Stoneleigh & Ashow News



July/August 2023

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Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Philip Jones, Chairman

he choir took part in a very enjoyable concert at St Giles Church, Bedworth on Saturday 3rd June, entertaining an appreciative audience and helped raise over £570 for church funds.

We are is busy rehearsing for our Summer Serenade to be held in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey (by kind permission of the residents) on Sunday 2nd July, when the guest soloist will be Maggie Bartmanis. The gates will be open at 12.00pm and the concert will start at 12.45pm.

Tickets are £15 each and are available from Philip Jones (kathryngiones@hotmail.co.uk / 01926 853511 / 07910 240453) or from any choir member. Please bring your own picnic, drinks, plates etc. to enjoy the festivities. Tables, chairs and toilets will be provided, and there will be a raffle.

The United Benefice of Stoneleigh with Ashow

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

of the month
at 6:00pm
Sunday 4th June at Ashow church
Sunday 2nd July at Stoneleigh church
Sunday 6th August at Ashow church

Join us for this very special and relaxed service of music, scripture reading and prayers for healing and wholeness.

Stoneleigh & Ashow Organisation Contact Details: CORRECTION

Please note the updated contact details below for Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir:

| Organisation | Contact name | Contact number | Email address |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir | Phil Jones (Chairman) | 01926 853511 | kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk |
| | Judy Hadfield (Conductor) | 024 7641 4616 | judyhadfield@hotmail.com |

Stoneleigh Village Club Update

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com



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s many are aware, an EGM has been called for Friday 30th June at which a new committee will be appointed.

This year sees the return of the Duck Race, which will take place on Saturday 5th August. Please could we make a plea for donations for the tombola and also for anyone who would like to take a stall. Please contact stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com for further details.

Your Club Committee

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DUCKS RACING AT 3.00PM

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Film Night

Friday 7th July 2023

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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 5th July

Please bring your own cup and plate.

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

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

ur May meeting was a most unusual one, being a talk on the history of egg cups! Who knew what a varied and interesting history would unfold? We were all thoroughly entertained. The June meeting is yet to be held, as I write, but should again prove to be a success as it concerns the history and refurbishment of Coventry's great guildhall.

Our normal meetings will resume on 26th September, when local girl Sarah Boden will tell us about the work of her award-winning theatrical company, Imagine Theatre, which supplies costumes and staging for pantomimes. Oh yes, she will! We shall hear about the history of pantomime and what makes for a successful show.

We shall not be idle over the summer: researches continue, and my recent book, Cordelia Leigh's reminiscences about life in Stoneleigh in Victorian (and later) times, will be officially launched at Ashow Church on Wednesday 28th June at 7.00pm. If you receive this News in time, you are most welcome to come along! Otherwise the book can be obtained from me at any time (see details on pages 14 and 15).

New members are always welcome to join us, and can do so by viewing our website at http://stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk/.

Stoneleigh History Society



This month's front cover

Ashow Church
June 2023

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Stoneleigh WI

Liz Sykes

hat a lovely month – if you don't mind watering!

We visited the book farm – managed to get lost, but worth the visit. Had lunch at Napton at the Friendly Inn. Still looking forward to afternoon tea on the river at Stratford. The June speaker, Susie Lickman, was excellent. She gave advice on looking after houseplants; so interesting.

was excellent. She gave advice on looking after houseplants; so interesting. The craft group continue to meet on Monday mornings. Do drop in for a tea or coffee.

The talk in July is about being a barber/surgeon during the Wars of the Roses. Looking forward to it. The meeting is on Monday 3rd July at 1.30pm for 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Everyone is welcome.

An Exciting Christmas Present!

reat Grandma, 91 year-old-Nora Blagburn from Stoneleigh, took to the skies on Sunday 18th June for a helicopter flight which was a Christmas present from one of her grown-up grandsons in Ireland.

"Although having flown many times, this was a first for me. I was apprehensive about it, but flattered that my grandson thought I could do it — so I did it! The champagne and chocolates afterwards were much enjoyed too!"





Much of our daily life is serious, and yet Jesus invites us to become like little children. What might this mean? This experiential day will give us time to relax with God, to play and pray, perhaps even to rediscover some joy as we look at the world afresh through the eyes of a child. There will be a blend of stillness, gentle movement, creative activity, interactive group times, as well as space for quiet individual reflection as we spend time both inside and outdoors (weather permitting!). No experience necessary — all are welcome.

Lunch will be provided (and donations appreciated!). Please book your place with Jackie at admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk.

