Stoneleigh & Ashow



July/August 2024

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Remember: Always ring 999 first!











S&A News' New Email (again!)

Dr Bill Crofts

orry to launch this again on everyone so soon, but the Google Groups email we recently adopted solved some of our problems, but was too restrictive in its use. Therefore, please note that our new email address is:

sanewsletter30@gmail.com

Please remove any other email addresses and use this for all purposes. Any emails you send to this address will go to any editor, our treasurer (Bill), coordinator (Lucy) and distributor coordinator (Sheila).

You will see that this is the only email used on 'Next Editor' and 'Advertisement' notices in this edition, so it should be used for all purposes from now on.

Thank you!

High Sheriff of Warwickshire

Clare Burdett

he Old Shire Hall must have seen some wonderful and exciting occasions, but the ceremony on Thursday 28th March to inaugurate Ashow resident, Rajvinder Kaur Gill, as High Sheriff of Warwickshire was unique as she is the first Sikh woman to have held this post. Interestingly, Robert Iliffe, another Ashow resident, also held the post of High Sheriff of Warwickshire over 40 years ago in 1983. Janet Charlesworth and I were honoured to be guests at this splendid occasion full of pomp and ceremony. We enjoyed a reception of "High Chai", tasting delicious specialities and delicacies of India. Raji was surrounded by proud and loving family and friends, including her first grandchild.

Raji was born on Saturday 14th October 1967 in Gravesend. Her father, Harbux Singh Sarai, and mother, Jagir Kaur Sarai, came to the UK from Punjab, India in 1962 and 1965 respectively. Raji is one of five girls. Sadly, her youngest sibling died in a tragic road accident in 1988 at the age of just seven.

Raji lived in Gravesend until the age of five. Her parents then bought a business (Launderama) in Chatham, where they lived above the business until she was 22. Throughout her life, her father was determined for his daughters to be well educated. With both parents initiated Sikhs, Raji was raised living a Sikh way of life. From a very young age, she was involved in sewa (selfless service) in some form, be it in Gurdwara or within the community. 1989 brought her to Leamington Spa, when she married her husband, Jagtar Singh Gill. Jagtar was appointed an OBE for services to the British Sikh and interfaith community in 2022.

Over the years, Raji became involved in Gurdwara activities, where she and a group of like-minded Sikhs formed an education platform, Sikh Education Society, which was made up of families within the area who shared the same interest of the education of Sikhism, Kirtan (the singing of hymns), Tabla (playing the double drums) and Path (reciting from the Guru Granth Sahib). As she had learned Kirtan from a very young age and was passionate about reciting it, she was in her element as she helped youngsters within the community.

As part of Sikh Education Society, she often led the programmes, delivering them in English to encourage youngsters visiting the Gurdwara so that they developed a better understanding of the Guru's message.

2009 was a momentous year for the Sikhs of Warwickshire with the opening of the new Gurdwara. Lots of selfless sewa took place, and Raji led the fundraising teams. She encouraged Warwickshire schools to visit the Gurdwara as part of their school syllabus.

Raji's working life took her from Warwickshire County Council to Calor Gas to Woodlands department store. In 2001, she left work to focus on growing the family business. Raji and Jagtar had three beautiful children – Gurjeevan, Gursimar and Harveer – and they have managed to build up their property business.

Raji's interest in law and order started at a young age. As a child, she had hoped to join the police force, but her height was a sticking point. When height restrictions were lifted, the wearing of Kirpan and Kara while on duty would have had to be compromised, which she was not open to. However, her interest in law and order was rewarded when she became a Magistrate on the Coventry and Warwickshire Bench in April 2017. Raji is passionate about supporting young people; she delivers educational workshops as part of the Magistrates in the Community programme. Crime prevention and community safety are at the forefront of her priorities through her year as High Sheriff. She is very keen to actively support and encourage crime prevention projects in Warwickshire, such as Crimebeat, a charity that gives recognition to innovative and successful crime prevention projects carried out by young people.

