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Stoke Golding Village Magazine

including

Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

Stoke Golding and Dadlington certainly did their best to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, despite inclement weather. You can read about some of the events and activities as well as see a few of the photos in this month's

Stoker. How about another 'Big Lunch' next year to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's actual coronation?

There are plenty more varied events and activities to enjoy over the next two months including our very own music festival (see 'What's On' p.11).

We are really looking forward to going along to as many as we can.

Don't forget that this is a double edition covering July and August, so we will be back in September. Let's hope we can all enjoy a little bit of summer before then. Do send us your photos and articles ready for September's edition.

Jane and Ruth

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Front cover - Having Fun at Dadlington's Big Lunch.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Big (cold and wet) Jubilee Lunch

Why is it that whenever Stoke Golding plans an outdoor event it is always freezing cold with pouring rain and gales? Hinckley Road was ready for the Big Day; it was to be closed from traffic and beautifully decked in red, white and blue bunting and Union Jack flags. Picnics were prepared with extra special food and hundreds of us were looking forward to a 'bit of a do' to celebrate the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We had in mind a warm, sunny June day with tables lining the road, community games, dancing and entertainment. The weather, however, had other plans for us and after a night of continuous rain it was decided to hold the event at the village hall instead. Tables and chairs were quickly put out, the band set up on stage, bunting, flags and balloons were hung on the walls and a gazebo was erected outside – just in case it dried up enough to use it. The hall looked amazing and about 200 people managed to squeeze in and enjoy the occasion together. Children proudly paraded their home made crowns, the Conscriptis and Zany J provided musical entertainment and we even managed a squashed barn dance once the eating was over and some tables were put away. Another large group of people celebrated together at the Club, enjoying an impromptu 'Royal Quiz' thanks to Ben Burgess, and some Zumba with Claire Ashley. The next day dawned – dry with even a hint of sunshine!



Jane White



Zumba at The Club



Winning crowns

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Sixty Years in Stoke Golding

A great big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our exhibition so successful – preparing the displays and being on hand to answer questions. The organisations and interests represented on Saturday 2nd June showed what a thriving and active community there is in Stoke Golding with an amazingly wide range of interests and skills. This was a great reflection of Stoke Golding over the past 60 years and it brought back lots of happy memories for many people.

Thank you very much to the Methodist Church for providing the use of their hall – and in particular to the band of ladies who provided refreshments for visitors and participants alike. The hospitality of the Church was greatly appreciated. Last, but by no means least, a thank you to our visitors – who showed by their support and enthusiastic comments how much they appreciated 'Sixty Years in Stoke Golding'.



David Goodsell - on behalf of the Stoke Golding Heritage Group

Songs for a 'Summer' Evening

In their own words this was "a concert by Stanley Opera featuring a selection of music from Opera, Operetta, Musical Theatre, Films and Popular Classics", and what we got was what it said on the tin! As they say on Match of the Day, this was a concert of three halves. In the first half we were entertained with songs from a variety of sources that included both individual solos and chorus ensembles from the company. During the first interval volunteers served strawberries and cream and a glass of sparkling wine to both audience and participants. The second half commenced with a selection from the smash hit Les Miserables followed by a great rendition by Andrew Robinson of the song made famous by Paul Robson "Ol Man River". The second half concluded with a selection of songs from the "The Merry Widow". For the third and final half we all moved into patriotic mode with songs from Merrie England, then nostalgic mode with songs from the Second



World War period such as White Cliffs of Dover. We then went really patriotic with Rule Britannia including audience participation and synchronised flag waving and singing, all in our own key! The evening concluded with two great choral favourites Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah", followed by a moving version of "Tell me it's not true" from Blood Brothers featuring Debbie Dubberley.

This was an evening of lovely and varied music that kept the audience enthralled.

Roy Mitchell

Dadlington Matters

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Dadlingtonians marked the grand occasion of our Queen's 60 years on the throne in true village style. It was a real British celebration attended by about 160 villagers during the day for the Big Lunch and at least 100 revellers who danced the evening away to music from all of the past six decades.

The organisers of this event (aka The Diamond Belles) would like to thank the many people from Dadlington who helped make this such a memorable occasion for villagers of all ages. The Green was mown by a grand team who worked tirelessly for several hours to trim and clear the mown grass. Three marquees were erected to ensure that the event could carry on sheltered from the elements – this was a full day's work which obviously required a couple of rest breaks in the Dog and Hedgehog! Ladies of the village made sandwiches, cooked sausage rolls and baked cakes to provide a true feast for all. In fact enough food was made to feed the evening attendees too!

