

# STONELEIGH & ASHOW

## *News*



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## *June 2024*



# “The Heart of Stoneleigh Defibrillator”

In the phone box on The Green

**Coordinator**

David Ellwood 07785 284482

Text if no reply

## Trained Volunteers

|                    |              |
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**Remember: Always ring 999 first!**

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

If you would like to be trained to use the defibrillator, please see article on the next page.

# *First Aid Opportunity*

The Committee at Stoneleigh Village Hall is proposing to hold a 2-hour course in first aid including the use of the defibrillator. The course is being offered to two representatives from each of the groups who use the hall on a regular basis and any Stoneleigh residents. The one-off course will be run by the Red Cross and take place in September.



If you would like to reserve a place, please email: [patw1965@btinternet.com](mailto:patw1965@btinternet.com)

# *Stoneleigh Ladies Choir*

[www.stoneleighladieschoir.org](http://www.stoneleighladieschoir.org)



Just before Easter, a group of ladies spent an afternoon singing at the Waverley Day Centre. They sang songs from their current repertoire which included a good bit of enthusiastic participation from the audience. Afterwards the ladies stayed for tea and biscuits, and it was agreed that it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Eight members of the choir are enjoying rehearsals with the Massed Community Choir and City of Culture Orchestra for the “Celebration of the Joy of Music” concert in Butterworth Hall, Warwick Arts Centre at 7pm on Saturday 25 May. Tickets for this event are available from [www.singitloud.co.uk/concert](http://www.singitloud.co.uk/concert) or from Warwick Art Centre.

Work is now underway for our summer concert on Saturday 6 July so if you would like to join us, now is a good time. More information on contact details on our website [www.stoneleighladieschoir.org](http://www.stoneleighladieschoir.org)



# Film Night

June's film will be: Wicked Little Letters



Wicked Little Letters is a 2023 British black comedy mystery film starring Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Joanna Scanlan, Gemma Jones, Eileen Atkins, and Timothy Spall.

Based on a true scandal, it follows an investigation into the anonymous author of numerous crudely insulting letters sent to the residents of the Sussex seaside town, Littlehampton.

**This film is Certified 15 due to the very strong language!!**

**Friday June 7, 2024, in  
Stoneleigh Village Hall  
Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing.**

Please can you bring a cup and 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 5<sup>th</sup> June

# *Stoneleigh History Society*

Our April meeting, *Coventry Murders during the 1800s*, provided us with a compendium of gruesome catastrophes which may have given some members sleepless nights! Our May meeting, however, was a much calmer affair, being the fascinating stories of six people who were important in building and beautifying the stunning church of St Mary's in Warwick.

We now look forward to our meeting at the end of June, on *Five Formidable Local Females*, our speaker being Margaret Rushton, secretary of the Leamington History group. Who will be the chosen females, we wonder? Join us at 7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June to find out.

The lovely model of the smithy, which was given to the Society in April, is now in place in the Leigh Chapel of the church. It is a precise replica of the building, complete with tiny interior fittings. Do go and have a look!

**Sheila Woolf**



## *Stoneleigh WI*

When two ladies who came to tell us about their pilgrimages to Mecca, it was fascinating hearing the preparations they needed to do, the journey and other people's lifestyles – they live in our communities.

A very good coffee morning at Russells – what a lovely café.



We have a lunch at the end of May at the Royal Oak at Brandon. They have re-opened after dreadful months of being flooded.

The monthly meeting will be the AGM. Following the business we plan some entertainment.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we are having a coffee morning at the hall. This will be in aid of charity. We do hope to have a good turn out to support this. The charge for the refreshments is £6. Please come to support this – we open at 10:30am.

**Liz Sykes**

## *Seasons*

Saturday 11 May was a memorable day, not just for the Aurora Borealis, that some of us may have been lucky enough to witness, nor for the Eurovision Song Contest, but for the wonderful Seasons Event held in Stoneleigh Church.

