

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW

*News*



**MAY 2023**



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Cover Image. Apple Blossom.

## Ashow Church News

March and April were busy months at Ashow Church.

On Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>, we were delighted to hold our first fundraising concert in church since 2019. The concert, by Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, was very enjoyable and well attended. We managed to raise nearly £1300 through ticket sales and the raffle (which was organised by Nicola Vincett).

We are grateful for all those who provided the fantastic and plentiful food and also to our 2 barmen, Robert Brown and Peter Shrimpton, who braved the cold to serve the drinks outside. We would also like to extend our thanks to David Wareing who kindly lent his marquee for the evening.

On Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, after the morning service, the church clean and picnic took place. A very big thank you to all those who came along to help. We have never had so many willing volunteers!



As well as cleaning the church, the old carpet was removed. By the time you see this article, a new carpet should have been laid!

The money raised at the concert is going towards the costs of the new carpet.

During Holy Week, our Good Friday service was led by Audrey Rowberry – assisted by the Rev. Petrica. It consisted of Bible readings, interspersed with other readings based on the thoughts of witnesses who were present in Jerusalem at the time of the Crucifixion.

For Easter, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers by Anne Gregory and Jean Shrimpton. The flower arrangements looked amazing!



On Easter Sunday morning, before our service, there was an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard organised by Naomi Cox. It was wonderful to see so many children excitedly searching for eggs and then staying for the service in church.

Looking ahead, on **Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7pm in Ashow Club.**

All are welcome to attend.

**Kate Jones**

# Stoneleigh Village Club



## COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 11th May**

**10:00am - 11:30am**

*Come along, enjoy a hot drink  
and catch up with friends.  
Everyone is welcome!*



## Stoneleigh History Society

In preparation for celebrating the King's Coronation, members of the Society have been busy compiling a new display, which will be in the Leigh Chapel of the church by the time you are reading this. Lisa Reay, with expert help from Pam Baker, has scoured the newspaper archives for articles about what was happening in Stoneleigh at important points in the life of the King.

The key dates researched so far are 1948, the year King Charles was born; 1958, the year he was created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, and 1969 the year he was invested as Prince of Wales.

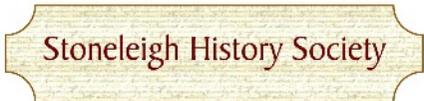
It is surprising that after all this time the Village had the same concerns as now: speed of traffic through the Village, aircraft noise, the pollution of the river and events to raise money for the church roof.

We also remember in the display those who have gone before us and those who were married in the Church, one marriage involving their horse being amongst the guests!

If you have any other memories of the Village during this time, please contact Lisa Reay by email at [71ljreay@gmail.com](mailto:71ljreay@gmail.com).

After hearing about suffragists and postmasters at our April meeting, we are going to hear about a most unusual history at our meeting in May – the history of egg cups! This should be a surprising and revealing talk! All visitors are welcome on May 23 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Sheila Woolf**

The logo for the Stoneleigh History Society is a decorative, horizontally-oriented oval with a light beige background and a dark brown border. The text "Stoneleigh History Society" is written in a dark brown, serif font across the center of the oval.

Stoneleigh History Society

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## Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March the choir performed in Ashow Church. The concert was a great success and we helped to raise nearly £1,300 for church funds.

Also, in March the choir held its A.G.M. when the following were elected.

**Chairman** - Philip Jones

**Secretary** - David Critchley

**Treasurer** - Jim Easter

**Committee members** – Judy Hadfield, Mike Baker, Marcus Kendall, Bill McCutcheon, Geoff Mexson, Rod Owen and Phil Weare.

At the meeting our conductor Judy Hadfield and our musical director Alan Biddle were thanked for their continued hard work and enthusiasm.

Since 1989 the choir has raised over £180,000 for worthy causes, a wonderful achievement.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir please come along to one of our rehearsals which are held on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall. For further information please contact Philip Jones, 01926 853511, 07910240453 or by email, [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Future Events.**

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>.** The men have been invited to the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir at their tenth anniversary concert which will be taking place in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We are holding a concert at St. Giles Church, Bedworth.

**Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The Summer Serenade will take place in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey.

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>.** We will be singing at the Festival of Joy which will be taking place in Stoneleigh Church and The Meadows.

**Philip Jones**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL  
AND PLAYING FIELDS TRUST.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm at**

**Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.**

The Committee would warmly welcome more volunteers to help run the Hall.

Do come and have a chat with us at the Meeting.

Further enquiries about the Meeting and any questions for the Meeting can be lodged  
with the Trust's secretary,

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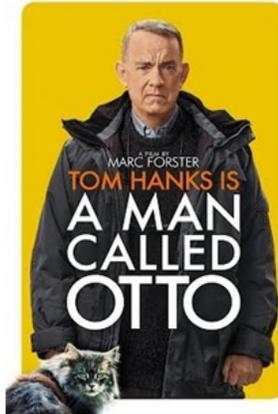
**May Reflections**

*May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel  
most alive.*

## **Film Night**

For our next film night, we will be showing:

### **A Man Called Otto**



When a lively young family moves in next door, grumpy widower Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks) meets his match in a quick-witted, pregnant woman named Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down.

**Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 in  
Stoneleigh Village Hall  
Meet 6.45pm for a  
7pm showing**

Please can you bring a cup and a plate.  
Coffee, tea 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 July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC update - Pete Freeman

At our meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> March, Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC welcomed two new directors, Adrian Clarke and Amanda Smith to the board. Both Adrian and Amanda bring with them a wealth of experience gained commercially and acquired whilst serving on other local groups. We wish them well in their new posts.

Fellow directors Nora Blagburn and Quentin Compton-Bishop are leading the planning of a Blossom Event to be held in the Orchard on Whit Bank holiday Monday between 15:00 & 16:30, the details of which are contained in the News flyer (see page 22) . It is the intention of the event to allow villagers, as well as the general public, to gain an insight into the Orchard project and the processes involved in cider making as well as to have some fun in the process. As cider pasteurization and boxing up commences at the end of April there will, of course, be cider available for purchase and sampling on the day. Regular readers may recall that the Orchard acts as a focus for local environmental issues and in the recent past (and specifically prior to the pandemic lockdown in March 2020) John Churchley and I undertook a clean-up of the river embankment adjacent to the Orchard. This year in early April, on what could loosely be considered to have been the first fine and sunny day of spring, I revisited the same embankment with the aim of repeating the clean-up exercise. What at first sight seemed a pleasant scene, with spring celandine flowers breaking through to greet the early spring warmth, on closer inspection revealed a very polluted backdrop. An array of plastic bottles was scattered amongst the undergrowth together with assorted drink cans and plastic bags. My guess is that the bottles and bags had floated down the river from nearby Coventry and been deposited there when the flood levels receded. The presence of cans was more difficult to explain though possibly they had been thrown there from cars passing over the bridge? Items found covered the passage of humanity from cradle to grave which I will leave to the readers imagination as well as an A-Z of items involved in drug use. One notable item was a music CD of "Hot Chocolate's greatest hits", in

## **Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC update (continued)**

my opinion one of the few better bands of the 1970's! If pollution that is visible to the eye is reflected broadly in what is microscopic and invisible, then one may speculate regarding the water quality of our river in general? We do after all live downstream of a sewage farm and it is proposed to place further load on this facility through the urbanization of the nearby greenbelt with little if no consideration for infrastructure improvement. One may speculate about the state of a society that allows rivers to fall into such a condition – Oscar Wilde once reflected that “Our Society is terribly over-populated. Really, someone should arrange a proper scheme of assisted emigration”.... I would personally add that this should particularly apply to those members of our society who litter and pollute at will!

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2023 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?

