

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



NOVEMBER 2018



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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

**St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh
Stoneleigh History Society
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir**

You are invited to an evening of entertainment with readings, local history and music to commemorate the end of World War 1.



We will look back at the four years of the war, including how it was experienced by the people of Stoneleigh.

Friday 16th November at 7.30pm in Stoneleigh Church

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine and refreshments

(free for those who have a family member named on
the Roll of Honour in the church)

From: Maggie Moorhouse 01926 511785

Sheila Woolf 02476 418759

Philip Jones 01926 853511 or the parish office 02476 415506



A Big Thank You

Final total raised at the Macmillan

£565

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning, made cakes, donated and helped on the day.

‘No man (or woman) is an island.’

I write to you from my metaphorical ‘sickbed’ after being taken sudden ill and requiring emergency surgery to remove an infected appendix. I don’t know about you but I just don’t do enforced rest very well. Having to rely on others for all my needs is something I really struggle with and not being physically able to do all the things I want and feel I need to do is so frustrating.

As part of ministry, I often visit those who are unwell and those recovering from illness or surgery. I find myself counselling those I visit to accept their vulnerability, to let go of the frustration and stubbornness. I encourage them to allow others to help and to see that help as a gift that others want to give.

Yet in finding myself in that position, I have found it hard to accept my own counsel.

John Donne wrote and preached that:

***‘No man is an island
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.’***

Yes, someone quoted this to me when I once again refused help. Both John Donne, and the person trying to help me, are relaying that it is only when we help one another, when we rely on one another that we truly recognise our place in community. In fact it is only when we know our need of each other that we can become a community. When we try to be self-sufficient, when we refuse to allow others into our lives then we cut ourselves off from friendships. Relationships can become unbalanced if we only ever want to help but can never accept help ourselves.

We seem to live in a world where we pride ourselves on being self-sufficient, where weakness or need is perceived as negative. This encourages us not only to refuse help when we need it but also to refuse

to help others in need too. Loneliness and mental health issues are the two biggest health issues facing the West and I believe this is a direct result of the false perception that illness and times of weakness should be avoided and hidden.

As human beings, we will all have times of weakness and illness; we will all have times when we require help. These times may be humbling but they remind us that we need each other and unless we remain part of one another then we lose an essential part of humanity, the relationship part.

If you require some help today then let someone know, if you know someone in need then reach out to them and if you don't know who can help then please get in touch with me in confidence and we can work on it together.

God Bless

Rev. Nikki

07891 012660



VOICES FOR AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CHOIR AT ASHOW

Each year we advertise for singers who would like to join a 'pop up' village choir to prepare special music for
ADVENT SUNDAY CAROLS on Sunday 2nd and the
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at 4pm on Sunday 16th December.
Much of the music is well known, but we always make an effort to include some that is new.

We welcome people of all musical abilities to join us.
We rehearse at ASHOW CHURCH on Thursday evenings
from 7.15pm – 8.15pm starting on 1st November.

So, O COME ON, ALL YE FAITHFUL and let's make 2018 a special one.

Contact Susan Spencer Tel. 02476 414280
or email pypesmill@gmail.com



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018

By the time you read this, the 2018 Poppy Appeal will be well under way. Of course, as this is the centenary of the end of the First World War, our thoughts turn particularly to the men and women who played their part in that terrible conflict. The Royal British Legion continues, however, to support members of today's forces and their families; sadly, there are still many who desperately need our help.

Please give generously to this year's Poppy Appeal. There will be poppies available in the Club, and volunteers will be collecting house-to-house. Last year our collection was the best yet; let's see if we can do even better! Thank you.

Sheila Woolf

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser, Stoneleigh Area.

Stoneleigh Calendar 2019

Have you bought your Stoneleigh calendar yet?

It's an ideal Christmas stocking-filler and will grace any wall with its lovely photographs of the village through the seasons.

The price is only £7.50 and all profits will go to Myton Hospice. It comes with its own card envelope (at no extra price) so that it can easily be posted to friends and family.

The calendar is on sale in the Club or directly from me
(collect from 9 The Bank or ring 02476 418759).

Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh History Society

Last month a crowded village hall listened to Shirley Ball's reminiscences about Stoneleigh School, and it was good to welcome several former pupils, many of whom were able to add details to our knowledge of the building and its pupils. I am now in the process of compiling a history of the school from its beginnings in the eighteenth century, to its closure in the twentieth. Please may I appeal once again for your memories? If you have recollections which you would be prepared to write down and send to me, that would be lovely, but also if you have any old reports, book prizes, certificates, photographs etc which you would allow me to copy, I would be really grateful.

Our next meeting, at 7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday October 30th, will be one with a difference: Dr Richard Churchley will entertain us with "Folklore and Folksongs of Warwickshire and Worcestershire". On November 27th our speaker will be Mike Sharpe, who will talk on "Writing Your Family History". Mike is experienced in turning people's collections of family memorabilia into book form; if you've ever wondered about doing this, his tips should be well worth listening to.

On November 16th the History Society is delighted to be presenting, in partnership with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir and the church, an evening of song and stories to commemorate the end of the First World War. Tickets can be obtained from me, or from Phil Jones or Maggie Moorhouse (for details, please see the advertisement on page 3). With a particular focus on Stoneleigh's experiences, it's an evening you won't want to miss!

Please will Stoneleigh neighbours be advised that at the close of this event (between 9.30 and 10pm) the church bells will ring in celebration of the end of the First World War. Thank you for your understanding.

Sheila Woolf

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The **November Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 22nd November at 7pm. Representatives from HS2 Ltd will be coming along to this meeting to give an update on what is happening locally, so please do come along to hear what they have to say.

October's meeting

On October 11th, the Parish Council met at Ashow Village Hall. There were no outside speakers at the meetings, but a number of questions and comments were raised regarding the consultation currently underway by Warwickshire County Council about potential changes to traffic flow in Stoneleigh village. There was a general feeling of confusion and lack of information regarding not only the options presented in the consultation, but also the way in which local residents were being asked to participate. The Parish Council will be following the progress of this consultation and the outcome, and will challenge any decisions which are not seen to have been reached fairly.

There are a number of large-scale planning applications currently being progressed through Warwick District Council which will potentially impact upon Stoneleigh and Ashow, most specifically the Catesby Homes development at Crewe Lane. These developments remain on the agenda for the Councillors to discuss and act as and when appropriate.

There was a discussion about the nature of policing support in the parish, particularly with the announcement that West Mercia Police plan to split from Warwickshire Police, and the general consensus that the current level of police support was not adequate or consistent. The Chair of the Parish Council will be writing to the Police & Crime Commissioner to express disappointment at the level of service received in the parish.

To view the full minutes of the meeting, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council website:

<http://stoneleighshowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/CouncilMeetings/Minutes2018>

On a personal note, I am away on holiday from October 31st to November 15th, and so will be unable to respond to any emails during that time. However, I wish you a very spooky Halloween and a sparkling (and safe) Fireworks night!

Hannah Watts,

Parish Clerk



Film Night

On our next film night we will be showing
'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'.

Friday 9th November in Stoneleigh Village Hall at
6.45 for 7pm

Make yourself feel at home, bring your own wine,
cushions or a comfy chair. Coffee and pastry in the interval.

This is an historical drama based on the novel by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer. The film follows Juliet Ashton (Lily James), a journalist who forms a strong bond with members of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society as she writes a book about their experiences during World War II. As she gets to know the islanders better, Juliet begins to form lifelong friendships as she learns about life on Guernsey during its Nazi occupation in the war. The cast also includes Michiel Huisman, Matthew Goode and Jessica Brown Findlay.

Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.

