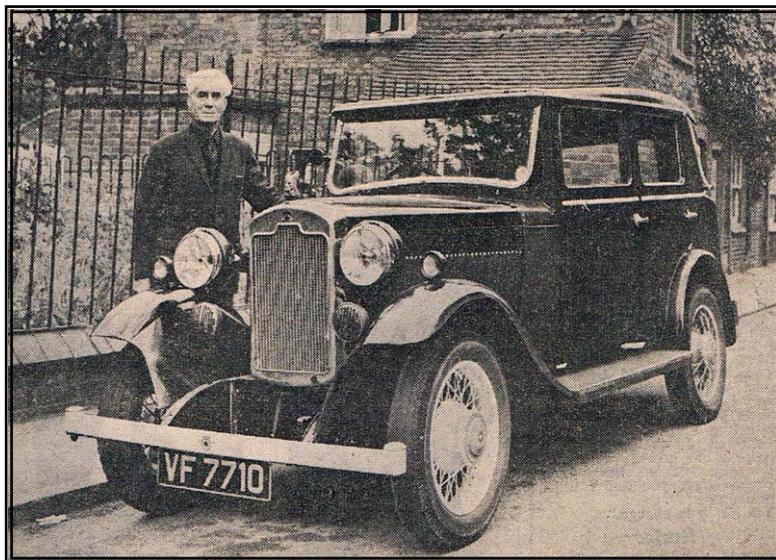


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Jane



Note from the Editors

You will find updated pages from the village directory in the centre of the magazine to pull out and keep - we hope you find them useful.

It has been a real challenge to fit in all the articles, news, events and advertisements this month, but we have just about managed! We're not complaining though - it is lovely to have such a lot of interesting content from you.

We hear a lot about young people in this issue with news from St Margaret's School, St Martin's School, Big and Small Church and Under 5s. Congratulations on all your achievements ranging from tree grafting to raising money for well deserving charities.

There is a great variety of events advertised on the 'What's On' pages and in 'Dadlington's Social Calendar' (page 18) - we might see you at some of them.

Jane & Ruth

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

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

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

e-mails to ***ruthsg21@btinternet.com***

'What's On' inserts and all advertising enquiries should be sent to Jane White - email: janewhitesg@googlemail.com.

Publication of any articles or letters submitted does not imply approval of, or agreement with, any views and comments contained, and are published without prejudice.



News from St Margaret's C E Primary School

The launch of our new pirate ship - HMS St Margaret, which was funded using kind donations from our very supportive PTA. Our children love the new addition to our playground and we now have many budding sailors and pirates!



St Margaret's School CE (A) Primary School Open Afternoon

You are all invited to come and see our
exciting and innovative school in action
Thursday 6th June 2013 ~ 1.15 - 2.45pm

Tour the school, meet the staff and Governors, see the children in action and
access useful information that will help you prepare your child for school!

High Street, Stoke Golding, CV13 6HE
01455 212393

www.st-margarets.leics.sch.uk



*Cover picture - Mr Francis Threadkill (in 1967) with his 1927 Rover
Weyman saloon, which he still serviced himself at the age of 76 years.*

