

# Stoneleigh & Ashow News



September 2021



## **“The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”**

**In the phone box on The Green**

**Coordinator**

David Ellwood 07785 284482

Text if no reply

### **Trained Volunteers**

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**Remember: Always ring 999 first!**

## Statement on behalf of Jay Huthwaite

Due to a change in circumstances, J.L.Huthwaite Property Maintenance Ltd, will no longer be trading. I will be moving to new pastures looking after the Packington Estate. Both Dawn and myself would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fantastic residents for their continued support over the years. It's been a pleasure working on some great projects, but also helping out with the general maintenance of some really great properties and meeting some amazing people along the way.

If, however, there are any minor issue I can help out with of an evening or weekend, feel free to contact me on 07921842217 or [jayhuthwaite@gmail.com](mailto:jayhuthwaite@gmail.com).

Thank you.

*Jay*

We all wish Jay well in his new venture - we'll miss you, Jay! - *Editor*.



# One Thousand Years of Stoneleigh Life

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of

Stoneleigh History Society

you are invited to

## The Story of Stoneleigh

A light-hearted journey through time... from Saxons to HS2!

Words provided by members of Stoneleigh History Society

Music provided by members of the

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir & the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

### Tickets £15

(to include wine & refreshments)

from Sheila Woolf 024 7641 8759 / [shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk)

or Phil Jones 01926 853511 / [kathrynngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathrynngjones@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

7.30pm

St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh

*Local charities supported by this event will include the Mayor of Kenilworth's charities:*

***Kenilworth Youth Well-Being Hub & Compassionate Kenilworth***

## Stoneleigh History Society

Plans are now well under way for the “Story of Stoneleigh” show, to be performed on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the church (see advert on page 4). Ticket sales are strong, though there are still some left - please contact me as soon as possible if you would like some!

We are really grateful to both the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir and the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir for contributing to the event, which will make it such a special way of celebrating our tenth anniversary in existence. It promises to be an evening of fun and good music!

We are also delighted to be resuming “live” meetings for the first time since February 2020. On Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> we shall gather at the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a presentation by David Morse on the Warwickshire Home Guard.

*Sheila Woolf*



**“When you go Home, tell them of us and say, For your  
Tomorrow, we gave our Today.”**

**We Will Remember Them.**

For the 2021 Poppy Appeal, we hope to be able to start house to house collections again. If anyone from Stoneleigh and Ashow would like to support us, please contact me by telephone on 01926 853511 or 07910 240453 or by email on [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk).

We raised a fantastic £2433 last year in Stoneleigh and Ashow – a wonderful figure considering the pandemic. It would be amazing if we could better that total this year!

Many thanks,  
*Philip Jones*

## STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

I'm very pleased to say that for the last few weeks of last term, the choir was able to practise on the patio of the village hall, thanks to the sunny afternoons and, of course, everyone adhering to government and village hall regulations.

Undaunted, the choir have been preparing for their part in the proposed "1000 Years of Stoneleigh Life" celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Stoneleigh History Society to take place on 24 September. The choir have learned a number of new songs for the occasion and some old favourites have been refreshed.

Term ended with a tea party on what was probably the hottest day of the year so far. However, they were feeling pretty cool about their achievements under very difficult and unprecedented circumstances.

If all goes to plan and the choir is able to return to normal singing in the village hall, a Fashion Show and a Quiz night are being planned for the Autumn and possibly a Christmas singing event at the end of the year.

Choir will meet up again on Thursday 9 September. We have 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](mailto:sharronmced@gmail.com)

*Pat Wightman*



## Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Members of the Choir are looking forward to starting rehearsing again, inside the Village Hall, on Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> as we prepare for the “1000 Years of Stoneleigh” Concert – which will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September in Stoneleigh Church.

If you would like tickets for this event, please contact Sheila Woolf on 02476 418759 or Philip Jones on 01926 853511. Tickets cost £15 – including a glass of wine and refreshments.

If there is anyone who would be interested in joining the SMVC, please come along on Wednesday evening to the Village Hall at 7.30pm or contact Philip Jones on 01926 853511 for further information.

We look forward to seeing you for a memorable evening on 24<sup>th</sup> September!