Raji sees it as a huge honour and privilege to be offered the chance to serve the people of Warwickshire. In over a thousand years of the shrievalty, she steps up as the first Sikh woman to take on this role in our historic county. The appointment of a Sikh as a High Sheriff serves as a representation within a wider community and inspires future generations. It sends a powerful message that individuals from minority communities can hold leadership positions and contribute to society. Raji hopes that, whilst in her role, she can encourage young individuals from diverse backgrounds to pursue their aspirations and make a positive impact in their communities. All of her friends in Ashow are certainly very proud of her!



Rajvinder Kaur Gill, High Sheriff of Warwickshire and Ashow resident



Parish Council Notes

Helen Denton-Stacey, Parish Clerk

<u>stoneleighashowparishcouncil@gmail.com</u>

Proper Officer, PO Box 11198, Lutterworth LE17 9FX

June

- The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well; we are reviewing the evidence collated.
- We are pleased to announce that the new noticeboard has been installed on the verge by Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Meetings

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th July 2024.

This is a meeting for Councillors which all members of the public are also welcome to attend.

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

Vacancy Parish Councillor - Ashow Ward

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor for the Ashow Ward to join the dynamic present council. We are looking for a resident who has a passion for the community. Please contact the Clerk to express your interest.



A Belize Adventure

Doug Faulconbridge

hy Belize you may ask?

Firstly, many of you might know that Scouting is a huge part of my life, and I have now been a member of the movement for over 40 years. I have undertaken various roles during this time and, more latterly, I am a joint District Commissioner in Kenilworth as well as being Chairman of a Scout Group in Kenilworth and an Assistant Leader in a Colony of Beavers in Kenilworth.

I attended the World Scout Jamboree in the USA/Canada in 2019 and this gave me an appetite for international Scouting travel.

At the start of 2023, Warwickshire County decided that it wanted to embark on a unique international trip that would be different from a World Jamboree. Young people from Warwickshire between the ages of 14 and 25 were invited to apply to join the trip. Scouting is very much youth-led, so the young people were asked what they would like to do. These are the things which were at the top of the list:

- Experience a tropical rain forest
- Snorkelling ad water activities
- Unique ancient culture and historical sites

So Belize it was! The country in Central America, bordering the Caribbean sea, could deliver all of these (and more) and it was decided we would go in July 2024. At the time of writing, we are less than 100 days away.

After the selection process our group of travellers consists of:

- 65 Explorer Scouts (14 to 18 years)
- 13 Network Scouts (18 to 25 years)
- 11 Scout Leaders (29 to 62 years)

What 62-year-old would embark on an adventure like this? Well, yes, me — and it also makes me the "grandfather" of the trip!

The cost is £2000 per person for 14 days of adventure and learning new skills for life, which is what Scouting is all about. Every participant has to raise their own funds, and there have been lots of activities over the last 12 months to do this – quiz nights, breakfasts, tombolas, to name but a few, as well as the local duck race!

We have spoken to the Belize Scout President; he is excited that we are coming to visit. We will be working closely with the Scouts of Belize on this adventure, and they are looking forward to supporting the programme which will include time in the rainforest, visiting reefs and going to historic sites. We will also be undertaking some community projects while there and have so far agreed to repaint a community hall and to help with clearing out a river.

Food will be largely rice with variations on peas and beans, with some protein in the form of chicken and fish. I don't think there is a McDonald's in Belize!

And to finish, a few interesting facts about Belize:

- Their national animal is a tapir.
- Arlen Escarpeta was born in Belize as Arlen Alexander Escarpeta. He
 is known for his work on Whitney (TV Movie, 2015), Final
 Destination 5 (2011), Into the Storm (2014) and Friday the 13th
 (2009).
- Leonardo de Caprio owns an island there.
- The national flag of Belize is the only country to have humans depicted as a major design element.
- Co-written by Madonna, Patrick Leonard and Bruce Gaitsch, "La Isla Bonita" started life as a lament for San Pedro, a town located on the island of Ambergris Caye in Belize. This song has become the anthem for our trip.
- Currency is Belizean Dollars and US Dollars (2:1 exchange ratio at the moment).
- Belize is one of the current 53 Commonwealth countries, with King Charles III as Head of State.

- There are currently about 500 Scouts throughout Belize.
- Three of our own workforce have served in the military in Belize -Reveley Talbot (RAF), Jason Whitehouse (Royal Marines) and Edgar Melderis (Parachute Regiment).

We will be using this company as our base for caving:

https://belizefamilyadventure.com/tours/caves/

We will be using this venue for our tropical rain forest adventure – a remotely located, off-the-beaten-path jungle adventure lodge, family-owned and run with over 25 years' experience in making their guests feel welcome and at home:

https://www.martzfarm.com/

This is our water activity location:

https://www.belizeadventure.ca/destinations/caye-caulker/

And finally, of course, they have a postal service!

https://www.mpuele.gov.bz/belize-postal-services/



This month's front cover

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June 2024

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A Summer Medley. Choral Jazz and Folk

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Response to S&A News Appeal

Dr Bill Crofts (Stoneleigh & Ashow News Treasurer)

thought that I would give some initial feedback on the response we've had to our appeal for more support if residents want to retain the distributed paper version of Stoneleigh & Ashow News.

In monetary terms, we have had a good response, and we will certainly remain financially viable over the current year. This has been due to some very generous donations from one or two residents (I won't name names as I would like people to feel that they can give what they can afford), but thanks very much to all those who have contributed thus far.

We have also received a very generous grant of £500 from Stoneleigh PCC, as well as £250 from the STAGs HS2 group and £250 from Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir. Adding this to the previous donation of £200 from the Stoneleigh Orchard Group has been a major boost to our current financial health. Many thanks to all of those involved.

Just one cautionary note – the numbers of residents making a voluntary contribution to show that they wish to retain the distributed paper version, currently stands at just 17; a very small percentage of the 250 (reduced from 300) newsletters that we currently distribute. More people donating modest amounts, e.g. £10 or £15, would mean that we could be more confident in thinking that there is sufficient interest amongst residents for the paper version of the News to continue. However, we will continue while we can, but have to review the situation at the end of each financial year.

As detailed in last month's News, if you wish to contribute please either send a cheque payable to Stoneleigh & Ashow News to:

Dr Bill Crofts North Lodge Coventry Road Stoneleigh CV8 3DT

Alternatively, email me at bill.crofts@btinternet.com for our bank details.

Thanks all!

And Sixty-Six Years Later...

Narrated to Robin Bussell by Shirley Ball

Stoneleigh residents of a "certain age" might remember the late David Thorley. David lived in the village in Phoenix Cottage. In 1962, he married Shirley Edmunds; they lived in Phoenix Cottage for a short time before moving to Green Lane and had two daughters. Sadly, David passed away in 1990 at the age of only 53.

Shirley found love again and married Ernie Ball in 1997 and now lives in Kenilworth, but is still a Stoneleigh kid at heart and well known for her extensive library of Stoneleigh memorabilia and regular appearances in the village. Again, sadly, Shirley was widowed last year when Ernie passed away.

Last year, the Ministry of Defence announced that service personnel who had been involved in nuclear weapon tests and trials around the world would be awarded a medal. (There had been a lengthy campaign urging recognition of this service following the many medical conditions and deaths that had been attributed to these trials.) Christmas Island in the Pacific was one of the bases for a series of "megaton (H-bomb) weapon trials".

Shirley Ball mentioned to her daughters, "Your Dad served on Christmas Island." Indeed, David had joined the RAF at the age of 18 and, in 1957, was posted to Christmas Island where he served as a senior aircraft mechanic servicing the Vulcan bombers that were used to drop the H-bombs. Shirley daughters' response was that they must apply for a medal for their dad. So an application was completed and, in January, Shirley received David's medal – 66 years after the event. Shirley has framed the medal and it now serves as a permanent reminder of happy times long ago.