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A Vanished World

Official Launch with Sheila Woolf





The long life of Cordelia Leigh, youngest child of Lord Leigh of Stoneleigh Abbey, near Kenilworth in Warwickshire, extended from the middle of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth.

Born into privilege and excluded from formal schooling herself, she recognised the vital importance of educating the young, particularly in an appreciation of the natural environment. In this she may be considered ahead of her time.

As her life drew to a close, she recorded her reminiscences of Stoneleigh and beyond, as the old century became the new, and the world with which she had been familiar was to vanish forever.

n and guide at Stoneleigh Abbey,

Sheila Woolf is a volunteer historian and guide at Stoneleigh Abbey, and Chair of Stoneleigh History Society.

Price: £10

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Edited and Introduced by Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

Pete Freeman

n the June edition of the Stoneleigh & Ashow News, readers may recall that we were waiting on tenterhooks for the arrival of our bottled cider from the Pershore bottling plant in time to supply our Whit Monday "Blossom Event". To our relief, timescales were maintained and this, combined with a window of sunshine, ensured that the entire event benefitted. First and foremost, the community took the opportunity to enjoy a new village event which allowed both villagers and visitors to socialise and relax in the orchard adjacent to the former Meadows Community Hut. Event co-manager, Nora Blagburn, had organised a quiz that took visitors on a trail through the orchard, whilst helpers Julia, Clare, Gwen, Paul, Liz and Karina staffed and organised arts and crafts stands.



Refreshments were supplied thanks to Sally, Ann, Emma and Amanda as Adrian coordinated events from the microphone. There was cider tasting, following which our new bottled sparkling cider underwent a phenomenal run in demand — to the extent that we are close to being sold out of approaching 50 cases in a mere ten days, with the larger proportion having been sold during the two hours of the Blossom Event.

I would like to thank all those involved, from traffic marshalls to those staffing and putting up stalls, and those who planned and worked so hard to make the day such a success. It would seem that we have the basis of an event that can be both repeated and adapted going forward.



"To cut or not to cut, that is the question." Unusually, there has been occasional vocal commentary following our recent mowing of the orchard meadow. This is always going to divide opinion. Villagers who have resided in Stoneleigh since the inception of the orchard project back in 2011 will recall that several exhaustive attempts were made to cultivate wild flower areas within the orchard between 2013 and 2016. Strategies included using a tractor to scuffle extensive areas and then sow with wild flowers, to using yellow rattle to weaken grass roots. These all proved unsuccessful, primarily because the grass in the vicinity of the orchard is so strong and particularly so down by the river where it is very fertile. Unsurprisingly, if wild flowers germinated they would only exist for a year or two before the grass won out once more. Members of the then Orchard Group understandably opted not to repeat these exercises, choosing instead a strategy in which only less fertile areas of the orchard remained uncut to see what would come through. We maintain this strategy to this day as it suits our grass cutting contractor, who otherwise risks damaging cutting equipment if the grass undergoes lodging during periods of wet weather, which can occasionally occur from June onwards depending on the UK's potential monsoon summers. Finally, we are also contracted to maintain an agreed grass cutting regime until at least 2025, and this suits those of us who have to undertake operations within the orchard.

In the absence of anything to report on brandy development, and with the holiday season close at hand, on behalf of the Orchard Board I would like to wish villagers a relaxing summer, preferably with a cool glass of Stoneleigh village cider close to hand.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2023 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



Resonate Festival is Back!

Ben Hayday

he University of Warwick would like to invite you to join us for the 2023 Resonate Festival! On Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Saturday 8th July, we will be taking over the campus to host workshops, talks, performances, hands-on activities and much more – from circus skills to science demonstrations.



We will be joined by Warwick students and staff, external speakers and community partners, who will deliver three events which aim to engage, inspire and entertain. Events on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July will take place at the Warwick Arts Centre from 6.30pm to 10.00pm. These evening sessions are suited to an adult audience (although those aged 14 to 17 are welcome with an accompanying adult). Saturday 8th July, 11.00am to 5.00pm, will be our Resonate Day Out, with loads going on for kids, teens and grown-ups of all ages.

On Wednesday and Thursday, there will be live music, displays and activities, plus inspiring talks you won't want to miss. Dr Nighat Arif (a GP specialising in women's health who you might recognise from BBC Breakfast or TikTok) will be doing a talk and Q&A covering perimenopause, menopause and post-menopause, and you can hear from local writing royalty, Mike Gayle, who will be sharing stories from his 25 years as a

novelist. Warwick's own Dr Alex Sharpe will be concluding her fantastic series of talks on David Bowie discussing "David Bowie and Ideas on Love", and we will be in conversation with the brilliant writer and actor Ruth Jones talking about her new novel "Love Untold".

