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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

There are a record six pages of 'What's On' this month, so no one can accuse Stoke Golding of being a sleepy place with nothing happening!

There is something for everyone during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations (pages 12 –13) and other events and activities include a flower festival, strawberry and cream teas, a day trip to Derbyshire and the chance to be entertained by a cricket match or play a game of tennis. StokeFest 2012 sounds very exciting (page 16), with a number of well known bands and singers booked to appear. Let's hope the sun shines for all these exciting events.

We hope to see you at the Jubilee celebrations

Jane and Ruth

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*Front cover - St James Flower Festival - By Design : Charles Rennie Mackintosh.
More photos opposite.*

Dadlington Matters

St James' Flower Festival

'By Design'

A group of ladies from Dadlington, Stoke Golding and Earl Shilton Flower Club put on an amazing display of floral artistry in St James' Church, Dadlington for its annual Flower Festival. It is always a pleasure to see their work, but especially so on such a cool and sometimes dreary bank holiday weekend.

Annette Smith



Art Deco



Clarice Cliffe



Cubism



Barbara Hepworth



Art Nouveau

Nearly £2000 was raised for Church funds. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match

Dadlington v Rest of the World (AKA Stoke Golding)

Sunday 15th July at 2.00pm on Dadlington Village Green

Followed by live music from "Route 66"

Bar, hot food, tea and cakes

Good Luck Joy

Stoke Golding clay pigeon shooter Joy Hirons has enjoyed more success as well as disappointment over the past few weeks. Her biggest career win so far came at the English Skeet Club sponsored Grand Eastern event at Northampton shooting ground in April when, following a nerve racking final shoot out, she emerged overall champion, beating some of the best male and female shots in the country. Earlier that same day she had shot in the Leicestershire County Skeet Doubles at Nottingham and emerged the county champion before the mad dash over to Northampton for the Grand Eastern - a highly successful day. The following weekend was the first of two England selection shoots at Bisley in Surrey but sadly over the two days it wasn't the clay targets that beat her it was nerves, pressure and tension of the importance of the event and she shot an uncharacteristic 174 out of 200. There is still a second selection shoot in June at Doveridge, but she is effectively out of the running.

Joy then went on to shoot an "Iron Man" competition at Northampton over two days in appalling weather to emerge lady champion, so a quick triumphant return to winning ways for her.

Finally she has retained her Leicestershire County Lady skeet title after winning at Nottingham to remain a double county champion.

She has just been invited by the English Skeet Club to represent them as part of the shooting team going to the International competition in Northern Ireland, competing against teams from Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Bob Hirons



Stop press - Joy became the new Ladies England Skeet Champion on 13th May, winning the title at Dartford in Kent, hitting 99 out of 100 clay targets, two clear of her nearest rival. She has had some big championship wins recently but this is her biggest win so far, to take the national title.

Free parking in Hinckley town centre

FREE parking is about to be introduced on Tuesday afternoons in one of Hinckley's main car parks for a trial period this summer.

Shoppers visiting the town in June, July and August will be able to park for free in the Church Walk Car Park between 12noon and 5pm on Tuesdays.

The scheme has been agreed by the Borough Council and Hinckley Town Centre Partnership in a bid to maintain and boost town centre trade during the summer months. It will be reviewed with the Town Centre Partnership and local businesses at the end of the three month period to gauge its success.

Council Leader Stuart Bray said: "The council is very keen to do what it can to help keep the town busy during these tough economic times. Hinckley has a lot to offer and I would urge people to do their bit to help the local economy by stopping and shopping in the town."

Comment by a Grumpy Granny

Looking after my grandson during his school holidays has proved more and more challenging as the years go by. Now I am in the middle of the holiday period with a nine year old full of energy, mischief and wise words. This holiday's word to explore is *compromise*, as much for me as it is for him!

The Struggles...

- getting up at 7.30 each morning;
- games of football, French cricket, swing-ball, boules, etc., are torture for an overweight granny;
- Monopoly played for hours and being swindled every time;
- treasure hunts – brain-racking;
- dens created all over the house;
- quizzes – 20 questions is the current favourite – he wins 90%;
- deep pockets for days out and about;
- mountains of tuna sarnies and a freezer full of minced beef (spag bol rules!);

As I mull over the above comments I realise that, as in all aspects of life, the struggles have the potential to become high points...

The High Points...

- some structure to my days;
- exercise every day;
- my competitive sense is growing;
- creative-thinking workouts;
- no housework for the duration;
- creative cooking for kids (book?);
- fun – laughter therapy...

...And I finish with the kind of observation that my grandson has delighted me with since he began to try and make sense of the world...

Gran: *So, Mummy's having a baby – would you like a brother or sister?*

Grandson: *I don't mind really...perhaps a brother...or maybe ... yes, a sister 'cos she won't play with my toys.*

Gran: *But some girls like to play with boy's toys, don't they? They're called tomboys.*

Grandson: *(after some thought) So what are boys who play with girl's toys called?...!*



Bud

Stoke Golding Garden Show

This year the 82nd 'Diamond Jubilee' Stoke Golding Garden Show has chosen 'Macmillan Cancer Support' as its main beneficiary.



"Macmillan Cancer Support improves the lives of people affected by cancer. They are a source of support: providing practical, medical, emotional and financial support. They are a force for change: listening to people affected by cancer and working together for better cancer care. One in three of us will get cancer. Two million of us are living with it. We are all affected by cancer. We can all help – help us to help others".

We urgently need sponsorship and donations to run the show please.

If you are able to help us in any way, please contact Roger Flavell: 01455 212457, Compass Fields Farm, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding.

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



Stoke Golding Garden Show would like the villagers' views...

The Committee is considering fund raising for a defibrillator and asks the following questions:

Would the village benefit from a life preserving defibrillator that is not hidden away in the surgery but accessible to anyone who needs it at any time?

Due to our geography position it would be difficult to get a fast response unit (who may have this equipment available to them) to us within the 4 – 6 minutes needed for the defibrillator to be effective. Therefore, perhaps we could have our own to start the process before help arrives?

Where to site it? Not within the surgery as it is closed more than open. Ideas needed, someone's house - centrally, a secure box in someone's garden key-coded with a telephone number to ring, the telephone box (security as per the garden) etc.

Would selected volunteers be willing to train up and help, should there be a need for this – not strictly necessary?

The system is fully computerised and tells you verbally what to do and shows you via video too. There do not appear to be any legal restrictions on the use of the equipment.

All suggestions, both positive and negative, are actively encouraged, however if the Garden Show Committee do not get a response from the village we would have to assume that this is not a well received idea.

Contact Tina Waters 01455 213291 or email tinawaters999@vodafoneemail.co.uk

Read the facts about defibrillators on the opposite page

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the Community

The Facts

It is a shocking statistic that Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) kills over 2000 people a week in the UK alone.

At least 12 of these will be young people.

80% of these arrests occur out of hospital.

The known risk factors for SCA parallel those of Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), and include age older than 45 years, high blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and inactivity. Emotional stress has also been shown to be a trigger for sudden cardiac events.

The role of activity as a trigger for SCA may be minimal, though this continues to be debated. In some cases exercise may precipitate an attack, yet in a study of SCA in Holland, 67% of victims were physically inactive at the time of the event.

A host of undetected cardiac problems exist within any sizeable community and there are many causes of SCA which may go undetected.

The only effective form of treatment for SCA is rapid (within 4-6 minutes) defibrillation using an Automated External Defibrillator or AED as part of the chain of survival.

With average response times of the emergency services being greater than 10 minutes without an AED close at hand the chances of survival are almost zero.

In communities with access to an AED, prompt defibrillation puts survival rates at over 50%



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Kevin White and Hannah Ward on their wedding in Derby on 12th May.

Kevin, son of Jane and Alan White of Station Road, lived in Stoke Golding until he moved to Derbyshire a few years ago. He met Hannah while they were both students at Loughborough University. Jane and Alan's three other sons were all Best Men at the wedding, as Kevin couldn't decide which one to choose! The reception was held at the Izaak Walton Hotel in Derbyshire where luckily the sun shone for most of the day.



'Celebrity Corner' - Thomas Hughes

This month's 'celeb' turned up with his Mum and Dad and promptly told me he was 'fed up' with being the centre of attention. Thomas wanted to go back to 'being normal' again! I promised him this would probably be the final burst of the spotlight on him, but we were all so curious to know what "Getting Thomas to America" had meant to him.



My first question was a complete 'dud'. "*What did it feel like going on a very big flight to America?*" He explained he was quite used to long air journeys. He flew to South Africa to visit his grandmother, Mummy's mother. Right... "*Well what was especially nice about the long flight across the Atlantic?*" "*We had the bulkhead seats so we had lots of room to stretch out.*" They flew into Newark, and then had to dash to catch their internal flight to St. Louis itself. When they got to the Marriott Hotel Apartments, where they were staying for the duration, they discovered all the other families from the UK who were also there with their children. The St. Louis Children's Hospital is known internationally for this particular operation, and for the top neurosurgeon there, Dr Parke; a quietly-spoken specialist, (a man of few words, added Kate), and brilliant with his positive results.

Because there were so many other young children there, Thomas was able to have lots of fun with them when he wasn't undergoing treatment. "*Was it very scary having to go into the operating theatre on your own, without Mum and Dad?*" "Well, yes it was – but everyone was so kind, and so funny with their American accents". "*Why what sort of things?*" "They always said 'Yeah, good job buddy!'" After the operation Thomas had to lie face down for four hours in recovery. The operation has a very long name Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy – usually referred to by those who are familiar with it as S.D.R. There were appointments with the physiotherapist every weekday, (Erica was a special favourite), and the family would continue this at the weekends, as well as having some welcome treats. One of their favourites was at the zoo. Thomas told me of the time he was watching the great black panthers. He stood and growled at them and one of them came across and growled back at him in answer. I longed to know some of the other highlights of his stay. The immediate answer was "Appleby's" and "The Cheesecake Factory". Apparently the portions were enormous. Apart from the many cheesecake flavours and wonderful homemade cookies with large scoops of ice-cream, the gigantic hamburgers were also "*brilliant*".

I finally turned my attention to Kate and David. How did they feel about the extraordinary generosity of the village, and far beyond; everyone's desire to raise this enormous amount of money to 'Get Thomas to America'? They told me some of the most heart-warming stories from complete strangers. A man rang saying he had read the story in the Leicester Mercury and wanted to send a cheque. It arrived...£1000! Each month an envelope arrived with a £20 note – again quite anonymously. So many gestures of care, even from Thomas's school mates who would arrive with money from their 'piggy-banks'.

We hear of so many awful things happening in our world today, but Dave and Kate's devotion and determination to choose the very best for their young son, however much it cost, proved to be the focal point for this gesture of love from "The Big Society". No! Politicians are quite wrong! It's here in shovelfuls!

Beth



Message from Alan Davis

The Month Is the Answer

What do the Queen's Jubilee, an Open University Exam, Julius Caesar, a week's stay with us by our wheelchair-user daughter, birthdays for our Rector and three family members, and Trinity Sunday have in common? The answer is this month of June.

I wonder what your June is looking like. Mine is a bit like this.

Clearly the great anniversary to be marked by national and local events is the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It is a quite remarkable anniversary of dedication and single-mindedness.

Attending Shakespeare's Julius Caesar at Stratford will be a joy, which I suspect my sitting a three hour exam on 'Reading and Studying Literature' will not be! For us it is an obvious pleasure to have our daughter Dominique, who has multiple sclerosis, stay with us – but also something of a responsibility.

What to buy for the Rector who has everything! – not to mention presents for two of our children and one sister-in-law?

You will be relieved to see that I have no room, nor intention, in a chatty article such as this to address the mystery of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

But God does breathe through this month in great public occasions, family love and commitment, leisure and pleasure activities and even in the tweaking of the little grey cells. God, Emmanuel, God with us - in our remembering, planning, laughing, sorrowing, being together, being alone – and even in our feverish exam room thinking.

And just into next month, on 1st July, Hilary Surridge, our new curate will be ordained and join us in the Fenn Lanes parishes.

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless Hilary, bless our world, our nation, our communities and our families now in June and July 2012 and forever. Amen.

Alan Davis, Retired Archdeacon

Wykin Lane Cemetery

Stoke Golding Parish Council would like to inform residents that Wykin Lane Cemetery now has its own water supply.



What's On

Church of England - June Services

St. Margaret's Church

3 rd June 10.30am	All Age Service
10 th June 10.30am	Benefice Service Dadlington
17 th June 10.30am	Holy Communion
24 th June 10.30am	Morning Worship
1 st July 10.30am	All Age Service

St. James's Church

3 rd June 9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
10 th June 10.30am	Benefice Service
17 th June 9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24 th June 9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
1 st July 9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

The Methodist Church June Services

Starting at 10.30am

3rd June	Rev. Julie Minns
10th June	Deacon Philip Osborne
17th June	Mr John Cooke
24th June	Deacon Philip Osborne

Zion Chapel Services - June starting at 6pm

3rd June	Malcolm Welch
10th June	Gordon Malpass
17th June	John Needham
24th June	Martyn Owen

Sunday School at 11am



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 website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

What's On



Methodist Church Flower Festival "A Year to Remember"

Friday June 29th & Saturday June
30th 10am-6pm
Sunday July 1st from 12 noon

**Ploughman's lunches Friday & Saturday
Cream teas - Saturday only
Raffle and Tombola
Various stalls**

St Margaret's Church

Come and enjoy a Strawberry and Cream Tea

on Saturday 16th June at
3pm

The £4.50 charge will include a
strawberry and cream tea, a choice
of home made cakes and drinks
Children - free

There will be activities for the
children in the church grounds -
if wet inside the church

All proceeds will go towards the
restoration of the chancel floor of
our beautiful church.



Methodist Church June Events

Saturday June 9th
Coffee Morning
10am - 11.30am

***For Methodist Homes
for the Aged***



Plants for Sale

*Bedding plants for tubs,
baskets and gardens.*

Reasonable prices

Come and have a look around!!

Linda Gosling

*Lodge Farm, Dadlington Road,
Stoke Golding. Tel: 01455 212598*



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Stoke Golding will be celebrating!

Saturday 2nd June - Daytime - **Heritage Exhibition** at the Methodist Hall
Saturday 2nd June - Evening - **Southern Roots** at The George and Dragon
Saturday 2nd June - Evening - **Concert** at the Village Hall with the Stanley Opera
Sunday 3rd June - **The Big Lunch - Village Celebration** on Hinckley Road
Monday 4th June - 1.00pm - 7.00pm - **Jubilee Party** at the Three Horseshoes
Monday 4th June - 10.15pm - **Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon** at The White Swan



The George and Dragon

Will be celebrating the Jubilee weekend with a performance on
Saturday 2nd of June by
Southern Roots
An acoustic duo who sing modern country and southern music.
7.30 to 9.30pm

Stanley Opera Performs 'Songs for a Summer Evening'



Including songs from the shows
and popular classics
Stoke Golding Village Hall
Saturday 2nd June
7.30 - 11pm

Tickets £8 each including a glass of
wine and strawberries & cream

Please ring Alan 01455 212416
for tickets

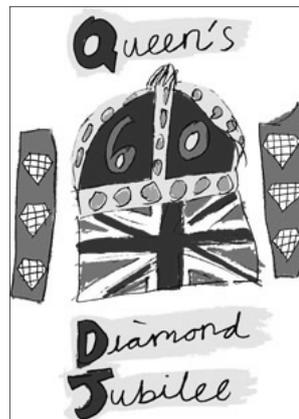


The Three Horseshoes Jubilee Party

Monday 4th June
1.00 - 7.00pm



Live music
Refreshments
Stalls



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Tables for 'The Big Jubilee Lunch'

Three residents have volunteered their vehicles and trailers to move the tables for The Big Lunch from the Baxter Hall, the Methodist Hall and the Village Hall to Hinckley Road. We need a small team of volunteers to put tables on the trailers at the three locations, and another small team to set them up in Hinckley Road. The process would be reversed at the end of the party. Please contact Roy Mitchell 212110 if you can help.

Stoke Golding Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

'Sixty Years in Stoke Golding'

As part of the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee the Heritage Group is co-ordinating an exhibition of contributions by village organisations reflecting the last 60 years in Stoke Golding – '**Sixty Years in Stoke Golding**'

The exhibition **will be held on Saturday 2nd June 2012 1.00 – 5.00 pm**
in The Methodist Church Hall.

The Heritage Group warmly invites all members of our community to support this event. Free entry.

'The Big Jubilee Lunch'

On Hinckley Road- between St Margaret Road and Wykin Lane

An opportunity for the whole village to get together and
celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Sunday 3rd June

12.15 -3.30pm

Bring your chairs and lunch + some spare to share
Stoke Golding Club will be open to buy drinks and for toilet facilities.

Live music, dancing

Children's activities

Optional dress code:
red, white and blue



What's On

Cold War Post

Stoke Golding Royal Observer Corps underground monitoring post, now fully restored will be open to the public on **Sunday 10th June from 10am - 4.30pm.** The Cold War Post is one of 1562 built across the UK to warn the local population of nuclear radiation fallout in the event of a nuclear war and has been fully restored, following closure in 1991, with original equipment. There is also an above ground exhibition with artefacts showing the function of the post.

Visitors please note suitable footwear is required as entrance is via a vertical steel ladder, which is unsuitable for persons below 12 years and all minors must be accompanied by an adult. If wet please bring a change of footwear for use in the post. Access is from Wykin Lane along the footpath to the left of the new cemetery and will be signposted on the day.

Ex Royal Observer Corps members are also welcome to attend the ROC reunion day on Saturday 9th June.

Terry Bottrill

Calling All Cricket Fans!

It's the time of year again when you might be looking for something different to do on a lazy, sunny Saturday afternoon...



Not really keen on running, cycling, dog walking? Then how about swapping 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 village news whilst encouraging some of our very successful 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 continues to be put to good use by our supporters and the area to the left will soon house a fabulous new artificial wicket and mobile net, bringing SGCC bang up to date with training facilities.

You are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or why not bring a picnic and refreshments and make an occasion of it?

SGCC is also currently recruiting new playing members so if you would like to get your pads on and give us a go then please contact Clive Ryder on 01827 711957 for more information.

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What's On

Bus Trip to Crich Tramway Village - Saturday 16th June

Stoke Golding bell ringers have a few seats available on the bus for their annual summer outing. During the morning they will be ringing at Eastwood, Heanor and Ripley. Non-ringers will be able to watch the ringing or look around the churches. Following a pub lunch, the afternoon will be spent at Crich Tramway Village. Cost for the day is £21 plus lunch. Further details from Martyn Plant, 01455 212722 or email martyn.mjp@btinternet.com.

Tennis for All!



Stoke Golding's Tennis Club went into hibernation last year on account of building work at St Martin's High School leaving the club without a court for the duration of the 2011 season.

2012, however, has seen the club rise from its ashes with the net now up again and the season in full swing. Anyone who has toyed with the idea of taking up tennis for recreation or exercise should consider attending the free adult coaching sessions offered by the club during June without any obligation to take up membership. Everyone aged 16 and over is welcome. Details can be found in the news section of the club website. Simply Google "Stoke Golding Tennis Club" or visit: www.virtualbriefcase.org.uk/tennis.

The club is also offering opportunities for members under the age of 16 to take part in two separate "Summer School" events in July and August; it's a great activity to help keep the youngsters entertained during the long holiday.

So, whether you're a budding Wimbledon champion or just fancy a little healthy exercise, check out the information on the club website. A year's membership is only £10 for adults or £5 for students and juniors. Compare that to the cost of hiring a public tennis court and you'll soon realise it represents extraordinarily good value.

Kelvin Hill

Indoor Bowls

During the summer months we offer 'roll-up' sessions where people come and give bowls a try, to see if they enjoy the game. We meet at 7.30pm on Wednesdays at Stoke Golding Club and finish about 10pm. If you're interested in giving it a go then please come along... you would be most welcome.

Our league teams meet after the summer at The Club, 7.00pm .

John Moran Tel: 212852



What's On

Team GB Spirit Comes to St Margaret's School Fete

St. Margaret's (C of E) Primary School is pleased to confirm that its summer fete will take place on **Saturday 16th June**. In celebration of the Olympics this year, the children will be wearing red, white and blue to support our wonderful athletes as they prepare for The Games.

The fete will start at 1.45pm, with a parade around the village.

We would like to invite any community groups or individuals to get involved with the fete and would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to help on the day. Half an hour of your time is all we need to set up, run the stalls and clear up afterwards. Please contact Kate on 01455 212405 or the school office 01455 212393 if you can help.

If anyone would like to buy raffle tickets, again, please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

St. Margaret's PTA



**Saturday
7th July**

Plans for this year's Stoke Fest are now coming together, and it's looking like being bigger and better than ever before. This year we have enlisted the help of Talon Music (the fantastic Eagles tribute band who tour nationally), who as well as providing their sound engineer and equipment for the day, are also finding some top quality bands for the event, to complement the local talent that we have already confirmed.

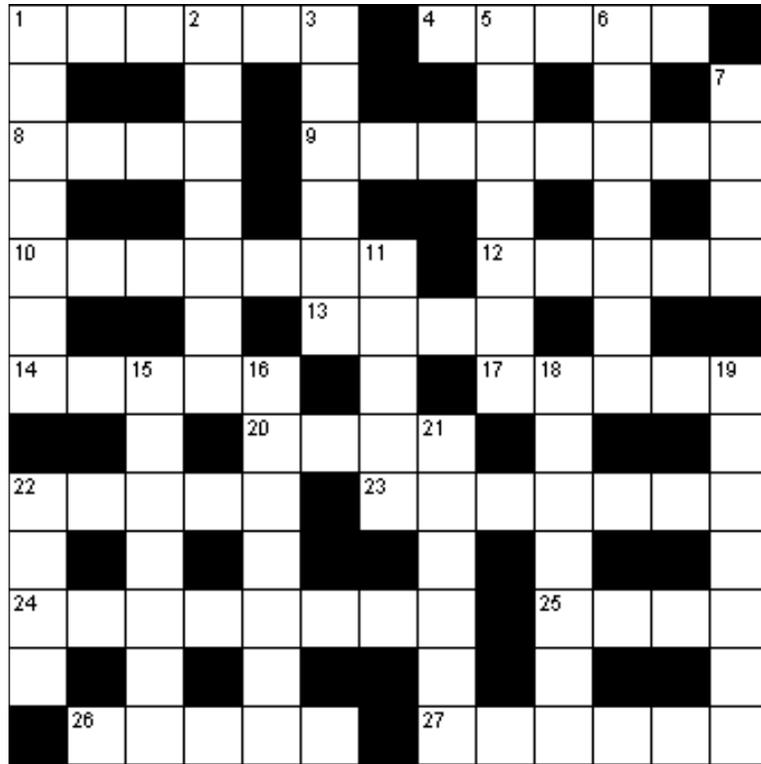
There will be plenty going on throughout the day, with 2 stages, the main stage, and an acoustic stage which will be headlined by Keith Buck (ex Wishbone Ash for those who can remember!) and Sally Barker. We still have a few 15 minute slots available on the stage, so if you, or someone you know, would like the opportunity to perform, please contact us (details below).

There will be plenty of stalls and activities going on throughout the day, some old and some new, with lots to keep the kids entertained, allowing the adults to relax and enjoy the music ... and bar and barbecue!

Make sure you put the date in the diary!

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

Crossword



Across

1. and 19D. Two of the objects carried by the Queen at her coronation (3-3-7)
4. Where the Queens coronation took place (5)
8. Cut a design or message onto metal (4)
9. see 24A
10. Royal flags used at sea (7)
12. Type of ship with the Queen's name (5)
13. Rank of the Queen's husband (4)
14. see 3D
17. Visible signs of battle wounds.(5)
20. Consumes (4)
22. Country where Queen was when she became sovereign. (5)
23. 'Anti' hero of Xmas novel by Dickens. (7)
24. and 9A. Year of Queen's accession. (8-5-3)
25. British amphibian. (4)
26. and 27A. Horse equipment used by Queen in ceremonial events.(1-4-6)
27. see 26A.

Down

1. How the Queen would speak in the third person. (7)
2. Person who does not believe in God. (7)
3. and 14A. what the Queen promised to do for the church. (6-the-5)
5. Fights by armies.(7)
6. Baltic sea country. (7)
7. The number of the Queen's children. (4)
11. Queen of Hearts, Spades, Diamonds and Clubs. (5)
15. Period in a game of cricket. (7)
16. Good *****, of generous disposition. (7)
18. With her headpiece in place the Queen was finally *****. (7)
19. see 1A.
21. Cakes associated with the Coronation chair ? (6)
22. Occupation of the Queen's father. (4)

Answers on page 22

From the Police Box

On Thursday 3rd May damage was caused to some plastic advertising signs on the canal tow path near to Spinney Bank Farm shop on Higham Lane. We are looking for anyone who may have any information regarding this crime. I have asked the boaters on the canal to keep an eye open for any repeat damage.



Anyone with information can get in touch with me at Bosworth Police Station.

PC 537 Phil Hale, Bosworth Neighbourhood Team - Tel : 101

There have been a number of house/garage break-ins locally over the past twelve months. Residents are advised to ensure that their properties are secure. We hope to include advice from the police on home security in a future issue of The Stoker. (Eds)

Bird Notes - April and May

Much of April was characterised by rather cold northerly winds, thus holding up migration from the south, in particular, species that have overwintered in Africa. A highlight of the month for me was my first red kite seen in the locality - just a short distance from Shenton Station.



Surprisingly I'm yet to hear, let alone see a willow warbler around here though I've seen a number of chiffchaff. The site of the old Convent has proved to be useful for obtaining excellent views of nuthatch. A number of blackcap can be heard singing at various locations and there is one that is extremely vocal at the heart of the village; blasting forth from a thicket in the jitty between High Street and the Hinckley Road.

Swallows were appearing around mid April, particularly around Waring's farm. More recently I've noted my first swift over Rogue's Lane. John Terry of Oak Farm, Higham Lane reported seeing a number of wheatears amongst his sheep and more recently, a lesser whitethroat was singing. A hobby flew over, though sadly the long-eared owl failed to reappear this winter.

The hobby is a small falcon which at first sight looks like a huge swift - at close quarters you may see its 'red trousers', the rusty red feathers at the top of the legs. A number do breed within close proximity of Stoke Golding and they will feed on dragon flies around expanses of water.

David Abbott



OBITUARIES



Penelope (Penny) Anne Baker

Penny, much loved wife of Peter, passed away on 26th April aged 66 years after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Penny was dearly loved by her children Sarah and Richard, and their children Daniel, Sophie and William, her son in law David and daughter in law Anna. She was a most accomplished artist, well known in village circles, and her name will live on in many homes where her paintings of Stoke Golding and other local scenes are displayed. She often gave paintings away for charitable purposes and was keen to help local good causes. For many years she helped to raise funds for the White Swan Pensioners' Christmas Dinner and as a Trustee of the Thomas Barton Charity she refurbished the village sign on Wykin Lane and drew the sketches for the village Blue Plaque Walk booklet. She was a keen gardener and also helped many people with her expertise in the art of yoga. Penny's funeral service was held at Nuneaton Crematorium on 14th May. There were family flowers only with donations if so desired to MacMillan Nurses or Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o G. Sellers Funeral Directors, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.



From Fellow Trustees of the Charity of Thomas Barton

Penny was a Trustee of The Charity of Thomas Barton for many years. She took her responsibilities seriously, and was always an enthusiastic and conscientious member. She proposed many projects, and indeed was responsible for the lighting of the village church, which has brought pleasure to so many. She was a vivacious and cheery member, and her contributions and common sense will be sorely missed. The Trustees extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to Peter and all the family. Such a lovely lady will be sadly missed.

Derek (Sam) Phillips

Sam passed away peacefully on 23rd April. He was the beloved husband of Ruth, father of Andrew and Mark, father in law to Nicola and loving granddad of Liam and Sophie. The funeral took place at St Margaret's Church on 14th May. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Cancer Research c/o A.J. Murray, Funeral Directors, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.

Margaret Danks

Margaret passed away at the LOROS Hospice on 4th May aged 61 years. She was the wife of the late Ian Danks and beloved partner of Kevan, a much loved mum to Richard, mother in law to Clare, special Nan to Bethany and a dearly loved sister and auntie. Margaret lived in the village for many years before moving to Hinckley and was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Hurst, who, for many years were caretakers at St Margaret's School. Her funeral service was held in Stoke Golding Methodist Church with interment in Hinckley Road Cemetery.

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

Stoke Golding Parish Council - April 2012 Meeting

County Cllr Ivan Ould's reported on: Shire Grant of 50% up to a limit of £3850 confirmed for the Play Area project. MarCity development / convent corner crossing - proposed meeting with Highways. Response to salt bins top up enquiry - to be followed up.

Reports of elected officers of the council:

SG Village Hall Committee draft accounts ending 31 March 2012 ready for audit, circulated to meeting - £3k paid towards play equipment.

Allotments Society update – it was confirmed it is to take up a modern constitution, have a £10 per year membership, and will be compiling rules and regulations.

New Cemetery Wildflower Area – weeds have overtaken in patches, which need treating before re-seeding - the meeting was asked whether the Council wished to continue and maintain this area. Cllr Pegg to meet with Heritage Group to discuss what is required and the costs.

Water Supply for new cemetery – plumbing now completed, Severn Trent informed for their re-inspection again.

Pavilion – new roof to be replaced.

Planning Applications:

New applications - 50 Station Road – extensions and alterations to dwelling. The Barn, Willow Stables, Wykin Lane – change of use from agricultural building to form one dwelling: comments to be made to draw the attention to the officers on a number of issues concerning this application.

Planning Approval – St Margarets C of E Primary School– variation of condition of No.3 planning permission.

Spinney Bank Farm planning application – temporary permission granted with conditions.

Wind-farm Developments

Twycross Parish is under threat of wind-farm developments in its area and has concerns of the proposed proximity to properties and intend petitioning against these developments. Twycross Parish has asked if Stoke Golding would be prepared to undertake a similar petition. Councillors suggested the petition be put in the Post Office for the villagers to sign if they wished.

Youth Club Closure

It was reported that this club has closed as it had become difficult to get parents to help. All equipment has been handed over to the Scout Group and audited, with all monies being passed to the Parish Council for youth/adult equipment on the rec.

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council

Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater – update regarding putting a notice on Co-operative website.

Unofficial Pathway – issue to be included on a future agenda.

Street Party – road closure and diversion signs have to be hired from LCC. It was proposed by Cllr Mayes that the Parish Council donates £35 for hiring signs.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 6th June at 7pm in the Committee Room of the village hall.

We're going away to England...

On our aforementioned trip to the land of the Kiwi, I was asked if I thought that Dunedin (on the South Island of New Zealand) resembled Aberdeen (in the putative Democratic Republic of Scotland). I was rather stumped by that one as I have never been to Aberdeen. It got me thinking that there are in fact quite a number of places in our Island nation with which I am totally unacquainted. Why seek out the hanging gardens of Babylon before one has seen the hanging baskets of Rochdale?

We sought out the Hoseason's brochure and booked our Arkwright and Higginbotham luxury mobile home, complete with central heating and pitched pantile roof, on the glorious Isle of Purbeck. From the park there are extensive views over the Dorset countryside where herds of Impala roam with carefree abandon against a backdrop of the golden setting sun. I exaggerate, but such was the general tone of the hyperbole. Hurling a change of underwear into the holdall and collecting the two remaining tins of beans for sustenance we set off.

The first hint of deception was the recognition that the Isle of Purbeck is as much an island as Ashby de la Zouch is French. The second, more insidious, lie is that a luxury holiday home is anything other than an, admittedly well appointed, box. When lined up in endless rows the appearance is rather less of a holiday park and rather more the stockroom of a Clarkes shoe shop viewed through the eyes of a Lilliputian. Any small child will know that for a captive creature to stand a chance of survival in a shoe box it is necessary to pierce it with holes. Such is the mischief woven by that hobgoblin of bureaucracy, Elfin Safety, regulation requires mobile homes to be ventilated to the point where it could be related to a colander. Ergo, when the source of heating is turned off for the night, the mobile home has the thermally retentive properties of a broken window. Since this is April, in England, when some idiot at the Met office has declared a drought, the inevitable happened. The temperature plummeted and the heavens opened. Being in a luxury mobile home (sic) during a deluge is like spending the night in a biscuit tin with a troop of tap dancing skeletons. Adding to the fun was the British army. One of the oft forgotten attractions of the Isle of Purbeck is the military firing ranges and April is the month of night manoeuvres. I began to appreciate the horrors of the Somme.

This metaphor was reinforced at daybreak as we saw traumatised souls returning from the front line of British holidaymaking, the camping field. They sought shelter and somewhere to dry out their sleeping bags which were draped around them like a boneless Turbot. Enough evidence, I believe, to drag the Directors of 'Go Outdoors' off to The Hague to answer charges of crimes against humanity.

Benidorm anyone?



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