Correspondence



Solar Panel Farm

Following the correspondence in May's edition of the Stoker I would like to add my support to the 'pro' camp. The comments of Roy Mitchell showed how wrong the objectors were. Maybe not enough was done to deliver this information in the first place. How many people knew where to find the information or considered it important enough to find out. I regret I didn't do much in support of the farm even though I thought it was a brilliant idea. The comments from the long term resident of the village also rang very true. Without development and change most of us wouldn't be living here. In fact most of the village would have crumbled into dust by now. I am a regular user of the rec. I go there nearly EVERY day, in all sorts of weather to walk my dog. Said dog makes no concessions to the weather, be it sunny, raining, windy or snowing, we trudge around the wonderful path that was installed a couple of years ago. Ever grateful for that path, but I digress. As I walk around the rec I can see only ONE property that actually overlooks the proposed Solar Panel Farm, excluding the surgery which always has its windows covered with blinds. None of the houses on Pine Close or even Hall Drive can see into the area, they all face each other across the road. When being battered by a bitterly cold easterly wind I thought how nice it would be to be sheltered by whatever was going to separate the rec from the field next to it. Now it looks like that battering will continue, at least for a while. According to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting only 77 residents actually contacted the council with comments for or against the development. 77 out of how many who live here? 2000? It would seem that the silent majority need to be less silent. Self-government is all very well but EVERYONE has to take part otherwise the vocal minority get to rule the roost. Finally, with regards to the shop closing, this is a bit of a Catch-22 situation. To have a good shop you need lots of customers – to have lots of customers you need a good shop. Sadly you can't survive in business selling newspapers and milk. I would certainly use a local shop if I could get more things from it and it was open when I needed it, but unless people are prepared to forsake Morrison's and support a local shop one doesn't stand a chance.

Pauline Edwards



Re: Solar Panel Farm

Having been a resident of Stoke Golding for nearly 16 years, I was impressed by the work of SCRAG regarding the solar panel farm application. They gave up hours of their own time to inform us about the proposal and investigated it in depth. Rather than just complaining, they were prepared to look into it and do something about it.

Ann Elsworth

Correspondence



Following the comments made by Mr Mitchell and the other 'anonymous' letter writer in the May issue, this will hopefully set the record straight with regards to the purpose of the Action Group so as to maintain the integrity of the group's members who, after all, are our neighbours. SGCRAAG developed from a random group of villagers who had genuine concerns about the Solar Farm proposal, mainly due to the lack of information being divulged by the developer. The group did not have a particular agenda or strategy. The objective was solely to give residents authentic information as it came to light so that they could make an informed choice. In order for a balanced argument to be upheld, the Action Group responded to a need to provide an alternative voice to that of the developer and initially the Parish Council. As the group strengthened, it became clear that Stoke Golding is very fortunate in having some very talented, professional individuals (yes, even leading lights) who were able to analyse central and local government policy and put it into layman's terms, which made it easier for the rest of us to understand the different sides of the argument. And there were different sides to the argument as to whether Stoke Golding should have a solar farm.

In response to Mr Mitchell's comments:

The petition stated loss of amenity as one of the points for objection, as there was no mention of a hedge or bund until some weeks into the application process.

Did he canvass opinion from 'the minority' as they are referred to, which presumably includes the dog walkers, parents with young families and elderly or less mobile residents who enjoy the 'rec', as to whether they valued keeping a view across open countryside?

He accuses SGCRAAG of providing 'spin', but isn't the unsubstantiated offer of over £30, 000 just another 'spin' story? Was that offer a substantiated one? If so, why was there no mention of it before the final planning decision? Cllr Ivan Ould stated that he could see no social, economic or financial gains with the proposal of this solar farm, which strongly suggests he knew nothing of these anticipated extra funds.

To suggest that the community was being sold 'spin' or misled, in order for the Action Group to win support, is simply not true. In fact any suggestion that the group cajoled residents is rather insulting to the latter's intelligence, all of whom were perfectly capable of making up their own minds about the solar farm. No-one forced 165 residents to write letters or persuaded 60+ residents to sit in the public gallery (twice).

The Action Group is not against progress or new developments; it acts to promote ventures which benefit Stoke Golding and preserve the village's character and appeal. And whether residents have lived here for a year or thirty years, isn't it reassuring to know that if folk are expressing an opinion and speaking out on issues, then this village will continue to have a heart and thrive.

Ella Orr

Correspondence

Thank You



I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all my friends and patient for all their kind words, best wishes and presents leading up to my retirement. I have been quite overwhelmed by all this.

All I know is that the 23 years I have spent as the Practice Nurse at Stoke Golding Surgery have been the happiest of times. I feel very fortunate to have worked there. I have watched families grow up, leave home and, in some cases come back with their own children. I have been involved in trying to support people through some very difficult times. It never ceases to amaze me how brave and resilient people can be. There has also been quite a lot of laughter. It is certainly a very special sort of job.

