

Stoneleigh & Ashow *News*



**December 2025
January 2026**



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Boxing Day Mummers

Dick Dixon

We will be performing the Mummers play again this year on Friday 26th December 2025 (Boxing Day). As is traditional, we will begin in Ashow at 10.15am, moving on to Stoneleigh Close in Stoneleigh at 11.45am, then on to Stoneleigh Church at 12.10pm, with our last performance outside Stoneleigh Village Club at 1.05pm. If anybody in Stoneleigh is having a family party and would like us to visit, do let me know! We're also in need of a willing volunteer to play a small part. If you're interested in becoming a Mummer for the day, do please call me on 07831 890905 or drop me an email at sing@dickdixon.co.uk.

Distributing the News

Sheila Woolf

A very big THANK YOU from me to all those who, whatever the weather, distribute the printed copies of the Stoneleigh & Ashow News to all houses in Stoneleigh village and to Ashow.

Nicky and Tim, Patrick, Douglas and Yvonne, Adrian and Clare, Sue, Quentin and Sally, Laura, Sue and Clare, you are stars!

Stoneleigh Village Club



COFFEE MORNING
Thursday
December 11th
January 8th, 22nd.
10:00am - 11:30am

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

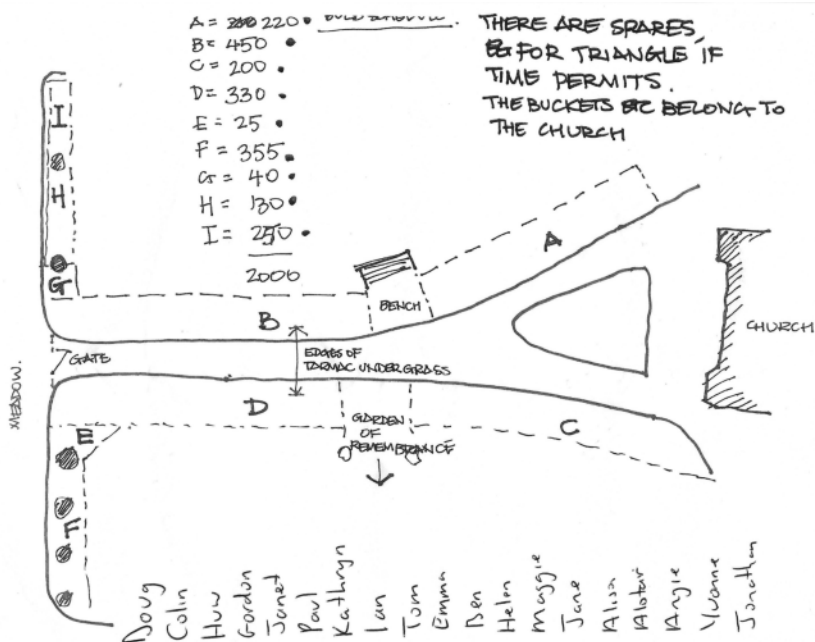
£1 donation



What? No Daffodils?

Douglas Faulconbridge

And so, whilst carrying out my weekly mowing around the churchyard earlier in the year, I noticed a lack of colour amidst the expanse of green. The idea of planting daffodils for the spring suddenly came to me and, fortunately, my mowing team colleagues and the PCC agreed. The next thing to consider was how we would do this, how many bulbs we would need to make an impact and where we would put them. We are fortunate to have an architect on our team, who quickly drew up a working plan for 2000 daffodils! The project was on! We set the date of Saturday 18th October and appealed for volunteers. On the day, we had a team of people, including support from my friends in Scouting, who all came at various times to help with the planting. And, of course, throughout the morning, we needed sustenance, happily provided by the church team in the form of bacon sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and endless cups of tea and coffee. Thank you to everyone who played a part and to Reverend Gordon Gatward for blessing the bulbs and planting the last one with a prayer to look forward to the spring.



Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

Pat Wightman

Tis the season to be jolly, and weeks of practice are about to come to fruition as we approach Christmas. There are several events where you can hear the choir singing and there is also an opportunity to sing along with them!

On **Thursday 4th December**, the choir will be singing to the staff and visitors at **Waverley Day Care Centre** – an occasion which has become an annual event guaranteed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

The choir has been rehearsing since September for their charity concert on **Thursday 11th December** at 1.30pm. This year's concert is in aid of two local charities for the visually impaired – Warwickshire Vision and Coventry Vision Hub. Tickets cost £10 and will include light refreshments. We hope as many people as possible will come and support these worthy charities. See below for contact details (and page 23).

In addition to the concert, the choir is doing something completely new. We are joining with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir for **Carols in the Community** to which everyone is invited. Together, we propose to sing well-known carols outside the Club in Stoneleigh village for about half an hour from 7.00pm on the evening of **Wednesday 17th December**. We hope that residents of Stoneleigh and surrounding areas will come and join us. Afterwards we are invited into the Club for refreshments. There will be parking in the Meadow which is unlit, so bring a torch. This could become an annual event, so please come and help make it a success. See page 25 for details.

Both choirs will also be singing at Stoneleigh Village Church on **Sunday 21st December** as part of the carol service.

Information and contact details may be found on our website <https://www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk/> or by telephoning 07817 899091.

Stoneleigh Community Orchard

Pete Freeman

As the festive period approaches, we can reflect on the orchard's year to date, which commenced back in early January 2025 with our spectacular and highly successful orchard wassail. This event demonstrated the value of marketing and promotion, and the orchard directors agreed that this event should occur every other year, which means that the next wassail is scheduled for January 2027. In May, we had the blossom festival which seems to have snowballed exponentially in terms of popularity and attendance. The orchard directors will be meeting shortly to fix a date for the blossom festival 2026, the outcome of which will be reported in the February 2026 edition of the S&A News.

On considering the challenges the orchard has faced throughout 2025, the foremost of these was the apple ermine moth infestation that threatened to decimate the orchard trees and could still be a problem in 2026. The orchard directors are already taking measures to address this proactively, although outcomes in nature can of course be unpredictable. The elements have also played their hand within the orchard, with high winds toppling trees heavily laden with fruit, which elicited a firm response. We of course have our onerous and growing harvest to manage, which has been met with the strength and enthusiasm of our orchard team who have risen to the challenge admirably.

Villagers, as well as those walking in the meadow, will have noticed that our resident wicker man (otherwise known as "Wicker the Cider Nicker") who had recently been stationed by the Motslow Hill bridge, has now been moved. It seems that his enthusiasm for Halloween was countered by possibilities surrounding Bonfire Night! He currently resides under the boughs of a hornbeam tree in the garden to the rear of 5 Church Lane, like a metaphorical traveller at a bus stop awaiting the seasons to change and, more specifically, the return of spring, when he can get dressed up once again to participate in village events.

Bottled Stoneleigh cider is still available to purchase. The price remains at £3.50 per bottle and £40 for a case of 12. It is my belief that that they would

make excellent Christmas presents, perhaps forming part of a festive hamper.

Finally, on behalf of the orchard team, I would like to wish everyone season's greetings and a happy new year!

Orchard Friends' subscriptions and yearly renewals for 2026 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. Alternatively, why not become a long-term Friend and set up a direct debit?

Contact: Pete Freeman (Chairman)
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Voluntary Contributions from Residents

Bill Crofts, S&A News Treasurer

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

Philip Jones

I would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's Royal British Legion Appeal by selling poppies and helping at the count. And, of course, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who so generously contributed to the Poppy Appeal. Your support provides help for serving and ex-service personnel. As the counting of the monies will take place after the magazine has gone to print, so the amount raised will be in February's edition of the magazine and in the Stoneleigh and Ashow Pews News.



Photo: Sheila Woolf

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

Christmas Concert

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



Wednesday 10th December 2025
7.00pm

Helping to raise funds for Kenilworth Heartsafe
<https://kenilworthheartsafe.org.uk/>

Tickets £15
to include mince pies and mulled wine

To book, contact Phil Jones
01926 853511 / 07910 240453 /
kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Stoneleigh History Society

Sheila Woolf

Our October meeting was a great success, when Sue Crofts spoke to a large audience about the fascinating history of North Lodge. In November, if you catch this in time, our talk will be by Chris Kirby of Warwick's Royal Fusiliers Museum, speaking about Hannah Snell who, in the eighteenth century, disguised herself as a man to fight in the army. In December, we shall be holding our members-only Christmas social before another packed year of interesting talks.

On Tuesday 27th January 2026, we have a double bill:

First, Adrian Clarke will give us the answer to "Who put the Lanch into the Lanchester Polytechnic?", telling us about the life of Dr Fred Lanchester. Then we shall view a film made by the late Will Blagburn, documenting the Campaign to Stop Expansion of the Airport in the first decade of the 21st century. Perhaps you were involved in this campaign yourself? All visitors would be very welcome, particularly if you have memories to share. Nora Blagburn will be adding to the film with memories of her own. Please do come along to the Village Hall for a 7.30pm start (£3 to include refreshments) or why not make 2026 the year you join the Society?

<https://stoneleighhistorysociety.org.uk>.

The logo is a yellow, horizontally-oriented rectangle with rounded corners and a thin black border. Inside, the words "Stoneleigh History Society" are written in a red, serif font. The text is centered and occupies most of the width of the box.

Stoneleigh History Society

HS2 Update

Martin Smith for the Stoneleigh Action Group

Residents are advised to be aware that road closures will be in force shortly for engineering works. The final dates will be announced by HS2.

The works will involve closure of parts of the B4113 (centred on works around Stoneleigh Park gate one), the B4115 Ashow Road (to complete expansion joint works) and the A429 Coventry Road, the latter being a full road closure in early December.

May I take this opportunity to wish readers a happy Christmas and new year?

SMVC Standing Up to Cancer

Rod Jones on behalf of Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

It's a wet Saturday evening. People need cheering up. Where can they go? The answer – at least on 18th October – was the warm embrace of the thousand-year-old St Mary's Church in Stoneleigh! There, Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir were gathered with their friends from Cancer Research (UK) Kenilworth to bring some warmth and joy to the gathered throng in an effort to **Stand Up to Cancer** by raising funds for vital research into a disease which has pretty well affected us all in one way or another. How did they do it – by raising the rafters with singing!

But wait, could the SMVC do that on their own? Well no! In addition to the enthusiastic and participative audience, they were graced once again with the presence of guest singers, welcoming back the wonderfully talented Cwm Dare Voices from the deepest valleys of Wales, with conductor Dr Michael Thomas MBE and accompanist Rhian Grundy-Lewis. The Stoneleigh boys opened up the show, under the control (so he thinks!) of MD Kevin Stannard and the eagle-eyed batonist, conductor Judy Hadfield, with "I Wish I Knew How" (we wish we did too!), by talking to a "Moon River" until they met a "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", but they still "Can't Help Falling In Love". No wonder they finished up "All By Myself"!

You need to follow that lot with something rousing and moving. The building shook as Cwm Dare Voices came in with "Men of Harlech", their mellifluous and dramatic tones stirring all present. Beautifully projected versions of "Take Me Home" and "Rachie" followed. The Voices performed the opening set in the second half with the traditional "Carrickfergus" and "Tydi a Rhoddaist". SMVC concluded the concert with four finely sung songs, including "Ave Verum Corpus" and a selection from "Les Misérables", which they sang magnificently. All came together at the end to sing a special arrangement of "What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor", involving all the gathered "sailors" in the audience, one or two who frankly were showing signs of being completely scuppered, possibly on account of the interval refreshments generously supplied by the CR(UK) Kenilworth team.

The choir were particularly touched and proud to have Life President, Alan Biddle, as a guest in the gathered throng. It was a great pleasure to see him there.

The generosity of the audience in applause showed no bounds and raised approximately £2,700 for Cancer Research. A great big thank you to all for that.

Such was the great joy and elation following the concert that everyone had to repair back to Stoneleigh Village Club, which generously hosted a post-concert supper, with a few ales to help the recovery of busy voices. The lubrication worked brilliantly, causing more singing far into the night until sadly it was time to bid a fond farewell to the outstanding Cwm Dare Voices, wishing them a safe journey back to the valleys we all love.

The SMVC would like to thank all those who supported the evening – Stoneleigh Church, Stoneleigh Club and especially our friends from Cwm Dare Voices, who added such brilliance and talent to the evening.

Chairman, Phil Jones, and the members of Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir send their sincerest best wishes to you all.



Mobile Library Service

The mobile library will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall from 2.20pm to 2.45pm on the following Mondays in 2025/2026:

- 8th December 2025 • 12th January 2026 • 9th February 2026 •
- 9th March 2026 • 10th April 2026 • 8th May 2026 •
- 1st June 2026 • 29th June 2026 • 27th July 2026 •
- 24th August 2026 • 21st September 2026 • 19th October 2026 •
- 16th November 2026 • 14th December 2026 •

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The library is fitted with a lift and has a selection of books, including large print, spoken word, and books for young children.

Our Himalayan Trek of a Lifetime

Anna Clarke

In October, my daughter, Paige, and I, along with 46 fellow trekkers, completed a Himalayan charity challenge, raising over £100,000 in aid of Myton Hospice. We were trekking in memory of my father and Paige's Poppa, Ian Smith, who many of you will remember was churchwarden at Stoneleigh Church for over nine years.

Our adventure began in the chaos of New Delhi, where our group explored the city's landmarks before travelling overnight to the serenity of Dharamsala, home of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan community. From there, we continued to Bir at the foothills of the Himalayas to begin a five-day trek through dense forests, mountain passes, and remote villages. Along the route, we experienced varied terrain, spectacular scenery and local culture, camping overnight or staying in traditional mountain lodges.

If you'd like to hear more, along with our personal experiences of this amazing trek, please do join us on Monday 8th December from 6.30pm to 8.00pm at Stoneleigh Church (see page 22 for poster). Entry is free, and Christmas refreshments will be offered on arrival at 6.30pm, giving everyone time to settle in the pews before our talk starts at 7.00pm.

We'll be joined by Louise Careless from Myton Hospice, who will be sharing the amazing work of this local charity and how the money raised from the trek will make such a difference to patients and their families.



Ashow Church News

Kate Jones

In mid November, we were very pleased to welcome Rev Petrică back after his compassionate leave, during which time he and Mirela were constantly in our prayers.

Ashow Candlelit Advent carol service will take place on Sunday 30th November at 4.00pm.

On Saturday 20th December from 10.00am, the church will be open for decorating the candle poles and Christmas tree. If you are able, please come along to help; refreshments will be provided.

Our Christmas candlelit carol service will be on Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Club, to which everyone is invited.



This year the Ashow occasional choir will not be singing. It has been decided that the congregation will be the choir and sing all the carols.

By the time you read this, the inside of the church (where the damaged plaster was repaired) should have been decorated. Ashow Church are very grateful to everyone who donated towards the costs of the restoration work.

The members of Ashow Church wish everyone a very happy Christmas and every good wish for 2026.

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir News

Philip Jones

On Saturday 1st November, the choir held a very successful and enjoyable quiz evening at Stoneleigh Village Hall. The quiz was organized by Phil Weare, his wife Chris and his son-in-law Matt, who was the quizmaster. Congratulations to Mandy Freeman and her team who were worthy winners after a very close contest. The pasties (which were expertly cooked by some of the choir members) and salad provided in the interval were delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped either before, during or after the event.

Forthcoming events

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| Wednesday 10th December | Christmas Carol Service
<i>7.00pm, St Francis of Assisi RC Church,
Kenilworth – raising funds for Kenilworth
Heartsafe – see page 9 for details</i> |
| Wednesday 17th December | Community Carols with Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir
<i>7.00pm, outside Stoneleigh Village Club – see
page 25 for details</i> |
| Saturday 20th December | Kenilworth Lions Carols at the Castle
<i>6.00pm, Kenilworth Castle</i> |
| Sunday 21st December | Carol Service
<i>7.00pm, Stoneleigh Church</i> |

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, either come along to one of our rehearsals, which are held on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall, or contact Philip Jones for further details on 07910 240453, 01926 853511 or kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk.



