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# The Stoker

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

Ruth



## Note from the Editors

Jane



*Volunteering and the 'Big Society' are high on the political agenda at the moment, but we agree with Beth (page 4) that this is nothing new. Volunteers have been providing services and enhancing community life for many*

*years and this village can be very proud of all the 'unpaid' work that goes on here. Most people volunteer because they want to help and make the world a better place, but everyone who volunteers receives something back too, whether that be friendship, gaining confidence, learning new skills or just a sense of purpose. We wish all those volunteering to help Thomas go to America (facing page) every success in their fundraising and look forward to receiving updates on their progress.*

*Nearly every page of this Stoker includes examples of volunteering, from running sports and social clubs, church activities, charity fundraising events and of course the Stoker itself! Please keep sending details of all your community activities.*

*Jane & Ruth*

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## Get Thomas to America

Most of you will recognize Thomas Hughes zooming around on his three-wheeler bike. He rides around Stoke Golding with a smile on his face, running over peoples' feet if they are not looking! What a lot of people don't see is Thomas not on his bike. Thomas has cerebral palsy which has a devastating effect on his legs. This is both painful and disabling for him. Treatments available in the UK have been tried with little success. He has had Botox injections in his legs, he has had his legs set in plaster (which was very painful) and he has had intensive physiotherapy from the age of 2. As he has gotten older his body is growing but his tendons do not grow at the same rate. Something has to be done before he loses his mobility.

You may have read about Thomas in The Hinckley Times recently. There is a revolutionary operation in America which could change Thomas' life forever. The operation is called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy and involves a neurosurgeon going into Thomas' spinal cord and cutting some of the sensory nerves which are affecting his legs. The operation costs £40,000. Thomas is on a waiting list to hopefully have the operation in October or November 2011.

Thomas' friends are organising events to help raise the money for the operation that he so desperately needs. Fundraising is through Caudwell Children, a national registered charity. Confirmed events are:

- 06/08/11 – Coffee Morning, Methodist Church;
- 04/09/11 - Football Fun Day, Heather Football Club, near Ibstock;
- 11/09/11 & 12/09/11 – Pubathon (13 miles, 13 pubs);
- 18/09/11 - Zumbathon;
- 25/09/11 – Battlefield Tour on Crown Hill;
- 02/10/11 – Coventry Half Marathon including 'The Coventry Mile with Thomas' for all the family;
- 29/10/11 – Britain's Got Talent Evening Featuring 'The Full Monty' at Stoke Golding Club;
- 19/11/11 – Skittles Evening at Stoke Golding Club.

Also, every Saturday morning from 8.30am to 10.30am there is a 'Homemade Stall' on the driveway of Crown Hill Farm (at the bottom of Station Road), with lots of homemade treats.

Please see [www.getthomastoamerica.co.uk](http://www.getthomastoamerica.co.uk) for more information.

If you would like to help Thomas by organising an event please contact Kate or David on 01455 212405 or simply donate using [justgiving.com/thomas2walk](http://justgiving.com/thomas2walk).



# Correspondence



## Castlemead & Stoke Golding Action Group (CASAG)

I've written before about how proud I am of our local Pine Close surgery, with its friendly team of receptionists, always busy, but never without that personal touch for every patient. How fortunate we are to still have our VILLAGE! surgery and to have our dedicated GPs to take care of all our aches and pains. With all the political wrangling that's going on in Westminster about the future of the NHS, my heart warms with pride and delight at the dedication of everyone in the team, both here and at CASTLEMEAD.

On Saturday 11th June, there was virtually a 'full house' in Hinckley for the Open Day - dedicated to the study of 'Dementia'. Two memorably informative presentations were given by Dr. Dockrell and Dr. Patterson on this much needed subject with our ever increasing ageing population. They were joined for the second half of the morning by two members of the Alzheimer's Society who were also voluntarily giving up their Saturday. They were able to share where there were groups for Carers, as well as advice for patients and relatives from the local Leicestershire Dementia Adviser. We were also shown a very moving video as to the difficulties that families and patients have to face as the illness reaches its final stages. The loving care we witnessed in this short video was extraordinary and emotionally memorable.

