Stoneleigh & Ashow News



July / August 2022

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!









Village Contacts List - Corrections

Please note the following two corrections to the pull-out contacts list from the June edition of the News.

Priest-in-Charge Rev Petrică Bistran's email address should

read revpbistran@gmail.com

Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses The correct contact is:

Mrs B Davies (Secretary) 07790 064329

Ashow Neighbourhood Watch Dulcie Swanston's email address is

ashownw@gmail.com



Film Night

Friday 8th July 2022

6.45pm for a 7.00pm showing, Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets: £4.00

(to cover room hire and refreshments)

To reserve a place and a pastry, call Jane on 01926 858315 by Wednesday 6th July

Belfast



A semi-autobiographical film, written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, that chronicles the life of a working-class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s in Northern Ireland's capital.



For added Covid security, tables will be placed into groups.

We would request that you bring your own cup and plate please.

Coffee, tea and a pastries will be served in the interval.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

Pete Freeman

he Orchard Group would like to thank all those who reaffirmed their support of the community orchard through the purchase of this year's "Stoneleigh Village Cider". The uptake has once again been impressive, particularly given the poor late spring weather which generally acts as a head wind when trying to sell cider that, of course, is generally associated as a drink for long hot summer days. At the time of writing this article, I am down to the last 10 boxes of cider to sell, which gives some scale of the demand for this product, considering there was a volume of 1100 litres in tanks at the start of May. Not all the contents of the tanks was up to standard and so was discarded, which gives some indication of the attention given to the quality of the product prior to sale.

This year, we were without our popular "Stoneleigh Perry", which didn't turn up in the harvest in 2021. On briefly casting an eye over the trees during a stroll through the orchard earlier this week, however, it seems that we may have a potential perry harvest this year. This is good news for those select few who have already tried it and were disappointed that it was off the sales menu for this year.

The start of the autumn harvest awaits the team in late August and early September. As harvests are gradually increasing, as a consequence these are becoming ever more challenging to "bring in" and process. This spring, I have been encouraged by the increasing numbers of villagers who have stated that they want to be involved in the task of bringing in the harvest. These requests have been noted and I will be in touch shortly before this task is about to kick off!

Finally, I wish everyone a relaxed summer, preferably with a suitably chilled beverage. Let's hope that summer weather smiles for us all throughout 2022.

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. Alternatively, why not become a long-term Friend and set up a direct debit?

Contact: Pete Freeman (Chairman)

5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh petefreeman773@gmail.com Richard Hancox (Treasurer)

richard.hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk



Stoneleigh Meadows Tree Work

Peter Whitehouse, Honorary Secretary Stoneleigh Meadows Society Ltd. (Registered Charity No. 512276)

uring the first week in July, essential work will be carried out on one of the oak trees in the Meadows. The timber offcuts will be cut into sizes suitable for splitting into logs and will be available for village residents to take away. A donation to Meadows Society funds of £10 per wheelbarrow load is suggested. Collection from the Meadow will be from 10.00am on Saturday 9th July. Please bring your own wheelbarrow.

HS2 Update

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

raffic disruption continues. Stoneleigh experienced this particularly during June as four-way traffic lights were installed at the crossroads, causing annoying disruption to journeys to/from the A46/university and beyond. Initially, this was to complete various alterations, somewhat surprisingly including a pathway leading from nowhere to nowhere on the Ashow side. This inconvenience is likely to continue for some time for various reasons, and the inconvenience will segue into more disruption once the closure of Birmingham Road takes place. The Parish Council will monitor reaction to this in due course

Meanwhile, some, but by no means all, residents have received notices from HS2 Ltd. outlining likely road closures/temporary closures/traffic restrictions etc. in the coming months. Apparently, not all these predictions of disruptions are accurate anyway, but we have been unable to obtain a definitive statement, so all we can say at this point is 'watch out'! (See also the Parish Council report on page 20.)

The planning application by HS2 Ltd. to expand the construction site by 30 hectares with access to/from Stoneleigh Road has been referred back for further details; a final decision is not expected for some time.

Residents are encouraged to check the Parish Council and Village websites during the summer as further developments are likely before the next edition of the News appears at the end of August.





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Elizabeth Hall

12th April 1926 - 16th March 2022

e are sad to report the recent death of Elizabeth Hall. She was married to William (Bill) and they lived at Stoneleigh Grange. Bill predeceased her in 2015 in his 99th year.

