

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2022



“The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”

In the phone box on The Green

Coordinator

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

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

Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Update

With the start of the year and the “Apple Wassail” well and truly behind us in the calendar, the group can start to plan for the coming year. This year of course marks the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and given this there may well be the opportunity to work closely with other village groups in order to celebrate this event.

Other decisions facing the Orchard board will be whether we agree to proceed to send a portion of the cider off to be “force-carbonated” and bottled? Readers may recall that we endeavoured to do this on a previous occasion back in 2018 and that this ended unsuccessfully when the bottling plant could only offer us unfavourable green bottles to contain our cider.

Just by way of explanation, carbonation is a method by which carbon dioxide (CO₂) is introduced into the cider in order to improve its flavour and make it bubble. Cider will most likely contain carbon dioxide naturally, but when it exceeds saturation, the cider will start to effervesce and give a prickly sensation to the palate. All levels of saturation will require a closed system to maintain the CO₂ in solution which could be screwcap, wired cork or a pressure keg. Carbonating artificially is what is almost always done commercially and is called “forced-carbonation”.

There is a counter argument in favour of undertaking the process of carbonation using the artisan techniques of racking into a bottle at an early stage of fermentation and maturing in the bottle or perhaps finishing the cider with champagne yeast. Either way this can be very labour intensive and getting the levels of gas in the cider correct can be a specialist task particularly when bottling large volumes. The economics of sending cider to a bottling plant may also not be favourable. These are all decisions that our small company have to consider and reach consensus on.

Finally, operational decisions may well have to be taken regarding how the processing element of the company runs going forward into the next decade given the scale of harvests and their expected future forecasts.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2022 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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Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Hancox,
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Pete Freeman
Chairman



HS2 Update

Road disruption and environmental damage remain throughout our area, as indeed they will do for the foreseeable future.

Anthony Bianco reports that after some 9 months of requests, the local team and Parish Council have now received agreement from HS2 Ltd and the contractors, BBV, that 3 sound receptors will be located in the parish area for 3-6 months. The purpose of these receptors is to provide baseline evidence. If proven, sound mitigation can be requested and then installed on the A46 and the compound area in order to reduce the increased sound and visual intrusion as a result of the tree removal by HS2 Ltd on both the A46 and the B4115 in the last 16 months which has adversely affected village life. It will also provide construction noise data required to meet environmental regulations.

This is only the first step. In the future the actual 'train noise' will be assessed, to ensure sound deadening is installed alongside the line between London and Birmingham.

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



Stoneleigh WI

It was so good to meet up again, face to face, in February. We had our monthly meeting on Monday afternoon for the first time.

After some discussion on the National resolutions, one of our members, Yvonne Brown, showed and told us about her collection of historic buttons.

The Craft and Art groups both met and were busy. The art group have been trying different mediums and the craft group made Valentine cards. They are planning to make items to decorate the village for the Queen's jubilee.

These groups meet each Monday in the hall; Craft Group starts at 9:30 am and the Art Group at 11:30 am.

The monthly meeting on Monday March 7th will be a late fish & chip lunch at 2pm, followed by the AGM. All are welcome.

Liz Sykes

A Printed Version Returns soon

Following the announcement in the February edition of the News, I am pleased to announce that it does look as though we shall be able to produce a print as well as an online version from April.

This will be for a trial period in order to test long term viability. Copies will be delivered to households within the confines of Stoneleigh and Ashow.

Those living further away will be able to collect copies from the village churches and clubs or from the Abbey.

Margaret Wallis

News Co-ordinator



ASHOW SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENT A

RACE NIGHT

INCLUDING A FISH & CHIP SUPPER

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH, 2022 • 7.30PM
ASHOW VILLAGE CLUB

TICKETS ONLY - £10.00

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TICKETS CONTACT
TONY IN THE CLUB



News from Stoneleigh Church

Christmas is a rapidly receding memory, and we are almost in Lent!

On February 6th we had a very well attended United Service when we celebrated the Queen's Accession to the throne 70 years ago! People shared memories of that day and also of the Coronation the following year. We also watched a short video of the Royal Show which illustrated Her Majesty's close connections with Stoneleigh and we finished with the National Anthem.

On February 10th Elizabeth and Napier Penlington celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Many congratulations to them! (Elizabeth is our Safeguarding Officer).



Finally, last weekend, David Skinner, received his MBE at an Investiture at Windsor Castle!

Our congratulations to him.