Photos by Lucy Morris
(Taken in Ashow)

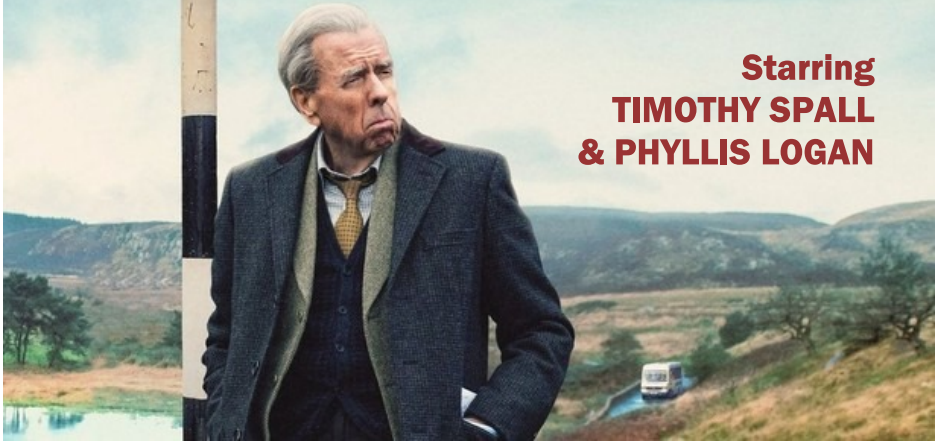
Film Night

Please be aware that there has been a change of film for December



THE LAST BUS

Starring
TIMOTHY SPALL
& PHYLLIS LOGAN



FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
Stoneleigh Village Hall

Tom, whose wife, Mary, has just passed away, uses his free local bus pass to travel to where they originally lived at the other end of the UK. Using only local buses, he takes a nostalgic trip, carrying his wife's ashes in a small suitcase. Along the way, he meets local people and, by the end of his trip, has become something of a celebrity.

Meet 6.45pm for a 7.00pm showing

Entry: £4.00

(to cover room hire and refreshments)

To reserve a place and a pastry, call Jane on 01926 858315
by Wednesday 3rd December

Please bring your own cup and plate

Coffee, tea and a pastries will be served in the interval

Film Night

DOWNTON ABBEY — THE GRAND FINALE —

Friday 30th January 2026

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Meet 6.45pm for a 7.00pm showing

Entry: £4.00

(to cover room hire and refreshments)



*The third Downton Abbey movie, **The Grand Finale**, is set in the 1930s and focuses on Lady Mary as she navigates a public divorce scandal while the family faces a potential financial crisis. As Robert Crawley considers passing the reins to his daughter, the household must adapt to the changing social and economic climate of the era. Lady Mary finds herself ostracised, but ultimately gains the support of the staff and community, allowing her father to step back and her to take charge.*

Stars Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery, Paul Giamatti, Elizabeth McGovern and Penelope Wilton

**To reserve a place and a pastry, call Jane on 01926 858315
by Wednesday 28th January**

Please bring your own cup and plate.

Coffee, tea and a pastries will be served in the interval.

When Life Hands You a Nail...

Petrică Bistran

Many of you will know that I've recently been on compassionate leave for a month. It wasn't a holiday (though I did drink enough tea to keep Yorkshire Tea in business for another decade). It was a time of deep grief and quiet reflection for my wife and me.

We had spent a long time preparing to adopt a child. We prayed, trained, filled out more forms than I thought humanly possible, and prepared our home and hearts. And then, when the news came that it wouldn't happen, it felt as though our world collapsed. In a strange and painful way, it felt like losing a child we had already begun to love. The grief was real. Heavy. Unexpectedly loud.

But during this time, I learned something strangely beautiful about grief. Grief doesn't get smaller. Life grows around it. This idea comes from Lois Tonkin's model of grief, and I found it deeply comforting. We imagine grief shrinking like a forgotten jumper in the tumble dryer. But, in reality, the "grief-ball" stays the same size; it's life that gets bigger.

Jesus said something remarkably similar: "Stand firm, and you will win life" (Luke 21:19). He was talking about holding on during trials – not giving up, not collapsing inward – and discovering that life somehow expands around the pain.

A few days ago, Gordon Gatward, our wonderful churchwarden, shared a perfect illustration. When the team were cutting down the ash tree in the churchyard (thanks to ash dieback, the tree equivalent of a cold that refuses to leave), the chainsaw hit a buried metal nail. Someone, decades ago, must have hammered that nail into the trunk – perhaps to hang a sign saying "Please don't climb the tree", which of course made every child immediately climb the tree.

But here's the point: the nail didn't go away. It didn't melt or shrink. Instead, the tree grew around it. Year after year, ring after ring, season after season, the tree kept growing. The wound didn't disappear, but life became bigger than the nail.

And so it is with us. You may have lost someone dearly loved, and yet found life expanding through grandchildren, friendships, new beginnings.

You may have been betrayed, and yet later discovered a community that cherishes you. You may have watched long-held dreams crumble, only to see new ones sprout in unexpected soil.

The “nail” doesn’t always leave. But, by God’s grace, life grows around it. So, if you’re carrying grief – recent or long-buried – may Jesus’ words meet you gently.

Stand firm, and you will win life. Not by pretending the nail isn’t there, not by shrinking your world, but by allowing life – your life – to expand slowly, quietly, beautifully around it.

Amen.



Stoneleigh Village Club

Ann Lowe on behalf of your SVC committee



Opening hours

Monday – Thursday 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Friday 4.00pm – 11.00pm

Saturday 2.00pm – 11.00pm

Sunday 12.00pm – 10.30pm

As usual the committee has been busy. Liz Wrist and her helpers were fully occupied with preparations for Halloween. Thanks to Nigel and Susan for decorating the Club – it was amazing! Also, thanks to Martin, Kim and Andy for leading the ghost walk, which was a well-attended event. There were many spooky goings-on, and everyone had a great time.

Many thanks also to Adele, John, Dave, Quentin and helpers for hosting the annual bonfire. Again, this was well attended, with many going into the Club afterwards to enjoy a jacket potato. A kind friend of the Club also funded a live band for the evening – a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Nick.

A big thank you to members who have made donations towards the new pool table. Club funds contributed, but the new table would not have been possible without additional local support. Of course, we must do our best for our award-winning pool team!

Final thanks go to Julie Whatmore for continuing to assist with rubbish disposal. Your help is much appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that, following a rigorous recruitment process, James Fletcher has been appointed as the new SVC Steward. James is well known in the village and has been involved with the Club in one form or another for many years.

I think most people have collected their membership cards now but, if you are still waiting, please let us know and we will sort this out for you.

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stoneleigh.villageclub@gmail.com
Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DH*

The membership discount has recently been reviewed by the committee, and we have agreed this should continue. Please remember to bring your membership card to enjoy the discount.

As always, keep an eye on the information board outside the Club for further event details and posters promoting upcoming events (as well as for any last-minute changes).

Dates for your diary

Saturday 29th November	Race night
Saturday 6th December	Bingo <i>Eyes down!</i>
Saturday 13th December	Quiz night <i>with quizmaster, Steve</i>
Wednesday 17th December	Community Carols <i>7.00pm outside the Club, then inside later for a warm and a drink – see page 25 for details</i>
Saturday 20th December	A visit from Santa <i>5.00pm onwards – please put your children’s names down on the list in the Club</i>
Sunday 21st December	Stoneleigh Church carol service <i>Mulled wine and cake in the Club afterwards</i>
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve music and mince pies
Wednesday 31st December	New Year’s Eve <i>See the New Year in with friends, neighbours and family – dance to the music of the Fab Beatles, back by popular demand</i>

We look forward to seeing you soon at the Club!



