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# *The Stoker*

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

## *Note from the Editor*

*There are so many events and activities coming up in Stoke Golding and Dadlington that we have dedicated over three pages to 'What's On' in this issue and added four extra pages to the magazine. You can choose from a range of events from our very own music festival, Stokefest, in July to the Annual Garden Show at the end of August plus a variety of coffee mornings, St Margaret's Church Flower Festival over the Bank Holiday weekend and the Gresley Male Voice Choir. Cricket on the Green is a fun family event in July - I wonder who will be the winning team this year?*



*It is brilliant news to hear about the defibrillator (facing page) and also the composting toilet (page 4) - everyone has been very busy helping to improve village facilities.*

*In last month's issue we asked if anyone could help Terry Bottrill with a WWII research project and, so far, he has not had any volunteers. This could be done as a group so please think about putting your name forward or contact Terry to find out more information.*

*See you in September - I hope you enjoy the summer.*

**Jane**

## **The Stoker Team**

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If you can submit articles by e-mail or on a memory stick (Microsoft Word) it makes our job much easier, (**500 words maximum** please).

If you send photos by e-mail, please keep the file size small - no larger than 150 Kb.

All correspondence, including e-mails, must include your full name, home address and home telephone number.

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***N.B. All advertising enquiries to Ella Orr - ella42@sky.com***

*Cover picture: Stoke Golding Under 5's Flower Arrangement*

## **Stoke Golding community defibrillator (AED) available 24hrs a day...**

**We bring you fabulous news!** For the past two years a few villagers of Stoke Golding have been working to secure the funding for a community defibrillator ensuring that is very easy to use and available to everyone, should the need arise.

### **Where has this initiative come from?**

The original idea was put forward by Roger Flavell who approached the **Stoke Golding Garden Show** committee to ask that some of their annual profit be put towards the cost. This was readily agreed but fund raising was then a little slow until Margaret Collier took up the reins with a vengeance. She managed to reach the final total needed in a very short space of time! The generosity of the **Stoke Fest committee**, who facilitated two auctions and donated the proceeds, is very much appreciated, and a big thank you is also extended to **St Margaret's School** students who kindly held a non-uniform day and donated their proceeds. The project was part funded by the **British Heart Foundation** and the device has been bought through the **Community Heartbeat Trust**. The **Parish Council** has agreed to take on the ongoing responsibility and very small costs for the AED.

### **Where is it housed?**

The committee of the **Methodist Church** have kindly allowed the defibrillator to be housed in a special cabinet on the wall near to the hall entrance. **Local electrician Phil Thursby (PT Electrical)** offered his electrical services for free and has demonstrated his expertise by connecting the machine to the mains for us, so it is all systems go! This selfless gesture is very much appreciated by the villagers and Phil has also offered to check up on the defibrillator electrics when he is working in Stoke Golding.

### **Dedication and future training:**

Poignantly, the defibrillator is dedicated to the memory of Chris Taylor, who was a well known and much loved member of our community until she sadly passed away earlier this year.



Margaret Collier, Phil Thursby, Steve Smithers and Tina Waters

A plaque has been created and mounted on the box "Dedicated to the memory of Chris Taylor – an inspirational woman who made a difference."

**Thank you so much to everyone involved in this community project – if the AED saves even only one life then it will have been worth all the effort of achieving this goal!**

*Tina Waters*

## Composting Toilet arrives in Stoke Golding!

Around 10.00 a.m on Monday 16th June an unusual sight could be seen travelling through the village. Resembling an upside down ark on a trailer you could have been forgiven for wondering if a flood had been forecast! However it was in fact a composting toilet constructed in mid Wales by Julian Russell - <http://timberarc.wordpress.com> - and en route to the Convent community garden site behind the MarCity development.

Negotiating the gateway was difficult but was followed by an even greater challenge - unloading the toilet from the trailer. Some anxious moments and the application of a number of principles such as levers and rollers finished with the toilet resting on its base ready to have the bins etc installed.

Memories of bygone days of outside toilets will be revived in those older members of the community but correctly used the toilet should be odour free and easy to maintain. Urine runs down one chute and solid materials followed by a covering of sawdust are collected in a bin. When this is full the other bin is used and the material disposed of.

The structure is a work of art and should last for many years for the benefit of the allotmenters and other users of the site such as visitors to the community orchard etc. A formal opening of the facility is to be arranged. Meanwhile we can see Jag Gill - on behalf of Raglan Housing Association - funders of the project - congratulating Julian on his fantastic work in constructing the toilet. Thank you Julian and thank you Raglan Housing.



*Pauline Goodsell*

Stoke Golding Convent Allotment Society

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## Stoke Golding Garden Show

### 'WW1 Centenary'

84<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Preparations for this year's Stoke Golding Garden Show to be held on Saturday 30th August 2014 are progressing nicely and we are now trying hard to persuade individuals and businesses in Hinckley & Bosworth and the surrounding areas to part with a few pennies to help us to achieve our targets this year.

Each year the Show strives to raise enough money to make a sizeable donation to more than one worthy cause. Last year we were able to donate £1000 to Marie Curie Cancer Care and £500 to the Stoke Golding Defibrillator appeal. This year we have chosen to raise funds mainly in aid of **Wishes 4 Kids**.

