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Jane



Note from the Editors

We hope you will forgive us for publishing three articles about the Battle of Bosworth, but the recent discoveries about the most likely whereabouts of the battle site have got a lot of people excited and have even been reported in the national press!

It is interesting to read about the progress of the recreation ground (page 5) and great that so many of our ideas are being incorporated to make it a better place for everyone to enjoy. We hope to publish some photographs when the work has been completed.

We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Easter.

Jane & Ruth

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All correspondence, including e-mails, must include your full name, home address and home telephone number.
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Front cover - St James's Church, Dadlington

Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh



Apologies for the late notice, but can we say once again many thanks to all those who gave so generously over the two nights of collecting around Dadlington and Stoke Golding. The following clubs and groups have benefited:- Scouts/Guides, Village Hall, Youth Football, Good Companions, Robin Hood Playgroup, Youth Club and the Children's' section of the Garden/Flower Show. Thanks again for your support.

Sleigh Committee

Tools for Self Reliance

Thank you to everyone who has let me have tools for this worthwhile project. These were collected recently – you may have seen me sorting them into categories on our drive!

However a number of you since then have said you have some tools which you would like to donate so I am making a second collection. I have been given a Pictionary of tools that are especially valued – planes, both metal and the wooden box planes, saws, hand drills, are just a few items – but the list includes most tools which we have used at some time or another. They make all the difference to individuals and communities in Africa, allowing them work and support themselves.

If you are in doubt about the suitability of tools then please give me a call.

David Goodsell 212955



Update on Future Developments in the Village

Last year the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council published its Site Allocation proposals for future developments in the village. These were for 59 houses on land off Sherwood Road

and a development on the Convent site as a care home or commercial buildings. As part of the consultation process the Heritage Group along with many residents objected to these proposals and suggested that the 59 houses should be built on the Convent site.

In mid April the Council will be publishing an amended version of its original document. This will be available on the Council's website and hopefully will be published widely. There will then be a six week period for further comments by residents before the document goes for approval by the Borough Council. After this there will be no further opportunities to comment on the proposals.

Roy Mitchell, Chairman Stoke Golding Heritage Group

Good books are closer than you think

If you love to read good books, enjoy listening to CDs and watching DVDs but you are too far away from a static library, why not wait for the Mobile Library Service to come to a road near you?

Managed by the Leicestershire Library Service, the mobile libraries visit communities every two weeks. To find out about the routes covered in Leicestershire and the times the mobile library runs, visit www.leics.gov.uk/mobilelibrary to plan your visit.

Perhaps you are housebound and cannot visit a mobile? The Home Library Service is for people who may be too frail, have an illness or had an accident that affects your mobility. The service is subject to availability of volunteers in your specific area, please contact the Library Service on (0116) 305 6988 for details.

The free home delivery service is run by registered library volunteers who visit the homes of housebound people of any age. Volunteers will visit you to discuss your choice of books or music before bringing them to you in the comfort of your own home. Friends or relatives can also collect books and other items on your behalf.

You can hire up to 24 books for free, or 12 CDs at any time for a small hire charge from a mobile or through the home library service.

For further information about the home library service, contact your local library on 0116 305 6988, email libraries@leics.gov.uk or visit www.leics.gov.uk/homelibraryservice

Facts & figures about Leicestershire libraries in 2008-2009:

55 libraries
92,378 hours open
3,853,867 visitors
6 Mobile libraries
412 PCs
22,205 DVDs to rent
728,628 books to borrow

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-

April 1st, 15th and 29th
May 13th and 27th (Thursdays)

Dadlington - 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.15 - 10.35am

Stoke Golding -

Greenwood Road 10.40 - 11.10am

Sherwood Road 11.15 - 11.45am

The White Swan 11.50am - 12.15pm

Hinckley Road/Main Street 12.20 - 12.45pm



Development of the Recreation Field

In November of last year a Parish Council Newsletter was delivered to all homes in the village giving the suggested plan for the Recreation Field. We asked for comments to be made and a very small number of people got in touch with some concerns. Overall the plan was received positively. Since then work has continued to consider all the four quotations for the main construction work of the paths and to eventually be able to award the contract to Breydon Contractors. On Monday 1st March work finally started.

Breydon Contractors have begun to clear the ditch on the northern boundary and to cut down some of the bushes and brambles. The ditch is to be piped along most of this boundary, a temporary stock fence installed and a new hedge of native species planted. This work has to be tackled before the birds start to nest and also before the start of the cricket season – so by the time you read this we hope that this part of the project will be well under way. We hope that as the hedge matures it will provide a haven for wild life – surprisingly no nest remnants have been found as the work has progressed.

