

STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS



MARCH 2020





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Warwickshire Singers

Lucy Morris

I've been singing with Warwickshire Singers since January 2019. I love to sing (I'm a soprano). A weekly dose of choral singing is wonderfully good for the soul and, frankly, keeps me sane.

Warwickshire Singers was founded in 1970 by David H Jones, the then Warwickshire County Music Advisor, to take choral music out to churches around Warwickshire, in particular those without their own choir. Sadly, David died last year, but his legacy lives on. Some of the teachers he 'invited' to join (by all accounts, refusal wasn't really an option) are still with us and as keen as ever to keep his ideas alive – perhaps even more important today as music is tending to slip off the school curriculum.

Current choir members come from all across Warwickshire. We meet on a Monday evening during term-time at Kenilworth Methodist Church. This year sees us celebrating an important milestone – our 50th birthday. We'll be marking this with a concert in Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa on Saturday 9th May 2020 with our French partner choir, La Villanelle de Sceaux. We'd love to boost our numbers for this special concert. If you've been itching to join a choir or are quite simply curious, we'd love to hear from you. There are no auditions, but some experience of choral singing is advantageous.

For further information, please drop me an email at lubimorris@gmail.com or visit us at www.warwickshiresingers.org.uk. We're also on Facebook [@warwickshiresingers](https://www.facebook.com/warwickshiresingers).





Stoneleigh WI

The speaker, Nick Martin spoke about British mammals at our February meeting. He was very knowledgeable and had some fantastic photographs of wildlife. He was an excellent speaker and very amusing. We stay with the subject of wildlife as the talk at the meeting on Monday March 2nd is on hedgehogs. We look forward to that and welcoming any visitors.

The craft group continue to meet every Monday morning from 9:30 – 12. Come along; you will be made very welcome. We also have an art group there at the same time – some members who had never painted before are now producing lovely pieces of artwork.

The next village lunch is on Tuesday March 3rd at 12:30 – please let me know if you wish to attend (02476 418301). The coffee morning will be on Tuesday March 17th at 10:30 in the club. We had an excellent attendance in January – it would be good to see you all there next month.

Liz Sykes

Film Night

For our next film night, we will be showing:

Downton Abbey



Friday March 13th 2020 in Stoneleigh Village Hall
Meet 6.45pm for a 7pm showing

Downton Abbey, the motion picture, sees the Crawleys and their staff preparing for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue that leaves the future of Downton hanging in the balance.

Written by Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast.

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 by
Wednesday March 11th

Dates for film nights in 2020:

May 8th, July 10th, September 11th, November 13th

St Mary The Virgin Church, Stoneleigh.

Appeal for Bell Ringers.

Have you some experience of bell ringing, or would you like to learn? We are looking for 1 or 2 new ringers to join our band. We meet on a Thursday at 7.30pm for practice and to ring the bells on a Sunday morning for the Service. If you'd like to learn to ring the bells, then why not either come down and say hello one Thursday evening, or contact Bob Taylor 07979 868260 or Greg Reay 02476 697037 for a chat.



Martin Smith

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Stoneleigh Community Orchard CIC Update

The year began with our “twelfth night” Wassail Parade which was a joint event held with Stoneleigh Village Club and followed its successful premiere last year. The event was once again a great success and is starting to gain momentum as a social occasion. This year Teagan Freeman & Ella Murrow combined as Orchard Queens and were conveyed to the Orchard by a suitably decorated Land Rover driven by our very able event compere Adrian Clarke. The ever-popular Coventry Mummers headed the entertainment in a performance of the “Ploughman’s Play”. Thanks to Amanda Smith and Elaine James for producing their mulled cider as well as Tracy Brown & Karen Gavin for providing much needed refreshments back at the Club. This event will surely grow going forward and I am already in the process of identifying the unusual and bizarre to supplement next year’s Wassail assembly!

As this article is written, the tail end of Storm Ciara, a powerful Atlantic storm producing winds approaching 100mph, seems to be abating. It was with some trepidation that an inspection of the Orchard trees at the start of the day was undertaken with every possibility that a number would be discovered lying horizontal following a night of severe gales. The fear dissipated and was replaced by a feeling of relief on discovering that all the trees in the Orchard had come through the previous night’s storm relatively undamaged. The replacement of tree strapping as well as a number of stakes in the period leading up to the storm by members of the group appears to have averted the potential for this outcome. Thanks to John Churchley for his assistance with this piece of work. The trees also benefited from a severe prune designed to elevate the canopy above the height of the tractor which received a damaged exhaust during grass cutting last autumn.

Readers may well be aware that the Orchard group has developed in part from environmental - centred origins and concerns. As a personal observation, and by no means an expression of group opinion, there

seems to be sufficient latitude to comment on events around our village, most notably what appears to be the annihilation of large sections of hedgerow either side of the A46 . There are a number of planning applications either being considered or actioned in this vicinity as well as in the broader locality in addition of course to HS2. These range from a large road traffic scheme, the relocation of a cattle market affected by HS2, to the invasion of the greenbelt by developers at Kings Hill and similar proposals at Crewe Lane. This “perfect storm” of destruction appears to be progressing without effective opposition. It seems that Storm Ciara pales into insignificance as compared to man’s capacity to destroy his own environment! I will leave the reader to decide if what has happened to date can truly be described as progress?

Orchard Friends’ subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2020 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, but 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,





Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm

**All Saints' Church, Victoria Terrace
Leamington Spa CV31 1AA**

***Masquerade Suite - Khachaturian
Violin Concerto in E minor - Mendelssohn
Symphony No. 1 in F minor - Shostakovich***

***Violin - Zoë Beyers
Conductor - Roger Coull***

To book tickets:

T: 01926 850385 E: boxoffice@wso.org.uk

Or buy online at www.wso.org.uk

Tickets £14 & £18 with half price concessions for students & children

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who would like to thank all contributors.

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STONELEIGH & ASHOW NEWS - A REQUEST, AND THANKS

At our recent AGM, several issues were discussed. Advertising is covered in a separate item from the Treasurer (see page 15). Please note that the News is produced to a tight schedule as we are committed to ensuring that copies are in the hands of residents well before the first Sunday of each month. Contributors are therefore requested to submit items well before 18th of the month and that distributors bear in mind the delivery deadline. N.B. A copy of each edition is posted on the village website as soon as copy is sent to the printers, Warwick Print.

Very many thanks to all those who contribute to the continued success of the News, including our team of editors and the distribution co-ordinators, Jean and David Vaughan.

Margaret Wallis, Stoneleigh & Ashow News Co-ordinator

It is with sadness and regret that we have to tell you that Rev Nikki has resigned as our Priest In Charge . Ill health and family reasons have forced this upon her. She had hoped to be with us on her last day, Sunday 1st March, but sadly is not well enough. We are planning an informal get together in the summer when hopefully she will be a lot stronger, and we can say farewell then, and wish her well.

We will keep everyone informed about this.

***June Burr, Gordon Gatward, Kate Jones
Church Wardens , Stoneleigh and Ashow.***





KENILWORTH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

BIG BREAKFAST

Friday, 27th March, 8 – 11am
Stoneleigh Village Hall
Not ticketed, but donations appreciated

SPRING CONCERT

with Canapes and Wine
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
together with
Welsh Choir
Bois Goetre Hen a'r Cylch
to be held at
St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh
7pm on Saturday, 18th April 2020

If you are interested, and would like more details, please contact
Roger Davies email rogerndavies@gmail.com
Mobile 07831 370580



Stoneleigh & Ashow News – Your magazine!

Hi to all our readers from Bill Crofts, S & A News Treasurer.

I'm writing this article to ask you to consider how much our little monthly newsletter means to you! We attempt to let you know what activities are going on in the two villages, who is doing what, and who to contact if you need to know more. We like to think that there are more opportunities for people to take part in a variety of activities as a result of this 'free' communication that is available to you.

As you know, production and distribution of the Newsletter is carried out by volunteers, but of course we do have printing costs, and with a distribution of approximately 500, we do have to raise enough income to support that cost and keep your magazine going. We receive some donations from organisations that publish articles in our newsletter, and a small amount of advertising revenue, but essentially we rely on a steady level of voluntary support from you the residents.

