STONELEIGH & ASHOW News



APRIL 2022



"The Heart of Stoneleigh" Defibrillator

In the phone box on The Green

Coordinator
David Fllwood

07785 284482

Text if no reply

Trained Volunteers

John Churchley	07885 496795
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Laura Elliot 07738 222969

David Ellwood 07785 284482

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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.

Cover Image: Chestnut Cottage and daffodils.

WELCOME BACK TO PRINT!

By popular demand, this is the first printed version of Stoneleigh & Ashow News to appear since the pandemic began.

There is a separate note in this edition from our Treasurer explaining how you can enable us to continue to provide this service to the community beyond the probationary period.

If you do not want to receive a printed copy, please let Sheila Woolf, our Distribution Co-ordinator know as soon as possible, giving your name and address via shewoolf @hotmail.co.uk.

We could not have reached this stage had we not had the continued support of our Committee and team of editors, plus a new group of distributors who have kindly offered to help. Huge thanks are due to all of them.

We hope you enjoy having a printed copy to hand for reference. The online version will continue to be available on the village website www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk and Facebook page.

Margaret Wallis (News Co-ordinator)
mswallis1@gmail.com

A Request – Voluntary Contributions to S&A News

Stoneleigh and Ashow News is now returning to the production and distribution of a printed copy in addition to the online version still published at (http://www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk/)

Although our print numbers will be lower per month than pre-Covid days, the cost of printing is still our main outlay.

Without your support we cannot sustain the production of a printed version.

Many villagers much prefer a printed version, and some have difficulty accessing the online version.

If you are willing to support this voluntary village effort, please consider making a modest annual donation – typically £10 to £15 per annum was the norm prior to our shutdown!

A regular BACS transfer is by far the easiest for me to deal with. If you are willing to do this, please email me at bill.crofts@btinternet.com and I will send bank details.

However, if you prefer to send a cheque, please make the cheque to **S&A News** and post it to,
Dr Bill Crofts
North Lodge

Coventry Road Stoneleigh CV8 3DT

Thanks, in anticipation!

Bill Crofts Treasurer, S&A News

HS2 UPDATE

Margaret Wallis and Anthony Bianco (StAG)

Disruption continues in our area. There were some extra road closures (e.g. Stoneleigh Road/Kenilworth Road) due to additional tree felling required by HS2 following damage caused by recent storms.

It is regretted that the Stoneleigh crossroads are to be signalised with an expensive system starting now for some 2 years. It is to enable HS2 access to the A46 compound. This is as a result of the 4-year failure by HS2 to negotiate the purchase of the covenanted land north of the crossroads to allow compound access from the Stoneleigh Road and limit the use of the B4115. The solution again makes our community life more difficult and could have been avoided by better planning.

<u>Update on A46 noise</u>

The removal some 45 years' worth of roadside planting has exposed us to some unwelcome noise hazard from the A46. After 12 months of pressure from the Parish Council and our village team, representatives of HS2 Ltd and the contractors BBV, recently met online with a few residents who have indicated their willingness to host noise receptors on their properties. The purpose of this is to gather evidence to support of the erection of noise suppression systems along the A46. It is expected that property site visits will take place shortly.





STONELEIGH W.I.

Liz Sykes



Our March AGM started with some delicious fish and chips from Farmers' Fayre. We have successfully appointed a new committee and officers. Marie Nock was thanked for 'standing in' as president since November.

Concern was raised about the situation in Ukraine and how we could help any local refugees. The craft group are now busy making sunflower wreaths in aid of Ukraine. These are on sale at £15 and all proceeds will be sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee fund.

The craft group meet every Monday morning between 9:30 and 11:30. You can buy your wreath and join in with the crafts. Our ongoing project is to make decorations for the village to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.

The art group meet every Monday at 11:30. The ongoing project is using pastels. Again, all welcome.

Our April meeting is on the 4th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The title of the talk is 'Carriers of Hope'. This a local charity that supports refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants to our area. Please come and support this.

Nathan Biddle Electrician Domestic Installations Testing & Inspecting Rewires & Alterations P: 07525285819 E: NGB.electrical@hotmail.com

STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Pat Wightman

The choir is delighted to be taking part in the Stoneleigh Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Friday 3rd June. We shall be singing in the village during the late afternoon/early evening at this event.

We shall be singing for our supper with the ladies of the Stoneleigh WI on the evening of Monday 6th June. They are planning a celebration supper and have kindly invited us to join them after the concert.

After two years of Covid restrictions, we are happy to announce the return of the Quiz Night and fish and chip supper on Friday 6th May. This is always a fun night and attracts a full house so early booking is recommended. Tickets cost £10 (blame it on the price of cod) and are available from our Secretary whose contact details are below.

Since the last issue, we have welcomed a new member to the choir and there are still vacancies for anyone who enjoys singing. There are no auditions and no requirement to read music. We meet in the Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (term time only) and also have an active social life, so if you enjoy the company of like-minded women, email our Secretary Sharron on sharronmced@gmail.com and come and join us.

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At Baginton Nurseries

BEDDING PLANT SALE





10AM - 4 PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS BAGINTON NURSERIES

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STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Philip Jones

The choir is busy rehearsing for our first concert of 2022, with a Welsh Choir from Bridgend, "Bois Goetre Hen ar Cylch", on April 2nd in Stoneleigh Church. All the tickets have now been sold. We are looking forward to hearing the varied programme from both choirs.

After hearing from Jonathan Cousins about a Moldova and Ukraine project, the choir has donated £200 to the appeal. A very worthwhile cause.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Becky Maoudis, Parish Clerk

Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Thursday**, **14**th **April 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.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk.

At our meeting in March, we welcomed the Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe. The Parish Council raised concerns regarding the upcoming Gravity event due to be held at Stoneleigh Park on 10th July 2022 and the Kenilworth Show on 4th June 2022. Philip Seccombe assured the Parish Council that he would take their concerns on board.

Sergeant McMurray explained a new initiative from Warwickshire police called Operation Snap, where members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential moving traffic offences. This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists. Sergeant McMurray stated that Operation Snap can also be used to report HGV's traveling through the village via the Birmingham Road where a 2.5 tonne weight limit is in place.

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 - just search for 'Stoneleigh Ashow Parish Council'. You can message us or follow us. for the latest village and Council updates!

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KENILWORTH SHOW STONELEIGH ROAD, WARWICKSHIRE, CV8 3AY Saturday 4th June 2022

The Kenilworth & District Agricultural Society would like to give notice of our agricultural show which is being held within your village this year. The Kenilworth Show is a one-day agricultural show taking place on Saturday 4th June.

In previous years the show has been held just outside Stoneleigh Park but due to the ongoing HS2 works we have been forced to find an alternative site for it this year. Stoneleigh Park Estate have allowed us the use of a number of fields between the village of Stoneleigh and the A46.

Due to the show's very close proximity to your parish we wanted to assure you we shall be doing our very best to ensure the impact is kept to a minimum. We are working with a traffic management company with the aim of running a safe event with the traffic flow as fluid as possible.

The day after the show a memorial event is being held on the show site in memory of a young farmer who very recently took his life. This is a much smaller event, run by the family, with a limited attendance.

Despite all our efforts however there is still likely to be some disruption to the village, its residents and surrounding links. We really hope to have your support and understanding of both these events.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sam Evans (Kenilworth Show) info@kenilworthshow.co.uk

For more information visit our website

www.kenilworthshow.co.uk

FILM NIGHT

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

Mr Turner



This is a stunning and beautiful film. The eccentric British painter, J.M.W. Turner, is played by Timothy Spall. He lives his last 25 years with gusto and secretly becomes involved with a seaside landlady, while his faithful housekeeper (Dorothy Atkinson) bears an unrequited love for him.

Friday May 13th 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.

Entry price £4.00, to cover refreshments and room hire. To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315 by Wednesday May 11th.

Stoneleigh History Society

Members very much enjoyed the February talk, given by Jill Kashi, about the lives of those who inhabited and worked for Baddesley Clinton from the 1920s to the 1980s. By the time this magazine is published we shall have held our AGM and heard a talk by Peter Huxford on "150 years of Women's Suffrage".

Our next meeting is on April 26 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Roger Field, a retired police officer who volunteers for the Peel Society at Middleton Hall, will be speaking about the origins of our police force. All are welcome.