The whole morning however, wouldn't have been possible without the voluntary dedication of the Patients' Action Group, based both here and in Hinckley. They were in at 9.00am to help get the chairs out, refreshments ready, filling the envelopes with all the information leaflets to be given as Welcome Packs to each person, and generally 'being there' to welcome and befriend. Behind the scenes and over many months they have also given up their evenings to discuss and plan. They made home-made gifts for the raffle as well as hustling many local business members in Hinckley to donate some very splendid presents. The raffle alone made £150... but the information and hope that morning must have spread amongst all those that came was beyond value.

Perhaps this is what is meant by "THE BIG SOCIETY"...?

*Sincerely, Beth Ellis*

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# Correspondence



I recently received the April and May editions of 'The Stoker' from my good friend Marice (Allen), which included her article about my family, and would like to add a few comments.

Sadly there are now only four of us of the original nine who left England in 1956. Myself, my brother Robert (Heel) and his wife Anne and my aunt Ruth Muir (nee Clifford). It is fair to say that not one of us ever regretted coming to Australia but I, certainly, have very happy memories of growing up in Stoke. On a recent trip to the U.K. Marice and I had a nostalgic trip back to the village and had great fun remembering the things we did when we were young. Our pleasures were certainly simple by today's standards but I consider it a great privilege to have spent my early years surrounded by the many benefits of country living. As I watch my own grandchildren growing up surrounded by computers, mobiles, I pods, Facebook and Twitter it makes me realise just how lucky we were.

Congratulations on 'The Stoker' - these will be sent on to my brother who now lives in Brisbane - and keep up the good work of ensuring that Stoke remains as it always was, a peaceful haven free from the tentacles of the urban sprawl.

*Jane Wilson, 56/170 Bardon Ave, Miami Q'ld 4220, Australia, (07) 5520 0473*



## **A Request to Dog Owners**

After a number of incidents in the village concerning large dogs chasing and even injuring smaller dogs, please ensure that your dog is under control in public places and secured safely in your own garden. The latest unfortunate incident occurred on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June when a large dog escaped from its (inadequately fenced) garden, dashed across the road and set upon a small dog, which was with its owner. The little dog had to have veterinary treatment and the elderly owner was extremely distressed.

*Name and address supplied*



## **Flower Tubs**

Once again the flower tubs in the village look lovely. Thank you 'Flower Fairies' for giving us so much pleasure.

# Past Times

The following document gives an idea of the value of everyday items 400 years ago.

## The Will of William Crook, 1641

A true Inventory of all the goods and Chattels of William Crooke of Stoakgoldinge in the County of Leicester, yeoman deceased, being taken and prised the first day of September Anno Domini 1641.

In his Purse and his Aparell: £10 – 0s – 0d  
In the Hall: two Tables two Formes three Chears two buffet Stooles 1 – 10 – 0  
Fyer Irons and A Solt Box and other Implements there 0 – 6 – 8  
In the Parlor: one Seeled Bedd with Furniture there to 4 – 10 – 0  
One Presse, 2 Coffers, 2 boxes, 1 Warminge Pann & other Implements 1 – 13 – 4  
In the Chamber over the Parlor: two Beds w[i]th furniture therto belonginge one Cradle & one Coffe w[i]th other Implements 1 – 10 – 0  
In the Butterie: foure Barells with other thinges there 1 – 13 – 4  
In the Chamber over the Hall: 1 Canopie Bedd, 2 Cheares and 1 Coffe 2 – 10 – 0  
Linen: foure pare of Faxen Sheetts 2 – 13 – 4  
Two pare of Hempen Sheetts 0 – 16 – 0  
Six pare of Hurden Sheetts 1 – 10 – 0  
Three pare of Flaxon Pillow beares, and A dusson and halfe of Flaxon Napkins and A dusson of Harden Napkins 1 – 7 – 6  
Three pare of corse Pillow beares and three corse Table Clothes 0 – 4 – 6  
2 Flaxen Table Clothes, 2 other Table Clothes with other Implements 0 – 16 – 4  
In the Cheese Chamber: Cheese there in 8 – 10 – 0  
Woole, Bread, Bacon Cheeseboards with other Implements 1 – 3 – 4  
In the Chichin: 4 brasse Ketteles, 1 Pott, 1 Posnett and 1 fyer pann 1 – 16 – 8  
3 Coules, 7 Peales, 1 kneadinge Trough, Fyer Irons and other implements 0 – 14 – 8  
In the dary house: one Cheese Presse, A Churme, five Kinnells and Shelves with other Implements 1 – 0 – 4  
In the backside: Coules 1 – 0 – 0  
In the Stable: Geares 2 Saddles & A Pillion and Cloth 1 – 1 – 4  
In the yarde: two Carts one Plowe one Harow & a Cart Rope 5 – 0 – 0  
Fire woode with two Troughes and other things about the well 1 – 5 – 0  
Two Hathers 0 – 3 – 4  
In the Barne: Wheate Barlie & Oates 21 – 0 – 0  
A little Pease Haufell 2 – 10 – 0  
All the heay upon his Grownde 8 – 0 – 0  
Two Mares and Foules, and a Filly 25 – 0 – 0  
Eygth Melch Cowes 24 – 0 – 0  
Three Heaffors 5 – 15 – 0  
Three weaninge Calves 2 – 0 – 0  
Eoyghteene (18) Sheepe 6 – 5 – 0  
Two Swine 3 – 0 – 0  
Foure Hives of Beesse 1 – 6 – 8  
**Suma totalis** £151 – 12s – 4d

*Denis Cash*

## The Arrival of the Animal Man

Members of Stoke Golding Youth Club had been eagerly awaiting the visit of Simon Airey, 'The Animal Man' and his collection of exotic creatures on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. In a presentation over two hours long, he informed and entertained us with facts and his awful jokes about his unusual beasts.

Everyone, kids and adults alike were encouraged to interact fully with: tarantulas, snakes, cockroaches, a giant rat, lizards, frogs, giant millipedes, a hedgehog, scorpions, some very lively locusts, and many other critters! Many children and adults overcame phobias of creatures they had always been afraid of.

Everyone who was involved had a fantastic time and we can't wait for him to visit us again! He may even bring some new creatures next time!

Many Thanks to the committee for organising this amazing night for us!

*Grace Deeming (12 years)*



## Birth Congratulations

Colin and Chris Whitmore are very happy to announce the safe arrival of their twin grandsons, Heath William (6lb 9oz) and Evan James (6lb 8oz) on 29th April 2011. First born children of proud parents Andy and Kirsty Danks (nee Whitmore).



## British Championships Success for Jordan

Twelve year old Jordan Thompson of Arnold Road is celebrating his success at becoming the proud owner of a silver medal after competing recently in the British Martial Arts Championships in Milton Keynes. This year's Annual Championships, organised by the British Council for Chinese Martial Arts, took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> May and drew competitors from clubs all across the country competing in a variety of classes.



Jordan picked up silver in the 'Weapons Form' category, performing a dynamic and skilful routine, using the traditional Chinese wooden staff, against competition from a variety of skilful young boys in the 10 to 12 years category. Earlier in the day he came just outside the medals in the 'Traditional Hand Forms' category in the face of stiff competition.

Jordan, who has been studying traditional Shaolin Kung Fu for a number of years, represents the 'Sil Lum Hark Fu Mun' club based in Bedworth. He achieved two Silver medals in the British Championships, including one for sparring in 2008 and regularly competes in club, local and National competitions.

### Peak Performance Training

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Stoke Golding village web site:  
[www.stokegolding.co.uk](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)



## **Breakthrough Breast Cancer**

*Concluding Rachel's article about breast cancer (the first instalment was in our June issue). Rachel has first hand experience of the disease.*

Nearly 46,000 women and 300 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and around 1,000 women die of the disease each month in the UK. The earlier it is found, the better the chance of beating it and I would urge everyone reading this to check their breasts regularly and report any unusual changes to their GP. Breast surgery is so advanced these days that a mastectomy doesn't have to be the end of the world. I had a 6 hour operation to remove, then reconstruct my breast all in one go and I can honestly say that my 'new' boob looks better than my old one! The worst thing about it all for me was the chemotherapy, administered over 5 months, which got progressively worse with each session. However, I must stress that life does return back to normal; you appreciate every single day of it and you get brand new hair! Being faced with your own mortality forces you to look death straight in the eye, realise that this isn't a rehearsal and re-evaluate your priorities. I love my life and actually think I am a better and stronger person for having gone through it all.

