

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



Helping Feed the Lambs

JUNE 2021



The Butterfly Month





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Cover Photo:

Isabelle Crofts and mum Georgina feeding orphaned lambs

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 10th at 7pm** and is planned to be held in person at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

To view the full details of this and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council (PC) website. Please note that we have a new website for the Parish Council: www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk.

At the PC meeting in May, Councillors heard a report from a resident who, whilst walking down the verge of the road from Stoneleigh Park due to the closure of the footpath, had tripped on pipes laid by HS2 Ltd and injured herself. Councillors were very concerned to hear about the incident and agreed that it clearly demonstrates that this is a dangerous route for pedestrians and that there is an urgent need for HS2 Ltd to provide a suitable alternative. A formal complaint will be made to HS2 Ltd detailing the incident. If any other residents have any incidents or near misses whilst walking on the road to Stoneleigh Park, please let the PC know and ensure that a formal complaint is raised with HS2 Ltd. The PC will continue to demand that HS2 Ltd provide a safe alternative pedestrian route.

Residents have raised an issue with the grass cutting and verge maintenance carried out by Warwick District Council (WDC). It has been suggested that the PC commission the grass cutting directly in order to improve the standard of the verge maintenance. The cost of this will be explored by the PC. Unfortunately, it is not possible for WDC to refund the cost of the service that they provide, so any works commissioned by the PC will have to be paid for from the precept. This option will be discussed further in the June meeting.

At previous meetings, the proposal for a piece of funded artwork was discussed. The PC are still awaiting design details, and in the meantime are continuing to explore options for the siting of the sculpture.

Parish Council Notes cont'd

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.

Don't forget to check out the **Parish Council website** which is regularly updated with local information such as road and traffic issues, HS2 Ltd updates and local consultations. It's a great way to find out what's going on locally and get involved. You can find us at:

www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk

You can also keep up to date by following the Parish Council Facebook page.

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

J.L.Huthwaite



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Update from Teams4U

The collection of items and the filling of shoe-boxes for Rumania is happening all year round but in July the first boxes will be packed and sent for storage until November/December.

Apart from the usual items, things particularly needed at the moment include new pants for both boys and girls, toothpaste, combs and wrapped sweets.

If you have any items to donate, or would like to cover and fill your own shoe-box, please contact **Jane (01926 858315)** and I will be happy to receive them.

Cash or cheque's are also welcome as this helps to pay for the transportation to Eastern Europe.

Please check the Teams4U website if you would like more information about this charity. (<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>)

Thank you
Jane

"Gardening Help Available"

My name is Michael Large and I maintain three gardens in Stoneleigh. If you are in the Stoneleigh area and need help with your garden you can contact me by calling; 07368615863 or email:

Michael.large@thegardeningservices.com

News from the Church

Now that weekly Services have recommenced , we are looking forward to the time when our church can once again be open each day for visitors and private prayer. When this is allowed we need volunteers who live locally , and who are willing to open up each day. This means unlocking the church at about 10.00am, and then locking up at about 4.00pm each day from Monday to Saturday. There will be a rota so that volunteers are each responsible for one day of the week.

If you can help, will you please contact:-

June Burr

Telephone. 024 76227726 or e mail June.burr1@ntlworld.com

Stoneleigh WI

Another month gone by – however we can now meet up indoors – so hopefully we are returning to some sort of normality.

Our WI has continued ‘zooming’, so it does mean that we’ve been able to keep in touch.

The speaker last month was very good – an ex-midwife turned blacksmith!!! Di Vernon also works with glass so produces some very interesting pieces. She was very enthusiastic, and has won some awards for her work. It was a shame that we couldn’t see her work ‘hands on’. Sheila Woolf is our speaker for June – another zoom meeting unfortunately. Her talk is about Stoneleigh school. If you would like to join in, please let me know (liz.sykes.t21@btinternet.com) and I can send you the link.

We do hope to have a meeting in the hall in July, when we are planning afternoon tea to thank the NHS for all the work that’s been done over the past year. It will be good to meet up again.

The programme for the rest of the year is flexible – we hope to have some away days as well as the weekly/monthly meetings.