To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315

Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
The Green, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. CV8 3DP
(Charity Ref 215675)

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING VACANCY

The Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse is a Charity providing housing accommodation in ten sandstone cottages in the centre of Stoneleigh, a quiet rural village in Warwickshire.

A residence in this 16th century Almshouse has become available.

On the ground floor of each home there is a hall, leading to a sitting room with kitchen. A door to utility room leads through to a cloakroom with washbasin and toilet.

A dog-leg staircase from the hall leads to the first floor where there is a bedroom and shower room with washbasin and toilet.

Outside there is a small private patio connected to large communal gardens where there is a useful storage building with dedicated space for each resident . Cottages are equipped with cooker, fridge & washing m/c, phone line, emergency assistance-call unit, carpets, electric storage heaters, smoke & heat detectors, hot water immersion heater, and TV point. A communal digital TV aerial and mast is also provided.

The Dame Alice Leigh Charity, repairs and maintains the fabric and services to the building, as well as the outbuildings and communal gardens.

Applicants must be needy, of retirement age, capable of independent living and have a genuine need of Almshouse housing.

Preference is given to residents who live in or have connections with the parish of Stoneleigh. However, Trustees welcome applications from other qualifying persons.

Please contact Michael Wareham, Clerk to the Trustees for further information and an application form:

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Clerk to the Trustees
Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse
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Gloucestershire
GL56 9NH.

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Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

The harvest of 2018 was completed at the end of the first week of October in good time and well ahead of schedule. All fruit having been milled, pressed, treated with sulphite and with yeast added, now resides within fermentation vats for the winter period.

Such an early harvest was indeed a rather unusual occurrence given that many of our late varieties of cider apple such as Dabinett and Stoke Red are frequently required to be cropped as late as November. On completion, an impressive total approaching some 900 Litres of apple juice was processed which is more than the combined volumes pressed in all of the previous years.

In retrospect the early harvest was also a little fortuitous for both the group and also the trees as the harvest was punctuated with several violent gales and storm events which saw a number of the orchard trees, by that time heavily laden with fruit, break free from their support posts and threaten to crash to the ground. It was amazing to observe the power of nature at work and it is a testament to the commitment of members of the orchard team who turned up to tackle the problems as they unfolded.

It is often said that “necessity is the mother of invention” and there was a lot of invention displayed during those difficult days. Thanks need to be extended to our latest member of the team as well as a newcomer to the village, Adrian Clarke for the use of his Land Rover to convey several tonnes of fruit to the processing plant from the field and Elaine James from outside the village for being ever present at each harvest to date. Also impressive were those who turned up to pick fruit in what became a severe rain storm during Saturday 22nd September. John Churchley, Amanda Smith, Laura Eliot and Quentin Compton-Bishop all stepped in to bring the harvest home!

Reflecting on the above, there are clearly a number of challenges to be

addressed as the Orchard evolves, not least the sheer volumes of fruit that are starting to materialize. It is a widely held consensus amongst the group that these are good challenges to be presented with as we move forward.

Pete Freeman

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2019
will cost £10.

Cheques should be made payable to
'Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard CIC',
why not become a long term friend and set up a direct debit

Pete Freeman (Chairman),
5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh - Pete.Freeman@swft.nhs.uk
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Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

The beautiful high vaulted ceiling with its outstanding dark wood trusses was filled with voices raised in aid of Water Aid at St John's Church, Kenilworth on Saturday 13 October 2018. The Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, joined by the Warwickshire County Male Voices and pianist Sam Young, put on a combined concert before a thrilled audience of well over 100 people adding over £1200 to the Charities Funds which equated to bringing fresh drinking water to 80 people who have not previously had access to a safe and healthy source of water.

SMVC, under the musical direction of Alan Biddle and baton of Judy Hadfield, opened up the evening's entertainment with some good popular classic standards which was followed by an incredibly talented pianist Sam Young whose glistening arpeggios and outstanding musicality took one's breath away.

