

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



OCTOBER 2024



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found in the Village Hall ****





Stoneleigh Community Orchard

With the cyclicity of the orchard year coming sharply into focus following the conclusion of the summer cider selling season, it was in the run up to the August Bank Holiday that apple picking commenced once again. The apple picking was initially confined to early varieties such as Hunts Early, Katy and Morgan Sweet and I would like to thank all those who turned out on Bank Holiday Monday to assist in this labour.

Seasoned pickers like Martin and Sue Browett along with Paul Britten joined orchard team members John Churchley, Laura Elliot and Amanda Freeman for this task!

It was also refreshing to observe younger members of families connected to Stoneleigh attending such as David, Richard and Cheryl Sibley. David brought an enthusiasm from picking last year to proceedings and as illustrated combined with his brother, Richard, to find innovative ways to avoid being struck by falling fruit!

A second later pick occurring the following Saturday wasn't so well attended, but did allow me to spend some quality time in the company of my elder sister, Jackie.



As it currently stands John and myself have pressed some 400 litres of juice, which is a good start prior to picking getting into full swing from the middle of September onwards, so do look out for picking dates to be posted on the village Facebook page throughout October.

Other points of note occurring in the August and September periods are that Orchard Director and villager John Churchley has produced a comprehensive report for The Angler's Trust following measurements of water quality taken from the Rivers Sowe and Avon

respectively and has already started to observe some potential patterns. These cover the spring and summer seasons and monitoring will be followed up throughout the autumn and winter months to form a clearer picture of pollution levels. John is willing to share this report with those who have an interest in pollution levels in the Sowe River catchment.

The Environment Agency are now able to process photographs sent to them earlier in the year relating to flooding in the vicinity of the temporary embankment crossing the River Avon downstream from Stoneleigh Village at the HS2 river crossing. They intend to share these with HS2, so we'll have to see what their response and actions are in relation to this.

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2025 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.

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Pete Freeman

This edition of Stoneleigh and Ashow News was compiled by Sarah Ballinger 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.

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Harvest Flowers

Stoneleigh Village Club



COFFEE MORNING
Thursday
October 3rd, 17th
November 7th, 21st
10:00am - 11:30am

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Stoneleigh History Society

Have you ever walked around Coventry's War Memorial Park and looked at the plaques at the foot of many of the trees? They each name someone local who died in war. Now, the Friends of the War Memorial Park have traced the stories of those named and have collected them in a book to commemorate their service.

On Tuesday October 29th we shall be visited by the authors of the book, who will tell us some of these fascinating stories. It will no doubt be an evening to remember. As we are so close to Remembrance Sunday, there will be a collection for the Poppy Appeal.

Please join us at 7.30pm at the village hall. Visitors are welcome to *all* our meetings for the small admission price of £3, so why not try us? You might be tempted to save money by taking out an annual subscription!

Sheila Woolf



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Along with the choir, Bad Vibrations, from Kenilworth and conducted by Seb Farrell, SMVC is busy rehearsing for our concert being held on the 18th October in Stoneleigh Church at 7.30pm.

Tickets costing £15 to include a glass of wine and refreshments are available from Philip Jones on 01926 853511 or 07910240453 or email: kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Other Events

October 5th Quiz Night in Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm.

Tickets cost £12.50 to include a light supper. Bring your own glasses and drinks. Raffle.

Tickets from Philip Jones on the above contact details
Further details regarding our Christmas Carol Concert will be in the November Magazine.

Philip Jones



HS2 Update

On a National level, the last Government's decision to scrap HS2 north of Birmingham and to run the new specification trains has appeared to hit many problems which now need to be overcome.

The new trains, being designed for speed and with a turning radius of 7500m, cannot run as fast on the tracks of the West Coast mainline as they cannot tilt and turn like the pendolino trains. There will also be a mismatch with existing platform heights and the coupled 400m long trains will have to be reduced to 200m to be able to use the existing platform lengths. So a reduction in both capacity and speed. Have you heard these issues before? It feels like a repeat argument from those who supported the original upgrade to the West Coast Mainline a decade or so ago instead of creating a new HS2 line.

However, as they say, we are where we are.

Locally the intention to create a new in and out to the compound extension and thus shorten the distance to the A46 will only be for one way of traffic flow, a bit like the ramp up to the A46 was to be, when all the trees were removed and then that plan abandoned. So traffic will still pass the Stoneleigh crossroads and thus the lights will remain. For how long is unclear, but as long as construction traffic needs the access and that will be for a few more years. The current civil engineering work may be the largest element but then comes track bed laying, signalisation and all the engineering that comes with this.

The knock on effects of retaining the traffic lights will most likely be explored in other article(s) in this edition. It's just a shame that we will witness yet more environmental destruction for little local gain.

Martin Smith

For the Stoneleigh Action Group.

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

The choir is back in full swing after the summer break and is delighted to welcome five new members swelling the number to thirty seven lovely ladies. This doesn't mean we are full up. We are always open and welcome to new members and this is a really good time to join. We meet on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm during term time only so it fits in with the school day and no turning out on dark nights.

We are beginning to learn music for our Christmas concert so, if you have a notion to sing, please give us a try. There are no auditions and you don't have to read music. You will, however, be guaranteed a very warm welcome. You can find details about us on our new website and Facebook or contact our Secretary on sharron.mced@g.mail.com

We hope to have one of our highly successful Quiz Nights in November so keep an eye open for more information in the next issue.