It is planned to install the path as close to the field boundary as possible as it skirts the edge of the cricket ground and as the path progresses down to the bottom of the field it will curve away from the hedge to give space for the BMX humps close to the boundary. One of our keen young BMXers has given us some ideas for the profile of the humps which will be built from the soil excavated for the path foundations. At the bottom of the field space has been allocated for the 'Pod Swing' which is now ordered. During the time since the inception of the whole project some prices have increased so to make the best use of the grants and money available we have been looking at putting in some fitness / circuit training equipment alongside the swing. This would provide facilities for the young people and could be used by the sports clubs if they wished. Again young people have been involved in selecting this and it is hoped to make the final decision and begin installation over the next six weeks.

The Parish Council is grateful for the funding recently offered by the Charity of Thomas Barton for two seats and some new dog waste bins - which will help to enhance the area and extend its use for a wider range of the community. We hope that residents will be pleased with the final result which should fulfil many – if not all – of the requests from the village gathered by the Park Committee consultation exercise. Of course while the work is progressing it is inevitable that it will look somewhat messy! But please be patient with us and if you haven't been down to the Rec recently pop down and have a look at what's going on and encourage Darren Shorthose and his team.

Stoke Golding Parish Council



Site of Bosworth Battlefield Found

Archaeologists pinpoint long-disputed site of Battle of Bosworth

'Experts confirm spot three kilometres from the current visitor centre where Richard III became the last English king to die in battle.'

These were the headlines in local, national and international papers. Stoke Golding is well and truly on the map

Archaeologists have at last announced that they have located not just the site of the Battle of Bosworth, but the spot where – on 22 August 1485 – Richard III became the last English king to die in battle when he was cut down by Tudor swords.

Nearby, Henry Tudor was crowned Henry VII, with the crown which had tumbled from the dying Richard's head. The crucial evidence, including badges of the supporters of both kings, sword mounts, coins and 28 cannonballs, was found in fields straddling Fenn Lanes in the Leicestershire Parish of Upton, where no historian had looked before. The haul adds up to more than the total found on all other medieval battle sites in Europe. The site was located by archaeologists using metal detectors across hundreds of acres, and poring over the evidence of medieval place names to match them to accounts of the battle.

Farmer Alf Oliver was astonished at the discovery in his fields three kilometres south-west of the visitor centre on Ambion Hill. One of the crucial finds, the largest of the cannonballs nicknamed "the holy grapefruit" by the archaeologists, was found just behind one of Oliver's barns. Another key discovery was a silver boar no bigger than a thumbnail, battered but still snarling in rage after 500 years. It was found on the edge of a field still called Fen Hole, which in medieval times was a marsh that played a crucial role in the battle, protecting the flank of Henry Tudor's much smaller army.

The marsh was drained centuries ago, but Mr Oliver said it still gets boggy in very wet summers. "The fact that this little boar is Richard's personal emblem, and made in silver gilt, means that it can only have been given to one of the closest members of his retinue. The man who wore this would have fought and died at Richard's side



Other finds include a gold ring twisted like a pretzel, and an inch of gilded sword mount from a weapon of such high status that it can only have belonged to one of the aristocrats who led the battle forces.

Mr Glen Foard of the Battlefield Trust believes a more likely site now for the battlefield coronation is Crown Hill, a hillock within easy view of the newly identified site.

So it looks as if the old tradition of the village Coronation of Henry VII is true and the villagers really did climb the church battlements to watch Richard die and Henry become the victor. All of which was described in detail in the Charity of Thomas Barton leaflets which were published to commemorate the millennium and are still available in our Parish Church of St Margaret.

Denis Cash

Garbrodfelde 1470 to Crown Hill 1605

'Now is the winter of our discontent Made glorious summer by this sun of York'

So Richard Holmes stirringly introduced the conference at County Hall on 20th February 2010.

I, together with some 200 other people, had attended to hear some of the detail of the research project which has produced major advances in our understanding of the Battle of Bosworth. We all know now that the real site of the Battle of Bosworth is two miles southwest of the place currently visited by thousands every year

On August 22nd 1485, King Richard made a last desperate charge near the Fenn Lanes in an attempt to kill Henry Tudor. This was the climax of the battle – quite simply a brutal struggle for power between two men and their supporters. Kill or be killed. Richard and his retinue were driven back into a marshy area to die. This was where one of his retinue lost the silver gilt badge of a boar, a personal ensign only given by Richard to his knights, and a major find of this project.