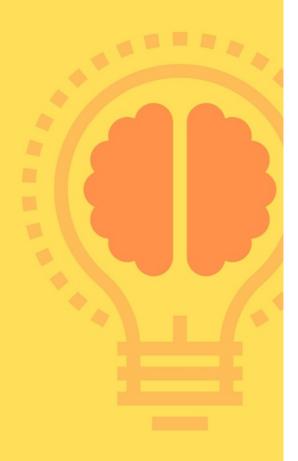
We are still collecting material for our "People's History 1952-2022", which celebrates life in Stoneleigh during the Queen's reign. The village has changed so much during these 70 years— what do you remember about its housing, school, forge, shop, post office, Village Hall, garage? Who are the memorable "characters" from days gone by?

If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible. I hope to have all materials by Easter, after which there will be a lot of work collating and displaying it.

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

> Sheila Woolf shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk 02476 418759

DOIZ NIGHT



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Ashow Village Club 7.30pm - Saturday 23rd April 2022

& CURRY SUPPER

Ashow Social Committee invite you and or your team to join us

TICKETS - £15.00 PER PERSON

Contact Tony in the Club to reserve your place/places

STONELEIGH ORCHARD UPDATE

Sharron McEldowney & Pete Freeman

It is with much thanks that the April article has been provided by Sharron McEldowney a founding member of the orchard group and a long-term supporter.

It is difficult to pinpoint when spring begins. In Stoneleigh I always think the first sign is the small leaf buds on the weeping willows by the river. Once they appear there follows a rush of renewal. In March the orchard trees begin to suggest blossom buds and thoughts turn to meadow flowers. The original plan for the village orchard was for an area of wild flowers at the field margin. This did not turn out to be a great success. We dug, removed grass sward and scattered seed, then waited... but the grass just grew back before the flowering plants had much of a chance. Pete even purloined a bucket full of yellow rattle seeds, a plant that is semi-parasitic on grass roots, and spread these at the field's edge. Sad to say the grass won again. The problem is that the orchard soil is very high in nutrients especially phosphorous and nitrogen, largely because of periodic flooding. This tends to favour faster growing plants such as grasses and nettles. Most meadow flowers are simply outcompeted.

You might think we have reached the end of the wild flower story but not so. I don't know if you have noticed but some wild flowers are beginning to sneak in of their own accord. Apart from meadow buttercup, cow parsley and cowbane, other flowers have emerged over the last year or so. The distinctive violet flowers of meadow crane's-bill, which change to seedpods shaped like a bird's beak, have appeared. I'm told that the meadow was once known as oxeye meadow, and the bright white flowers of the oxeye daisy are returning.

This month, I have seen more lesser celandine at the margins of the orchard than ever before, important for any queen bees that are out and about. It seems that our orchard trees are starting to change the soil environment around them allowing a greater diversity of plants to flourish. So, we plan to encourage these meadow flowers. Some of the margins of the meadow, where the wild flowers tend to grow, will not be cut until the flowers have seeded, perhaps until the last mow of the year.

We'll make sure that this does not interfere with the footpaths for your walks or when you are just wandering through the orchard. Fingers crossed that this will help wild flowers flourish in our village orchard for us all to enjoy.

Without the orchard trees none of this would be possible, of course. We can enjoy the orchard blossom and fruit because of a small band of committed and enthusiastic villagers who have planted, nurtured and tended the trees over the last decade or so. I have never really had the opportunity to thank them, and especially Pete and John, for all their efforts in making our village a far richer place. I am sure you agree that thanks is much deserved.

As a footnote to the above, it is the plan to make available 5 litre boxes of Stoneleigh Village Cider from early May onwards at a cost of £20 a box or £16 to "Friends of the Orchard".

Finally, readers may recall that the December 2021 edition of the S&A news carried an orchard article describing the intention to evolve the management of the Meadows and Orchard into a closer working orbit to be facilitated by the inclusion of Pete Freeman onto the Meadows. In the wake of a litany of complaints, this plan has been shelved by mutual consent. Stoneleigh Community Orchard will strive to find alternatives to meet the challenges that lie ahead.



Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals 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?

Pete Freeman(Chairman) 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh. PeteFreeman773@gmail.com.

Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk

DAVID VAUGHAN

At the very last moment as we were going to press we heard the very sad news of the death of David Vaughan, a long term champion of so many village causes. A proper tribute will be included in the next issue, but in the meantime we record our thanks for all David did for us, and send condolences to Jean and the family.