One date for your diary is our Charity Concert on Thursday afternoon of 12 December. This year the choir is supporting a Kenilworth based charity, TasteLife which supports people with eating disorders.

The choir held its AGM on 12 September and moves healthily into its twelfth year.

Pat Wightman



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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!

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



Parish Council News

Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th October 2024**
at **Ashow Village Club** at 7pm.

September meeting reports.

Cllr P Redford

St Nicholas Park is going to be refurbished for summer 2025.

WDC have signed the memo of understanding of West Midlands Investment Zone. National planning policy framework covered. Looking to encourage warm hubs again for winter.

Cllr W Redford.

The update to the Grovehurst Park Flooding: works are agreed to close the road and install a new culvert pipe and manhole, there will be a trash screen added to the culvert head wall which will be subject to a 6 monthly maintenance check.

Highways had received a complaint regarding the vas , this has been investigated by Highways and Westcott, with no issues identified.

The County have in place the Household Support Grant for residents with financial problems, full details are available on the WCC website and are completely confidential.

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.stoneleighashowparishcouncil.co.uk.

Birmingham Road Closure Update

WCC are looking at options of ANPR which would require changing the weight limit from 2.5 to 7.5, Cllr's are not happy with this and will discuss with residents, Cllr W Redford to push the option of 20mph limit for a trial period. The traffic lights are in position until 2027.

The Parish Council wants to make sure that residents are aware of the latest information being distributed by HS2 and then the impact this news will

have on issues in the village of Stoneleigh and in particular the Birmingham Road.

HS2 have announced that the building of what was being called Rugby Farmers Market Roundabout (between the A46 and the B4115 crossroads, close to the entrance to the Colas compound) is not now going to be built, they are not ruling out it being built at some time in the future but have decided it isn't financially viable and a good use of public money as by the time it was built (it cannot apparently be built until after the B4115 bridge over the railway is complete, the bridge under the A46 is complete and the bridge over Dalehouse Lane is complete) in around 2027 there would only be around 12 months use before it was no longer needed.

Instead they are looking to build a T junction at roughly the same location where the arm of the T will allow HS2 compound traffic to access via turning right at the B4115 temporary traffic signals and along the B4115 into the compound and leave via the T junction back to the A46, in other words only left turn out to avoid delays with lorries waiting to turn right at the T junction.

This has an impact on the removal of the temporary traffic signals at the B4115 crossroads. They were originally only there for up to 18 months whilst the roundabout was being built, they will now remain in place until the railway in our area is complete and they no longer need to access the compound along the B4115.

You will remember that we have been looking to close the Birmingham Road at the crossroads into the village. We finally obtained Warwickshire County Council consent for a few years ago and the idea was to implement an experimental traffic order to close the road for an 18 month period, during this 18 months surveys would be undertaken to ensure this didn't have a detrimental impact on other roads in the area, as well as ensuring there wasn't an increase in accidents in the area.

This order cannot be implemented whilst the temporary traffic lights are in place due to the cost of amending the signals from a 4 way set up that we have now to a 3 way set up that would be needed with the Birmingham Road closed, plus alterations to the road layout would be needed to ensure it remained safe.

So, for now the experimental order and the closure of Birmingham Road is on hold, the Parish Council continue to pursue these issues and will keep residents updated should there be any progress.

Helen Denton- Stacey,

Parish Clerk



Stoneleigh WI

The talk at the last meeting was excellent. Not only did we hear about the production of chocolates but were able to sample them as well! Some lovely chocolates – all made locally!

We've been as sociable as usual this month. Lunches at the Tiltyard, Kenilworth and the Three Horse Shoes, Bubbenhall. Also a coffee morning at Dobbies. All very enjoyable.

In October we plan a lunch at the Railway Tavern and hopefully another coffee morning at a venue decorated for Christmas!

Our speaker at the October meeting, on Monday October 7th, will talk about the work of the Samaritans. Look forward to seeing you.

Liz Sykes



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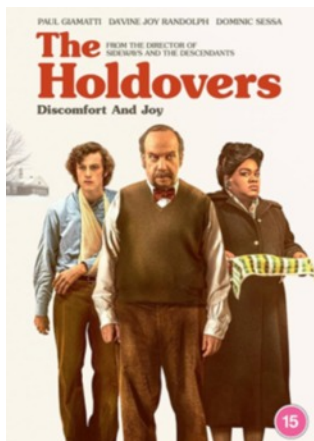
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Film Night

November's film will be: The Holdovers



“The Holdovers” is the epitome of a feel-good Christmas movie. This film was listed in the top ten films and was nominated for five Academy Awards.

It stars Paul Giamatti, Davine Joy Randolph, who won best supporting actress, and Dominic Sessa.

A curmudgeonly teacher at a New England prep school remains on campus during the Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker and with the school's head cook, a woman who just lost a son in the Vietnam War.

**Friday November 22nd 2024 in
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Sunday 13	9.30 am Holy Communion Service at Ashow 11.00 am Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 20	9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow 11.00 am Celtic Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 27	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

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Stoneleigh: Gordon Gatward 07776 211276 and
Ashley Toogood 07771 888618

Deputy Wardens: Richard Ashley 07708 097187 and
Paddy Bryniarska 07947472297

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