

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



OCTOBER 2023



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Stoneleigh History Society

September's meeting was a quite different subject from the usual – a look at the work of local company Imagine Theatre, who provide all the requisite glitter and glitz for pantomimes all over the country. With a variety of fantastic costumes to see, members were interested to hear not just about the history of pantomime, but also about the way in which local theatres such as the Belgrade are leading the way into a new phase of this very English form of theatre.

In October, appropriately for Hallowe'en, we shall be hearing about a mystery hitherto unsolved, when Paul Waddoups tells us about "The Kilsby Tunnel Murder Mystery 1906". Returning to school at Princethorpe, the young daughter of a French aristocrat is found dead in Kilsby Tunnel. Is it suicide, a terrible accident, or the work of the Railway Ripper? All are welcome to our meeting at 7.30pm in the village hall on October 31st - if you dare!

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October 19th

November 2nd, 16th

10:00am - 11:30am

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STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

It certainly was a joyful start to the season with a performance at the JoyFest at Stoneleigh Church on 16th September. It was also the first public performance with our new leader, Seb Farrall and, despite the wind and an errant helicopter, it all went very well.



Now the choir begins music for Christmas. They will be performing a variety of seasonal music at Cannon Park Shopping Centre on 14th December and specially chosen music for the Carol Service at Stoneleigh Church.

On the social side, a number of ladies will be enjoying a trip to the Talisman Theatre to see "Sweet Charity" and will, no doubt be tempted to join in with "Rythmn of Life" - a song they know really well.

Exciting news is that very shortly the Stoneleigh Ladies Choir is to have its own website! More information about that next month.

We are also pleased to welcome back some old choir members who have returned to the fold. If you are interested in joining us on a Thursday afternoon (term time only) you would be guaranteed a warm welcome. Please contact our Secretary Sharron on sharronmced@gmail.com.

Pat Wightman



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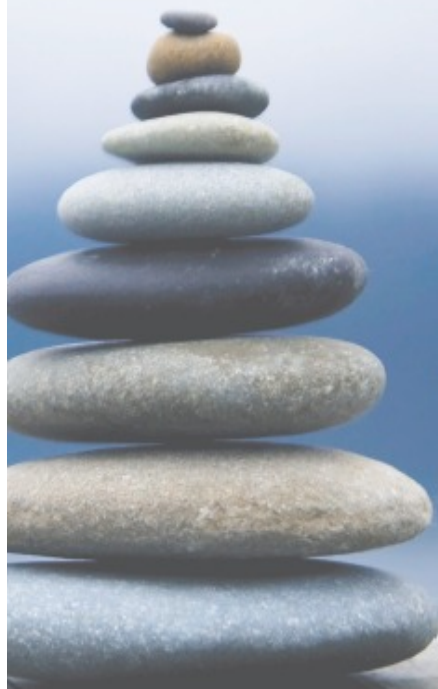


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Next Film Night

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I was a little apprehensive about the subject of the talk for our September meeting, “garden implements”. It turned out to be very interesting. The speaker, John Matthews, brought many old garden tools, some of which were quite rare. He told us their history and explained their use.

The speaker at our October meeting, on Monday 2nd October at 2pm, will be Stoneleigh Church’s vicar the Reverend Petrica Bistran. You are most welcome to join us and listen to him talk of how he became a minister in the Church of England and of his life in the UK.

The Craft Group have started some patchwork, ably helped by our secretary Chris Ward. The Group meets on Monday mornings and you are welcome to pop in for a coffee and see what is happening.

During last month the Lunch Club met at The Green Man in Kenilworth. The group are also looking forward to a Jane Austen tour of Stoneleigh Abbey, where our guide will be Sheila Woolf.

Liz Sykes

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who would like to thank all contributors.

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HS2 UPDATE

Last month's report referred to the renewal of controversy surrounding the escalating costs of HS2, with attention now moving to the possible abandonment of the section of the route to Manchester.

