

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



APRIL 2021



“The Heart of Stoneleigh” Defibrillator

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Coordinator

David Ellwood

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Please note:

There is also a defibrillator at the Village Hall.

Cover Image: Spring comes to the Birmingham Road.

HS2 UPDATE

Margaret Wallis - Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2) (StAG)

It seems as though the same observations, complaints and changes to plans are going to be a feature of our foreseeable futures! For example, HS2 Ltd. has recently announced that the closure of the A425 Southam-Leamington Road will continue for several further months. Meanwhile, trees vanish, temporary closure notices are erected and long-term road diversions are announced on an almost daily basis.

Anthony Bianco (Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council) has provided the following information.

The 6th of March saw the long overdue publication of the planning application to build a roundabout on Stoneleigh Road to serve the A45-HS2 compound and proposed re-located Rugby Farmers' Market. In theory this is good news. The lengthy document will be carefully discussed by the Parish Council (PC) to ensure the plan is fit for purpose. Given the short period to respond, the PC requested an extension and this was granted until the 9th of April. Comments from residents are gratefully received.

As a result of the village vehicle watch on HGVs, the PC has persuaded Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to get HS2 Ltd. to provide road signs at the top and bottom of Birmingham Road to further deter HGVs coming through the village. The data collected has been presented monthly in support of this small deterrent. Thanks to Sue Malone, Martin Smith and others for keeping watch and providing the data.

The one way system proposal for the B4115 is still very much alive. The PC is waiting for proposals from HS2 Ltd. to mitigate and shorten the use of the B4115 route to the A46 compound. Hopefully there will be more plans soon and more constructive news. Under the Highways Act, only 12 HGVs per day are permitted to use the B4115. If more are required, HS2 have to apply to WCC in advance. It has been agreed that WCC & PC will be monitoring the route and requests.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

The month of March typically represents a relatively quiet time in the orchard, with any pruning generally finished and the Stoneleigh cider awaiting the completion of fermentation prior to being pasteurised and boxed up.

Given the above, and in the absence of recent activities to report, it is worth reflecting upon some of the environmental projects that have occurred in the Stoneleigh area, and specifically those designed to mitigate the effects of HS2. For example, the areas of new tree planting in which members of the Orchard Group were involved during the planning alongside managers and employees from the Royal Agricultural Show ground.

In common with many others, I have taken to walking the surrounding countryside after work as part of an exercise regime during lockdown, and have been amazed at how these areas have already had such a benefit to the environment in the short time since they have been planted.



In recent months it's been a pleasure to observe the latest residents to Stoneleigh, a pair of barn owls! They can be observed flying low over the recently-planted areas in search of their prey. These are generally mice, voles and shrews which have clearly flourished in these unmown and wild areas. Barn owl numbers have been dropping in recent decades so it is great to see how Stoneleigh has played a small part in helping their population to recover.



It will also be interesting to note if the large numbers of colourful "Scarlet Tiger Moths" observed in late spring and early summer of last year will make a reappearance this year. They have also clearly benefited from the meadows remaining uncut for longer periods with the caterpillars largely feeding on wild comfrey.

So please keep an eye out for this wildlife in the weeks and the months that lie ahead.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2021 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.
PeteFreeman773@gmail.com (Please note new email).

Richard Hancox (Treasurer), Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk

Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
The Green, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. CV8 3DP
(Charity Ref 215675)

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING VACANCY

The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse is a charity providing housing accommodation in ten sandstone cottages in the centre of Stoneleigh, a quiet rural village in Warwickshire.

A residence in this 16th century Almshouse has become available.

On the ground floor of each home there is a hall, leading to a sitting room with kitchen. A door to utility room leads through to a cloakroom with washbasin and toilet. A dog-leg staircase from the hall leads to the first floor where there is a bedroom and shower room with washbasin and toilet.

Outside there is a small private patio connected to large communal gardens where there is a useful storage building with dedicated space for each resident.

Cottages are equipped with cooker, fridge & washing machine, phone line, emergency assistance-call unit, carpets, electric storage heaters, smoke & heat detectors, hot water immersion heater, and a TV point. A communal digital TV aerial and mast is also provided.



The Dame Alice Leigh Charity repairs and maintains the fabric and services to the building, as well as the outbuildings and communal gardens.

Applicants must be needy, of retirement age, capable of independent living and have a genuine need of Almshouse housing.

Preference is given to residents who live in or have connections with the parish of Stoneleigh. However, Trustees welcome applications from other qualifying persons.

Please contact Bev Davis, Clerk to the Trustees, for further information and an application form:

Mrs B A Davis,
Clerk to the Trustees
Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
c/o 20 Mayfield Drive
Kenilworth,
Warwickshire
CV8 2SW.

Tel: 01926 859914 or 0779 0064329

Email: bev20@hotmail.com



STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Pat Wightman

Who would have thought it? It's now over twelve months since we were last able to meet up in the village hall. However, the ladies of the choir have not been idle. As previously reported, the choir has been meeting up weekly on Zoom and continue to add to its repertoire with a diverse choice of music.

The number of members attending each week has averaged at about 30 and we have enjoyed sharing our love for music, exploring new social activities and keeping our spirits up. One of the few commendable attributes is the number of ladies who have overcome their concerns with modern technology and have been successful in joining the meeting each week. It is all very daunting to begin with but well done to them for persevering.

With a bit of luck and a strong wind, we may be back in the hall in September. We have just a few vacancies and would welcome any enquiries from new members so if you are interested, or know anyone who might like to join us, please email our Secretary at sharronmced@gmail.com

BENCH ON THE GREEN

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Very many thanks to Messrs Rice and Whitehouse for the provision of a smart bench, the renovated original, under the chestnut tree on the village green. This will be hugely appreciated in the years to come.

(Photo by Tatjana Kietselaer)

STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Philip Jones

The choir held its AGM in February by Zoom which 23 members attended.
The officers elected were :

Chairman - Philip Jones.

Treasurer - Jim Easter.

Secretary - David Critchley.

Committee -Judy Hadfield, Mike Baker, Marcus Kendal, Bill McCutcheon, Geoff Mexson, Rod Owen and Phil Weare.

The most important matter discussed was when we would be able to rehearse again in the village hall. In 2020 we weren't able to sing at any concerts but we hope that this might change later this year as the government's road map unfolds. One of the aims of the choir is to raise money for worthwhile causes. At the AGM it was decided to donate from choir funds £500 to the Waverley Centre in Kenilworth and £500 to Safeline - a charity which helps victims of abuse. Both charities were delighted to receive our donations which will enable them to continue their valuable work in the community.

In last month's magazine I included some quiz questions.

Below are the answers:

1. Antartica.
2. Las Vegas.
3. Cheese.
4. A combination of two cymbals mounted on a metal stand.
5. 4.
6. Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Blitzen, Vixen, Cupid, Dasher, Donner and Rudolph.
7. Rene and Edith.
8. St Lucia.
9. Jurrasic Park.
10. Land a flying saucer.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

Meetings

Due to the current social distancing requirements, Parish Council meetings are being held online, via Zoom. Residents are still welcome to attend (you do not need to have a Zoom account to attend), details will be posted on the website 3 days before the meeting. Please also note that all information relating to meetings will be on the website only for now; no information will be posted on the village noticeboards.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 8th at 7pm.

The Stoneleigh Village Meeting will take place on April 22nd at 7pm, via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be available on the Parish Council website 3 days beforehand.

The May meeting of the Parish Council has been brought forward to May 6th 2021. This is to enable the Council to meet remotely via Zoom. The legislation that allows the Council to meet online expires on May 7th, so if this is not extended, meetings may have to take place physically from June. The Parish Council are currently looking at how this can be managed and it may be the case that meetings are held outdoors in order to facilitate social distancing requirements.

At the Parish Council meeting in March there was discussion about the offer of a funded artwork for the Parish. There have been different opinions expressed by residents, and Councillors are keen to get feedback from as many people as possible about whether or not they would like the art installed in the parish, what sort of artwork they would like, and where, if anywhere, it should be placed. Please do contact the Clerk or speak to one of the Councillors about this as we want to hear from you. More information can be found on the PC website.

The problem of cars parking on the verge near the crossroads was also discussed. As residents may be aware, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) have installed signage in the area but this is not stopping people using the verge as a car park. WCC will be asking the Police to issue fixed penalty notices to anyone caught parking on the verge. If this does not address the problem, our WCC Councillor will ensure that further action is taken to address the issue.

The Parish Council are continuing their fight against the proposal for a one-way system on the B4115. Councillors discussed the planning application submitted by HS2 for construction of a roundabout which would provide access to the HS2 compound from Stoneleigh Road. If this roundabout were to be built, it would mean that HS2 traffic would not have to use the B4115 to access the compound. Residents are encouraged to view the planning application on the WDC Planning Portal (www.warwickdc.gov.uk/planning, reference W/20/2013).

The Parish Council has yet to hear from Warwickshire County Council regarding the plans for the closure of Birmingham Road. Officers from WCC have been invited to attend the April PC meeting and we are waiting on their response. Check the website for further information.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please see the website for more information and how to apply, or come along to one of the meetings to see what is involved.

Minutes of all meeting are available on the Parish Council website.

Information about COVID19 is changing quickly, and we are keeping our [Facebook page](#) up to date with the latest developments.

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, planning applications 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

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Sheila Woolf

Our February meeting was an extremely well-researched and interesting one, given by Jill Kashi who is a guide at Baddesley Clinton. Jill had delved into the lives of some of the domestic staff there between the 1880s and the 1920s - an unusual topic which everyone enjoyed.



[Photograph by Mike Peel]

Our meeting on 23rd March was our AGM, followed by a talk given by member Pete James, whose stories are always fascinating. This one was called “The Girl who invaded America” and it told the story of a Coventry woman who travelled to Philadelphia when only seventeen, setting up the first branch of the Salvation Army in America. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this remarkable story.

Please contact me if you would like to join the society, as new members are always welcome!

Walking in Warwickshire

John Harris

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Warwickshire

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/warwickshire is the website for you!



With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Warwickshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to over twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk



The speaker in March - Nick Martin - was excellent. He spoke about British wildlife. A very interesting talk with some amazing photographs.

We continue to meet weekly on Zoom - a general chat, the art group and the craft group. The last-mentioned have been very busy knitting some lovely jackets, hats and blankets for the premature baby unit at Walsgrave Hospital. These have been very well received at the hospital. The charity there that deals with these contributions is Compassionate Hands.

On April 5th, two of members will be telling us about their experiences working for the NHS. We have some hidden talents in our WI!

Gardening Help Available

My name is Michael Large and I maintain three gardens in Stoneleigh.

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or click this link to email me:

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Stoneleigh Village Club
Est. 1856



Stoneleigh Village Club Update

Spring is now upon us and brings with it the good news that the village club can open its garden to members and friends in the near future. With this in mind we are planning a refurbishment of the club garden by replacing the grass with a patio which will cope much better with the great British weather. We will also erect a gazebo to provide some protection from the elements. This work will commence late March and is planned to be finished in time to open (all being well) on Friday 16th April. The opening days and times for this first relaxation of the lockdown are still to be determined. Members will be sent further information via email.

We are aware that we have a number of new families that have moved into Stoneleigh and the club extends a warm welcome to all and would encourage you to join the village club. It currently cost £12.00 per person per year. The club is fully licensed and sells a wide range of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. We are child and pet friendly. Additionally, the club has Sky TV, broadcasting a full schedule of sport. We host a number of events at the club including quizzes, cookery competitions, Christmas parties and discos. We also run darts and pool teams. If you would like to join please send an email to info@stoneleighvillageclub.co.uk and we will send you an application form to complete. We will try to run a new members welcome event when the relaxation of the restrictions allows.

Stay safe

Your Club Committee

Website: www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub

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This month's edition of ***Stoneleigh and Ashow News*** was compiled by
Mike and Bernice Evans, who would like to thank all contributors.

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COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting many events.

The May 2021 edition will be compiled by
Kim and Martin Smith

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



APRIL 2021

Thursday 1st

Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Readings, Reflection and Prayer via Zoom

Time: Apr 1st, 2021 07:30 PM London

[Click here to Join our Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 914 5294 6027 Passcode: 059693

Friday 2nd

Good Friday

2.00 pm Hour of the Cross

Outdoor Service at Stoneleigh

Sunday 4th

Easter Day

9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow outdoors

11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh outdoors

Stoneleigh and Ashow Churches will be closed after Easter until further notice. Please do look at the web sites for Stoneleigh and Ashow Villages and 'a church near you' web site (links below) for news of services restarting again.

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Peter Shrimpton 01926 859404

Stoneleigh: June Burr 02476 227726 Gordon Gatward 01926 512528

Deputy Warden: Richard Ashley 01926 427729

Or please contact the Parish Administrator,

Jackie Cubitt, 02476 692720 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Office Hours Wednesday 9.00 am to 12.00, Thursdays 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

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