Keep safe and well,  
*Philip Jones*







# Let us buzz on in! HoneyBee HomeCare

Care Comes Naturally

HoneyBee HomeCare, founded by a resident of Stoneleigh; is a care company that puts emphasis on the word "care".

From our clients, to their family, to our staff: we aim to look after everyone involved with our company at any opportunity we can get.

To ensure that our clients get the best care possible, we start by making sure we are the best care company to work for by treating our staff like family and paying them well!

We give our staff thorough training so they are confident in every aspect of their role in our clients' lives.

Our carers also take pride in getting to know our clients' families and friends as their social life plays a big part in maintaining their care & well-being.

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

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## Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC update

The momentum of work surrounding the orchard and its produce has been kept up throughout the summer months. The July & August edition specifically made mention of possibilities surrounding the creation of an apple brandy. With this in mind the Orchard Group worked closely with “Moore of Warwick”, based at Hatton Country World, whose speciality is the production of gin, to investigate and test possibilities for the production of an apple brandy. The results of this testing indicated that the cider can be distilled to a pleasant spirit similar to an apple schnapps and would benefit from a lengthy period of storage in an oak barrel to add to its colour, taste and maturity. The cider will need an elevated alcohol content which probably requires an attempt to produce a vintage cider as a first phase, prior to distillation to a spirit. Either way the process appears rather labour-intensive at this point in time so further research will be required in order to pursue this possibility.

In July, I was invited by Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to speak at their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary webinar and to discuss how the group had gone about setting up the Community Orchard and how it had developed since inception. Based on the high number of attendees, it seems that the idea of community orchards is gaining traction and interest in neighbouring communities.

Other work relating to the orchard involved the creation of a label for our Stoneleigh Perry in anticipation of future harvests. This was achieved following some joint working between myself and fellow villager and Orchard Group member, Jules Storer, who framed a sketch based upon the local legend surrounding the closing down of the village pub following an unpleasant altercation involving a “wolf whistling” cyclist reclining outside the hostelry at the start of the previous century. The sketch is “Tongue in cheek” and uses a lot of artistic licence. The visiting cyclist is called “Perry” appears “pear shaped” and sports an Edward Elgar style mutton chop moustache. He sits on the village green opposite the Alms Houses swigging from a bottle and “wolf whistling” to

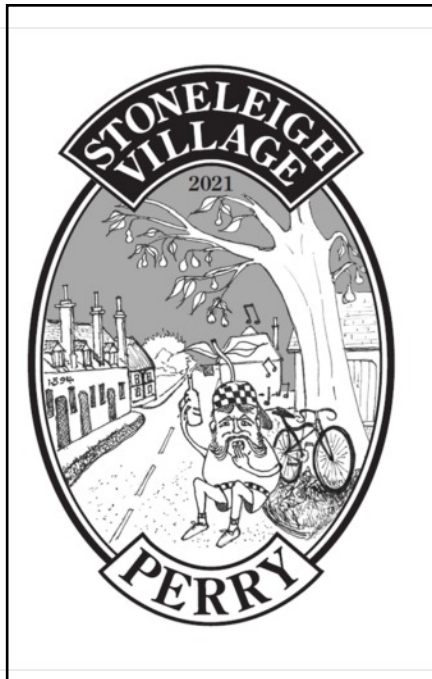
the potential customers to make a purchase. It must be pointed out that a Perry pear tree has never existed on the village green!  
Thanks for your assistance with this, Jules.

Finally, as the summer flashes by rapidly it seems as though we stand at the start of yet another harvest and perhaps by the time you read this article work will have already commenced in the meadow to pick the apples. Do feel free to come join in this healthy outdoor activity.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 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.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and is planned to be held online via zoom. The access link will be published on the website three days prior to the meeting.

To view the full details of this and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council (PC) website at: [www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk).

### **UPDATE ON THE BIRMINGHAM ROAD – AUGUST 2021**

First of all, apologies we have taken so long to come back to you all, this is a very complex issue that has been on our agenda for perhaps more than 15 years now.

Parish Councillors met with officers of the County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> August to discuss an option for closing the Birmingham Road. This provisional option was favourably received by the Parish Council and could, subject to obtaining the necessary funding, be implemented by the start of 2022.

