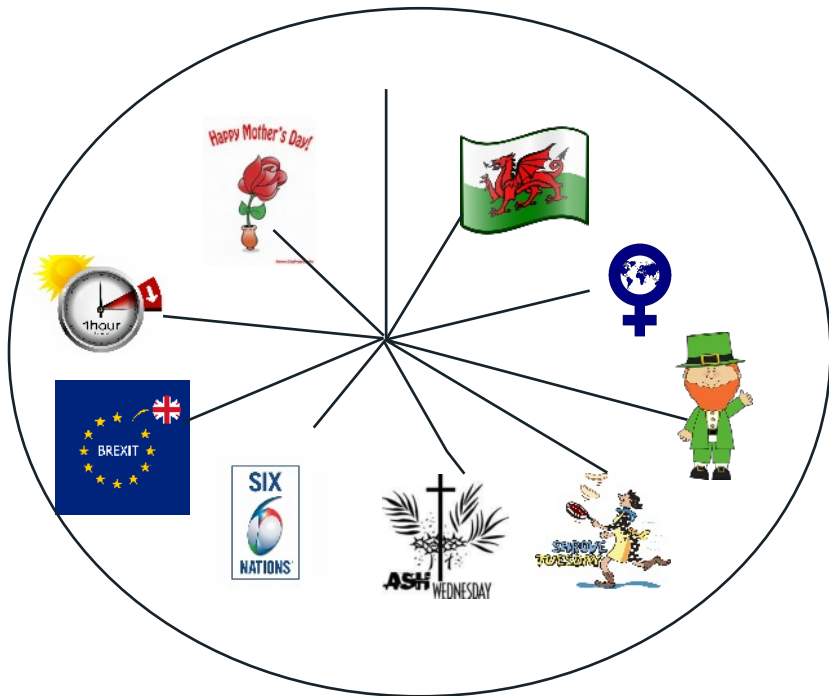


STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2019



“The Heart of Stoneleigh” Defibrillator
In the phone box on The Green.

Co-ordinator

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Remember: Always ring 999 first.



On our next film night, we will be showing:

The Post

Directed by Steven Spielberg

Nominated for many awards including Best Motion Picture of the Year

Friday 8th March in Stoneleigh Village
Hall at
6.45 for 7pm

Cast includes: Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks and Sarah Paulson

Based on a true story. Katharine Graham is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper -- The Washington Post. With help from editor Ben Bradlee, Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers to help bring long-buried truths to light.

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

Tickets: £3.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.
To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926858315

Dates for film nights in 2019:

March 8th May 10th

July 12th September 13th November 8th

Stoneleigh Community Orchard Update

The December edition of the *S & A News* referred to the group's wassailing event to be held in the orchard on the evening of January 19. As could be expected at that time of year the weather was both unpredictable and inclement. This didn't stop the event organisers from pressing ahead as planned, as well as a large crowd from assembling on what turned out to be a very enjoyable, amusing and successful evening.



Wassailing is an ancient custom originating from the West Country that occurs on the twelfth night in accordance with the old “Julian Calendar”. On this night apple trees are exhorted to fruit well in the following season. Stoneleigh Orchard group were faithful to the customs surrounding this event. A crowd, some unusually dressed in period clothing and led by the Coventry Mummers, assembled at Stoneleigh Village Club, then paraded down Church Lane following behind a suitably decorated vehicle driven by one of the organisers, Adrian Clarke. A Green Man playing an accordion headed the parade as the procession made a noisy “din” by banging pots and pans and other instruments en route to the orchard as is the custom to scare away evil spirits! Once at the end of Church Lane the crowd were entertained by a

performance under a lamp light of the “Ploughman’s Play” courtesy of the excellent Coventry Mummers. A mulled cider, created by Mandy Smith and served by Elaine James and Mel Statham, fortified the procession prior to entering the impressively torch lit orchard, exuding an air of mystique! Three trees at various locations throughout the orchard were selected and addressed with ancient rhymes of both encouragement and threat from Ann Lowe “The Orchard Queen” ,and others of the group. This culminated, much to the amusement of the crowd, in a firearm being discharged through the branches of the trees. The crowd then hung toast from the branches and soaked the roots of each tree in last year’s cider.

At the Victory Oak a brief “sing song” occurred around a roaring fire griddle basket, prior to returning to the Club for a delicious spread served thanks to head chef, Lynda Rice.

