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The Stoker

Stoke Golding Village Magazine

including

Dadlington Matters

50p

Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

It is great to hear news of members of our community pulling together and this has certainly been the case since our last edition of the Stoker. This includes a fight against the solar panel farm proposal (see opposite page), a crusade to change the name of the road on the old Convent site (page 5) and a campaign to make our streets safer for everyone (page 8). We are impressed by all the hard work and dedication many of you have shown in order to benefit the village. We will bring you up to date with all these developments in future editions. How are you getting on with your New Year's resolutions? If doing more exercise was one of them why not try out an exercise or dance class - we may see you there!

Jane & Ruth

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Cover picture - It's been a 'Waxwing Winter'

Community Pulls Together in Response to Solar Farm Proposal

Stoke Golding residents came together recently to put forward objections to a planning application for a solar farm of 7,000 panels covering 16 acres next to the village recreation ground. In November and December an action group of local residents circulated a petition and leafleted all the homes in the village. Nearly 500 people signed the petition. Time was short and at a special Parish Council meeting on 19 December, huge numbers of residents turned out to give their views to the Council. It was standing room only and the overwhelming message from the residents was "Right idea, wrong field". A great example of community action.

Just before Christmas a couple of representatives from the action group met with the Hinckley Borough Head of Planning to stress the uniqueness of the location and the weight of public opposition. At this meeting, the reps argued that this was not a valid application because there hadn't been an Environmental Impact Assessment and because of the poor quality of the application.

The plans have changed again so please check the latest documents on the Council's website: <http://publicdocuments.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/AnitePublicDocs/00180912.pdf> Also, lots more information on the Action Group's blog <http://notosolar.blogspot.co.uk/>

Chris Taylor



Members of the action group handing over the petition to Reg Ward, Chair of Stoke Golding Parish Council, standing in front of the proposed solar panel field.

Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the sleigh this year. The following organisations have benefited with your help: Good Companions, Cubs and Scouts, Stoke Golding Village Hall, Junior Football, Robin Hood Playschool, Flower Show (Children's Section) and Dadlington Village Hall. Our thanks also go out to the hard working snowmen for making the collections and to Malc Watson for his support in taking the sleigh around.

Sleigh Committee

Correspondence



We have left Stoke Golding after 4 years, as our work has taken us down towards Banbury, and we wanted to say goodbye to everyone in the village. It's a great place which we'll really miss, most notably the park where Bruce met all his friends, everyone at the George and Dragon, and the general friendly atmosphere all around.

If it weren't for work we would have happily stayed, as we think Stoke Golding is a pretty unique place, but time to move on.

All the best to everyone,

Jon, Kate and Bruce the Labrador, (formerly of Arnold Road).



I would like to thank everyone who has bought my small book of 'Dadlington and the Jubilee'. The proceeds have gone towards the upkeep of St James' Church, and of course a big thank you to Celia Hornbuckle for her help.

To all the people I have spoken to, I have recorded what you told me in my 2012 diary. I only printed a small number of books and these sold out in less than four hours. I will try to get more printed for those I had to let down.

Another big thanks to Carolyn Patullo. She will always be remembered by me for the good she did in St Margaret's Church on 2nd January. It is all to do with another book I have written.

Once again, thank you all very much.

Charles Frisby, Shenton Lane, Dadlington

Raglan Housing Association at St Martin's Convent Site Stoke Golding

Are you, or someone you know, in need of housing? Do you have a local connection to Stoke Golding? Were you born in the village and have had to move away but want to move back? Do you work in Stoke Golding and can't afford to buy a property here?

A new housing development is underway on the St Martin's Convent site. There will be a mix of houses for rent and to buy.

Raglan Housing Association will be providing some of the houses for social rent, for shared ownership and for market rent. . The first six houses will be available to rent in March 2013.

To be considered for the social rented properties you must be registered with Hinckley and Bosworth Council so that you can bid for the properties. Families with a local connection will be given priority. You can register online at www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk or telephone the Council 01455 238141 for more information about how to register.

Find out more about us at www.raglan.org and on our Facebook page.

Susan Cooper (Raglan Homes)



Jean Parker celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday 5th January and would like to thank all her friends and family who visited her.

Jean has lived all of her life in Stoke Golding and served with the Land Army during the Second World War.



Praying for a Name Change

Local character, Graham Pearson, is hoping a road on the former convent site will be named in memory of the Convent and the Sisters who lived there for many years.

The name currently accepted at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is 'Thomas Barton Drive', but following Graham's campaign, which is backed by a number of villagers, the Parish Council has written to HBBC asking for it to be changed to 'Convent Drive'.

Graham, a friend of Sister Louis for 40 years, said "This would mean such a lot to me and others who knew the Sisters. Everyone has had a letter from me about this except the Pope because I couldn't find his address!"

The following poem, written by Graham to Sister Louis and Sister Cornelia when they moved out of the convent, shows his deep feelings.

*You both are very special to us,
Us are those who care,
You've made a lot of friends
Some are here, others there,
So, we all feel very sad,
That you have got to go
It's been your home, the Convent
For many years we know
So what we are saying to you
If you need any help at all
Call on us, your good friends
Sisters we will help, please call.*

By Graham

Jane White



Graham with the placard he has erected in his front garden

'Celebrity Corner' – Tony Smith

I'm typing this on a brilliant January day. The early mist has evaporated, there's a cloudless blue sky. Long may it last! (it didn't). When this month's "Celebrity" victim arrived, the skies were still grey. There was no early promise of what was to come. Tony from our village shop was punctual to the minute. *"Hi Tony, which will you have tea or coffee?" "No thanks Beth, I've already had about five or six cups since I got up."* *"Really, what time was that?" "Five o'clock"* *"Good gracious why did you have to get up at five?"* I immediately thought some crisis must have happened. *"Well I get up at five every morning. I've got all the newspapers to do."* I am very impressed. *"Right give me your jacket."* *"Let's get down to business."*

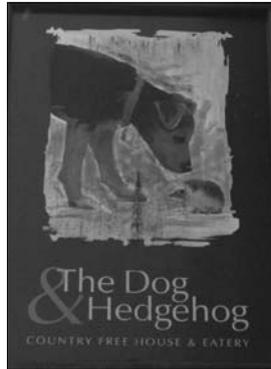
Tony's story starts in Bedworth. There he marries first wife Linda. He and Linda move to Burbage, while he was employed in accounts in Hinckley. However, when he found himself redundant, they often visited Linda's dad running a small shop in the North East. Tony often helped out and thought *"yeah, this is all right."* So they started looking for a shop of their own, often travelling miles away from Burbage. Finally two shops came on the market, close to home, one in Higham and one in Stoke Golding. They decided on Stoke, and bought it from Bob and Denis. That was in 1984, nearly 30 years ago. Tragically, in 1989, Linda died after a long battle with cancer, leaving Tony on his own with his small daughter Aimee. She now helps her dad in the shop - it's 'The Family Business'.

"USE IT OR LOSE IT"

Looking to the future... there are some very exciting ideas for the shop. Tony was able to tell me a few things that are being planned. I'm not allowed to write about them yet as all the official reports and suggestions are still 'under wraps'. The 'essence' of all the advice that Tony is taking on board seems to me to be dead right - **"KEEP IT LOCAL"**. Oh...yes!

Beth





Owed to the Dog

On returning from my puce inducing early evening jog
I abluted and repaired to slake my thirst down at the Dog.
I had another motive than the mere pursuit of beer
I'd had some thoughts with which to bend our local landlord's ear.
"Can I suggest a few ideas" I airily opined
"To make the place more welcoming, I hope you do not mind.
Good food and service, lovely beer, oh that's all very well
But it needs a bit of zip bang fizz, to really make it sell.
Paint the walls a different shade, say Lilac would be nice
And add sophistication with a poster of Posh Spice.
Line the walls with giant screens and then subscribe to cable
Chuck in a giant dartboard and a purple snooker table.
Make Tuesday night the Curry night with free poppadum's, in fact
Why not offer live entertainment with a Jedward tribute act?
Add some masculinity and make the place more "blokey"
Then, November in the car park, topless floodlit Karaoke.
To spice up Sunday lunches and I know my arm I'm chancing
The Dudley Bus Pass Ladies Troupe and their exotic dancing.
Open mike nights, they're a laugh, you look a proper Charlie
Performing hits of Barry White in the style of Joe Pasquale.
All these things will just add fizz to the average punters dinner
Stick with me I think you'll find that we are on a winner"
Our landlord smiled indulgently, as to an errant son
I felt that I had made my point, the argument was won.
I hoped that he would implement some things I thought it lacked
Cos, on looking round I noticed that the place was, well, err.... packed!



Percy Bysshe (Fool on the Hill) Shelley

Streets4All PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Stoke Golding has its say on 20mph limits

A random sample of Stoke Golding households were asked whether they strongly agreed, agreed, were neutral, disagreed or strongly disagreed with the following statements:

1. I support the **vision** for Stoke Golding streets
2. Traffic **volume** is an issue within the village
3. Traffic **speed** is an issue within the village
4. I support the introduction of a **20 mph** speed limit throughout the village

We had a fantastic response. 150 households were surveyed and we achieved returns from 124 households (83% response rate) and 209 residents. Statistically this ensures that the results are representative of all residents with only a small margin of error. We would very much like to thank residents for taking the time to complete the survey and for both their written and verbal comments.

The results are compelling. The graph shows the count of how residents responded to each statement. The standout is how strongly residents identified speed as an issue and supported both the vision and the introduction of 20 mph limits. There is still significant concern over traffic volume, but this is clearly considered a lesser issue than speed.

So 77% support the vision, 76% agree that speed is an issue and a lesser 60% traffic volume. 67% of residents support a village wide 20mph speed limit. The latter figure is consistent with other national and local surveys in other parts of the country.

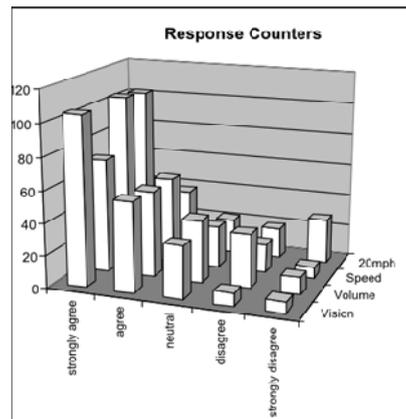
So the residents of Stoke Golding have had their say and have told us loud and clear that speed is a significant issue and they want vehicles to drive more slowly, specifically at no more than 20 mph.

We presented the results of the traffic survey to the Parish Council at the January meeting and we discussed how we could move forward towards implementing a 20 mph limit.

The Parish Council's view was that the best route forward was to combine the 20 mph "requirement" with a consideration of the impacts of the Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) development. The Barwell SUE proposals will see 2,500

Our Vision

We have a vision of people friendly streets which are attractive and where young and old feel safe; where drivers behave responsibly and where people are happy to walk and cycle. We want our streets to be alive and vibrant where people can live and socialise.



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homes built on the south western edge of Barwell - a huge development. Because employment opportunities will not be developed until the final phase, there will be 2,500 households needing to go "somewhere" to work. The concern is that many of them will be heading our way using Stoke Golding as a "rat run". The Parish Council is planning to partner with the neighbouring parishes of Higham, Peckleton and Sutton Cheney to address this issue. The parish councils are now looking at the possibility of engaging a traffic consultant to help better understand the impacts and to propose how these impacts can be mitigated and managed. The Streets4All group will contribute to the terms of reference for this study and will be involved in the study and follow on work.

The Streets4All group agreed this is a sensible way forward based on the following considerations:

- a) it is difficult to treat 20 mph limits in isolation of the Barwell SUE because of its major potential impact.
- b) this is probably the best opportunity to find a source of funding for implementing change.

So this is not going to be quick (but it never was). But rest assured that we have heard loud and clear what the village has said and we will continue to work to make the streets of Stoke Golding safer and more liveable.

We will use the blog <http://sgstreets.blogspot.co.uk/> to keep people up to date going forward. But please do feel free to contact Alan White anytime for more information alanwhitesg@gmail.com 01455 212416.

Thanks again to those of you who took part in the survey.

Alan White, Brian Ninness, Colin Edwards, Ruth Fisher

Stoke Golding W I, December Meeting

Festive Fun



A great Christmas party was enjoyed by all at Stoke Golding W. I. in December, with delicious food, a Christmas poem and a hilarious reading that was felt by many members to be so true to their own experiences and caused much laughter. This was followed by a topical quiz that helped to activate the brain and the evening concluded with the traditional exchange of presents and good wishes.

The previous week a tasty meal at Barwell Bowling Club had started the festive season and members were looking forward to a visit to the Concordia Theatre towards the end of the month.



From Our Curate at St Margaret's Church

What are you giving up for Lent? That is a common question we hear amongst Christians around this time of year. Did you know, the word 'Lent' appears to have its beginnings in Anglo-Saxon, where the word means to lengthen, indicating that days are getting longer and spring is coming? Lent is also the Christian season that takes us from the end of winter through to Easter and is linked to the time when Jesus went for 40 days without food in the desert. It is a reminder that Jesus went through suffering to make him stronger and more trusting in God.

For people currently facing hardship or distress, it seems difficult to comprehend that our loving God would require an additional burden of giving up even more things during Lent. It is a dilemma because, as humans, we naturally want to make our lives more meaningful and we know that that will involve us making changes. It takes action on our part. But does that necessarily mean increased hardship, or is there a more creative way?

You may be familiar with the Church of England's **Love Life Live Lent** campaign, a new way of marking Lent. Instead of giving up things, it encourages people to undertake a simple act of generosity each day. The actions are small and fun to do, but make a real difference in homes, families and communities. It is a reminder that our God is gentle and loves us and wants us to love Him and love one another.

This year, Lent begins during the February half-term and you and your family may like to get ready by using this simple prayer:

Dear God, We are sorry for the wrong things we have done. We are sorry if we have hurt others. We ask you to forgive us and help us change. Amen.

Lent is a time of 'clearing out' our lives: a period of 'cleansing' in preparation for Easter. One practical idea is to have a clear-out of anything you don't need any more. Unwanted items may be taken to a charity shop, or recycled. Lent is also a great time to focus on reducing our mental clutter and on improving our prayer life. By making space, slowing down, being patient with ourselves and others, we deepen our relationship with God. By setting time aside for quietness and learning to be open to God's guidance, we can grow spiritually through Lent.

'By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies.' (Isaiah 30:15)

So, as the days lengthen, Spring approaches and we look forward to the new life that Easter brings, I hope that whatever changes we decide to make in our lives this Lent, we will all make a little more room for God and so experience more of His peace and His love for us all.

*Lent Blessings,
Hilary (Rev'd Hilary Surridge)*

For further information www.livelent.net. The 'Love Life Live Lent' website includes loads of ideas for both adults and children.

Church Matters

The Methodist Church February Services

3rd	10.30am	Mr David Overton
10th	10.30am	Revd. Julie Minns
17th	10.30am	Mr John Askew
24th	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne

Zion Chapel Services starting at 6pm

3rd February	Reuben Gardener
10th February	Richard Cotton
17th February	Mark Menzfeld
24th February	John Needham

Sunday School at 11am

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church

3 rd February	10.30am	All Age Service
10 th February	10.30am	Benefice Service
17 th February	10.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Tots Church
24 th February	10.30am	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Tots Church

Holy Communion every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

3 rd February	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
10 th February	10.30am	Benefice Service S G
17 th February	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24 th February	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

Lent Groups around the Fenn Lanes Benefice

This year's Lent Course is entitled '**Glimpses of God**' and will take place weekly for five weeks. No background knowledge is necessary and all are welcome.

The groups throughout the Benefice are:

- Mondays at 2.30pm (beginning 18th February) at Witherley Parish Room
- Tuesdays at 8.30am (beginning 19th February) at Higham Methodist Chapel
- Wednesdays at 1.30pm (beginning 20th February) at Fenny Drayton Church, then at different people's homes the following weeks

Thursdays at 7.30pm (beginning 21st February) at 8 The Courtyard, Stoke Golding.

Each group will be following the same course, so you can choose to go to any of them. Why not give one a try?

What's On



G.M. WESTERN CONNECTION

Line Dancing Class for Complete Beginners

Starts on

Wednesday 13th February
at Dadlington Village Hall
From 1.45 - 2.45pm

£4

*Get fit, make friends, have fun!
Further details tel: Glenis on 212189*



A bit of a boogie in Dadlington Village Hall

Saturday 23 February 2013

8 - 11pm £3.50 each

Mixed dancing - ballroom, rock & roll,
Line, Party Dances etc.

Please bring a plate of food for the
buffet table and bring your own drinks

More info: Tel 212189 - Glenis & Phil

Village Hall Centre Stage Event The Hut People

Saturday 9th March

*Don't miss this
opportunity -
tickets selling fast!*



The Hut People are quickly gaining a reputation as one of the hottest acts to appear on the folk scene in a long while. With their hugely engaging and often hilarious performing style, the show is a truly unique high-octane blend of folk music from around the world.

Tickets £8 - tel Ruth 212489

Also booking for next show - guitarist
Richard Durrant on Sat 20th April

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What's On



Macbeth

Stanley Opera Proudly Presents

Four Performances of Giuseppe Verdi's Horror Opera

Hinckley Concordia Theatre

5th, 9th, 11th & 13th April

Tickets £10: Tel. 01455 848194

Concession price of £9 for over 60s and under 16s
on Friday 5th and Tues 9th performances

www.stanley-opera.org.uk

Opera performed in English

Free parking opposite the theatre for ticket holders

St Margaret's Church Coffee and Chat

Free coffee, tea and a
chat on Wednesdays

**10.30am - 12noon in
church**

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

Methodist Church February Event

Saturday 9th February

Coffee Morning
10 -11.30am

For Mission Funds



Zumba Gold in Stoke Golding!!



Slightly Slower, Lower Impact Version of the
Latin inspired fitness dance class Zumba.

Great for the older adult or newcomer

-fun & effective -

Stoke Golding Village Hall

12pm-12:45pm Every Friday

Get in touch for any more information 07760661698

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Yoga and Fitness Classes



Body Blitz mixed level	Mon	11am	Village Hall
Yoga mixed	Mon	6.30pm	Baxter Hall
Yoga easy	Mon	7.45pm	Baxter Hall
Yogafit easy	Tues	12 noon	Baxter Hall
Yoga mixed/adv	Tues	7pm	Baxter Hall
Yogafit easy/mixed	Wed	6pm	Baxter Hall

All classes £6 'Pay as you go' For more info visit
www.yogawithadele.co.uk or Tel: 07837927227

Also now offering KCA postural assessments

St Margaret's Church Snowman Festival

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church with snowmen and to all those who brought and made snowmen; the church looked beautiful.

Thank you also to all who baked and cooked, those who donated items for the stalls and to everyone who manned the stalls or helped in any way.

Well done to the prize winners:

Jack - Guess how many snowmen? (190)

Isabelle & Jessica - Best Snowman - 1st Prize

Annabel & Olivia - Best Snowman - 2nd Prize

Anna & Ava - Best Snowman - 3rd prize

Rosie - Best coloured snowman picture

Jamie - Best decorated angel

We are very grateful to everyone who came and supported us. £1345 was raised which was brilliant and this will go into our restoration fund.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the concert and carol singing, which was enjoyed by all; a great start to the Christmas season.



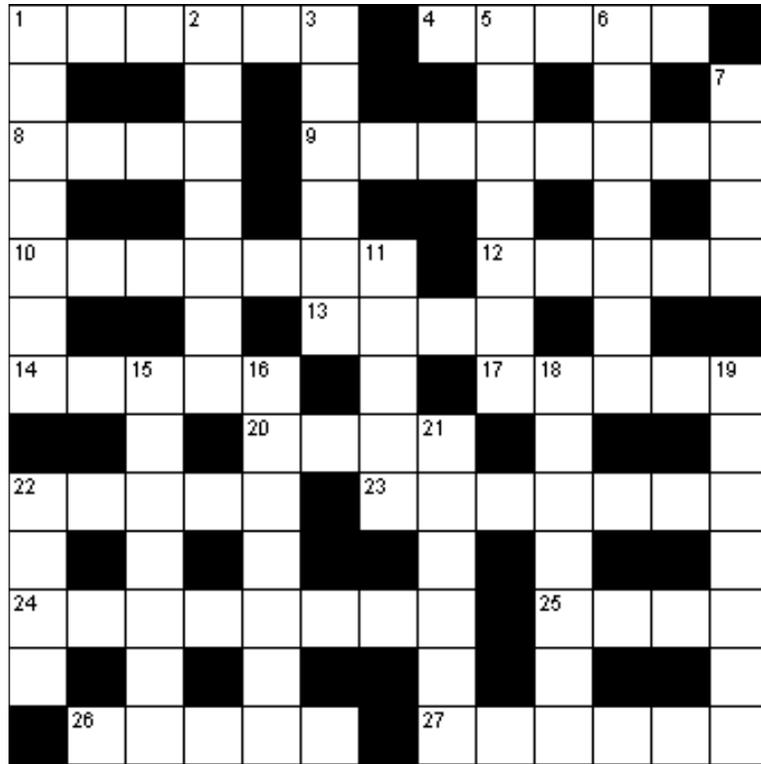
Margaret Croxall



Free Christmas Tree

I have the remains of a Bavarian pine artificial Christmas tree which I will give to any interested person or group - either all or part. Tel: 212964