Sources as to what happened the day of the battle are few and far between, and distant in time from the event. Landscapes change – bogs are drained – place names are altered, and maps accentuate previous mistakes. So the difficulties faced by the project team, lead by Glenn Foard, were immense. Only a coordinated multi-disciplinary approach – soil experts, archaeologists, place name experts, documentary analysts, metal detectorists ,and previous research – as Glenn Foard stated *'we are here today because of Peter Foss'* – has enabled the research project to achieve this result.

Luck has also played a part in the battlefield site being identified. Dramatically Glenn Foard described how, after four years of work, the team had been on the verge of giving up. Then a local farmer recounted how 'he lost a tractor' in a boggy piece of land. The search area was moved for one last time and the remains of the medieval marsh where Richard lost his crown was found at Fenn Hole!

One of the most important questions to be answered during the conference was, of course, what was the evidence supporting 'our' Crown Hill as the site of Henry's crowning? There is no direct written evidence of this event but because the name of the area changed from the date of the battle onwards – Garbrodfelde to Crown Hill, and also because it is the only topographical feature that fits all the descriptions and because of its proximity to the now established site of the Battle – the experts are all convinced that this is the correct place!

So a great deal of light has been shed on the Battle of Bosworth . However as Glenn Foard re-iterated *' what we have found out is only the beginning'* – of knowing what people in Stoke Golding may have witnessed that summer day in 1485!

David Goodsell – Delegate on behalf of the Stoke Golding Heritage Group

Report to Stoke Golding Parish Council on The Battle of Bosworth Conference - Saturday 20 February 2010

Thank you for allowing me to represent the Parish Council at the conference held at County Hall. It was an extremely interesting and exciting day.

The programme of speakers began with Richard Holmes of TV fame who brought the conference alive by dramatically declaiming Shakespeare's words- : *'Now is the winter of our discontent Made glorious summer by this sun of York'*. He then went on to speak of the importance of Bosworth. An expert on medieval documents followed whose topic could have been somewhat turgid but in fact was riveting and held the audience's attention fully. Other speakers included world authorities on archery, armoury, canonry and topography. However the undoubted star was Glenn Foard who had been in charge of the whole project. He paid generous tribute to previous scholars such as Peter Foss and the part they had played in the eventual discovery of the correct location of the Battle. He described how the team had worked cohesively bringing all their knowledge and expertise of different areas together. Dramatically he related how, after four years of work, they had been on the verge of drawing the unsuccessful endeavour to a close when a local farmer got in touch with them and told them about 'losing a tractor' in a boggy bit of ground. They moved their searching system for one last time. Finally the first lead cannon ball was located and liberated from the soil after more than 500 years.

This first discovery was followed by many others. The cannon balls are of great historical importance – and widely varying sizes. Work continues to try and establish from where the cannons may have been fired as the balls travelled a long distance even after they hit the ground. The star find – and only very recently discovered – is a beautiful small white boar insignia made of silver gilt. A possible scenario is that after the death of King Richard there was a rout in which the Duke of Norfolk was killed near to 'Dadlington Windmill' and his body carried to the then Chapel of St James.

The site of the Battle of Bosworth is revealed as close to Mr Oliver's farm, straddling the Fenn Lanes. Most thrillingly was the way several delegates referred with assurance to 'Crown Hill' where Henry was crowned after the battle ended. I asked the document expert if there is written evidence of this. This seems not to be directly the case – but because the name of the area changed from the date of the Battle onwards and also because it is the only topographical feature that fits all the descriptions and because of its proximity to the now established site of the Battle – they are all convinced that this is the correct place!

Throughout the conference there were short opportunities to ask questions of the experts – some delegates were unable to hide their chagrin at the loss of their long held beliefs as to the location of the battlefield. As the proceedings drew to a close I was able to speak of the delight that Stoke Golding feels that the oral tradition that villagers watched the Battle from the Church tower has been vindicated and to thank Glenn Foard and his team for finding the correct location of the Battle and of Crown Hill.

Pauline Goodsell



Forces Families Social Group

Do you have a relatives or a friend in the Forces and need to chat and seek reassurance?

Please visit us at Leicester Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, Leicester

April 7th 9.am - 1 pm coffee morning

17th 2 - 6 pm drop in style meeting

29th 6.30 - 9.30 pm (short talk by guest speaker at 7.30 pm).

Time to change your password?

That "123456" password you might be tempted to use isn't going to fool anybody. But it's the most popular choice on the Web. Another of the most common is "Password". These astonishing findings come from a data security firm that looked at millions of passwords recently exposed in a security breach. The company analysed the data and compiled the results for a 'Consumer Password Worst Practices' report. Of the 32 million passwords involved, the four most common were: 123456, 12345, 123456789 and Password.

Stoke Golding WI - March Meeting



Members thoroughly enjoyed a tranquil evening, sharing the excellent photography of wild life in the Masai Mara, Kenya and more locally travelling around rural Rutland with Richard Adams.

Richard is a skilled amateur photographer who has matched some delightful scenes with restful musical backgrounds and so from 'Air on a G String' to the sounds of Vangelis we had a very relaxing evening.

Rural Rutland our county neighbour revealed hidden scenes of delightful villages, hamlets, farms and countryside together with the traditional market towns of Oakham and Uppingham, all captured with breathtaking photography throughout the seasons, reminding us of the wonderful attractions on our doorstep. So if you fancy a trip out in this lovely spring sunshine you won't need to travel far to enjoy a pleasant varied day in the countryside; whether biking or bird-watching around Rutland Water, the gardens at Barnsdale or the farmers' markets of Oakham -our smallest UK county has it all. As its motto says, 'Multum in Parva' or 'So much in so little'. Have a good day out!

As always we welcome new members, so please come and join us for our next meeting on Wednesday April 14th in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm, when we look forward to finding out about the making of our very own local Leicestershire cheese by Upton farmers, David and Jo Clarke.

Jean Buckby

Sad State of Affairs

What a shame to hear that one of the dog waste bins (at the recreation ground) has been burnt until it melted completely. Surely someone must have seen something suspicious going on. Perhaps it is time the perpetrators were named and shamed in the Stoker?



Speedwatch

The Leicestershire Community Speedwatch have offered the village a second Speedwatch scheme to operate from July 26th to August 8th.

The data and statistics from the Speedwatch carried out in the village during May 2009 has confirmed there is a problem with speeding in some parts of the village.

The data sent to the Community Speedwatch resulted in 1257 notices sent to the police.

This consisted of 1240 for Convent Corner-the junction of Hinckley Road and Stoke Road -11 for Wykin Lane, 4 for Stoke Road, 1 each for Station and Sherwood Roads.

The 1240 recorded at Convent Corner were as follows:

Speed	35-39	44-49	50-60	60+
Records	714	504	22	1

At the other locations the highest speeds recorded were-Wykin Lane - 47mph, Station Road -42mph and Sherwood Road - 36 mph.

There were the following repeat offenders:- 75 x 2; 10 x 3; 4 x 4 & 1 x 5.

Prior to the village Speedwatch scheme a hidden camera on Hinckley Road, adjacent to the chicane, identified the following:

<i>Speeds recorded</i>	31-35	36-40	41-45	45-50	Over 50
Totals recorded. o/all 10288	2886	1505	366	70	18

Following the Speedwatch hidden cameras were installed for a week in July in various locations as used during the Speedwatch.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Total Vehicles</i>	31-35	36-40	41-45	45-50	Over 50
Hinckley Road	Eastbound	4183	863	650	152	31	15
	Westbound	4542	1412	701	175	31	12
Station Road	Eastbound	3606	No	Data	No	Data	
	Westbound	3566					
Wykin Lane	Northwest	1015	No	Data	No	Data	
	Southeast	1039					
Stoke Road	South	7676	2507	405	36	4	1
	North	7789	2375	886	139	10	0

The Speedwatch to be carried out in July will be complete with a Speed Indicator Device which will show the actual speed and a slow down warning.

Anyone willing to volunteer would be welcome to join the team.

Terry Stokes Speedwatch Co-ordinator

What's On

Dadlington Flower Festival - May 1/2/3

Come and enjoy the spectacular flower arrangements at our beautiful little Battlefield Church of St James at Dadlington. The theme is "Come into the Garden" – so appropriate for spring after a winter of being closeted indoors by bad weather.

The arrangements are by members of the Earl Shilton Flower Club, many of whom have exhibited at the highest level in Chatsworth, Southwell Cathedral and national competitions.

Church open:

12noon-5pm on Sat 1st/Sun 2nd/ Bank Holiday Mon 3rd May

Refreshments in Village Hall – tea, coffee, cakes

Soup & roll served 12 to 2pm each day

Stalls - plants, cakes, jams, books, tombola

Festival Songs of Praise - Sunday 2nd May 6:30pm

For further information: Tel 01455 213244

Zion Chapel Services - April

4th April (Easter) M Welch

11th April W Richards

18th April R Cotton

25th April G Chapman

Services begin at 6pm
Sunday School at 11am

Barn Dance St Martin's RC High School

Saturday 8th May 7pm-11pm

Live Band, Bar (serving beers and wines), Food, Door Raffle, Best Dressed Kids Prize!

Adults £5.00 each

Kids £1.00 each

Family Event All Welcome
All monies go to supporting the future development of the school

What's On



Stoke Golding Club



All major sporting events are shown on Sky and terrestrial channels.
Watch separate Sky channels at the same time with our 3 TVs
Snacks provided during special events. **High Definition TV now Installed**

Diary Dates

Easter weekend events including Easter Bonnet Parade

World Cup kick off 11th June

During World Cup matches we will have special offers on drinks and complimentary food will be provided.

Summer Ball

Saturday 19th June, tickets are still available.

Day time business hire of the function room is available at competitive rates, with or without catering services.

The Club opens at 4.00pm daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Golden Browne's Fish and Chips Wednesdays from 5.30pm on the car park
Remember your money goes further at The Club.

Enquiries, please telephone Helen or Maria on 01455212221

Methodist Church

Saturday 10th April

Spring Fair

10.00am – 2.00pm

Morning coffee, light lunches, home-made cakes and cards, jams & preservatives, bric-a-brac, books, raffle, tombola

Methodist Church

Saturday 17th April

Concert by

Gresley Male Voice Choir

7.30pm

Admission £5.50pm inc refreshments

Methodist Church Services - April

2 nd April (Good Friday)	7.00pm	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
4 th April (Easter Day)	9.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
	6.00pm	Mrs Joan Ledson
11 th April	10.30am	Mr John Marfleet
18 th April	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
25 th April	10.30am	Mrs Hilary Fenby

From The Rector at St Margaret's Church



April begins, this year, on Maundy Thursday, the day on which we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. We remember how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and then, during the meal, how he took bread and wine and shared it with them. The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, we'll be reminded again that, as St Paul puts it, 'Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.'

We will reflect once again upon His incredible and loving willingness to comply with His Father's will so that God's purposes for us could be completely fulfilled. A Benefice Service of Meditation on the Cross takes place at St James' Dadlington at 2pm, to which everyone is welcome. There is also a Children's Good Friday Workshop, which will be full of fun activities in preparation for Easter, at the Methodist Church in Stoke Golding.

On Easter Saturday morning we are holding an Easter Egg Hunt – come along for some fun, to 15 George Fox Lane, Fenny Drayton. In the evening some of us from the Fenn Lanes Benefice will be taking part in a service of Confirmation at St James' Newbold Verdon. We have nine candidates to be confirmed by Bishop Christopher. You are very welcome to join us at the service, which begins at 8pm.

And on Easter Day we'll celebrate how God raised Jesus from the dead and 'exalted him to the highest place... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.' We remember the promise that is the joy of Easter: the assurance of God's abundant love for each one of us that we rejoice in and celebrate on Easter Day.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter, full of God's love for us.

Linda

Church of England Services - April

St. Margaret's Church

4 th April	Easter Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion
11 th April		10.30am	Benefice Service at Stoke Golding
18 th April		10.30am	Holy Communion
25 th April		10.30	Morning Worship

Holy Communion at St. Margaret's every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

4 th April	Easter Sunday	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
11 th April		10.30am	Benefice Service at Stoke Golding
18 th April		9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
25 th April		9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

Harvest Helps Burundi

The Harvest Collection from St Margaret's Church was sent to Gitega, Burundi (via St Paul's Church Coventry), to help the victims of civil war, mainly orphan children. Many of them suffered from malnutrition so the money that is sent is used to buy beans for both eating and planting, powdered milk, sugar, medicines and soap. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

At the end of last year a container packed with donations from Coventry finally arrived in Gitega having taken months to get to its destination. In January two members of the church went out to Burundi for a week. They walked the 40 minute journey every day to email from the internet cafe. Here are some of their messages:

"The drive up to Gitega was punctuated by stops to buy food from roadside traders. The road itself, which is the main highway from the capital to the north, is poorly maintained with potholes all over the place. The roadside housing was mainly shacks which were little better than cells with a veranda. The basic building material was local clay bricks. Groups of both men and women were working the fields and men on bicycles were racing down the hill with their bikes loaded with bananas and other foods."

"At lunch we were joined by 3 children. I was told that one of the children's mothers had brought her to the church to be looked after and left her as there is no clinic near her village. The child's name is Gloria and she just fitted in with the other children as if it was quite normal. "

"We then walked to the river to see the children fill their buckets. Some collected water in the buckets we sent and others in any container available. The walk down to the river involves a climb down a steep slope to a pipe that protrudes from the ground. When all the containers are filled the children line up with buckets on their heads or held in hand and start back up the slope to return to the compound or to their own homes. Laughter and jeers accompany the spilling of water by any of the elder children. They make this run twice a day."