A brief cultural interlude in which SMVC members Richard Wigley and John Sandoz taught the audience how to "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" paved the way for the excellent and youthful prize winning group, Warwickshire County Male Voices who gave confident and empathetic renditions of songs by Bach and Vaughn Williams, completing the first of their two sets with a lively and fun "Danza" by Francesco Durante. SMVC took the audience up to the interval with a selection of acapella numbers and then opened the second half with One Direction's "History", the song not the biography – which would have been shorter than the song!! A vigorous and rousing medley from 'Les Miserables' paved the way for Sam Young to return with tunes from the films cleverly put together by Sam and superbly played.

He ended with a song literally in three minutes called, wait for it, "Three Minute Song" written by Tim Minchin and delivered with tongue-twisting panache that Victoria Wood would have been proud of. WCMV followed with a trio of songs that included "God Only Knows", a Beachboys favourite, with beautifully balanced voices and great fun to listen to.

Then the mighty SMVC returned for their finale set, a collection of audience participation favourites that ensured much clapping from the

audience who had expressed great appreciation for all the artistes throughout the concert and for Water Aid by generously donating the £1200 on the night. The Grand Finale brought together the two choirs and the audience in a terrific rendering of the Russian folk song “Kalinka” with an especially fine solo performance by Rod Woodward of SMVC who reached the high notes completely without the aid of a safety net! A fantastic night for all.

Forthcoming Events

November 16th at 7.30 pm - the choir’s next concert is in Stoneleigh Church. ***‘An evening of entertainment with readings, local history and music to commemorate the end of World War 1’.*** See advert on page 3 for further details.

December 5th & 6th at 7.30 pm The choir is once again in the Family Chapel at Stoneleigh Abbey for our candlelit **‘Carols at the Abbey’**. Drinks & mince pies to be included in the ticket price which is to be confirmed. Tickets direct from the Abbey (01926 858535) or Choir Chairman Phil Jones

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

And please don’t forget if you would like to sing in a fun choir, enthusiasm required more than musical ability, or you would like the Choir to sing for you at one of your own fund raising events please contact: **Chairman Phil Jones on 01926 853511**
or by email kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk.

Rod Owen

On behalf of the
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir



HS2 UPDATE

The overall picture regarding HS2 remains controversial to put it mildly. The national and professional press contain an increasing number of highly critical articles about the project and its escalating costs.

Obviously the Government remains preoccupied by Brexit, at the expense of umpteen other issues, although several high profile MPs have recently voiced their concern. There is also increasing criticism about the way in which HS2 Ltd has – or has not – dealt with compensation and mitigation, for instance.

Locally, there are many issues that impact on whatever happens with HS2. Residents will be aware of the recent information session by Warwickshire County Council about the future of Birmingham Road. During associated discussions there was some reference to plans for the A 46 roundabout but there was little evidence of forward planning/future proofing between that and other pending local developments, let alone HS2.

HS2 Ltd were due to provide their latest information and how it impacts on our community, at the November Parish Council meeting. This meeting has already been postponed from October but at the time of writing it is uncertain whether they will have anything new to report. Frustration continues!

Margaret Wallis

on behalf of the
Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)

Stoneleigh Village Club

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WHAT'S GREEN AND SINGS? ... ELVIS PARSLEY!

Congratulations to Tim Sawdon who won the SVC 2018 Marrow competition at a whopping 64lbs! As one Member stated, there aren't many places you can go for a drink and take home a huge marrow for free?!!



Tim, well done, please claim your free drink for featuring on our Facebook page! Fancy a free drink? Post a photo to Facebook, include StoneleighVillageClub to get reposted onto:

www.facebook.com/stoneleighvillageclub

NOVEMBER EVENTS

(Remember to also check our Facebook page & our outside noticeboard!)

