

STONELEIGH & ASHOW *News*



OCTOBER 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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Laura Elliot	07738 222969
David Ellwood	07785 284482
Richard Hancox	07770 826310
Ian Huston	07974 237331
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Claire Neale	07557 675842
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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Please note:

There is also a defibrillator at the Village Hall.

HS2 UPDATE

Margaret Wallis

Locally, we continue to notice signs of HS2 advance works. Most recently the closure of Dalehouse Lane until 3rd October so the AA notices say, but this may change as the dates of so many HS2 works tend to do. With the A46 roundabout improvement works, considerable disruption is being caused.

In the last News we reported that a petition submitted by Chris Packham had achieved more than the required 100,000 signatures and so a parliamentary debate could be held. This took place on 13th September and several MPs were critical of HS2 and its environmental impact and costs but there was no agreement about abandoning the project. However, this exercise generated a lot of publicity so it is hoped that more careful scrutiny can be made. Hollow consolation!

History Society

Sheila Woolf

The logo for the Stoneleigh History Society is a horizontal, slightly curved rectangular box with a light beige background and a thin brown border. The text "Stoneleigh History Society" is written in a dark red, serif font, centered within the box.

Stoneleigh History Society

As the October News goes to press, Stoneleigh History Society members and the SMVC are in the midst of rehearsals for "1000 Years of Stoneleigh", to be performed on Friday 24th September to a sell-out crowd. We are really looking forward to gathering together at long last, and celebrating village life after such a long period of time being apart due to the pandemic. A report will appear in the next edition.

On Tuesday 28th September, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we are holding our first "live" meeting since February 2020, when David Morse will give us a presentation on the Warwickshire Home Guard. New members are always very welcome.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

Pete Freeman

With apple harvesting already commenced, it is worth considering when the various varieties are ready to be picked. Apple varieties are broadly grouped into early, middle and late. Stoneleigh Orchard contains a mix of varieties from all three groupings. Our early varieties such as Katie and Hunt's Early are dessert apples which can be harvested and pressed towards the end of August.

To test if an apple is ready to be picked, I cut it in two parts and look at the colour of the seeds. If the apple is ripe then the white seeds will have turned brown, and the apple starch will have been converted into sugars such as fructose. The conversion of starch to sugars can also be checked by pipetting iodine on the apple flesh and observing the colour change; starch shows as navy blue, however, I prefer to avoid any chemistry and normally use the former method.



Our cider apples, Morgan Sweet and Tom Putt, are generally classed as early which can be harvested in the second week of September, whereas middle varieties like Yarlington Mill are harvested later in the month. Late varieties such as our main stay Dabinett and Stoke Red apples have harvests that can last into the latter weeks of October and occasionally into November.

I tend to aim for a fermentation container with a mix of sweet, sharp and bitter flavours and this is achieved by pressing and adding the correct apple in carefully blended proportions.

The timescales for the above vary a great deal and are subject to the weather experienced throughout the year. A long hot summer can mean an earlier harvest whilst a cool summer such as this year, can often lead to a protracted and late harvest.

So, the Orchard Group may be working into the late Autumn. I am sure that the orchard will also be subject to storm events which will require a speedy intervention when it comes to harvesting. Having already processed the early dessert varieties, harvesting is scheduled to get into full swing from the third week of September onwards. This is when you will find us in the fields should you want to participate!

Orchard Friends' annual subscriptions 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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Richard Hancox (Treasurer), Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk



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STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Pat Wightman

The choir's expectations for after the summer break have only partially been realised. We had all hoped that our meetings would be back to normal, but this has not been the case. In early September, when weather permitted, we sang outside on the patio. On inclement Thursday afternoons, we are using the hall following very strict guidelines in order to give maximum protection to our members.

We are currently going ahead with two events in the Village Hall - a Fashion Show in October and our annual Quiz Night in November. The fashion show, presented by Wanda Fashions of Dunchurch, will take place on Tuesday 5th October. There will be a complimentary glass of wine and the opportunity to buy or order any of the garments, beautifully modelled by courageous members of the choir, with a reduction of 10% off. Tickets for this event are £8.00 and numbers are limited so early booking is advised by e-mailing tinekegibbs@gmail.com

The popular quiz night is scheduled for Friday 12th November and will include the usual fish and chip supper. It goes without saying that flexibility is the key word in all our future plans so they may be subject to change.

Work has begun on some Christmas music in the hope that we can stage some sort of concert in December. If all else fails, we are hoping to raise some money for charity by singing carols at Tesco Shopping Centre.

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 e-mail our Secretary at sharronmced@gmail.com

Stoneleigh W.I.

Verona Newbold



On October 4th we will be having our monthly meeting in Stoneleigh Village Hall. We will be welcoming new members and there will be a talk by Jennie Beaumont entitled 'Myths of the Food Industry'.

The Craft Group are back for their weekly Monday morning sessions and are looking forward to a visit from Mark Francis, a recent contestant on the TV show 'Sewing Bee'.


The Art Group now meets on Monday afternoons and recently a few members had an enjoyable afternoon visiting Compton Verney to see the 'Seasons' exhibition.

The Book Club is up and running and are planning to meet every other month.

The Wine Food and Garden group is a new venture. We are meeting on Tuesday 28th September 2021. The theme of the evening is 'Autumn Harvest'. We would like to thank Stoneleigh Village Club for hosting the occasion and the Stoneleigh Community Orchard, Farmers Fayre and Aubrey Allen for their generous support.

'Singing for Pleasure' is another new venture that will take place each Tuesday afternoon in Stoneleigh Village Hall beginning on Tuesday 5th October 2021. Jean Lord will be the Musical Director and will make sure we have a good time with words and music. There will also be a break to enjoy refreshments and a chat.

We already have 50 Members, and if you are interested in joining us you are most welcome. Please contact Verona Newbold for further information on verona.newbold@gmail.com



Stoneleigh WI

CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

Craft, art, homemade preserves & chutneys, cakes,
books, bric-a-brac., plants

Tea & coffee £1 Cake £1

Stoneleigh Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon

Friday 5th November 2021

Friday 10th December 2021

Everyone welcome!
Sit and enjoy meeting your friends.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 14th 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. We will be joined by representatives from HS2 contractor, BBV, who will be giving details of some of the upcoming planned work in the area.

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.

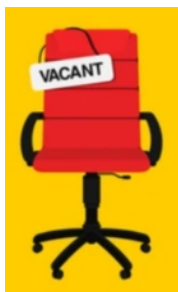
At the PC meeting in September, it was confirmed that there are no further updates for the Birmingham Road closure as yet. Warwickshire County Councillor, Wallace Redford, is looking into potential funding to cover the estimated £30,000 costs. It is unlikely that the road will be closed before January 2022 and the closure will then be in place until the Summer of 2023. During the last six months of that time, Warwickshire County Council will carry out a full evaluation of the closure and decide whether it will remain in place permanently.

Parish Councillors acknowledged the increase in the volume of traffic coming through the village in the last few weeks, and the issues that this is causing around speed and heavy good vehicles using the bridge. The Parish Council will contact Warwickshire police to see how this can be addressed.

It was noted that there has been an increase in the amount of fly-tipping in the area. Residents are reminded that all incidents should be reported to Warwick District Council, including if possible, the date, time and place of occurrence, the vehicle type, colour and registration, a brief description of the person fly-tipping and a photo of the fly-tipping.



This can all be uploaded on a form available at www.warwickdc.gov.uk - search for "fly-tipping".



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 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.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk
stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.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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Stoneleigh Village Club
Est. 1856



Stoneleigh Village Club Update

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub

Autumn is approaching, and with it the nights are drawing in. Thankfully, Stoneleigh Village Club is open, extending a warm welcome to all members and visitors.

Quiz, Saturday 23rd October

We have exciting news for October. Dave and Tracy Brown are hosting one of their legendary quizzes on Saturday 23rd October commencing at 7.00pm. Please register your teams at the Club where full details of entry cost, which includes a hearty supper, will be found.

Holiday Cover Bar Staff

Operating as a small village club, our ability to open when our regular staff take their holidays is dependent on us having a pool of trained people stepping in to work behind the bar. With this in mind we are looking to recruit additional bar staff to run the bar during these times. Full training will be provided. Rates of pay are very competitive. If you or anybody you know is interested, please email us at the following email address and we will get back to you:

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com

A reminder of our opening hours:-

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	5.00pm – 9.00pm*
Thursday	6.00pm – 10.00pm
Friday	4.00pm – 10.00pm
Saturday	3.00pm – 10.00pm
Sunday	12.00pm – 8.00pm*
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Regards, Your Club Committee

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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.

All details correct at time of printing, but please check locally as the
COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting many events.

The November 2021 edition will be compiled by
Sarah Ballinger

All copy should be sent to the editor's email address:
sarahjballinger@gmail.com

Copy deadline: 18th October 2021



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



Services for October 2021

Sunday 3 rd	11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 10 th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 th	11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 24 th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers
Funerals

Wednesday 25th August 2021

Dr. James Stuart McIntosh - Funeral Service at Stoneleigh Church

Thursday 16th September 2021

Margaret Pettipher - Funeral Service at Stoneleigh Church

Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Ashow: Kate Jones 01926 853511 and Anne Gregory 01926 717084
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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

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

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