"Arriving at the village the car stopped as the road was lined with well wishers and they all wanted to see what had been sent. From the welcome they were not disappointed. As we walked through the village to the church a song was started and continued all the way to the church which was soon packed. Many of the people were wearing clothing sent via the container."

Linda Blay

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE : 15th APRIL

We may be able to include articles received after this date if you let us know by the 15th that you will be sending something in.

Dadlington Matters

Haiti Earthquake Pub Night Raises Over £1000

There was a splendid turnout to Dadlington's first Village Hall Pub Night on February 26th.

The hall was packed with happy drinkers from 5.30 until last orders were called at 11.30. The assembled throng ate, drank, raffled and donated to achieve a magnificent sum of £820.00. With the Gift Aid element the figure rises to £1,049.00. There is also a strong possibility that National Grid may contribute a further £400.00.

All in all a very financially successful evening and also a great success as a village social event.



Mine Host, Graham.

Our thanks go to the many people who donated prizes for the raffle and the wheel of fortune. Thanks also to the helpers and soup makers without whom it would not have been possible to stage such a full and varied evening. In particular our 'Landlord' Graham Grimley and catering manager Bea Grimley deserve special mention.

With this level of support it may well be repeated as a social, rather than fund-raising, event – volunteers to organise the next one step forward now!

Brains in Gear at Dadlington Quiz Night

Saturday 13th March saw another packed quiz night in the Village Hall. Special thanks go to the Michael 'The Quizmaster' Dix for another raft of superb questions, and to the 63 head-scratching folk who attempted to answer them!

A profit of £280 will go towards maintaining the hall.

We were forced to turn aspiring quizzers away – make sure you book places early for the next one – watch this space.

Simon Rees-Jones

Dadlington Matters continued

Sutton Cheney Parish Council

After much debate, and responding to public demand, the Parish Council has committed to finance a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign which will be moved between various locations in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney.

LCC Highways Department will advise on positioning following the Speedwatch Survey conducted some while ago.

The Highways Department, while recognising the need for speed reduction through the village, is unable to provide any finance to help achieve this for at least 5 years. Parish Council funding is therefore the sole option left to try and reduce a problem that has plagued villagers for many years.

Simon Rees-Jones

Air Ambulance Clothing Scam

It has been brought to our attention that a flier, recently delivered to Stoke Golding residents and requesting second hand clothes for the Air Ambulance Service, is actually from a trading company operating to make a profit and not a charity supporting the air ambulance. Although the small print does state that it is a commercial company it is still very easy to overlook this and assume that any donations will go to a good cause. Most clothing collections are run by deserving charities, but it may be worth checking the small print closely if you would like your unwanted items to go to a worthy cause.

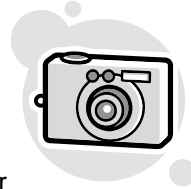
Jane White

	STOKE GOLDING Methodist Church Room Thursday 7pm
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1 hour classes £4.50 per class
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More on Digital Cameras

Having found my first digital camera and handed it in to the police, I wondered how an owner could increase their chances of getting the thing back after losing it. Somewhere in the depths of my memory, I recalled a photographer writing that the first frame of every film he used was a picture of his name address and 'phone number. This sounds like a good idea for digital photographers, for then all the pictures in the memory can be viewed without the need for developing and printing, so that's what I now do. Of course I could just stick a label on the camera, but that would get worn out or fall off. If you decide to do the same, simply write your contact details on a sheet of paper and take its picture or photograph them from your computer screen. I did think that I could simply save the details from computer to camera memory card, but although it seemed to work, the camera refused to display it.