June Burr
on behalf of Stoneleigh Church

Village Club Update

Stoneleigh Village Club Est. 1856

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com



As we move into March of this year, the committee and staff are working hard behind the scenes to put on events to keep the Club busy. The Club like all homes and businesses is seeing its costs rise with inflation. The best way forward to keep our drink and snack prices stable is a busy Club. So we encourage all members to support us and if anyone would like to join the please see a member of the bar staff or email :-

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com. The cost of membership is currently £12.00 per person per year.

With view to keeping the Club busy we holding regular events as described below :-

The weekly meat raffle has been reinstated, £2.00 per ticket, first prize is a “dinner platter” second prize is a “breakfast platter”. Tickets are available behind the bar, cash or card. The prizes are drawn each Friday at 7.00pm. The meat is top quality and all of the lucky prize winners have looked very happy with their haul of meat. The picture below is of member Eian Mariller, looking extremely pleased with his first prize platter.



We intend to hold regular Saturday evening quizzes. They are so popular, that within a couple of days of being announced all places are generally taken up. The team signup sheet is located on the bar, again another incentive to visit us regularly to ensure your team is registered.

The next quiz is scheduled for Saturday 5th March 7.00pm with all ten team places taken up. We do thank you for the support. Below is a picture from the last quiz, which was challenging. The Club chairman looks suitably baffled from another tricky question, delivered by quiz the masters, Tracey Carter and Julie Whatmore.



The Club is currently adorned with Six Nations bunting as we are showing the rugby games. For the opening Saturday we put on a “pop up BBQ” and avid rugby fans were able to purchase very reasonably priced burger and hotdogs.

A big thanks to committee members Ali Whatmore and Eian Mariller for putting on the BBQ.

Queen’s Jubilee Celebration

As mentioned in last month’s edition. The Club is coordinating the Stoneleigh Village, Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event.

The event is scheduled to take place on the afternoon and evening of Friday 3rd June, a designated bank holiday. The event will be along the lines of a traditional street party outside of the Club, with family activities and entertainment outside of the Club and in the meadow. It will be open to all village residents and members.

We have held an initial meeting of the various village groups and societies. All have enthusiastically pledged to support the day. We hope this event, as well as celebrating the Queen’s reign of 70 years, will bring the village together after the dark days of the pandemic.

We are planning to leaflet drop the village in the near future with the event details and a reply slip to enable us to work out our catering requirement. If you would like to volunteer to help with the running of the event, please email stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com.

Lastly, if there are any budding performers out there, be it dance, music or anything else we would love to hear from you as it would be great to have some home-grown talent performing on the day.

Your committee



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir



The choir held its AGM on Wednesday, February 16th in the village hall. There was a very good attendance.

The officers Chairman Philip Jones, Secretary David Critchley, Treasurer Jim Easter were re-elected as were the Committee Judy Hadfield, Mike Baker, Marcus Kendal, Bill McCutcheon, Geoff Mexson, Rod Owen and Phil Weare.

In his report our musical director, Alan Biddle summarised the past year when rehearsing continued through Zoom , then the patio at the village hall and finally inside the hall. Our enthusiasm never wavered. The chairman thanked Judy Hadfield and Alan Biddle, our M.D. for their hard work and continued enthusiasm and every member of the choir for their efforts throughout the year.

Since September the choir has performed 4 times to a live audience and raised over £3,000 for local charities.

The choir has now raised over £150,000 for local charities, an amazing achievement. Our choir's aims are:

1. To enjoy singing and provide fellowship to each other.
2. To raise funds for worthy causes.
3. To bring fun and laughter into the lives of others through our concerts and shows.

We are busy rehearsing for our joint concert with a Welsh choir from Bridgend, Bois Goetre Hen ar Cylch, which takes place on Saturday, April 2nd in Stoneleigh Church. See next page for where to purchase tickets. The concert is to raise money for the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, Earlsdon.

This will be our first concert of 2022 and hopefully the first of many. Keep safe and well.

Philip Jones
Chairman



An Evening of
Music and Song
with
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
and
Bois Goetre Hen ar Cylch
at
Stoneleigh Church
on
Saturday, April 2nd 2022, 7.30pm

*Tickets: £15 includes
a glass of wine and light refreshments*

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or any other choir member.

*Proceeds to
Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, Earlsdon.*

Parish Council Notes

Meetings

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 10th March 2022 to be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm.

To view the full details of this and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council website at:

www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk.

At our meeting in February, the Parish Council discussed the celebrations to be held in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr W Redford informed the Parish Council that an inspection of Crewe Lane had been carried out by officers of WWC and the repairs have been actioned. In addition to the pothole repairs, Cllr W Redford notified the PC that WCC will be depositing materials into the sides of the road in order to reduce the ruts that have formed.