Liz Sykes

STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Pat Wightman

In the words of Robert Burns *"The best laid plans o' Mice an' Men, Gang aft agley"*. And so it was that the plan to meet up for a picnic on 20 May was thwarted by the weather. This would have been the first time the choir had met up face-to-face for over a year. As we go to print, the picnic has been rescheduled for 27th May on the patio of the village hall, weather permitting and, of course, following government guidelines.

The disappointment continues: As the rules were relaxed for the performing arts, plans were made to meet up in the hall in smaller groups. Due to the Covid-19 variant spreading in certain areas, the government has decided that non-professional singers will remain in groups of up to six for the time being. However, groups of up to thirty may meet outdoors so it may be that we can practise on the patio, again weather permitting.

The male voice choir has kindly invited the ladies to sing at their Summer Serenade but the further restrictions may put that in jeopardy. A programme has been put together but the opportunity to practise is proving difficult.

"An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, For promis'd joy!"

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 sharonmced@gmail.com



Stoneleigh Village Club

Est. 1856

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com



Stoneleigh Village Club Update

We are pleased to announce the Club is now open every day at the following times :-

Mon. Tue. Wed & Thur	5.00pm – 9.00pm*
Friday	4.00pm – 10.00pm
Saturday	3.00pm – 10.00pm
Sunday	12.00pm – 8.00pm*

* Opening will be extended to 10.00pm for TV sporting fixtures.

Members can socialize indoors and outdoors in the new garden.

As per the government guidelines it is either two households or the rule of six per table indoors. Face covering shall be worn when moving around the Club. Track and trace rules apply.

Club Membership Renewal

Notification will be sent out shortly for Club membership renewals. The cost is still only £12.00 per person per annum. Members enjoy discounted drinks pricing.

Committee reflection on the period April 2020 to April 2021

From April 2020, the village Club entered the government guided lock-down. Our treasurer went to considerable effort to secure the funding packages and furlough payments made available at district

council and national level. The beer return scheme to recoup losses due to out-of-date drinks was pursued.

Alongside these activities the Club became the focal point of an initiative to provide practical support in the form of shopping, collecting medication, posting mail and even just a friendly chat to vulnerable people who lived locally. The Club phone line was made available and the whole village leafletted. It proved very popular and comforting to those shielding and feeling isolated. Many trips were carried out and a real community spirit was felt and commented on by many people.

After this initial burst of activity, and in the knowledge the Club's finances were reasonably sound, the committee decided to give the inside of the Club a makeover. Over a period of six weeks the interior was cleaned and painted, and some new furniture purchased in anticipation of opening with new social distancing rules.

On the run up to the re-opening in mid-July following government announcements, the Club was made ready, sanitizer stations were positioned along with floor markings, bar screens and track and trace QR code. The sole aim was to keep our staff, members and guests safe.

It was great to see the Club open again, and all the hard work was rewarded with good attendances and smiling faces all round.

On Friday 2nd October we presented our steward Jim Gavin with a tankard and gift vouchers for twenty years of service to the Club. Jim and his wife Karen have been stalwarts of the Club and their efforts front of house and behind the scenes keep the Club going.

With a looming second Covid wave it was time once again to close the Club. In anticipation of a December re-opening and a busy Christmas period, the committee looked at erecting a gazebo in the garden and a table booking service in anticipation of demand over the Christmas break. The re-opening never happened.

To lift the Christmas spirits of the village in this new lockdown the committee along with volunteer members embarked on a Santa run delivering chocolate selection boxes. With Santa in attendance and Christmas music playing, all of the village streets were visited. It was a

lovely event that brought a bit of light to a very different Christmas. Even the short downpour didn't dampen the Christmas spirit.

In March the committee decided to revamp the Club garden by replacing the grass with patio slabs. This was in anticipation of any re-opening being outdoors only. The new patio was ready just in time for our planned opening date of the Friday 16th April. We were able to celebrate our Chairman, Dave Brown's 50th birthday on the Sunday in a blaze of sunshine on our new patio.

So, all in all it has been a challenging twelve months, the committee believes the Club has risen to those challenges in many ways. The Club is financially secure going forward. As we move towards full lock down easing, we look forward to running our usual events including quizzes, pool and dart competitions, duck race, orchard wassail and others.

Stay safe

Your Club Committee



The Perfect Swarm!

I've dealt with many Honey Bee swarms over the years, but never seen a swarm cluster quite as amazing as this!

I was able to re-house them in one of my hives, and they now seem quite happy that they've found a new home and I'm feeding them sugar syrup in the middle of May (ludicrous, but all my bees need it in this cold, damp Spring)

Ed.

STONELEIGH & ASHOW ORGANISATIONS 2021-22

The following people have kindly agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations listed. Please contact Margaret Wallis* if there are any changes so that alterations can be notified in subsequent editions of the News. Email addresses have been included (N.B. if anyone wishes to send a bulk mailing, please use the BCC facility).

** Contact details included in enclosed list*

STONELEIGH & ASHOW ORGANISATIONS 2021-22

St. Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh and
The Assumption of Our Lady Ashow VACANCY
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Stoneleigh History Society (+ Village website)	Sheila Woolf shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk 024 7641 8759 www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk
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Ashow Village Club	Jane MacKenzie 07802 622557
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**St Mary-the-Virgin,
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A MIDSUMMER CONCERT

A Celebration in Music

Saturday 26th June 4:00-5:00pm

Farewell to Ron

Hello to John

Featuring:

Ron Binnie (organ)

St Mary's, Lapworth Choir

Paige Clarke (soprano)

Lisa Gixti (jazz vocals)

John Morris (organ and piano)

Gordon Gatward (compère)

All Welcome - Admission Free!

Wine, fruit juice & nibbles afterwards

Further details: john@concert-publicity.com



Let us buzz on in!

HoneyBee HomeCare

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If you're interested or have any further questions, don't hesitate to get in touch!

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Jess@honeybeehc.co.uk

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www.honeybeehc.co.uk



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News.

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that the SMVC held their first rehearsal since March 2020 on the patio of the village hall on Wednesday May 19th at the earlier time of 6.30pm. Members had a spring in their step as they arrived. The Hall and the patio had been made ready by Joe Ball and the choir committee. There was a brief welcome by the chairman who then uttered the words 'let us sing', the choir responded with resounding cheers and then we were off. We were a little rusty on the opening number 'Bring me Sunshine' but by the last song 'Les Miserables' we were almost back to normal. Whilst zoom rehearsals have kept us going throughout the lock-downs, there is nothing to compare to singing together. We are now looking forward to next week.

Summer Serenade

This will take place on Sunday, July 11th in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey (See Notice on page 18). Tickets will be available after June 21st and will cost £12.50, and are available from any choir member or Philip Jones(01926 853511 / kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk).

Please bring your own food, drinks and glasses.

Tables and chairs will be provided.

Philip Jones



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

invites you to



"Summer Serenade"

To be held in "The Walled Garden"
Stoneleigh Abbey (courtesy of the Residents)

on

Sunday 11th July 2021

Due to the current situation, patrons are asked to bring their own food and refreshments.

All Covid regulations in force will be adhered to.

Concert starts 1.00 pm

Tickets £12.50

The choir will be singing a selection of popular songs from shows, films etc.

This is our major fundraising event which sells out very quickly, so to order your tickets contact:

Phil Jones on 01926 853511

There will be a selection of local charities supported by this concert.

Stoneleigh History Society

For our April meeting Peter Walters introduced us to a fascinating new website, Coventry Atlas, the aim of which is to provide glimpses into the history of the city and its people at the click of a button. It is heartening to see that there are at least some initiatives during the City of Culture year which recognise and celebrate Coventry's past achievements, and contribution to the history of the nation.

Our meeting at 7.30pm on May 25th will be the last in our series of Coventry-based presentations, and I fervently hope that it will be the last one communicated via Zoom! Whilst technology has enabled us, like so many other organisations, to remain in touch and keep our brains active, there's nothing like meeting in person. I shall be talking about Coventry-born poet Philip Larkin, his local background and how the city has recognised the significance of his work...or not! Please get in touch with me if you would like to join us via Zoom.

