

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



NOVEMBER 2021



“The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

**** A second defibrillator can be found in the Village Hall ****

Stoneleigh History Society

Our September meeting, the first “live” one since February 2020, was a lively and interesting one, when David Morse spoke to us about Warwickshire’s Home Guard, firmly “putting to bed” received opinions derived from Dad’s Army! It was good to see so many people there, including new members, especially as the weather was absolutely terrible!

We meet again at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, on Tuesday October 26, with a return visit by Dr Richard Churchley, speaking on “Old Pubs and Lost Hostelrys – their history, strange names and stories”. It sounds fascinating!

Finally I should like to say thank you once more to all those who contributed in so many ways to “One Thousand Years of Stoneleigh.” Members of the History Society, the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, the bell-ringers and many more – all gave of their time, energy and talents to make the evening a very special one. I was exhausted, but immensely proud of you all!

Sheila Woolf

Chairman of Stoneleigh History Society

A STONELEIGH TRIUMPH

More history was made in Stoneleigh on 24th September as the Stoneleigh History Society celebrated its tenth anniversary with an evening called “One Thousand Years of Stoneleigh”. The show was complemented by music from members of the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, together with soloist Jinty Cotton and organist Susan Spencer.

Sheila Woolf, who has led the Society since its inception, devised a programme featuring Stoneleigh residents through the centuries, in most cases using words from original documents, read by members. These were interspersed with songs and music appropriate to the time,

including 'The Coventry Carol'. Audience participation was encouraged as the twentieth century was reached and a medley of war time songs was included. The show ended with 'There'll always be a Stoneleigh' which Sheila had adapted from 'There'll Always be an England'.

The show provided an entertaining journey through history and the audience learned a great deal about their surroundings and the contributions made by some of the names on tombs and gravestones, by previous occupants of the older buildings, and those who had farmed the land, plied their trades and died for their country.



Sheila Woolf presenting the cheque to the Mayor of Kenilworth

This was a charity event and the Mayor of Kenilworth was presented with a cheque for £1200 for his charities – Kenilworth Youth Well-Being Hub and Compassionate Kenilworth. The Society was also pleased to be able to make a donation of £250 to Stoneleigh Church, where the event was held.

Sheila was presented with a gift from SHS members and Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir in recognition of her huge contribution to the Society so far, and to recognise her tremendous work in devising the show.

Margaret Wallis
Stoneleigh History Society

Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Update

As the apple harvest of Autumn 2021 draws to a conclusion and given that this year marks the Orchard's tenth anniversary, there is some time to reflect on the journey to date, as well as start to discuss and plan for the next decade.

The Stoneleigh orchard has moved on at great pace since its inception in 2011 as a community-based initiative with little structure or formality. One of the founding objectives of the orchard is to be self-financing through the sale of cider. This necessitated the orchard's transition into a community interest company in 2018.

In many ways Stoneleigh Community Orchard has been a great success, though with this comes challenges. As the harvest and consequent processing continues to grow year on year community involvement has started to recede as the magnitude of the task becomes apparent and assumes the proportions of an industrial exercise. So it is natural that ever smaller numbers of villagers participate when it comes to harvesting. I'd like to pay tribute to those who have helped this year with a special mention to the ever present John Churchley, his partner Laura Elliot as well as the much appreciated help of Adrian Clarke & his colleague Ed Coleman who put in a shift to help us over the line.



Apples awaiting a pressing

As this article is being written there is on completion in excess of 1000 litres fermenting in containers. This exceeds our previous harvest of 2020 which fell just short of 1000 litres so the harvest of 2021 can be considered to be record breaking! It can be very easy on occasions to simply cast an eye over figures without considering the underlying story of the

effort involved in reaching such proportions so illustrations have been included in order to give some scale to a single pressing event of which there were about seven or eight from memory.

The board of the Orchard will shortly be in discussion about the future in which questions about how the Orchard will be managed and operated during the next ten years can be addressed.

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2022 for will cost £10 and can be given to Pete Freeman as Chairman or to Richard Hancox as Treasurer. A cheque 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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*Celebrating Harvest of
2021*

Pete Freeman
Chairman

Stoneleigh WI

At long last we are getting back to normality. Our usual monthly meeting and also many other events were well attended.

At the end of October we had a wine, food and garden event in the village club. It was a very enjoyable evening when our members could enjoy a glass of Stoneleigh cider, donated by the Orchard, also lovely cheeses donated by Farmer's Fayre and Aubrey Allen and bread from Baker's Dozen. Our dear friend, Nora, told us about the orchard and how it was set up.



Our craft group, on Monday mornings in the hall, has restarted. They have been making some lovely Christmas cards using coloured threads, and also covering Christmas boxes for the appeal for presents for disadvantaged children.

Events over the coming months:

Friday November 5th - Coffee morning in the hall – all welcome.
There will be art, craft and produce on sale.

Monday November 8th - Trip to Evesham Country Park.

Wednesday November 10th -The book club is meeting
The current book is Silk Dreams, Troubled Road by Jonny Bealby.

Friday December 3rd -Food and wine evening in the hall at 7pm.

Friday December 10th -Make 'fresh' Christmas decorations in the Village Hall, mulled wine will be served.

Our monthly meetings will be on:
November 1st - AGM, December 6th, January 10th

There is a lot going on – you are all welcome.

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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.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



HS2 Update

(Also see the Parish Council item on page 14)

The Parish Council and StAG are in contact with the HS2 Ltd. contractors, 'new' BBV and 'old' LM. A recent good result was the speedy change to road closures on the B4115, B4113, Dalehouse Lane, and the ongoing work on the A46 roundabout, all of which were planned in parallel from 18 October. Within 24 hours of discussion with BBV and LM the closures were withdrawn, dates staggered and timescales shortened, thus avoiding some local traffic problems. Sadly, Warwickshire County Council's filter of events had not picked up the potential problems so local knowledge and action saved the day.

Meanwhile, residents were circulated with updates from HS2 Ltd. outlining plans and dates from work, and some AA signs were erected so it is unclear exactly what will happen during the next wave of works but residents need to be aware that disruptions are likely to take place regularly, with consequent knock on effects on traffic through the village and surrounding area.

The PC has requested an official update from WCC and an announcement is expected shortly, including more efforts to keep HS2-associated HGV vehicles away from the village. Thanks continue to Sue, Martin and other road watchers as the evidence they provide greatly enhances our case.

Two recent B4115 site meetings and the PC meeting on 14 October further clarified the local vegetation work, including assurances given on the next number of clearances. The result is a big limitation of removal and promise of clarification of any new tasks that might be required. At last direct contact with works teams had been established. Unfortunately this comes too late to stop a considerable amount of what turns out to be unnecessary vegetation clearance!

Attempts are being made to get action at the planning stage so that noise can be considered; 6 receptors to monitor noise in our area have been promised for 8-10 weeks. Watch this space! Negotiations on the covenant and access from the construction site to the A46 are being considered, very slowly..

Finally, on a national level, the Party Conferences featured considerable concerns about the HS2 project, the main outcome being the likely cancellation of the Leeds leg due to escalating costs.

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)

With thanks to Anthony Bianco



POPPY APPEAL 2021

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.*

These familiar words will be spoken on Armistice Day, November 11th and on Remembrance Sunday, November 14th at countless services of Remembrance throughout the world.

This year poppies will be on sale from Saturday, October 30th. House to house collections will take place in both Stoneleigh and Ashow. Poppies will also be on sale in various places in the two villages. I hope you will support this very worthwhile cause.

Kate and Philip Jones

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinators



Stoneleigh

Male Voice Choir



On Friday 24th of September the choir were delighted to be part of the celebration commemorating 1000 years of Stoneleigh. It was wonderful to be back performing in front of a live audience after such a long time.

The choir is rehearsing for our Christmas Concert which will take place on 8th December at Stoneleigh Abbey in the Riding Stables. Further details regarding the concert will be announced later.

The choir is pleased to be taking part in the licensing service of the Rev. Petrica in Stoneleigh Church on Monday 29th November.

The choir has also resumed rehearsals for our show, which hopefully will take place in 2022.

Philip Jones
(Chairman SMVC)

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Sarah Ballinger
who would like to thank all contributors.
It can also be viewed on the village website
www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk and Stoneleigh Village Facebook page

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Parish Council News

Meetings

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 11th 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.

At the PC meeting in October we were joined by Mark Fox and Sara-Louise Lee of HS2 contractors, BBV to give an update on works in the area. A copy of the presentation will be available on the Parish Council website. They focused on the issue of vegetation clearance in the area, confirming that most work has now been done. They also covered a number of issues raised by Councillors, including clarity and accuracy of mapping in the area, access to the HS2 compound on Ashow Road and charitable work that BBV are undertaking with the Kenilworth-based charity, Helping Hands. They asked if there were other good causes in the parish that BBV could contribute towards. Councillor Hancox suggested that it would be beneficial to the residents if signage could be provided for construction traffic to avoid local roads.

BBV will be updating the Parish Council at every other meeting for the time being, so we will see them again at the meeting on December 9th. If residents have ideas about local good causes BBV could support or alternatively any questions they would like raised to BBV regarding works in the area, please just contact the Clerk via stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Warwick District Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Wright updated the Parish Council about the proposed merger of Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council to create one South

Warwickshire Council. There is currently a consultation open to gather residents' views and the Councillors encourage everyone to participate and put forward their views on the merger. Further information can be found at [South Warwickshire Consultation](#)

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.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk

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

*** STOP PRESS ***

Warwick District Council have just informed us that the next green bin collection will be on 8 November!! Grey and red bins will be collected as usual.'

Hannah Watts
Parish Clerk



*Cover Photo by Emma Ballinger
Autumn Flowering Crocus taken at
Hidcote Manor gardens*

JOB VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK / RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER - STONELEIGH AND ASHOW PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Clerk for Stoneleigh and Ashow Joint Parish Council. This is a permanent, part-time position working from home, for an average of 15 hours per week.

This is an excellent opportunity for the successful candidate to be involved in local issues, providing administrative and financial support to a friendly and welcoming Parish Council.

There is one meeting per month which is held in the evening (except for August when there is no meeting).

Key duties include:

- Producing agendas and minutes for monthly Council meetings.
- Managing the Parish Council website
- Managing budgets and keeping financial records including monitoring and balancing the Council's accounts.
- Ensuring compliance with all statutory provisions and requirements.

The salary will range from £10.44 to £11.53 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience.

The closing date for applications is 10th November 2021 and interviews will take place online (via zoom) during the week commencing the 15th November 2021. Ideally the successful candidate will be available to start shortly after appointment, with handover provided by the current Clerk.

To apply please send your CV and a covering letter to

stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com

Or post a CV and letter to Mrs Hannah Watts,
PO Box 6578, Rugby CV21 9QS.

Stoneleigh Village Club

Stoneleigh Village Club Est. 1856

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stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com



Quiz, Saturday 23rd October

By the time you read this news update, the club quiz will have taken place. All of the team entries were taken up very quickly and we will report back in the December news updates, including the winning team.

Hallowe'en Children's Party and evening Monster Ball, 30th October

The club is hosting a children's Hallowe'en party commencing 5.00pm on Saturday 30th October. This is a free event for members and members' families and includes a buffet. There will be games, prizes for the best outfit and best carved pumpkin.

Moving on into the evening the Monsters' Ball will scare and entertain all those that enter. So, dig out those costumes, as prizes will be awarded to the best dressed and most spooky.

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 to Thursday	6.00pm – 10.00pm
Friday	4.00pm – 10.00pm
Saturday	3.00pm – 10.00pm
Sunday	12 noon – 8.00pm

Sky Sports and terrestrial TV sporting fixtures including Premier League football are available at all times.

Regards

Your Club Committee



Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

The choir is continuing with Christmas music and plans which sadly cannot be confirmed at this time. However, we proceed with optimism and one or two ideas are being explored.

The choir will be singing for charity at Cannon Park Shopping Centre on Saturday 4th December and it has also been invited to return to the University Hospital at Walsgrave to sing live in the atrium at a date to be fixed. We are also looking into the possibility of a Sing-a-Long Carol Evening on the playing field behind the village hall. If permission is granted, we hope to invite the whole community to come along and join in. Words will be provided.

The charity fashion show presented by Wanda Fashions of Dunchurch was a huge success. Many beautiful outfits to suit every occasion, were expertly modelled for us and members of the audience were able to buy garments, hats, scarves and jewellery at the end of the evening. (*See photo below*). Numbers were restricted and all Covid regulations observed.



We are delighted to say that £250 has been donated to '3 Dads Walking' who are raising money for PAPYRUS, a charity working to prevent suicide in young people. Suicide is the biggest killer of under 35s in the UK. These three ordinary dads have joined together to walk a 300 mile route in memory of their three daughters who took their own lives.

Regretfully, the Quiz Night scheduled for 12th November has been cancelled until the Spring when we hope more people will be allowed to assemble in the hall.

The Stoneleigh Ladies Choir AGM took place on 21 October.

Pat Wightman

The Organists Entertain

Saturday 30th October 2021 at 3.30 pm, Stoneleigh Church

You will no doubt recall that at the end of 2020 our then organist, **Ron Binnie**, who had been with us for 10 years, tendered his resignation in order to pursue a position at another church which involved work with choirs.

When our new organist and Director of Music, **John Morris**, took up his post in March this year it was agreed that he and Ron would put together a short concert programme of music, based around our excellent organ, but regretfully this had to be postponed twice due to the restrictions of Covid.

In order to complete this concert before our new Priest-in-Charge takes office we have arranged for the concert to take place on Saturday afternoon, 30th October, starting at 3.30 pm.

It is likely to be an interesting and entertaining event with some lighter music included, and we hope that we may be joined by a few additional artists – subject to availability. It will last for about an hour and light refreshments (cup of tea/coffee etc.) will be available.

Admission will be free of charge!!. All are welcome.



News from Stoneleigh Church

We are delighted to announce that we now have a Licensing date for our new Priest in Charge for Stoneleigh and Ashow. It will take place in Stoneleigh Church on Monday 29th November at 7.30pm. We had hoped that it would be earlier in October, but unfortunately this had to be changed because the house which will become their new home, could not be made ready in time.

We look forward to welcoming Revd Petrica Bistran, and his wife Mirela to our Parishes. They will be with us in time to celebrate Christmas. An early, eagerly awaited present for us!

Churchyard

Do you like the tranquil beauty of Stoneleigh churchyard? Was it a refuge in the Pandemic Lockdown? Are any of your loved ones buried there? Do you love the timeless sense of eternity as you look at gravestones from centuries ago? Well, if you do, would you like to help its preservation?

One of the old table tombs has collapsed and has temporarily been made safe. The family cannot be traced, and so the Church is responsible for its restoration. Quite simply we cannot afford it!

We are exploring other possibilities, one of which is Crowd Funding. Would you like to help us with a donation for this work? large or small? No matter how small. If you can, please get in touch with us, through June Burr (024 76415506)

God Bless

Stoneleigh Churchyard Working Party

Please come along and help on Saturday 30th October 9.30am to 12 noon for the Stoneleigh Churchyard working party. Refreshments will be available, free of charge as before, COVID guidelines permitting.
Everyone Welcome.

Here is another piece of good news from our Church!



At the beginning of the year we announced that Councillor David Skinner had been awarded an MBE. Well here it is; a picture of it hanging on the wall in David's house!

Well done David! You have earned it, and must be very proud of it, as we are of you!


IT Warriors required

Stoneleigh Church is in the process of upgrading their Audio Visual system within the building and are looking for people, possibly of a younger age profile, to join a team that would be interested in developing and progressing this technology.

Ideally we are looking for a team of about 5 or 6 people who have an interest in this type of IT. They would meet at intervals to formulate and develop a strategy and would be required to take it in turns on a rota basis to operate the equipment at services.

If you feel this would be of interest to you in developing your skills and also serving the community in Stoneleigh, please contact **Richard Ashley on 07708 097187**. A knowledge of Easy Worship 2 software would be an advantage but is by no means essential.

June Burr, Gordon Gatward and Richard Ashley
on behalf of Stoneleigh Church



Dearest friends and family

We would love you to join us
for a celebration of life
and to pay our last respects
to our beloved

Iris Bessie Smith

on Friday **3rd December 2021**
in Stoneleigh Church
at **12pm**

Afterwards we warmly invite you to come
with us to -Stoneleigh Village Club- to ponder
and remember 97 years full of
loving memories and stories together.

We would appreciate you letting us know if you
will be able to attend or not by the 25th
November

Please email Carol directly if you are able to attend.
Email: carolumlauf@web.de



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



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 1st	7.00 pm All Souls Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 7th	10.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Ashow
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday 9.30 am Remembrance Service at Ashow 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 21st	11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 28th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Contacts

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Deputy Warden: Peter Shrimpton 01926 859404

Churchwardens:

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

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