Those who attended heard words by some of our best loved British poets and novelists read by Sheila Woolf and Philip Jones. One of the carefully chosen poems was written by Avril Newey, who was present at the event, not knowing that one of her many poems was going to feature.

Beautiful photos of Stoneleigh were used as a backdrop to the readings and the talented Mikael Petersson played music by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, and Vivaldi.

The aisle of the church was decorated with coloured candlesticks representing not only the seasons but the colours of the rainbow.

A huge thank you to Sheila, Mikael, and Philip for entertaining us during the evening and to Petrica for having the initial idea, plus everyone else who helped make the evening a memorable one and for raising £650.

***The Editor***

## *Stoneleigh Village Hall*

Following HS2's offer of some free saplings, the trustees of the hall arranged for a team of five men from JLR (Jaguar Land Rover) to plant these in the village hall grounds. About forty saplings were planted and comprise crab apple, wild cherry, rowan and guelder rose. The men volunteered under JLR's community assist scheme and were great to be associated with.

We provided tea and biscuits, but an offer of lunch was declined. The reason being that they were anxious to return home quickly to shower and change their clothes, having spent several hours in continuous rain to complete the job! Well done JLR men and thanks to HS2.

We have a new notice board for the parish council that is much easier to access. Now outside the car park in Hall Close. You can't miss it – it's bright blue!

At the AGM we had 2 villagers attend – it was good to have people who are interested. There are two new members of the committee – Laura Blatherwick and Quentin Compton-Bishop.

We look forward to having 'new blood' on board.

***Liz Sykes***

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The May 2024 edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News reported on the car park markings being refreshed and that there are now two full size disabled parking bays.

# *Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir*

Tel: 01926 853511 or 07910 240453

[kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)

Recently the choir have sung at two care homes in Kenilworth. In both places the residents enjoyed the concert that we put on and it was lovely to see many of them joining in and singing along with us. We will be visiting another couple of care homes in the coming months.

## **Forthcoming Events.**

### **Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Summer Serenade will again take place in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey. We are grateful to the residents for allowing us to use this wonderful facility. Details of this event can be found on page 9 of the magazine.

### **Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Quiz night in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

### **Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

A joint concert with Bad Vibrations, a mixed choir from Kenilworth in Stoneleigh Church.

Further details about these two events in the July/August and September magazines.

## **Sad News**

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mike Baker one of the founder members of the choir. Many of you will remember seeing Mike perform in our shows and concerts. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The choir sends their deepest sympathy to Pam and the family at this difficult time.

The choir meet on Wednesday evenings in Stoneleigh Village Hall. If anyone would like to join us, please come along to one of our rehearsals or contact Philip Jones on 01926 853511 / 07910240453 or by email [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

***Philip Jones***



# Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

invites you to



## "Summer Serenade"

To be held in

"The Walled Garden"

Stoneleigh Abbey

(courtesy of the Residents)

on

**Sunday 7th July 2024**

Food will be provided.

Patrons should bring their own drinks, glasses, and any extra nibbles etc that they wish to consume.

Gate opens 12.00 noon. Concert starts 12.30 pm.

**Tickets £20.00**

The choir will be singing a selection of popular songs from shows, films etc. Guest Artistes will also perform.

This is our major fundraising event which sells out very quickly. to order your tickets contact:

Phil Jones on **01926 853511 / 07910240453** or email [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)

Charities supported by this concert are:

British Blind Sports Association and Leamington Spa Night Shelter



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# **JUNIOR CHURCH SCHOOL**



**Sunday 9th June, 11am - Stoneleigh**  
**We are God's family**



**Sunday 14th July**  
**11am - Stoneleigh**  
**The Joy of Worship**

**Sunday 11th August, 11am - Stoneleigh**  
**Summer Fun and Activities**



**Sunday 8th September - Stoneleigh**  
**Stories of our Blessed Mother Mary**

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# Junior Forest Church



Ashow Churchyard

Saturday 8th June, 2:00pm

Join us for an outdoors, relaxed event, for all ages, exploring together the Natural World and its Creator, through games, fun and activities!