Nuclear Test Medal

Footnote: You may well ask "Robin, why are you writing about this medal? You only knew David briefly." Well, I served on Christmas Island at the same time and I, too, have a medal! I was sent ashore from HMS Warrior to Port Camp for a short spell. One of my tasks was to collect the mail from "Main Camp" (the airfield where David worked). I may have passed him in my RN Land Rover!



First H bomb test, 15th May 1957

May this weapon never be used in anger.

HS2 Update

Martin Smith for the Stoneleigh Action Group against HS2

Readers may be aware of the current closure of the Ashow Road between the bottom of Crewe Lane and the Stoneleigh crossroads from Monday 24th June to Friday 19th July. Hopefully there will be good and adequate signage, e.g. at the top of Crewe Lane!

Stoneleigh Village Club Update

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



t has been an especially busy time for the SVC committee! You may have noticed scaffolding at the back of the club as the solar panels are being fitted. This will make a significant saving on the cost of electricity and is a real investment for the future. Rory O'Connor has worked tirelessly on this project from the outset, leading the planning application, negotiations with suppliers and overseeing the installation. A **HUGE** thanks to Rory for all his hard work on behalf of SVC. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the very generous donation by a member of the Stoneleigh community who wishes to remain anonymous. **THANK YOU!**

Preparations for the Stoneleigh Village club duck race continue. The ducks are showering and preparing themselves for the great event! We still need volunteers, more exhibitors and ticket sellers. We also need someone with a boat to help cut back the riverbank prior to the race. Can you help? If you can, please let us know – speak to a committee member, contact us via our Facebook page or leave your name and contact details behind the bar. Tickets are on sale. Let us know if you can sell tickets or if you want to buy some. You have to be in it to win it!

Membership continues to grow, but for those of you who still need to join or renew your membership, here are the account details:

Account name: SVC Limited Account number: 42283700

Sort code: 40-27-06

Dates for your diary

Friday 5th July Fish and Chip Night

Please add your order to the list behind the bar.

Sunday 14th July Football Euro Final

Saturday 20th July Stoneleigh Duck Race

Saturday 6th July Summer Rugby Internationals

Club opens at 8.00am! Tea, coffee and breakfast

rolls available.

8.05am: England v New Zealand 10.35am: Wales v Australia 4.00pm: Ireland v South Africa

Friday 26th July AGM, 7.30pm

Please consider putting yourself forward to join the SVC committee to help with the management and running of the Club. Nomination forms will be soon be up on the noticeboard in the Club. Nominations must be received by Sunday 21st July.

SAVE THE DATE!

The All-FAB Beatles are back by popular demand on Saturday 14th September £10 a ticket including food It promises to be a great night, which will be very popular!

With kind regards,

Your SVC Committee

Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DH 024 7641 4440 Stoneleigh Village Club Ltd. Registered in England No 8560869



Stoneleigh Church

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are holding a

Coffee Morning

in aid of Teams4U (the shoebox charity)

5th October, from 10.30 am

There is no charge for the coffee, tea and cakes but any donations will be made to Teams4U to help with the shoebox transportation.

There will be packed shoeboxes and examples of the items to go into the shoeboxes.

At 11am we will have some short talks from a charity representative,

distribution volunteers, and recipients of shoeboxes.

There will also be a video from last Christmas.



All welcome, including children!





There will also be a produce stall (donations welcome), where the proceeds will go to the Coventry Food Bank.

Film Night

Friday 6th September 2024





ONE LIFE

The film tells the true story of Sir Nicholas "Nicky" Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War 2, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Fifty years later, he meets some of the surviving children — now adults.



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 4th September.

(If you are unable to attend after booking a place, do please let us know.)

Please bring your own cup and plate.