In 2018 the future of *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* was looking doubtful, but you made a tremendous response to our appeal, and it looked as if we had turned the corner! However, unfortunately, during 2019 few of those 'new' donors became regulars and voluntary contributions dropped back to hardly one third of the 2018 level.

If you would like to see the S&A News continue to magically drop through your letter box each month, would you please consider making a small but regular donation to enable us to do that for you. Those who do donate regularly usually give about £10 or £20 per year, but obviously we would be pleased to receive whatever you think you can afford.

If you want to send a cheque to me (made to 'Stoneleigh & Ashow News') you can post it to:

Dr Bill Crofts, North Lodge, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DT.

If you would like to set up a standing order please email me at w.e.crofts@warwick.ac.uk and I will send the magazine's bank details to you.



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir – March Show

Around the World in 80 Minutes

When:-

19th to 22nd March 2020

Where:-

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tickets:-

from Philip Jones 01926 853511 or by email - kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk or from any other choir member.

More details:-

Thursday 19th March – 7.30pm

Preview evening. Tickets £5 to include tea / coffee and biscuits.

(Tickets are free to senior citizens living In Stoneleigh)

Friday 20th March & Saturday 21st March – 7.30pm and

Sunday 22nd March – 5.00pm

Tickets £20 to include a 2 course meal (with a vegetarian option).

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.



STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

A new date has been arranged for the charity concert in support of Safeline who support victims of abuse during their recovery. "Music to Inspire" will take place at Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday 21 May at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. Tickets are £10 and available from choir members or by phoning 01926 857598.

Again at the village hall, the ever-popular quiz night is on 24 April starting at 7.30pm and followed by a fish and chip supper. This is always a highly competitive and fun evening and tickets are in high demand so early booking is advised. Contact details as above.

As a special treat for all their hard work, the ladies of the choir are climbing aboard The Countess of Evesham narrow boat for lunch and a trip up the Avon on Thursday 28 May. Whatever the weather a good time will be enjoyed by all.

The choir meets every Thursday in term time from 1.30 to 3pm. If you are interested in joining please contact our Secretary on 024 7633 7535.

Pat Wightman



Launching a New Advertising Opportunity for Stoneleigh & Ashow News!

We distribute approximately 500 copies of *S & A News* each month (10 months per year), and many of the recipients will be households with multiple occupants. Hence, we offer a significant 'hit rate' for any local organisation who would like to advertise on our pages.

Would all readers please note that we are offering generous rates that local tradespeople or businesses may find very worthwhile for advertising their services or events on a regular basis.

- Our page format size is A5, and our rates are:
- Full Page - £100 per annum (10x copies),
- Half Page - £50 per annum
- Quarter Page - £25 per annum.
- Advertisements for single editions are charged at

£40 for a full page, £20 for a half page, £10 for a quarter page.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in taking advantage of advertising on our pages, please show them this information and ask them to email Bill Crofts at,
w.e.crofts@warwick.ac.uk

Note: A regular instructional page on 'How to Place an Advertisement in *Stoneleigh & Ashow News* will feature in future *S&A News* editions.

HS2 UPDATE - THE DIE IS CAST!

After months of speculation, the Government has announced that HS2 will go ahead in its entirety (albeit with considerable tweaks in an attempt to reduce costs, and some changes in management). Obviously this decision has come as a huge disappointment to all those communities up and down the proposed route who have fought hard against the project over the past ten years. It is also a huge blow to the various environmental organisations who have campaigned against the project and its massive/irreparable damage to ancient woodlands, wildlife habitat and so on.

Some campaigning will undoubtedly continue in future years as work proceeds. Such campaigning will mainly occur at the local level when the detailed impacts of ground works become clearer and the effects on communities are keenly felt. It remains to be seen to what extent mitigation requests in this area are heeded. (The recent devastation at the A46 Stoneleigh Road junction gives us all a taste of things to come!). Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council and StAG have vowed to continue their fight and plan to ensure that HS2 Ltd adhere to previous mitigation promises and to keep the local contractors to these promises. Jeremy Wright, our local MP, has also pledged to ensure that commitments given to local communities are honoured.

Despite the much-publicised recent announcement, there will be further delays before full- scale work begins. A *Notice to Proceed* is required and this will be granted by the Department for Transport and Grant Shapps (Minister of State for Transport) in due course. However, a planned visit to our Parish Council in March will be delayed by the legal ‘purdah’ required by the forthcoming local elections which means that for 6 weeks from 6 March, no political activity is allowed. And so it goes on!!

Despite the disappointing outcome, profuse thanks are due to Stop HS2 (Joe Rukin and Penny Gaines) who have worked tirelessly to keep the flaws in HS2 Ltd’s proposals in the public eye for so long.

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

Stoneleigh Village Club

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



Stoneleigh Village Club Update

So here we are and moving fast forward to springtime with longer days and hopefully better weather! We were very lucky to welcome the Stoneleigh Orchard and the Coventry Mummers in mid January to help rid the orchard of evil spirits. It's safe to say a good night was had by all with a warm cider cocktail, jacket potatoes and sausage baps to refresh all our 'Wassailers'. Thank you to all that attended and I'm sure Pete will be updating us later in the year as to how successful you all were in producing a healthy bumper crop.



We also held a 'Pay Day' Friday on 31st January featuring the Spice Truck. The food as always was amazing 😊. We will keep you posted on future events as we have had a number of requests for a fish and chip night too.

Don't forget our meat raffle for just £2 you are in with a chance of winning:

Whole chicken or other meat joint
2 x 8oz Rump Steaks, 1lb of Chicken cubes
2 x lamb burgers, 1lb Minced beef
12 Pork sausages, 1lb of Bacon

Draw will be at 7pm, every Friday, tickets on sale all week. If you won't be in the club please leave a contact number. The meat is all top quality collected on Fridays from local award winning butchers Bosworth, and is refrigerated. All proceeds go directly back into club funds.

Also save these very important dates – more details will follow:

FRIDAY 8TH MAY – VE DAY 75TH CELEBRATIONS

We are starting to look at plans to celebrate this very important occasion, and **would like to involve the whole village**. We are just in the early stages of planning road closures and applying for potential grants. We will have an initial planning meeting in March – if you would like to be involved then please email stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com so we can notify you of the date. We will also email the date to all on our members' email list. Ideas so far include – a hog roast, street party, games for children from the past, a historic walk and talks, 1940s songs round the piano, cinema evening in the club and a rather ambitious battle reanactment! With such grand plans we do need all the help we can get.

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

This year we have brought the duck race forward as we were aware a number of families miss out due to the school holidays. Mark it on your calendar - this event is not to be missed. Again we will be on the look out for helpers and planners and will keep you posted on Duck Race Meeting dates. Expect The Dark Destroyer and Helen the Duck to appear promoting the event!



Saturday 29th February 2020
At
Stoneleigh Village Club

Celebrate the extra day in style in style with our SVC Quiz and Fish and Chips

Make sure you book your team early, to avoid disappointment. Maximum 6 per team. £2 per person with winners and spot prizes!

Please arrive prior to 7:15pm to register your team and place food orders

You can book by emailing Stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com, popping your name down on the list behind the bar or via the svc facebook page



Upcoming Events 2020

Saturday 29th February from 7pm
QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 4th March Knit and Natter from 7:30pm
All abilities welcome, or just come along for a natter 😊

Thursday 12th March– Book Club from 7:45pm
The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton
A Gripping, Magical and Enthralling Book

Wednesday 18th March- Knit and Natter from 7:30pm

The Guinness Six Nations

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March

Saturday 14th March the big finals day from 2:15

Don't Forget we have Sky Sports showing all the Latest Sports Fixtures!

Mondays from 7:30 Darts Team
Tuesdays from 7:30 Pool Team
Thursdays from 7:30 Crib and Dominos Team
Please check notice board for fixtures list

Stoneleigh History Society

Our January meeting was a great success: the hall was full, and included no fewer than 13 visitors along with our regular members. We hope that some of them will become regulars, too. Pete James' talk on "Salvation and Stoneleigh" took the Fardon family right back to the 17th century and introduced some very interesting facts.

Our February 25th meeting will be "John of Gaunt- the Power and the Passion"; it will be given by Jan Cooper, Chair of the Kenilworth History and Archaeology Society. Then in March, our meeting on the 24th will be our AGM, followed by a talk given by Jill Kashi, a volunteer at Baddesley Clinton. Jill will speak to us about "The Little Maids and the Wandering Butler," - life in domestic service at Baddesley Clinton from the 1880s to 1923.

Both meetings promise much of interest: from the aristocracy to the servant classes! All visitors are very welcome: just come along at 7.30pm to the village hall and pay at the door.

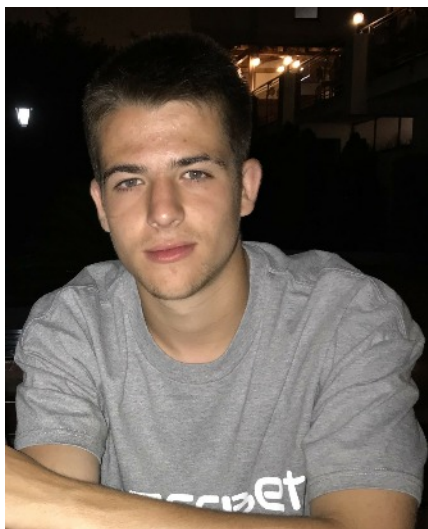
Sheila Woolf

Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Stoneleigh History Society will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 24th at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

The logo is a horizontal rectangular banner with rounded corners and a decorative border. It has a light beige background with a faint, repeating pattern of the words "Stoneleigh History Society". The text "Stoneleigh History Society" is written in a large, dark red, serif font across the center of the banner.

Stoneleigh History Society



Ashow villagers may be interested to know that Sam Morris (formerly of Number 26) is off to Hoima, Uganda in May of this year to volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas for three months. To support VSO's wonderful work, he's been set a significant fundraising target, so has a number of events planned, including running 100km during the month of March and a sponsored head shave! If you'd like to find out more or would consider making a donation, do please get in touch.

07976 427450 / lubimorris@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

The **March Ordinary Parish Council meeting** will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall on **Thursday 12th March** at 7.00pm. We are hoping to be joined by an Officer from Warwickshire County Council to talk about the progress of the A46 Stoneleigh Junction. Check the agenda (on the village noticeboards and on our website) for more details.

Members of the public are invited to attend all Parish Council meetings.

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>

February meeting update

At the meeting in February, there were discussions around many local issues, including parking on grass verges on the B4115, the installation of a hearing loop system at Stoneleigh Village Hall, the proposed changes to the Stareton

Road junction and as ever, HS2. Cllr P Redford spoke about the council tax referendum being held by Warwick District Council, which, if passed, will enable the council to collect an additional £1 per household per week to create a 'ring-fenced' Climate Action Fund of £3m per year. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website.

Don't forget to have your say about local bus services. There is a link to a short online survey on our Parish Council website. The survey is open until February 29th. If you know of someone who would like to participate but can't get online, please print them off a copy and they can complete it and send it to me directly.

Stoneleigh Annual Village Meeting

The Stoneleigh Annual Village meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7pm in Stoneleigh Village Hall. All residents are invited to come along and find out what has been happening the village and what is planned.

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

Cover picture: floodwaters at a bridge at Stoneleigh Abbey, 17.2.2020

Credit: David P Eaves



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ASHOW
and
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, STONELEIGH**



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2020

Sunday 1 st	11.00 am United Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 8 th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am All Age Worship at Stoneleigh
Wednesday 11 th	10.30 am Ecumenical Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 15 th	9.30 am Holy Communion at Ashow 11.00 am Fellowship Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday 22 nd	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service at Ashow 11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday 29 th	9.30 am Village Service at Ashow 11.00 am Sung Holy Communion at Stoneleigh

From the Registers

Funerals

Friday 7th February 2020 – Michael John Murray –Burial followed by Thanksgiving Service at Stoneleigh

Monday 10th February 2020 – Jean Kathleen Binks – Interment at Ashow

Contacts:

Churchwardens :

Ashow: Kate Jones 01926 853511

Deputy Wardens: Anne Gregory 01926 717084, Peter Shrimpton 01926 859404

Stoneleigh: June Burr 02476 227726 Gordon Gatward 01926 512528

Deputy Warden: Richard Ashley 01926 427729

Or please contact the Parish Administrator,

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

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