BBV are planning to place noise monitoring equipment at various sites in Stoneleigh. Once a number of sites has been identified they will survey each one and choose the three most appropriate locations. The equipment is approximately the size of a brief case and solar powered. If you are willing to have a receptor placed within your property boundary, please contact the clerk for further information on stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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.

We still have 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, come along to one of the meetings to see what is involved or contact the clerk on the email address below.

Becky Maoudis

Parish Clerk

stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Film Night

For our next film night, we will be showing:
(using the new sound system and projector!)



Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (**Helen Mirren**), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (**Ryan Reynolds**), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures.

**Friday March 4th 2022 in
Stoneleigh Village Hall
Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing**

To be more Covid secure we will space tables into groups and request that you bring a cup and plate.
Coffee and pastries will still be served in the interval.

Ticket prices remain the same:
£3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire

**To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315 by
Wednesday March 2nd**



Tours of Stoneleigh Abbey

Are you new to the village and interested in learning something about the history of Stoneleigh Abbey and its estate? Or have you lived here for some time and have "always meant to visit the abbey"?

I shall be giving a tour of the abbey at 2pm on Thursday March 17, Tuesday April 12 and Tuesday May 10, and will probably give more throughout the rest of the year. Message me or contact the abbey office on 01926 858535 for details. If these times are inconvenient and you would like to get a group of friends together for a visit, let me know.

Beginning in April I shall also be giving some talks at the abbey: see separate advert on page 15/16

Everyone welcome!

Sheila Woolf



Stoneleigh Abbey

A season of talks for 2022



On the third Wednesday of the month, from April to July, there will be a series of talks given at 2pm in the Gilt Hall by Sheila Woolf

Admission £7.50 which includes Grounds Entry.
The Vaulted Hall Tea room will be open for refreshments following the talk.

Reserve by calling Reception: 01926 858535

April 20 – Queen Victoria and the People's Park

In 1858 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert travelled to Warwickshire to open the People's Park at Aston Hall. They stayed at Stoneleigh Abbey and made visits to Birmingham, Kenilworth and Leamington during their three day visit. This talk uses the accounts of the visit written by Lord Leigh's sisters, and the Queen herself. In this updated talk we find out how the people of Warwickshire greeted the royal couple.

May 18 - Faith and Fortune -Alice, Kate and a couple of Bob (s)

The turbulent times of early 17th century Catholics and Protestants are crystallised in the story of the Gunpowder Plot. Two Leigh sisters married men at the heart of the struggle: Robert Catesby and Robert Dudley (the younger). At the heart of the Warwickshire gentry, what became of them all, and what do their stories tell us about those times?

June 15 - A History in Glass

The stained glass at Stoneleigh Abbey is of enormous importance, revealing connections between the Leighs and the great families of England, from medieval times to the eighteenth century. Take a short walk through the parts of the building not normally open to the public, and discover the stories behind the glass .

July 20 – Caring for the Community

How did the Leigh family care for the people who lived and worked on their estate? This talk looks at the institutions in the village of Stoneleigh which bear the hallmark of the Leighs' benevolence: church, almshouses, school , club and inn – and even a workhouse! The Leighs' notebooks, detailing villagers' families and housing, give a unique insight into the connection between the "big house" and its main estate village.



Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

Since settling into the new year, the choir has enjoyed meeting on a regular basis, not only to sing but to celebrate their friendship and reflect and plan for the future.

The year started in January with the 'Christmas' lunch at the Kenilworth Golf Club. Of course, last year's lunch was cancelled due to Covid so it was really enjoyable to be able to meet socially.



The choir is breaking with tradition this year and rather than perform one fundraising concert, we are taking ourselves out and about to sing in various locations - pretty much to anyone who would like us to sing for them. We are also

hoping to take part in the village Street Party in June.

Looking further ahead, next year will be the choir's 10th Anniversary and we have already started to plan ways of making this a very special year. We would be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas and/or requests to mark the occasion.

We are always very happy to welcome back old members to the choir and to recruit new ones. We currently have vacancies for anyone who enjoys singing – there is no audition and no requirement to read music. We meet in the Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (term time only) and we also have an active social life, so if you enjoy the company of like-minded women email our secretary Sharron on sharronmcd@gmail.com and come and join us.

Pat Wightman

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Stoneleigh 1952-2022

A People's History

Have you lived in Stoneleigh for a very long time? Perhaps your parents or grandparents lived here too?

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Stoneleigh History Society would like to hear some of your stories/memories of village life over the past 70 years.