'Our Himalayan Trek of a Lifetime'

Join Paige and Anna as they share their Mountain
Memories in aid of Myton



Everyone welcome - free entry and refreshments available

Monday 8th December, 6.30-8pm

at

St.Mary the Virgin Church,
Church Lane, Stoneleigh. CV8 3DN





Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir

presents Christmas music at a

CHARITY CONCERT

in aid of Warwickshire Vision
and Coventry Vision Hub

Thursday 11th December 2025

1.30pm

Stoneleigh Village Hall

Refreshments
Raffle

Tickets £10

For information and to book
call 07817 899097

Stoneleigh WI

Liz Sykes

Since our last update, we've enjoyed our usual coffee mornings, as well as lunch at The Anchor in Leek Wootton.

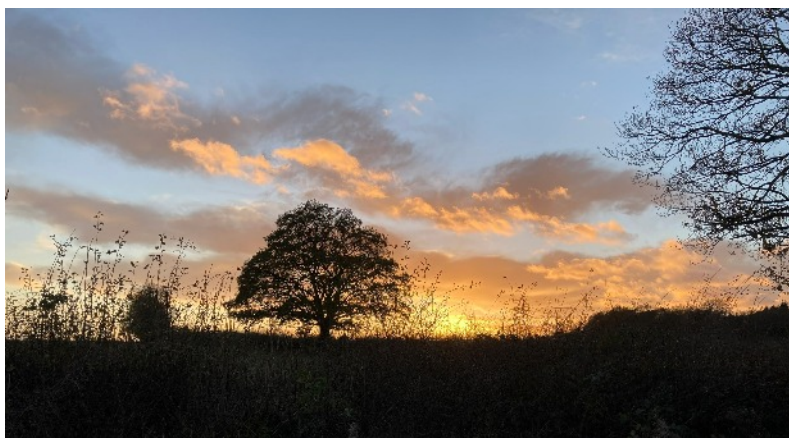
We had such an interesting meeting in November. Our speaker had been abandoned at just three weeks old and taken into foster care by a local family. Her mother had arrived in the UK with the Windrush generation to work as a nurse. Her story was incredibly compelling, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing it.

We are looking forward to our meeting on Monday 1st December, when Sheila Woolf will talk to us about Mary Dormer Harris, who was born in Stoneleigh at Dale House Farm, and was one of the first women to go to Oxford. Mary was a suffragist and feminist but, most importantly, an early historian of Warwickshire and Coventry. We will also be holding a bring and buy sale.

Also in December, we are looking forward to our annual Christmas lunch at Stoneleigh Golf Club.

On Monday 5th January, we will be holding a social evening with games and provisions.

We will have our usual coffee mornings and lunches in January too.



**Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
&
Stoneleigh Ladies' Choir**

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Join us outside Stoneleigh Village Club

Wednesday 17th December 2025

7.00pm

Refreshments afterwards in the Club
Parking in the Meadow (bring a torch!)

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15th December 2025
7:30pm



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Christmas Card Delivery Service

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

Collections from mid-November at

Kenilworth Books – Talisman Square

GDT Automobiles – Oaks Precinct

Leyes Lane Pharmacy – Leyes Lane

Steve Crowe Butchers – Whitemoor Rd

Pittaway Thompson Estate Agency – Old High St

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All Saints Church, Leek Wootton

Stoneleigh Village Club

Ashow Village Club

Last collection Friday 19th December

Stall in Talisman Square

Saturdays 6th, 13th & 20th December

9am – 3pm

**ONLY
40P
PER
CARD**

Delivery from Sunday 21st December



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The Assumption of our Lady, Ashow
and
St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh**



Services for December 2025 & January 2026

December 2025

Sunday 7 th	10.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Baginton
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 21 st	4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service – Ashow
	7.00pm	Christmas Carol Service – Stoneleigh
Wednesday 24 th	Christmas Eve	
	3.00pm	Crib Service – Stoneleigh
	11.30pm	United Midnight Mass – Stoneleigh
Thursday 25 th	Christmas Day	
	10.00am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh

January 2026

Sunday 4 th	10.00am	United Holy Communion Service – Ashow
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Morning Praise Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Celtic Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Celtic Communion Service – Stoneleigh
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Village Service – Ashow
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service – Stoneleigh