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# The Stoker

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

Ruth



## Note from the Editors

Jane



*April and May seem to have been months of celebrations, both local and national. Did you enjoy the Royal Wedding? - obviously the ladies from Dadlington had a great time celebrating (page 10). Now attention is growing for the Olympics next year, so well done to the 'Sew & Sews' who have produced a celebratory blanket in advance of the occasion and congratulations to Joy Hirons who has become Leicester & Rutland Skeet champion (page 8). Stoke Golding Village Hall's 50th birthday celebrations were a great success and enjoyed by hundreds of you over the weekend of 7th-8th May (pages 3-5)*

*Most of us will also be celebrating the fact that the appeal by Morris Homes for development in the village has been turned down (page 7)*

*You will find plenty to do locally in June, as our packed 'What's On' pages show. Whether you enjoy sport, music, dancing or meeting for a chat there really is something for everyone to enjoy.*

Jane & Ruth

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*Front cover - Winter Walks - St James' Church, Dadlington, Flower Festival  
Going Places (More photos on page 11)*

## Stoke Golding Village Hall's 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The Village Hall was dressed in its best finery for the special dance to celebrate 50 years, held on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Gold and white balloons with matching table cloths and decorations provided just the right atmosphere for the occasion and over a hundred people enjoyed dancing the night away to fantastic music by Route '66'.

The Open Afternoon was also a great success with entertainment and displays provided by a wide range of village groups. The hall was full to bursting for most of the afternoon and Annette's Tea Shop provided delicious home made cakes and refreshments. Photographs on display brought back a lot of memories -some have been printed on page 5.

Here's to the next 50 years of the Village Hall! - *Jane White*

### Open Afternoon Photos



*The hall filled to capacity*



*W I Ladies*



*Scouts*





*St Martin's Singers*



*Under 5s Group*



*Tricia Pollard's Upholstery Display*



*Arthur Shirley and Rachel Terhege*



*Back 2 Back Pilates*



## Memories of the Village Hall

*In the late 50s a builder from Stockingford built three houses opposite the Club. He did such a good job that he was asked to put in a tender for the hall. He got the job but sadly he went bankrupt after he had built it.*

Before the hall was built, young mums met at various houses for coffee and a chat.

*Hinckley Borough Council wanted to close the hall in the 70s due to high maintenance bills. After negotiations with the Council we formed a committee to take over the running and maintenance cost ourselves.*

I helped with the fund-raising to build the hall. We held Gala Days on the playing field from 1957 and they continued into the '60s.

*The WI used to hold its fetes here.*

After many a committee meeting a few of the committee members would call at no. 8 Hinckley Road for a light hearted 'tot' or two by way of relaxation.

*The White Swan held their Old Peoples' Christmas dinner in the village hall.*

I have memories of my wife's father (Kim Geary) and his colleagues on the fund raising committee making strenuous efforts to bring the village hall project to a successful conclusion.

*Judy Watson and Ann Hughes opened Stoke Golding Playgroup in 1968, catering for children aged 3 – 5 years. We were allowed to take 15 children per session. Later we had 26 per session with more staff.*

A Silver Jubilee party was held in 1977 – it was a big success.

*In the late 70s the committee negotiated an interest free loan from Hinckley & Bosworth Council for a new oil heating system in the main hall.*

I brought my son to be weighed at the baby clinic, which was held here.

*I remember the amazing turnout when there was a meeting regarding plans for the convent site re-development. I think the whole village was there!*

Helping to run the first discos in the area with 400+ teenagers in the hall. Not sure that would be legal now!

*Coming to the library upstairs and helping my daughter to choose her first ever library book.*

I delivered milk here for the village fetes, always held at the hall run by the Playing Field Association

*In the mid 70s we opened a disco for the village teenagers. It ran on Saturday evenings for nearly two years and was a big success. We were forced to close it when it became too popular and the numbers got too high.*

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Arthur Shirley, pictured opposite, was a Vice-Chair of the original Playing Fields Development Association that was involved in raising money and building the Village Hall in 1961. He was very moved to see the hall still prospering today and looking so splendid.

## **The Potting Shed Plant Sale and Breakthrough Breast Cancer**

I would like to thank everyone who came to support my 'inaugural' plant sale at the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. All the Mother's Day arrangements and gifts found new homes and I returned to The Potting Shed with a healthy number of orders for summer hanging baskets and pots. It was lovely to see so many friends and neighbours turn out in support - and enjoy a natter over a cup of tea or coffee.

Indeed, the refreshments were a huge hit – especially the selection of home-made cakes and biscuits made by expert bakers Gemma and Marion. Their creations wouldn't have looked out of place at Betty's in Harrogate – they were superb – and disappeared (literally like hot cakes) in record time helping to raise £89 on the day for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Breast cancer affects 1 in 9 women and yet none of us ever think its going to happen to us. When I was diagnosed with it, 2 days after completing the 2009 Great North Run, in my best time ever and, incidentally, having never felt fitter, it was like being hit over the head with a sledge hammer. As a relatively young woman, being told that I would have to have a mastectomy felt like the bottom had fallen out of my world. I remember sitting in the consultation room thinking 'Don't cry, be brave, pull yourself together'... and, as I always try to find a positive in every situation, 'thank god this is happening to me and not one of my precious daughters'.

Anyway, back to the plant sale! As those close to me know, I had been pretty (though it wasn't very 'pretty' at all!) much thwarted in the week running up to the sale due to a severe allergy to something I had been handling in the garden - which was a tad ironic! We think the culprit was primroses of all things (Google it and you will see what they can do to you!) – hence no primroses or primulas in any of the arrangements on the day. Thank you Sarah Rollins for whisking me to Leicester Royal's A & E on Sunday morning, then racing round to half the chemists in the City in an attempt to get hold of the vast quantities of drugs that had been prescribed to me to alleviate the swelling and, as if that wasn't enough, providing a vastly superior version of meals on wheels in the form of a delicious Sunday dinner for me and Jenbob to savour later in the afternoon.

However, the show must go on, as the saying goes, so the sale still went ahead a week later thanks in no small part to all who rallied round and did everything from making up baskets for me in the run-up to the event, to setting it all out in the hall on the morning, serving the refreshments and clearing up at the end. A very special mention to Julie, Marion, Gemma, Marice, Cynthia and Bernard for all their help and to everyone who provided moral support on the day, especially Sarah, Jill, Jane, Alan, Sadie, Abbi, Di, Gina, Emily, Brenda, Ann and Jim. It was much appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation, no matter how small, to Breakthrough Breast Cancer please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Rachel-Davies> or leave it with Liz in the Post Office. And thank you so much - every penny really does count!

*Rachel Davies*

*The rest of Rachel's article will appear in next month's Stoker - Eds*



## **Stoke Golding Heritage Group**

*“Cherish the past, protect the future”*



### **Morris Homes Appeal**

By now most of you have probably heard that the appeal by Morris Homes to build on the land off Hinckley Road/Sherwood Road was rejected. The nature of the decision is that other than one or two houses there will be no other developments outside the existing settlement boundary until 2025. The ruling was based on the view that additional houses in Stoke Golding above the 59 approved for the convent site would be contrary to the approved core strategy and could lead to upsetting the balance between rural and urban housing in that strategy. However the inspector rejected other arguments put forward to prevent development on that site. For example reducing the separation between Dadlington and Stoke Golding, traffic problems etc. After 2025 it would still be possible to build on this site. In the public consultation on the Draft Site Allocation documents the Parish Councils of Sutton Cheney, Stoke Golding and the Heritage Group proposed the establishment of a green wedge between the two villages to maintain the existing separation. The second draft version of the Site Allocation Document will be published in the Autumn. We will continue to lobby the Council to try and get the green wedge established to protect development in this area. We will know in the autumn if we have been successful.

*Roy Mitchell, Stoke Golding Heritage Group*

### **Stoke Golding WI - May Meeting**



This month Anne Fullagar gave a thorough briefing on the background to the final resolutions that will be voted on at the National Federation of Women's Institutes AGM taking place in Liverpool in June. A lively discussion took place on the resolutions after which we had the opportunity to cast our own vote.

The two resolutions are:

1. The proposed mega farms moved by Dilton Marsh WI, Wiltshire Federation:  
“This meeting abhors the practise of factory farming particularly large animals such as pigs and cows and urges H.M. Government to ensure planning permission is not granted for such projects.”

2. The closure of local libraries moved by Nedderton WI, Northumberland Federation:

“This meeting urges H M Government to maintain support for local libraries as an essential local educational and information resource.”

These resolutions will be discussed at the AGM and if passed will form the mandate for future campaigning and awareness.

Our next meeting is on June 8th when the speaker Caroline Smith's talk is entitled '*They told me I was adopted*'. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

*Sue Mitchell*

## Skeet Champion



Joy Hirons of Church Walks has just become Leicestershire & Rutland Skeet Doubles County Ladies Champion. She shot at Northampton shooting ground on Sunday May 8th to take the ladies county title despite extremely strong windy conditions, which caused some very hard targets.

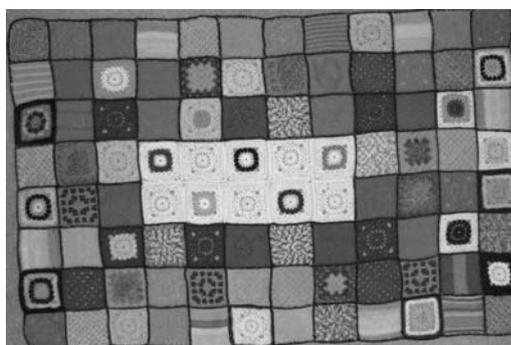
This was Joy's first ever Skeet competition following a recent switch to the Skeet discipline and is something that she has great pleasure and enjoyment shooting so hopefully this is the start of many competition wins.

## Sew and Sews

The industrious ladies from Sew & Sews have been busy with their knitting needles and crochet hooks, as part of a project in aid of Age Concern. The aim is to create the biggest blanket in Leicestershire using 6" squares, to celebrate the 2012 Olympic Games and to inspire people to learn new skills.

We completed a total of 96 squares, which when sewn together made a 6' x 4' blanket. We were very pleased with the result. Many thanks to all who took part.

*Jan*



## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-  
Thursdays 9th & 23rd June.

**Dadlington** 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.05 - 10.25am

### **Stoke Golding**

Greenwood Road 10.30 - 10.45am

Sherwood Road 10.50 - 11.10am

The White Swan 11.15am - 11.40pm

Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm

*For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565*



## Top Gear...

I have a confession. I am completely obsessed with Top Gear. It is simply the most compelling viewing with three presenters who are arguably the guys with the best job in the world. Hammond who, I am convinced, is a glove puppet, May who looks like a hit man for the National Trust and Clarkson who has the uncanny ability to look portly and lanky at the same time.

The mix is eclectic and the whole thing appears so shambolic that it really shouldn't work but it does and brilliantly. Just try and get to be a member of the audience. Most people that I know have been trying for years without a sniff.

Each week a new supercar is trotted out. The next is always rewriting the cloud of superlatives that surround these examples of motoring fantasy . Each week I wonder who are the people who buy these things and how much longer can this lunacy continue.

Just consider. The cheapest are the same price as a detached house (or a broom cupboard in Chelsea). The depreciation curve is similar to the smoke trail of a free fall parachutist. If it runs long enough to have a service then the bill will make the Greek national debt look like sweet money. But, they say, 0 to 60 is achieved in 3.5 seconds. Not Friday afternoon on the M25 it isn't matey. If you were reckless enough to venture out at that time then you had better be prepared for many of those looks that, even without the spoken word, adequately conveys the idea of your proficiency in the art of solo sex.

Parking, however, is no longer a problem as you simply would not dare to leave the thing unattended anywhere. Particularly with the roof down. So you are compelled to keep moving except you can't because fuel consumption is measured in yards when you so much as breathe on the loud pedal. And as for unleashing its full potential on the road! Ha! The Bugattii Veyron hits 100 mph in less than 3 seconds. Great except a 1964 Morris Minor doesn't and that is what will emerge into your path as you unleash the fury. This will leave you with a very big bill and Major Trumpington-Smythe of Bexley Heath telling the memsab over the morning tea that he was hit by an Exocet on the A3.

Supercars belong in the land of dreams where people offer them to you free of charge to do with them as you will on your own private race track. Like I said, the best job..... ***in the world!!!***

Yours, filling in the job application for tea boy on Top Gear.



*The Fool on the Hill*

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# Dadlington Matters

## Walking for Health

The Dog & Hedgehog, Dadlington, in the middle of its refit (neither kitchen nor pumps operational) very kindly opened its doors and supplied refreshments (soup, soft drinks, tea and coffee) to approx 70 walkers in much need. The two 'Walking for Health' groups known as 'Lets Walk Bosworth' comprising of folk from Hinckley, Bosworth, Stoke Golding, Dadlington and a plethora of surrounding villages were celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Both walks started from The Dog and Hedgehog on Tuesday 5th May in glorious sunshine. The very enjoyable 5 mile walk led by Ralph encompassed parts of the surrounding countryside of Dadlington and Stoke Golding with beautiful views.

*Jean Hobbs*



*A celebratory group on the terrace of The Dog and Hedgehog*



*The ladies of Dadlington knew how to celebrate the Royal wedding...*



*and the ducks did too.*

## More from Dadlington

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May was a very lucky day for Dadlington. The roar of David Fielden's cannon at midday signalled the re-opening of the Dog and Hedgehog and villagers gathered again around the old familiar bar. We were warmly welcomed by Bill, Robert and Sandra and after two and a half years the beer and conversation flowed once more. Initial reports indicate that the food is hot, the beer cool and both are very tasty.

Robert has enlisted the help of Wood Farm and Battlefield Breweries, both are local (Wood Farm at Willey opened in March and Battlefield is at Ansley), and both will be supplying the Dog with their ranges of great beers.

Bill has ensured that drinkers have plenty of room at the bar, where food is also available, whilst the same menu is served in the more formal surroundings of the old malt house and gallery.

This is not intended to be a restaurant review, but it has to be said that the food was first class. Chef Steve does a great job with mostly local produce, the liver and bacon from Gosling's farm was particularly tasty.

The villagers and wider community are indebted to Sandra, Bill and Robert for having the vision to invest their dollars and expertise into our pub – we will endeavour to support them for as long as our livers can take it.

*Simon Rees-Jones*



*Robert, Sandra, Steve and Bill behind the bar at the Dog & Hedgehog*

## St James' Church, Dadlington, Flower Festival 'Going Places'



*Kenya*

Over £2000 was raised during the weekend. The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way.



*The Olympics - London 2012*

## What's On in Dadlington

### **The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match**

In aid of research into Pancreatic Cancer

Dadlington v Stoke Golding

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Dadlington Village Green

Schedule

1.00pm

Kids Cricket

All children from the villages are invited to play in this curtain raiser.

2.00pm (approx)

Dadlington v Stoke Golding

25 overs per side.

4.00pm (approx)

Live music on the Green from the fabulous

ROUTE 66

6.00pm (approx)

Adjourn to the Dog and Hedgehog!

Raffle with major prizes, bar, hot dogs

Teas in the Village Hall

Helpers and raffle prizes needed.

Please contact Graham on 01455 213487

### **A Concert in St James' Church, Dadlington**

***Music for a Summer Evening***

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30 pm**

Once again, by popular demand, Cate Mellor (Soprano) and Paul Barker (Baritone) will be performing Songs from the Shows, Opera and Church Music in the church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm. This time they will be joined by Nick Goodwin, Hannah Phillips and Deborah O'Donnell and accompanied on the keyboard by Tim Spencer.

Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the concert when there will be a chance to meet the performers. The event will support the repairs to this church, which is connected to the Battle of Bosworth and dates from before 1283.

Tickets cost £12.50 each and may be reserved by calling Caroline on 01455 212212 or Jill on 01455 212771.

## Church Matters

### Zion Chapel Service

5th June M Welch  
12th June J Needham  
19th June R Cotton  
26th June M Menzfeld

Services begin at 6pm  
Sunday School at 11am

### The Methodist Church

5th June 10.30am Deacon Philip Osborne  
12th June 10.30am Rev'd Julie Minns  
19th June 10.30am Mrs Judith Cook  
26th June 10.30am Mrs Eveline Overton

**Tots Church** is continuing to meet every third and fourth Sunday of the month at 10.30 until 11.15am in the Baxter Hall. Children aged up to 7 can be catered for.

### Church of England Services

#### St. Margaret's Church

5<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Family Service  
12<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton  
19<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Holy Communion  
26<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Morning Service

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

#### St. James's Church

#### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

5<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer  
12<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton  
19<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
26<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am BCP Holy Communion

### St Margaret's Church Chat and Book Swap



Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays starting on 1st June  
**10.30am - 12 noon in Church**

There will also be a book swap.  
Everyone is welcome, we do hope you will join us.

## What's On

### Show Time 2011

Please come and watch Lee Academy's Dance Show at the Civic Hall in Bedworth on 10th and 11th July. Lots of children from the village and surrounding area have been working very hard to put together a wonderful show. The profits will go to the LOROS and Brain Cancer charities. For tickets call the box office on 02476 376707.



Peak Performance  
Training

### 'Start Living Life to the Full'

Saturday 18th June 2011  
Stoke Golding Methodist Church Hall  
10am - 4.00pm

*Stuck in a fur lined rut?*

*This one-day workshop is packed with material to lift your spirits and set the ball rolling for a happier, healthier & more successful you!*

*Lunch and refreshments provided*

Cost £45.00 per person/ £80.00 for two.

please contact Rachel Davies  
on 01455 213683 or 07720 789089  
e-mail [rachel.peakperformance@talktalk.co.uk](mailto:rachel.peakperformance@talktalk.co.uk)

## Stoke Golding Club

### Summer Ball

Saturday June 11th

Tickets now on sale at the club (limit 100) £25 each to include a lavish buffet and entertainment by the very popular

**Paul Reason and Tri Star**

All enquiries tel: Maria 01455 212221

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

## What's On

STOKE GOLDING MUSIC FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

# Stoke Fest 2011

\*\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\*\*

**THIS YEAR'S MUSIC FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Planning for this year's Music Festival is well underway, with a great line up of bands already confirmed. The event will be running on the recreation ground from 1.30 pm onwards, with a licensed bar, barbecue and other attractions.

We need to hear from anyone who would like a stall at the event. Private stalls will be charged at £10 per pitch, but stalls for any local clubs or charities will be free.

Please contact Pete on (01455) 212132 for further details.

The committee would also greatly appreciate any help with either organising the event, or on the day, to make the event a huge success and raise money for the charities that we are supporting including Air Ambulance, Leicester Animal Aid and Wishes 4 Kids.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Pete on (01455) 212132

### Calling All Cricket Fans!

Looking for something to fill those lazy summer Saturday afternoons/Wednesday evenings?

Not really keen on running, cycling, dog walking on a hot summers day? 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 very talented home grown cricketers.

Stoke Golding Cricket Club has two very friendly Saturday teams and a newly formed U17's side eager to entertain you every Saturday afternoon and alternate Wednesday evenings.

The area to the right of the pavilion has been made more hospitable and relaxing for our supporters with tables, chairs and benches. Why not bring a picnic and refreshments and make an occasion of it?

Also, if you fancy a game, please have a word with Guy Rollins, Ian Proud or Clive Ryder.

Everyone Welcome!

**It's that time of year again already!**  
**Stoke Golding Garden Show Society**  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Show – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

The preparations for the Garden Show this year are already well under way – but it is the time of year when we rely on the generosity of the villagers to help us to sponsor the classes, so that this spectacular and long running event can go ahead. The schedules have to be at the printers by early July, but before we can do that, we need to have found enough sponsorship to enable it to run!

The Show continues to be a resounding success every year and we have made sizeable donations to many charities and clubs over the last 80 years. Traditionally, sponsorship comes from many sources within the community, but we would like to personally ask you to please 'dig deep' and help us out again this year. All donations no matter how large or small are very gratefully received. The minimum amount to sponsor a whole class is £15, but this total is not essential and we are happy to accept donations towards the running of the Show. You do not even have to advertise the fact that you have donated. Many of our benefactors choose to be anonymous and simply wish to see our Show continue, whilst so many others are folding.

The Show is open to EVERYONE! We attract competitors from all around the county and even further afield on occasion. However, do not let this put you off - the local residents are known to rise to the challenge and the quality of their entries is superb, year in and year out. Very often the prizes are kept in our village – especially in the flower arranging and home baking sections.

Schedules will be available in the village pubs, Club, and local shops during the month of August – please help yourself to a copy. You may also order yourself a copy of the new or old schedules by contacting Tina Waters on 01455 213291 or [tinawaters999@vodafoneemail.co.uk](mailto:tinawaters999@vodafoneemail.co.uk).

Entry to the Show is free to the public from 6pm – make a note in your diaries to pop in to Stoke Golding Club and have a look at the wonderful array of produce that is laid out. There is also a raffle and an entertaining auction of donated produce to look forward to later in the evening after the presentation of the prizes.

To make a much needed sponsorship donation, offer help and support or to obtain further details please contact:

Keith Jones  
95 Sherwood Road  
Stoke Golding  
CV13 6EF

Telephone: 01455 212794

*PS Hot off the press, a new class for this year is 'The Longest Runner Bean' and the photography theme is 'Views of Stoke Golding'*

**COPY DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST ISSUE : 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE**



## Message from Alan Davis at St Margaret's Church

### Whit Word – Pentecost Pensée

Those present at the first Whit Sunday were Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residents from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, and Cretans and Arabians. Surprisingly, give or take a manuscript difference or two, that list runs from east to west, along the Mediterranean Sea, with just a small detour.

New Testament scholar Michael Goulder (*Type and History in Acts*) writes that when Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, says that the above list covers believers from every nation under heaven we have reason to be puzzled. They cover a circle round Jerusalem of 500 miles in diameter. No one in Luke's time would have thought that that was the entire world. But who would have done so?

The answer is Israelites living about a thousand years before Luke. The list appears in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 10, as that of Noah's grandsons. (Again thanks to Michael Goulder – and again accepting different interpretations in a few places.)

Where does that take us? The answer this time is Genesis Chapter 11 which contains the account of the tower of Babel where, 'The Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.' (Common Bible – Genesis 11.9).

Pentecost was the beginning of the great act of healing, of reconciling the nations, whose people all heard and understood the disciples even though they had 'confused', different languages from the time of Babel. It may be celebrated as the birthday of the Church – but it is also a constant reminder to all Christians that our God is Father of all the nations. World peace and understanding matter to us as an essential part of our faith.

Happy Pentecost – Joyful Whit.

*Alan Davis*



## Birth Congratulations

Myah Collette Rees-Jones, pictured with dad, Joel, on her first visit to her grandparents in Dadlington. Born on March 29<sup>th</sup> - a beautiful daughter for Joel and Jenny Rees-Jones, who now live in North Wales.





## OBITUARY

Joanne (Jo) Hinchliffe



Stoker readers will be sad to hear about the recent death of Jo Hinchliffe, of Whitemoors Road, who passed away, aged 49 years on Friday 22nd April at her home after a brave and determined fight against cancer. She was a much cherished mother of Natalie, a loving and caring daughter of John and Freda Martin, a special and devoted sister to Christina (Tina) and a wife of Bill.

You may remember the article we printed six years about Jo's unselfish decision to donate one of her kidneys to her sister Tina:

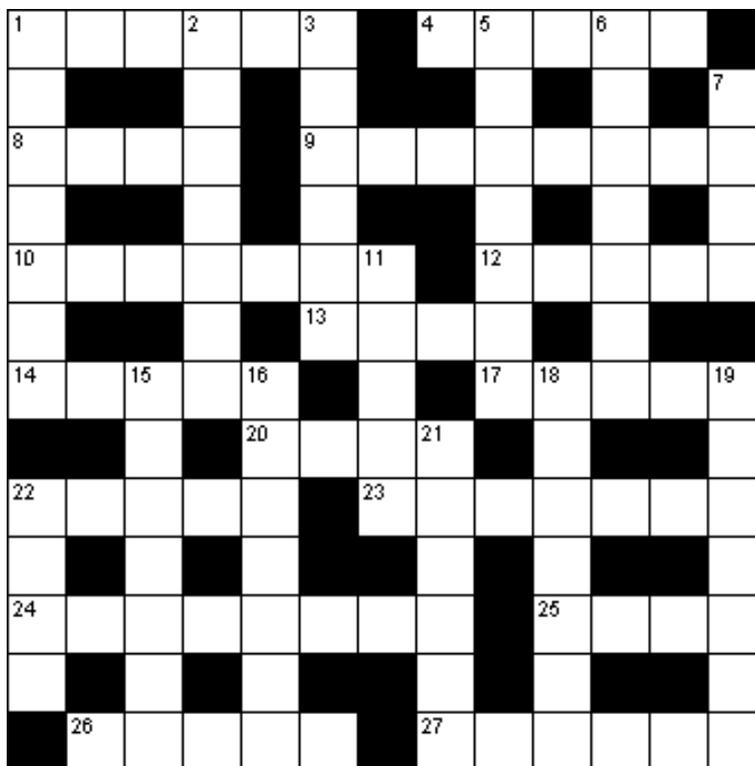
*"Stoke Golding sisters Tina and Jo share more than the usual sibling bond. Three months ago Jo gave Tina one of her healthy kidneys in order to prevent her from a life of dialysis and ill health. Before the operation Tina found walking upstairs like climbing a mountain, but she is now feeling on top of the world." (Extract from Stoker - March 2005).*

As well as belonging to one of the oldest families in Stoke Golding, Jo really enjoyed country life and loved animals - in particular horses and her beloved dog. She worked at St Martin's School for a number of years where she made a lot of friends and had strong bonds within the village. One of her friends described her as "full of fun and a joy to be with".

Her funeral service was held at St Margaret's Church Stoke Golding before interment in Hinckley Road Cemetery. Donations may be given if so desired and sent direct to 'Macmillan Cancer Support', Macmillan Office for the East Midlands, Unit 11, Lenton Business Centre, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2BY.

We offer our sincere sympathy to all of Jo's family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but will definitely not be forgotten.

# Down



## Across

1. Not awake (6)
4. In the magazine advert, what 20a and 3d teach their customers to do. (5)
8. See 15d
9. Female in the family (8)
10. Workman's clothing (7)
12. Carrying a weapon. (5)
13. Leicestershire river (4)
14. Parts of churches (5)
17. Move to music (5)
20. & 3d magazine advertiser who uses his car for work. (4 & 6)
22. Lively waltz type dance (5)
23. Trip up(7)
24. With more leaves than any other (8)
25. Italian city (4)
26. & 27 magazine poet (5 & 6)
27. See 26a

## Down

1. Surname of past Lib Dem leader (7)
2. Make bigger (7)
3. See 20A
5. Parish Councillor (3 & 4)
6. Tablet which provides extra nutrients (7)
7. This crossword is plotted on one (4)
11. Prayer always said in church services (5)
15. & 8A Stoke Golding community building (7 & 4)
16. Even gap between printed letters or lines(7)
18. Navy boss (7)
19. Holes in shoes for laces(7)
21. Members of the Sew and Sews are expert at making one of these. (6)
22. Oar for a punt (4)

Solution on page 21

## Stoke Golding Parish Council - April Meeting

County Cllr Ould reported on:

**Doctor's Pharmacy** - PCT has decided that Stoke Golding village is rural.

**Highways** - may be considering re-allocating the weight allocation to the two bridges at the entrance to the village.

**Market Bosworth: Marina** - may have possible flooding issues.

**Concessionary travel** - LTP3 has gone through, which means no bus for Market Bosworth. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Ould for his support with claims for Shire Grants from the village.

**Morris Homes Appeal for the Sherwood Road site** – A Parish Councillor spoke for the village and other speakers were a Borough Councillor, a representative from the Heritage Group, Mr B Ninness and County Cllr Ould . There were several interested people in the gallery. The Inspector walked round the village to view the location and would consider the representations.

### **Recreation Ground:**

**Young Children's Play Area** – Multi play slide collects water in the base of the slide and the Clerk is enquiring with the supplier to resolve this.

**Horse chestnut tree** - RA Harbour Tree Surgeons had to cut back more than they anticipated when pruning this tree. They will monitor it every 6 months but the tree could last many years yet. As a long term project Thomas Barton Charity to be approached to see if they would be interested in purchasing a substantial replacement. Location to be decided.

**Wykin Lane Cemetery: Information board** – this is in place and thanks were made to Martyn Fisher for his work and photographs on this board.

**Water Supply** - Because of the cost of a water supply this will not be laid on at the cemetery.

**Mar City Open Area Site** - Phil Gosling has offered his help with the proposed committee. It is hoped that Mar City can be persuaded to lay on water and some hard standing at the allotment area while they are working on site.

**Village Hall** - bids have been made for the next 12 month period of Centre Stage events.

**Planning Application Matters: Permissions granted at St Margarets School** – extension and alterations to existing classrooms and formation of new ramp.  
7 Andrew Close – works to ash tree.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – minutes will not be circulated to every household because of the printing costs. Copies will be available on the web, in the Post office and at the meeting.

**Trustee of the Charity of Thomas Barton** - Steve Avent is willing to stand again.

**Trustee of Stoke Golding Boys' Charity** - Ruth Fisher is willing to stand again.

**Next meeting – Village Hall: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at 7pm**

*Notes by Jill Jones*

## Tales from the Internet



### Out of the mouths (or pencils) of children...

In wartime children who lived in London had to be evacuated because it was safer in the country.

The total is when you add up all the numbers and a remainder is an animal that pulls Santa on his sleigh.

Sometimes in the war they kept prisoners until the war is over. Some prisoners end up in concentration camps.

A mosque is a sort of church. The difference is that the roof is domed.

I would like to be an accountant but you have to know a lot about moths.

The closest town to France is Dover. You can get to France on a train or on a fairy.

If it is less than 90° it is a cute angel.

In last year's Christmas concert Linzi played the main part. I played one of the smaller parts and I would like to have a bigger part next year.

Helicopters are cleverer than planes. Not only can they fly through the air they can also hover.

Then Joan of Ark met her end. She was burned as a witch.

In geography we learned that countries with seas round them are islands and ones without seas are continents.

If you marry two people you are a bigamist, but morons are allowed to do this.

Sir Walter Raleigh circumnavigated the world with a big ship.

In Scandinavia, the Danish people come from Denmark, the Norwegians come from Norway and the Laplanders come from Lapland.

Across. 1. asleep, 4. drive, 8. see 15D, 9. daughter, 10. overall, 12. armed,  
13. Soar, 14. naves, 17. dance, 20. & 3D Pud's pedals, 22. polka, 23. stumble,  
24. leafiest, 25. Rome, 26 & 27. Peggy Holmes  
Down. 1. Ashdown, 2. enlarge, 3. see 20A, 5. Reg Ward, 6. vitamin, 7. grid,  
11. Lord's, 15. & 8A Village Hall, 16. spacing, 18. admiral, 19. eyelids, 21. stitch,  
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