It is most regrettable that communities such as ours are being exposed to all these disruptions for a project which is being potentially scaled back to the extent that it makes little sense to have started it! As reported earlier, there is much doubt that Euston will be the London terminus for the project.

Meanwhile, local residents can look forward to road/lane closures involving night time lane closures on the A46 to permit more tree felling/vegetation clearance (the second operation of this type in this area), complete closure of the Stoneleigh Road bridge over the A46 from 5 October, and several weeks' closure of Dalehouse Lane. Some challenging diversions lie ahead for us all!

Of course, coupled with other live construction projects, eg the houses being built in the 'Thickthorn Wedge', there may be additional road closures or one-way systems put in place.

HS2 Ltd attempts to keep residents informed but this is somewhat erratic and date changes aren't always notified, adding to the confusion caused by other projects in this area. The village Facebook page is a useful way of exchanging information about such things.

Margaret Wallis

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



STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

On Saturday September 16th some of the members of the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir sang at the JoyFest which took place at Stoneleigh Church. It was a very happy occasion and it was lovely to see so many people there enjoying the harvest flowers and art exhibition inside the church and the activities and entertainment in the churchyard.



After our summer break the men are busy rehearsing for our next concert which will be on Saturday October 21st at Abbey Hill United Reformed Church, Kenilworth, starting at 7pm. Our guest soloist will be Lucy Morris. All the profits from this concert will be shared between the Waverley Day Centre and the Kenilworth Reader and Visitors Service who provide home visiting services to local blind and partially sighted people.

We are also asking any members of the audience who wish to do so to bring one item of dried or tinned food to donate to the Kenilworth Food Bank. Tickets are £15 each which includes a drink and light refreshments and are available from Philip Jones on 01926 853511 or 07910240453, email: kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk or any choir member.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir either come along to one of our rehearsals on a Wednesday evening at Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm or contact Philip Jones for more information. Contact details above.

Philip Jones
chairman.



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Friday: 4pm - 11pm

Saturday: 12pm - 11pm

Sunday: 12pm - 10:30pm

With the usual drinking up time of 20 minutes

Marrow Competition

The marrow competition took place on Friday 15th September and was well attended. There were some impressive marrows on show! The winner of the marrow competition was Hollie Whittaker with a record breaking 98lbs! Thus, beating her Granddad, John Craine's, previous record of 97lbs. A budding horticulturalist in the making. Congratulations Hollie!



Knit and Natter

The knit and natter group has restarted. Come and join us every Thursday evening from 7pm.
Everyone Welcome.

Dates for the Diary

Watch “*this space*” on the notice board!
Please come down and join in the frivolities

October

Friday 6th	Fish & Chips Night - 7.30pm
Saturday 7th	Rugby World Cup - All day
Wednesday 11th	Ladies Night - 7.30pm
Thursday 12th	Crib & Dominoes League starts - 7.30pm
Saturday 14th	Rugby World Cup Quarter Final - TBC Sam & Lynne’s Cheese & Wine Night - 7.30pm
Sunday 15th	Rugby World Cup Quarter Final - TBC
Friday 20th	Rugby World Cup Semi Final - TBC
Saturday 21st	Rugby World Cup Semi Final - TBC Crib & Dominoes - 7.30pm
Saturday 28th	Rugby World Cup Final - TBC Halloween – Children’s Party - 5pm-7pm Halloween – Walk - 7pm

The theme for this year’s Halloween is scarecrows for which we would welcome donations of suitable old clothes!

In November there will be a Charity Race Night followed by a Charity Auction for which some items have been donated but more would be welcome. Donated items will be auctioned in aid of your chosen charity.

Please follow the Club’s Facebook page for more news.

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub



Stoneleigh Community Orchard

With the picking and pressing of early varieties of apple already started it would be fair to say that the Orchard Group are already engaged in meeting the challenges of the harvest of 2023. This year in advance of the harvest particular attention was given to how to alleviate the pressures of workload and make these manual labours easier to complete. It has long been an aspiration to acquire larger premises in the proximity of the orchard as well as to automate otherwise manual processes to meet the demands of an exponentially increasing harvest. To this end, the area occupied by the Meadows Hut given its location adjacent to the Orchard would clearly make an ideal plot from which to operate and therefore has an inherent value to our community enterprise. The owners having recently been refused planning permission for a dwelling and then being approached by the Orchard to purchase it from them now value the land at offers in excess of £170,000. This interestingly would put the land at values approaching those located in areas of the Borough of Westminster. It would therefore appear that there will be little chance of addressing our needs through this means, leaving the Meadows hut at an impasse and representing little more than a “folly” to the calculus of flawed speculation for the foreseeable future.

On a positive and exciting note, the Orchard board are pleased to have agreed and supplied 300 litres of cider to be distilled into Brandy at Chase Farm distillery. At this point in time this can be considered the first steps in an experiment, the results of which will only be realised following storage and aging in Cherry Wood barrels for a period of three years. This process will clearly require a degree of patience and from recollection the words of the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu are applicable when he states that “Every great journey starts with a single step”.

As apple picking and pressing gears up and accelerates, we welcome any assistance that the Stoneleigh Community or indeed those from

outside the village can offer when it comes to “bringing in” the harvest. As mentioned in the September edition you can simply turn up if you see activity in the Orchard or contact me at the email address below to find out further details or alternatively check the posts of Amanda Freeman on the Stoneleigh Village Facebook for dates and times.

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, however why not become a long term Friend and set up a direct debit.

Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh

Petefreeman773@gmail.com

Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Hancox,

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th October 2023 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.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.co.uk.

In our September meeting, there was discussion about the recent Planet Earth event that was held at Stoneleigh Park. The Parish Council have been informed that due to several reasons, this event will not be held at the venue again.

The issue of HS2 and heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village was also raised. The Parish Council would urge any complaints regarding HS2 traffic using the village as a through route to be reported directly to HS2. This can be done by telephone on 08081 434 434, email on HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, in writing at Freepost HS2 COMMUNITY HUB, or by using the online complaints form at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/contact-form

Neighbourhood Plan



Our next Environmental Theme group meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at Ashow Village Club at 7pm.

If you, or anyone you know, has any knowledge on the wildlife or their habitats in the local area, we would love to hear from you! Or if you are a keen local walker, we would love to hear what routes are important to you.

VACANCY

We are looking for a new clerk for Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council. The position is home-based, with attendance at occasional meetings, for approximately 15 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact the clerk via the contact details below.

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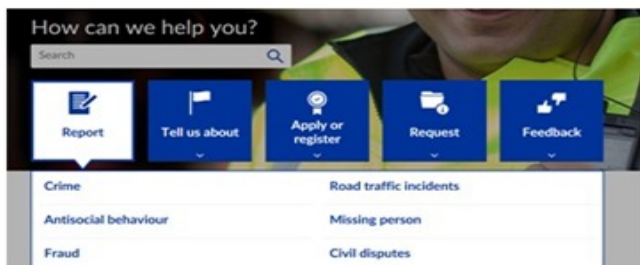
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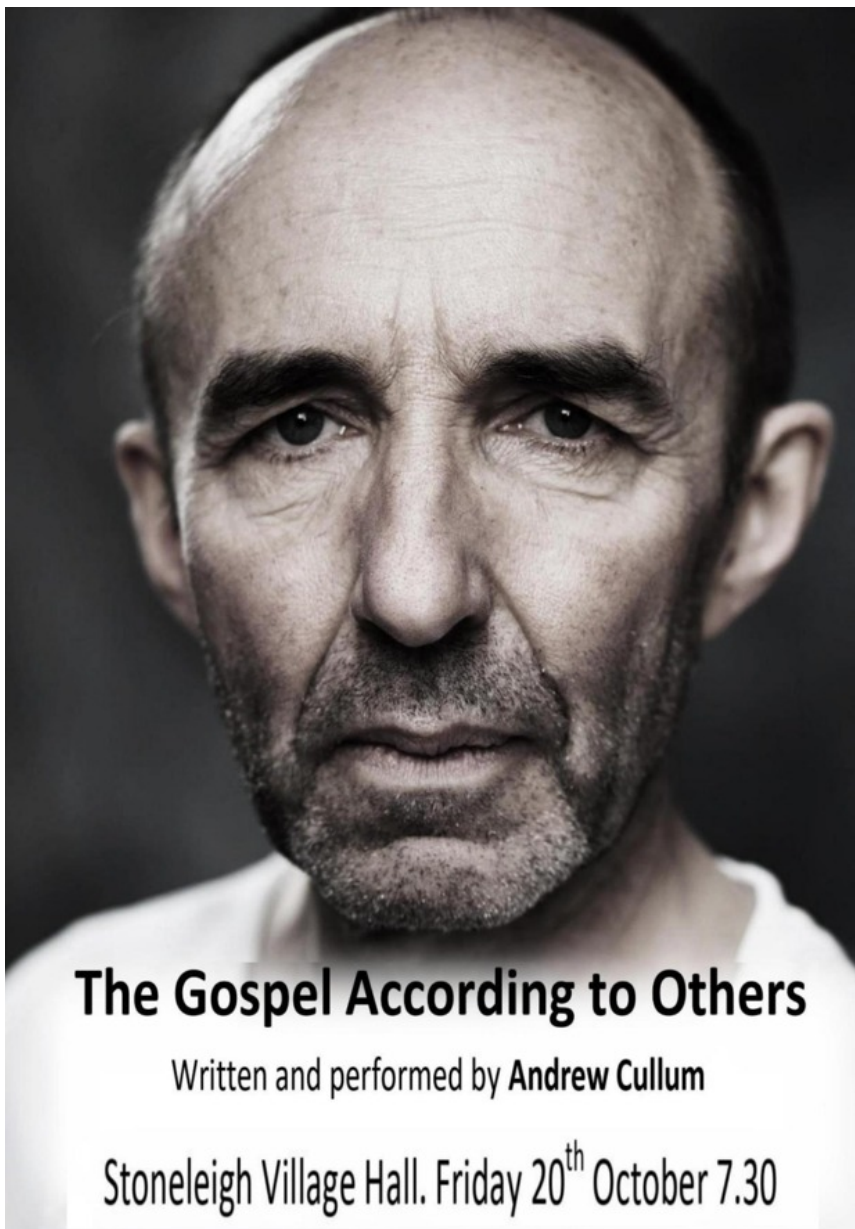
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- Lazarus. Does he now believe in resurrection?
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- Joseph of Arimathea. Did he take the boy Jesus on a foreign sea voyage? If he did, what did that friendship look like? What will he do with the empty tomb on his estate?

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Andrew Cullum trained at Webber Douglas in the 1980s. He has played many theatre seasons in roles ranging from Richard III to Pantomime Dame. Television work includes *The Crown*, *EastEnders*, *Emmerdale* and *Brum*. Andrew has a prolific career as a narrator of audiobooks, with over sixty available through Audible.

He wrote and produced a play, *The Panto Girls* which played in the UK and Canada and his first novel, *Lights Burning Blue*, is a page-turning thriller with a theatrical setting. www.andrewcullum.co.uk



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Sunday 8th	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 15th	9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow 11.00 am Celtic Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 29th	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 2 August 2023 – Terence Storer
Funeral Service at Oakley Wood Crematorium.

Contacts

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email: revpbistran@gmail.com

Churchwardens:

Ashow: Kate Jones 01926 853511 and Anne Gregory 01926 713066

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