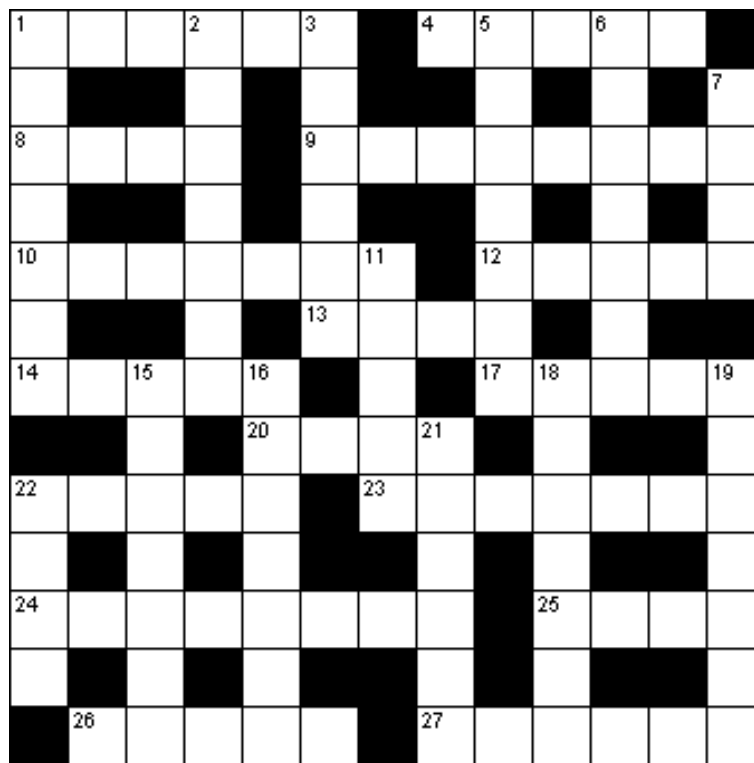


Happily snapping everything in range with the new toy, we eventually wonder what else we can do with it. In my case I took a picture of the water meter. This had just been fitted in a totally inaccessible position and, cynic that I am, I wished to check its initial reading. Holding the camera at arms length under the sink I pressed the button. First attempt was not good; the flash produced so much reflection from the meter dial that it was unreadable. Next I shielded the flash with a bit of white paper and achieved a usable, if not artistic, result. Enlarging the picture on the computer produced the figures I needed as plain as a pikestaff. Since then I have done a similar thing when trying to identify hard to see components on my car. Here it pays to clean the subject to rid it of accumulated oil and muck. Sometimes it improves clarity if chalk is rubbed over the surface to make any stamped number stand out.

Talking of vehicles, have you noticed how some spare parts departments are manned by know-alls, ever anxious to display their superior knowledge. Next time you seek a part for an extinct vehicle, take a picture with you; that way your description and his need not agree as long as the right part is obtainable. Thus when seeking a drop-arm for a 1944 AEC ex-army Matador in Basingstoke or somewhere you can ignore the storekeeper who insists that it's actually "steering fore and aft lever". Well it would be if it was fitted to a Thorneycroft, and at least one other manufacturer called it a "steering side lever". So much for standard terminology in the motor industry, take a photograph and avoid confusion. It cost virtually nothing and produces instant results. The same applies to spares for domestic appliances. A picture can save an awful lot of trouble.

Ian Reid

Crossword



Across

1. Summer bird visitor.(6)
4. Prods with a knife. (5)
8. Public transport. (4)
9. And 22D, 1D, 19D. Proverb about flying creature being out and about by sunrise.(3,5,4,7,3,4)
10. Six sided figure.(7)
12. Spy.(5)
13. Words set to music.(4)
14. Settees.(5)
17. Showy display (5)
20. Snake's noise.(4)
22. Drink lots of beer.(5)
23. Meeting of sun, moon and earth.
(7)
24. Opposite to action. (8)
25. Sound heard in mountains.(4)
26. Facial hair.(5)
27. A usual or habitual habit.(6)

Down

1. See 9A
2. Capital of Uganda.(7)
3. One of the 3 musketeers.(6)
5. The years between ages 12 to 20.
(7)
6. Gym, lifting equipment.(3 & 4)
7. Lump under the skin.(4)
11. Loud sound.(5)
15. Trumpet blast.(7)
16. Cover at a bus-stop.(7)
18. Carpenter's tools.(7)
19. See 9A
21. A ***** railway has pleasant views.
(6)
22. See 9A

Answers on page 21

Stoke Golding Parish Council - February 2010 Meeting

Members of the **Speedwatch Group** attended the meeting. The Group was asked to liaise with Dadlington and Sutton Cheney Parishes regarding possible types of equipment and whether it may be feasible to share costs between Parish Councils. It was also noted that the Charity of Thomas Barton had offered to help fund such a project some time ago and could be asked if the Trustees are still able to donate towards this equipment.

As part of his report County Cllr Ivan Ould congratulated St Martin's School on winning the Leicestershire Secondary School Section for work on anti-bullying strategies.

Wykin Lane Cemetery and Wild Life Area

Installation of water: - The Regional Accounts Manager East Connections of Severn Trent is to come to a site meeting with Councillors on Tuesday 16th February. The paving blocks under seats work has now been completed and looks very good. The Clerk is to action the mole problem. The pond maintenance is to be put into the maintenance contract. As already noted advice is that a notice will need to be put somewhere regarding pond safety. Work is continuing on the Information Board for the Wild Area.