All those who attended agreed that given the success of the evening this may well lead to the wassail featuring as an annual event! Thanks to Ann Lowe and Jules Storer for coming up with the idea as well as providing an excellent poster to advertise the evening!

The group will follow this up with an Orchard Quiz intended to be held on the evening of Saturday, March 23rd at 19:00 in Stoneleigh Village Club.

Orchard Friends subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2019 will cost £10 and can be made out 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.

Pete.Freeman@swift.nhs.uk

Richard Hancox (Treasurer) Richard.Hancox@kier.co.uk

Pete Freeman



Stoneleigh WI

Steve 'Ely' Allen gave an interesting, informative and entertaining talk at the February meeting about the Industrial Revolution. This was accompanied with songs from that period.

Next month on Monday March 4th we have Ruth Lowe who will be giving a talk on the iconic Mary Quant. The meeting is at the village hall at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

The craft/art group will be at the hall every Monday morning – why not drop in for a coffee and a chat?

Our monthly WI lunch club (we've dropped the walks!) will be at 12 for 12.30 on February 27th at the Green Man in Kenilworth.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our activities.

The next village lunch is on Tuesday March 5th and the coffee morning is on Tuesday March 19th. Everyone is welcome.

Liz Sykes

Village Lunches

For nearly 20 years Stoneleigh WI have organised the monthly village lunches. This, I think, has been very well received by our neighbours with, hopefully, good food and companionship being given.

That was my aim when I first set it up with my good friend Maureen. However as time goes on we still have a consistent number of people attending – but I have many fewer helpers. We are also getting older and finding it more difficult to make sure that we have enough help. If the lunches are to continue, we do need some more help from the community. It's just a few hours once a month in the Hall on the first Tuesday.

If you would like to become involved, please contact me. Thanks.

Liz Sykes
02476 418301

The Stoneleigh 2019 Calendar

When Stoneleigh villager Will Blagburn died in 2017, Stoneleigh History Society decided to honour his memory by publishing a village calendar using his own photographs. Will was a keen photographer and took hundreds of beautiful pictures of the village of Stoneleigh, and so it was hard to choose just twelve! Nevertheless a lovely calendar for 2019 was produced – in the year Will would have been 90.

Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying calendars – we sold all 300!

As Will was cared for at Myton Hospice, all the profits from our sales went to that organisation. We were delighted to present a cheque for £1360 to Louise Careless of the Myton fundraising team.

In the photograph are Louise, two of the nurses who cared for Will, Nora Blagburn, and Sheila Woolf and Sue Crofts of the Stoneleigh History Society.



The 2018 Poppy Appeal

Before Christmas I was able to give the total amount raised in Stoneleigh & Ashow for this appeal. The commemoration of the end of World War One eventually raised an extra £871, and since then two very generous contributions have been made: £344 was donated by a lady who had made and sold knitted poppies, and the sum of £600 was donated by a well-wisher.



Thank you to all who continue to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Our total this year has been £5,330, a magnificent sum.

Sheila Woolf
Honorary Organiser, Stoneleigh

Stoneleigh History Society

The February meeting of the society was a special homecoming for Stuart Green, who talked about his father's service during World War Two. An airline pilot himself, Stuart has researched the story of his father Alan's time flying Wellingtons and Stirlings, as well as his imprisonment in the notorious Stalag Luft III POW camp in Poland. It was good to meet Stuart again since the family had lived in Stoneleigh in former times.

Our next meeting, on March 26, will be our AGM followed by another very special speaker: Heidi Meyer, Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. Heidi has had a most distinguished military and political career and is the first female Master in the Hospital's 450 year history. We are very much looking forward to hearing her speak. All are welcome at the village hall at 7.30pm; visitors £3.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STONELEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

*Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the
Stoneleigh History Society will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 March
2019 in Stoneleigh Village Hall*



**Coffee Morning and
Shoebox Celebration
St Mary The Virgin Church
Church Lane
Stoneleigh
CV8 3DN**

**Saturday 16th March
10.30am - Coffee and Cake
11.00am Presentation**

Real people making a real difference

PUBLIC NOTICE

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY

(702842)

The Annual General Meeting of the Stoneleigh Village Hall and Playing Fields Charity is to be held on Monday 8 April 2019 at 7.30pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

All inhabitants of the parish of Stoneleigh who are eighteen years and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

HS2 UPDATE

All households should have received a leaflet from HS2 Ltd - 'Early Work Notification Stoneleigh Park' - which outlines proposed work from February to June involving 'temporary traffic management for safe vegetation removal along the A46 near Stoneleigh Park, and the B4115'. This may well involve lane closures on the A46 and therefore inconvenience for many residents. There are several issues about the timing of these works, not least that they coincide with the nesting season when the law states that no trees etc. should be disturbed during that period.