Crossword



Across

- 1 Valentine cards are covered in them (6)
- 4 These are usually sent anonymously (5)
- 8 Valentine ode (4)
- 9 Valentine messages are meant to be this (8)
- 10 Ailment (7)
- 12 Like a fairy (5)
- 13 Stalk of 14 a (4)
- 14 Valentine flowers (5)
- 17 Shouts loudly (5)
- 20 **** Morecambe comedian (4)
- 22 Item of cutlery (5)
- 23 Ask for hand in marriage (7)
- 24 "Lovers' month" (8)
- 25 Paper money (4)
- 26 Expel from the country (5)
- 27 Brothers' daughters (6)

Down

- 1 More pleased (7)
- 2 A Valentine relationship (7)
- 3 Mental turmoil (6)
- 5 'Posh' school (7)
- 6 Having a sense of duty (7)
- 7 Transfer picture to computer (4)
- 11 Remove clothing (5)
- 15 Footwear container (7)
- 16 Erotic (7)
- 18 Cost of a purchase (7)
- 19 Sound systems (7)
- 21 Child's colouring pencil (6)
- 22 Settee (4)

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Dadlington Matters

Pancake Supper Dadlington

Your Invitation

From 7pm Saturday 16th February



John and Jill invite everyone to a Pancake Supper from 7pm. This is to raise funds to continue restoration of Dadlington's historic village church (earliest documentary record 1283).

In 2011 with your support we were able to carry out woodworm treatment, for 2012 we replaced missing roof tiles and this year we need to replace the ancient heating system to prevent risk of damp. You are invited to our house (Lost & Found, in the courtyard behind 15 Main Street, Dadlington) to enjoy both sweet and savoury pancakes.

Please assist catering by advising if you are able to come, either by e-mail: jf_whitehead@hotmail.com or telephone 01455 213244.

John and Jill Whitehead

Bird Notes for the Winter Period



Extreme cold weather in Scandinavia and beyond appears to have been at least partly responsible for a waxwing invasion to almost all parts of Britain. Hardly surprising then that the village should not miss out on this extravaganza, though the sojourn appears to have been brief. Generally these birds are scarce winter visitors. On 30th November I encountered a flock of about thirty in a tree at the junction of Roseway and Whitemoors Road. As they dispersed they were joined by another group of similar size.

One species that has taken advantage of an abundance of berries, particularly around the rec, has been the blackbird. On one occasion I noted a truly amazing flock of at least forty feeding together and there were many others around the perimeter of the same location.

Sam and Andy Johnson of Dadlington kindly invited me into their kitchen to view tree sparrows -these days rather scarce - feeding in their bird friendly back garden. Just a few days previously they had e-mailed photos of brambling in the same location. These winter migrants are very similar to chaffinch in size and shape and generally tend to flock up with them. The brambling is quite dark around the head and mantle with orange chest and white belly - a white rump is particularly evident in flight.

David Abbott

Attention all boys under 25 years in Stoke Golding

Do you want some extra cash for your studies or recreational activities? If you do then read the notice below and if you fit the criteria, write a letter to the clerk giving the reason you would like a grant.

(Boys aged 10 years and over should apply in person, if possible).

N. B. If you are applying on behalf of a group (e.g. Youth Football, Cricket Club), please include the **names and dates of birth** of all boys living in the village and attending your organisation, in order to be considered for a grant.

The Stoke Golding Boys' Charity

Object of The Trust

“Subject to payment of expenses, The Trustees shall apply income of the Charity in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of boys under the age of twenty-five years by the date of return of application as shown below, who are resident in Stoke Golding”.

The Trustees are considering the annual application of grants in accordance with the Terms of the Trust, as quoted above and applications are invited stating **the purpose of the application, date of birth, address and telephone number** to the:

Clerk of the Trustees, 21, Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, Warks.
CV13 6DU by **Friday 15th March 2013.**

By Order of the Trustees,

R. E. Fisher (Mrs) Clerk

PAST TIMES

From 'The Hinckley News', 7th July 1883

Thunder and lightning caused terror and very large hailstones fell in parts of Hinckley. In the neighbourhood north and west of the town the hailstones were of an enormous size and Stoke Golding suffered the most damage. They broke glass, destroyed garden produce and damaged trees. The storm came from the south and windows of houses facing that direction presented a pitiable spectacle, having the greater part of their panes broken. At the George and Dragon 64 panes were broken and many other houses were in a similar state. The conservatory of Mr James Payne also came in for its share of damage. The windows of St Margaret's Church were broken, although of cathedral glass, but this need not cause surprise when some of the hailstones measured four inches in circumference and weighed three ounces each.

Roy Mitchell

Stoke Golding Parish Council - Nov and Dec 2012 Meetings

November 7th

County Cllr Ould reported on the following **local issue**: Broadband – £4.5m put aside for speeding up Broadband – EU yet to give approval as a low response was received from survey.

Matters arising from October meeting:

Streets4All – representatives to attend future meeting to report on survey results.
Valuation of Village Hall – info from RCC reported to meeting – to be followed up.
LCC Highways reported that the jitty between Hinckley Road and High St is strimmed 3 times a year (May, July, Sept).

Reports of Council Representatives

Rural CC Planning Seminar attended by Cllr R Mitchell reported on the different types of plans, e.g. Community Led Plan (covers community issues), Neighbourhood Plan (has statutory implications – especially with housing development). Neighbourhood Plan to be put on next Agenda. Cllr Mitchell to attend a further seminar 20 November to gain a better idea of what is involved and will report at December meeting.

Future Rural Policing – Cllr Mitchell attended a meeting on 31 October held at Police Headquarters to obtain an overview of the changes to Neighbourhood Policing that will be made on 7th January 2013.

Football Club – the club has asked if they could double mark the pitch. Parish Council agreed subject to FA official approval.

Planning Application Matters:

a) *New Applications*: Solar Panel Farm, Pine Close.

It was proposed to invite installation supplier an extraordinary Parish Council meeting to ask questions about concerns of this development, and request from HBBC Planning an extension of the consultation period. Cllr R Mitchell to contact Freetricity PLC to arrange a date for this meeting.

b) *Permissions granted*: Park House - extensions and alterations into 2 dwellings.

Convent Site road name:

Letter from St Martin's Trustees read to Parish Council confirming that it would be in order for reference to be made to the Convent when naming the road. It was proposed and agreed to name the road *Convent Drive*. Clerk to write to Lee McHanon, HBBC Land and Property Data Manager, to request a change to first proposed name.

Christmas tree – siting of:

Owing to new LCC Highways regulations/licences required councillors were informed that the Christmas tree would have to be re-located on the corner of Hinckley Road/Wykin Lane.

Barwell SUE (Sustainable Urban Extension) Development – meeting with Peckleton PC

Peckleton Parish Council has contacted the Parish Council to arrange a meeting together with surrounding parish councils with respect to the proposed Barwell SUE and its impact on rural roads.

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Dog Waste Bins/Salt Bins/replacement trees - replacement dog waste bin needed in Roseway.

Grit bin - lid replacement required on bin near St Margaret's School.

Litter bin inside Wykin Lane Cemetery is being used as a dog waste bin. It was agreed to relocate it.

Benches/planters – Cllr Brown reported on a village survey identifying five possible new sites for consideration by Parish Council.

Hinckley Road Cemetery - path in old cemetery to be cleared of algae and leaves by HBBC in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council:

30mph speed limit extension on Wykin Lane. Councillors discussed moving the 30mph speed limit sign on Wykin Lane further back than that proposed by LCC Traffic Management. It was agreed to accept Highways proposal and *not* purchase an additional Vehicle Activated Sign but move existing one around the village as seen fit.

Any Other Business

Complaints of noisy mopeds through the village – if possible obtain the registration number and report to the Police.

Thermal Imaging Cameras – these can be hired to use on public and private properties to ascertain where heat was being lost from a property. Cllr Mitchell to report back with more information.

December 5th

Attendance: Parish Councillors, Cty Cllr Ivan Ould, members of Stoke Golding Concerned Residents Action Group (SGCRAG) and parishioners.

Solar Panel Farm Application: Cllr Ward gave an introduction and welcomed representatives of SGCRAG who were bringing village concerns to the meeting. The group put its points of view as to why it was opposed to the Solar Panel Farm. Residents also expressed their views.

Cllrs Ward, Terheege, Mitchell responded to questions from the floor.

Cllr Terheege proposed the following:

The response is that as a Parish Council it has no grounds to oppose the application under the existing planning rules as they are set. The Parish Council noted the concerns expressed by SGCRAG on behalf of residents and was prepared to submit these concerns alongside the Parish Council's submissions. The above proposal was not formally adopted.

Cllr Mitchell suggested asking for conditions to be placed on the application.

Cty Cllr Ivan Ould recommended to the residents:

- 1) Seeking a meeting with Simon Wood, Head of Planning, HBBC.
- 2) Contacting other organisations, such as CPRE, National Heritage etc
- 3) Arranging a meeting with David Tredinnick MP to intercede on their behalf.

County Cllr Ivan Ould confirmed he would be writing to represent people and lobby on village behalf. He suggested that SGCRAG should contact a specialist legal advisor on specific planning issues to take this matter forward and to find

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grounds, if any, for the Parish Council to consider.

The Parish Council agreed to another meeting in the Methodist Hall on 19 December, and this was agreed.

Barwell SUE

The Parish Council proposed to have a public meeting on the impact of the Barwell SUE on Stoke Golding.

Village Store: Cllr Ward asked the meeting if it had seen the leaflet supporting the Village Store and welcomed opinions from the residents.

December 19th

Attendance: Cllr Ivan Ould, Parish Councillors, members of Stoke Golding Concerned Residents Group (SGCRG), parishioners, members of Convent Site Committee.

Reports by Councillors

Cllr Pegg reported on damaged trees in Wykin Lane Cemetery – agreed to be replaced.

Playground Inspection Report - Cllr Mayes wished it stated that the new fencing and safety gates around the children's play area looked superb.

Planning Applications:

New applications - Solar Panel Farm (amended plan) - comments to be made to HBBC Planning on this application as follows: *Stoke Golding Parish Council notes that the majority of residents oppose the development and have valid objections supported by planning policies. Accordingly the Parish Council agrees to strongly oppose the development on behalf of the residents.*

A résumé of the reasons for objection from the Stoke Golding Concerned Residents Group (SGCRG) to be submitted.

However, if the application is approved the Parish Council would request the following conditions:

1) The applicant shall implement in full the final landscaping features detailed in his application. 2) The facility must not breach appropriate legislation on nuisance caused by noise. 3) Appropriate measures will be provided to ensure that flooding does not impact on adjacent areas. The latest landscape proposals include a wildflower conservation area.

Other Applications

Mar City Development – erection of 20 dwellings (first phase of development).

48 Roseway – certificate of lawful existing use for land as residential curtilage.

Chestnut Cottage, Park House Court – extension and alterations to dwelling.

Refusals - Windrow Compost Farm at Fenny Drayton.

Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) – The Parish Council presented an outline of the application and the huge impact it would have on the village.

It informed the meeting of the formation of a combined group from four surrounding Parish Councils in opposition to the application, and the setting up of

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a technical support group. A fighting fund will be established from the four Parish Councils for professional technical advice.

Village Shop (Tony's) - Cllr Ward highlighted the impact on the village if the shop closed, and asked for ideas to support it.

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

Next Meeting - Wednesday 6th February in the Methodist Church Hall at 7pm.



OBITUARIES



John Hood

John Hood of Dadlington passed away peacefully on 26th November aged 82 years. He was the beloved husband of the late Sylvia, loving dad to Tim and Jonathan and granddad to Katie. John's funeral service was held at St Margaret's Church prior to interment in the Hinckley Road Cemetery.

Janet Hughes

Janet passed away peacefully at home on the 14th December aged 71 years, following a long and extremely brave fight against cancer. Janet was the loving wife of John, a much loved mum of Gary, Dean and Sharon, mother-in-law to Phil and Jayne and a devoted grandma to Jason, Jamie, Sam, Jack, Chloe and Joe. Janet and her husband John were well known by many villagers for their time as the popular hosts of the White Swan public house, which they ran for a number of years after they took over the license from John's parents. Janet's funeral service took place at St Margaret's Church followed by cremation at Nuneaton Crematorium. There were family flowers only with donations for Macmillan Nurses c/o Leicester Fundraising Office, Unit 11, Lenton Business Centre, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY.

June Oldham

June of the narrow boat 'Thistle' of Stoke Golding passed away peacefully in George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton on 10th December aged 78 years. She was the devoted wife of the late John, beloved partner of Broll, a much loved mum of Jacqui, Pete and Phil, and a loving nana and great nana. Her funeral service took place at St Margaret's Church followed by interment in Wykin Lane Cemetery.

Winifred Mary Hulme

Winifred, known to all her friends in the village as Win, passed away peacefully on 7th January, aged 87 years. She was the wife of the late Jeff Hulme, who for many years was a church warden at St Margaret's Church. Win was a much loved mother and grandmother. Her funeral service took place at Hinckley Road Cemetery Stoke Golding with no flowers by request, but donations in lieu for St Margaret's Church Restoration Fund, c/o Co-operative Funeral Care, King's Walk, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NL.

We send our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those mentioned.



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