The closure will be classed as experimental for the 18 month trial period but if successful will see the Birmingham Road remain closed to traffic. Access for buses, cyclists and pedestrians would remain in any permanent closure.

Cllr Redford is working hard to secure some funding and we would hope to be able to report back to you all very soon with further news on this.

The proposal agreed is to close the Birmingham Road at two locations with (most likely) red and white water filled containers. Pedestrians and cyclists will still have a safe route through both closure points for the duration of the experimental period.

The first closure point will be at the crossroads with the B4115, converting this into a T junction and hopefully making it considerably safer for all users. The second closure point will be just to the crossroads side of the village hall car park entrance, however all accesses to property and fields will be maintained.

We are still discussing the arrangements for the local bus service and the school bus but believe we have workable solutions for both.

The suggested scheme has been shared with the emergency services (police, fire and ambulance) all of which were supportive.

HS2 have reserved the right to comment on the experiment during the trial period, which they have a legal right to do under their act of parliament.

Once we have further news we will be in touch again.

### **Other PC updates:**

At the PC meeting in August, it was agreed that a quote will be sought for private grass cutting in the parish as an alternative to the service currently provided by Highways and Warwick District Council. This may result in an increase in the precept paid by residents to cover the costs and if so, we will consult with residents before proceeding.

As you may be aware, the spinner in the Village Hall playground requires repair and this will be at a considerable cost. The Parish Council are considering whether it would be better to instead invest in a new piece of equipment to replace the spinner. We'd like to hear what local residents whose children use the play area think. Would you like the spinner repaired or would you prefer a new piece of equipment, and if so, what sort of equipment would you prefer? Please send your comments to the Clerk at [stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com)

We have had a suggestion from a resident for planting of trees and wild-flowers on the green in Hall Close, taking advantage of the Queens Green Canopy scheme. We would like to get some more views on this - do you

think it is a good idea, would you like to see the area used in another way, such as an area for children to plant and maintain. Please let us know via the Clerk [stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com).

There is currently a vacancy for a representative from Ashow 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 Updates (see page 17) 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](http://www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk)

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

*Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk*  
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This edition of the **Stoneleigh & Ashow News** was compiled by  
**Sheila Woolf**, who would like to thank all contributors.

The **October** edition will be compiled by **Mike and Bernice Evans**

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**Copy deadline 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**We welcome advertisements and enquiries should be made to our  
Treasurer, Bill Crofts**

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*Stoneleigh Village Club*

*Est. 1856*

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### **Stoneleigh Village Club Update**

A big thank you from the Club committee to all members who have renewed your membership for the coming year and we also a warm welcome to all of the new members to the Club. We hope to arrange a new members' evening in the coming weeks so we can meet and get to know as many of you as possible.

As September draws near, we will endeavour to hold the Club AGM and the election of the Club principal officers and supporting committee. This is a chance for members to get involved with the running of the Club. Details will be sent to members via email and by post.

If you look upwards at the entrance to the Club you will notice that we have a new Club sign swinging from the iron work and also some very pretty hanging baskets.

The sign has been made and kindly presented to the Club by Steve McGranaghan of MG Joinery, replacing the previous sign that was peeling and looking rather sad. Dave Brown our chairman using his legendary metal working skills produced the brackets required to secure the sign to the wall. The hanging baskets have been supplied by Club member Will Robinson from Baginton Nurseries. So a big thanks to both members for their contribution in improving the frontage of the Club.





On the 6<sup>th</sup> August the Club held its annual SVC Open Golf Championship. Twenty-three players battled out 18 holes of golf at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club in very changeable weather. The overall winner's trophy went to our very own Club committee member and event organizer Terry Dyer. Below is a picture of Terry with the winner's trophy. A big thanks goes to Terry for organizing the event, our treasurer Bal who sorted out the trophies and our chairman Dave for sorting out the post-match buffet. It was a great event all round and also the first formal event following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.



The Club has purchased eight new high bar stools to increase seating capacity around the high tables in front of the bar. This will hopefully avoid people standing at the bar whilst watching sporting fixtures when the Club is busy.

Stoneleigh Village Club would like to pay tribute to Tarsem Sangha, who sadly passed away after a protracted illness. She leaves behind her loving husband Bal and their two daughters. The family have been great supporters of the club, holding some memorable parties and events. Our thoughts are with Bal and the girls at this most difficult of times.

A reminder of our opening hours:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	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.

***Stay safe  
Your Club Committee***



## **News from the Church.**

### ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that subject to the normal formalities, the Reverend Petrica Bistran will be our new Priest-in-Charge of Stoneleigh and Ashow, on an interim basis for a period of 3 years. We have no date yet for the Licensing Service, but it is likely to be in October. We look forward to welcoming Petrica and his wife Mirela, to our parishes.

Please hold them in your prayers.

*welcome*

### HARVEST

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service this year will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, and will be followed by a joint (Stoneleigh and Ashow ) lunch in Stoneleigh Village Club. The church will be decorated on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

***June Burr , on behalf of the Wardens.***

## Stoneleigh WI

We look forward to seeing all our members in September. All the usual activities will be starting again.

At the monthly meeting, on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the speaker is Vicky Redpath and her talk is 'Oiling the machine'; sounds interesting!

In July we had a tea party at the hall – sitting outside. This was in aid of the Air Ambulance and £301 was raised. It was very much enjoyed by all those who attended. We did have some new members there, who were made very welcome.

Some new activities are starting including 'singing for pleasure' and a wine, food and garden club. We welcome all newcomers.

*Liz Sykes*



## HS2 UPDATE

Road closures, traffic lights, tree felling, noise, tunnel-digging and so on have continued along the route throughout the summer. The familiar arguments about escalating costs, other national priorities, environmental damage etc. are repeated throughout the media, and through demonstrations (particularly by members of Extinction Rebellion).

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*Anthony Bianco* reports:

There is increased noise and visual blight from a further exposed A46 and B4115 after recent tree and vegetation clearance in the Stoneleigh, Ashow and Abbey areas. The elected parish councillors were petitioned, and signed an official letter to HS2 Ltd. A reply is awaited.

Some 8 weeks of discussions about the B4115 with BBV by the Parish Council and StAG have resulted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the plans for work from Crewe Lane to Stoneleigh crossroads. BBV are undertaking a review of the woodland area south of the B4115 from Crewe Lane to the line crossing. This will involve full identification of the 4 ancient woodland sites plus the archaeological site by the river, and reduction of clearance in this area. BBV plan to update the PC in October when the very challenging work programmes will be a lot clearer. This is a great improvement on being told 8 weeks ago that we had no case and no need to bother making one as all plans were in the Act.

Residents will have noticed that the A46 compound is now officially occupied with 150 personnel in residence, growing to 250 in the next 6 months. There is a new entrance gate on the B4115. The preferred compound entrance gate from Stoneleigh Road is still under legal,

financial and covenant resolution with the RASE/Mars pension fund, the Abbey Trustees and HS2 Ltd. The PC has requested that the Warwick District and County Councils keep watching progress.

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The most recent public petition against HS2 reached over 100,000 signatures, which means it must be debated in Parliament. The debate is scheduled for 13 September and many Conservative MPs are amongst those proposing that the project be scrapped in view of costs, environmental problems and changed working patterns following the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

(A reminder of how the B4115 looked in Spring 2021, before extensive felling...Ed)







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

***SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021***

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am United Holy Communion at Ashow
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am United Outdoor Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> at Ashow 11.00 am <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> at Stoneleigh

***From the Registers***

***Weddings***

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Andrew Tomson to Kelly Donovan – at Stoneleigh Church

***Baptisms***

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Archie Chester Nowasad – at Stoneleigh Church

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – Felix Francis Dimambro – at Stoneleigh Church

***Funerals***

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Jenny Skidmore – Interment at Stoneleigh Church

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Julie Hughes - Interment at Stoneleigh Church

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Paul Hugh Rollason - Interment at Stoneleigh Church

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Mary Beagrie - Interment at Stoneleigh Church

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Doreen De La Pole - Interment at Stoneleigh 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 415506 email: [admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12964) for Stoneleigh

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