

STONELEIGH & ASHOW

News



APRIL 2023



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HS2 UPDATE

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



There have been momentous developments recently. On 9 March, Mark Harper, the Transport Secretary, announced delays to the HS2 project of two years or more. He argued that this delay was necessary in order to 'balance the nation's books'; 'recession' was also mentioned, providing a plausible excuse in the future. Costs of the project have escalated in recent years and this has been a subject of considerable debate generally, as well as in the House of Commons. The implications are considerable.

It is ironical that this decision means that the original aim of the project is now in tatters: seamless travel from Manchester (and beyond) into Euston in record time required as straight a route as possible. The recent claim that this is part of a 'levelling up' agenda is nonsense given priority is to be given to the Birmingham-London leg (but ending at Old Oak Common, the original Euston destination being delayed indefinitely, and there is already dispute about capacity for onward transfer to central London, with no LHR link).

Contrary to Government claims, delays will mean even more uncertainty, acres of ruined land, additional costs and will cause loss of jobs and likely claims for compensation from contractors.

There is no mention of delays to the construction of 'our' leg, although there are implications for the Birmingham International hub and Curzon Street station. Our countryside has been ravaged, householders, farmers etc. have suffered years of uncertainty already and this will continue. There has been substantial loss of property/businesses, inadequate compensation etc.

To summarise... This sorry state of affairs = A COMPLETE SHAMBLES!

Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

Pete Freeman



With the winter pruning concluded in the orchard, thoughts start to turn to the preparation of orchard cider production facilities in advance of cider sales. Foremost amongst this is the requirement for our food production premises to meet the standards required to pass a HACCP inspection. The acronym HACCP stands for "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point". This is a plan to keep food protected from biological, chemical and physical food safety hazards. The plan identifies any hazards that must be avoided, removed or reduced and, in addition to an inspection, generates a piece of paperwork requiring an update by the WDC food standards agency once every 3 years.

A HACCP inspection of the cider production premises occurred in early March and the group are pleased to announce that we passed this inspection with a rating of 5 (Very Good). This demonstrates the seriousness with which Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC takes its food hygiene standards.

Other considerations in advance of cider production are whether to send a portion of our cider to be bottled at the Pershore College bottling plant. This year it would be good to take the production process a step further by carbonating and adding bubbles to the product. With this in mind the board have agreed to send a small batch of 200 litres to be bottled.

Orchard directors also intend to run a small "Orchard Blossom event" to be located in the vicinity of the orchard and scheduled to occur on the afternoon of 29th May which is Whit bank holiday Monday. Please see the May edition of S&A news for further details.

As the orchard acts as a focus for environmental issues it is an aspiration to organize an area clean-up of litter throughout the meadow, river and surrounding lanes. This can perhaps occur in conjunction with "like minded" groups located in surrounding villages. It is a sad and observable fact that the agencies responsible for making sure that rubbish and fly tipping debris is removed locally are currently struggling in this duty.

Finally, the orchard grass cutting regime will maintain last year's strategy of leaving small selective areas of the meadow uncut in order to encourage the growth of wild flowers. These areas identified by orchard founding member Sharron McEldowney largely locate well away from the river, but also include small wooded areas near the river bank which are difficult to get the grass cutting machinery around.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2023 remain at £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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25th World Scout Jamboree - 2023

Douglas Faulconbridge

There are 10 members of the Scouting movement from Kenilworth who have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in 2023 – nine Explorer Scouts and one Leader. One of the Explorers attending is Sophie Cousins, a regular attendee at Stoneleigh Church.

The first W.S.J. took place in London in 1920, and now takes place every 4 years. The 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023 will take place from 1st – 12th August in Saemangeum, North Jeolla, South Korea and is hosted by Korea Scout Association. Between 30,000 and 50,000 Scouts from almost every country in the world will join together for the Jamboree which this time has the theme “Draw Your Dream”.

The World Scout Jamboree is an educational event that brings together the world’s young people aged 14-18 years. For 10 days, young people work together to find out about each other’s cultures and faiths, learn new skills, take part in adventurous activities and grow as global citizens to tackle some of the biggest issues facing the world today.

The Scouts/Explorers and volunteer Scout Leaders have a huge challenge of raising £3500 each in order to attend. This cost covers travel, equipment, food as well as a proportion going to Scouts in lesser developed countries who, without our support, would be unable to attend. Part of the Jamboree “journey” is raising funds, both jointly and individually.

**Sunday 16th April
from 2:30pm**

**Afternoon Tea
Stoneleigh Church**

**A fundraising event with presentations, a raffle,
and plenty of tea and cake!**

Sophie Cousins has been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree being held in South Korea in August 2023. She has to raise about £3,500 of which some is being shared to help Scouts from less economically developed countries.