### **Contact:**

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Richard Hancox (Treasurer) [Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk)



# KENILWORTH — SHOW — *Saturday 3rd June 2023*

The Kenilworth & District Agricultural Society would like to give notice of our agricultural show which is being held within your parish this year. The Kenilworth Show is a one-day agricultural show taking place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Due to ongoing HS2 works, last year the show was forced to relocate from our fields opposite Stoneleigh Park to a new site between the village and the A46. Despite the obvious logistical challenges with moving sites we had a great show with some great feedback from our visitors. For 2023 we return to this site and are working hard behind the scenes to ensure we have another successful show.

Due to the show's very close proximity to your parish we wanted to assure you that we are again 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.

Despite all our efforts however there is still likely to be some disruption to the village, it's 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)  
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*David Ellwood*



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That is why we have two defibrillators in Stoneleigh: one in the old phone box and the other outside the Village Hall. They are the same make and model. We hope never to have to use them but, in case we do have to, we are updating and expanding the team of volunteers trained in CPR and using the defibrillators, and their training.

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The service will include hymns  
chosen especially for the occasion  
by members of the congregation,  
shared memories of the 1953 coronation,  
readings and prayers prepared  
for this very special weekend,  
and organ music that is likely to test  
the strength of the church roof!

Tea and coffee  
will be served from 10.00 am.

**Everyone is Welcome**





# **Rogation Sunday** **Stoneleigh Church**

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Starting inside the church, the service will move out into the Meadows, down to the river, across to the Community Orchard and then back into the churchyard and church.

The walk will be easy and hopefully the worship will be meaningful, inspirational and enjoyable as we enjoy God's creation as a means of drawing closer to him.

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## University of Warwick – April 2023

In recent weeks, I was reading about the Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Building, known to most as IBRB (not that the full name isn't catchy!) It's one of the newest buildings on the University campus, and I thought it would be of interest to some of our friends and neighbours in Stoneleigh and Ashow. You probably pass it sometimes – the tall one on Gibbet Hill – so I did some digging to see what more I could find out. When it opened in 2021, it helped bring to life the University's commitment to deliver world-leading research in neuroscience, microbiology and infection, cell biology, and disease models. It's set up to support and facilitate interdisciplinary biomedical research of the highest quality, and create a dynamic teaching and learning environment for life sciences students and those studying medicine at Warwick.

What happens in the building is remarkable: I met some scientists thinking about antimicrobial resistance in state-of-the-art laboratories. Also, what happens on the outside of the building is worth mentioning too: over 390 vertical PV solar panels offset approximately 4,600kg CO2 emissions.

Since we declared a climate emergency with ambitious targets to reduce our carbon emissions to net zero, there has been a lot of thought given to how we design, develop and use our campus. The IBRB is a good example. It was completed to an industry-leading standard with 50% of the development comprising offsite manufacturing parts. A key advantage of this is an 80% reduction in deliveries to the site, so there were fewer vehicles on the roads.

If it's of interest, I can share some more stories from the research

teams in future newsletters.

Do let me know if there are any updates you'd like me to share.



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## Stoneleigh WI

Our meeting in April included the AGM. A new President was elected along with the Committee. After the business there was a talk by a physiotherapist who gave valuable advice on staying fit.

A visit to the Talisman theatre took place in April to see “The Girl on the Train”.

In May we have a visit to Astley Book Farm. This a fascinating place with so many second hand books plus some new ones. The added bonus is the café that has gorgeous cakes!

An afternoon tea has been arranged in Stratford in May – something look forward to.

However, in May there will **not be a meeting**. As our meetings are always on the first Monday of the month, when it coincides with a Bank Holiday we have it a week later. As that is also a Bank Holiday, the meeting has been cancelled.

**Liz Sykes**

# Stoneleigh Community Orchard

## Blossom Event

Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May 2023

3.00 - 4.30 PM



See the Stoneleigh Community Orchard in bloom!

Guided tours

Learn how cider is made

Children's Quiz & Craft activities

Refreshments

Cider tasting & Sales (cash only)

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**The timing of the apple blossom in a cider orchard depends on the weather and cannot be guaranteed**

## HS2 UPDATE

During the past month the repercussions of delays to the completion of HS2 have featured in the national and specialist press. This coverage has included endless re-hashing of arguments featured since the project was announced. Currently there is some doubt that the connecting ends of the project, ie into Euston from Old Oak Common and into Digbeth from Birmingham Interchange (by the NEC) will be constructed to the same timescale as the remainder of Phase One.