There is a shared thought that the beautifully decorated marquees evoked a greater atmosphere than the street might have done – but we will have to wait for another British celebration to test that theory!

Ray Gosling's wonderful opening speech brought back memories for many and informed others of times past in Dadlington. The children of the village were all presented with a special commemorative medal by the Parish Council (Sutton Cheney and Shenton youngsters have also been bought a medal) and they then planted a tree by the Village Hall to remember this great day.

Thank you to the Dadlington Village Hall Committee for funding the event, thank you to the Parish Council for buying the medals and thank you to those who turned out on Monday to clear away the debris from a very good party. But most of all - thank you everyone who attended our Street Party, for playing a part in this great village event.

Finally we wish Her Majesty many more glorious years reign on the throne.

The Diamond Belles



See more photos at:

<http://www.leicestershirevillages.comdadlington/gallery.html?page=1>

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Commemorative Mugs



Paul Spokes, Chair of The Charity of Thomas Barton, presented commemorative Diamond Jubilee mugs to every pupil at St. Margaret's School and Robin Hood Playschool.



*More Jubilee photos on
Stoke Golding's website*

Stoke Golding W. I. June Meeting

Crystal Healing, A Talk by Pamela Lenthall



We were given a very informative talk and we all got involved by choosing a crystal to remove negative issues. Pamela showed us how the body is divided into sections, all of which respond to different crystals, usually in colour as well as type. The crystals can help with specific problems - you would choose the crystal which relates to the section of the body where the problem is and hold it in your hand for 15 minutes or so and the problem should be relieved. It should be done regularly to provide relief.

We were handed a box of pendulums from which we could choose a crystal that we were drawn to. If we held the pendulum in the right hand and held it over the palm of the left hand we could instruct it; if we asked the crystal to say yes, it would go in a circle in either left or right, depending on yourself. Then we were told to ask it to stop, which it did, then to say no and it circled in the opposite direction. I have to say that I was a total sceptic, but was amazed when the pendulum actually moved as Pamela had said it would, even though I knew I was not moving it. Everyone in the room found it amazing.

The scope of this healing is very interesting and the talk was fascinating. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, finished off in style with a Jubilee themed supper with strawberries and cream. A very good evening was had by all.

Lesley Gent

Stoke Golding Cricket Club



The cricketers are delighted to announce that they have taken delivery of a mobile cricket net and the artificial wicket will soon also be in place. Many thanks to the Charity of Thomas Barton and friends of the cricketers who have made this possible.

Unfortunately, local young children (AND THEY ARE LOCAL – KNOWN YOUNG PEOPLE OF 8 OR 9 HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPOTTED) playing up at the rec have used the new frame and a plank of wood (that has appeared from somewhere) to climb up onto the pavilion roof. The three support bars have now been bent and this is before the nets have even been used!

This is desperately disappointing news for the cricketers after all their hard work and we would appeal for witnesses to provide names and addresses of the children who have been seen doing this damage. All information will be kept anonymous but will be acted upon.

Villagers should also be aware that CCTV has now been directed at the pavilion in an attempt to catch the culprits, please deter your children from further climbing.

Any information should be passed on to Tina Waters on 07809629690 or email: tinawaters999@vodafoneemail.co.uk

Thank you – on behalf of Stoke Golding Cricket Club.

'Celebrity Corner' - Terry Bailiss

"The Three Horseshoes" means Terry Bailiss or as he often likes to call himself 'Briggs'. They are inseparable. I asked him why the main bar was called 'BRIGGS' BAR' and this was when I discovered just one of the many interests of this complex character. Motorcycle racing champion Briggs MBE, is one of Terry's heroes. This explains why the 'FREE WHEELERS' was the charity chosen at the very successful Jubilee party at the weekend, which raised £520. I hadn't heard of the charity and Terry explained it was very new and covered both Leicestershire and Warwickshire, with a team of bikers who delivered medical drugs – including blood, for hospitals and clinics throughout the night and at any time out of hours. I wondered if the tragic death of his son Zach, might have given him this extra knowing and feeling for others' heartbreaks.

"Terry would you mind if I was to ask you about Zach. – it's something we both share – I lost my son too." There was no hesitation as he gave me the date of Zach's sad and far too early death at only 15yrs. The same age as my own grandson Josh, who knew Zach, and was the first to tell me the news. *"Yes Beth, November 23rd. 2006."* He showed me Zach's photo on his mobile, and glanced over to the bar. *"He would have been working alongside me here"*. Proudly he told me how John Cleveland College had invited him to a very special celebration of Zach's life, where they unveiled a bench with a plaque to remember this young pupil of theirs. Apparently (like many teenagers) he had a dislike for formal black school shoes and kept turning up in his white trainers. *"The school was always getting on to me, and I'd just bought him some new ones. They're still up there unused... All his mates at school turned up to the evening in their white trainers in memory of Zach"*, a small chuckle. I wanted to know so much more about this month's chosen 'victim'.

