

# **STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS**



## **NOVEMBER 2024**



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***\* A second defibrillator can be  
found in the Village Hall \****



## Film Night



“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  
Stoneleigh Village Hall  
Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing**

*Please can you bring a cup and plate.  
Coffee, tea and pastries will 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 November 20th

## Stoneleigh History Society

By the time this magazine goes to print you may be just in time to come along to our October meeting, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29th at the village hall. Our presentation is by the Friends of the War Memorial Park in Coventry, and they will be telling us about their project to research those whose names appear on the plaques beneath the trees there. It promises to be a fascinating and moving evening, coming as it does during Remembrancetide.

If you miss this, why not come along to our November 26th meeting? I shall be speaking on "Stoneleigh, Sugar and Slavery", a talk which encompasses some surprising facts about our local involvement in this controversial subject. All visitors are welcome at our meetings - refreshments included!

*Sheila Woolf*

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## Teams4U Morning Coffee

Thank you to everyone who supported our morning coffee in Stoneleigh Church on October 5th. An amazing number of people attended and we raised the wonderful sum of £805 which will help towards the transportation of Christmas shoeboxes.

The shoeboxes are distributed to vulnerable children through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Bosnia.

If you would like to find out more about Teams4U please go to  
*Teams4U.com*



# COFFEE MORNING



**Stoneleigh Church**  
**Saturday 30th November**  
**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Raffle Cake Stall Christmas Table**

**To raise funds for the Church Christmas Flowers.**

**All Donations greatly received!**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*Please do come along and join us  
on Saturday 21st December at 10am  
to decorate the Church for Christmas.*





## Stoneleigh Community Orchard

As with the election of a new pope being signified through the appearance of white smoke issuing from a chimney in the Sistine Chapel, so on October 14th at about 12:45pm the completion of the harvest and pressing of this year's apple crop was once again marked in the traditional way through the playing of Motorhead's "Ace of Spades" at full volume!

This year's harvesting has had to navigate a course through inclement weather and the fine days have been especially targeted for picking with those events generating massive outputs from a small and battle-hardened team. One such day occurred on Saturday 5th October in which villagers such as Mike Evans, Paul Britten, Martin Browett & Martin Smith complete with grandchildren Amelie & Noah joined John Churchley & myself to generate 46 large crates of apples. In follow-up picks we were joined by Quentin Compton-Bishop plus Tony & Sam Hyndman who all helped to produce similar yields. On the final pick we were graced by the presence of Paul & Gwen Britten's granddaughter "Ava" who though few in years overflowed with enthusiasm in her mission to fill a red bucket with red apples! Thank you, Ava!

Of course, each picking event was swiftly followed, usually on the following Monday and Tuesday, by manual pressings in which John and myself equalled our storage capacity of 1700 litres of juice. Things did not always run smoothly and I recall a large bucket of juice slipping from my hands to form a tsunami that transited the outhouse in a spectacular fashion and as a consequence we stuck to the floor for the rest of the afternoon. There was also an incident in which we endeavoured to coax out a spider that had taken up residence in one

of our 300 litre containers. Never has there been a more awkward arachnid!



***Paul and John at work as Wilson the dog snoozes***

It seems that the success of our orchard has attracted the attention of Warwick County Council and specifically Tara from the ecology department who was introduced to us through our treasurer Richard Hancox and visited us on Monday 30th September after a press. She wanted to learn from our project as there is money available as part of a King Charles III led initiative. Let us hope that similar projects take off around the county.

Finally, just a line to mention that as we have reached our cider storage capacity and given that there are still some apples on the trees, please feel free to help yourself to any remaining apples in the orchard.

*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.*

*Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh*

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*Richard Hancox (Treasurer)*

[Richard.Hancox@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Hancox@nationalhighways.co.uk)

*Pete Freeman*



## A Final Flourish

I have been flying my flag for more than thirty years and have supported many charities in that time. My "Christmas Card Flag" has always been very well supported as friends and neighbours donate to charity instead of sending cards to each other. Their reward is to have their greetings noted in the December issue of The News and also when the flag flies over the weekend before Christmas.

For several years now, Myton Hospice has been the grateful recipient of these donations. This year will, for various reasons, be a final "Christmas Card Flag" and I would very much like it to be a good one. In 2015 a record £950 was donated. It would be wonderful if a similarly large figure could be achieved for this Christmas final flying. Myton Hospice will welcome anything that you can spare!

If you wish to contribute, please send your donation to me at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH, in cash, or cheque payable to "Myton Hospice" or, in this nearly cashless society, if you wish to make an online transfer please contact me for bank details.

To meet the deadline for the December issue of the News, I need to receive donations (or intentions to donate) before 16th November.

Thank you. Happy Christmas!

*Robin Bussell*



## Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir



On Friday October 18th the choir held a concert at Stoneleigh Church with 'Bad Vibrations' (conductor Seb Farrell) a community choir formed in 2017. It was their first concert. Both choirs sang with enthusiasm and the music was greatly appreciated by the audience. The happy event was very uplifting, and everyone went home with a spring in their step. I am very grateful to everyone who helped to make the evening so successful. I would like to thank Seb Farrell and the 'Bad Vibrations' choir for joining us and helping to make the event so memorable. We at SMVC are looking forward to singing with them again soon.



However, it was also a sad occasion as it was Alan Biddle's last concert in Stoneleigh Church before he retires as MD of the SMVC at Christmas. The choir is indebted to Alan for the wonderful way he has led us since 1999. His hard work and expertise have raised the standard of our performance over the years. We shall miss his wonderful piano playing and the arrangements of the songs we have sung over the years. The choir would like to say a very big thank you to Alan for his inspiring leadership.

Our Christmas Carol Concert this year will take place at St Francis of Assisi R.C. Church Warwick Road Kenilworth on Wednesday December 4th starting at 7pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the hall. Please see the advert below for further details. (Note a change of venue from previous years).

If you are interested in joining the choir, please come to Stoneleigh village hall on any Wednesday at 7.30pm. For further details contact Philip Jones on 01926 853511/07910240453 or my email on [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



**St Francis of Assisi RC Church  
Warwick Road  
Kenilworth  
CV8 1HL**



**4th December 2024, 7.00pm**

**Tickets £15,  
*to include Mince pies and Mulled Wine.***

**Contact Phil Jones on 01926 853511  
Mob: 07910 240453 Email: [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)**



# Christmas Card Delivery Service

***Kenilworth,  
Leek Wootton, Hill Wootton,  
Stoneleigh & Ashow***

**Collections from mid-November at:**

**Kenilworth Books** - Talisman Square

**GDT Automobiles** - Caesar Rd

**Leyes Lane Pharmacy** - Leyes Lane

**Steve Crowe Butchers** - Whitemoor Rd

**Farthing Gallery & Tearoom** - High Street

**+**

**All Saints Church, Leek Wootton**

**Stoneleigh Village Club**

**Ashow Village Club**

**Last collection Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Also at**

**Talisman Square**

**Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**9.30am – 3.30pm**

**Delivery from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**





## Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

This month sees the start of activities leading up to Christmas.

First, the choir is singing at the Waverley Day Centre on the afternoon of 28 November. This is always a happy occasion for both singers and audience alike.

The following evening, Friday 29 November is the popular Quiz and Supper Night. Teams of six are invited to take part in the quiz with a fish or chicken and chips supper midway. Tickets cost £10. Don't worry if you haven't got a team of six, we will match you up on the night. Please contact our Secretary (details below) for tickets.

This year our charity concert will take place during the afternoon of Thursday, 12 December in aid of 'Tastelife', a local charity which helps people with eating disorders. Please come along and support this Kenilworth based charity.

Last month some members of the choir joined local residents for a first aid event at the village hall. It was a really interesting and informative evening with a demonstration of how to deal with someone who has collapsed and stopped breathing which included CPR and the use of a defibrillator. Always hoping we will never be faced with this situation, but very worthwhile knowing what to do should it occur.

There may be a possibility of an evening of community carol singing in Stoneleigh village nearer to Christmas. See December issue for more information.

For further tickets or further information, please contact our Secretary on **sharronmced@gmail.com**

*Pat Wightman*



## HS2 Update

Work continues locally in constructing the elevated roadway at Stoneleigh Park and on the B4115, amongst other items. Work to slide in the bridge section on the A46, now scheduled to take place during a three week closure of the A46 (diversion routes being planned) will be delayed until the A46 roundabout is completed. The completion date for the latter is to be confirmed, but readers may recall that the new bridge section was lifted into place in January 2023. HS2 has now constructed the access junction close to the Colas construction site, and so this is ready to use when required.

Nationally the picture is unclear. The Transport Secretary, Louise Haigh is committed to taking the route into Euston, no mean task due to site restrictions and consequent platform number reduction, at least she understands that finishing this at Old Oak Common makes little sense.

Work has started to construct the Digbeth terminus in Birmingham as the bored auger piling contractor is on site (boring refers to the method of construction, although one cannot comment on the mental state of the contractor).

One does have to note the volume of water entering the top of Birmingham Road off the fields, and cannot recall it being that bad before, but rainfall intensities have to be noted.

*Martin Smith*

For the Stoneleigh Action Group.

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.

The **December 2024/January 2025** edition will be compiled by

**Lucy Morris** (sanewsletter30@gmail.com)

Copy deadline: 18 November 2024

# Stoneleigh Village Club



## **COFFEE MORNING** **Thursday** **November 7th, 21st** **December 12th**

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

*Come along, enjoy a hot drink  
and catch up with friends.  
Everyone is welcome!*

**£1 donation**





# Stoneleigh Village Club

*Stoneleigh Village Club Est. 1856*

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*[stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com](mailto:stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com)*

Autumn is certainly with us! The nights are colder, and rumour has it that the log burner has been in action a couple of times already! The solar panels are fitted, batteries due to be boxed in any day and, thanks to our anonymous benefactor who provided the funding, and Rory O Connor for all his hard work, should save SVC some money over the winter.

The club has continued to keep us busy with a number of events taking place. A couple of members have celebrated special dates at SVC and these parties have gone well, with everyone enjoying themselves and helping to support the future of SVC at the same time. Please think about holding your event at SVC.

On 14th September the 'All Fab Beatles' entertained us again. This event was well attended, and a good night was had by all!

We informed members by email that Karen Gavin made the decision to resign her role at SVC. She wants to thank the many friends she has made over the years and of course, we would like to thank her for all her hard work. Jim is also off sick currently. We know you will want to join us in wishing Jim a speedy recovery.

There are a number of helpers in the village, some paid and some volunteers, who have stepped up to help keep the club going in Jim's absence. I am pleased to say that to date all bar shifts are covered, stock purchasing, cleaning, pipe cleaning etc is covered and SVC remains open for business! Look forward to seeing you in there soon!

**STOP PRESS:** Results of SVC Marrow Competition 2024! 1st -Lilly Whittaker (50lbs), 2nd - John Crane (37lbs) and 3rd - Nigel Roberts (24lbs)

## Dates for your diary

**25th October** - Chilli and Jacket potato night.

**26th October** - Halloween walk / activities for the children  
Soup and a roll to warm up later.

*Later in October we plan to hold a 'Murder Mystery' event at the club. Date to be confirmed – watch the notice board outside the club.*



## November

**2nd November** - Animal friendly Guy Fawkes event (No fireworks) Come and join us round the bonfire and enjoy a pulled pork batch!

**8th November** - 'Eyes down' for Bingo at 7.30pm! Adults and children welcome.

**15th November** - 'Race Night.' Don't be an 'Old Nag!' Come and join us! Horses out of stables at 7.30pm.

**22nd November** - Chippy tea night at 7.30pm.

**23rd November** - Quiz night.

*Your Club Committee*

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**25TH NOV -  
20TH DEC**

STONELEIGH DEER  
PARK GOLF CLUB

**MONDAY -  
FRIDAY**

# *Christmas Fayre Lunch*

## **Starter**

**Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day  
Duck & Orange Pate  
Fan of Melon**

## **Main**

**Roast Turkey with Chipolatas in Bacon  
Roast Pork & Stuffing with Crispy Crackling  
Camembert, Fig & Onion Tart (v)**

***All served with Roast Potatoes &  
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables***

## **Dessert**

**Traditional Christmas Pudding  
& Brandy Sauce  
or Dessert of the Day**

**Coffee & Mince Pies**

***£24.95 per person***

**BOOK NOW ON 02476 639 991  
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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH  
SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024**

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| Saturday 2 | 7.00 pm All Souls Service at Stoneleigh  |
| Sunday 3   | 11.00 am United Service at Bubbenhall<br><i>No Service at Ashow or Stoneleigh</i>  |
| Sunday 10  | 9.30 am Remembrance Service at Ashow<br>10.50 am Remembrance Service at Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 17  | 9.30 am Celtic Service at Ashow<br>11.00 am Celtic Communion Service at Stoneleigh |
| Sunday 24  | 9.30 am Village Service at Ashow<br>11.00 am Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh  |

***From the Registers  
Funerals***

Saturday 12th October 2024 – David Sarginson  
Interment Service at Stoneleigh Churchyard

**Contacts:**

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email: [revpbistran@gmail.com](mailto:revpbistran@gmail.com)

***Churchwardens:***

**Ashow:** Kate Jones 01926 853511 and Anne Gregory 01926 713066

Deputy Warden: Peter Shrimpton 02475 096477

**Stoneleigh:** Gordon Gatward 07776 211276 and

Ashley Toogood 07771 888618

Deputy Wardens: Richard Ashley 07708 097187 and

Paddy Bryniarska 07947472297

Or please contact the Parish Administrator,

Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506 email: [stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com)

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