CRIME PREVENTION

Mike Evans

We are fortunate that Stoneleigh and Ashow have very low rates of crime, but it always pays to be vigilant.

With the recent spike in oil prices, and most homes in the area using home heating oil, it makes sense to take some basic precautions to prevent theft from heating oil tanks. At over £1 per litre, a 1500 litre oil tank has become an attractive proposition for thieves.

Some simple precautions:

- Fit a quality padlock 'close shackle' padlocks are most effective.
- Security lighting a motion-triggered light (rather than an 'always on' light) will deter thieves.
- Consider a tank alarm these work by sounding an alarm when the fuel level drops unusually quickly.
- Surround the tank with gravel for noisier footsteps.
- Defensive planting Not always possible, but planting thorny bushes near the tank will deter thieves as the chance of leaving behind a drop of blood or torn clothing is greater.

If you do spot something suspicious, report it to Warwickshire police by calling 101.

Stoneleigh Village Club Est. 1856



Stoneleigh Village Club Update

The club continues to get busier as members get used to the lifting of Covid restrictions. We hosted another of the popular quizzes on the 5th March. It was a tense affair with plenty of heated debate amongst team members and some red faces when answers were read out, including the club chairman who is still being reminded of the error of his ways! We have another quiz lined up for 23rd April, which just happens to be St George's Day. Please book early as it is already nearly sold out.

The meat raffle is proving a big success, £2.00 per ticket, remember first prize is a "dinner platter" second prize is a "breakfast platter" the draw is carried out at 7.00pm on Friday evening. A big thanks to all who support this, it does provide valuable funds for the club.

The club has hosted some lively 6 nations rugby events complete with BBQ and buffet suppers over the last few weeks. It was great to see the club buzzing with good natured banter as the sides slugged it out on the pitch.

By the time you read this article, on entering the club you will see some fabulous pictures of Stoneleigh adorning the wall either side of the large television. The photographic pictures were taken by Will Blagburn, the late husband of club member Nora Blagburn. Nora has very kindly let us use the photographic images which we have had enlarged and framed. Please take time to look at these pictures of our lovely village.

The Coventry Mummers will be performing the postponed Stoneleigh Christmas play outside the club on Easter Sunday 17th April at 12.30pm. Please come along and support this unique English village event. The club will be open from 12.00pm.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event, Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June

We have held a number of planning meetings to bring together the Stoneleigh Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee event to be held on Friday $3^{\rm rd}$ June, a bank holiday. The event will run from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the meadow and 4.00pm to 6.00pm outside the club, then $6.30 \, \text{pm} - 10.00 \, \text{pm}$ inside the club and is open to all club members. Further details of the day appear elsewhere in this edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News.

An event flyer and registration form for the event will hopefully have been distributed by the time you read this.

There is a lot of work involved in planning and running the event on the day. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com.

Regards, Your committee

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.

The May 2022 edition will be compiled by Kim and Martin Smith

All copy should be sent to the editor's email address: kim502@hotmail.co.uk or architect smith@yahoo.co.uk

Copy deadline: 18th April 2022



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!

tel: 01926 428509

E-mail: Jess@honeybeehc.co.uk

web: www.honeybeehc.co.uk



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- Quarter Page £25 (x10 editions), either sized as

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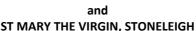
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- · Make a Microsoft Word file that fits one of the sizes above and conveys your message. Don't worry too much about exact dimensions, the editor can scale it. If you have a problem with this, let me know (bill.crofts@btinternet.com). If you use something else other than Word, then I would suggest saving the file as an image (jpg, png, etc). This is easier for the editor to deal with.
- · Email the file to the Treasurer (bill.crofts@btinternet.com) and state
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- · Editors' reserve the right to edit all contributions.



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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

Sunday 3rd 11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Sunday 10th Palm Sunday

9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow

11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday

7.30pm United Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Friday 15th Good Friday

2.00 pm Hour of the Cross at Ashow

2.00 pm Hour of the Cross at Stoneleigh

Saturday 16th Easter Eve

8.15 pm Easter Vigil at Stoneleigh

Sunday 17th Easter Day

9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow

11.00 am Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

Sunday 24th 9.30 am Village Service at Ashow

11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge: Reverend Petrica Bistran 07572193260

email: revpbistran@gmail.com

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

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

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