"Well I was born and bred in Shenton at the Post Office where my Mum was the Postmistress. We moved to Stoke and I've lived here around 30yrs. I learned my trade at the "Dog and Hedgehog" when I was 18, as bar/cellarman. When I was 23 I ventured down to Southsea with a friend and we opened a "Fish and Chip" shop." What next? "I came back to Stoke and went into haulage – but eventually back to my old love - pubs, and opened "The Horseshoes" on April 20th.2000, after it had been closed for 16 months".

I wanted to know what all the shields were for – how daft can you be Beth? – darts of course, whoever heard of a village pub without a darts team? The rest of the shields showed all the successes of 'The Biker' teams that met in Stoke.

There are many other adventures that would fill a book, but finally I wanted to know more about his fantastic Jubilee party that had been held in honour of our Queen. *"I bought a new marquee 70f. long. We had two live bands and I guess about 200 people came including children. The bouncy castle was a great success. At 7.30pm those who were left piled into the pub to watch the concert"*. I had watched it with friends, and marvelled at the 100,000 people they reckoned had crowded the Mall. And this was where I discovered another layer of Terry's diverse personality. *"At the end of the party we all toasted the Queen and sang The National Anthem! Was he a Royalist then? "Oh yes – bless her. What other nation would show their love and respect in those millions? Nowhere!"* Finally he insisted I mentioned: *"On behalf of Marion and myself, I just want to say how grateful we are to all those who came and helped us to make that £520 donation to The Free Wheelers. A VERY BIG THANK YOU"*.

This was an interview that I will remember with great fondness. *Thank you Briggs.*

Beth



Message from the Rector

On July 1st, our new curate, Hilary Surrige, is being ordained Deacon in Leicester Cathedral. It is a joy to welcome Hilary and her family to the Fenn Lanes Benefice, and a great privilege to be able to work with her as she begins her ordained ministry. I am sure we are all going to enjoy having Hilary with us and will benefit greatly from her many gifts. I am also very confident that the church and village communities will welcome her and give her all the encouragement and support she needs.

This will obviously be a new experience for Hilary, as it is for her husband Jonathan who is to be curate at St Mary's in Hinckley, and their two children. As curate, Hilary is here to continue her training in ministry, not as an 'extra pair of hands' for me. All newly-ordained ministers must spend a few years as a curate before taking on the responsibility for a parish, or moving on to some other kind of ministry. Hilary, in common with all beginning their ordained ministry, is first made a deacon, not a priest. A deacon is a member of the clergy, addressed formally as Reverend and wearing a clergy collar, but is not able to celebrate Holy Communion, pronounce blessings or absolutions, or (normally) conduct weddings. He or she can lead any other kind of service, preach, take funerals and baptisms, and do all the other things that might be expected of any member of the clergy. Almost without exception, a deacon is ordained priest after a year.

Hilary will probably be with us for three full years. Sometime in her fourth year, we will have to release her to her next appointment, whatever that might be. She comes to us with a wide range of experiences, and I am sure we will all enjoy getting to know her.

Wishing you God's blessing
Linda

Bird News – May and June

Two willow warblers have been in song at the Lychgate Fisheries. This wonderful habitat has also produced a lesser whitethroat, at least six whitethroats, two chiffchaffs, blackcaps and a number of stunning male reed buntings. A little owl can also be seen in the grounds, whilst a barn owl hunts around adjacent field margins. Hirundines - members of the swallow family - congregate in abundance, feeding on insects above the water, together with swifts.



It is hardly surprising that swifts and house martins should also be encountered around the heart of the village as these birds readily breed in houses with gable ends. One local resident "gripped me off" (birding jargon for envy) with his observation of a red kite. It was flying low over the village displaying all its characteristic features.

A few tawny owls continue to be heard calling around the heart of the village most evenings and early mornings though perhaps a little less vocal than they were during the winter period. I continue to see and hear ravens in a number of places though they do seem to have a preference for occupying the upper leafless branches of trees close to the track near Lodge Farm, as well as being frequent over Lychgate Fisheries.

David Abbott

Alas poor Yorick...

Having watched re-runs of *The Professionals* on Channel 4 to the point that I am word perfect with the dialogue, I decided to take the present Mrs Fool off to Stratford for a bit of culture. I did this in spite of my natural aversion to Shakespeare brought on by the need to dissect *Othello* to a molecular level for the purpose of passing an exam.

This would also be a chance to see how they had spent £113 million of my weekly investment in the National Lottery and since, in my humble estimation, the old building resembled a 1960's provincial fire station, I was eagerly anticipating my first glimpse of the new emporium. Sadly, all that seemed to have transpired was to reinforce the image of a fire station by building alongside the original structure what greatly resembled a fireman's practice tower. Perhaps the interior would compensate? Err... no. Whatever the blue sky thinking, world class delivering, value adding focus group who designed the interior was thinking of is a mystery to me. It just looks like some faux industrial retail outlet.

Why did they not follow the splendid example of London's South Bank and build a replica of the original Globe Theatre complete with a Tudor street? That's what the Americans and the Japanese tourists want to see. Instead the Arty Party that runs such ventures have had their way and catered to an insulated minority. Tradition is what sells to tourists, original Shakespeare in an original setting. Which brings me nicely on to the production.

It is my belief that Sir Walter Raleigh must have dropped round to see Will with some strange substance that he picked up, probably in Columbia, after which quill was put to parchment and the great man came up with *The Tempest*. There can be no other rational explanation for the plot. That having been said, it is an original work set around 1610 so why did the "luvvies" think that it would benefit from a few modern twists? I mean would the 17th Century King of Naples really have gone to his daughter's wedding in a Mustard lounge suit from Burtons? Would a naval Sea Captain of the period actually bear a strong resemblance to Captain Bird's Eye? I am surprised that they did not replace the character of Ariel with a bent wire coat hanger.

People come to this country to see its wonderful and rich heritage and it is best served unadulterated. A pint of Throckmortons Old Goat Tickler is in no way enhanced by the addition of a miniature parasol and a cherry on a stick, and so it is with Shakespeare. Just leave it alone and serve it up as it was meant to be. I am away to resume my studies. This time it's *The Sweeny*.



The Fool on The Hill

Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

What's On

* **St Margaret's Church Flower Festival** *
* Celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Charles Dickens *
* in *
* **'A Dickens of a Weekend'** *
* Ploughman's lunches and cream teas *
* Homemade cakes and pies, gifts, jams *
* Tombola, raffle. *
* Saturday 25th August 10am to 5pm *
* Sunday 26th 12pm to 5pm *
* Bank Holiday Monday 27th 10am to 5pm *

The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match
Dadlington v Rest of the World (AKA Stoke Golding)
Sunday 15th July at 2.00pm on Dadlington Village Green
Followed by live music from "Route 66"
Bar, hot food, tea and cakes



**Saturday
7th July
1pm till late**

LIVE MUSIC, STALLS, KIDS' QUAD BIKES, SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLE, RODEO BULL AND MUCH MORE. REAL ALE TENT, BAR, BBQ AND REFRESHMENTS
A FUN FILLED DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

If you can help with setting up on the day, please meet at the Recreation Ground at 9.00am on Saturday.
Let's make this the **outdoor** village event of the year...

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

We have our own website www.stoke-fest.co.uk you can email us at contact@stoke-fest.co.uk or phone (01455) 212132 for further details.

What's On

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding

1 st July	10.30am	All Age Service
8 th July	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
15 th July	10.30am	Holy Communion
22 nd July	10.30am	Morning Worship
29 th July	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham on the Hill
5 th August	10.30am	All Age Service
12 th August	10.30am	Benefice Quiet Day at Dadlington (inc service)
19 th August	10.30am	Holy Communion
26 th August	10.30am	Morning Worship

St. James's Church, Dadlington

1 st July	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
8 th July	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
15 th July	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
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26 th August	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

The Methodist Church

Starting at 10.30am

1st July	Deacon Philip Osborne
(Flower Festival)	
6pm	Revd. Andrew Murphy
8th July	Mr John Askew
15th July	Mr John Marfleet
22nd July	Mr Michael Holt
29th July	Revd. Julie Minns
5th August	Revd. Julie Minns
12th August	Deacon Philip Osborne
19th August	Mr Malcolm Lapper
26th August	Deacon Philip Osborne

Zion Baptist Chapel

Starting at 6pm

1st July	Wynne Richards
8th July	Reuben Gardner
15th July	Gordon Malpass
22nd July	Wynne Richards
29th July	Mark Menzfeld
5th August	John Needham
12th August	Richard Cotton
19th August	John Todd
26th August	Malcolm Welch
Sunday School at 11am	

What's On



Stoke Golding Club



Elvis Tribute Night – Date Correction

This will be held on **August 11th**

Not as billed in the flyer included in last month's Stoker.

Tickets - £6 each to include 2 free drinks

Cabaret Night and Charity Presentation 28th July at 7.30pm

Hosted by Philip Ray and **featuring a variety of entertainment**

For more information on both events contact Malc Watson 07831 691291

Or call into the Club

Methodist Church August Events

Saturday August 11th

Concert by

Gresley Male Voice Choir

7.30pm

Admission £6

to include refreshments

Saturday August 18th

Coffee Morning

10-11.30am

for Church Funds



Methodist Church Flower Festival "A Year to Remember"

Friday June 29th & Saturday June 30th

10am-6pm

Sunday July 1st from 12 noon

Ploughman's lunches Friday & Saturday

Cream teas - Saturday only

Raffle and Tombola

Various stalls

Garden Party

Hall Farm, Dadlington

Saturday 18th August, 3.00 - 5.00pm



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.

Correspondence

Dear Editors,

I would like, through your pages, to express my thanks to all who made the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Dadlington so special, Sunday 3rd June.

The official estimate was that 4000 photographs per second would be taken that day. I suspect Dadlington exceeded that expectation.

Thanks must go to Liz McKinder who brought along her photos of the Dadlington 1977 celebration, causing several of us to remember not only that day, but countless other village festivities and events. Thanks also to Charlie Frisby, whose thoughtfulness recorded those present. These two especially, showed how important it is to not only enjoy the moment, but to archive proceedings for future generations.

Once again thanks to all whose organisational skills made the day a success.

Linda Mayne, Parish Councillor, Sutton Cheney Parish Council, Dadlington Ward

Towpath along the Ashby Canal

Further to the item in April's Stoker, the Ashby Canal Association has had an on-site meeting with British Waterways (BW) staff to discuss the canal towpath between bridges 25 and 26 (Ashby Boat Company to Willow Park Marina). BW are anxious to improve this length, with additional visitor moorings, but are unable to proceed with a funding proposal due to the occupation of the bank by water voles. We were advised by an environmental consultant at the meeting that thorough mowing of the bank at the right time of year, coupled with improvements to the habitat in the adjacent banks, would encourage the voles to move on. This would enable BW to install mooring facilities and 'soft' piling which would allow the voles to return.

In the meantime we have agreed a plan to improve the towpath surface which will involve a lot of volunteer input. BW will control the specification and will provide materials and equipment. The Ashby Canal Association has considerable experience of voluntary working parties - the hope is that we can join with volunteers from the local community and together improve a much used local facility.

As soon as detailed plans are made we will advertise a date and wait for the rush! In the meantime, if you would like to register your interest or request further details when they become available contact me: martyn.mjp@btinternet.com, 07932 617513 or 01455 212722.

Martyn Plant, on behalf of the Ashby Canal Association

Defibrillator

Further to Tina Water's article in June, I can report that Dadlington has also been considering the installation of a defibrillator, possibly in the BT box on the village green, that in 2009 was offered to the Parish Council for £1. This was raised at the Parish Council on 14th March 2012 and on its advice a survey form was circulated, to be returned either by e-mail or to a container located in the telephone box on the village green. Results were as follows:-

Returns - 41 names.

Approval for conversion of telephone box to defibrillator station -
In favour 37, site in village hall 3, not in favour 1.

Willing to make a regular donation to village fund (audited and controlled by villagers) to maintain defibrillator, restore church, provide war memorial plaque. In favour of regular donation 25, one-off donation 6, not in favour 7, require more info 3.

Willing to be defibrillator trained and on call – 4 persons.

These results were reported to the PC on 16th May where it was agreed to approach BT to check whether the phone box offer still applied.

I have been in touch with HBBC and there are potential sources of grants that could apply to defibrillators. All these may take some months to process. I have contacted Tina and hope that we can jointly pursue this for both villages. Carlton village has recently installed a defibrillator in its phone box and operates with 6 trained persons on call. For more information please visit:

www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

If there was only one incident in either village where an early response (faster than First Responders or Ambulance) proved vital, this project would be worthwhile.

John Whitehead

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 2012

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 26th September 2012

Blingy, Stoke Golding's celebrity duck

I first saw him last summer when he was a few weeks old. He was with his siblings on the Ashby Canal under bridge 27. I noticed how his lower beak was pushed to one side. He was managing to eat and was holding his own amongst the others. Some days he would be down at the Bath Piece pull-in. I was quite worried about him and walked along the canal every day just to see him. He couldn't eat as quickly as the others but was coping well. I also saw him preening himself.



I continued to visit, then one day he was sitting on the bank, his head under his wing and not interested in the food. I called the RSPCA to see if they would help. They sent an inspector within four hours and I met her at the Bath Piece. She was throwing bread and of course there was no sign of him! She advised me to try and catch him myself then let them know. I am glad to say that when I went the next day he was feeding as normal, and continued to do so. As the weeks went on he fledged into a little male drake. By the winter many people had noticed him and he had various names. So Blingy/ Beaky/Gilbert/Fred was being watched by other caring folk. Some like me came every day to see him and make sure he was feeding OK and as winter turned to spring he was still there.

He managed to eat his bread better in the canal. One morning when he was on the bank, I watched him take his bread to a puddle and dunk it in there - bless him. He carried on his life well; he could be bullied by the other ducks, but got his fair share of food by us folks making sure he did. I even heard him quack one day; I didn't think he could manage that.

Then one day I noticed he had a marked limp. There was a lump under one of his feet. Poor little chap; he had enough to put up with without adding to his problems. I had a look on Google and from what I read it was a condition called Bumble foot. I was chatting to someone down at the canal who told me about Nuneaton Wildlife Rescue. I called them and they said they would come and try to catch him. I was so happy when I saw their van parked up. Geoff Grewcock and his colleague from the rescue team were there but had no luck catching him. They did come one more time, but they never managed to catch him.

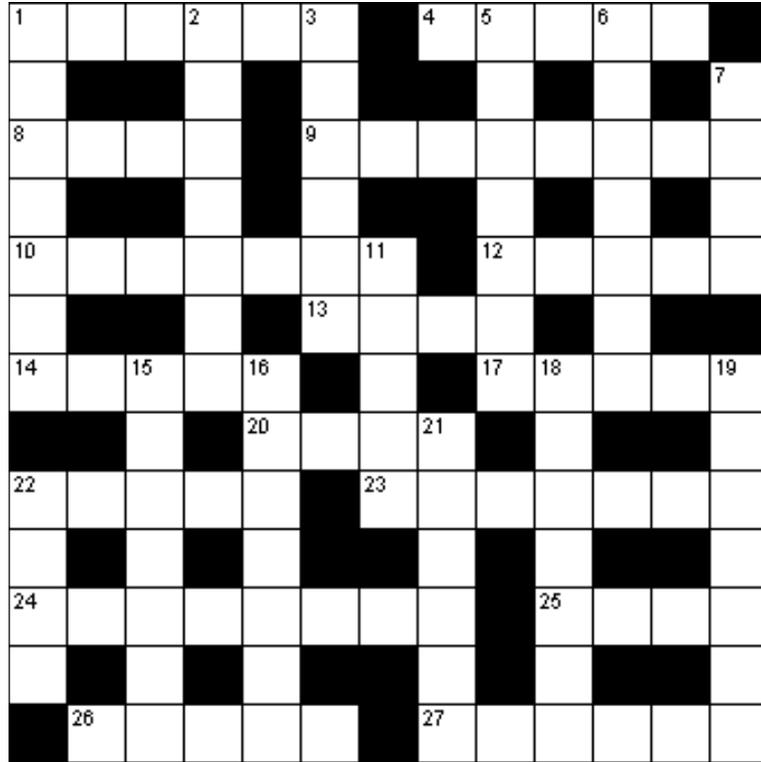
Miraculously, his foot started to get better. His limp was not so evident and he continued his little life on the canal until three weeks ago. I haven't seen him since. I go down there most days, not so often now I know he isn't there. I would love to see him but I probably never will. I really miss him after looking out for him for twelve months, but I know he did well to survive that long. So to everyone who looked after him, a big thank you for being so kind and caring.

Marilynne Connolly

Love the new finger posts dotted around the village. Large, clear, easy to read. It's a pity they don't tell us how far it is to anywhere. Perhaps the funding didn't run to numbers as well as letters.

J. W.

Crossword



Across

1. Country where the Olympic Games were held in 1924. (6)
4. Move something, or a ladies loose dress. (5)
8. Group of Olympic competitors. (4)
9. Knighted rower. (Surname) (8)
10. Father's father. (7)
12. Very old fashioned girl's name. (5)
13. Tall trees used in furniture making. (4)
14. Puts gently into place. (5)
17. Carried at every Olympics.(5)
20. Any plant used to flavour stews.(4)
22. Male duck. (5)
23. Person who gets Olympic athletes to their peak. (7)
24. Most famous Olympic race. (8)
25. Athlete at the back of runners - '**** end Charlie' (4)
26. Surname of black athlete who upset Hitler. (5)
27. Oldest members of a tribe. (6)

Down

1. Athletes suffer from this in 24A. (7)
2. Person whose name is put forward for an Olympic event. (7)
3. Area of land from Wales to Turkey. (6)
5. Topmost. (7)
6. ***** weight, a boxing division.. (7)
7. The aural indicator of the last lap. (4)
11. On ones guard.(5)
15. Garden bird. (7)
16. Anne ***** , pop singer of the 1950s. (7)
18. Left out (7)
19. An Olympic running and jumping event. (7)
21. An Olympic medal. (6)
22. Olympic winner Kelly Holmes is one. (4)

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From the Police Box

Keep your home secure and enjoy the summer



As the weather warms up (!) Leicestershire Police is reminding residents to secure their windows and doors every time they leave their homes. The force is launching a summer campaign to help prevent an increase in burglaries across Leicestershire. Over the coming weeks officers will be increasing patrols in vulnerable areas, actively targeting those believed to be committing burglaries and distributing leaflets to residents with some simple tips on how they can keep their homes secure. In warmer weather we all open our doors and windows to keep the house cool but it can be an open invitation to thieves who will take the opportunity to steal if they can.

Police advise residents to:

Make sure all windows and doors are locked every time you leave your home, even if you are only popping out for a few minutes.

Even if you are just in the back garden, shut your windows and lock your doors.

Register your valuables on the free property registration site: www.immobilise.com.

Help fight crime in your area by calling the police immediately on 999 if you see a burglary in progress. If you see somebody who isn't usually in the area and is paying lots of attention to people's houses then call the police on 101.

Alternatively call Crimestoppers, which is free and anonymous, on 0800 555 111.

Leader wanted for Stoke Golding walking group



Emma Hopkins, local Development Coordinator for AGE UK, would like to set up a walking group in Stoke Golding as it doesn't have one at present. She is seeking someone who would like to lead a weekly one hour walk.

If you are interested, contact Emma at AGE UK, Leicestershire & Rutland, King Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QT. Tel: 01455 619519 Mob: 07890516144.



OBITUARY

Ken Waring



Ken Waring of Highfield Farm, Stoke Golding passed away suddenly on 7th June aged 81 years. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary and a much loved dad, granddad and great granddad. Ken's funeral service took place at St Margaret's Church followed by interment in Hinckley Road Cemetery, Stoke Golding. Ken was well known to many people in the village as a long standing farmer and coal merchant. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends to whom we send our sincere condolences. There were family flowers only but donations if so desired may be sent for The British Heart Foundation c/o G. Seller & Co, Funeral Directors, 75, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1RH.



OBITUARY

Sister Louis Bertrand

1926 – 2012



Sister Louis was born in County Cavan, S. Ireland, the youngest of three children. At school her favourite subjects were English and mathematics and after leaving junior school she attended a convent school in Enniskillen. When the time came to leave school she decided she would like to be a Dominican Sister as she had been in correspondence with Mother Ambrose at St Albert's Convent in Hinckley. She recalls coming to Hinckley and it was seven years before Sister Louis was able to return to Ireland and see her beloved parents and family.

Initially she was a postulant for 6 months and in 1945 she became a junior professed sister for three years. In 1948 she became a fully professed sister and made her final vows. She served at Hinckley and although she had set her heart on ministry work in S. Africa, she was asked to remain in England where she did her teacher training. She taught at St Albert's and whilst there was asked to do a science degree. She went to Leicester Technical College and then to Nottingham University where she gained a science degree.

Back in Stoke Golding (at St Martin's Girls' High School) she taught from 1950 to '51 and after leaving university in 1954 she became Head of Science, living in the Old Lodge. In 1962/3 the change from a girls' to a mixed school saw Sister Louis become Headmistress. She was a very strict but fair Head and, never seeking promotion elsewhere, she loyally stayed at St Martin's until she finished teaching in 1989. She said that she did not retire, as Sisters never retire. Sister Louis enjoyed reading and also liked music and although she rarely watched TV, she enjoyed programmes involving horses, tennis and rugby football - especially if The Tigers were playing.

More recently Sister Louis saw the decline in the number of Dominican Sisters at Stoke Golding and the eventual closure of the chapel and convent buildings and their sale for house building purposes, which saddened her greatly. A move by Sisters Louis and Cornelia into the Convent Lodge followed, and eventually in frail health these two dedicated Sisters went into local care homes. Sister Louis' health declined even further and she passed away in hospital on Saturday 2nd June aged 86 years.

She was a much loved sister, aunt and great aunt to her family in Ireland. Her funeral service and mass was held at St Peter's Catholic Church Hinckley on June 15th prior to interment in the Dominican Sister's burial plot in Hinckley Cemetery.

Sister Louis was an expert in the field of education and her guidance will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She will long be remembered as a strict but fair teacher and Headmistress whose influence ensured that generations of local children had the benefit of a wonderful education.

We send our sincere condolences to her beloved sister Patricia and her family, to Sister Agnes, Sister Cornelia and all the Dominican Sisters.

Stoke Golding Parish Council - May 2012 Meeting

Convent Corner – Parish Councillors reported concerns to Cllr Ould on the proposed Highways design for Convent Corner. The Council had been in dialogue with reps from Mar City who were prepared to bring in changes to submitted design, however Highways say they cannot do anything as the design has been approved. Councillors asked Cllr Ould if he would discuss the matter with Highways and ask if they would work with the village, discuss their views and for these to be taken on board. Cllr Ould agreed to speak to Highways and arrange a site meeting.

Planning Application Matters: New Applications: St Martins Convent – removal of a sycamore and works to sycamore and oak. Barwell West - outline application for new residential dwellings etc.

To elect the Chairman of the Council: Cllr Ward was appointed as Chairman
The Chairman declared his acceptance of office:

Cllr Ward thanked everyone for their support expressing the following: The Parish Council delivers way above its weight and it had been a good year for the council. However, he was deeply disappointed that the Parish Council should be criticised for its financial management. Since 1986 the Parish Council has been diligent in looking after the village money box. All members consider properly costed projects and if they fit the criteria of village enhancement the Parish Council makes every effort to support them. The Parish Council employs a part time clerk, who, at the last review, forwent a pay rise whilst her work seems to increase. On the matter of the precept, it is not a fault to possess reserves. Reference the one and half times the precept - it was recalled that this was arrived at verbally and never minuted. Cllr Ward regarded it as a prudent amount. With the increased precept enjoyed these last few years, the reserve also increases. It was agreed to discuss reserve figures at a future council meeting.

To elect a Vice-Chairman: Cllr Terheege was duly appointed as Vice-Chairman.

To review any matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting:

HBBC Christmas donation – Would it be possible to obtain more funding? Clerk to write to HBBC asking for a review of the amount received relative to other villages.

Convent Site green space – the sub-committee had asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to give financial support towards this project. Concerns were expressed re the benefit in taking on the land and committing to something that may be a burden to the village in the future. It was suggested to have an assessment of the land as a whole, assessing its state before it was offered to the Council.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously in wanting to move forward with this project and asked the sub-committee if it could obtain a professional appraisal of potential costs. The Clerk still awaited a reply from Mar City on the transfer of the land and would write to them asking if legal fees would be involved and the timing of transfer.

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Barwell Housing Development – The HBBC Planning Department/Officers meeting on 18th May inviting local parishes to discuss the Barwell West housing development would **not** be attended by developers. Concerns were discussed, especially traffic management plans not taking into account the impact of the development on rural roads. It was proposed to produce a formal reply on the impact of the development for submission to HBBC.

Review of Parish Boundaries - HBBC is undertaking a Community Governance Review which will look at the parish and town council electoral arrangements throughout the Hinckley and Bosworth area in line with government guidance.

Footpath through Hardy's fields - This is on-going with both the County and Landowner.

Communications

Written

Letter from D. Goodsell - Convent development/informal play area, suggesting volunteers might like to work with Mar City on this area. Ray Tunks to be asked if he would be willing to lead the project.

Email from Heritage Warden and Dave Marriott thanking the Parish Council for the support of the on-going cemetery wildflower meadow project. It agreed that £350 be allocated for this.

Email - Thomas Barton Charity had purchased Jubilee Mugs for all pupils at St. Margaret's School and Robin Hood Playschool and these would be presented near the Jubilee date.

Heritage Group Jubilee Exhibition – D Goodsell hoped the Parish Council would contribute to this exhibition.

Verbal

Convent Development - Raglan Homes had been sent an invite to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the way forward.

Next meeting: Village Hall, Wednesday 4th July 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



Birth Congratulations

Congratulations to Helen (nee Goodsell) and Phil Preston on the birth of Frederick James - Freddie - 8lb 10oz, born 11.00 p.m. 4th June 2012.



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13. Elms, 14. Eases, 17. Torch, 20. Herb, 22. Drake, 23. Trainer, 24. Marathon,
25. tall, 26. Owens, 27. Elders.
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