We are especially indebted to 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' who provided the funding for the running of the 2013 Show, enabling us to donate far more of our profit to worthwhile causes and to Stoke Golding Club for allowing us to hold the show in their function room.

The Show is open to everyone (we cater for all ages and abilities) and we attract competitors from all around the county and even further afield. We have included sections to test local ability in floral art, wine making, vegetable growing, flower growing, children's creativity, cake baking and decorating plus a chutney class, to mention but a few. We are continuing our successful new feature whereby a novice (someone who has not won a prize in the class before at the Garden Show) can enter in a separate category and be judged purely against other novices. This year we are again inviting novices to enter a 'Five Tomatoes' class.

**Following the judging at 6pm, you are free to admire the class entries, congratulate the prize winners, enter the Grand Raffle and then you are invited to bid on some of the produce in our great fun Grand Auction later in the evening.**

Schedules will be available from the **1<sup>st</sup> August 2014** from the Stoke Golding village pubs, Stoke Golding Club, Stoke Golding Surgery and local shops. These are **free of charge** so why not pick up a copy and have a go at entering one of the varied classes on offer. Schedules can also be posted to you or sent by email by contacting Tina on 07809629690.

**Remember - Entry to view the Show is free to the public from 6pm**

#### **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.



### **Stoke Golding Under 5s**

Everyone had a lot of fun making the display for the flower festival at the Methodist Church recently. Our display was Mary Mary Quite Contrary and over the past few weeks we made Mary , silver bells , cockle shells , pretty maids and planted some real and pretend flowers in decorated pots.

Alex, Lincoln, Martha and Noah all helped us to put it together in the church and had great fun also taking it down when it was finished with.

Come and join in all the fun at Under 5's every Thursday morning 10-1130 in the Village Hall.

*Sarah Beale.*

*You can see the beautiful arrangement on the cover of this month's magazine. Well done all of you. Ed*

### **Village Troughs**

After eleven years, Linda and Phil Gosling of Lodge Farm have given up the job of planting the village flower troughs, which have always looked so splendid; and they'll be a very hard act to follow.

However, a group of six friends took up the daunting task (for a one year trial period) and enjoyed planting all twelve troughs, including the four new ones.

Residents living nearby provided coffee and sherry for the workers and water (for the plants).

It would be much appreciated if people living near the troughs would water them and dead-head the flowers as necessary.



*Leila, Hilary, Kathy, Ruth and Marje (Sixth helper, Sue, missed the photo-shoot)*

*Ruth Fisher*

## Methodist Church Flower Festival

Thank you to all our visitors and helpers at our recent Flower Festival. We raised £2,160 and had an enjoyable week-end in spite of the weather.

*Margaret Lomax*



*Janet Reid makes final adjustments to Eve's fig-leaf.*



## June Meeting

Alison Rockett told us about some Acholi women she met when working in Uganda. They worked long hours for very low wages breaking up rock into gravel. They also made beads from recycled paper. Alison uses this craft now in her enterprise education project working with vulnerable people. She showed us how to roll up triangles of glossy coloured paper to make the beads, which were then varnished and threaded on to an elasticised yarn to make a bracelet. It was an absorbing and productive evening.

Feedback was given on the National Federation Annual meeting held in Leeds. Delegates voted in favour of a resolution asking members to make their wishes regarding organ donation known to their families. One of the guest speakers, Sir Andrew Motion, President of the campaign to protect Rural England urged us to sign their charter to protect the countryside from development.

The next meeting is on 9th July when Audrey Hall will be telling us about her "Shirley Valentine" experience.

*Anne Fullager*

# Dadlington Matters

## CRICKET ON THE GREEN PETE ROBERTSHAW MEMORIAL MATCH

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

DADLINGTON  
VILLAGE GREEN at 2.00 pm



Please note this event will no longer include table top sale and other stalls as advertised last month. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the cricket.

## Cream Tea

St James's Church  
Dadlington

Saturday 9th August  
from 3 - 5pm



Everyone Welcome

## Sutton Cheney Parish Council Notes re Dadlington

### From the Meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup> at Dadlington Village Hall

Police Report – PCSO Polly Cotton reported no crime in Dadlington in the previous month.

Superfast Broadband will be available in Dadlington – no date yet available.

A donation of £250 has been agreed to Market Bosworth First Responders.

A letter of objection to the Planning Application for 75 houses in Stoke Golding has been sent to HBBC. The Parish Council principally objects to the erosion of the Green Wedge between Dadlington and Stoke Golding, and the prospect of increased traffic through Dadlington.

The Council Meeting was followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** – one member of the public attended.

It was suggested that Heritage Street Signs be installed in Dadlington. The Parish Council agreed to place this on the agenda of the next meeting.

To contact the Parish Council please Email [suttoncheneypc@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncheneypc@gmail.com)  
To view Minutes and Agenda for meetings please see <http://suttoncheney.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Sutton Cheney Village Hall on Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and may speak at the invitation of the Chairman.



### **From a Dadlington garden .....**

What are your childhood gardening memories? It seems that many people's strongest memories of early gardening are with their grandparents; for example, having their own little patch in Grandad's garden, dibbing holes for leeks or potatoes (and putting in the soot), early lawn mowing efforts under close supervision, making a miniature garden. If you are looking after children this summer (however young) do your bit to encourage the next generation of gardeners, as well as creating memories for later life. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and Netmums websites both have excellent ideas for gardening activities with children of all ages.

Summer is a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep plants well watered, using grey (recycled) water where possible.

Summer is also a good time to freshen up house plants. Take them outside, gently hose down to clean off any dust (or put them in the shower and then take outside), add some fresh compost, (or repot if necessary) and watch them perk up.

Did you know that the world record for the tallest sunflower stands at a whopping 8.23m (27ft). If you can't compete with that then just be content with smaller ones and watch the birds enjoy the seed heads in autumn.

Happy gardening!

*Val the Plant lady*

#### **MISTRESS HESTER HODGES EXHIBITION FOUNDATION**

At their October meeting the Trustees of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation will consider applications for small grants of money.

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 2014

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

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar by 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2014

## Beware of Rogue Traders

We have been made aware of some rather aggressive 'home improvement' characters 'cold calling' in Fenny Drayton - despite their no cold calling zone and individual no cold calling notices. The company involved is actually based in Doncaster, although the individuals calling said they were from Enderby. They tried a number of houses and offered to replace gates, clean drives and repair a roof. It seems they were very pushy and not willing to take no for an answer.

**It is never advisable** to agree to spur of the moment repairs to your house from a company you have no knowledge about. You can download and print a no cold caller sign from a number of websites including :

[http: www.moneysavingexpert.com/phones/no-more-junk#coldcallers](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/phones/no-more-junk#coldcallers)  
or just make your own sign to put on your front door.

## Cycling Music

Stoke Golding Village Hall was the venue for an amazing, unique concert featuring Richard Durrant on guitar. It was week three of his seven week cycle tour around England, raising money for the Big C charity, along with his friend Sean Simington who lost his partner Shirley to cancer last year.

Everything on stage revolved around the two bikes including the lights, speakers, computer, projector and, of course, guitar. It all had to be carried on their long journey, so far nearly six hundred miles and Richard had fallen off four times due to the weight of the trailer he towed behind him.



Richard's guitar playing was mesmerising and he had even composed cycling music especially for the tour accompanied by beautiful graphics projected onto his guitar case on stage. This was his third time performing in the village to a capacity audience and it was obvious by the cheering and demands for 'more' that he will be welcomed back.

You can find information about Richard's 1,000 mile cycle tour by reading his blog <http://www.richard-durrant.com/pages/cycling-music/7846>

*Jane White*

## Adult Learners' Week in Stoke Golding



### Willow Weaving a Great Success

The Willow Weaving, event, organised as part of Adult Learners' Week, was a great success. Following clear and interesting instruction from the facilitator Tom Hare, 17 happy people began learning the steps required to construct an object from willow. 2½ hours later we proudly made our way home carrying the fine Obelisk type plant support we had each made to enhance our garden. Following the garden theme, David Goodsell gave the attendees a short presentation promoting the community orchard planned for our village.

Feedback from attendees was extremely positive, ranging from *Loved it! - Tom was a great teacher - Absolutely brilliant - Can we do it again?*

Steve Smithers

### Parlez-Vous Francais?

Retired teacher, Sharon Zelenczuk facilitated this session with 11 attendees whom all possessed varying levels of quite poor French. Sharon had prepared well and delivered a very interesting seminar, filled with quizzes, humour and a nice glass of French wine. The time passed far too quickly but everyone learnt something, leaving at the end of the evening with an improved level of French.



### Sing for Fun

The session started with learning how to breathe properly and, by the end of an hour, the group of nine ladies had mastered two songs in three part harmony.

Rachel Rees-Jones and Jane White, who led the session were amazed by the beautiful sound made by the group.

## **I'VE NEVER BEEN TO EASTBOURNE....**

But I've been to Worthing – does that count? All those big old houses in Worthing have been converted into Residential Care Homes, and when I worked at the local Rep. Theatre, our matinees were full of silver-haired ladies along with their elegantly dressed male partners in navy blue blazers and carefully tied cravats. Trays of tea and scones were brought to them in the intervals by the theatre ladies in uniforms with white frilly aprons, and the shows were chosen with at least one star from the past, playing the leading parts. We had the delightful Anna Neagle, Jean Kent from 50's films, Derek Farr and his wife the angelic Muriel Pavlow, all starring in dramas by Agatha Christie, or in Noel Coward comedies, and romantic musicals by Ivor Novello, "We'll Gather Lilacs" with the irrepressible Patrick Mower ( a pensioner himself now) in "Emmerdale". All of us younger actors in the cast would have giggles during matinees, listening to the toffee papers, and the occasional strange sounds from hearing aids, and loud 'whispered' conversations.

Now as one of those pensioners myself, I admit that I really also prefer to go to matinees, getting home in time for the six o'clock news and of course, 'The Archers'. So reading 'The *Fool on the Hill*' I was torn between being protective of all the wonderful villagers I have written about, many in their 90's. and chuckling to myself when I've caused a blockade in Morrisons, by stopping abruptly to try and find my shopping list, apologising to all and sundry with their trolleys, and to all those wonderful members of staff and customers who come running after me with either my purse or my oh-so important Card, left at the till. I guess now I am one of those infuriating 'slow-coaches' found in Eastbourne. At least I can go on tapping away at my laptop, enjoying myself sitting down comfortably at home and getting in no-one's way.

*Beth*

*(Written after enjoying the article by the Fool on the Hill in the May issue of the Stoker)*

### **Stoker Subs Collection**

We will be calling round at the beginning of September to check you would like to continue to receive the Stoker for the next twelve months and to collect your £5 subscription. It would be really helpful if you could have the correct money available, or we are very happy to take a cheque payable to "Stoke Golding Village Magazine".

If you don't currently have the Stoker delivered and would like to start receiving it delivered free to your door please ring Rosemary Collier on 212597.

We hope you are continuing to enjoy the magazine - we are always interested to hear your feedback, so please get in touch.

## Sehmbi Stores

New fridge with chilled wines, selection of beers and soft drinks



## July Special Offers

8 cans Carling £7.50  
Jack Daniels £19.99

***Clothes alterations available  
Contact Surinder on 212319***

### Sehmbi Stores opening times:

Monday to Friday	7.00 - 13.15	14.45 - 20.00
Saturday	8.00 - 13.15	14.45 - 20.00
Sunday	8.00 - 12.00	18.00 - 20.00

## Bird Notes

Sam Johnson was fortunate enough to note an osprey flying somewhat low and leisurely over Sutton Cheney at 6.0 PM on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. May. It appeared to be coming from the direction of Market Bosworth.

Following a report from a local farmer in Higham to the effect that he had witnessed 5 buzzards and a red kite flying around his fields whilst cutting grass, John Terry quickly visited the site to witness the spectacle. Either the same or another red kite was noted over the centre of Stoke Golding by Eric Taylor. Whilst mentioning to Linda Gosling that I'd noted a tree creeper down the wide track from the farm, she reported having seen a yellow wagtail, not so far from the same location. Also that goldcrest wrens had again bred successfully near the house.

Common whitethroats appear to be present in abundance around the lanes whilst lesser whitethroats, quite grey and white in general appearance, are by no means scarce. More locally, I've noted one of the latter near the canal just below The Swan pub and another along the path close to the pool near the new cemetery. Both species are readily identified on call.

## Strange Looking Bird

I thought there was a very strange bird skulking around the bottom of the bird feeders at dusk last night. I put the binoculars on it and realised it was some sort of mouse. Naturally, being used to spotting diagnostic features on birds, I could not help but notice the large tall ears - really cute.



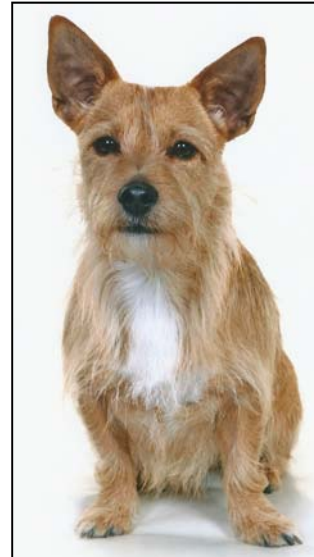
*David Abbott*

## Celebrations Page

### Bonny Wins First Prize

Attached is the picture that won Bonny first prize in The Dog Portrait Company's recent competition at Woodlands Garden Centre, Stapleton. Bonny is a Jack Russell, Yorkshire Terrier cross. Bonny is two and a half years old and we have had her since she was 8 weeks old. She is a much loved member of our family which comprises of me, my husband Jason and my 8 year old son, Sam. She loves walks, especially going to the park and has lots of doggy friends in the village. We have been in the village since February this year and Bonny loves it as she has discovered that a lot of the ladies in the village carry dog treats in their pockets and she does pretty well. Her favourite toy is her ball, she's ball mad!

Julie Bonser



### YEAR 5 HAVE GOT TALENT!



Year 5, at St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, have been exhibiting their talents lately, taking part in the Market Bosworth Arts Festival. The children have drawn and painted characters from their favourite story books to enter into the art competition. Hopefully there will be some winning entries as the children's artwork has

already been admired by numerous people!

Year 5 have also enjoyed making musical instruments this term as part of their science topic on sound. They designed and made instruments, applying their knowledge of how sound is made. The children then enjoyed playing their instruments as part of real band!



## What's On

Stoke Golding Garden Show

### **84th Open Show**

**Saturday 30th August 2014**

Main beneficiary:



**Stoke Golding Club, Hinckley Road**

Flowers, vegetables, homemade, novice, children's section and much more

- 6pm - Open to the public (free admission to everyone)
- 8pm - Presentations (class/section winners)
- 8.20pm - Clear Down
- 8.45pm - Grand Auction (come and bid on the produce!)
- 9pm - Grand Raffle

**Free Admission. Everyone welcome ☺**

**For more information contact Tina on 07809629690**

### **Third Annual Tea & Cake Afternoon in aid of Friends of Kenya's Children**

At 8 the Courtyard, Higham Lane, Stoke Golding (Hopefully outside!!)



Also small gifts  
and cake stalls

**Wednesday August 13th 2 - 4.30pm**

For £3 you can eat & drink all you want

Phone Jan 212397 or Gill 213700 for tickets

PS. Can you help again by making cakes?

### **Big & Small Church**

St. Margaret's Big & Small Church  
for under 7s

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
from 10.30am at the Baxter Hall.

## What's On

### St Margaret's Flower Festival



#### Perfect Combinations

August Bank Holiday  
Saturday 23rd 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 24th 12noon - 5pm  
Monday 25th 10am - 5pm

**In the Baxter Hall**  
(opposite the church)

**Stalls selling cakes, jams, tombola, bric a brac, a raffle, plants and books.**

Ploughmans' Lunches, cream teas and other refreshments will be served throughout the festival.

Free parking at the school

### Methodist Church



**Concert by  
Gresley Male  
Voice Choir**

**Saturday 9th August**

7.30pm

Admission £6 to include refreshments

### Methodist Church

**Coffee Morning  
Saturday 12th July  
10am - 11.30am  
For Church Funds**



### Free Coffee and Cake at Zion

Please call in any Saturday morning in July and August between 10 and 12 to join us for tea, coffee or a cold drink and a piece of home-made cake.

We would love to see you at Zion Baptist Chapel



St. Margaret's Church

### **Advance Notice of Teddy Bear Jump and Bar-B-Q**

Saturday 13th September from  
12noon – 3pm

If you have a wet day during the summer how about decorating a parachute and bear?

### **Poppies and Memories**

If you have knitted or stitched or painted a poppy and have any memorabilia or a poem to loan us please bring them to church on Saturday 2nd August so that we can display them in church. The display can be seen in church on **Sunday 3rd August** from 2pm - 5pm. During the afternoon poems will be read, as will many of the names of the fallen. Cream teas will be served - there will be no charge

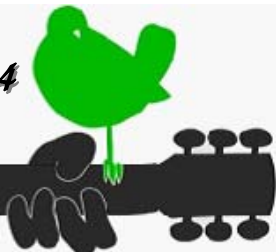


*Margaret Croxall*



## What's On

*Sunday 24th August 2014*



**StokeFest**

**FREE ENTRY**

[www.stoke-fest.co.uk](http://www.stoke-fest.co.uk)

*GREAT LIVE MUSIC all day featuring ....*

**The Kamikazes and Paul Jones**

**General Jack**

**The Craic**

**K64**

**The Shreds**

**The 44's**

**Oval Iris**

**Micky Vegas**

**What else is on? ....**

Real Ale Tent and Bar

Hog Roast and Barbecue

Beat the Goalie

Childrens' Rides

Refreshments - Sweets - Cakes - Drinks

Lots for all the family to see and do and even something for your pooches too!

Fun Dog Show - bring your dog along

"Dancing Dogs" Demonstration

Wide range of stalls

And much, much more ...

**So please come along, have fun and enjoy a FREE  
day out with your family**

And, remember ... ALL profits go to our nominated local charities:



**Would you like to help on the day? Please email [contact@stoke-fest.co.uk](mailto:contact@stoke-fest.co.uk)**

## What's On

### Stoke Golding Sunday Football Club

The village senior mens' football team will be starting their second league campaign this September, in the 'Hinckley & District Sunday Football League', after the team was formed this time last year. The team will be competing in the PWS LEICESTER LTD DIVISION 3 and you can find details of how we got on last season at [www.full-time.thefa.com](http://www.full-time.thefa.com)



The team is made up of lads who are from the village and local area and even though we haven't seen great success over the last 12 months, we are ambitious and we are looking to bring a trophy or two back to the village this coming season and our plans are to continue improving and climbing up the divisions. We train every Wednesday and Sunday morning down the rec, which is also where our home pitch is.

**So for any potential new players or coaching staff interested in getting involved with the club, please get in touch. Also we are looking for new sponsors to get behind the team for the new season, so would ideally ask any local businesses to contact us on the email below.**

For details on fixtures, squad info or general news, we have a new website and facebook page ; [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stokegoldingsundayfc](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stokegoldingsundayfc)  
[www.facebook.com/stokegsunday](http://www.facebook.com/stokegsunday)

We look forward to seeing you in September, supporting your local team!

Michael Warren - SGSFC Manager: [stokegsundayfc@live.co.uk](mailto:stokegsundayfc@live.co.uk): 07769 179431

### Dates for your Diary

- 6th July: **Cricket on the Green**: Dadlington Green
- 12th July: **Coffee morning** - Methodist Church
- 3rd August: **WW1 Display** - St Margaret's Church
- 9th August: **Gresley Male Voice Choir** - Methodist Church
- 9th August: **Cream Tea** - St James's Church, Dadlington
- 14th August: **Tea & Cakes** - 8 The Courtyard
- 23rd, 24th, 25th August: **St Margaret's Flower festival**
- 24th August: **Stokefest**, ring 212132 for information
- 30th August: **Stoke Golding Garden Show**
- 13th September: **Teddy Bear Jump** - St Margaret's Church

# Church Matters

## Church of England July 2014 Services St Margaret's Church

6th 10.30am All Age Service  
13th 10.30am Benefice Service  
Witherley  
20th 10.30am Holy Communion  
27th 10.30am Morning Worship

## St. James's Church

6th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer  
13th 10.30am Benefice Service  
Witherley  
20th 9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
27th 9.00am BCP Holy Communion

## Church of England August 2014 Services St Margaret's Church

3rd 10.30am All Age Service  
10th 10.30am Benefice Service  
Stoke Golding  
17th 10.30am Holy Communion  
24th 10.30am Morning Worship  
31st 10.30am Benefice Service  
Fenny Drayton

## St. James's Church

3rd 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer  
10th 10.30am Benefice Service  
Stoke Golding  
17th 9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
24th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer  
31st 10.30am Benefice Service  
Fenny Drayton

## The Methodist Church July 2014 Services

6th 10.30am Revd. Wes Hampton  
13th 10.30am Mrs Hilary Fenby  
20th 10.30am Mr Charles Davies  
27th 10.30am Mr Malcolm Lapper

## August 2014 Services

3rd 10.30am Mr John Askew  
10th 10.30am Mr Michael Holt  
17th 10.30am To be arranged  
24th 10.30am Mrs Pat Starbuck  
31st 10.30am Revd. Wes Hampton

## Zion Baptist Chapel July 2014 Services August 2014 Services

6th 6pm Harold Pirie  
13th 6pm Harold Pirie  
20th 6pm Harold Pirie  
27th 6pm Harold Pirie

3rd 6pm John Needham  
10th 6pm Malcolm Welch  
17th 6pm John Todd  
24th 6pm Wynne Richards  
31st 6pm Richard Cotton



## From the Rector at St Margaret's Church

This summer marks the beginning of four years of national and international commemorations marking the centenary of the First World War.

The First World War claimed the lives of over 16 million people and had an impact on the lives of everyone in every town and village in our country.

One hundred years later, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history, or because of the way it changed the history of our communities.

Few communities were untouched by tragedy in the war, and every one of our churches played a vital role during those dark years to offer spiritual support and commemorate the lives of fallen loved ones.

So many men volunteered to join enthusiastically, full of hope, and full of patriotism, full of expectation, led to believe that the war would in all probability be over by Christmas - Christmas 1914. In fact the war lasted four years, and very many of those who volunteered never came back. A whole generation was in effect wiped out. The world became a very different place. Not only did virtually every family in a village like ours lose someone in the war, but many people also lost their ability to trust others.

Jesus was born into a world wracked by war and oppression, but came to tell us of the love of God who wants to give us peace. Jesus, himself, was the victim of violence, and suffered a long and painful death in the struggle for peace.

The way to peace for us, as we honour all who have suffered and given their lives for our nation in the war, is a way based on love, starting in the home, in the workplace, in the supermarket, over the garden fence.

So as we give thanks for those who fell in war, we remember the words of St Paul: 'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4.32*

### *The Prayer of St Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is despair, hope;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Wishing you God's blessings,

*Linda*

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### ***The Fool on the Hill***

By appointment only....

The expiry date on the ISA containing the accumulated wealth of the present Mrs Fool and I came around and, as is the way with such things these days, the interest rate duly dropped from miserable to pathetic.

I was tasked with the job of telephoning the Hinckley and Nationtander plc to arrange a tryst with them, the sole purpose of which would be to re-invest our funds at a rate nearer the top end of their current spectrum of offerings. The first hint that this may not be the simple task it first seemed was that the phone number in the book was preceded, not by the comforting 01455 code that signifies a near to home establishment, but a suspicious 08 number much favoured by chat lines offering conversations of a salacious nature. Or so I am told.

My call was answered by a disembodied voice requesting my 16 digit banking number. Being unaware of the existence of same, I typed in my debit card number and this met with some limited success although the subsequent typing of my date of birth was greeted by an automated mystified silence. After a considerable delay the voice informed me that I would be put through to a human. After a long, and not wholly unpleasant, rendition of Ode to Joy, my call was answered by a very friendly but almost unintelligible citizen of Liverpool. I explained that the, ostensibly, simple task of booking an appointment with my local branch could have been better achieved by putting on my shoes and walking to town rather than attempting to cross the minefield of their telephone system. He duly apologised and said he would transfer me to the branch. I was subjected to a further full rendition of Beethoven's finale to the 9<sup>th</sup> which by this time was becoming a little tiresome. Finally some 45 minutes after embarking on my task I was connected to my local branch, who cheerfully informed me, contrary to all previous experience, I did not need to make an appointment for ISA transfers, just pop in when next in town. My previous experience of "just popping in" has usually involved the sort of wait that would allow the full reading of the Sunday Times including the colour supplement. Of course, intoned the local operative, you could do all this on line using your 16 digit banking number. I replied that this was very helpful except I have never had the advantage of such a number and in any case your computer system rigidly refuses any of my requests and prefers to deal with my good lady who, seemingly, has the correct number of digits.

I am not a complete Luddite, although I would certainly do if you needed one in a hurry, but there are times when the methods of operation of banks are so geared to the ways of the computer that the obvious simple solution is, sadly, sacrificed.

Victor Meldrew was right.



## BETH'S CORNER

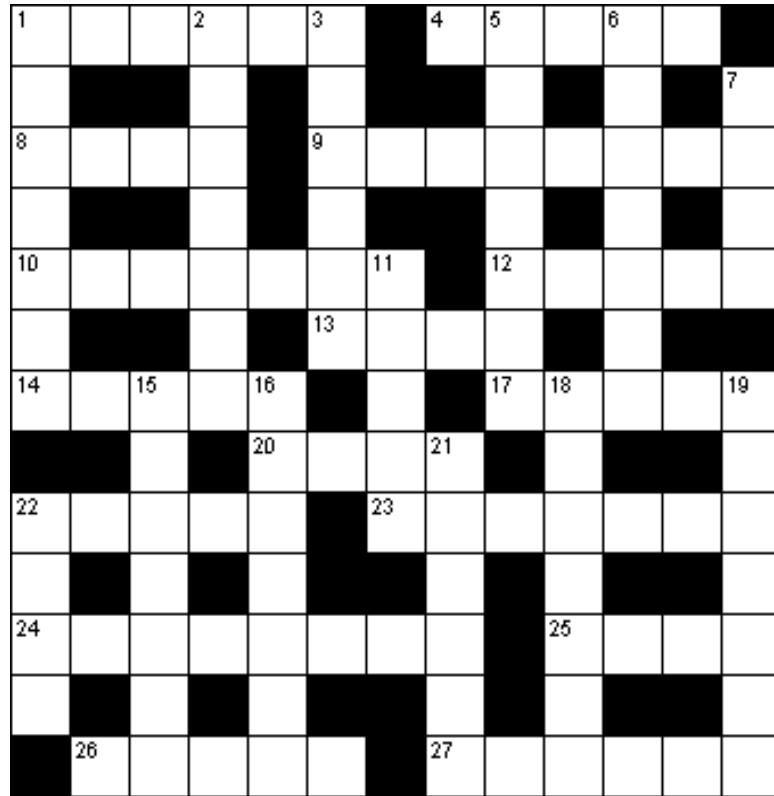
**ALY STEELE** One of the joys of meeting so many different people that I've only spoken to over the phone, is imagining what they are going to be like in reality. Usually I've been given a few details, but it's a lot of fun building up a picture in one's imagination. I'd been asked to contact Aly Steele at St. Margaret's School, where she was currently their "Acting Head". The post of Head is still being advertised. However, I had been told what an excellent job Aly was doing in the meantime. Many wished she would accept the appointment herself. So... who was I expecting to appear through my front door on her day off from school? The buzzer went, I pressed my release button. A lilting "*Thank you*" came clearly through the intercom. This was already beginning to sound very promising. I opened my door to a tall, slender young woman rather like those models you see gliding down the catwalk, except they usually look so bored and aloof. Here was a sense of fun, and a joy of life, a wide smile and easy laughter, someone who liked people, who adored her family, and, as I was soon to find out, has a passion for teaching.

The family only came to the Village in 1991. "*Dad's job brought us here from Manchester. Mum was Manchester born and bred. On our arrival my twin sister Jackie and me were sent to John Cleveland College.*" Jackie lives on Station Road with her husband and small children. Her Mother and Father still live in the same house which was the original "Show Home" – which happened to be very convenient at the time. Aly starts laughing – "*It's not a Show Home any longer*". I imagine it's a much-loved base for all the family. As she says after a long day at school, it's great to be able to pop in for a cup of tea and a chat.

After leaving school, came Teacher Training at Worcester University, also incorporating music as an additional subject. Music has always been a part of her, with lessons as a girl and apart, from piano, her other two instruments were, and still are, tenor saxophone and clarinet. Leaving college she taught at Westfield Infants School for the next seven years. (I could see the 'homing' instinct again). There seemed to be a perfect timing that meant that everything she learned at Westfield was intended for her next school appointment in 2007 as Year One teacher at St. Margaret's. The next rung of the ladder came in 2009 as Deputy Head, and now in 2014 – Acting Head. But her heart is with the children. "*I am passionate about teaching. I love those children and the chance to be an influence in their young lives*". Her eyes sparkle. I can see the delight she has in her job. What a difference it makes to hear someone who cares so deeply. She tells a story about bringing some children from George Eliot School to visit, who were all of different faiths. A young Muslim answered questions, along with a Sikh and a Hindu and even a Buddhist. Aly pointed out that the only Muslims the children had seen on television, were terrorists. This visit changed the children's views completely. If only there was more Life Enhancing teaching in our young people's lives. You are a joy Aly – Please keep on teaching with such inspiration.

Beth.

# Downword



## ACROSS

- 1 Christian name of a Beatle (6)
- 4 Pavrotti was one (5)
- 8 Surname of one of the 9 A (4)
- 9 Motown girl group (8)
- 10 House of the Rising Sun group (7)
- 12 Beatles drummer (5)
- 13 Abbreviation for 'something sited' (4)
- 14 A mini is a type of this (5)
- 17 Radio pylons (5)
- 20 Another Beatle Christian name (4)
- 22 Female member of The Springfields (5)
- 23 'Old blue-eyes' (7)
- 24 Twelve (3-5)
- 25 Group of three (4)
- 26 'Heavenly visitor' (5)
- 27 Words of a song (6)

## DOWN

- 1 'Over the rainbow singer' surname (7)
- 2 Starts again (7)
- 3 Artists equipment (6)
- 5. Part of a sense organ (7)
- 6 Donnie and Marie's group (7)
- 7 Petrol supplier (4)
- 11 Cavity behind the nose (5)
- 15 Surname of manager of 1A,12A and 20A (7)
- 16 Small opening for watching someone (3-4) (7)
- 18 Device to reduce voltage (7)
- 19 Cliff's backing group (7)
- 21 First name of Richie or Bart (6)
- 22 Groups of two singers (4)

Answers on page 26

## **Parish Council Notes – May '14**

### *Residential Development of 75 Houses by Morris Homes:*

A question and answer debate took place between Simon Atha and members of the public. The main points to come out of the discussion were as follows: Simon Atha explained that changes to the National Planning Framework have left the door open to developers to reapply for planning on sites which had previously been refused. Although at local level planning is influenced by the Local Development Framework 'Core Strategy', its impact is limited as it is overridden by national policy. HBBC is also vulnerable as it has not met its quota for a five year supply of deliverable housing sites. Stoke Golding is not unique in this situation; a number of other villages across the borough are experiencing similar problems.

### *County Cllr Ivan Ould's report:*

Cllr Ould attended a meeting regarding highway issues in relation to the MIRA development. He had doubts that adequate consideration has been given to the Dodwell/Longshoot junction.

A highways meeting will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June in Stapleton Village Hall, to discuss highway issues in relation to the Barwell SUE development. David Tredinnick, Cllr Ould and Stoke Golding Parish Councillors will attend.

*Convent Green Space Update:* Pauline Goodsell reported that Mar City has given the go ahead to lay bases and the compost toilet is due to be installed soon.

### *Matters arising from April meeting:*

*Wykin Lane pot-holes:* LCC Highway Inspector reports that it is not policy to reinstate grass verges, particularly in wet weather.

*Jitty Footpath* - Cllrs Ward and Mayes met with Highways Inspector, Steve Hunt. It was agreed that the inspector would contact those with property bordering the footpath to ensure overgrowth was managed. A coating of tar slurry was also negotiated for Church Walk to prolong the life of the path.

*War Memorial* - Some funding will be made available from the Environmental Improvement Programme.

### *Planning Applications:*

#### *New Applications:*

St Martins Catholic Voluntary Academy - erection of new teaching block.

13, Greenwood Road - extension and alterations to dwelling.

Stoke Lodge, Hinckley Road - demolition of existing conservatory and extensions and alterations to dwelling.

11, Arnold Road - demolition of garage and extensions and alterations to dwelling.

#### *Permission granted:*

26, Arnold Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling.

#### *Refusals:*

1, The Stableyard, Station Road - alteration of two windows and insertion of two new windows.

*Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council:* It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Ward be appointed as Chairman and Cllr Terheege, Vice-Chair.

*Establishment of committees for the ensuing year:* Committees and sub-committees were agreed on block as previous year, with the exception of Cllr Terheege who stepped down from the Village Hall Sub-Committee.



*Appointment of Financial Officer:* It was agreed to appoint the Parish Clerk as Financial Officer.

*Any Other Business:*

*Village Street Planters* - these are now in place. Stoke Golding Parish Council would like to thank Malcolm Watson of Station House for his services to the village. He gave many hours of his time and provided transport to assist in this project.

Recreation Ground - Cllr Fisher suggested that if appropriate funding was available in the future the Parish Council may wish to consider installing a permanent table tennis table at the recreation ground.

*Next meeting: The Village Hall, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm.*



## Obituaries



### **NANCY MAY INSLEY**

We are very sad to report that Nancy May Insley passed away peacefully at Harmony House, Nuneaton on 27th May 2014 aged 97 years after a long illness. She was the beloved wife of the late George and a much loved mum of Maureen and Alan, Judith and Mike, Avril and Geoff and a much loved nanna and great grandma. Born in Stockingford, Nuneaton, she and her family moved to Stoke Golding in the late 1960's living on Sherwood Road, where she became involved in village life and was a keen member of the village W.I. Nancy always spent a great deal of time with her daughters and also her extended family being much interested in all they achieved. In later life when her house and garden became too much for her she moved into sheltered accommodation in Hinckley but still continued with her Stoke Golding connections. Following a stroke she moved into Harmony House to be cared for. Her funeral service in Stoke Methodist Chapel was attended by many of her village friends. There were family flowers only with donations if so desired for the Alzheimers Society c/o Sellers Funeral Directors of Hinckley. We send our sincere condolences to Nancy's three daughters and her extended family.

### **TED CAMPBELL**

Ted Campbell, who many of you will remember, sadly passed away on 21st May 2014. He lived for many years on Hinckley Road with his wife, Sue, and sons, Ross and Blair. We offer our sincere condolences to his family.

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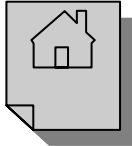
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#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 23)

ACROSS. 1 George, 4 Tenor, 8 Ross, 9 Supremes, 10 Animals, 12 Ringo, 13 Situ, 14 Dress, 17 Masts, 20 Paul, 22 Dusty, 23 Sinatra, 24 One dozen, 25 Trio, 26 Angel, 27 Lyrics.

DOWN. 1 Garland, 2 Resumes, 3 Easels, 5 Ear drum, 6 Osmonds, 7 Esso, 11 Sinus, 15 Epstein, 16 Spy hole, 18 Adaptor, 19 Shadows, 21 Lionel, 22 Duos.

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