Various items have appeared in local media reminding readers of personal tragedies regarding compulsory purchase orders, damage to the environment etc.

Locally there are few signs of reduced activity, quite the reverse if the number of lorries using Stoneleigh crossroads is anything to go by! With that in mind the deteriorating state of the B4115 and the Stoneleigh crossroads is noticeable. This has been reported to both WCC and BBV (the contractor) and we await any remedial action, but please if you have concerns, do raise them with these bodies.

There will be further road closures so please do look out for notices when they are issued.

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



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The Club has held a number of successful events in the past month, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Ladies Gin Night. We hope that many more of you will come forward with ideas for events in the near future!

A reminder that the AGM will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 19:30** where we hope to elect a new committee. We would be grateful if you could give consideration to joining the Committee.

We are continuing to organise an event for the Coronation of Charles III. Please follow the Club's Facebook page for more news and do get in touch if you have any ideas.

## The Committee

This month's edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News was compiled by Kim and Martin Smith, who would like to thank all contributors.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### **Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023** at **Stoneleigh Village Hall** at 7pm and will include The Annual Meeting of the Council. Please note that we are meeting on a Tuesday and not our usual Thursday due to the King's Coronation. The extra Bank Holiday that has been granted on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 means that we are not able to hold our Annual Meeting of the Council before 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk).

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and the Parish Council's applications for Neighbourhood Planning Technical Support and a Housing Needs Survey have been approved. We are still looking for people to get involved, please contact the clerk for an informal chat.

The works at the junction of Crewe Lane and B4115 have ended and the traffic signals have been removed. They will return later in the year to complete the unfinished work. Traffic notices are placed on the website and HS2 traffic disruptions can also be found at <http://www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk/>

The potholes on the B4115 from the crossroads to the HS2 site entrance was discussed at the last meeting. The state of disrepair of the road has been reported to Warwickshire County Council and Cllr W Redford.

**Becky Maoudis, Parish Clerk**

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## Stoneleigh Annual Village Meeting: Advanced Notice.



The Annual Village Meeting will be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall**. The meeting is a legacy from the Middle Ages, when Parish Councils did not exist, and all local decision making was carried out by meetings of the whole community.

The meeting is open to all electors of Stoneleigh who have the right to speak on any matter of local interest, discuss parish affairs and to pass resolutions thereon. Local groups are also encouraged to attend or send a report to reflect on their activities over the past year.

### STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

The ladies of Stoneleigh Ladies Choir have been embracing activities to celebrate 10 years of singing in the Village Hall.

Recently, a coach party travelled to the Birmingham Hippodrome to a matinee performance of 'My Fair Lady' which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Little treats and a raffle had been arranged for the coach journey home which rounded off a most enjoyable trip.

As we go to print, it's full steam ahead for the choir's free 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert on 28 April and, if they had been selling tickets, it would be a full house. There is to be a selection of music learned over the years to suit all tastes with a bonus performance by the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir followed by tea and cake. Happy days!

The choir won't be relaxing after that but will go straight ahead to their next concert in aid of their chosen charity CRISIS so, if you didn't make it to the Anniversary Concert, there is another opportunity on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be £10.00

**Pat Wightman**



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and  
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## **SERVICES FOR MAY 2023**

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>                      *No service at Ashow*  
10.30 am Coronation Praise Service at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>                     **Rogation Sunday**  
9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>                 **Ascension Day** 7.00 pm Service at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>                     9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Celtic Holy Communion Service at  
Stoneleigh
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>                    **Pentecost**  
9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

### ***From the Registers***

#### ***Funerals***

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Patricia Margaret Thorley – Interment of ashes at Stoneleigh Church
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Lillian May Robinson – Thanksgiving Service at Ashow Church following committal at Oakley Wood Crematorium.

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