 7:30pm
All abilities welcome, or just come along for a natter*

*Thursday 14th November – Book Club from 7:45pm
The Man With No Face by Peter May.No need to have read the
book, the club occasionally gets called wine club!*

Wednesday 27th November – Knit and Natter from 7:30pm

Meat Raffle Drawn at 7pm Every Friday

*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.*

Don't Forget we have Sky Sports showing all the Latest Sports Fixtures!

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



Do you live in Stoneleigh and are thinking of moving?
Please contact Emma: emmaholliwell@me.com

*An individual househunter **not** an estate agent.*

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

On Friday 20th September the choir performed a concert at Sherbourne Church which marked the beginning of their Flower Festival weekend. The church was full of colour. There were many floral displays, the theme of which were countries from around the world. The audience enjoyed the variety of music that the choir performed.

The choir is now busy rehearsing for the next two events: first a concert on November 23rd starting at 7.00 pm in Stoneleigh Church, where they will be joined by a choir from South Wales - the Cwmdare Voices. Details in the advert below.

We then have our annual Carol Concert at Stoneleigh Abbey on the 4th and 5th December. Tickets are available from Geoff Mexon (01926 854602) or from any choir member. The price will include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please come along on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm to the village hall in Stoneleigh."

Robin Moore



Concert

By

The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir with Cwmdare
Voices

from Aberdare, South Wales

On Saturday 23rd November at 7pm
in Stoneleigh Church

Tickets £10.00 including a glass of wine and canapes
Available from

Church Office 024 7641550 or Philip Jones on 01926 853511

Email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk or kathrynjones@hotmail.co.uk



A Perfect Christmas Present

Wondering what Christmas present to give a longstanding Stoneleigh resident, or former resident? Well, the perfect present is here on your doorstep so seize this opportunity to shop early.

Written by Sheila Woolf, Stoneleigh resident, and Chair of the Stoneleigh History Society, 'Back to School 1740-1976: A History of Stoneleigh School' is now available. The book contains many fascinating documents and photographs as well as a summary of the ups and downs of the school, together with reminiscences of some former pupils.

Any News reader who is interested in buying a copy, priced £10, is invited to contact Sheila on shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk or 024 7641 8759.

Margaret Wallis



Stoneleigh History Society

On 24 September the society experienced its own historical occasion as our Chairman', Sheila Woolf, launched her latest book, 'Back to School 1740-1976: A History of Stoneleigh School'. (See the separate item about how this can be obtained).

The event attracted the society's largest ever attendance, including former pupils and their relatives, relatives of former teachers, representatives of other history societies, some of Sheila's former colleagues and pupils, the Revd Neville Beamer (Stoneleigh vicar when the school closed), and others, in addition to society members. Sheila provided many facts and insights into the chequered history of the school and the role of the Leigh family in it, together with numerous anecdotes from former pupils. The talk was illustrated by some fascinating documents, quotes from the school log books, and nostalgic photographs. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic researcher and excellent presenter as the society's Chairman'!

The talk was followed by refreshments (thanks to Stoneleigh Abbey for the wine) and an opportunity to share memories of the school. A truly memorable evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29 October in the Village Hall as usual. The Coventry Women's Research Group will tell us about some of the women who played a significant part in its history, including after the end of the Second World War. On 26 November there will be talk on Warwick County Asylum. Visitors are welcome (£3).

Margaret Wallis

Hon. Sec., SHS



Ashow News

Our Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 29th September and the lovely service was led by Audrey Rowberry. The church was beautifully decorated. Thank you to Diana Holt and Susan Spencer who arranged the flowers, everyone who provided harvest goods and the Bakers Dozen, Leyes Lane who donated a superb loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn. The dried food plus a cheque for a £100 from Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir was given to the Kenilworth Food Bank.

Afterwards the harvest lunch took place in the village club and was attended by 28 people. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a happy occasion. During the meal a gift was presented to Tony Gregory in appreciation and recognition of all he does for the church.

On Sunday 1st December at 4pm it will be our Advent Carol Service and mulled wine and mince pies will be provided after the service. Please do come and join us for this special service.

Kate Jones

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HS2 UPDATE

At the time of writing general political chaos continues. Amidst this, the Oakervee Review of HS2 is ongoing and although it is supposed to present its report 'in the autumn' now expected to be December once things are clearer (?) over Brexit. Rumours of its likely contents are rife, from complete cancellation to reduced speed, changed/abandoned routes etc. The only thing that is certain is that the project has been delayed; for how long, or if it continues at all, remains to be seen.

Readers of the News will be all too well aware of HS2-related works in this area. Maybe some of you may have noticed increased noise from the A46 now that a bank of protective trees have been removed. Protest camps at Cubbington Wood and more recently at Crackley Wood have attracted considerable national as well as local media coverage.. The temporary 'stay of execution' for ancient woodlands, announced by Grant Shapps in September, will only last until the Oakervee report is published and, regrettably, does not extend to other preparatory work, including the removal of vegetation and woodland along the route. Requests to halt this work have been ignored. Protests about this - possibly unnecessary - work will continue. Locally, there are two pieces of ancient woodland – on the B4115 and Echells Wood in Stoneleigh Park which includes some very old oak trees.

Work on the B4115, now in connection with the planned 'compound' continues and the traffic lights on that road remain a nuisance for local residents.

Arguments rage over the estimated and likely cost of HS2. Current figures quoted are £80-90 billion but evidence to the Review Committee state a cost of c£106.5 billion at 2015 prices! This figure does not include the cost of the rolling stock which is £708 billion. The Arnitt national economic review suggests £40 billion is required to support the planned stations and infrastructure. Such costs are mind-boggling!

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)



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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY,
ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

- Sunday 3rd **All Saints Day**
 11.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
 7.00 pm All Souls Service at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 10th **Remembrance Sunday**
 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service at Ashow
 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service at Stoneleigh
- Wednesday 13th 10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion at Stoneleigh(TBC)
- Sunday 17th 9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
 11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 24th 9.30 am Village Service at Ashow
 11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

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