Hinckley Road Cemetery

A request for a flower bed on the other side of the memorial wall to match the existing one had been made. It was suggested this could be looked at when the remedial work is carried out and that a site meeting be organised to discuss details and cost. The name sign for the gate has been ordered.

Recreation Ground Development

Breydon Contractors have begun to plan the work on the paths which will begin soon. Equipment needs to be decided upon as soon as possible and it was suggested a small sub-committee be established extending an invitation to some members of the Parks Committee. Consultations with young people would also be undertaken. From this sub-committee firm suggestions will then be brought to the Parish Council.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

5 The Courtyard – works to trees

Application for extension of licensing hours at George and Dragon up to 3.00am to accommodate music.

Permissions granted:

Extensions and alterations to doctors surgery - 28 Pine Close Stoke Golding

Other items:

The County Council Highways Department have confirmed they will put in a dropped kerb opposite Middle Stores with work scheduled to be carried out in February.

High Street and Thornfield Avenue signs are still awaited and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

The Core Strategy was confirmed as now having been adopted

Unpaid Football fees – the Parish Council awaits a reply from the Football Club February meeting

(Parish Council Notes continued from page 20)

The Charity of Thomas Barton confirms their contribution for dog waste bins and seats and new bins are to be sourced for replacement of old/damaged bins with additional new ones around the village.

Plan for review on update of Constitution: This was discussed in some detail and it was decided that it should be updated and made more appropriate for the Stoke Golding Parish Council in readiness for Annual Parish Meeting.

St Margaret's Church interment of ashes: The Clerk was asked to write to the Parochial Church Council to request a meeting with Parish Councillor representatives to discuss the matter.

Memorial Safety Policy is to be circulated for comments as soon as possible.

Gritting / bins: Four areas around the Village were identified as in need of grit bins. The Clerk was asked to contact The Charity of Thomas Barton to see if they would consider funding two of them. After discussion it was decided that the one to be place by Middle Stores should be green and those in other locations yellow. It was noted that the Parish Council Notice Board is in need of repair and this is to be put in hand.

A draft letter was approved that is to be sent to a house owner in Arnold Road concerning a gate that has been constructed in their property garden fence allowing direct access onto Recreational Ground.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th March 7.00 pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public** are always welcome to attend, although they cannot speak to the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair of the Parish Council. There may very occasionally be matters to discuss from which the public and press can be excluded. A **full copy of the minutes** of meetings can be read/obtained at the Post Office or on the village website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

Notes by Pauline Goodsell

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Across:
1. Cuckoo, 4. Stabs, 8. Tram, 9. The early bird catches the worm.,
2. 10. Hexagon, 12. Agent, 13. Song, 14. Sofas, 17. Eclat, 20. Hiss,
3. 22. Binge, 23. Eclipse, 24. Reaction, 25. Echo, 26. Beard, 27. Custom.
Down:
1. See 9A, 2. Kampaia, 3. Orthos, 5. Teenage, 6. Barbell, 7. Cyst, 11. Noise,
15. Fanfare, 16. Shelter, 18. Chisels, 19. See 9A, 21. Scenic, 22. See 9A.

Spring Awakening

There are signs of spring in my garden
All dotted around are fine earthy mounds
Yes! A certain little fellow in grey velvet coat
Is tunnelling vigorously underground

Snowdrops, the "fair maids" of February
In the keenest of winds are nodding their bells
So fragile, yet so sturdy, they gladden the heart
With their lovely white drifts, they weave magic spells

A yellow crocus, then another I see
And several gold patches beneath a tree
Companions to hellebores, still blooming away
In plum purple, pink and yellow come what may

Primroses are blooming all around
From late August to May they still abound
Just a small respite, then again they appear
In that lovely pale yellow to my heart so dear

The pinky mauve Daphne is full out in flower
Wafting her scent on the chilly breeze
The leathery leaved Bergenia a mass of pink bloom
Doing well this year – usually so hard to please

A brave Periwinkle is flowering away
The prettiest of blues amid glossy green strands
And lo! the very first Dandelion appears
Flaunting her petals – defiant she stands

Squirrels are scurrying all around
See how quickly they cover the ground
Pigeons in the ivy pillar are busy building a nest
To and fro they go, with no time to rest

Fat buds are bursting on the lilac trees
And I am sure I heard the humming of bees
The hazel Catkins are shedding showers
Of gold dust upon the tiny red flowers

In the little pool the frogs are croaking
With the whole world of nature all set fair
Yes! Now I know it's really Spring
For in the field I see two boxing hares!

Peggy Holmes

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