Saturday – our festival finale! – will be a joyful celebration of the amazing people who have been a part of Resonate this year. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, alongside shows from James Campbell (children's author and comedian) and Stefan Gates (the Gastronaut).

You can book free tickets to all this exciting activity and more by visiting www.resonatefestival.co.uk We hope to see you there!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at community@warwick.ac.uk





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HS2 Update

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

Residents will be all too aware of the ever-changing series of diversions and alterations associated with the A46 and HS2 in particular. We regret to give advanced warning that more is to come if the necessary planning approval is obtained.

Anthony Bianco reports the following:

HS2 Ltd has recently presented a new project to take 20/40-tonne HGVs (approximately 600-a-day at peak) direct from a new-build T-junction (within 25 metres of the end of this side of the end of the new A46 works) on a black tarmac road into the newly extended 29-hectare site and compound. This new junction will relieve, but not remove, the need for traffic lights at the crossroads with the B4115 and Birmingham Road which are currently in place.

The 29-hectare site will be home to three 5-to-7-metre-high earth mounds and other construction materials. We believe that the site will be leased for 10 years, subject to planning permission. The planning application is expected to be submitted in August or September this year, with 16 weeks before Warwick District Council then make a decision. If approval is granted, building could start in 2024.

Apparently, this part of the project has taken approximately six years to plan and may yet be subject to change. Residents will be consulted, some (but not all) having already received a document from HS2 Ltd. Please contact Anthony Bianco or Richard Hancox at the Parish Council for further information.

At the end of the project the land will be returned to agricultural use. Something to look forward to!



Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Pat Wightman

here's some good news and some bad news from the Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir. The bad news is that our lovely Musical Director. Karen Whyte, is leaving to return to her homeland in the north west, a decision met with dismay from the ladies of the choir. Some of the original members were teachers at Sherbourne Fields, a school for children with special educational needs, where Karen was the music teacher. Her enthusiasm and inspirational teaching prompted the request that she lead the newly-formed choir. During the 10 years since its inception, the choir has benefitted from her expert knowledge, and her continued enthusiasm has motivated the ladies to reach a standard of singing beyond their initial expectations. There has been lots of fun and laughter along the way and she will be sadly missed by everyone. We wish her good luck and happiness in her next venture.



The *good* news is that Seb Farrall, a professional musician and well known in the area for his involvement with community choirs, has agreed to take us on. More about this exciting change in the next issue.

As we go to print, rehearsals for our next concert on Friday 7th July are going well and ticket sales are lively, so it looks like Karen's last concert in aid of CRISIS will be another sell-out. Tickets for "Songs from the Shows" (followed by afternoon tea) are still available at £10 each from Val Baker at bakerssvdn@talktalk.net or by calling 024 7641 4360.

Our new term starts on Thursday 7th September – a good time to join us. For more information, please contact our Secretary, Sharron, on sharronmced@gmail.com.

Parish Council Notes

Becky Maoudis, Parish Clerk

stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com PO Box 6890, Coventry, CV6 9QU

Meetings

Our next meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club at 7.00pm on Thursday 13th July 2023.

At our June meeting, Cllr W Redford (WCC) requested that any potholes or poor repairs are reported to him as soon as possible so that he can resolve the issue. Cllrs Redford and J Payne (WDC) have asked that you report any issues of fly-tipping straight to Warwick District Council using the online form, with as much information about location and content as possible.

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 (PC) website at http://www.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk.

We are launching a questionnaire via Survey Monkey to gather as many views as possible for our Neighbourhood Plan development. Please use the link below or head to our website and click on the link under our Neighbourhood Plan section.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StoneleighandAshow

Change of Date

The next updated meeting for the Neighbourhood Plan will now be held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at Ashow Village Club at 7.00pm.

Request for Help

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

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

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was compiled by **Lucy Morris**, who would like to thank all contributors The online colour version can be viewed at the village website

www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk

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Services for July & August 2023

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| Sunday 2 nd | 10.00am | United Holy Communion Service – Ashow |
| | 6.00pm | Healing and Wholeness Service – Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 9 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Morning Praise Service – Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 16 th | 9.30am | Celtic Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Celtic Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |
| Saturday 23 rd | 9.30am | Village Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 30 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |
| August 2023 | | |
| Sunday 6 th | 11.00am | United Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |
| | 6.00pm | Healing and Wholeness Service – Ashow |
| Sunday 13 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Morning Praise Service – Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 20 th | 9.30am | Celtic Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Celtic Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 27 th | 9.30am | Village Service – Ashow |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh |