

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



APRIL 2020



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MRS HENDERSON PRESENTS



Film Night

Please note different
arrangements from usual

**Friday 8th May
in Stoneleigh Village Hall
Meet 6.45pm / 7pm
for coffee and pastries.
The film will begin at 7.30pm**

For our next film night, we are showing:

'Mrs Henderson Presents'

**We are showing this film in conjunction with the 75th anniversary VE Day
celebrations being held on this day.
Classed as a 'comedy drama' it brings a lighter look at life during the war.**

This film tells the true story of Laura Henderson, an eccentric British socialite who opened the Windmill Theatre in London in 1931.

With some money in her pocket after the death of her husband, Mrs. Laura Henderson (Judi Dench) buys a theatre and hires the theatre manager Vivian Van Damm (Bob Hoskins) to run the business. Henderson has a hit on her hands when she decides to add beautiful nude women to the stage shows at her Windmill Theatre. Though they are touched by tragedy, Henderson and her company bravely keep the theatre active during the 1940-'41 Blitz of London.

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

Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315 by May 6th

Dates for film nights in 2020:

July 10th — September 11th — November 13th

Keeping in touch

Sheila Woolf

There is now a Facebook page called Stoneleigh Village which can act as a regularly updated platform for information over the coming months. If you would like to join please search for **Stoneleigh Village** on Facebook.

If you know of any changes to events or would like to offer help – or ask for help – do get in touch. Similarly, information will be available on the village website www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk.

Editorial

Mike Evans

This has been a difficult edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News to put together. The world is finding ways to deal with the new corona virus, COVID-19, and many of the events which we would usually be reporting have been cancelled or postponed as a result.

The government advice is, necessarily, changing as we move through the different stages of the spread of the virus. Up-to-date information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Amongst the ridiculous scenes of panic-buying toilet paper and hand sanitiser, there are also many acts of kindness. As a community, there are volunteers offering to shop for those who can't get out and about; a Whatsapp group and a Facebook page have been set up to bring people together.

In Stoneleigh, these are (in part) being coordinated by the Village Club. Please email for further details:

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

Let's hope that this ends soon, and that we all stay healthy.

HS2 UPDATE

*Martin Smith and Anthony Bianco,
on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2) (StAG)*

The media furore following the go-ahead for Phase 1 from London to Birmingham, and more recently Phase 2a (Birmingham to Crewe) continues unabated. Locally, increased activity is noticeable: vegetation removal, noisy digging, road closures and so on, the inconvenience of which is accentuated by the work at the new A46 roundabout.

The recent notification of the B4115 closure is being challenged by the Parish Council and StAG.

The local (peaceful) protest at the HS2 Compound entrance on 2nd March was dealt with by the very helpful police team and the PC representative. However the HS2 input was poor and heavy handed. A report has been sent to the Chief Constable and Commissioner with thanks, and to HS2 with a request for explanations and details of dealing with future events. *[Ed] Anthony Bianco Our very own PC/StaG peacemaker. Thank you Anthony.*

The go-ahead for Phase 1 does not as yet include a 'Notice to Proceed', i.e. actual work contracts. In the last week the balance sheets of the consortia have been investigated and the SOS has been requested to do a further due diligence enquiry to avoid a 'Carillion situation' occurring on this project.

Lang Murphy have been requested again to keep tree cutting to an absolute minimum. Meanwhile, noise from the A46 has reverted to pre 1990 levels as the result of the worn out road surface and the over zealous removal of the trees which had acted as soundproofing. A request for environmental review is ongoing.

Anthony Bianco is not only a member of StAG but is the main point of contact on Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council. If needed, his contact details are Biancoaa@aol.com

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

At the beginning of March, the group continued to work on the removal of barbed wire from the river bank, adjacent to the Orchard. This was a piece of work that was first commenced this time last year, that freed up a stretch of some 200 metres of embankment to the public. On this occasion the work was extended into an area known as the “The Spinney”, a small wooded area situated beneath and downstream of Stoneleigh bridge where the barbed wire fence had effectively collapsed, presenting a danger to both wildlife and users of the river.

A litter pick was also undertaken, clearing the area and filling two industrial bags of debris in the process, mainly metal cans and bottles. Our guess is this litter was most likely washed downstream or tossed from the bridge from passing traffic or pedestrians. It brings into focus an area-wide environmental issue that appears to be worsening and needs to be addressed.

Whilst working on such a cold and rainy March day it is with some amusement that both John Churchley and myself could easily have been mistaken for a pair of criminal offenders on community service!

As discussed in the Christmas edition, the group are currently considering how CIC profits can be used to good effect. One possibility under discussion may be to use a part of that money to purchase a small number of disease-resistant Elm trees to replenish the area. The Elm tree used to be so common in Warwickshire that it got the labelled that “Warwickshire Weed” and as a child I still fondly



remember a countryside in which its distinctive shape and form dominated the landscape.

Perhaps villagers can identify planting locations throughout the village?
Perhaps a planting can be linked to noise mitigation or as a replacement for damaged hedgerows in the area?