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



Village Organisations

he following people have kindly agreed to be the contacts and provide information about the organisations listed. Please contact Lucy Morris if there are any changes so that alterations can be notified in subsequent editions of the News.

Organisation	Contact name	Contact details	
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Ashow Church Churchwardens	Kate Jones Anne Gregory Deputy: Peter Shrimpton	01926 853511 01926 713066 024 7509 6477	
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Stoneleigh Bell Ringers	Bob Taylor	024 7650 3712 bob-bob49@hotmail.com	
Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir	Pat Wightman	07817 899097 patw1965@btinternet.com	

Organisation	Contact name	Contact details	
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Stoneleigh History Society	Sheila Woolf	024 7641 8759 shewoolf@hotmail.co.uk	
Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)	Martin Smith	architect_smith@yahoo.co.uk	
Ashow Neighbourhood Watch	Dulcie Swanston	07730 234032 ashownw@gmail.com	
Ashow Village Club	Tony Gregory	07724 234456	
Ashow Village Assembly	Emma Hardman	ashowvillageemails@gmail.com	

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

ooking back a few months, in May our speaker was Tim Clark, historian at St Mary's Church, Warwick, and an expert on both the building and those who helped to create and cherish it. There was so much to learn that we are looking forward to following up the talk with a visit guided by Tim himself.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward with interest to our June meeting, when Margaret Rushton of the Leamington History Group will be sharing her researches into "Five Formidable Local Females" – we wonder who they will be! As usual we meet at 7.30pm at the Village Hall; join us on Tuesday 25th June if you catch this in time.

We then take a break from meetings until 24th September when we have a presentation by the Warwickshire Metal Detecting Club, of which our own Quentin Compton-Bishop is a member. They will be looking at finds from elsewhere in the county, but we shall also have the opportunity to look at items discovered by local detectorist Chris Matthews in Stoneleigh itself.



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Philip Jones, Chairman

he choir is busy rehearsing for our last two concerts before the summer break. The Summer Serenade takes place on Sunday 7th July (see page 26 for details). We shall also be singing at Kenilworth Manor's summer fête on Saturday 13th July.

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 for further details on 01926 853511 / 01926 853511 or by email at kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk.

The United Benefice of Stoneleigh with Ashow

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

2nd June, 6pm, at Ashow Church
7th July, 6pm, at Stoneleigh Church
1st September, 6pm, at Stoneleigh Church
6th October, 6pm, at Ashow Church

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

Everyone is Welcome!

Refreshments provided.

Stoneleigh WI

Liz Sykes

disappointing attendance for our coffee morning. However, we did manage to have enough to make a donation of £100 to a children's charity based in Coventry, so our efforts were not in vain. Thanks to those who did support us.

We have another meeting of the lunch club at the start of July before we have a break for the summer. We also have plans for another coffee morning at Dobbies and another lunch in August.

We're looking forward to our meeting on 1st July at 2.00pm, which will be a flower demonstration given by WI member, Nora. Everyone is welcome.

There isn't a meeting in August, but our September meeting, on the 2nd, will be a demonstration about chocolate followed by a tasting. Sounds good! Everyone is welcome.

From the Registers

Funerals

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Anthony Alexander Bianco – interment service at Stoneleigh

Sunday 9th June 2024

Stephen Raymond Palmer – interment service at Stoneleigh

Thursday 13th June 2024

Arthur Roden Burgess – interment service at Stoneleigh

Sunday 16th June 2024

Dennis Craddock – interment service at Stoneleigh **Ernie Ball** – interment service at Stoneleigh



Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Pat Wightman

he choir is trying something a little different this year. Our summer concert is taking place on a Saturday evening instead of the usual Thursday afternoon. This is to give those who are usually at work an opportunity to come and spend an entertaining evening with us. So why not come and join us on Saturday 6th July at 7.00pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall, where the choir will entertain you with a lovely selection of music and you'll be able to enjoy a selection of delicious desserts.