Mondays 8.30pm - **Darts Team**

Tuesdays 8.30pm - **Pool Team**

Wednesdays 7th 21st 7.00pm - **Knit and Knatter**

Wednesdays 14th 28th 7.30pm - **Bingo**

Thursdays 7.30pm - **Crib & Dominoes** (check fixture list for location)

Thursday 13th Nov 7.45pm **Book Club** (to review at 8pm)

* November book = *I Let You Go* by Claire Makintosh *

Tuesday 20th 10.30-12 **Coffee Morning**

Friday 2nd 7pm - **Quiz*** Fish and Chips food order at 7.15pm *

DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday 14th 7pm - **Christmas Quiz!**

Saturday 15th (TBC) **Children's Christmas Party**

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Stoneleigh WI

At the October meeting we reflected on the past 100 years of Stoneleigh WI, looking at national and local news, interspersed with songs from each decade (few words of which we could remember but we hummed along!!). However it was a interesting evening and very enjoyable.

Many of our members went to the Leigh group meeting where there was a talk – and more important – sampling of chocolate. Again, a good evening.

Next month will be our Annual General Meeting (hopefully short); followed by a talk entitled 'Learning to drive when you're old and past it!!'. This will be given by Di Casterdine who has always delivered very entertaining talks.

We look forward to seeing you at the village hall on Monday November 5th at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

The next lunch is on Tuesday November 6th at 12:30 – please contact me if you would like to come (it does help with the catering).

The coffee morning will be on November 20th in the club at 10:30 am. Look forward to seeing you there.

Liz Sykes

WI Secretary

**** SAVE THE DATE****

The next meeting of the ***Baby and Toddler Group*** will be held
in Stoneleigh Church on

Tuesday 11th December 10 – 11.30am

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers are all welcome!

Further details next month

Coffee Morning



Friday 7th December, 10.30 am
at
Stoneleigh Village Hall

Cake stall Raffle Christmas Table
All donations greatly appreciated

Everyone welcome – please do come along

All proceeds to
Stoneleigh Church Flower Fund





Flying the Flag at Christmas



For many years now, I have “flown the flag” around Christmas time to offer Christmas greetings between friends and neighbours instead of sending or delivering local cards. Those wishing to join in this quaint custom have their greetings listed in the December S & A News and this list is also displayed on my gatepost when the flag is flying. In return, those joining in give a donation for the selected charity. Last year, I sent just over £600 to the Air Ambulance. This year I will be supporting Myton Hospice.

If you wish to take part, please send your contributions (cash, or cheques payable to “Myton Hospice”) to Robin Bussell at The Oaks, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH - and before 18th November, please, to meet the next S & A News deadline.

The flag will be flying over the weekend of 14th/16th December.

Thank you
Robin Bussell

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www.stoneleighvillage.org.uk.

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 4th	10.00 am	United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
	12.00 noon	Baptism at Stoneleigh
	7.00 pm	All Souls Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 11th	10.45 am	Joint Remembrance Service at Stoneleigh
Wednesday 14th	10.30 am	Midweek Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Ashow
	11.00 am	Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 25th	9.30 am	Village Service at Ashow
	11.00 am	Sung Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

From the Registers - Funerals

Monday 17th September -Patricia Brown -Thanksgiving Service at Stoneleigh

Monday 15th October - Cynthia Dorothy Hunt - Interment at Stoneleigh

Tuesday 16th October - Gerald Walker Arthur Davis- Cremation at Canley Crematorium

Baptisms

Sunday 14th October - Annabel Scarlet Hayward and Alfie George Hunt

Contacts:

For Pastoral Care or to arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral,
please contact:

Reverend Nikki Moon 07891 012660 email njmoon@outlook.com

Please note that Revd Nikki works from Sunday to Wednesday

Churchwardens : Ashow: Vacancy

Stoneleigh: June Burr 02476 227726 Gordon Gatward 01926 512528

Deputy Warden: Richard Ashley 01926 427729

For any other matter please contact the Parish Administrator,
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