The last month has seen even greater media coverage of issues associated with HS2 Ltd, not least about rising costs. An edition of the Channel 4 programme 'Dispatches' on 11 February was devoted to HS2 and numerous criticisms were raised in addition to costs, including whether the project should be scrapped in favour of improving commuter lines (especially in the North) and rail travel east/west. During the 14 February edition of 'Question Time', "Should HS2 be scrapped" was greeted with loud applause and many critical comments were made during the discussion.

Local attempts by the Parish Council continue regarding communication and mitigation. Compensation for rural property and disturbance to residents living over 300 mm from the proposed line is being questioned. It is two years since the House of Lords recommendation that this be considered but HS2 Ltd decline to take action. This matter will be raised again with Jeremy Wright MP in the near future as our area will be at the centre of extensive works with no compensation.

Margaret Wallis
on behalf of the Stoneleigh Action Group (against HS2)

Forthcoming News and Events in Ashow (and Stoneleigh)

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at Stoneleigh Church, with Holy Communion, for both parishes on 6th March at 7 pm.

During Lent there will be discussion group meetings on Mondays in Stoneleigh Church between 11 am and 12.30 pm starting on 11th March until 8th April. These will explore questions of how faith and everyday life interconnect. Further details will be published on the Pew Sheets.

At Ashow Village Club on Saturday 16th March there will be a Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper at 7.30 pm. There will be a charge of £10 per head for teams of 4 people for the evening's entertainment. The annual Big Breakfast for Cancer Research will be organised by the Kenilworth Committee of Cancer Research UK, on Friday 29th March, between 8 am and 10.30 am, in Stoneleigh Village Hall. Further details from Stephen Harvey on 01926 852543, or just turn up on the morning. Please join us for a full Warwickshire Breakfast. All donations will go to Cancer Research.

There will be a Mothering Day Service in Ashow Church at 9.30 am on Sunday 31st March, (when the clocks also go forward one hour), and we particularly welcome families with children of any age to this Village Service.

Advance Notice is given for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for Ashow Church, on Monday 8th April at 7.30 pm in Ashow Village Club. Please join us to find out what is happening in church locally, and tell us what you would like to happen in the future.

There will be a "Spring Song" Concert in Ashow Church on Friday 26th April at 7.30 pm, featuring the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir, a local soloist, and some community singing also. Join us for Drinks and Canapes on the bank of the River Avon in the interval. Fully inclusive tickets are £15 from Kate Jones tel 01926 853511, Stephen Harvey tel 01926 852543, or Tony Gregory at Ashow Club.

Letter from Rev Nikki
Balance by Edwina Gately

So much struggling – realising that I need a balance between reaching out and reaching in.

I need to do some things just for me, like paint and play, and read and build sandcastles.

I need to stop - for a long time, to think about that.

Where did I miss it? Lose it?

For joy is the centre of ministry, Joy should precede ministry, nurture it and fulfil it.

But I am so intense about ministry, and take it so solemnly (as if I were responsible for it)

that I become weighed down by its ups and downs, its disappointments and failures.

I suffocate joy with seriousness... I imagine everything depends on me –
when everything is God's business,

and God has already taken care of all her creation and all her people,

We are only to walk with each other, be with each other, love each other.

God's is the healing, the growing and the fulfilling.

When I lose perspective and imagine everything, (or most things) revolving round myself,

I make myself a little god, and lose my joy.

For I was never made to be a little god – only to be loved by the Great God.

Perhaps I am too busy trying to love other people instead of learning to love myself.

When I can do that I might begin to understand how great God's love is.

When I go through darkness, heaviness and anxiety,

it is God's invitation for me to stop looking outwards and start looking inwards and be loving and gentle with myself.

I am called to minister for my own joy. When my joy diminishes, so does my ministry.

When I have fun and enjoy myself, God does!

Then I am most like God – – who is joy!

‘Ministry’ is anything we do that serves others, parenting, teaching, building, nursing, volunteering....the list is endless and so it seems is the call on our time in our activity driven culture.

If this poem spoke to you as it spoke to me then maybe this Lent, beginning March 6th, instead of giving up those things that give you joy give up one or two of those things that enslave you to overactivity.

Delete those apps on your electronic devices that you know waste time or keep you forever anxious.

Remove that item from your to-do list that has been on there for weeks – maybe it doesn’t need doing after all?

Resolve to stop doing one thing each week and see if anyone notices it has not been done. If they do, ask them if they would like to help you by taking it on.

And with the time you save give yourself permission to enjoy free time and just be.

We are after all human beings!

May Lent bring you rest and restoration.

Rev Nikki

Baby and Toddler Group – Stoneleigh Church

Drop in for free play, a story and refreshments and an opportunity to meet other carers.

Tuesday March 26th 10 am to 12 noon

Contact Rev Nikki (07891012660) for further information.

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Well, the guys are hard at it preparing for our March Concert (details below), being put through their paces by Director Kate McCutcheon and Choreographer Kate Willey with Production Assistant Penny Lauridsen. All your favourite Disney characters in one place in a remarkable and hilarious storyline devised by Alan Biddle, Musical Director. Tickets going fast so get in as early as you can.

We lost our dear friend Tony Jeffs on 28 January 2018. A founder member of the choir and stalwart in the bass section, Tony was always involved in the front line activities from the March Concerts to Summer Serenades. He was one of the few who could get near to a Basso Profundo and we like to think he actually put the “fun” into the Profundo bit! The Choir was privileged to sing at his Memorial Service held at Holy Trinity Church, Royal Leamington Spa on Friday 15 February 2019. He will be remembered with fondness by our members and our thoughts are naturally with Elizabeth and the family.

Please see forthcoming dates for our concerts below and gentlemen remember you will always be welcome to come along to our practices at 7.30pm Wednesday evenings at Stoneleigh Village Hall if you fancy joining us. What’s to lose? We are also happy to sing at charity fundraising events so please consider having us along if you or a friend is organising anything.

Upcoming Concert dates:

Don’t forget our March Concert “A Disney Fantasia” on *Friday 22nd at 7.30 pm and a matinée at 5.00 pm and Sunday 24th March 2019* (*Saturday 23rd sold out*).

Ticket price £20.00, a two course hot meal by Top Nosh included. A few tickets still available for Friday & Sunday plus there is our special performance *Thursday 21st at 7.30 pm*, free to Stoneleigh Village Senior residents or anyone else at £5.00

Other SMVC Concerts, details to follow:

Friday 26 April 2019 – Ashow Church Concert in aid of Church Funds.

Saturday 11 May 2019 - Prostate Cancer Concert: 7.30pm St Nicholas Church Kenilworth with Coventry Male Voice Choir

Sunday 7 July 2019 – Summer Serenade, Residents' Walled Garden, Stoneleigh Abbey

Tickets for all our concerts available from Phil Jones on 01926 853511 or by email kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Rod Owen, Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

SOME ADVICE ABOUT DODGY PHONE CALLS

If your phone rings but no one is there when you answer, if you dial 1471 you can get the number of whoever called you. If you do not recognise the number, do *not* phone them back. However, if you use the Internet, type the number into the Google search box, and you will be directed to a site called 'Who Phoned Me'. That site includes invaluable information about a range of scams. If the number is from a dodgy source it will be listed there.

The system also works if you speak to an unknown person on the phone who you realise is an "unwanted phone call"; after putting the phone down, again dial 1471 and if a number is given, follow the same advice. Sometimes details of the scam and the yarn spun is given on 'Who Phoned Me'.

We all need to be increasingly vigilant as more and more authentic-sounding phone calls (and also email messages) are being sent.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The **March Ordinary Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 14th March at 7pm. Members of the public are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

The Annual **Stoneleigh Village Meeting** will be held on 18th April, at 7pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall. All Stoneleigh residents are invited to come along and find out what has been going on the village and what local organisations have been up to, to ask questions and to hear from County and District Councillors.

To view the full details of these and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, please visit the Parish Council website:

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

At the **February meeting** of the Parish Council, there was discussion about the emerging results of the Birmingham Road consultation undertaken by Warwickshire County Council. It does not appear that there was overwhelming support for any one of the options put forward, so more work will have to be done to see how best to take this issue forward. It is likely that a representative from Warwickshire County Council will come along to a Parish Council meeting in the next month or so in order to discuss the results of the consultation and see how the parish wants to proceed. If you are interested in coming along and contributing to the discussion, check the meeting agenda posted on the village noticeboards to see when WCC will be joining us.

The **lime tree** on the triangle junction in Stoneleigh will soon be removed by Warwickshire County Council due to the extent and spread of a decay organism that is present on the tree, meaning that it has been deemed a safety hazard. The Parish Council will be looking to replace the tree over the next few months and would like to hear if residents have a preference as to the type of tree it is replaced with, particularly as some people have commented that they would like a different variety this time due to the sticky sap that the lime tree produced. If you have a preference, please let us know by emailing the Clerk at stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com.

If you are involved in a local community group, or would like to set one up, did you know that there are often **funding grants** available to help you. For example, if you would like sports equipment for a local team, resources for a local history project or money to support a local event which brings the community together, you may be able to get support from organisations such as the Warwickshire Rural Forum or the National Lottery. For further information, please speak to one of your Councillors, or contact the Parish Clerk, we are always happy to help and advise.

Don't forget to check out the **Parish Council website** which is regularly updated with local information such as road and traffic issues, HS2 updates, regular Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team surgeries, information drop in sessions and local consultations. It's a great way to find out what's going on locally and get involved. You can find us at:

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

Hannah Watts, Parish Clerk



Calling all child artists



Would you like your picture to be on the front of the next edition of the *News*? Please send your Easter themed picture with your name to Bernice and Mike at Heronbank8@gmail.com by the 18th March for a chance to be on the front cover.

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Front Cover - key to “watch the clock” - St David’s Day, International Women’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) Ash Wednesday, final Six Nations weekend, Brexit Day (or is it?), British Summer Time begins, Mothering Sunday.

Stoneleigh Village Club

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Mondays	8.30pm	Darts Team
Tuesdays	8.30pm	Pool Team
Weds: 13, 27 Mar. 10, 24 Apr	7.30pm	Bingo
Weds: 6, 20 Mar. 3, 17 Apr	7.30pm	Knit and Natter
Thursdays	7.30pm	Crib & Dominoes (check fixture list for location)
Thursdays 14/3 & 11/4	7.45pm	Book Club (to review at 8pm)
Tuesdays 19/3 & 16/4	10.30-12	Coffee Morning
Saturdays: April	12 – 5pm	FREE pool table use

ADDITIONAL EVENTS *(Remember also to check our Facebook page & our outside noticeboard)*

First Duck Race Planning Meeting Monday 4th March 7pm

*** please note the Duck race will not go ahead unless multiple persons support the organising ***

Provisional date of Duck Race: 10th August 2019

Pancake Race and Tasting! Tuesday 5th March 7pm

Wear your best apron and trainers and bring your cleanest frying pan... and £1 coins!!

Saturday 16th March

5-7pm: Six Nations England v Scotland from Twickenham

7pm: Buy burgers to go with your beer, hosted by the Spice Truck

8pm: LIVE entertainment from *Acoustica*!

We are currently seeking volunteers to help us **paint our storage shed** on either Saturday 23rd and/or Sunday 24th March from 12pm. There is a free drink in it if you could spare an hour to help?!

The sweet jar on the bar now has even BIGGER sweets inside it!

Please remember to put your £1 (for choice of two sweets) into the honesty jar!

After listening to member feedback, we are going to trial making the pool table FREE to play on Saturdays between 12 and 5pm from April – we hope you enjoy!

If you don't receive our fortnightly member emails please email

stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com so we can add you straight away!

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH
*SERVICES FOR MARCH 2019***

Sunday 3 rd	10.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Wednesday 6 th	7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 10 th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Sunday 17 th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 24 th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 31 st	Mothering Sunday 9.30 am Mothering Sunday All Age Worship at Ashow 11.00 am Mothering Sunday All Age Worship at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 21st January – Robert William Arthur Harris – Interment at Stoneleigh.

Monday 4th February – Victor Bertram John Barrell – Funeral Service followed by burial at Stoneleigh

Wednesday 6th February – Wilfred Henry Swan – Funeral Service followed by burial at Ashow

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,
Jackie Cubitt, 02476 415506 email: admin@stoneleighchurch.co.uk

website: www.stoneleighchurch.co.uk

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