

STONELEIGH & ASHOW

News



SEPTEMBER 2022



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**There is also a defibrillator at
Stoneleigh Village Hall.**



Cover Image: Sunflowers on The Bank, by Bernice Evans.

HS2 UPDATE

*This report has been coordinated by Margaret Wallis
on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)*

Most residents will have noticed the increasing disruption caused by work associated with HS2. Most recently, we have endured the inconvenience of having local roads closed for a fortnight while traffic lights are erected at the crossroads. The final details of the layout have yet to be confirmed but it is expected that the system as installed will be operational for two years, pending the proposed, and preferred, Stoneleigh Road entrance to the HS2 compound, opposite what will be the new Farmers' Market site.

Line of route B4115 to A46: After some years of pressure on HS2 Ltd., as engineering works start on the excavation site, it is now becoming clearer that it is the intention to build an 'on site' tunnel pushed under the A46 when the time comes. This will avoid the diversion of the A46 north/south for a lengthy period, as previously proposed, and will result in much shorter closure.

HGV Access along the B4113: The increase of lorry movements to the compound is increasing noticeably in terms of plant, materials and spoil. Spoil from the Stoneleigh Park area appears to be taken off site by lorry using the announced long haul route, via Bericote Lane to the Thickthorn junction.

COME AND PAINT!

Something new is going on in Stoneleigh Village Hall. A new art group has been formed which meets on Monday mornings from 11.30am til 1.30pm.

This is a very informal group comprising of talented painters through to absolute beginners and is a wonderful opportunity just to have a go. There is no formal tuition but guidance and encouragement from the more experienced painters is always readily available.

Come and explore through watercolour, acrylics and pastels. You will be very welcome and you may even surprise yourself! If you want to chat first, phone Pat on 07817 899097 or Marie on 024 7641 8035.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

Pete Freeman

The sale of cider this summer has benefited from the hot weather and whilst glancing around the cottage, where previously tens of boxes of cider had once occupied the floor space, now only a solitary box of cider can be observed and this is already sold and awaiting collection. Feedback on the cider has been broadly very positive with many customers saying that the quality improves year on year.

It is with some amusement that it seems that Stoneleigh Cider has made its first guest appearance at the Glastonbury Festival this year courtesy of one of our customers. It seems nowadays that Stoneleigh cider is good enough to be shipped to Somerset. Perhaps in a few years it will be a regular in front of the pyramid stage!

In advance of the harvest, I have for the first time adopted a tried and tested technique to check apples for sugar content prior to cropping. This is a simple test in which iodine is pipetted onto a divided apple. The apples in ripening convert starch to sugar. Iodine reacts with starch to produce a dark purple deposit whilst sugar just leaves the apple flesh white. So the lighter the coloration of the apple pith is a good indication of a ripening fruit. In addition to this, a dark seed also indicates an apple that is ready to pick.

With the conclusion of summer's cider sales comes the challenge of another apple harvest to gather. Each variety of apple usually ripens in a fairly predictable sequence. By the time this article is being read it is likely that the harvest of Hunt's Early, Katy and Morgan Sweet varieties will have already commenced. If folk want to participate in picking, then please get in touch with me at the email address below or simply join me and other members of the team in the orchard.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals 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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Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Philip Jones

On Sunday 10th July after a two year gap, the SMVC were able to hold their “Summer Serenade” in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey. We were blessed with glorious weather and over 200 people attended. The audience were treated to a varied and interesting programme devised by Karen Whyte and Alan Biddle. Thanks is also due to Judy Hadfield for making sure the men remembered their words. The audience were entertained by both SMVC and their guests, the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir. At the end of the concert both choirs joined together and sang “You’ll never walk alone” which would have raised the roof at Anfield!

A cheque for a £1000 each was presented to the Waverley Day Centre, Kenilworth, and the Brunswick Centre, Leamington Spa. The representatives from both charities were delighted with the choir’s donation which will help them in continuing the good work they do in their respective communities.

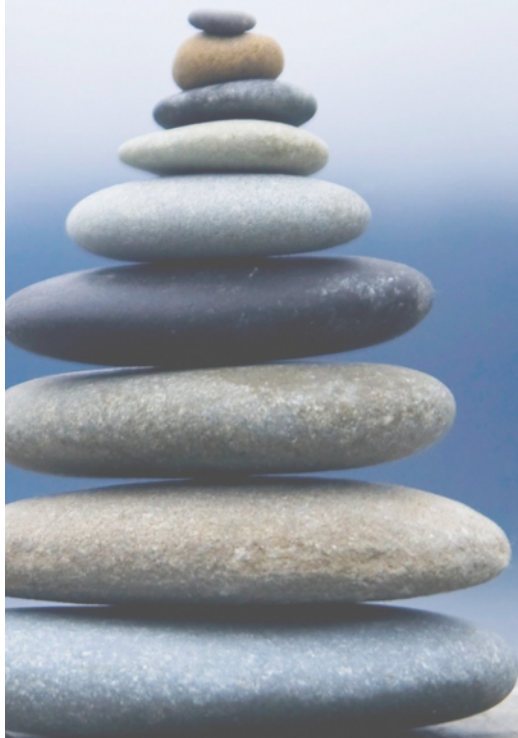
I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a successful one and especially those choir members who helped to plan, set up, take down and tidy up. The choir was grateful once again to the members of the Kenilworth Lions Club who came with their van and helped move equipment to and from Stoneleigh. Everyone is now looking forward to next year’s event.