Free for all. Please wear outdoors clothes!

# *Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update*

In this month's edition I would first like to pay tribute to those involved in the planning of our Orchard Blossom Event. Directors Nora Blagburn and Quentin Compton-Bishop brought experience and a skill set to the proceedings which built on the success of previous years.

A broad set of villagers helped from the start of the day, and all will get a mention in the July / August edition of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News, along with photographs, owing to the late generation of this article and inevitably missing the copy deadline.

The day started off warm and got even hotter through the collective heat generated whilst trying to construct the big marquee provided by Stoneleigh Village Club, which having previously been packed away damp and with poles mixed up provided a thought-provoking challenge which Adrian Clarke and Paul Britten managed to resolve using their engineering know how. Thank you to villager Malcolm Murphy, Gordon Gatward and David Blagburn who had travelled all the way from Ireland to assist in this exercise!

Thanks to all the ladies who baked cakes and staffed the stalls, all of whom will get a mention in the next edition. The event also provided an opportunity to observe an assortment of activities ranging from Morris dancing to bee keeping as well as the opportunity to sample a broad selection of products ranging from spirits from the East Chase Farm Distillery to soaps. It is worth a mention to say that John Churchley and I managed to sell all our boxes of cider on the day and it is my understanding that Stoneleigh Village Club also benefitted from the foot fall coming into the village.

Finally, big thank you to the weather, as these occasions invariably rely on sunshine!

With the Blossom event providing the main focus for May the only other news of note was that John Churchley and I took the opportunity to personally introduce ourselves to staff from HS2 earlier in the month during a HS2 PR exercise held at Stoneleigh Village Hall. We went to discuss the tunnelling under the A46 and used this occasion to highlight flooding issues that this project is exacerbating locally.

A gallery of relevant flooding photographs had been uploaded to the Environment Agency website in advance and they have shared these with HS2. So, we will wait to see what the response to this evidence is, but initial indications seem to concentrate on a plan to form an artificial water storing lake at the confluence of the river Avon and Sowe.

We will follow this possibility with interest.

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2024 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.

Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh [Petefreeman773@gmail.com](mailto:Petefreeman773@gmail.com)  
Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Hancox, [Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Hancox@highwaysengland.co.uk)

*Pete Freeman*

# Stoneleigh Village Club



## **COFFEE MORNING** **Thursday** **June 20th** **July 11th, 25th**

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

*Come along, enjoy a hot drink  
and catch up with friends.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

**£1 donation**





## Stoneleigh & A show News Printed Copy

### Potential End to Distribution!

Voluntary Contributions to SA News continue to decline year-on-year.

To date, I have only **SEVEN** contributions from residents.

#### **INCOME:**

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Voluntary Contributions (to date) | £109.00        |
| Advertising Revenue               | £380.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>£489.00</b> |

#### **OUTGOING:**

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Printing Cost per annum | £1250.00        |
| Expenses                | £ 100.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>£1350.00</b> |

Hence, we have a current shortfall of **£861.00** for the year.

A generous donation of £200 from the Stoneleigh Community Orchard fund is welcome, but we clearly cannot continue on this basis.

As treasurer, I am not prepared to ask for this money from local charitable sources given that support for a printed copy of the news is so very low across the two villages.

We have made many previous appeals where I always used the phrase *'If regular receipt of a printed copy of this magazine is important to you'*.



**Can you now please decide if it is important to you and if you are prepared to take some action to retain a printed copy. → → → →**

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

Stoneleigh & Ashow News has been in production since **January 1868!**

It is an important part of the heritage of both villages. As such, we will preserve its distribution via an email distribution list to those that want it if the printed copy finishes.

Making a voluntary contribution (or even better a direct debit - to show continued support), is the only viable way of ensuring the continuation of a distributed paper copy.

