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Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors



We have really enjoyed reading about your Christmas activities and hope you all enjoyed the festive season whatever you were doing.

Preparations for an exciting historic event, when King Richard III's cortege will stop at St. James's Church in Dadlington, are well underway (page 10). This promises to be a wonderful occasion for the village itself and nearby villages too.

Stoke Golding residents are being consulted on whether they want to develop a neighbourhood plan on 28th February (page 4 & 13). This would hopefully ensure the village does not have unwelcome developments in the future and so needs your input.

Please keep sending us all your news and articles. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Stoker let us know - we want to make it as interesting and useful to you as possible.

Steve and Jane

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Cover picture: Joy Hiron receives her latest award from Nat Jackson. See opposite page for details.

Celebrations - More Success for Joy

England International Skeet shooter, Joy Hiron, of Church Walks, has been voted the Hinckley and Bosworth Sport and Health Alliance Sportswoman of the Year at the awards ceremony held in Desford at the end of November.

She was very proud to win the award which was presented on the night by Nat Jackson from East Midlands TV sport.

Joy would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz at the George & Dragon in November which raised a wonderful amount of money to help with the costs of competing, training and ammunition.

Joy will now use the winter to train even harder, both with her coach and physically, to make next year even more successful.

Bob Hiron (Joy's husband, not father as we wrongly referred to him in last month's issue. We sincerely apologise for this mistake.)

Tree falls across Wykin Lane



Since moving into our bungalow in 2001 we have had the trees in our garden regularly checked by a suitably qualified specialist tree firm, primarily to ensure that if one fell over we would be covered by our house insurance. To date we have had to fell two horse chestnuts that were victims of honey fungus. Recently, during an inspection, it was noted that two of the beech trees were

affected by giant polypore (*Meripilus giganteus*) which is of particular concern because it can cause extensive internal damage before any external evidence of its presence is noticed. As the trees were protected by tree preservation orders we had to apply to the council for permission to fell. Before the application was approved nature took its course and one of the trees fell across Wykin Lane. Fortunately no one was injured and damage was relatively minor. After initially rejecting my claim on the house insurance, the insurers subsequently agreed that as I had taken all appropriate steps to minimise risks they would pay the costs incurred, less my agreed excess. If you have large trees in your garden I would suggest that you have them regularly checked and look out for large "mushrooms/fungus" around or close to the tree trunks.

Roy Mitchell

Correspondence



Dear Editors,

I hope I may be permitted through the Stoker Magazine to thank all those people who sent their prayers and "get well" wishes during my recent hospital stay. their thoughts have been a great comfort and are deeply appreciated .

sincerely *Denis Cash.*



Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council have invited residents to attend an open meeting on Neighbourhood Plans at the Baxter Hall on the 28th February at 10.00am. They are trying to establish if our community wants them to produce a plan for Stoke Golding. The production of a neighbourhood plan allows every member of our community, young and old, to influence the future development of the village as the neighbourhood plan is the third part of the planning structure with the other two being the National Planning Policy Framework, and the Borough Council's Local Plan. The alternative is that future changes will be in the hands of landowners, developers and council planning officials, none of whom are influenced by your views, as happened with the recent Morris Homes development. If possible please attend the meeting and express your opinions. Alternately, write to, or email the parish clerk Theresa Case at 49 Roseway, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6HG or clerk.stokegoldingpc@gmail.com

Roy Mitchell

Stoke Golding Under 5s

Happy New Year to you all. We had a fantastic Christmas party with a special visit from Father Christmas himself, although it seems so long ago now.



In the run up to Valentine's Day we will be doing lots of fun activities. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Thursday morning or you fancy a cuppa and a chat with your little angel, pop in and see us in the village hall from 10 - 11.30am.

Heather Adlam

Gig News - with a difference

In my quest to discover the hidden musical talent of the villagers of Dadlington and Stoke Golding I stumbled upon two very unassuming villagers, namely Jane White and Rachel Rees-Jones. It took me a while to unearth the facts as they are both so modest. Jane and Rachel come from musical backgrounds and are passionate about instilling their enthusiasm for music with children at an early stage and spoke about how they enjoyed the singing productions with the children they had been involved with over the years.



They both performed with the Shambles folk group and released a rare and collectable CD! They have many a tale to tell about their musical travels. Jane sings with Stanley Opera and a highlight of Rachel's performing career was singing at the Cavern in Liverpool only 2 years ago. We know famous people who also sang there!

Jane and Rachel have both played a variety of instruments from an early age. Their musical influences differ; Jane is influenced by folk and classical styles, whereas for Rachel it was the music from the 1970s that stimulated her to learn to play.

The project they are currently involved in is the Community Choir. Jane and Rachel ran a choir session as part of Adult Learners Week in Stoke Golding last year and this was the catalyst for the current Community Sing for Fun choir.

The choir consists of 25 regular members, some of whom have never performed in public before. They had their first performance, after only 7 rehearsals, at the George & Dragon's carols and mince pies evening on 17th December singing "Colours of Christmas" by John Rutter and the traditional carol "Infant Holy".

People present were extremely complementary of the high standard of the choir. Both Jane and Rachel were staggered by everyone's enthusiasm and zest for the choir, stressing that it was very much a co-operative choir led by its members. The group have gelled well and the social aspect is also a positive side to the choir.

Originally the choir planned to run until Christmas, however it is going from strength to strength and they have booked their next performance for 22nd March in the afternoon on Dadlington village green as part of the Richard III re-interment.

The choir is part of these two ladies' musical journey to make music accessible to all and to share this enthusiasm with others. Personally I am glad that the choir has evolved so wonderfully and thank them on behalf of other choir members for their continuing commitment, hard work and making singing together such fun.

Jennifer Michie

What an Ending to the Year

The 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group had an exciting end to the Year. Where do I start?

In November, the Scouts, Cubs and a couple of older Beavers had a sleepover on the HMS Belfast on the Thames next to Tower Bridge. 23 of us, including leaders Fiona, John, Neil, Jennifer and young leaders Cassie and Ruth caught the 7.20am train from Rugby on a grey rainy day to London. We saw the poppies, went to the Imperial War museum, the Science Museum with the interactive experiments and the Big Bang lecture. We saw the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben and then went to the ship to sleep on original bunk beds. That was Saturday. On the Sunday we had breakfast on the ship, a lecture about its history and then had a good look round from the engine room, gun turrets up to the bridge with lots more in between. The ship was certainly the highlight of the weekend for the group. Foot weary we made our way home.



The Cubs are hosting a district Cub hockey event so in preparation we decided to have a secret practice. Not so secret now! A chance conversation with Jason Hickman led the Cubs to have a hockey tuition night with Jason and Jonathan Weaver. Johnathan has had an illustrious career in the UK and in America, currently playing for Telford Tigers and is captain of the GB Ice Hockey Team. He brought

his son Will, who despite being Beaver age is an accomplished player as well. The Cubs enjoyed their training session and watching their leaders trying to score goals. They especially enjoyed watching John having to do forfeits. Thank you to Jason and Jonathan for giving up their time.

The Beavers were busy rehearsing in November for the Traditional Nativity Play held at the beginning of December. Although short in duration the enthusiasm of the Beavers was clear and the play was enjoyed by all the parents and others who watched.

Finally to round off the year we had the annual Scout group Xmas Party with the traditional games of Santa, Reindeer and Snowmen followed by refreshments. Thank you for all the helpers. We had less numbers than usual as we were hampered by the sickness bug that was going round the school. The 57 who attended had a great time. The leaders are now planning for the spring term for next year, watch this space!
Jennifer Michie



Stoke Golding Football Club

We had our ever successful comedy night in November. A full house at the club saw 4 top comedy acts and Music from Stoke Golding's own Deliverance. A great night was had by all . Our next comedy night is booked in for Friday 27th March from 7pm sharp!. 4 more acts from the national comedy circuit, and (hopefully) more from Deliverance.....

Tickets available from the Stoke Liberal Club and Stoke Golding FC members (over 16s) and still only £10..

We also had our Christmas Training session, where all the teams received selection boxes and the parents enjoyed bacon baps and had a mulled wine or two. Thanks again to everyone who helped out on this lovely morning , without you all, it couldn't happen. Various children against adult games went on with some memorable saves from Ruth Fisher...!!! (pretty sure Martin didn't score past her either....go Ruth!)

On the football side, the teams have been playing their Leicestershire fixtures, with a couple of stand out results. The under 9's have kept 3 clean sheets on the bounce against the likes of Barwell and Hinckley United, with a fine hat-trick from Edwin Gosling in one game. Well done guys!!

The Under 10's have also had fine displays against local rivals Market Bosworth and Hinckley United coming out on top in both games.

We are looking forward to all the teams progressing as the season goes along, long may little old Stoke Golding keep surprising the locals!!

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club

The Fool on the Hill

Onward and upward.....

It is the 3rd of January and I am sitting in a post lunchtime haze brought on by a visit to our local hostelry. My single New Year resolution is already a smoking ruin. This I put down to a strange and as yet unnamed, speech malfunction that causes bar staff to hear “ a Tomato Juice and the Salad please” as “two pints of Old Goat Botherer and the full roast of the day”.

In my mellowed state I contemplate our bargain Christmas tree. It suffered a mild attack of arboreal Alopecia around Boxing Day but it now seems to have entered a terminal phase. The lounge carpet has a thick layer of decaying pine needles which will, no doubt, still be appearing in the Dyson at August Bank holiday. The absence of the retaining power of the needles has resulted in the various baubles adorning the tree falling off like a horde of bejewelled lemmings. It is obviously appropriate to call time on Christmas and restore the house to its normal state. This task has a cathartic effect that concentrates your mind on the year ahead. Removing the decorations and lights sparked a mass drop off of the remaining needles and I arrived at the rear door carrying something that resembled the skeleton of a prehistoric fish.

About this time the little one appeared and in the manner of 5 year olds the world over, threw down the gauntlet for a one off, life or death, winner takes all, game of snakes and ladders. The local primary school is unstinting in its praise of her mathematical skills but it did seem to me that she would misread the number of spots on the dice by a factor of plus or minus one each time her counter approached the head of snake or the bottom of a ladder. Perhaps it was my impaired state, but I was roundly thrashed in a very short space of time and my offer of a rematch was rejected in favour of a Disney video.

As I returned the playing pieces to the box, I was struck by the thought that Snakes and Ladders is a perfect metaphor for life. We make our way slowly through life, sometimes throwing a six but mostly creeping forward with ones and twos. Then, joy of joys, fate hands you a ladder to move forward at a rate that you could only dream about. Just when you think things can only get better, someone puts the serpents head in your way to bring you down to earth again. But the beauty is that the bottom of the snake puts you in a position to enjoy the elation of a ladder again and the memory of the snake reminds you that success and failure are never far apart. If you keep playing the game and persevere, sooner or later you will get to the top.

May your 2015 bring you many more ladders than snakes.



Hair 2 Bare *Advertorial*

If the very idea of waxing brings tears to your eyes, think again and think professional. An expert based on the Leicestershire/Warwickshire border has the training, technique and specialist products to make the experience easy on the skin as well as on the eye.

Keeley Roberts runs a deluxe waxing service Hair2Bare from a private salon in her own home in the village of Stoke Golding and has built up particular specialism in 'extreme waxing', treating the most intimate parts of the body for both men and women.

Previously a beauty therapy all-rounder, Keeley took the highest level training in waxing with the renowned leader in the business, Kim Lawless, and uses high quality products to achieve her perfectly hairless results.

That means that for sensitive areas – not only the intimate ones but those on the face and underarms – she uses a non-strip hot wax from Perron Rigot which effectively shrink-wraps the hairs, enabling them to be removed less aggressively. For larger areas like the chest and legs she uses the best hot strip wax available. She prides herself on being super-professional and putting clients at ease so they truly trust her.

"It is really lovely to get good feedback and that is what I am looking for," she says. "I am only as good as my last wax! I am all about quality."

Hair2Bare at 10 Convent Drive, Stoke Golding CV13 6JF can be contacted on 01455 213269 or 07415 930381. The website is www.hair2bare.co.uk



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For more information please call Rebecca on 07866 298870.

Dadlington Matters

Richard III in Dadlington

Sunday 22nd March

Your Invitation to be part of Royal History

- ◇ On Sunday 22nd March King Richard III's cortege will stop at St. James' Church and The Green, Dadlington for a short service en route to Leicester.
- ◇ This is to mark burials around St James' of many of the fallen from the nearby battle of Bosworth. Everyone from nearby villages is welcome to come to Dadlington to experience a unique royal and historic event. Parking will be signposted outside the village and people are invited to walk to Dadlington and wait on the village green.
- ◇ Prior to and during the arrival, service and departure of the cortege the public will be requested to provide an atmosphere of dignity and respect. A guard of honour will be provided by students from St Martins.
- ◇ After departure, food and drink will be available, including hot dogs and a bar in marquees and teas in the Village Hall. Artwork produced by local children will be on display. Morris Dancers will perform on the village green.
- ◇ You will be able to visit the historic church where there will be an exhibition of historical records relating to the 1485 battlefield. A local guide will be available to answer questions about King Richard's eventful life and the burials in the churchyard.
- ◇ Detailed timings for the arrival of the cortege are yet to be announced and will be confirmed in the next issue of the Stoker.

Pancake Supper in Dadlington - Your Invitation

From 7pm Saturday 28th February

John & Jill Whitehead invite everyone to a pancake supper from 7pm on Saturday 28th February. Funds raised will be split between organ repairs at the historic church of St James and new crockery at the village hall.



Come to our home, Lost & Found, in the courtyard behind 15 Main Street, to enjoy both sweet and savoury pancakes.

Please assist catering by advising numbers, either by e-mail to [jf_whitehead @ hotmail.com](mailto:jf_whitehead@hotmail.com) or telephone 01455 213244.

Christmas Carols at the George & Dragon



Dadlington residents John Walliker, Simon Rees-Jones and Keith Morton were in good voice at the carol singing night at the George & Dragon.

The evening was great fun with a packed pub, mince pie competition judged by Revd. Linda Blay (won by Geoff) and lots of community carol singing. It raised just over £100 for Hinckley Homeless Shelter.

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library service will recommence in January 2015, with one visit in each community in January and fortnightly visits from February onwards. Regular customers will be contacted by telephone and the new timetable is now on the Parish notice board.

Theresa Case - Parish Clerk

What's On



G N WESTERN CONNECTION

LINE DANCING CLASS
for complete beginners (no partner needed)

Starts on Tuesday 10th February
at Stoke Golding Club, Hinckley Road
From 7.00 - 7.45 pm cost £4.50
Get fit, make new friends, have fun!
tel: Glenis 01455 212189

Stoke Golding Football Club

Comedy Night



Friday 27th March 7pm sharp
Tickets cost £10 - available from
Stoke Golding Club and
Football Club members

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th at 7.30pm
Service at St. Margaret's Church

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Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday February 7th
10am - 11.30am
For Mission Funds

What's On



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

"Cherish the past, protect the future"



February Meeting

To start this year's programme Sylvia Whitworth, Chair of Burbage Heritage Society, will be giving a talk on A J Pickering the local businessman, politician, historian and benefactor who was one of the leading members of the Hinckley community in the early part of the 20th Century. The talk will take place in the Baxter Hall on Thursday February 19th starting at 7.30pm. There will be a nominal charge of £2.50 for non-members.

Roy Mitchell

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Stoke Golding Parish Council have invited John Preston from the Rural Communities Council to give an introductory presentation on neighbourhood planning followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

The meeting will start at 10am on Saturday 28th February at The Baxter Hall.

Neighbourhood planning empowers communities to shape the development and growth of a local area through a production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. It will establish planning policies for the development and use of land in the neighbourhood.

Examples of what local communities will be able to do include:

Choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built.

Have their say in what those new buildings should look like.

Grant planning permission for those new buildings they want to see go ahead.

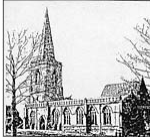
All residents are invited to come along.

The Parish Council are considering producing a plan for Stoke Golding with the involvement and support of the village community.

Leaflets outlining more details of what a Neighbourhood Plan is will be available at the Meet your Parish Councillor coffee morning on the 17th January which is being held at The Methodist Church hall.

Cllr Sarah Beale

Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

The beginning of this month, 2nd February, brings us the festival of Candlemas, or, to give it its full title, 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.' It's exactly 40 days after Christmas Day and it officially marks the end of the Christmas season.

In New Testament times, 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy; it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, Jesus' mother, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child, to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time she, as a new mother, was 'purified'.

The Temple was a busy place, full of people, noise, bustle and animals too – this was where they were sacrificed. We think of churches today as peaceful places, but this was anything but.

Through all that noisy throng, came the little family. Mary, Joseph and Jesus. There was absolutely nothing about them to single them out. There must have been many other families there just like them. And yet, two elderly people, regulars at the Temple, spotted them and responded in the most extraordinary way to their presence. Simeon and Anna recognised Jesus as no ordinary child, but as the 'Light for revelation and... the glory of Israel' This child will be a light in the world, they said. This is where 'Candlemas' comes in - early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name "Candlemas".

We celebrate Candlemas in our churches on the nearest Sunday, which this year is 1st February. We would love you to come and join our celebrations, as, with the glow of candlelight, we remember that Jesus is the light of the world for each and every one of us, and we remember God's presence with us, lighting up our lives.

Wishing you all God's blessings

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.



Big & Small Church

St. Margaret's Big & Small Church
3rd & 4th Sunday of the month
from 10.30am at the Baxter Hall.

Church Matters

Church of England February 2015 Services St Margaret's Church

1st	10.30am	All Age Service
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service Dadlington
15th	10.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	6pm	Morning Worship

Church of England February 2015 Services St James's Church

1st	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service
15th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
22nd	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

The Methodist Church February 2015 Services

1st	10.30am	Mr Malcolm Lapper
8th	10.30am	Revd. Wes Hampton
15th	10.30am	Mr Neville Spark
22nd	10.30am	Mrs Pat Starbuck

Zion Baptist Chapel February 2015 Services

1st	6pm	Malcolm Welch
8th	6pm	Steven Connor
15th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
22nd	6pm	Martyn Owens

St Margaret's Snowman Festival

Thank you to all those who decorated the church and gave their time by baking, giving prizes and serving the refreshments, washing up and manning the stalls. Thank you also to all our many visitors who supported us.



Best Snowmen, as voted by our visitors, made by

- ◇ Toby (please could his parents ring Margaret on 212387 to claim his prize),
- ◇ Isabella
- ◇ Jessica

Group display: Robin Hood Play School, Nursery, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, Mums & Tots, Big & Small Church.

Best Colouring: Imogen & Libby

Number of Snowmen in the Church: 203 - Sam & Harriet guessed the exact number

BETH'S CORNER

Clive Wright

I spent a very interesting morning getting to know Clive Wright, the new Principal of St. Martin's Academy. He wasn't what I had expected the Headmaster of such a highly successful college to be. After I was signed in and given my ID a much younger man than I had anticipated, with an infectious smile and warm handshake came through the glass reception doors to welcome me. Now in his study, comfortably seated opposite each other, I begin to realise how many interests we share. Firstly, a strong Christian faith and also a special love for Missions. The Dominican Order of teaching Nuns founded St. Martins in Stoke Golding in 1963. The Order originally came from King Williamstown in South Africa, and in July 1891 founded St. Dominic's School for young African girls in the capital of Zimbabwe, which is now called Harare.



Opening my notebook I ask my first question: "Where do you come from originally Clive?" His answer is a surprise. "I was born in Harare. This is one of the reasons I'm convinced I am meant to be here at this school which was originally founded at my place of birth." His enthusiasm for the school is infectious. "I've taught in some fine schools around the Midlands, but there's something special here. It's as if the school has been covered with prayer for many years. I've also got a wonderful team around me, and I love the village." Clive's family had been in Africa for at least a couple of generations. Both his father and grandfather had been water diviners, and worked for the local government finding water with their peach-wood instruments, telling the engineers where to drill for the water supply. "Wow- I never knew this really happened." The family came to the UK when he was nine, and settled in Sutton Coldfield. After university in Lancaster and teacher training college, he taught in many excellent schools. Clive's wife, Rebecca, is a Hospice Nurse, and he has four much loved children, ranging from 20 to his youngest at 11yrs. The family home is in the beautiful cathedral city of Lichfield.

Now I begin to hear all the plans for the future. The pupils will all be actively involved in the Richard III procession in March, with two of the seniors participating in the service at Leicester Cathedral. Further plans include 'Connecting Classrooms' a project financed and encouraged by The British Council. One of the staff is going out to Harare to make the connection with St. Francis School out in the bush, and then to an even more remote and deprived village school, planning for a September 'outreach' for the students of our fairly affluent Stoke Golding. Having been in short term missions myself – I'm thrilled.

Finally, plans are already in motion for new classrooms behind the existing building, and, unbelievably, a real theatre, with its stage and sound and lighting systems. This is the third passion I share with Clive Wright – drama. He now has a Drama Teacher on the staff, giving a focus to the Performing Arts to the existing curriculum. These plans are all so exciting. I ask him to give me a quote to encapsulate his vision.

“My vision is to create a school where every child will receive the highest education, founded on a Christian ethos, with a Liberal Arts and Academic teaching.”

Thank you Clive – I’ve loved getting to talk with you, and sharing your enthusiasms. I know your time at St. Martin’s will be blessed.

Beth.

ESMERALDA THE THREE HORSESHOES GHOST.

Last month we featured in the magazine Mr W.T. Hall MBE of Park House who was Stoke Golding’s most respected historian. The story of Esmeralda the Three Horseshoes ‘ghost’, is well known to most village people. She was reputed to be a gipsy girl who was drowned in a well at the back of the pub in the early part of the 20th century, but who she was exactly, is unknown. In 1928 and 1940 Mr Hall investigated all records of the village and hand typed his book of which it is believed only three copies exist. It was never published as such and only his family were aware of the contents. However, Mr Hall’s research did uncover a most remarkable coincidence in the story of Esmeralda. In 1397 a Stoke woman named Joan Roger did indeed fall into a well in the garden of William Wryhte and was drowned. These facts are all recorded in the Coroner’s Rolls of that year which record is reproduced below. Could Esmeralda really be Joan Roger who died some six hundred years before and who took all that time to make her presence felt? One of the jurors in the case was a John Barton. Was he the brother of our own Thomas Barton who founded our village Thomas Barton Charity. ?

Woman found drowned at Stoke, 1397. Inquest taken at Stoke, on Friday in the Feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Msrtyr, 20 Richard II, before John Wychard, coroner, upon the view of the body of Joan Roger, wife of Robert Roger of Stoke, by four of the neighbouring villages, viz:- Hynkelegh, Wykyn, Hygham and Barwell, by the oath of John Purlegh, Stephen Page, John Wareyn, Richard Coupere, John Hedke, Henry Pieres, Richard Bayly, John Marshal, Thomas Barker, William Flanville, Roger Cokke and John Barton, who say that the said Joan went to draw water out of a certain well in the garden of William Wryhte of Stoke, and by misfortune fell into the said well so that she was drowned on Thursday next before the feast abovesaid, no one being about. Thomas Gardiner first found her, who came before the Justices itinerant John Bareyn and Richard Gylefor. (Roll 60 m.5).

Denis Cash

Stoke Golding WI

After a festive meeting in December we started the new year with Judy Peatfield telling us about the history and working of the Concordia theatre. Some of our members help out at the theatre and many of us go to the performances so we have some involvement already. Visits are planned to see Fiddler on the Roof, Grease and Guys and Dolls. However, it was good to reminisce over all the changes that had taken place since the theatre opened in 1972. We remembered the seats coming from the old cinema and the fundraising to get started. Judy showed us a picture from the archives of Eartha Kitt outside the theatre. Eartha arrived in a Rolls Royce, which she had insisted upon. Norman Wisdom was another early visitor. Nowadays it is home grown talent that returns to the Concordia, as many young people get their chance to learn a craft at the theatre and pursue it professionally.

Ending 1

Next month's meeting is on 11th February at 7.30 in the Methodist Church Hall when Mary Daile will tell us about her experiences as a store detective. Visitors and new members welcome.

Anne Fullager

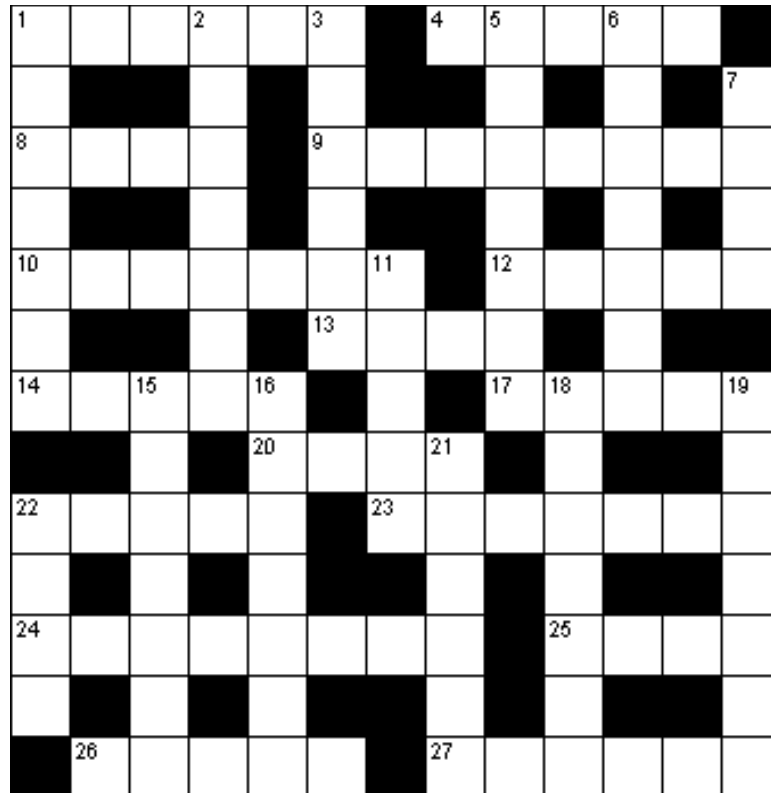
Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh

Many thanks to all who contributed to our collections. Thanks also to Dodge who drove the sleigh around.

The following organisations have benefited: Stoke Golding Village Hall, Dadlington Village Hall, Robin Hood Playschool, Flower Show - childrens' section, Cubs and Scouts, Junior Football and Good Companions.

Thanks from the Sleigh Committee

Crossword



Clues Across.

1. A group of 14 Across (6)
4. A wide Outlook, or a U.K. Charity (5)
8. A Queens bird (4)
9. A game bird (8)
10. Fleas, bugs,ants etc (7)
12. Spike on a rose (5)
13. Ladies Asian dress (4)
14. A bird that goes before "Bumps" or "Step" (5)
17. Small keepsake or coin used instead of money (5)
20. The most common Squirrel (4)
22. African horned heavy animal (5)
23. A conductor stands on one (7)
24. Exotic pink bird (8)
25. Sacred Egyptian bird (4)
26. One of Alfred Hitchcocks, about birds (5)
27. Alternatives (6)

Clues Down.

1. Young of 14 Across (7)
2. Males of 14 Across (7)
3. British abroad (6)
5. Garden bird, with black cap (4&3)
6. Stately home bird (7)
7. A top public school (4)
11. Someone who puts away money (5)
15. Japanese paper folding (7)
16. Self Conceit (7)
18. Large bird can run fast but not fly (7)
19. Greek Goddess of retribution (7)
21. What a Pirate says with a bottle of rum (2,2&2)
22. A crack or opening (4)

Answers on page 26

Parish Council Notes - Parish Council Notes - December 2014

Roy Mitchell commented on the LLITM Model; his research, and a proposed meeting to discuss the issues with regard to rural roads.

Cllr Ward reported on a meeting with St Martin's Catholic Academy to agree access for contractors, to build new classrooms, via the unadopted road next to the school kitchens. Also the traffic calming measures next to the school have been modified as requested.

Matters arising from November's Meeting:

Crime Report for November – one theft of a vehicle and one burglary.

High Street - the hole has been repaired. The Traffic Management Team of LCC is investigating parking on the bend and will contact us in due course.

Speed Hump - has been modified and the crossing completed. Some snagging of kerbs still necessary. *Wicksteed* - has carried out a modification to the chest press, but has caused damage to the field with their vehicle.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications: 75 Hinckley Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling. 112 Sherwood Road - erection of a dwelling – access concerns. Cllr Mayes to contact HBBC to obtain more detailed layout.

Permission granted: St Martin's Convent - work to trees.

Withdrawn: 24 Pine Close - convert existing detached garage into two storey annexe.

Cllr Ward stated that the planning officer has recommended refusal of the gypsy site on Rogues Lane.

Neighbourhood Plan:

A meeting will be held with John Preston of the Rural Communities Council on 9th December 2014, to receive some initial guidance before making a decision on whether to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Morris Homes:

A meeting will be held with Morris Homes on the 9th December to view the revised scheme and to consult further. Housing for the elderly was discussed.

Recreation ground pathways:

The pathway around the village hall is complete. The pathway around the field will be completed when the ground is firmer.

Ground maintenance review:

Cllr Pegg reported that the specifications for tender should remain the same; any minor additions can be added once the contractor has been agreed.

Any other business:

The recycling bins at the recreation ground could be re-sited on the rough ground near the gate, to free up more car parking space.

Cllr Mayes requested that the project to replace trees on Sherwood Road and the horse chestnut tree at the recreation ground be completed before the end of the council term. Clerk to follow up the offer of a young horse chestnut tree from a resident. Clerk to contact HBBC to enquire if this is possible.

Cllr Beale stated that if it was decided to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan she would be willing to head the project.

Next meeting: Methodist Church Hall, Wednesday 4th February at 7pm.

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By Order of the Trustees,

R. E. Fisher (Mrs) Clerk



Obituaries



OBITUARY PETER QUINNEY

Of Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully at home on 12th December 2014, aged 79 years. Beloved Husband of Annette Devoted Father of Catherine, Kelly and Dave. Father in law to Nigel and Dave. Adored Grandad of Chelsea, Claire, Sarah and Chris. Donations may be made in memory of Peter payable to "LOROS" and should be sent to G. Seller & Co Ltd., Funeral Directors, Hinckley.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 19)

Answers Across.

1. Gaggle. 4. Scope. 8. Swan. 9. Pheasant. 10. Insects. 12. Thorn. 13. Sari. 14. Goose. 17. Token. 20. Grey. 22. Rhino. 23. Rostrum. 24. Flamingo. 25. Ibis. 26. Films. 27. Others.

Answers Down.

1. Gosling. 2. Ganders. 3. Expats. 5. Coal tit. 6. Peacock. 7. Eton. 11. Saver. 15. Origami. 16. Egotism. 18. Ostrich. 19. Nemesis. 21. Yo ho ho. 22. Rift.

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