The village has changed so much during the Queen's reign – what do you remember about its housing, school, forge, shop, post office, village hall, garage? Who are the memorable "characters" from days gone by?

Were you one who first moved in to new houses in Hall Close or Stoneleigh Close? Have you moved to a house which has needed huge renovations?

If you can help, please contact me or any member of the Stoneleigh History Society. We should love to see photos, but also to receive written accounts. If you would like to chat over a drink, we should be happy to record your memories, with your permission of course.

A "memory file" will then be on show in the Club over the Jubilee Weekend; come along and reminisce!

Sheila Woolf

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Stoneleigh History Society

In January we held what I hope will be the last of our Zoom meetings! They have been an excellent way of remaining in contact during the pandemic, but it will be good to resume “live” meetings from this month...

By the time this magazine is published we will have already held the February meeting in which Jill Kashi, Chair of the Westwood Heath History Group and a guide at Baddesley Clinton, gave the sequel to the talk she gave the Society two years ago about life “below stairs” in the late 19th/early 20th c. February’s talk was on 60 years of Change: Working Life at Baddesley Clinton 1923-1980.

On Tuesday March 29th we hold our AGM which will be followed by a talk from Peter Huxford entitled ‘ 150 years since the Foundation of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage’. All visitors will be made very welcome.

Sheila Woolf

Chairman Stoneleigh History Society

This issue was compiled by 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

The April edition will be compiled by

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Advertisements accepted at the editor’s discretion, subject to magazine
policy and available space

Stoneleigh and the *Dialect and Heritage Project* – can you help?

In the 1950s researchers from the University of Leeds came to Stoneleigh to find and interview local dialect speakers as part of their research for the Survey of English Dialects. The researchers wanted to create a post-war picture of dialect in England, to capture distinctive local speech before it was eroded by social change.

The survey took several dialect fieldworkers to over 300 mainly rural locations across the country, including many villages in the West Midlands area, in the counties around Birmingham. The aim of the project was to document the different words, pronunciations and grammatical forms used by people throughout England. The Warwickshire villages surveyed were Stoneleigh, Hockley Heath, Aston Cantlow, Nether Whitacre, Shipston-on-Stour and Lighthorne.

The information collected by the survey has informed dialect research in England ever since and led to important publications such as the *Survey of English Dialects Dictionary* and the *The Linguistic Atlas of England*.

Today, a follow-up University of Leeds dialect project is trying to trace any descendents or relatives of the Stoneleigh men originally interviewed and would like to find people who may remember them or their families. If you could help with this, please get in touch (contact details below).

Three men were interviewed for the survey in 1956: George Hancox who was 78 at the time, Sidney (Syd) Rench, aged 65, and Harry Morris, aged 74. All three men were married but we don't know if they had children or not. George Hancox worked as a forester and fencer on the Stoneleigh Abbey estate.

Sidney Rench was a local newsagent for 40 years and his family had lived in the village for over 200 years.

Henry Morris worked on the local estate and also as a plumber and joiner.

Researchers at the University of Leeds are trying to trace these people as part of a new present-day Dialect and Heritage Project.

How much have local dialects changed since the mid-1950s? What is the current picture of English dialect? How do we speak today, what are our favourite words, and where did we get them from?

Today's University of Leeds Dialect & Heritage Project is revisiting the Survey of English Dialects research of the 1950s. Through working with partner museums (Avoncroft Museum near Bromsgrove is the partner museum for the West Midlands), the Dialect and Heritage project team is involving people from across the country in sharing their dialect – regardless of location, background, age or gender. The aim is to capture a snapshot of present-day dialect, in all its exciting diversity. A new dialect survey will soon be available for people to contribute their dialect words and stories online.

If you can help please get in touch by email: l.prescott@leeds.ac.uk For more information about the project please see:

https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1607/projects/181/dialect_and_heritage

Dr Leila Prescott



Signs of Spring,

Photograph
taken by editor

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Let us buzz on in!

HoneyBee HomeCare

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



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022

Wednesday 2nd	7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 6th	10.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Ashow
Sunday 13th	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20th	11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27th	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service at Ashow 11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers: Funerals

Thursday 3rd February 2022 – Dr Colin Charles Ecob - Funeral Service at Stoneleigh followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium.
Friday 11th February 2022 – Brenda Allcock – Funeral service at Stoneleigh followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium.
Wednesday 16th February – Christine Margaret Whitfield – Funeral Service followed by burial at Stoneleigh.

Contacts

Priest in Charge:

Reverend Petrica Bistran 07572193260 email: revpbistran@gmail.com

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

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

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www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12954 for Ashow