We shall then be taking a break until September, when we hope to be able to meet "live" in the village hall.

Sheila Woolf
shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk



Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC update

Pete Freeman

Late spring and early summer marks a period of intense activity for the Orchard Group as this is when folk are most likely to seek a cool beverage such as cider. So it follows that the primary work during this period is to pasteurise, box up and label the cider for sale and consumption. The Group are pleased to report that the uptake of the the boxed product is “off to a flyer” to such a degree that the first of two 300 litre containers have been emptied. A second 300 litre container has been prepared today, 16th May, immediately prior to writing this article. This indicates a very good uptake since commencement on the 1st May, so please do purchase early whilst stocks last in order to avoid missing out. Feedback regarding the cider of 2020 has been very positive by those who have sampled it. It possesses a clarity and russet colour characteristic from the addition of a large proportion of “Stoke Red” apples.

It is also astonishing to think that one of our two Stoke Red trees has spent the best part of the summer and autumn of 2020 lying horizontal following the effects of early August gales on a heavy crop! It is with some relief to state that the tree was pulled vertical by John Churchley, Mike Evans and myself in late Autumn and appears to have recovered. Needless to say we’ll give the tree a year off this year to allow its roots to recover and to convalesce - poor thing!

Also of interest this year is that the Group have started to sell a very small quantity of “Stoneleigh Perry”, and feedback to date has been very encouraging. Relative to the cider, this will be sold at an elevated price of £25 for a 5 litre box, as its processing requires a lot more effort to produce a relatively small amount of juice. As a reminder, the existing prices for cider (both dry & medium) will remain the same as previous years at £20 for a 5 litre per box, or £16 for those people who have become “Friends of the Orchard”.

Readers may recall that in the May edition of the Stoneleigh & Ashow news, I had asked for suggestions on how to distribute Orchard profits. To date, I haven't received any response to this question. However, there was one suggestion regarding the provision of dog litter bins in the meadow, but I would deem that to be beyond the remit of the Orchard Group who do not own the land on which the orchard is located and therefore cannot be involved making such decisions.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2021 will cost £10 and can be made to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. Cheque's 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
Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Hancox,
Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk



HS2 UPDATE

At the time of writing it is expected that the B4115 Ashow Road will be subject to road closure and temporary traffic lights between approx. 9.30 am and 3.30 pm from 24 May to 4 June. This is 'to allow the construction of a new site compound and to prepare for future construction works, including roadside vegetation clearance'. However, the Parish Council has made strenuous efforts to obtain clarification from HS2 Ltd about their detailed plans and a request has been made that unless such details are provided, and appropriate discussions occur, there should be no further tree felling in the area. Residents will be all too aware that what seems to be completely unnecessary tree felling has already occurred in many places and this is causing great distress. Contact continues to be made with our M.P., Jeremy Wright, who shares our concerns.

Nationally, the Queen's Speech referred to forthcoming legislation sanctioning the Crewe to Manchester leg of HS2 but there remains some concern about the Manchester to Leeds part of the project. However, this announcements shatters all hope that even at this stage, the whole project would be scrapped, not only for continuing concerns over cost, but also because travel patterns and volumes changed drastically during the pandemic and homeworking became more popular.

Margaret Wallis - on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)



The Stoneleigh and Ashow News

The July/August edition will be compiled by

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This month's edition was compiled by Bill Crofts

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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021

Sunday 6th	11.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 13th	9.30am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20th	11.00am United Outdoor Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27th	9.30am Village Service at Ashow 11.00am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Friday 16th April 2021 - Eileen Creed - Funeral Service at Stoneleigh Church

Tuesday 27th April 2021 – Michael Leslie Wells – Funeral Service followed by burial at Ashow Church.

Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Ashow: Kate Jones 01926 853511 and Anne Gregory 01926 717084

Deputy Warden: Peter Shrimpton 01926 859404

Stoneleigh: June Burr 02476 227726 and 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

Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12964 for Stoneleigh
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