Elizabeth was a Petty Officer in the Wrens (Women's Royal Navy) during the latter part of the Second World War. In her long life, she supported various causes and interests, including the Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society (of which she was an active member, taking part in a previous production of The Messiah and many other oratorios and large concerts at local churches) and the Songbird Survival Trust.

There was a service of thanksgiving for her at Oakley Wood Crematorium in May. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.





From the Registers

Funerals

Tuesday 24th May 2022

Margaret Pettipher – interment at Stoneleigh

Saturday 28th May 2022

John Phillips – interment at Ashow

Peter Phillips – interment at Ashow



Stoneleigh Church IT Project

Would you like to join this exciting project?

ur church at Stoneleigh has an up-to-date audio-visual system for relaying music and projecting pictures and videos as part of our worship pattern.

We are looking for people to join this exciting project and to form part of a team to develop the system to its full potential. Knowledge of IT will be an advantage, although it will be very much a team-building exercise where we learn from one another as we exchange ideas.

Please spread the word about this opportunity, and if you, or anyone you know, would like to get involved in any way, please speak to Rev Petrică revpbistran@gmail.com or to Richard Ashley ashleylrfc@gmail.com.

Many thanks!



Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

ogether with so many other residents, we enjoyed the Stoneleigh Jubilee Picnic and Fair on 3rd June – despite the rain! There was a lot of interest in our stall, where hundreds of photographs and stories from the past 70 years were on show – a poignant document of the village during the Queen's reign. Thank you again to all those who submitted photographs and to those who, on the day, helped put names to faces in the pictures!

All the photographs are now on display in the Leigh Chapel, where they will have a permanent home. In addition, the lovely pictures from Stoneleigh's celebration of the Coronation in 1953 are shown on display boards. Do go along and look, and if you can add any information there is also a place for you to write some of your own memories.

The next meeting of the History Society will not be until 27th September, when Tony Merrygold from the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust at Gaydon will give a presentation at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **100 years from Swallow to Jaguar**. Visitors are very welcome; there is a small charge of £3 per person. New members are always welcome to join us, and can do so by viewing our website at http://stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk/.

Stoneleigh History Society



Stoneleigh WI

Liz Sykes

t the meeting in May, we had a Jubilee tea party. The tables were laid with pretty china, with loads of cakes made by the members. One of our members, Pat Long, made a lovely celebration speech in honour of Her Majesty. A super afternoon was enjoyed by all.





The craft group had a very good morning making gift boxes. The demonstrator was very good and the members were pleased with what they had produced.

Next month, we have a speaker from Johnson's coaches. I'm sure that members will be interested in what they propose for the next year. If you want ideas on holidays, why not come along? The meeting is on Monday 4^{th} July, 2.00pm for 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

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Ashow Jubilee Party

Diane Gray, Ashow Village Chairperson

hat a party and what a day! Despite being blighted by rain showers during the morning set-up, by the 2.00pm start it was dry, and from 4.00pm we enjoyed lovely evening sunshine. Traditional afternoon tea was served to the 100 guests, followed by the cutting of the Jubilee cake – an amazing creation by Tracey Rawbone. Following a rendition of the national anthem, the cake was cut by Janet Charlesworth, with a lovely speech dating back to the Coronation and noting the wonderful contribution that Queen Elizabeth II has made to our country.

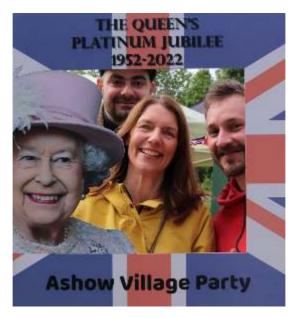


There were children's games on the field, with tug of war being a popular event (the adults couldn't resist joining in)! A fantastic jazz and blues band made for a great background to the event. Prizes were awarded for best table decoration and best dressed house and garden.



A rowan tree and commemorative plaque was planted by the village children, who were then given Platinum Jubilee commemorative coins.

The evening continued with a wonderful BBQ, followed by music and dancing until way too late! A fantastic effort by the villagers to create a fitting celebration for the Platinum Jubilee.





From the Rectory

Petrică Bistran

o be fully human is to be in communion with others. Relationships, friendships, companionships, families, being a good neighbour are all expressions of what it means to be human. Even if some prefer a more solitary life, or have no choice but to be alone, we are all interconnected at a deeper level than we think.

It was just wonderful being able to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee last month, whether a royalist or not. The many people who gathered to have a good time, to celebrate and rejoice once again as a community, especially after the long and dreadful time of the Covid pandemic, for me was a clear picture of who we are as human beings made in the image of God.

At our churches, we continued to celebrate on Whitsunday, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and on Trinity Sunday, when we were reminded that God is not a solitary being, alone in a cold, empty, dark universe, but a living community of three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God. The wonderful and deeply mysterious concept of the Trinity can sound very strange to us, but the Trinity is not something we have to explain, but something we can experience.

The Holy Trinity is God's life and love united with ours. It is the invitation to participate in God's dynamic life and thereby in each other's lives. I'm hoping and praying that this summer (whether we're able to go away for a good holiday or just stay at home) will continue to offer us more opportunities to meet with friends and loved ones and for our communities to flourish. And that the love that passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of our relationships as we grow closer to one another and into God's unending life.

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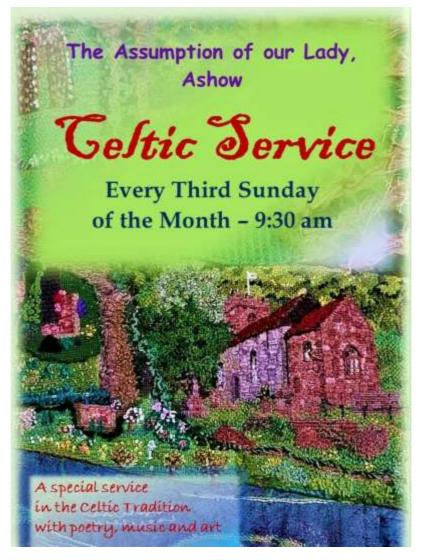




Celtic Service

Kate Jones 07910 240453

n the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am, Ashow Church will be holding a Celtic Service. This will be a more informal service, suitable for all ages, involving poetry, music and art. We look forward to welcoming you to this joyous and uplifting form of worship.



Parish Council Notes

Becky Maoudis, Clerk to the Parish Council

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Meetings

The next meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club at 7.00pm on **Thursday 14**th **July 2022**. To view the full details of this and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council (PC) website at http://www.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk.

At our June meeting, Councillor Wright provided some feedback from the recent Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting regarding the upcoming Gravity Event, due to be held at Stoneleigh Park on 10th July 2022. Assurances have been made that the organisers are keen to keep disturbance to a minimum and to prevent the issues that arose as a result of the last time the event was held in 2019. The Parish Council would urge residents to let us know of any issues or inconvenience experienced as a result of the event.

We have had three volunteers come forward to support the Community Speed Watch scheme. If you can spare a couple of hours a month to help, then please contact the Clerk (on the channels below) or PCSO Ed King on Edward.King@warwickshire.police.uk for more details. The more teams we have, the more beneficial the scheme will be!

HS2 Traffic Management Update

- Overnight closures (8.00pm to 6.00am) of the A46 southbound slip road will be in place for a period of four or 5 consecutive nights from Monday 13th June to Friday 8th July.
- The full closure of the crossroads, planned for 4th July to 9th July, is **no** longer going ahead.
- There will be temporary traffic lights on the Stoneleigh Road, Stareton between Monday 11th July and Friday 15th July. Access to all properties will be maintained.

In our July meeting, we will be joined by a representative from a Neighbourhood Planning Consultancy to answer any questions you may have about developing a neighbourhood plan for the Parish.

BBV will be attending two of our Parish Council meetings on Thursday 10th November 2022 and Thursday 9th March 2023. This will be a great opportunity for residents to receive updates and raise any issues.



Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Pat Wightman

he choir is halfway through a busy season of singing. Last month, we sang at the Waverley Centre to a very appreciative audience who joined in with some of the songs. This was followed by our participation in the Queen's Platinum Celebration in Stoneleigh. The Ladies' Choir joined with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir in the Meadow, with enthusiasm only slightly dampened by the sudden heavy downpour of rain!

It's full steam ahead now for our next two performances. We will be singing again as guests of the Male Voice Choir at the Summer Serenade at Stoneleigh Abbey on Sunday 10th July (see page 28 for details).

For our own charity concert, we will be offering an afternoon of lovely singing followed by a delicious picnic tea at Stoneleigh Village Hall - on the terrace if weather permits (see following page for details). Our chosen charity this year is the Trussell Trust which supports food banks in Kenilworth, Leamington and Coventry. Sadly, there seems to be a greater need than ever to support these charities, so do please come along and enjoy the afternoon in the knowledge that it is for such a good cause. Tickets are £10 and are available from sharronmced@gmail.com or by calling 07760 101775.



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Philip Jones, Chairman

n Friday 3rd June, the choir along with the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir, took part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Stoneleigh – a very enjoyable occasion!

We are now busy rehearsing and are looking forward to the Summer Serenade. This will take place on Sunday 10th July in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey (by kind permission of the residents). Our guests will be the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir. Please see the advert in this month's magazine for full details of the event (page 28).

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please come along to Stoneleigh Village Hall on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm to see what we get up to. Please contact me if you would like further information (kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk / 01926 853511 / 07910 240453).





This month's front cover **Hardy Geranium** Photo: Lucy Morris

Stoneleigh Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event

Adrian, Stoneleigh Village Club Chairman

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S toneleigh Village celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. The village meadow gradually came to life, from the setting up of the main gazebos on the Thursday, to people arriving and setting out their picnic spots early on Friday morning.

At 1.30pm, the bell ringers rang in the event, followed by our own town crier, Steve Baker, announcing the commencement of the celebrations, including the reading out of a message from our Queen, sent to all participating events nationwide.

The various activities became busy with children making crowns, having their faces painted, playing skittles, playing football, welly "wanging", buzzing the wire and, of course, the tractor rides. The History Society had a constant crowd of locals checking out the "70 years of Stoneleigh History" publication. It was great to see some classic cars at the top of the field too. The BBQ and Pimm's stalls were kept busy throughout the afternoon.

The entertainment started with the talented Richard Keogh on guitar singing a selection of popular music, followed by Clare Clarke's daughter Faye, who captivated the children dressed as Belle with her Disney songs, accompanied by lots of young children who joined her on stage. We then had the two Stoneleigh choirs rounding the entertainment off with a superb programme of singalong songs with a proms flag-waving finale. The Queen was toasted, the WI cake was cut by Nora Blagburn (and shared out), the raffle was drawn and other prizes awarded, bringing a splendid day to a close.

Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DH 024 7641 4440 Stoneleigh Village Club Ltd. Registered in England No 8560869 The evening entertainment in the Club started with a jazz piano and vocal set by Louise Leigh, daughter of Marjorie Davies. The karaoke then started, which was good fun for those still partying. Notably, confidence and willingness to sing increased as drinks were consumed! A weary band of revellers left the club in good spirits and the day was over.

I would like to thank all of the village clubs, societies and choirs that contributed to the event. A big thank you also to Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council and Warwick District Council for their generous grant pushed through by Anthony Bianco.

I would also like to pay tribute to the Club committee and helpers who set up the event, manned the BBQ and generally kept the day running smoothly and who, importantly, cleared down the Meadow the following day (which was increasingly windy).

The event raffle after a topping-up donation from the Club raised £500 and will be split 50:50 with Acorns Children's Hospice and Myton Hospice.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who attended the event. It was wonderful to see our Stoneleigh village community come together after a very difficult two years or so.























Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir presents

21st Anniversary Summer Serenade

The Walled Garden, Stoneleigh Abbey

(courtesy of the residents)

Sunday 10th July 2022

Concert starts at 1.00pm

Bring your own picnic

Tickets £15



The choir will be singing a selection of popular songs from shows, films etc. and will be supported by the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

This is our major fundraising event which sells out very quickly

To order your tickets, contact Phil Jones on 01926 853511

The charity for this concert will be announced shortly



The United Benefice of The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow and St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh



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Or please contact the Parish Administrator:

Jackie Cubitt 024 7641 5506 admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

Office hours: Wednesday 9.00am – 12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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The September 2022 edition will be compiled by

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As part of the show, we would love audience members to send us their pictures representing 'hope' and/or 'healing'. Please send as many as you like because we plan to project these images during the evening. Images can be emailed to <a href="mailto:email



The United Benefice of The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow and St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh



Services for July & August 2022

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Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Ashow
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise/Family Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Celtic Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Celtic Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 31st	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
August 2022		
Sunday 7 th	11.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise/Family Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Celtic Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Celtic Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh

