

# **STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS**



**OCTOBER 2025**



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



# Stoneleigh Village Club



## COFFEE MORNING

### Thursday October 2nd, 23rd

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

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

**£1 donation**



# Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

At our first meeting after the summer break, it was heartening to see so many choir members eager to sing together. We almost had a full house and two new members willing to give us a try. The choir also welcomed their new Musical Director, Sue Morris, and we all got off to a brilliant start.

It always seems a little strange singing Christmas music in September, but we have several dates to keep in mind including our own Christmas Concert during the afternoon of Thursday 11th December. Before that, there is our Quiz Night, on Friday 17th October, to which everyone is welcome. Tickets cost £10 to include a fish and chip supper. See our website for contact details at the end of this article.

Another date for your diary is Wednesday 17th December when we plan to join forces with the Male Voice Choir for some community carol singing in the heart of Stoneleigh village to which everyone is invited. More about that nearer the date.

For tickets or any other information, please see our website on:

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

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## Stoneleigh History Society

We were busy during the summer, preparing our researches for a talk in September about the “headstone burials” in our churchyard. Remember that if you would like to know more about these, you can look at our website [www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk) and go to Burial Database. You can then search by name. A quicker way, if you are in the village, is to use the QR code which can be found on the table inside the church. People continue to ask for our help in such researches, which we are always happy to give. Recently, for example, we were asked for information about the WW2 army camp, from someone who was just a child, living with his family there!

Our next meeting will be another which focuses on village history, when a presentation will be given by Sue Crofts on *North Lodge - The House and its inhabitants from 1841-2025*. Sue will be telling us how a lodge on the edge of the Stoneleigh Deer Park evolved from being a two-cottage home for workers on the Stoneleigh Estate, to a booking office for the golf course and finally, a comfortable family home. Perhaps you or someone you know has associations with the house? All visitors are, as ever, very welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday October 28th.

***Sheila Woolf***

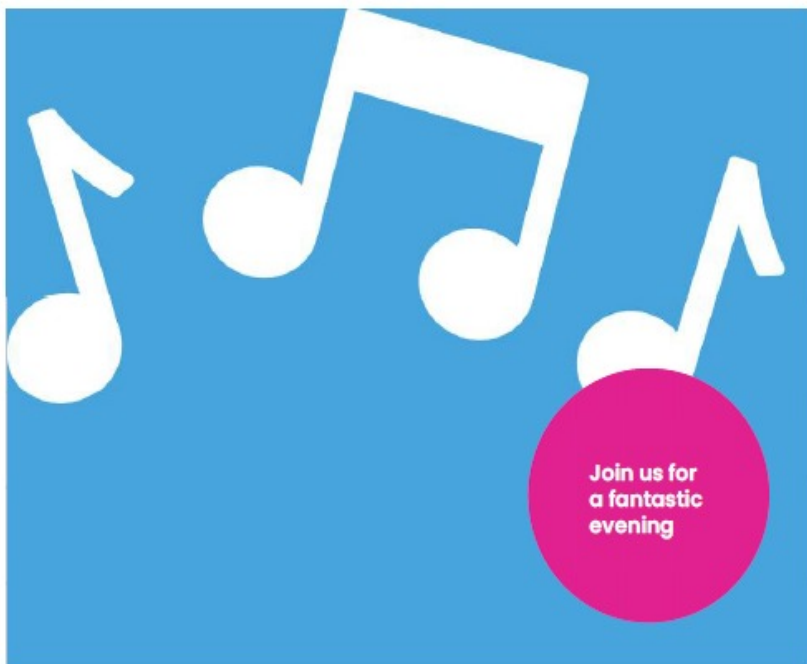




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## **Cwm Dare Voices and Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir**

(Welsh Male Voice Choir from Aberdare)

Saturday 18 October 2025 / 7:00pm start St Mary's Church, Church Lane,  
Stoneleigh, CV8 3DN

Admission £20 includes drink and canapes

To book tickets email [kenilworthcruk@gmail.com](mailto:kenilworthcruk@gmail.com) or book via eventbrite

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## Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir



After our summer break, the choir are busy rehearsing new songs ready for our forthcoming concerts.

### **Future Events**

#### **Thursday October 8th**

Singing at St Barbara's Church, Earlsdon at the Earlsdon W.I. Harvest Supper.

#### **Saturday October 18th**

Concert with Cwmdare Voices In Stoneleigh Church 7pm in aid of Cancer Research U.K. ( Kenilworth Branch ) *For further details of the concert see the poster in this issue.*

#### **Saturday November 1st**

Quiz night at Stoneleigh Village Hall 7pm. Teams of six. Tickets £10 including supper available from Philip Jones or any other choir member. *For further details of the event see the poster in this issue.*

#### **Wednesday December 10th**

Carol Concert at St. Francis of Assisi RC Church, Kenilworth further details in next month's magazine.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir either come along to one of our rehearsals at Stoneleigh Village Hall on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm or contact Philip Jones on 01926 853511, 07910240453 or email [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

***Philip Jones***





## Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir Quiz Night

Saturday 1st November 2025 at  
Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm



- Teams of 6
- Tickets £10 each, including supper. Available from Philip Jones (01926 853511 / 07910 240453 / [kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk)) or any other Choir member
- Please bring your own drinks and glasses
- Raffle
- Please confirm if you have any dietary requirements







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It feels like autumn is here. The leaves are falling, and the chimney smoke indicates that cooler nights are upon us. SVC has continued to be busy and all the committee are engaged in one way or another in the day-to-day running of the club and supporting the many events that have been taking place. If you do not yet have your membership card, there are several awaiting collection behind the bar. If you have completed a membership form and paid and your card is not at the club, leave a message at the bar or see one of the committee and we will sort this out.

The interview process is almost finalised and the advert for SVC Club Steward will be published shortly. This will be circulated to members and we ask that you share online so we reach as many potential candidates as possible. The advert will also be run elsewhere. You may have noticed that Nicole is no longer with us. The committee would like to thank Nicole for her help over recent months. Jo has kindly agreed to cover these shifts with immediate effect.

Last month I welcomed new members to the committee and, to my horror, I overlooked Adele, thinking that I had mentioned her previously. Adele is a very welcome addition to the SVC committee and is already demonstrating her worth. Thank you Adele for joining us.

We would like to thank the golf club for their donation towards the children's Christmas party.

As always, keep an eye on the information board outside the club for further event details / last minute changes.

## Dates for your diary – September / October 2025

**September 27th** - Eyes down for Cash Bingo!

**October 3rd** - The Great Marrow competition weigh-in.

**October 5th** - Jacket potatoes and stew lunch (for harvest festival)

**October 11th** - Karaoke with Jo and Adele.

**October 18th** - Welsh and Male voice choir.

**October 24th** - Fish and chip night (Get your orders in)

**November 1st** - Halloween walk and games for the children with pulled pork and stuffing batches.

And finally.... A huge thank you to Julie Whatmore for clearing the bulky rubbish from the club.

Look forward to seeing you soon at the club!

**Your SVC committee**



### Stoneleigh WI

Our September meeting was very interesting. A member of the Warwickshire Search and Rescue spoke to us. They are all volunteers based at the NAEC. They do amazing work for the community.

During the month the members got together for a coffee morning and a lunch.

In October we are having a craft demonstration. The meeting is on Monday October 6th at 2pm in the village hall.

All welcome.

*Liz Sykes*



## Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

With apple picking and pressing grinding inexorably onwards, there are a number of observations that can already be made concerning the harvest of 2025. A primary observation is that apple varieties appear to have matured about a month early this year. Perhaps nature has an insight into upcoming weather patterns that our technology and modelling can only guess at. This has caught a lot of people in the industry off-guard. To our credit, work to bring in the harvest had already commenced back in late August together with pressing which yielded some 400 litres of juice and gave us an excellent start. As is often the case nemesis followed hubris when recent autumn gales started to topple trees heavy with fruit. There will clearly need to be a reparatory operation launched to address this issue.

More positive observations surrounding this year's harvest relate to how the orchard continues to act as community focus and with that in mind, I would like to thank all those who turned up to pick back in late August, specifically Mike Evans, Paul Britten and Elaine James who joined board members John Churchley, Adrian Clarke and Amanda Freeman to bring the crop home!

Unfortunately, this year has also indicated that there still exists a degree of ignorance surrounding the orchard project from those who frequent the orchard. Above the trivial incidents of scrumping observed that generally draws little response there have been attempts the vandalise the trees, not least when youths in their enthusiasm to practise their martial arts performed "helicopter kicks" along a line of our smaller trees in an attempt to knock off the lower apples. This resembled a scene from a "Jackie Chan" movie and elicited

a firm and unambiguous intervention. Educational instruction was also offered to a gentleman whose pockets were stuffed with apples, then proceeded to suggest that “someone was clearly profiteering from the orchard” and who departed the scene under some embarrassment following an enlightening and informative discussion. Finally, we of course have our local dog walker who chooses to hang poop bags from the trees believing incorrectly that it is the responsibility of the orchard to supply, fund and administer dog waste bins in the meadow. Just by way of a reminder to all those who read this article that the orchard is a “not for profit” project whose focus is serving the Stoneleigh Community and nothing else and most poignantly relies on the good will of individuals. Goodwill of course is a resource that can evaporate like the early morning dew of an autumn day.

*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 along term, friend and set up a direct debit.*

*Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh  
Petefreeman773@gmail.com*

*Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Hancox,  
Richard.Hancox@nationalhighways.co.uk*

***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 page](#)

The November 2025 edition will be compiled by **Sarah Ballinger**  
**(sanewsletter30@gmail.com) Copy deadline: 16 October 2025**



## **Teams4u Shoebox Appeal**

Packing the last batch of Stretton boxes will take place  
in October/early November

### **We need to complete our boxes**

**Sweets** - e.g. Haribos/Maoams/Swizzles (not chocolate please) and with a  
BBE date of March 2026. If you are buying any for Halloween, please consider  
getting an extra pack or two for the shoeboxes – or pass on any leftovers!

### **Toothpaste and Toothbrushes**

### **Flannels and Soap**

### **Pants** - 3-5yrs & 6-11yrs boys/girls

**We also need funds to transport our boxes - £3.50 gets a box to a  
child, so we need to find an extra £1000 this year.**

*Please contact: Jane 01926 858315 (for delivery to Stretton)*

Facebook page - search for "Teams4u Stretton"

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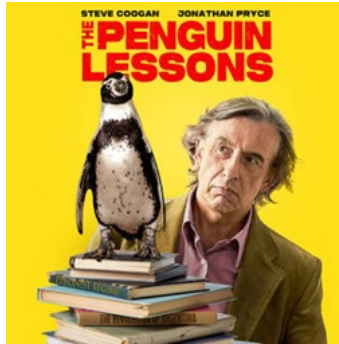
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## Film Night

December's film will be:  
**The Penguin Lessons**



*The Penguin Lessons is based on a true story from the memoir of Tom Michell, a British teacher who rescued an oil-covered penguin from a beach in Uruguay in the 1970s. He named the penguin Juan Salvador and smuggled it, across the border to Argentina, to his boarding school, where the bird became a popular and beloved figure among the students and staff. The story also touches upon the difficult political climate in Argentina during that time, which took place in Argentina in 1976.*

**Stars: Steve Coogan and Jonathan Price**

**Friday December 5th 2025**

**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 December 3rd**

# Mobile Library

*A Warwickshire County Council Service*



## **About the service**

The mobile library is fitted with a lift and has:

- A selection of books, including large print
- Spoken word
- Books for young children

## **Contacts for the Mobile Library Service**

- Email: [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 01926 851031
- W.C.C. Libraries [Website](#)

The Mobile library will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall from 14:20 to 14:45 on the following Mondays  
**13 October, 10 November and 8 December 2025**

## **Placing an Advertisement in Stoneleigh and Ashow News**

Our page format size is A5. Rates per annum (10 editions) are:

**Full page (13cm x 19cm): £100, Half page (13cm x 9.5cm): £50;**

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**To place an advertisement or for general enquiries, please email the Treasurer, Bill Crofts ([sanewsletter30@gmail.com](mailto:sanewsletter30@gmail.com)).**





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***SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2025***

Sunday 5	11.00 am	Harvest Festival United Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 12	9.30 am	Holy Communion Service at Ashow
	11.00 am	Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 19	9.30 am	Celtic Service at Ashow
	11.00 am	Celtic Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 26	9.30 am	Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 am	Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

***From the Registers - Funerals***

Thursday 21 August – Doreen Rex – Interment in Stoneleigh Churchyard

Wednesday 27 August – Patrick Joseph McCosker – Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Kenilworth followed by burial in Ashow Churchyard

Thursday 11 September – Raymond John Taylor – Interment in Ashow Churchyard

Friday 12 September – Norman Vincett- Funeral Service in Stoneleigh Church followed by burial in Ashow Churchyard

***Priest in Charge:*** Reverend Petrica Bistran 07572 193260

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

***Churchwardens:***

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

Deputy Warden: Peter Shrimpton 024 7509 6477

**Stoneleigh:** Gordon Gatward 07776 211276 and

Ashley Toogood 07771 888618

Deputy Wardens: Richard Ashley 07708 097187,

John Woodward 024 7641 8272 and Paddy Bryniarska 07947 472297

Or please contact the Parish Administrator,

Jackie Cubitt, 024 7641 5506 email: [stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com)

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