**By the end of our financial year (31 Oct 2024) we will be looking for the equivalent of...**

**55 voluntary contributions of £15 = £825**

(Including those seven we already have of course).

*i.e. £1.50 per copy (cheaper than the 1½ pence in 1868!)*

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Of course, if you do not read Stoneleigh and Ashow News and do not respond, that is important for us to know also.

*Thank you for your attention!*

*Bill Crofts*

*Treasurer for Stoneleigh and Ashow News*

# Stoneleigh Village Club

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Finally, some sunnier days! We have even been able to enjoy the garden at SVC on a few occasions of late. Long may it continue!

Pudding night went well as usual – always a popular night! 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Not that there was one!) to Linda Rice for her sticky toffee pudding! Fish and Chip night was also well attended as usual and brilliantly organised by Liz Wrist! Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed catching up with friends and neighbours.

The SVC Committee is as always busy with day-to-day business and planning events, especially approaching the Duck Race, and the AGM which will take place on **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 at 7pm**. Please think about joining the committee, it is critical to the ongoing success of our important village resource.

Thanks also to all who have joined or renewed their membership. Fees are £6 per member this year - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. There are membership forms behind the bar (Please complete one as if you do not the membership list cannot be updated) You can pay at the bar and ask for a receipt, or directly into the bank account;

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As we sadly lost our lovely Wednesday barmaid Adele, Rory has been organising a volunteer rota to manage the bar on Wednesday evenings. This keeps the club open and costs down. Please do call in for a drink when you can.

We are always happy to hear ideas for future events. These are key to increasing income so if you have an idea or would like to run an event, please come, and talk to us.  
**YOUR VILLAGE CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

## Dates for your diary

**June 2024 – SVC** will be showing the Euro's.

Why not bring some friends down to watch the football?

## **HOLD THE DATE!**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – SVC ANNUAL DUCK RACE!**

**Duck race tickets are on sale now! You must be in it to win it!!**

We plan to have a car boot section this year at £5 per car. Please speak to a committee member or leave your name and contact details with bar staff if you wish to book a car in and we will get back to you.

***With kind regards, Your SVC Committee***



## **Ashow Church Summer Lunch**

**Please come and join us for a wonderful  
Summer Lunch at Ashow Club  
on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12:30.**

**Tickets £17.50 and are available from:  
Rosemary Brown – tel. 01926 855808  
Tony Gregory at Ashow Club – tel. 07724 234456  
Any member of Ashow Church  
(please advise of any special dietary requirements when  
purchasing tickets)**

**We hope to see you there!**



This edition of **Stoneleigh and Ashow News** was compiled by **Lisa Reay**

who would like to thank all contributors.

The online colour version can be viewed on the Village Facebook site until our new website facility is in place.

The **July / August 2024** edition will be compiled by

**Lucy Morris ([sanews@googlegroups.com](mailto:sanews@googlegroups.com))**

**Copy deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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**The United Benefice  
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# **A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

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## WESTWOOD HEATH HISTORY GROUP

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Brian Ellis was a Senior Lecturer in Geographical Education at Warwick University and Head of the Department Of Science Education. He has a long experience of interpreting landscapes with fieldwork in Britain and abroad.



***Refreshments are available to purchase from the bar. There is no charge for this talk, but a small donation would be warmly welcomed if you are able. This supports our research and allows us to organise events such as this one.***