Tickets for "Just Desserts" are £10 (£5 under-16) and are available from secretary@stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk.

After all the hard work for the concert, some social events have been planned for the end of term. On 25th June, some ladies are going to St Mary's Guildhall for a tour followed by a cream tea in the undercroft, and on 10th July a visit to the lavender fields in Bubbenhall has been arranged.

Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir is very keen to recruit new members. We meet on the first three Thursdays of each month in term time only from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Village Hall. There are no auditions and there is no requirement to read music. It's just an afternoon of fun with a very friendly group of ladies who will make you very welcome. Please contact our secretary for more information on the email above.

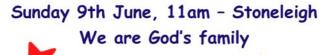




The United Benefice of Stoneleigh and Ashow



JUNIOR CHURCH SCHOOL







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



JUNIOR CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT LEARNING TOGETHER THROUGH FUN, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir presents

Summer Serenade

to be held in the **The Walled Garden**, **Stoneleigh Abbey** (courtesy of the residents)

Sunday 7th July 2024 Gates open 12.00 noon, concert starts 12.30pm

Food will be provided

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



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, so to order your tickets, contact Phil Jones on 01926 853511.

Charities supported by this concert:
British Blind Sports Association ad Leamington Spa Night Shelter

Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Norah Blagburn & Quentin Compton-Bishop

S toneleigh Community Orchard was set up as a Community Interest Company, so engaging with and giving something back to the local community are core elements of our mission. The Blossom Event in May is one way the Orchard does this.

Having reviewed the feedback and the numbers, we are pleased with how it went. We had almost double the number of stalls and twice as many visitors compared with the pilot event in 2023. We put it on a week earlier than last year and had more blossom on show. The weather was kind to us on the day. The Morris dancers drew an appreciative crowd. Peter Robson kindly provided us with live music. The refreshments tent groaned with cakes and the proceeds largely covered the event's costs.

We are very grateful to Leighton Joskey for making a photographic record, which can be viewed here:

https://1drv.ms/f/s!Av5cyKO9feuUg6lJsiuSGCLKQ-6TGA?e=HjYqP2

All the cider was sold. The remainder of last year's production will be available at the duck race on 20th July. The surplus from cider sales provides for the equipment and supplies needed to maintain the orchard and cider production throughout the year. It also enables us to contribute financially to other community projects such as the replacement of the Stoneleigh Meadows fence washed out by the floods and to the Stoneleigh & Ashow News.

A community event such as this cannot be done without the practical support of individual members of the community. Many helped in the setting up, providing the equipment, cakes and refreshments, and in the clearing up. We thank in particular Alison Bacon, Shirley Ball, Kate Beaumont, David and Caroline Blagburn, Jayne Brooks, Paul Brittain, Adrian Clarke, Viv Cooper, Sally Davies, Gordon Gatward, Richard Hancox, Karina Hill, Elaine James, Julia, Clemmie and Arlo Joskey, Ann Lowe, Malcolm Murphy, Lorraine Neale, Rory O'Connor, Emma Payne, Lynda Rice, Nicky and Tim Sawdon, Jackie Sibley, Amanda Smith, Jules Storer and Mary Taylor.

Thanks must also go to Stoneleigh Village Club, St Mary's Church and the Stoneleigh Meadows Society for the use of their equipment and facilities.

If you have any feedback about the blossom event or suggestions about what might be included in future orchard events, please send them to norablagburn@gmail.com or qcb@btinternet.com.

The apples are starting to plump up on the trees, so we now look forward to apple picking in the autumn and very much hope that the community will join us again to bring in the harvest.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2024 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)

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Services for July & August 2024

July 2024		
Sunday 7 th	10.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	6.00pm	Wholeness and Healing Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Celtic Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Celtic Communion Service – Stoneleigh
	6.00pm	Missional Prayer Service – Stoneleigh
Saturday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
August 2024		
Sunday 4 th	11.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise Service with Junior Church — Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Celtic Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Celtic Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh