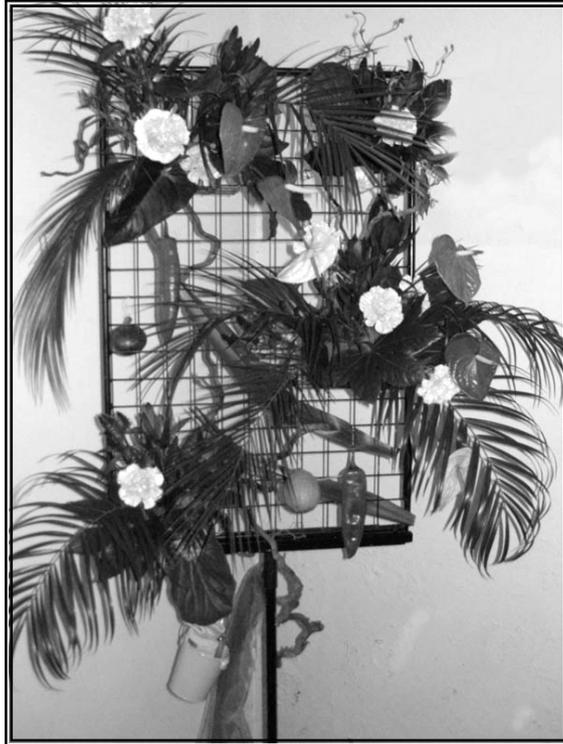


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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

Hurrah, we have been enjoying some well deserved sunshine at last - let's hope it continues for a while. It's just the weather for taking a picnic to the recreation ground to watch the cricket or for walking around the village and taking in the beautiful scenery. We hope you managed to see the amazing flower arrangements at St James's Church in Dadlington during their Flower Festival. If not you can at least enjoy the photographs on page 18. You can also visit the Flower Festival at the Methodist Church at the beginning of July (see page 12 for details).

We hope none of you have suffered as a result of the volcanic ash cloud causing travel disruption. Has it made you more likely to holiday in Britain in future? We would love to know about your favourite holiday spots in this country.

Jane & Ruth

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Stoke Golding Garden Show Society

80th Open Show - 4th September 2010

We urgently need sponsorship and donations NOW please for this years show in aid of :

'The County Air Ambulance'

If you are able to help us in any way please contact Keith Jones
01455 212794,

95 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding.

All help and donations, large or small, will be very gratefully received.



Calling All Cricket Fans

Looking for something different to do on a Saturday afternoon?

Not really keen on running, cycling, dog walking?

Then how about swopping all that strenuous exercise for some peaceful moments in a deckchair down at the recreation ground?

The perfect time to read a book, peruse a newspaper or simply catch up on the village news whilst encouraging some of our home grown cricketing talent.

Stoke Golding Cricket Club has two friendly teams eager to entertain you every Saturday afternoon.

The area to the right of the pavilion now has its very own volunteer groundsman and is currently being made more appealing for our supporters.

Why not bring a picnic and refreshments and make an occasion of it?

PS If you have any spare fold down tables, chairs or parasols that need a good home please contact Tina Waters on 07809629690 and they will be gratefully collected for our new picnic area.



Cash for the Community from Stoke Golding Players

Greetings from the Stoke Golding Players. This year's village pantomime was a great success with all involved enjoying the extravaganza. As usual the show was sold out as soon as tickets were available. Through the very generous support of the audience £1000 was raised to distribute to village organisations and charities. So if you are looking for help with a project and could do with a few extra pounds please contact Margaret Anderton at 35, Station Road or on 212843. If your organisation has already applied for a donation, don't worry – you are on the list and have not been forgotten.

Mike Collier

Correspondence



Dear Editor,

With reference to the letter in issue 91 concerning the chair reputedly used at the 'Crowning of Henry VII at Stoke Golding', a copy of Appendix G in my book on St. Margaret's Church reproduced below may be of interest:-

Maxstoke & the Henry VII 'Coronation' Chair

'It is said that the chair that was used to crown Henry Tudor in the field after his victory at the Battle of Bosworth Field on August 22nd. 1485. The chair is now in Maxstoke Castle, Warwickshire. In the opinion of Capt. C. B. Fetherstone-Dilke, father of the current owner, the seat is perhaps all that remains of the original article, the legs having been refashioned and the decorative back added later.'

As a point of explanation, Maxstoke belonged to the 2nd Duke of Buckingham until he was executed in 1483 for plotting against Richard III, and the Castle forfeited to the Crown. The new King, Henry VII, restored Maxstoke to the 3rd Duke, then a minor, and until he attained his majority custody of the Castle and estate was entrusted to Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and mother of the King. Hence "The Chair" came to Maxstoke from Crown Hill, Stoke Golding.

Tony Collett



Dear Editors,

I loved Jane's gardening article in The Stoker. I am sure you know the trick of yoghurt pots and cheap beer - it works and the slugs die happy!

Ann Edginton

Village Club Offers Musicians' Jamming Sessions

Musicians are being invited to take part in weekly jamming sessions being held at Stoke Golding Club. The Wednesday evening sessions, which started recently, are already attracting guitarists and singers. "The idea is just to get a few musicians together for a session where we can all play, develop our musical skills and broaden our range," says organiser Malc Watson.

"We would welcome any budding musician looking for a relaxed evening out to call in at the club and give it a go. The sessions are open to people of all ages and abilities."

The sessions start at 8pm and are just one of the events being staged at the Hinckley Road Club as part of a revitalised entertainments programme.

The club, which already hosts regular weekly events such as bingo, line-dancing and auctions, is one of the first in the area to invest in 3D television and will be showing all England's World Cup matches. Throughout the coming months, a number of musicians and singers will be performing in either in the club lounge or function room and in July, the village's Men In Black band will be staging a charity night.



Stoke Golding Music Festival 2010

Like the leaves suddenly reappearing on the trees, I'm sure your thoughts are turning to this year's Stoke Golding Music Festival. Malc Watson and his group of musicians and organisers have swung into action (somewhat more efficiently than the spring weather it must be said).

The dates are set... yes dates! This year's festival will be spread over two days, Saturday 28th August and Sunday 29th August. Yes, it's to be held in AUGUST (thus almost guaranteeing the superb weather that English summers are famous for)!

On the Saturday evening, the very young, very talented local group, The Conscripts, will open the show on the stage at Stoke Golding Club and will be sharing the limelight with the slightly more mature abilities of Route 66 (I wouldn't dare to refer to them as 'old' favourites) there will also be a guest band or two. Regretfully, the bands' names cannot be confirmed at the moment but I can reveal neither is it likely to be Take That.

Then, on the Sunday, during the afternoon, another brilliant selection of local musicians will perform from the stage on the Rec. This includes, amongst others, the ever-popular singers, Marky T, Jim Hirons and The Freightliners. We hope to have details of the full line-up available for next month's Stoker.

As if that wasn't enough, there will be fun and games around the Rec for everyone. The Tractor Pulling and Penalty Shoot-Out will be there for those with something to prove, with a beer tent and burger & cob tents available for those of us who are a touch less competitive. With many other attractions planned, it's worth checking the Stoker for details.

There are a few stalls still available both inside the Village Hall and outside on the Rec itself. Prospective stall holders on the Rec must remember to make their own arrangements for shade from the heat and take the threat of sun burn seriously! Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Mick Edwards on 01455 213233 (email: promachmick@aol.com).

As usual the music festival is in support of a selection of local groups as well as Leicester Animal Aid and the Air Ambulance.

So, to ensure that, unlike the new leaves, you're not left out in the cold, make a note in your diaries for the 28th & 29th August and prepare for a couple of days relaxed fun and good music.

Chris Tremain

Stoke Golding village web site:
www.stokegolding.co.uk



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

“Cherish the past, protect the future”



April Meeting -The Battle of Bosworth

In front of an audience of over 60 members and 40 visitors, Richard Knox from the Battlefield Centre gave an illustrated talk on the latest project to identify the site of the Battle of Bosworth. Richard had brought with him, both replica arms and armour and genuine battlefield artefacts.

Richard explained that by searching documents contemporary to the battle and by analysing soil samples to look for the “marsh” detailed in the documents, a team of experts had come to the same conclusion as Peter Foss in that the battle did not take place on Ambion Hill or near Mancetter as had been proposed previously. The logical place was within a triangle bounded by Shenton, Upton and Dadlington, about two miles south west of the Battlefield Centre. A small area, which was almost identical to that identified by Peter Fosse, was intensively surveyed by a small team of metal detectors using highly sensitive detectors that would ignore ferrous articles. This type of survey has to fit in with normal farming work and after two years they had found nothing. As project financing was coming to an end and in the last period available for surveying they moved just outside their defined area and found their first cannonball.

The project was given support for a further twelve months and during this time numerous ‘battlefield’ artefacts were found. This included the largest collection of medieval artillery shot and cannonballs ever found in Europe. However, the most defining object was a small silver gilt white boar badge found in an area of peat, which at the time of the battle would have been a marsh. As a personal gift from Richard, this could only have belonged to a high status nobleman in Richard’s personal entourage. Based on the documentary evidence, it is possible that the location where the brooch was found is the spot where Richard was killed.

Having almost certainly located the site of the battle, the experts are now trying to establish how the battle was fought. In a medieval battle both sides would line up facing one another and slowly advance towards one another. The artillery would be fired to break up the advancing line and this would be followed by waves of arrows from longbows, with the armies still advancing, to achieve a similar effect. Finally there would be viscous, close combat, hand to hand fighting. For the Battle of Bosworth, Henry Tudor’s Army was positioned so that its right flank was initially protected by a marsh. Henry was behind his troops and Richard was behind his. Richard Knox speculated that during the hand-to-hand fighting the two armies moved away from the Marsh. Richard saw an opportunity to attack Henry directly and finish the battle conclusively by killing his rival. He charged on horse, with his knights, with the marsh on his left, directly for Henry and his immediate supporters and succeeded in killing Henry’s standard-bearer. The charge ran out of momentum and Henry’s supporters were able to force Richard back into the marsh where he was hacked to death.

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One further piece of documentary research has confirmed Peter Fosse's view that Crown Hill, Stoke Golding was almost certainly the spot where Henry Tudor was crowned after the battle. Stoke Golding is indeed the birthplace of the Tudor Dynasty

Like all good stories, this one has yet to finish. There are further researches to be carried out including another sweep by the team with metal detectors trying to find arrowheads and other artefacts made from ferrous-based metals

Over a period of time as more evidence comes to light it may finally be possible to locate the exact position of the battle and accurately describe what happened on that fateful day in August 1485.

Roy Mitchell



*Replica arms and armour
from the Battlefield Centre*



Stoke Golding Heritage Group - June Meeting

Two years ago Ann Pavett, a member of the George Eliot Society, gave a fascinating account of the life of George Eliot to the Heritage Group. We welcome her back for a talk on Arbury Hall where 'George Eliot' grew up and where the locality and local people had such an influence on her novels. The talk will be on June 17th in the Baxter Hall at 7.30pm. Non Members, £2.50.

Clare Loses Amazing 3 Stone 12lbs

Clare writes...

'After having my second child I was constantly using the excuse "I've just had a baby" as my reason for being overweight. When my daughter reached her 1st birthday I decided something just had to be done! I had been talking to a friend for ages about coming to Weightcare and so when she rang and said "Let's go tonight" I decided to go for it.

Everyone at the Stoke Golding group was so friendly and encouraging which really helped, and of course my Consultant, Aimee is very welcoming too, so it's always been a pleasure to go along on a Thursday night.

I started the Low Fat diet and I found it very easy to follow. I lost the first stone and a half really quickly but of course it slowed down a bit after that. But it's easy to stick to as it's quite flexible. I had to stop myself from finishing the children's leftovers (I hate waste!) and find strategies for stopping myself snacking – crispbreads with cottage cheese have been a great help! I've tried various diets over the years but this one has been the most successful I've ever done.

I also started to exercise, something I generally hate! I honestly thought that running around after two small children would be enough, but apparently not. I started running, not for long, just half an hour at a time. It got a lot easier as the weight came off!

It's brilliant when people notice how much weight I've lost. Everyone has been very supportive, including my husband, who's been eating my low fat foods too (he doesn't seem to have lost much weight, probably something to do with the beer..!) It feels great to get into clothes I haven't been able to wear for years and really good to get rid of my bigger clothes. I am determined never to need them again!

You can find more information about Clare's weight loss programme by emailing weightcare@ntlbusiness.com Web: www.weight-care.co.uk



Ladies Darts Team

Ladies, have a fun night out
Join Stoke Golding Club's Ladies Darts Team
Tuesdays at 8.30pm - starting in October
We need new players
Contact Michelle on 07872935067
to register to play by 31 August

Music in the Mead

AN EXCITING range of musical performances will take place in the bandstand in Hinckley's Argents Mead throughout the summer, with something guaranteed to suit every age and taste.

The season opened on Saturday 22 May and continues until Saturday 5 September and includes the sounds of rock, pop, indie, popular classics, jazz, swing, soul, blues and even oompah.

July is 'Summer Festival' month, with a performance every Saturday.

The concert series has been organised by the Borough Council and all the performances are from 1pm to 3pm and free of charge. Refreshments will also be available this year, provided by a variety of local charitable organisations.

The programme is as follows:

Saturday 5 June, *The Enderby Wind Band* - A traditional concert band performing a wide range of popular and classical band music.

Saturday 19 June, *Swinging Bass* - A professional jazz and dance quintet featuring a Birmingham Conservatoire trained saxophonist and Sinatra-style singer, plus a very swinging trio.

Saturday 3 July, *The Kez* - A 60s and 70s rock n roll band playing Elvis, The Beatles, T Rex, Mud, Sweet and more. Great nostalgia from the 60s and the glam rock era, plus some modern hits.

Saturday 10 July – *The Kosmiks* - Irish jigs and reels, as well as popular Irish folk tunes.

Saturday 17 July, *Little Boy Blue* - A 5-piece rhythm and blues band playing a variety of blues, soul and rock and roll.

Saturday 24 July, *Phoenix* - A local 5-piece band playing a mix of rock and pop covers and original songs.

Saturday 31 July – *Von Winkler's Bavarian Band* - An authentic sound of the Bavarian Alps with polkas, marches and waltzes and sing-a-long music. All the fun of the German bier Keller.

Saturday 14 August, *Rocking 60s* - Players with a wide repertoire and experience which includes music from the golden age of rock 'n' roll. They also all have the distinction of being within their 60s.

Saturday 5 September, *Kids in Cars* - A local 5-piece indie rock band playing their own music, with influences including Nirvana, Radiohead and Elbow.

For more information contact Paula Padmore on 01455 255856 or visit the council's website at: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/events_calendar.asp

Mangle House and the Old Box Mangle

In the very early days of the magazine Jill Webster wrote an article for the magazine about the old box mangle which was used in the 1800s to help dry the villagers' washing and I seem to recall that the charge for its use was 1d (old money) a load. This article was subsequently incorporated in the Blue Plaque Walk book which was produced by the Thomas Barton Charity to commemorate its 600th anniversary and the millennium. A copy of this Blue Plaque Walk publication can be found on the village web site www.stokegolding.co.uk .

A recent trawl through antique dealers' web sites produced a photograph of a box mangle which was then for sale at a dealer's shop in Northamptonshire. The item was listed as being Georgian so it was pre-1840 and was priced at £1295! The attached picture shows just how large these machines were - they were loaded with rocks to weigh down on the washing as the handle was turned and the washing squeezed. I seem to remember that they needed a room of some 14 feet in length to accommodate the machine and user.



Denis Cash

Stoke Golding Sewer Contract

The works have now been completed - the final phase in Roseway went well. Locations such as Roseway, where we work in front of residential properties can only be completed with the co-operation of everyone. We cause considerable disturbance to all residents both with construction works and diversions. In Roseway we had wonderful support from every single resident. Perhaps this was due to the fact that it is they who will benefit most from the scheme, but having said that we have been in similar situations before when the support has not been there. So A MASSIVE THANKYOU to all residents in Roseway!

The new installation will provide better routing and more capacity for the foul sewer, so flooding will now be a thing of the past.

The works were completed about 2 weeks ahead of our programme. This is entirely due to the weather being kind to us at times during the works, and also the support we have had from local residents, that in turn have allowed us to crack on with construction. The works have been accident and incident free – apart from the break in over the Easter Weekend.

So, on behalf of the Severn Trent Water Team, the Designers - Pick Everard, and staff from Whitehouse, 'Cheerio', and we know that the investment made by Severn Trent Water into Stoke Golding will serve you well for many years to come.

Brell Ewart

Stoke Golding Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

There is a big day approaching for me this month. It's not a wedding, but it sometimes feels like that! On the last Sunday in June I'll be ordained as a full minister in the Methodist Church.



This may come as a surprise to many, because for two years I've been here doing everything that a 'normal' minister does. But I've actually been going through my 'probation'. This probation period has, I suppose, been akin to an engagement: both the Church and myself testing the relationship in a committed and meaningful way. And, if that's the case, my period of training and testing beforehand was like a long courtship, going back to the time when I first realised my true feelings about the ministry God had in store for me.

But enough romantic language! What happens when you're ordained? Well, in the midst of a long and joyful ceremony, I will be asked if I am still convinced of my calling and the beliefs of the church, I will be prayed for, and then the Methodist President and others (representing the whole church) will lay hands on me, asking God to bless me with his Spirit for this ministry.

And what will all that mean for me? Well, I'm hoping that when I'm ordained I'll be given the ability to multi-task – I hope I'll be able to do five things at once. I hope I'll be given more time: to do all things I want to do, and meet the expectations of the lovely people in my churches, and rest and relax and exercise and meet with friends. I hope I'll be able to spend hours in prayer: praying for all the people who are in any kind of need, and feeling very close to God all the time. I hope I'll be able to keep a tidy house and tidy mind, and an immaculate garden. And I hope I'll be able to read minds. Is that what will happen? I hope so, but I suspect that, actually, I'll still be me! I imagine I'll still be struggling to keep things in balance, and having to prioritise, aware that I actually can't do everything or be everywhere. After my ordination I will be still human... but someone with a special role, set apart with a particular ministry, as part of the whole church. It's not a magic spell, but it is an immense honour and privilege, which also carries great responsibilities.

At the end of the day, ministers, priests, clergy (call them what you like) are only there to point the way to something better. *Someone* better. There's a little-known book in the Bible called Hebrews – a letter written to early Christians. The writer of this explains the limitations of priests: they are indeed human, with weaknesses like anyone else. But the writer also points them to someone infinitely better: 'Our Great High Priest', that is Jesus Christ. One who showed us that true greatness comes in serving others, that real honour is found in meekness and humility, and that the ultimate power of the universe is *love* – love that led him to sacrifice his life for the world. It's *his* way that the Church is there to point to: his way of costly love that transforms the world for the better. And this is a ministry we can all share in.

Please remember me on 27th June! And God bless you all,

Rev'd Andy Murphy

What's On



Stoke Golding Club



All major sporting events are shown on Sky and terrestrial channels.
Watch 2 separate Sky channels at the same time with our 3 TVs

High Definition TV now Installed
Sport on 3D TV coming soon!

Diary Dates

World Cup kick off 11th June

During World Cup matches we will have special offers on drinks and complimentary food will be provided.

Summer Ball

Saturday 19th June, tickets are still available.

The Club opens at 4.00pm daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Remember your money always goes further at The Club.

Enquiries, please telephone Helen or Maria on 01455212221

Stoke Golding Methodist Church Flower Festival

'Let the Children Sing'

Friday 2nd July 10.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday 3rd July 10.00am – 6.00pm

Sunday 4th July - Church open from 12noon

Refreshments and ploughman's lunches – Friday & Saturday

Flower Festival Services

10.30am Mrs Joan Ledson

6.00pm Mr Malcolm Lapper (Includes items by a soloist)

Zion Chapel Services - June

6th June M Welch

13th June J Needham

20th June R Cotton

27th June G Malpass

Services begin at 6pm
Sunday School at 11am

Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th June
Coffee Morning for
Methodist Homes
10.00 – 11.30am

What's On

Special Evening Date For Your Calendar

The fun event of the year at Stoke Golding Club, and returning by popular demand are The Munich Bierkeller Men for one night only, August 7th at 7.30pm. A wonderful night of thigh slapping 'Oompah Night' fun for all the family (min age 12yrs). Tickets priced at £7.50 each will be on sale after the Summer Ball (June 19th), from Stoke Club, Tony in the Middle Stores and Liz at the Post Office. Admission will be by ticket only so make sure you get yours early as this will sell out (limited to 120 seats). Watch out for posters around the village for more details soon.



Rob and Joy Hirons

Methodist Church Services - June

6 th June	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
13 th June	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
20 th June	10.30am	Mrs Jennifer Baker
27 th June	10.30am	Mr Charles Davies

Would you like to have The Stoker delivered?

We shall be collecting annual subscriptions of £5 from mid-June onwards. This will cover 11 issues of The Stoker – up to and including the July/August 2011 magazine.

The Stoker will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in May 2011 and every household in Stoke Golding and Dadlington will receive a free copy of the magazine.

Alan Taylor has delegated some of his duties to other members of the Production Team so you may see a different (Alan says more attractive!) face at your door collecting subs.

If you would like to start subscribing please fill in the form below and leave it in the box at the Post Office. Alan will call and collect your money.

Name

Address

PLEASE NOTE : There is no need to fill in this form if you are already a subscriber.



OBITUARIES



Hilda Barrs

Hilda, wife of the late Clarence, passed away on 17th April 2010 in the George Eliot Hospital aged 80 years. She came from an old Stoke family and she would always give a friendly wave and greeting from her mobility scooter as she drove by. She believed in getting out and about on it despite her infirmities and could be seen enjoying the countryside as far afield as Shenton and Sutton Cheney.

James Arthur Cartwright

Jim, as he was known to all who knew him, passed away after a long illness on 27th April 2010 at the age of 90. He was the beloved husband of Mary, a caring father to Jane, Terry, Ruth and David, and a loving granddad and great granddad to eight children. Jim fought bravely for a number of years against kidney failure and was always ready with a cheerful smile and a chat to his many village friends. His determination to fight on was plain to see and he did not let a punishing regime of dialysis interfere with numerous holiday trips to the Canaries, where he endured his treatment there in more sunny climes. Cremation followed a service at Stoke Methodist Church. There were no flowers by request but donations in lieu if desired can be sent direct to 'Leicester Hospital Charity Renal Unit', at the City General Hospital, Gwendolin Road, Leicester, LE5 4PW.

Hazel Vivien Harthill

Hazel passed away on 9th May 2010 aged 89 years at Valley Lodge Care Home, Matlock, where she had been living for a number of years. Hazel and her late husband Tom had lived on Sherwood Road for many years and were both well known local residents. The funeral service was conducted at Witherley Church with a cremation service afterwards. There were family flowers only with donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK c/o Thomas Greatorex & Sons Limited, Undertakers, of The Green, Matlock. DE4 3BU

Mary Sanders

Mary, who lived in Stoke Golding for over 20 years, sadly passed away after a short illness on May 10th, aged 59 years. Many will remember Mary walking her Bearded Collies around the village and also as proprietor of Champion Pet Supplies, Horeston Grange.

Mary had a green burial (near Rugby) at her request. Donations in honour of Mary can be made to: Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, RSPCA - Coventry and District Branch, The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth or MacMillan Cancer Support.

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

Message from Alan Davis, Retired Archdeacon



In Between Time – From Election to Spirit

One could hardly avoid the weeks of campaigning, words written and spoken, leading up to the election and then the feeling of bewilderment following it.

This article is being written after ballots were cast but before a government has been installed. As someone has commented, 'The people have spoken but we can't work out what they said'.

I feel somewhat unsettled without a 'proper' Prime Minister, and with the money markets breathing fire and brimstone, and with the general sense of uncertainty. It is interesting to realise that most of our New Testament, biblical books written after Jesus' earthly life, was written by people who believed that they were living in an in-between time. The fixed-ness of the old religion and world view had been thrown apart by the life and teaching of Jesus. Up ahead they believed in the complete coming of God's Kingdom. But for them, their 'now' lay between what had always been known and the new dawn promised by Jesus.

The ancient writers of the Jewish scriptures, our Old Testament, portray their feelings of dread when faced with chaos. The picture which conjures this up is that of 'the deep' – a world without identifiable compass points. That is why, of course, the belief that God created order out of chaos was such a major platform for their faith.

And so, our sense of being on uncertain ground is both understandable but can also encourage us to 'let go' of some of the unthinking crutches we cling to. The fascinating election results and their aftermath may actually lead to a greater awareness of God's Spirit who will lead us where he will. Remember you read it here first – I doubt that thought will appear in your newspaper!

Alan Davis

Church of England Services - June

St. Margaret's Church

6th June 10.30am Family Service + Baptism. Worship Group
13th June 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton.
20th June 10.30am Holy Communion.
27th June 10.30am Morning Worship.

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

St. James's Church

6th June 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer.
13th June 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton.
20th June 9.00am BCP Holy Communion.
27th June 9.00am BCP Holy Communion.

Information from Stoke Golding Parish Council May 2010

You will recently have received a flier which was circulated to the village by Mar City Developers regarding their proposals for the St Martin's Convent site. You may also be aware that another developer – Morris Homes - has recently been investigating the Sherwood Road site with a view to also building houses on the field(s) between the end of Sherwood Road and Hinckley Road, Dadlington.

The schedule for the publication of the Local Development Framework to be established by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has fallen a long way behind and will not now take place until the end of 2010. Meanwhile HBBC has also fallen behind in the implementation of its 5 Year Housing Allocation. The reality is that as well as the 59 houses allocated to Stoke Golding in the Local Development Framework the village may find that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council welcome a planning application from both Mar City and Morris Homes and that around 200 new houses could be built in the village.

In its submission last year to the Local Development Framework consultation, the Parish Council reflected the view expressed overwhelmingly by the village that residents would prefer that the Brownfield site at St Martin's Convent be used for housing rather than the Greenfield sites elsewhere in the Parish. Residents have been asking questions as to the implications of the Mar City flyer.

The position of the Parish Council remains the same as previously publicly stated – that is - outline support for the use of the Brownfield site at St Martin's Convent for 59 houses although the Council may well wish to comment in detail when a specific planning application regarding style, layout, facilities, access etc becomes public. The Parish Council does not support the use of the Greenfield sites around, adjoining or in the village.

Individual residents should be aware that it is very important that when or if any application for housing is submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council they should write to HBBC regarding the matter and expressing their own opinions as a matter of urgency. The Parish Council is keeping the situation under review on a day-to day basis.



Beautiful spring blossom in Hinckley Road Cemetery.

Thank you Ray

Mr Ray Lockley has been the Chairman of Stoke Golding Good Companions for the last seven years. Regrettably, due to ill health, he has taken the decision to step down from this post. Ray will not be leaving us entirely however, as he is going to continue to assist with the running of the club.

We would like to say 'thank you' to Ray for all his hard work over the past seven years and wish him well for the future.



Stan Lakin - on behalf of Stoke Golding Good Companions

Stoke Golding Holiday Group

Llandudno Spring Holiday

How lucky we were - a bright sunny day to start our holiday to Llandudno and this stayed with us all the week. The hotel was very good, with excellent food and pleasant staff.

Two coach trips were included, one of which took in the beautiful scenery of the Llanberis Pass, and also included a trip on the Llanberis lakeside railway, calling at Portmadoc on the return. A second coach trip was to the village of Bets-y-Coed, a very interesting area. On our free day some of us ventured to the top of the Great Orme on the mountain tram ride.

A good time was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to all who support us on our holiday tours.

P. Lakin, Secretary

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-
Thursday 10th & 24th June.

Dadlington - 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.15 - 10.35am

Stoke Golding -

Greenwood Road 10.40 - 11.10am

Sherwood Road 11.15 - 11.45am

The White Swan 11.50am - 12.15pm

Hinckley Road/Main Street 12.20 - 12.45pm



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Dadlington Matters

St James's Flower Festival



'Come into the Garden'



The Flower Festival raised £2045 over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped and visited the church.

The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match

(In aid of research into pancreatic cancer.)

Dadlington v Stoke Golding

Sunday 6th June 2010

1.30pm

Dadlington Village Green

Followed by live music on the green from the
Fabulous "Route 66"

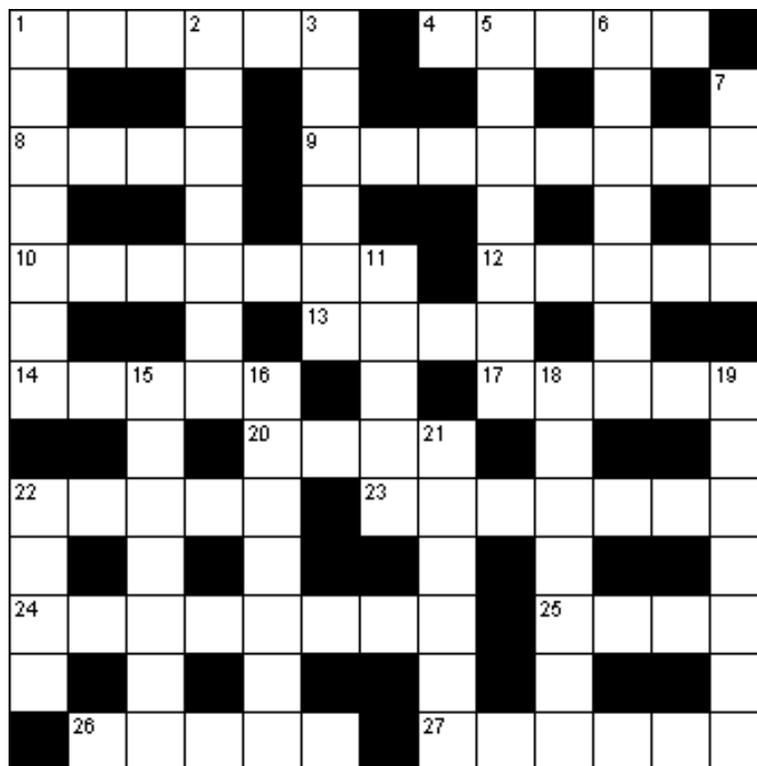
Bar - hot food - cream teas

Raffle with major prizes

Free admission

(But beware of people bearing raffle tickets!)

Crossword



Across

- 1. "***** man" TV programme about a part mechanical male (6)
- 4. & 9A "Nice to see you" TV game show host (4 & 8)
- 8. British horned animal (4)
- 9. see 4A
- 10. Measurement of noise (7)
- 12. Scottish nobleman (5)
- 13. European capital (4)
- 14. Pulls unwillingly along (5)
- 17. see 24A
- 20. Beers (4)
- 22. Burglar deterrent (5)
- 23. Biblical lady (7)
- 24. 26A & 17A. TV card game programme HOSTED BY 4a & 9a (4-4-5-5)
- 25. Way out (4)
- 27. &11D Choice players of 24A etc have to make (6-5)

Down

- 1. Iraq capital (7)
- 2. Two of a kind with 4A & 9A gets you this (7)
- 3. Chest for storage (6)
- 5. Cattle stealer (7)
- 6. Slicing (7)
- 7. Repair (4)
- 11. see 27A
- 15. Southern USA city (7)
- 16. Large foreign fluffy dog (7)
- 18. Titanic sinker (7)
- 19. Bread cooker (7)
- 21. Look for (6)
- 22. European mountains (4)

Answers on page 22

Stoke Golding Parish Council - April 2010 Meeting

Presentation by MarCity representatives: Three people from MarCity attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on their plans for the Convent Site having met with HBBC Planning. They confirmed their first step is to put in an application to HBBC for the access and an outline of the site. They intend to circulate the village with a leaflet explaining these initial plans.

Wykin Lane Cemetery and Wildlife Area: Installation of water at Wykin Lane Cemetery – Severn Trent has still not replied following the site visit – the Clerk was asked to write again to Severn Trent. The Maintenance Contract updating is ongoing. Confirmation was received that further moles have been captured. Insurance cover for Wykin Lane Cemetery pond – a meeting has been arranged with NFU Health and Safety for Thursday 13 May to obtain their advice. A thank you letter has been sent to Thomas Barton for their contribution to bat boxes in the wild area

Hinckley Road Cemetery: The 'Memorial Safety Policy' had been circulated for comments and the letters used are to be added. The new sign is ready for installation. A discussion was held on how to improve the Memorial Wall area and it was decided to arrange site meetings for further discussion.

Recreation Ground: A brochure to look at a possible new gate system for the dog free children's play area has been obtained. Grit bins/bench/dog waste bins (x3) have been delivered and are ready for installation. In response to letters received from the Football Club refusing to pay the remainder of their fees for the past season, a sub-committee, consisting of three councillors was set up to arrange a meeting with the Club to discuss the issues raised.

Orders have been placed for the new swing and climbing frame equipment. It was reported that the hedging had now been installed down the left side of the ground and chicken wire had been fixed to the fence. Work was expected to start on the pathway week commencing 8 April. A saving in the costs for the work was being sought to help fund other areas of this project. Advice regarding the health and safety aspect of the BMX ramp was being sought prior to installation.

Village Hall: The draft accounts for the Village Hall Management Committee and Parish Council were circulated at the meeting. The Village Hall is showing its capacity for variety with more classes and functions. Continued improvements in the year to the hall have been a new ceiling and lights, a refurbished hall floor, an overhaul of the internal electricity supply and a help alarm in the disabled toilet.

Projects for the future include the refurbishment of the stage floor and curtains and tidying of the outside area of the hall adjacent to the car park. The members of the Village Hall Management Committee were thanked for their continued hard work. It was proposed and agreed that the accounts be sent for audit.

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The Importance of Walking



Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at £2000 per month

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing..

I joined a health club last year, spent about £400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years ... just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

and...

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a 'Happy Hour' and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE : 15th JUNE

We may be able to include articles received after this date if you let us know by the 15th that you will be sending something in.

ACROSS 1. Bionic, 4 & 9. Bruce Forsythe, 8. Goat, 9. see 4A, 10. Decibel,
12. Laird, 13. Rome, 14. Drags, 17. see 24A, 20. Ales, 22. Alarm, 23. Rebecca,
24 & 26 & 17A Play your cards right, 25. Exit, 26. see 24A etc, 27 & 11D Higher -
lower.
DOWN.
1. Baghdad, 2. Nothing, 3. Coffey, 5. Rustler, 6. Cutting, 7. Mend, 11. see 27A, 15.
Alabama, 16. Samoyed, 18. Iceberg, 19. Toaster, 21 Search, 22. Alps.



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