Choir rehearsals restart on Wednesday, September 7th. If anyone is interested in joining the choir either come to the village hall at 7.30pm or contact me on 01926 853511 or email kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk.

Our next concert is on October 8th, when we will be singing in St Elvan's Church, Aberdare, South Wales along with two local choirs: Con Voco and Cwmdare Voices. It promises to be an exciting evening.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support us at all our concerts.

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Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

Are you a fan of Jaguar-Daimler cars? Or maybe you are just interested in the part played by our region in producing some of the world's greatest motors? All visitors are very welcome at our September meeting, when Tony Merrygold, the Vehicle Collection Manager at the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust at Gaydon, will give a presentation "100 Years from Swallow to Jaguar". This is bound to be a very special evening!

Do come along to the Village Hall on **Tuesday 27th September**. The presentation will begin at 7.30pm and refreshments will be served afterwards...and all for the modest charge of £3!



Many visitors from around the world have been to see our "Stoneleigh 1952-2022" exhibition, commemorating the Queen's Jubilee. Have you seen it yet? It's in the Leigh Chapel of the church, and can be viewed whenever the church is open (usually between 10am and 4pm). If you can add to it, or help identify some of the people in the photographs, we should love to hear from you.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Becky Maoudis, Clerk to Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council

Meetings

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th September 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 July meeting we had a representative from a planning consultancy talk to us about devising a Neighbourhood Plan. The most effective way to produce a plan is to undertake work through an advisory committee, with both Parish Councillors and members of the community involved. If you would like to get involved or would like some more information, please email the clerk on stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com.

It was noted that the ditch and bank at the crossroads have been removed by HS2 and a foot path has been installed, to enhance the pedestrianised controlled crossing. Cllr W Redford (WCC) is going to request that HS2 reinstate the ditch once the crossroads work is completed.

A reminder that BBV (contractors for HS2) 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.

The new Warwick District Council app is now live and can be downloaded to your smart phone from Google Play or the Apple store. You can use the app to find out what you can put in which bin, get bin collection reminders or report a missed bin collection.

Thank you to all those that have volunteered to be part of the Stoneleigh Community Speed Watch campaign. There are now six volunteers! If you would still like to volunteer, please contact the clerk (at the address below) or PCSO Ed King on Edward.King@warwickshire.police.uk.

Film Night

Jane Taylor

For our next film night, we will be showing:



“Operation Mincemeat” tells the true story of a ploy by British intelligence in 1942-1943 to fool Nazi Germany into believing that the allies were planning to invade Greece, rather than their intended target, Sicily. The film is based on a book written by Ben Macintyre and stars Colin Firth, Matthew McFadyen and Kelly MacDonald.

Friday September 9th 2022 in Stoneleigh Village Hall

Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing

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

Entry price £4.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315 by Wednesday September 7th.

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

Pat Wightman

We are back in business on Thursday 8th September and looking forward to meeting old and new friends at Stoneleigh Village Hall. If you are free on Thursday afternoons during term time, the choir guarantees you a warm welcome. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not necessary. We will be starting to learn some new music so now would be a good time to give us a try. Doors open at 1pm for a 1.30 start with a 3pm finish.

The choir started back in 2013 and has steadily grown with members from Stoneleigh, Ashow, Kenilworth, Leamington and Coventry. Next year is our 10th anniversary and we will be planning something special to celebrate that occasion with our leader, Karen Whyte.

The year is punctuated by a number of concerts for the benefit of local charities and we recently donated £600 to the Coventry Food Bank following a successful concert in July (see picture below). The choir also has an active social life with quiz nights, theatre trips and lunches with the emphasis on enjoying ourselves in the company of like-minded ladies.



If you would like further information please contact our Secretary, Sharron on 07760 101775 or e.mail: sharronmced@g.mail.com



Teams 4U Afternoon Tea

Stoneleigh villagers and the congregation of Stoneleigh Church have regularly contributed towards the Teams4U shoebox appeal.

We would like to continue to support them by holding an afternoon tea in Stoneleigh Church on October 1st at 2pm.

Please come for tea and cake but also to learn more about the Charity; what goes in the boxes and where they go. Attending the tea will be representatives from the Charity, shoebox packers and Rev. Petrica Bistran, our Priest in Charge, who was a recipient of a shoebox as a child in Romania.

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The meeting in July, a talk by Johnson's Coaches, was very interesting. They told us how the business started in Henley in Arden with a cart and two horses taking farm produce to markets, mainly Birmingham. How they've progressed! Still family-owned, with great concern for their passengers.



We also had a visit to the lavender farm in Bubbenhall: what a lovely place! The people were very friendly and helpful; a lovely little café, with fresh food and all the proceeds go to charity. They also produce peppermint tea and honey. The fields are now closed but the café is open every weekend.

In September we have planned a visit to Compton Verney, including a tour and lunch. We are also planning a lunch at King's Hill Nursery.

Our next meeting is on September 5th at 1:30 for 2pm. The speaker will be Wendy Stafford on 'glass fusion'. The products that she makes are artifacts for the garden. She will be showing us how these are made. Everyone is welcome.

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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday 4 th	10.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Ashow
Sunday 11 th	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow 11.00 am Harvest Festival Celebration Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 20th June 2022 – Roger Gilbert
Funeral followed by burial at Stoneleigh

Wednesday 10th August 2022 – June Burr
Funeral at Stoneleigh followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium.

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