We welcome your donations!

**Think big. Dream wild. Act together.
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<https://www.kenilworthscouts.co.uk>

Scouts

United Kingdom
25th World Scout Jamboree

Easter Sunday

Carvery Lunch at Stoneleigh

Sunday 9th April 2023

Menu

Starters

Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day
Fan of Melon served with Parma Ham
Goats Cheese & Tomato Salad
Duck & Orange Pate

Mains

Traditional Carved Roasts served with
Chef's Potato Selection & Seasonal Vegetables
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Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh History Society

Our meeting in February, about the Coventry Canal between the Canal Basin and Sutton Stop, gave a revealing insight into the importance of this waterway in the development of local industry.



At the time of writing we are looking forward to our next talk on a very different subject - Early Allotments in Warwickshire. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 March, and everyone is very welcome.

Looking further ahead to April, another different topic - the lives of Millicent Fawcett the suffrage activist who was largely responsible for women getting the vote in 1918, and her husband Henry, who was Postmaster General. Never let it be said that the History Society lacks variety!



Our March meeting, however, will be preceded by our AGM, during which we shall hold elections for committee members. I am sad to report that Margaret Wallis, who has been Honorary Secretary of the Society since we began in 2011, is stepping down owing to ill health. She has been a fantastic secretary and we shall miss her meticulous Minutes! Thank you, Margaret!

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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Meetings

The next Ordinary Annual Parish meeting will be on Thursday 13th April 2023, to be held at Ashow Village Club at 7pm.

To view the full details of this, and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, recent crime reports, and Neighbourhood Plan development details, please visit the Parish Council website at:

www.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk

The Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, and the new Warwick District Neighbourhood Inspector, Simon Ryan, attended our meeting in March. We invited them so that residents could voice concerns about issues in the area. There was lots of discussion regarding HGVs travelling through the village, and the effects of large-scale events at Stoneleigh Park on the village.

Inspector Ryan advised residents to keep reporting any incidents of anti-social behaviour or traffic issues via the non-emergency police on 101 or online at www.warwickshire.police.uk



After our successful drop-in events at Stoneleigh Village Hall and Ashow Village Club on 4th March, we are looking to hold our next Neighbourhood Plan meeting at Stoneleigh Village Hall on 27th April at 7pm and we would love for you to join us.

We are looking for passionate people with an interest in the area and an understanding of the local issues to join us.

This is your opportunity to help shape the Neighbourhood Plan for Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish.

Please contact the clerk (contact details above), one of the councillors (details on the website) for more information or just turn up on the night!

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I'm lonely, can you help?

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Heating Oil

Vanessa Matthews



The government has started making the one-off alternative fuel payment and has provided the following update for domestic and non-domestic users of heating oil:

Domestic Customers

For domestic customers the £200 payments started at the end of February, with most customers getting the payment automatically as a credit on their electricity bill.

The Government's Alternative Fuel Payment is available to homes and businesses that don't use mains gas for heating. Those eligible have been identified by civil servants using the off the gas grid database, the database of domestic electricity meters and recent census information.

Those without a direct relationship with an electricity supplier, including those living in park homes or on houseboats will need to apply to the domestic Alternative Fund via application portal on gov.uk which is now open.

Go to: www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills/alternative-fuels

Commercial Customers

From Wednesday, payments of £150 will be made to businesses and both public and voluntary sector organisations that use alternative fuels to heat their buildings. Electricity suppliers will deliver this support directly.

Ashow Honours: Anthony Cleary



Mr Anthony Cleary (OBE) with Carmel and Sophie

What a shock! To find the important looking envelope in that morning's post. "I am commanded to inform you..." Goodness, how grand.

So, I was to be appointed officer of the Order of the British Empire. Which suggested OBE to me. No matter, I would not reject it. Too excited, and of course proud.

The Royal Mail caused the household some consternation by going on strike, followed almost inevitably by a rail strike. So we hired limousine and driver, and arrived by the skin of our teeth after enduring blockages on the M40 and seemingly endless roadworks on the approach to London.

Palace personnel amazingly well drilled and courteous to a fault. Taking our places at the entrance to the Throne Room, being reminded to advance to a spot level with the Princess Royal, sharp 90 degree turn to the left, forward and stop, head bow, 5 minutes chat allowed, reverse, turn right and leave.

We all shuffle forward – an honoured crocodile.

My turn. "His Honour Anthony Simon Lissant Cleary. Services to Family Justice" announces a uniformed person. Concentrating on the footsteps to take. Unsure who is the more bemused, me or Princess Anne. "No doubt" she says, smiling, "you've been waiting for this for some time". Only later do I realise that she must be referring to the gap between the publication of the honour and the day of the Investiture, 6 months later.