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank those involved in the running of Stoneleigh Estate, principally the estate manager Colin Hooper, as well as Alan Hunt, for having acted on a dialogue and meetings that occurred over the winter of 2017-2018 with both Richard Hancox of the Parish Council and myself concerning a “Green Screen” for Stoneleigh. A massive piece of work has clearly been undertaken involving the planting of mixed broadleaf saplings and willow in fields and areas belonging to Stoneleigh Estate to the southwestern edge of the village as well as upon Motslow Hill. Let us hope that this initiative has some effect in mitigating the environmental impact of HS2.



Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2020 will cost £10 and can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard, however why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit?

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

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The April Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held at Ashow Village Hall on Thursday 9th April at 7.00pm. Check the agenda (on the village notice boards and on our website) for more details.

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>

Stoneleigh Annual Village Meeting

The Stoneleigh Annual Village meeting is due to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall. All residents are invited to come along and find out what has been happening the village and what is planned.

(Editor's note - These two meetings may well be cancelled: please contact the Parish Council before attending, or check their website.)

March meeting update

At the March meeting we heard from Claire Goodchild and Mankit Yau of Dementia Carers Count, a charity that is planning to build a centre of excellence at Abbey Park to support family carers of people with dementia.

The centre will be the first of its type in the country and will offer a range of courses for family carers, delivered by qualified professionals. As well as the training centre, accommodation and offices, the centre will also provide a café which will be open to local residents. The centre is currently in the early stages of development, with completion by the end of 2021 if everything goes to plan.

Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan is underway, with plans for a draft version to be completed by the end of June. There will be opportunities for local residents to get involved and have their say about the plan over the coming weeks, however, if you are keen to get involved, please contact me at stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Thanks to those who completed the bus survey about services in the village. We had a reasonable number of replies which have been collated and passed to Bubbenhall Parish Council who be progressing the issues raised with Warwickshire County Council.

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/>

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

Owing to present circumstances it was with great regret that our March meeting had to be cancelled. As with other organisations, we are unsure when we shall be able to hold another meeting. In the meantime, our summer display will soon be mounted in the Leigh Chapel of the church; this year it will focus on the history of Stoneleigh School.

Visitors are always welcome during the church's opening hours. There are very many of the Society's booklets on display as well as parish registers, school logbooks, and a host of other research publications which can be viewed. Over the summer there will also be a small display of the village's experiences during World War Two.

Stoneleigh Village Club



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

We have sadly had to postpone the Jim Ball Memorial Games and the 75th VE Day Celebrations; we hope to reschedule for later in the year.

The Stoneleigh Village Club has acted on the government directive and will not be open for normal business until instructed otherwise.

However, while stocks last, we can provide a take away drinks service to club members. This service will be available for 1 hour per day, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. There will be a strict policy of social distancing in action whereby it will be a one in one out queuing system. For draught bitter, Guinness and lagers please bring your own clean containers, these will be sold on the basis of "buy one get one free". All other drinks will be full price.

During these difficult times we also have a team in place within Stoneleigh village who can assist with the following:

- Shopping
- Collecting medication
- Posting Mail

Or just a friendly chat on the phone. You maybe a family self isolating (14 days is a long time with no fresh goods), or advised to avoid social contact.

We are here to help as a community so please do get in touch in the following ways: Stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com before 10pm for delivery the following day.

From Monday 23rd March : 02476 414440 10am-11am and 7pm-8pm

Stay safe and well.

Your Stoneleigh Village Club Committee

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub
Stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

HOT OFF THE PRESS:



Farmers Fayre have launched a farm shop 'drive-through' and are receiving daily deliveries of bread, fruit & veg, meat etc. They are also offering a breakfast and lunch take away service.

Daily posts of items available will be posted on Facebook and any they will locally deliver, free of charge, to any isolated people who cannot collect. Call: 024 7669 2844, web: www.farmersfayre.co.uk

The Oak are also offering a takeaway/delivery menu.
Call: 024 7651 8855

Our support to local businesses at this time will be invaluable in helping them survive.

Huge thanks from the village community for the Club's initiatives.

W.I. Village lunches

Liz Sykes



Many apologies for cancelling the lunch last month – I was indisposed and we therefore didn't have enough helpers. Due to current circumstances, we will have to cancel the April lunch also. Hopefully normal service will resume in May.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity AGM

Sarah Attwood



Sadly the Village Hall has been closed until further notice, in line with Government guidelines.

This year's AGM, which was due to take place at on 27th April, has been therefore postponed.





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Darts Team Victory!

Dave Brown



Monday evening at the Copper House Club in Kenilworth was the venue for a top of the table clash, with Stoneleigh only needing a draw to secure the Division One championship title!

Stoneleigh started the match with a 2-0 win in the first game which set a precedent for the majority of the evening. Darts ace Dave Brown sealed the win with a 2-0 win in the 5th game with Stoneleigh yet to concede a leg. The winning streak continued until the 7th game when the Copper House clawed a game back but by then it was too late for the hosts as the championship was out of their reach!

Well done to the entire team, and special thanks go to the Captain, Paul Britten.

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



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