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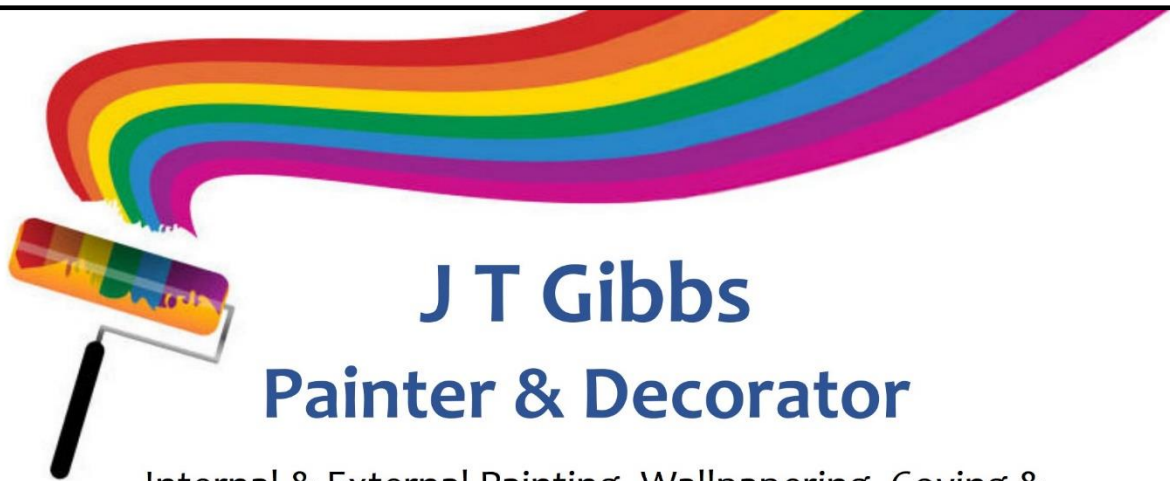


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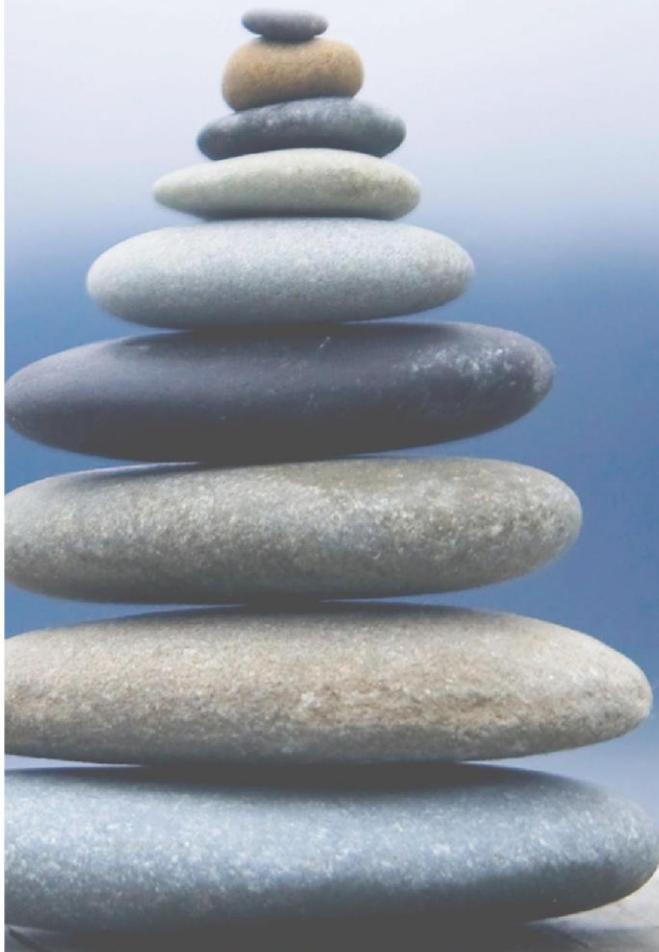
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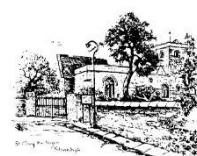
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***SERVICES FOR JUNE 2024***

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 11.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh  
6.00 pm Wholeness and Healing Service at Ashow
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh  
(with Sunday School)
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Celtic Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9.30 am Village Service at Ashow  
11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 am United Holy Communion Service at Ashow

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