"You must carry on", she insists. No doubt unaware that His Majesty's Judges are obliged to step down at 75. I try to explain, but my 5 minutes are running away. Instead, I tell her that I invented a procedural work, "The Family Court Practice", and edited it for 29 years. "I have been standing" I tell her, "on the shoulders of giants". The hardest part was composing an annual Introduction for each of those 29 years. I think that she is faintly amused.

And it is over. Ushered out to a table on which there is a collection of small black boxes. MBEs, BEMs and mine, the OBE, handed over in what appears to be a spectacles case. Carmel on one arm now, and Dominic on the other, we exit down majestic stairs into a quadrangle where official photographs are being taken. Then off to a grand afternoon tea. At Claridges.

Ashow Honours: Jagtar Singh Gill



Raji Kaur Gill and Jagtar Singh Gill (OBE)

Ashow resident, Jagtar Singh Gill, has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to the British Sikh and interfaith community on the 2022 annual list. A prominent member of the Sikh community in Leamington, Jagtar was among several people from the Leamington area to be recognised.

Jagtar, 56, has lived in the Leamington area all of his life and helped in the building of the £11 million Gurdwara Sahib Leamington and Warwick. He was the general secretary of the Gurdwara from 2009 to 2011, as well as being active in national Sikh bodies. He was also Secretary General of Sikh Council UK from 2018 to 2019. Since 2019, Jagtar has been working with the Sikh Assembly and has been a key member of the Government Roundtable for Sikhs, advising on Sikh-related issues.

A key participant on the West Midlands Mayor's Faith Roundtable, he is an active member of the local Sikh Heritage Association and the British Asian Business and Professionals Association.

Jagtar said, "I am humbled that my seva (service) with Sikh organisations over the years locally and nationally has been recognised with this honour. I want to thank all those who have supported and encouraged me and made this possible. The last few years have been difficult for all communities and so many people from across our faith organisations have stepped up to support some of the most vulnerable in society. It is a great honour to be recognised in this way and, as a British Sikh, I am proud that our honours system is recognising the diversity of the UK: I congratulate all those working to ensure better diversity and representation at all levels."

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Jane Taylor

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Friday April 28th 2023 in Stoneleigh Village Hall

Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing

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

Please bring a cup and a plate: coffee, tea and pastries
will still be served in the interval.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Tony Hanselman



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Any of us can be caught out by scammers. They deliberately target our better natures and use psychological tactics, like being overly friendly or pretending to do you a favour, making you a limited-time offer, telling you everyone else has done something or trapping you into doing little tasks for them.

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Stoneleigh W.I.

Liz Sykes



We had an excellent speaker at the March meeting - Charlie Yarrow, who gave a talk on reflexology. She had many of our members doing various manipulations in an attempt to combat difficulties from insomnia to headaches. Many of us thought that we would attend her clinics.

We had a very pleasant get-together for lunch at Smith's.

The next lunch will be at The Three Horseshoes in Bubbenhall on March 27th. These are always good social occasions.

We also have a group going to the Talisman Theatre this month.

On March 27th the craft group are going to make stars. These look fantastic. The session is at 9am in the hall. You will need a pencil, ruler, scissors and glue. Come and join us - it will cost just £3 including refreshments.

In May a river trip is planned at Stratford.

The Speaker for April is a physiotherapist, Fiona Measures. The meeting is on Monday April 3rd at 2pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome.



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Stoneleigh Village Club Update

As many are aware, several members of the committee have taken the decision to step down from the committee with immediate effect. We are extremely grateful for the time and dedication shown to the running of the club during their tenure and look forward to working with them on future events.

The committee is therefore looking for members of the community to join the committee at the next AGM, which will take place on Friday 26th May.

In advance of the AGM, the current committee will host a members evening on Friday 21st April so that anyone who might be interested in joining the committee can speak to existing committee members about what is involved.

This will coincide with renewal of the membership for 2023. All who sign up for membership, at a cost of £5, will receive a free drink (a pint of beer, glass of house wine or soft drink) if they renew between 21st and 23rd April.

In other news, we are organising an event for the Coronation of Charles III.

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NEWS EDITOR

Following the announcement in the February edition of the News, Viv Cooper has kindly volunteered to join the Editorial Team.

Further details will appear later but meanwhile: many thanks Viv!

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 prior to attending events.

This issue can be viewed online at **www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk**

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Friday 7 th	Good Friday 2.00 pm Hour of the Cross at Ashow
Saturday 8 th	Easter Eve 8.00 pm Easter Vigil at Stoneleigh
Sunday 9 th	Easter Day 9.30 am Easter Celebration Service at Ashow 11.00 am Easter Celebration Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 16 th	9.30 am Celtic Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Celtic Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 23 rd	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 30 th	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 1.00 am A Special Service for Ukraine at Stoneleigh

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