

Season's Greetings

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The Stoker

Stoke Golding Village Magazine

including

Dadlington Matters



50p

Ruth



Note from the Editors

We are very glad to report that Thomas Hughes is recovering well from his operation, so that he and his family should be together in time to celebrate a special Christmas.

You will see from our Christmas pages that, as usual, there are plenty of festive

events and activities to enjoy in Stoke Golding and Dadlington including carol services, concerts and, of course, the annual Snowman Festival. Whatever you are doing this Christmas we hope you have a peaceful and happy time.

The next edition of the magazine will be in February so, on behalf of the Stoker Production Team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Jane & Ruth

You will see on page 17 that we have made a plea for someone new to join our Production Team, so please get in touch if you are interested.

Jane



The Stoker Team

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*Production Team: Rachel Terhegge, Simon Rees-Jones,
Alan Taylor (01455 212605), Jill Webster.*

Please send articles for the **February 2012** issue of The Stoker to:
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If you can submit articles on disk, memory stick (Microsoft Word) or by e-mail it makes our job much easier. (500 words maximum please).

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Front cover - Robin by Martyn Fisher

Zumbathon for Thomas



Imagine it now, 60 pairs of feet, 120 hands waving in the air and hips swiveling like Elvis on speed....welcome to our 3 hour Zumbathon. The date - 25th September, the venue - Redmoor High School, the aim - raise as much money as possible for "Get Thomas To America!"

I hoped my planning would now pay off. Fronted by the ever energetic Gina of Zumba Hinckley, our gallant group of ladies jumped to the challenge with every age range present from the very young to the very young at heart.

180 minutes later, the final tune played....and still our ladies smiled the smile of champions. All of us had done it and all of us now just wanted a long hot bath; but firstly the handing over of the big cheque to Kate, Thomas's mum, who had sweated with the best of us for the whole duration...we had raised over £1200 with promises of still more to follow.



Now several weeks later Thomas is in America and is on the way to living the life so many people worked to give him. A big, big thank you to Gina who gave her time for free and every one of my ladies that not only turned up but zumba'd their hearts out for Thomas. *Claire Ashley*

Update on Thomas

We're delighted to report that Thomas is recovering well from his two operations in America and is now undergoing intensive physiotherapy to help him to walk.

The family has been amazed how local people are continuing to support them through their thoughts, prayers and emails. Thomas will be returning to England with his Mum and Dad in early December, so we hope he continues to make good progress.



WIGGLE AND JIGGLE
THOSE EXTRA
CHRISTMAS
POUNDS AWAY.



IF YOU ARE MOVING YOU

Methodist Church -Thursday Evenings
from **5th Jan** 7.15– 7.45pm, 8 - 8.45pm

Baxter Hall - Tuesdays 9.45-10.30 am
from **10th Jan**

£3.00 per class - **First class only £2.00**

Ring Claire Ashley: 213346, Mob: 07891662803

Correspondence



On behalf of St Margaret's Church I would like to thank everyone involved with The Stoker for all you do, especially advertising all our events at church, it is a great service you all provide for the village. Thank you.

Margaret Croxall



This morning (5/11/11) I was walking the dog along the footpaths of Kevin Hardy's fields. He was looking at the amount of dog mess left all over the fields.

He pointed out that, should cows pick this up in the grass, it could cause abortions of their calves. I promised him that through the pages of The Stoker I would try to make people aware of this.

Both he and I know that it is of little use speaking to people about this as it generally leads to an abusive altercation. For the sake of us all it is important that certain rules are observed on public footpaths.

Alan Quinney, St Margaret Road

Pick up your dog waste and dispose of it in a bin. **DO NOT** throw the bags in hedgerows – as *someone* is doing regularly along the canal between bridges 25 and 23.



My name is John Ward and I live at 45 Roseway, tel 212570. I would like to know if there are any stamp collectors living in the village and have stamps to swap. Please get in touch.



Birth Congratulations

Beryl Riddington with her two sisters, Pauline and Cynthia and two granddaughters, Eva and Ruby, together with the latest addition to their family, Thomas David, born on 14th October.

Congratulations to Robert and Jane.



St Margaret's School Eco News



Please help! At St Margaret's we are taking part in 'Switch off Fortnight' from the 21st November to 4th December. Switch off Fortnight is a fun and easy way to get the whole school involved in saving energy. The eco-council will be conducting an audit at the start of the two weeks to see how many lights or appliances are left on, and then run a campaign to encourage people to save energy. Please join us by turning lights and electrical appliances off when you leave a room or are not using them.

Over 4000 schools are involved and even the London Eye will be dimming the lights on its famous wheel on 28th November, so please, Stoke Golding try to join in!

Niall & Daniel on behalf of St Margaret's Eco School Council

(There are still a few days of the fortnight left so do 'SWITCH OFF' when you can – Eds)

Stoke Golding Youth Club SOS

The Youth Club is open to members from year 6 to year 11 from Stoke Golding and the surrounding villages and runs on Friday evenings from 7-9pm. There are lots of activities and outings to take part in and the tuck shop is open each week. If you are interested it costs just £5 to join and only £1 each week to come along. Parents are asked to contribute by doing 2 duties each 12 week term if their child joins, to help with supervision.

Due to falling numbers we need new members and **your** help to keep the Youth Club running, otherwise we face the possibility of closure.

If you have a child who would like to join and feel that you can help out let us know by calling:

Tina Bodicoat 01455 213945 OR Claire Ashley 01455 213346

Thank you...

To Norma French and Jean Thomas for taking care of the Remembrance Sunday service sheets throughout the year and distributing them at the Stoke Golding service.



Joy's Shooting Progress

Joy Hirons of Church Walks finished the Skeet Shooting competition calendar by taking the ladies championship at the annual skeet tournament at Nottingham shooting ground, ending an awesome first year for her and her favourite 12 bore Beretta shotgun.

As double county champion she will practice through the winter, taking in a winter series at Nottingham to prepare for her first attempt to win a place in the England shooting team in 2012. This would not result in her shooting in the Olympics but would mean she represents the country at the Home International in September.

To win a place she has to submit four of her highest scores from three different grounds to the England selectors for them to decide whether to invite her to two selection shoots. The top ten ladies are selected for these and as she is already the highest scoring lady in the country then that should be virtually guaranteed. The selection shoots are held in April and June and should she finish in the top three then she will win a place in the England team, so she still has a lot of work to do (as well as controlling her nerves!). Nothing is guaranteed other than that she will be trying her absolute hardest.

We will keep you updated on her progress as she goes through each stage and hope everyone will keep their fingers crossed for her.

Rob Hirons



Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-
Thursdays 8th & 22nd December

Dadlington 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.05 - 10.25am

Stoke Golding

Greenwood Road 10.30 - 10.45am

Sherwood Road 10.50 - 11.10am

The White Swan 11.15am - 11.40am

Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm

For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565

email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk



Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

Dadlington Matters

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER



**Dadlington Village Hall
Friday 2nd December
6.30pm**

A party night for all the family to get you in the mood for the festive season

Bar – Games- Quiz – Raffle

Admission by advance ticket £5 (Adults), £2.50 (Children)

To include festive fare and yuletide punch

Please ring Graham 213487 or John 212292

Remembrance Sunday Service at St James' Church, Dadlington



The standard of the Market Bosworth Branch of the Royal British Legion being paraded at St James' Church. Rev Linda Blay and John Whitehead with the RBL party members.



From The Police Box

Anti-burglary advice as nights get longer



Leicestershire Constabulary is advising members of the public to take steps to deter burglaries during the winter months. Many homes will be left in darkness before the occupants return home from work. PC Alan Cook, one of Leicestershire Constabulary's crime reduction officers, said: "According to figures published recently, domestic burglaries in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area have fallen by 20 per cent in the last year. However, we would like to cut that further. Householders can greatly reduce their chances of being a crime victim by taking some simple steps. Burglars are very unlikely to break into a home that is occupied, or appears to be occupied. When a house or flat is in darkness during the early evening, burglars will assume there is nobody home. You can easily give the impression that someone is in even when there isn't."

Steps to consider include:

- Leaving a light attached to a timer, set to illuminate just as it gets dark. Simple timers which fit into a plug are available from electrical and DIY stores from about £2. Others can be fitted to the light unit. For best results, use in more than one room, and adjust them through the autumn and winter to take account of darkness arriving earlier;
- Leaving a radio on or connected to a timer. Using a device which mimics the flicker of a TV (but uses a fraction of the electricity).

You should also:

- Consider installing a burglar alarm. A professionally installed system for a three-bedroomed semi-detached house may cost up to £500, or you can fit it yourself for around £150.
- Fit and use good quality door and window locks.
- Keep your valuables where they cannot be seen through your windows.

Register your valuables on the free property-marking website www.immobilise.com; in the event they are stolen this increases the chances of the police returning the property to you, and could help us prove the items have been stolen.

For more information on crime prevention, see:
<http://support.leics.police.uk/crime-prevention>

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The Daisy Chain is Born!



Hi, my name is Sandra Martin from Arnold Road and I have lived in the village for nearly 30 years. My working life was always as a Hairdresser until my family and I had a short relocation to South Carolina with my husband's job, where I "retired" temporarily. Since being back home in the village over the last few years I have been yearning for a change in career.

The opportunity arose recently for me and my best friend, Nichola Cammiss, when retail premises on Windsor

Street, Burbage became vacant and we decided to venture into business. The shop we selected was in a bad state of repair and so we spent 8 long weeks bashing, scraping, hammering and painting until we reached our desired result.

We take great pride in the fact that we created our beautiful shop, (with a little help from our families!) The Daisy Chain was born on October 28 this year and we would like to invite you to call by and browse through our gorgeous selection of gifts and maybe sit and relax with a coffee and a freshly baked cupcake.

Hope to see you soon!
Sandra

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Winter morning by Martyn Fisher



Church Matters



Zion Chapel Services - December Starting at 6pm

4th December	Wyn Richards
11th December	Martin Owen
18th December (Carol Service)	J Needham
25th December	No Service

Sunday School at 11am

Zion Chapel Services - January Starting at 6pm

1st January	TBA
8th January	Richard Cotton
15th January	Wyn Richards
22nd January	Mark Mensfeld
29th January	John Needham

Sunday School at 11am

Methodist Church

4th December	10.30am	Revd. Julie Minns
11th December	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne
18th December	10.30am	NO SERVICE
18th December	6.00pm	Rev'd Julie Minns and Deacon Philip Osborne
Candle Lit Carol Service		
25th December	9.15am	Revd. Julie Minns (Christmas Day)

Methodist Church January Events

Saturday
January 14th
Coffee Morning
10am - 11.30am
For Church Funds

St. Margaret's Church

4 th December	10.30am	Benefice Service, Witherley, Bishop of Leicester.
11 th December	10.30am	All Age Service
	3.00pm	Carol Concert
18 th December	10.30am	Holy Communion.
24 th December	4.00pm	Crib Service
24 th December	11.30pm	Holy Communion.
1 st January	10.30am	All Age Service

St. James's Church

4 th December	10.30am	Benefice Service
11 th December	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer.
16 th December	7.30pm	Carol Service
18 th December	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24 th December	10.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
1 st January	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer.



Tots Church meets
every third and fourth
Sunday of the month at
10.30 until 11.15am in the
Baxter Hall. Children aged
up to 7 can be catered for.





Message from Alan Davis

Christmas Is Coming – Come On In

What is Christmas all about? Stable scenes, yuletide cards, nativity tableaux, primary school plays all give the clue. Will I be welcome? Just look who else is there.

The scene ranges from earthly vegetation to a heavenly body – and includes everything in between. The stable floor is covered in straw. A cattle feeder is made from wood. Members of the animal kingdom look on knowingly. Enquiring, and amazed human beings are part of the crowd. Angelic beings sing in choirs overhead, while a star illuminates the divine drama.

If I were to be there, would I be welcome? Of course – look who else is there. The people range from foreign star gazers to Jewish shepherds, and include a mother and father and a baby. There are young and old, male and female, wise and naïve, optimistic and worried, enthusiastic and shy. Surely, I would find a place in that mixed gathering.

And snuggled up against a shepherd or an ass, what can I see? New life and presents. The scene focuses on a newborn baby – potential, vulnerability and hope flow out of the manger. And reflected in that child I see again my own possibilities and weakness, including the possibility of hope. The gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh - remind me that my being there in the stable, my being at all, is pure gift, which is sometimes called grace. My life is a gift and is lived out in possibility, vulnerability and hope.

And so, Christmas is a world-wide happening which involves all beings and all creation. It welcomes in you and me – and draws us to itself. Of course it is not really an 'itself'. Because in the baby and in all creation God is present, drawing us all to 'himself' – 'God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself'.

Happy Christmas!

Alan Davis, Archdeacon (Very Retired!)

Bishop's Visit

The Bishop of Leicester, The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, will be speaking and conducting our Benefice Service on Sunday December 4th, 10.30am at St Peter's Witherley. We would love you to join us – why not come along?

Linda

St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap



Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays

10.30am - 12 noon in Church

Everyone is welcome, we do hope you will join us.



Christmas 2011

What's On



Baptist Chapel Carol Service
18th December at 6pm



Seasonal Refreshments
Everyone Welcome

Methodist Church
December Events

Saturday December 17th 7pm
Salvation Army Concert
 Admission £3
 Includes refreshments

Wednesday December 21st
Carol Singing 7pm
Around the village
Christmas Tree



Followed by
 refreshments in the
 Methodist Church Hall

Scouts' Christmas Post

As usual the box will arrive
 at Tony's Shop ready for
 1st December




Last collection will be
 Saturday 17th December.
 Cards may not be delivered
 immediately but all cards will arrive
 in time for Christmas.
 Stamps are still 10p - available at
 Tony's.


Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh

The Charity Sleigh will be around the
 villages and we would like you to
 support this as you have done in
 previous years. It will start out at 5pm
 both nights - Thursday 22nd, Friday
 23rd December. Route as follows:

Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
High Street – bottom	Roseway
Dadlington	Whitemoors
Hinckley Road	Goldings
Sherwood Road	Wykin Lane
Hinckley Road	Little Wykin
Main Street	
Station Road	
Crown Hill	
Andrew Close	
High Street – top	



Thanks from the Sleigh Committee



Village Lights Switch On

The Charity of Thomas Barton is
 holding a 'switch-on' of the new
 Christmas lights in the centre of Stoke
 Golding on Tuesday 6th December
 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

By kind permission of Mick Walton, the
 switch-on, by Father Christmas, will
 take place in the grounds of Park
 House.

Vouchers will be given out for a free
 mince pie and glass of mulled wine at
 the George and Dragon or the Three
 Horseshoes, with a soft drink and
 sweets for children.



Christmas 2011 What's On



Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party

Centre Stage Event

Sunday 11th December 7.30pm at
Stoke Golding Village Hall

With heaps of musical wit and superb harmonies, this effortlessly funny musical double act host an unashamedly sparkly Christmas celebration.



Tickets £8 each - ring Alan White 01455 212416



Stoke Golding Club



Saturday	December 10th	Men in Black
Sunday	December 18th	Jim Hirons (in the lounge)
Wednesday	December 28th	Jamming Extravaganza (in the lounge)

New Year's Eve 'Drink and Jive' in the Concert Room

Please ring Maria 01455 212221 for more details



St Margaret's Snowman Festival

Saturday 10th December 10am - 5pm

Raffle, Tombola and Stalls selling cakes, mince pies, sausage rolls etc



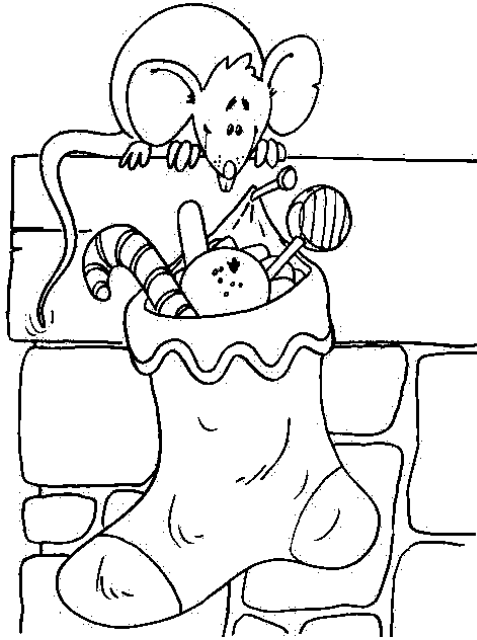
Refreshments in the Baxter Hall including turkey rolls, mulled wine etc

Sunday 11th December Concert and Carols 3 - 4pm

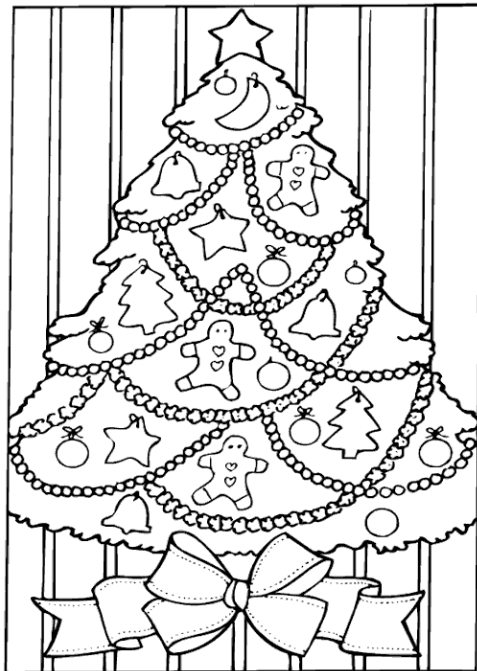
If you have a snowman please bring it along to the church on
Friday 9th December from 10am - 6pm.

Prizes for the Best Snowman

We do hope you will come and join us



Happy Christmas to our younger Stoker readers.
We hope you enjoy colouring in these pictures.



Battle of Bosworth Update - Not 1485 But Christmas Greetings

Battle of Bosworth winery owner Joch Bosworth and his partner, Louise Hemsley-Smith, have both been in the UK this year. While visiting family in Nottinghamshire in November, Louise had time to call into Dadlington to bring the latest news for lovers of Battle of Bosworth wines from McLaren Vale, Australia.

'The vineyard experienced a difficult summer in 2011, which might surprise you guys in the UK, with lots of rain' said Louise. 'As a result, Joch was working round the clock at picking time with very little sleep'.

Due to demand for red wines, the superb 'The War of the Rosé' Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé will no longer be made by Joch, so the stock held by 'Wine 2 You' of Dadlington is possibly the last available outside Australia. It is a delicious and characterful rosé and makes an ideal compromise for those who cannot agree on white or red wine, as well as a superb glass in its own right. Try it with your starter for Christmas Dinner and then move onto either the white Chardonnay/Viognier or the red Shiraz/Viognier for the main course according to taste.

Louise (pictured with elder daughter, Celia) will be back in the UK in the New Year. Any Clubs or Associations wanting a talk by her on these locally-named wines, or to purchase some superb wine for Christmas/New Year, please contact me at Wine 2 You.



Keith Moreton

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The Origin and the History of Christmas Crackers

Christmas crackers were invented in 1846 by a sweet maker from London called Tom Smith. He got the idea for creating Christmas crackers from the sugar almond sweets he sold, as they were wrapped in twisted coloured paper. He made them more fun by enclosing a motto or romantic message in each one. After the success of his original Christmas crackers he added a snap to make each cracker sound like a small fire cracker as it was pulled. As time passed other items have been added such as a paper hat, jokes and novelty toys. His company grew and continued to manufacture Christmas crackers until 1953 when they merged with the company Caley Crackers.

What's On in 2012

New Rope String Band

Friday 10th February 2012
at Stoke Golding Village Hall
at 7.30pm

Combining superb musicianship with
sidesplitting comic genius,
The New Rope String Band
are truly unique entertainers.



Tickets £8. Please ring Rachel Terheege 01455 212953

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Stoke Golding June 2012

Saturday 2nd June Music for a Summer's Evening.
Concert by The Stanley Opera at Stoke Golding Village Hall.

Sunday 3rd June 'The Big Lunch' - a chance for the whole
village to get together - hopefully at a street party on Hinckley
Road.

Monday 4th June - Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon.

Keep the dates free. More details about these events will be
published in The Stoker in the New Year.



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

Stoke Golding Heritage Group has two talks early in the New Year, both at the Baxter Hall commencing at 7.30pm, with non-members paying £2.50. The first on Thursday 19th January is about the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. Housed in a building dating back to the 12th Century the 'Hospital' has been providing accommodation for ex-servicemen and their spouses since the time of Elizabeth I. Both the building and the way the Hospital is run make for a fascinating illustrated talk given by 'The Master'. The talk on Thursday February 16th is entitled 'Down the Garden Path'. It could be about garden wildlife but it isn't. Intrigued? Come along and find out more!

Attention all Clubs and Societies in Dadlington and Stoke Golding

We are updating the Welcome Pack that goes to new residents of Dadlington and Stoke Golding. Basic details of your organisation should already be in the Village Directory included in the pack, but if you would like to provide a promotional leaflet or flyer in addition to this information please contact Jane White - telephone 01455 212416 or email janewhitesg@gmail.com. As long as you are a non profit-making organisation in Dadlington or Stoke Golding we will do our best to include your information.

Stoke Golding WI - November Meeting



At our November meeting Jenny Orton gave a very entertaining and instructive demonstration of gift-wrapping. She showed us various ways to dress up a standard boring shape, transforming it into something quite wonderful. Using cheap, easy to find accessories, and also a certain amount of imagination and time, it is possible to give someone a beautifully wrapped gift. It was a most inspiring talk and just right for Christmas.

We have a varied programme of interesting talks and outings for 2012. New members will always be made welcome, tel Margaret Bliss 01455 212581.

The Stoker Needs YOU

We have a vacancy on the Stoker Production Team for a volunteer to organise Welcome Packs and deliver them to people who move into Stoke Golding and Dadlington. We are a very friendly group, meeting monthly, usually on a Tuesday evening for an hour or so, to discuss the next issue. You will be offered lots of help when you take on the role and we are sure you will really enjoy it.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Ann Edginton, who has been looking after the Welcome Packs brilliantly up until now.

If you want to have a chat about what the role involves please get in touch with Jane (212416) or Ruth (212489).



Scary Little 'Halloweeners' visiting Whitemoors Close

It's the Zzzzzzzzz Factor!

For those who may have been unconscious for a while, or perhaps living in Lincolnshire, there is a programme on Saturday night telly called The X Factor. It is essentially Karaoke for the terminally deluded. It promises wealth and fame to whoever the public decides is the most talented of the annual crop of hopefuls. Assuming, of course, they have survived an excruciating selection process and made it to the live final.

I can let you into a little secret about the stage where the victims are taken away to spend some time with their mentors at an exotic location. There is a piece to camera featuring one of the entrants parked in a Business Class seat with a glass of fizz. My impeccable source tells me that as soon as the camera is switched off they are hoiked back to cattle class by a couple of barely evolved security men and given an orange juice and a bag of peanuts.

But the illusion has been created and the dream dangled so enticingly that they are hooked and will endure anything to emerge at the top of the pile. This includes their weekly performance for their (tor)mentors now turned to judges. This year the panel consists of Gary Barlow, who presumably took charisma lessons from John Major, two women who were in some group or other and are now on the lookout for cosmetic advertising contracts and Louis Walsh. I haven't actually checked but I think that his photo appears under "Prat" in the Oxford English dictionary.

Each week this quartet of inquisitors observe the efforts before exploding in a stream of clichés and platitudes designed simply to uplift or destroy.

But there is trouble at mill. The viewing figures are falling and I think I know why.

The great British public are a fairly gullible lot but even they are beginning to see the cynicism that pervades this show. Every time one of the acts seems to be heading the pack then a quiet word is had with a Sun journalist. Some little skeleton is let out of the cupboard and the public perception of the contestant will be so damaged that he will get a good kicking when the votes are cast that week. It is a simple enough technique but now so overplayed that people are starting to turn off. It could also be that most of the contestants are of a standard that would get booed off a Redcoats show at Butlins.

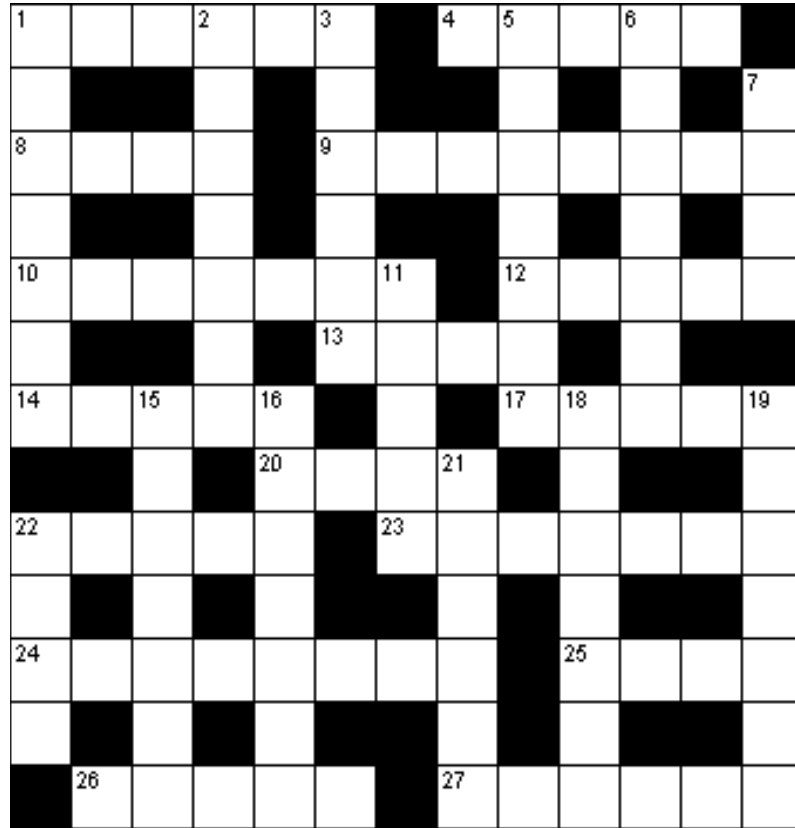
The other thing that gets me reaching for the remote is the bit on the results show where that nasal Irishman says "The act leaving the show tonight is.....". At this point you can get a 30 pound turkey, pluck it and stuff it, roast it slowly and still have time to make gravy before he decides to inform the nation of the latest victim. It is simply unnecessary and cruel.

So here's my tip. Go to the pub in the afternoon watch the footy and drink some beer. With any luck you will sleep through the whole thing.



The Fool on the Hill

crossword



Across

- 1 The man in 24a & 2d is plagued by these (6)
- 4 People north of the border (5)
- 8 Close by (4)
- 9 Managed to retrieve (8)
- 10 Sounding again and again (7)
- 12 Language used to name flora and fauna (5)
- 13 Blood and guts (4)
- 14 Adored deeply (5)
- 17 Caribbean dance (5)
- 20 **** major a constellation (4)
- 22 Senior church man (5)
- 23 Long chocolate cakes (7)
- 24 And 2D 'Anti' hero of a Christmas carol (8-7)
- 25 Have a meal (4)
- 26 Dreadful smell (5)
- 27 Scorches (6)

Down

- 1 Of gentle disposition (7)
- 2 see 24A
- 3 Indian native garment (6)
- 5 Christian name of A Christmas Carol author (7)
- 6 Little hero in A Christmas Carol (4-3)
- 7 Viking god (4)
- 11 What 24A & 2D gave family of 6D for dinner (5)
- 15 Christian name of Van Gogh (7)
- 16 Old fashioned prison cell (7)
- 18 Leave to one own devices (7)
- 19 Replies to questions (7)
- 21 fruit of oak trees (6)
- 22 Sailors on ship (4)

Solution on page 22

Stoke Golding Parish Council - October Meeting

Local issues from County Cllr Ivan Ould's written report:

At an A5 Strategy Meeting at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council proposals were discussed for the introduction of a lozenge shaped roundabout for the A444/A5 junction.

He had an enjoyable afternoon at St Martin's School, watching an assembly and then joining in a meeting afterwards regarding the development of a community facility adjacent to the proposed Mar City development.

Mar City has asked for a letter of support over the viability issue if the 40% affordable homes remain, and an email has been sent to Simon Wood to request that Hinckley drops this requirement in order that the scheme can continue.

309th meeting minutes: The minutes were amended to include an item concerning the poor state of the Ashby Canal towpath between bridges 25 and 26 and requesting the Clerk to contact British Waterways regarding this.

Matters arising:

Overgrown Ivy at Baxter Hall has been trimmed back - the Clerk to send a thank you letter to Mr Foster for his assistance in this matter.

A suggestion was made to invite a representative from the constabulary to the next meeting to discuss SmartWater and Neighbourhood Watch.

Pavilion – a replacement shower now fitted and working, but the roof is leaking and will be inspected.

Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:

Wykin Lane Cemetery water supply. Following the application for new water supply at Wykin Lane Cemetery a representative from Severn Trent Water met with the Parish Council, inspected the site and has submitted a charge of £791.10 for the connection and meter, based on the Parish Council laying its own service pipe to the highway boundary.

To appoint two Trustees of The Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition

Foundation: Clerk to inform the Foundation that both Mrs E Bradbury and Mr M Lamb will be standing for a further four-year term.

Draft National Policy Planning Framework

The following reports were presented by representatives of the Parish Council:
Special Parish Forum meeting - 15th September

The Forum's agenda included (a) the Borough's expectations for funding through the New Homes Bonus for new housing which is provided within the Borough. (b) The Parish and Community Initiative Fund survey seeking views on how the Borough Council might improve this scheme.

The New Homes Bonus issue expended. The Parish Council proposed writing to the Strategic and Community Planning Officer stating the Initiative Fund is vital to the wellbeing of the parishes and although the New Homes Bonus may be a helpful bonus to parishes, it is a separate fund and will not replace the Parish and Community Initiative Fund completely.

2. National Planning Policy Framework Consultation Workshop - 22nd September

A brief outline of the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was communicated to the meeting. The submission of the NPPF published for

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consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government asked for views from all interested parties on the draft and how it might be improved.

Village Plan Update - Housing Development

As a follow up to the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), it was proposed that the Village/Neighbourhood Plan be updated in accordance with government proposals, and be submitted to the Borough Council for approval.

Children's Play Area project

Details on the Children's Play Area project and the costs for Stage 1 - new play equipment, and Stage 2 - new gates and fencing, was presented.

Village Christmas Tree - Cllr Ward will make the necessary arrangements.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee - The Stoke Golding beacon to be used for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is at present stored at Lodge Farm. The Parish Council will make arrangements for this to be transported to the White Swan for this event. Parish Council has agreed with the proposal to look into holding a street party on 3 June 2012.

Communications

Email from R Tunks regarding request for memorial benches both at Wykin Lane and Hinckley Road cemeteries. Members to look at these areas for clarification at next meeting.

Litter problems at recreation ground and Bennett Close – to be followed up with HBBC and Police.

Residents' concerns of overhanging tree over recreation ground – The Clerk to contact tree surgeons for their advice.

Any Other Business

Proposal for reduced parking on village streets and a 20mph speed limit discussed - December Agenda

Next meeting – Village Hall: Wednesday 7th December 2011 - 7pm.

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

Rubbish

Do not leave household rubbish by, or on top of the recycling bins in the village hall car park. The Parish Council is charged for it to be removed and that money could be used for better things.

Thank you,

Stoke Golding Parish Council




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26. Being shocked by racy music videos
27. Going on a "no children" cruise
28. Taking a keen interest in the garden
29. You like getting asked for ID
30. Knowing your alcohol limit
31. Wearing corduroy trousers
32. Telling people exactly what you are thinking, even if it isn't polite
33. Owning a carriage clock
34. Falling asleep after one glass of wine
35. Taking an unnaturally keen interest in the local free newspaper
36. Applying for an allotment
37. Driving instead of drinking
38. Not being able to lose weight quickly
39. Never going out without a coat
40. Taking a keen interest in dressing for the weather
41. Taking a cushion to the football because the seats are uncomfortable
42. Putting everyday items in the wrong place
43. Choosing radio over television
44. Wearing cardigans
45. Booking train tickets in a quiet carriage
46. Buying newspapers every day
47. Watching adverts for vacuum cleaners
48. Give up reading broadsheets
49. Paying by cash or cheque
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13. Gore, 14. Loved, 17. Samba,
20. Ursa, 22. Canon, 23. Eclairs, 24. &
2D Ebenezer Scrooge, 25. Dine, 26.
Stink, 27. Singes.
DOWN 1. Genteel, 2. See 24A,
3. Sarong, 5. Charles, 6. Tiny Tim,
7. Odin, 11. Goose, 15. Vincent,
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 Thurs. 10am YOGA [Mixed level] Sapcote Pavilion. 1 hour class
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