Breakthrough's way of carrying out medical research is unique – their scientists work closely with specialist doctors to turn breakthroughs in the lab into real patient benefit as quickly as possible. An example of this pioneering 'bench to bedside' approach was explained to me at the Edinburgh Breakthrough Research Centre when I was shown round their lab. It is literally one flight of stairs above the Breast Unit I was in, so that cancer cells removed in the operating theatre can be taken up to the Lab and examined under a microscope within an hour. Similarly, clinical trials enable ground breaking drugs to be developed in the lab quickly and cost effectively and made available to treat patients in record time. To date, Breakthrough has made tremendous inroads in the areas of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Breast Cancer as well as developing drugs that could also be helpful for up to 80% of prostate, ovarian, skin, womb and colon cancers.

I aim to raise at least £2011 this year through a variety of fundraising events. In January my two daughters, Sarah and Jennie, and I, along with Sarah's boyfriend Gareth, did the Great Winter Run round Holyrood Park in Edinburgh in sub zero temperatures. Last month Sarah organised a raffle and casino at her 21<sup>st</sup> party and raised £400 on the night and a couple of my friends completed the Great Manchester Run and have raised over £1000 in sponsorship. Sadie and Di completed the Hinckley Half Marathon and have raised 'loads of money' and I have entered the Great North Run in September and the Great South Run in October - the month in which I plan to hold a fund raising Ball in the village (date and venue to be confirmed) as it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

If you would like to make a donation, no matter how small, to Breakthrough Breast Cancer please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Rachel-Davies> or leave it with Liz in the Post Office.

*Thank you - Rachel Davies*

## Stoke Golding WI – June Meeting



Carol Smith from Shephed WI gave a most entertaining and very moving account of her search for her birth mother. She was adopted in 1948 aged one year and had a very happy life with her adoptive parents. In the 1990s her father gave her all the documents relating to her adoption, which prompted her to find out from whence she came. This led to a long and painstakingly thorough search by Carol and her husband, Derek, over many years. She found that her mother, Rose Ann Grey, was alive and well, living in South Wales. However, Rose did not wish to have anything to do with Carol or, indeed her past at all.

Through diligent research, Carol discovered that Rose had never been married, had lived in many places, always working and living as a domestic servant with the same couple and had had five children between 1936 and 1956, giving three up for adoption. Only the last child had the father named on his birth certificate and it was thought that the husband of the household was the other children's father.

This man also fathered two other children, (not by his wife whom he had then left), therefore making seven siblings or half siblings in total. Carol showed photographs of all her new found brothers and sisters taken together, except Brian, the eldest who had recently died.

Rose Ann was living with her last-born son when she died, never knowing her other children – or indeed wishing to know them.

Carol told her story of finding her six siblings she knew nothing about with great humour - a really entertaining evening, after which everyone enjoyed strawberries and cream with homemade shortbread provided by Wendy Walliker and Jean Buckby.

### Cambridge Day Trip Outing

The WI has organised a coach day trip to Cambridge on September 3<sup>rd</sup> leaving Stoke Golding Club at 9.am and returning from Cambridge at 5 pm. There are seats available for anyone who wishes to go; both ladies and gentlemen are most welcome. For further details please ring Jan on 01455 212397.

*Hilary Smith*

### Dadlington Book Club

"Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel generated good discussion on some very varied topics such as the Solar System, the Catholic Church, father/daughter relationships and letter writing!

Next choice - Bea - "The Map that Changed the World" by Simon Winchester.  
Thursday June 30th 7:30pm

Then - John - "The Hare with Amber Eyes" by Edmund de Waal.  
Thursday 1st September 7:30pm.

New members welcome. Contact John Whitehead tel. 213244.

# Dadlington Matters

## Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June saw the Green at Dadlington transformed into a passable representation of a county cricket ground in miniature.

The teams of Dadlington and Stoke took to the field after the massive crowd had been royally entertained by the youngsters of the villages.

An experimental and somewhat complex scoring system was employed where runs were lost each time a wicket fell and the end result was multiplied by the inside leg measurement of the wicket keeper divided by the square root of the average wind speed in meters per second. Sadly for Dadlington this was all to no avail and once more Stoke managed the less complex objective of scoring considerably more runs. Thus the trophy was again awarded to Stoke and then promptly returned as the golden rule is that it can never leave its home village or a plague of caravanners will descend.

Actually a plague of vehicles did descend unannounced and we were treated to a parade of many vintage vehicles around the Green. I have absolutely no idea what it was all about but it did add to the general fun.

Despite all this, many people gathered to enjoy the sporting fare whilst consuming cakes and hot dogs washed down with a heady mix of tea, beer and Pimms. The afternoon was rounded off with a splendid set from our very own Route 66 who, once more, gave their time and considerable talent completely free of charge. We are most grateful to them.

Thanks to all who helped on the day, to those who generously donated raffle prizes and to our resident groundsman Mike for the pitch preparation. A special thanks to Steve from Sign Wizard for the advertising boards - but seriously mate, you need to work on the shirt!

The end result was that £700 was raised and donated towards research into Pancreatic Cancer. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.

Dadlington are already planning a winter session in the nets in readiness for next year's encounter.

*Graham Grimley*



## What's On

### St Martin's School Reunion

Leavers of 1963 to 2003



Saturday 9th July 2011  
Registration - 7.30pm  
Dinner time - 9pm  
Buses at Midnight



Disco thru the decades and dancing to 'The Net'

Non-uniform event, £10 including buffet

Email a school photo for the 'Rogues Gallery'  
([admin@st-martins.leics.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-martins.leics.sch.uk), name, form & year group please)

Pre-book tickets by cash or cheque from  
(payable to St. Martin's PTFA)

St. Martin's Catholic School PTFA, Stoke Golding,  
Nuneaton, CV13 6HT

Please send S.A.E or collect at Registration on the night

Support your old school through the 'Giving Machine',  
go to [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) for more details.

### Stoke Golding Village Hall - dates for your diary

**Centre Stage Events** – tickets will soon be available from Alan White,  
(01455 212416). Please ring him to register your interest.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Black Umfolosi 5 in Concert

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – B J Cole and Emily Burridge in Concert

Sunday, 4th December – Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – New Rope String Band in Concert

**Barn Dance** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

## Church Matters

### Zion Chapel Services

3rd July	TBA	7th August	S Foxwell
10th July	S Foxwell	14th August	J Todd
17th July	J Needham	21st August	R Cotton
24th July	W Richards	28th August	M Welch
31st July	TBA		

Services begin at 6pm  
Sunday School at 11am

### The Methodist Church Flower Festival Services

3rd July 10.30am Mrs Auriol Summers  
3rd July 6.00pm Mrs Joan Ledson

#### July Services

10th 10.30am Deacon Phillip Osborne  
& Rev'd Julie Minns  
17th 10.30am Mrs Helen Osborne  
24th 10.30am Mr John Marfleet  
31st 10.30am Rev'd Julie Minns

#### August Services

7th 10.30am Deacon Phillip Osborne  
14th 10.30am Mr John Askew  
21st 10.30am Circuit Service  
28th 10.30am Mrs Judith Cooke

### Methodist Church August Events

Saturday August 6th  
**Coffee Morning**  
10.00 -11.30

For the appeal to get  
**"Thomas to America"**

Saturday August 20th  
**Coffee Morning**  
10.00 -11.30  
For Church Funds

## Church Matters

### Methodist Church Flower Festival

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1st, 2nd & 3rd July

“For Your Holy Book we Thank You”

Friday & Saturday 10.00am - 6.00pm, Sunday from 12 noon

**Ploughman’s lunches** Friday & Saturday

**Cream Teas** Saturday

Various Stalls, Raffle & Tombola -Saturday



### St Margaret’s Church Flower Festival



“Walt Disney Presents”

Saturday 27th August 10am -5pm

Sunday 28th August 11.30am -5pm

Monday 29th August 10am - 5pm



Stalls in the school hall including cakes, jams, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, books etc.

Refreshments served everyday including ploughman’s lunches and cream teas

Everyone is most welcome to come and see the beautiful displays of flowers, there is no charge .

Free parking at the school

**Tots Church** is continuing to meet 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.

## Church Matters

### Church of England Services

#### St. Margaret's Church

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.30am	All Age Worship
10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham
17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Morning Worship
31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
7 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	All Age Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Benefice Service
21 <sup>st</sup> August	10.30am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Morning Worship

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

#### St. James's Church

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	United Service for St. James at Twycross Church
31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
7 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Benefice Service St. Margaret's Stoke Golding
21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

### St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap

Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays starting on 1st June



**10.30am -12 noon in Church**

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



## Message from the Rector at St Margaret's Church

As we begin the month of July, many of you will be looking forward to the summer holidays and the relaxation they will bring. In May, I went away to the Greek island of Rhodes, where I was able to relax, read several books, and go for lots of walks, exploring beaches as well as excavated ruins and an athletics track dated 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC.

There are still two or three weeks to go before the schools break up for the summer – which means there are tasks still to be done before we reach that point, and for many young people there is the anxiety of exams to be completed and results to be received. And there will be anxious parents as they sustain their children through testing times. We wish our young people all due success in the weeks ahead.

We have three church primary schools and one secondary school in the five parishes of The Fenn Lanes Benefice, all of which are blessed by the care and nurture of school staff for young people of all ages. The commitment and enthusiasm is clearly evident in both the daily routine of school life, and the many extra-curricula events that are put on throughout the year. The teaching profession deserves high praise for their dedication and care, and our thoughts are with all those involved in our local schools at this time.

Whether you are part of a school community or not, I hope that you will find time to rest, relax and reflect in these summer months – enjoy!

*May God bless you and be with you in whatever you do.*

*Linda*



*Coach House, Wykin Lane 1995*



## **Fifty Years**

Fifty years in July we moved into our new home,  
On a lovely hot summer's day,  
And greeting us here was a fluffy black cat,  
Who jumped off the railings and decided to stay.

In those days there were no standard lamps,  
And very few car owners in the lane,  
No heavy traffic to disturb the peace,  
And every house known simply by a name.

Next door the attractive old vicarage stood,  
Where in summer was held the annual garden fete,  
Stalls, gay bunting, teas and good produce to buy,  
A good time was had, we looked forward to that date.

That same summer the new village hall opened its doors,  
For the amenities of the villagers to enjoy,  
Shortly afterwards six bungalows were built on the corner,  
To house old people - for them what a joy!

The once dilapidated old vicarage coach house,  
Now transformed to a dwelling of charm,  
Behind, once stood a milking shed, now replaced by houses,  
Together with the long farm garden and hay barn.

Sadly, a number of ancient cottages have been demolished,  
Our lovely green pastures turned into housing estates,  
But several old houses and cottages,  
Have been renovated - all in good taste.

We now have a good doctor's surgery with dispensary attached,  
A new pleasant tree lined cemetery down the lane,  
A nice hairdresser, of our post-office we're not bereft,  
But six shops have gone, that were here when we came,  
Now Tony's newsagents and stores is the only one left.

Ray, the butcher called on us Wednesdays and Fridays,  
Snowy, the baker, left us nice crusty bread,  
Mr Ward delivered the milk, closely followed by first post,  
Along with lark song - while many were still abed.

Dear St. Margaret's, now enhanced with flood lighting,  
Inside a fresh wind blowing with a new format,  
Six resident vicars have passed through its portals,  
The latter three ladies - but we're now used to that!

The village has steadily grown, and grown deep my roots,  
Tho' sadly many old friends have passed on,  
But fresh young faces arrive, wreathed in friendly smiles,  
May they love the old village, as we have done.

*Peggy Holmes*



## OBITUARIES



We send our condolences to the families and friends  
of the following village residents

### Elsie Mayne

Elsie Mayne of Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully on 1st June aged 93 years. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond and a much loved mum to Michael and Sheila, and a devoted grandma to Mandy, Phillip, Stephen, Bonita, Liz, Sandra and David and was a loving great grandma. Elsie's funeral service took place at the Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton.

### Evelyn Dorothy Baxter

Evelyn, late of Hall Drive, Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully at Sapcote on 4th June, aged 91 years. She was the beloved wife of the late Horace and loving mother of Trevor, Robert, Stephen and the late Maureen, mother in law to Trevor and Catherine and a devoted nana and great nana. Eve's funeral took place at Nuneaton Crematorium and she requested no flowers but donations if desired in lieu to Kidney Research UK, c/o Mc Cartney's Funeral Services, 47 Coventry Road, Hinckley.

### **Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation**

At the next meeting of the Trustees of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation in October applications will be considered for awards to students.

In order to be eligible the following conditions must be met:

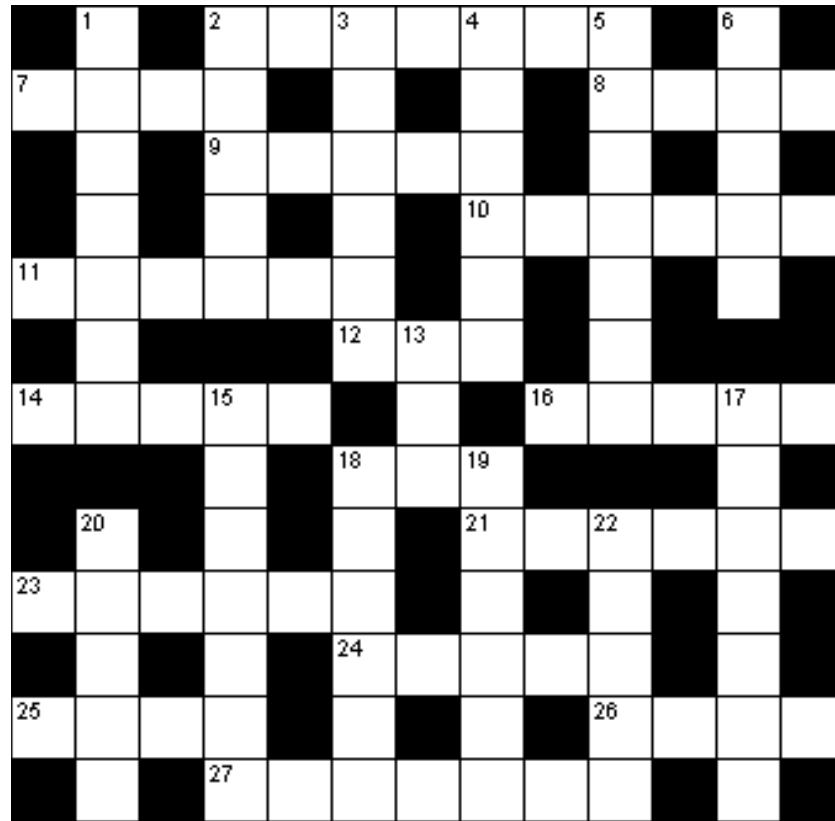
- a) Two years attendance at St. Margaret's C.E (Aided) Primary School, Stoke Golding
- b) Residence in Stoke Golding
- c) Attained the age of 16 years or more and be undertaking further education in the academic year commencing September/October 2011

Application forms may be obtained from the Post Office, the Middle Stores and A. Fullagar, 26 Wykin Lane (anne.fullagar@btinternet.com).

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar  
by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011.

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# crossword



## Across

- 2. Person that settles (7)
- 7. Disgusting (4)
- 8. This cheese is made backwards (4)
- 9. Interior, centre or middle (5)
- 10. Trader (6)
- 11. Hang loosely (6)
- 12. Not wet (3)
- 14. Mounted combat (5)
- 16. Transport (5)
- 18. Attach by stitches (3)
- 21. The tide is going out (6)
- 23. Rule (6)
- 24. Large cat (5)
- 25. Enormous (4)
- 26. Female sheep (4)
- 27. Member of a senate (7)

## Down

- 1. Vent in the earth's crust (7)
- 2. Toss (5)
- 3. Lightly coloured (6)
- 4. Arrogant like a peer (6)
- 5. Boat race (7)
- 6. Worries (5)
- 13. Regret (3)
- 15. Arm coverings (7)
- 17. Gave new title (7)
- 18. Darkening of the skin by sunlight (6)
- 19. A measure of the affect of gravity (6)
- 20. Counterfeit (5)
- 22. Tree insect (5)

Solution on page 22

## Stoke Golding Parish Council - May Meeting

**Multi Play Slide repair:** An alternative company to be obtained for its repair.

**Football Club** thanked the Parish Council for its quick response in arranging EON restoring electricity to the Pavilion.

**Hinckley Road and Main Street jitty:** LCC Highways to be contacted, reference unrepaired gate and dangerous overgrown hedges.

**Battle of Bosworth's site, new location:** Battlefield Centre looking at setting up a conservation area, meeting on 19 May to gather views on what people want. Members of Heritage Group and Parish Council to attend.

**St Margaret Road parking:** Concerns passed to the Parish Council about problems caused by the heavy volume of cars parked on this road.

**Mar City** requested attending June meeting.

**Village Hall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** The weekend was a great success and thanks were given especially to Doreen and Annette for their planning and decorations to the hall. Dance on 7<sup>th</sup> May was excellent and enjoyed by everyone, and on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Open Afternoon with displays and events, the hall was packed to the rafters.

**Clock:** Thomas Barton Trustees to oversee changing of clock's time.

**Parish and Community Initiative Fund:** Stoke Golding Parish awarded a £3899 grant towards the Young Children's Play Area improvement scheme. Match funding to be sought.

### **Planning Application Matters:**

**Permissions granted:** 36 Station Road felling of weeping willow.

**Refusals:** Parish Council welcomed the dismissal of the Morris Homes Appeal to develop land at Sherwood Road, but considered the decision would have implications on the production of revised Site Allocations DPD. A letter to be sent to Simon Wood, Head of Planning, HBBC, stating it was still the view of the PC that a green wedge be created between Stoke Golding and Dadlington to maintain existing separation.

**Election of Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Ward was appointed for a further term as Chair and thanked everyone for their support. Cllr Terhegge was appointed for a further term as Vice-Chair.

**Co-option of council members:** After discussion and confidential ballot, persons elected were Chris Pegg, Rodney Brown and Ruth Fisher. David Goodsell was thanked for his interest shown in standing as a Councillor.

**Establish committees and members:** New Cemetery – Cllr Pegg; Village Hall – Cllr Terhegge and Cllr Brown; Planning Applications – Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Mayes; Green Space Convent Site – Cllr Pegg; Magazine – Cllr Fisher and Cllr Terhegge; Sports Sub-committee – Cllr Pegg.

**Financial Officer:** Clerk appointed.

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(Parish Council Notes continued from page 20)

**Review matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting:** Parishioners welcomed the work that had been done on behalf of the village and by all involved with the Morris Homes Appeal. This had been a good community effort. The Parish Councillors were thanked for all they did for the village.

**Dog Bins:** Refurbishment programme and door lock repairs to be investigated.

**Christmas Lights:**

Thomas Barton Charity wished to donate Christmas lights for the centre of the village. Parish Council stated: would these detract away from the Christmas Tree, would the village people really want them, where could these be positioned?

Thomas Barton Trustees to be asked for their suggestions. £100 donated from the White Swan Sleigh fund for new Christmas tree lights for this year.

Concerns were noted on the removal of hedgerows and trees from a local field, possibly destroying vegetation during the active growing and nesting season and disturbance of a badger sett.

**Next meeting – Village Hall: Wednesday 6th July 2011 at 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](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

Notes by Jill Jones - Parish Clerk

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**Crossword solution.**

**Across:** 2. Settler, 7. Foul, 8. Edam, 9. Inner, 10. Dealer, 11. Dangle, 12. Dry  
14. Joust, 16. Carry, 18. Sew, 21. Ebbing, 23. Govern, 24. Tiger, 25. Huge,  
26. Ewes, 27. Senator.

**Down:** 1. Volcano, 2. Sling, 3. Tinted, 4. Lordly, 5. Regatta, 6. Cares, 13. Rue,  
15. Sleeves, 17. Renamed, 18. Suntan, 19. Weight, 20. Bogus, 22. Bore.



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