I am fortunate and proud to have worked with a great team of people at Stoke Golding and Castle Mead. All are very dedicated and work endlessly to improve the care of their patients, and always, it seems these days, under very tight time constraints and increasing pressures.

As I write this the sun is shining, our daughter is getting married in 3 days and we are looking forward to celebrating with our family and friends. I feel very lucky. When the dust settles we will start to plan what to do with all the spare time I am supposed to have!!! No doubt it will involve the garden, motor home and a pet passport. This lady of leisure business is very strange indeed.

One thing is for sure, I will miss the happy times, and the many friends I have made at Stoke Golding surgery.

Best wishes to you all.

Barbara Hill

Learning to Graft

These photos came in too late to accompany last month's article about apple tree grafting at St Martin's High School.



Soup Lunch

The children of Big and Small Church, who normally meet the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at the Baxter Hall, raised an outstanding **£147.10** for charity on Sunday 28 April through a soup lunch and craft stall. The children chose to support two charities: Rainbows Hospice for Children and Christian Aid's Bite Back at Hunger campaign. The children spent 21st April making bookmarks, paper flowers and decorating vases to sell on the craft stall. On the 28th they were busy setting up tables, decorating cupcakes, and welcoming the congregation to the Baxter Hall, where the children then took soup orders, passed around bread, staffed the craft stall and helped with the clean up.

Karri Aston



More Grafting...



Stoke Golding W I - May Meeting

A Lively Debate



This month at W I Anne Fullagar was able to inform the members of the changes and additions to the W I constitution and this was followed by a very spirited discussion about the 'decline of our high streets and town centres'. This, being the resolution that will be going in front of the W I AGM, was of particular interest to members, as Stoke Golding is surrounded by towns and by a city that have all been affected by shop closures and decline in footfall. Hence there were many and varied opinions and after the vote was taken, Margaret Bliss, Stoke Golding's delegate for the AGM, was asked to put forward the results with the power of her discretion, should any alterations be forthcoming at the NFWI AGM. Members were then able to settle down to a beetle drive that was just as animated as the deliberations had been but possibly with far more laughter. There were very tasty refreshments to follow and so ended another informative and enjoyable evening. Should anyone wish to join Stoke Golding W I, meetings takes place on the second Wednesday in every month at the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm, and all would be very welcome.

Val Hartwell

From Our Heritage Warden

Wykin Lane Cemetery Wildlife Area

Back in the early spring work took place removing some of the young 'nursery' silver birch from the woodland in order to encourage a good tree canopy to develop. We now need to start tidying up the brashing from the felled trees by chopping them up and creating wood piles in the wood as a habitat for wildlife. If you can spare an occasional hour or two by bringing along your wood loppers to help it would be greatly appreciated. Any enquiries ring: 01455 212110 , email: sue@mitchelhome.net

Footpath through Wykin Lane Cemetery Wildlife Area

It's the beginning of spring and cowslips and primroses are appearing along the grass verges. With care from all footpath users we should get another good display of wildflowers this year.

Fences around the woodland are being repaired or replaced while this area matures so please make sure you keep dogs on leads on the footpaths and discourage them from urinating on the grass because of the damage it can do to the vegetation.

Sue Mitchell

Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

Stoke Golding Garden Show
'Diamond Jubilee'
83rd Annual Show – 7th September



Preparations for this year's Stoke Golding Garden Show, to be held on Saturday 7th September, are already under way and we are now trying hard to persuade individuals and businesses in Hinckley and Bosworth and the surrounding areas to part with a few pennies to help us to achieve our targets this year.

Each year the Show strives to raise enough money to make a sizeable donation to more than one worthy cause. Last year we were able to donate £1500 to Macmillan Cancer Support and £200 to Stoke Golding Cricket Club. This year we have chosen to raise funds mainly in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Traditionally sponsorship has come from many sources within the community. Please be assured that ALL donations, no matter how big or small are always very gratefully received, especially in these continued times of financial restraint.

We are especially indebted to The Charity of Thomas Barton which provided funding for the running of the 2012 Show, enabling us to donate far more of our profit to worthwhile causes.

To make a much needed donation, offer help and support or to obtain further details please contact: *Roger Flavell, Compass Fields Farm, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, CV13 6HW, tel: 01455 212457.*

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

Following the judging at 6pm, the public is warmly invited to admire the class entries, congratulate the prize winners, buy raffle tickets for the ever popular raffle and then perhaps bid on some of the produce in our fun Grand Auction later in the evening.

Schedules will be available during August from Stoke Golding Club and other local amenities. These are free of charge, so why not pick up a copy and have a go at entering one of the varied classes on offer? If you need any advice or can't find a copy of the schedule, please contact me on 07809629690.

The Show depends on YOUR donations to keep it being a historic and worthwhile event each year. Please help us to help others!

Thank you.

Tina Waters



From the Curate at St Margaret's Church

We probably all know some-one who is anxious to find work at the moment, or who seems to be drowning in it – it may even be us. Either way, it is a highly frustrating place to be and can lead to anger. Anger at the financial climate, anger at those who seem to reject us or those who seem to over-burden us. And, ultimately, perhaps, anger at God.

In June our thoughts may be turning to our holidays. It is becoming more popular to enjoy a 'stay-cation', enjoying time at home or visiting friends and family. Remember those creative moments you have had on holidays gone by? Usually towards the end, as your body has unwound - you have shaken off a lot of your anxieties and are beginning to feel more like your old self - a new old self, and your creativity returns.

If only we could experience that flow of creative thought amongst our day to day life – amongst the disappointments and the busyness.

Jesus regularly took time out to be away from the crowds and he spent time with his friends, and of course, with God, in prayer. When we relax and take time away from life's distractions, it is amazing the transformation that we can experience - and so it can be in the Christian life when we spend quiet time in prayer. We are not always very good at it - it takes practice, but it is in those prayer times - those holidays with God - that we can experience true renewal.

Air travel and exotic locations are not necessary to discover renewal. You do not even need to travel from your own home - simply invite God in. God loves us and wants us to live a life of abundance (John 10:10). We can only do that when we look after ourselves and take time out to be refreshed and renewed. Could a 'pray-cation' be something you could try?

This summer, as we catch glimpses of the flowers, fruits, crops, trees and wildlife and notice how they transform through the season – my prayer is that we will all grow in faith and be reminded that God has the power to transform our lives too – if we just invite Him to stay with us. So, this summer may we all know the joys of being on holiday with God, wherever we are.

Blessings,

Hilary

St. Margaret's Tots' Church Grows Up

Big & Small Church is the new name for St. Margaret's Tots' Church. A new name was needed as the children are growing – lots of suggestions were taken from the congregation and the children themselves. The children voted on which name they liked best – and so Big & Small Church was born, to remind us not only that it serves big and little children, but also that our great big God does big things through small people. We currently offer activities for 0 - 7 year olds, the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month in Baxter Hall from 10.30 to 11.15am. Please do come and give it a try!

Karri Aston

Church Matters

Methodist Church June Events

**Saturday June 8th
Coffee Morning
10 - 11.30am**

**Saturday June 29th
Coffee Morning
10 - 11.30am**

The Methodist Church June Services

2nd	10.30am	Mr Charles Davies
9th	10.30am	Revd. Julie Minns
16th	10.30am	Mr David Overton
23rd	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne
30th	10.30am	Mrs Hilary Fenby

Zion Chapel June Services starting at 6pm

2nd June	Richard Cotton
9th June	John Needham
16th June	Malcolm Welch
23rd June	Martyn Owen
30th June	Mark Menzfeld

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.

Church of England - June Services

St Margaret's Church

2 nd June	10.30am	All Age Service
9 th June	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
16 th June	10.30am	Holy Communion and Big & Small Church
23 rd June	10.30am	Morning Worship and Big & Small Church
30 th June	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham

St James' Church

2 nd June	9:00am	BCP Morning Prayer
9 th June	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
16 th June	9:00am	BCP Holy Communion
23 rd June	9:00am	BCP Holy Communion
30 th June	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham

What's On

Saturday 6th July



Plans are now almost finalised for this years event, and this year we have added more attractions. We will be having two stages, an acoustic stage featuring an array of artists, from the steel pans of Redmoor school, to the tremendous talent of Paul Jones who is headlining the acoustic stage for us. The main stage will be running from 1pm until 11 pm, and will feature a huge range of bands from the Craic, the Mokats to the headline act, the UpBeatles – please see the website for the full line up, so you don't miss your favourites!

In keeping with the music theme, we are delighted to welcome Clickers to the event, who are going to put on a display with their dancing dogs – remember Ashley and Pudsy from Britain's Got Talent – well they've got nothing on these guys!. They will be hosting a dog show for any local would-be Crufts champions, who have a talent, whether that is the waggiest tail or the best 6 legs, and we are hoping to also have a dog agility demonstration, so bring your four legged friend along to enjoy the event with you. See the website for more information.

We shall have the usual wide range of stalls, face painting and rides for the kids, along with a barbecue and refreshments running all day. Once again we will have a Bar running for the duration of the event with a selection of real ales from Church End, and this year we will also have a hog roast running from 7pm.

This is shaping up to be an event not to be missed –put the date in your diary and come and join us for a free afternoon and evening of entertainment, raising money for our local charities, Wishes 4 Kids, the Air Ambulance, Leicester Animal Aid and village projects.

Check out our website www.stoke-fest.co.uk and you can email us at contact@stoke-fest.co.uk or phone 01455 212132 for further details.

REMEMBER IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER!

**Stoke Golding Royal Observer Corps
Underground Nuclear Monitoring Post in Wykin Lane
Open Day - Sunday 2nd June
Opening hours 10.15am - 4.30 pm**

Above ground exhibition now also includes
equipment for the WW2 aircraft post at the same site.

All visitors welcome, children under 14
must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

County Councillor: Ivan Ould (see below)
Borough Councillor: Reg Ward 01455 212369



June 2013

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Stoke Golding Village Hall: Alan White 01455 212416 alanwhitesg@gmail.com.

Methodist Hall: Bernard Arnold: 01455 212006

Baxter Hall: 0116 2487450

Dadlington Village Hall: John Patullo 01455 212167 jspatullo@live.co.uk

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The Methodist Church: Rev'd Julie Minns, 01455 842139

Zion Baptist Chapel: Mrs. Eileen French: 01455 212754



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01455 212393 www.st-margarets.leics.sch.uk

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01455 212386 www.st-martins.leics.sch.uk



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Village Organisations

ORGANISATION	MEETING PLACE	DAY(S) & TIMES	CONTACT
Heritage Group	Baxter Hall		David Goodsell 01455 212955
Robin Hood Play School	Baxter Hall	Monday to Friday 9.00 to 11.30am 12.15 to 3.15pm	Jane Ward Mandy Barber 01455 212574 01455 213024
Mums and Toddlers Under 5's Group	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Thursday 10.00 to 11.30am	Kate Warner 01455 213843
Scout Troop	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Thursday 7.00 to 9.00pm	Fionna Shilladay 01455 212908
Cub Scout Pack	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Monday 7.00 to 8.30pm	John Shilladay 01455 212908
Beaver Scout Colony	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Tuesday 5.45 to 7.00pm	Fionna Shilladay 01455 212908
Badminton	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Tuesday 8.00 to 10.00pm	Colin Edwards 01455 212691
Pilates	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Friday 9.45 to 11.00am	Katy Quinn 07887 895022
Line Dancing	Stoke Golding Club	Tuesday 7 to 10pm	Glenis Kiteley 01455 212189
Games Night Dominoes	Stoke Golding Club	Monday from 7pm	Alan Neale 01455 213556

Indoor Bowls	Stoke Golding Club	Wednesday from 7pm	John Moran 01455 212852
Good Companions	Stoke Golding Club	Alt. Thursdays 2.00 to 4.00pm	Ray Lockley 01455 212815
Garden Produce Show	Stoke Golding Club	First Saturday in September	Tina Waters 01455 213291
Yoga	Baxter Hall	Monday 7pm Tuesday 6.30pm & 7.45pm	Adele James 07837927127 www.yogawithadele.co.uk
Allotments Society			Mick Mayne 01455 616944
Tai Chi	Methodist Church Hall	Monday 10.30 to 11.30am	David Lawley 01530 224561 / 222591
Evening Classes	St. Martin's High School		Contact School 01455 212386
Bell Ringers	St. Margaret's Clock Tower	Tuesday 7.30 to 9.00pm	John Patullo 01455 212167
Cricket Club	Recreation Ground		Ian Proud 01455 213565
Keep Fit	Methodist Church Hall	Monday 7.30 to 8.30pm	Go along
'Sew and Sews' Craft Group	Methodist Church Hall	Thursday 2.00 to 4.00pm	Eileen Allsopp 01455 212634
W. I.	Methodist Church Hall	2nd Wednesday of month 7.30 to 9.30pm	Lesley Gent 01455 457437
Youth Football Ages 6 -18yrs	St. Martin's High School	Training Saturdays 9.30 to 11.30am @ St Martin's Matches - Sun on the rec.	Tom Puddefoot 01455 213296 tompuddefoot@hotmail.com
Tennis Club	St. Martin's High School		Kelvin Hill 01455 212647 www.virtualbriefcase.org.uk/tennis
Prayer Group	See notice on Methodist Church notice board	Thursday 7.30pm	Gill Skelton 01455 213700
Zumba Gold	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Friday 12.00 - 12.45pm	Jess 07760 661698
Book Group	George and Dragon	1st Tuesday of month 8pm	Chris Taylor 01455 213798
Quiz	Stoke Golding Club	2nd Tuesday of month 8.30pm	Ian Wilman 01455 633423
Ballroom and Latin Dancing	Stoke Golding Village Hall	Sunday 6.45 to 9.00pm	Jean Chapman 07594 343333



The Mobile Library visits Stoke Golding & Dadlington alternate Thursdays between 10.05am and 12.10pm.
Tel: 0116 3053565



Health and Social Services

A branch of the Hinckley Practice of Dr. R. Dockrell and Partners holds a surgery each week-day, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 2.00pm at The Surgery, 22, Pine Close, Stoke Golding.
Appointments may be made by phone on **01455 212526**. Doctors are on rota.

Dial-a-Ride, a service for people who cannot use public transport,
Tel: 01455 250462.

Social Services, Hinckley. Tel: 01455 636964

Stoke Golding Post Office, including gift shop.

Tel: 01455 212532

Proprietor : Mrs Liz Kingsley

Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm,
2pm to 5:30pm

Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm

Tammy's Hair Design,

Unisex Hair Salon,

Tel: 01455 212315

Proprietor : Tammy Robins

Newspapers, milk, bread, sweets etc
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Hinckley Road

9.30 - 11.00am daily

Paul Sehmbi, 01455 212319

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What's On

Friday Night Fun at St. Margaret's Primary School

St. Margaret's (C of E) Primary School is pleased to confirm that its summer fete will take place on Friday 14th June 2013. In celebration of our wonderful Queen, the children will be coming as kings and queens to parade around our village from 5.30pm. The fete will start at 6pm after the parade.

We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to help in the evening. 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 on 01455 212393 if you can help. Many thanks.

We look forward to seeing everyone there (hopefully the sun will make an appearance too).

St. Margaret's PTA



Church End Brewery Events

Folk, Beer and Cider Festival - Free Entry

14th & 15th June 12noon - 10.30pm

Bands Friday & Saturday Eve

Romeo & Juliet

Heartbreak Productions Open Air Theatre
Wednesday 26th June 6.30pm. Bring your own picnic,
Bar on site **Ring 01827 713080 for tickets**



ChurchEndBrewery,RidgeLane,Nuneaton,CV10RD
www.churchendbrewery.co.uk

House wanted for 4 weeks over Christmas



Joan Hewis from Sherwood Road would like to rent a house (locally) for her daughter and family who are coming over from Australia for the Christmas period. If you can help her out please ring her on 01455 212073.

Dadlington Matters

Dadlington Flower Festival

Many thanks to all who supported this event, which raised funds for the restoration of the 11th century church. Special plaudits go to the Earl Shilton Flower Club for their creativity and skill in interpreting the Richard III theme. Individual displays included the Archaeological Dig, the Princes in the Tower, Richard III's Coronation, the Bridge in Leicester, DNA, Sun in Splendour, Middleham Castle and the Battle of Bosworth.



Medicine and Surgery

There was also a well supported Songs of Praise Service on the Sunday evening. £3000 was the magnificent sum raised over the weekend. This will go a long way to help the restoration of this charming little church, which provides a weekly 9am Sunday service for both villagers and visitors to enjoy.

John Whitehead



Richard's Standard

Dadlington Social Calendar 2013

Sunday 9th June 2.30pm: Cricket on the Green – Dadlington v Rest of the World

Cream teas – bring your own booze and barbeque for after the game

Saturday 10th August: Cream teas at Hall Farm 3.00pm

Monday 26th August: Dadlington Village Fete

Saturday 28th September - 10.00am: Macmillan Coffee Morning in the village hall

Saturday 5th October 7.30pm: Live at the village hall- Anthony John Clarke, supported by The Shambles

Monday 7th October: Harvest Supper in the village hall

Friday 11th October: Clothes Sale in the village hall 4-8pm

Friday 15th November 6.30pm: Northern Themed Pub Night in the village hall

Saturday 7th December: The Christmas Cracker- Village Christmas party in the village hall

Cut out and keep!

Rare Moth Sighting in Dadlington

A small grey moth caught in a light trap in Dadlington on May 7th this year has been confirmed by a national expert as a pine cone tortrix. This is only the second ever record of this moth in the UK, the previous one having been from Kent in 2011.

Andy Johnson



Bird News - Early Spring

The prolonged cold spell, fuelled by north easterly winds, finally came to an end with them swinging to the south of the weekend 13th and 14th April. As such, migrants, held up for some weeks by such conditions, began pouring into Britain.



This was evidenced for me during monthly wildfowl and wader counts in this period with 2 swallow, 2 little ringed plover and a chiffchaff at Brascote Pits.

By the Tuesday I had heard at least 3 chiffchaff singing at Brascote, and, according to a report, 3 wheatear were present the following day.

It seems, however, that the adverse weather did not affect the passage of some sand martins as they were evidenced at Lychgate Fisheries before the end of March. Here, on 22nd April, I noted chiffchaff, willow warbler and blackcap. Incidentally, the owner informed that up to 3 kingfisher were quite regular.

Andy and Sam Johnson of Dadlington emailed photos of both siskin and redpoll visiting rear garden feeders. Also they reported having seen a woodcock between Shenton and Whitemoors, 5 snipe near Sutton Wharf, and more recently, an early lesser whitethroat in the back garden. Incidentally, the same damp fields immediate to the wharf hosted a short-eared owl.

On 25th April, during my first outing on the bicycle this year, I encountered a common whitethroat close to Upton and a lesser whitethroat near Shenton.

It may well be that so many reports I've received of barn owl, noted feeding especially during daytime of the cold spell rather than late afternoon or during darkness, reflects the desperation of the species to find food; a comment based on information received of many being found moribund, in particular, in East Anglia.

David Abbott



Short eared owl near Sutton Cheney

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Richard Durrant - Amazing!

We were totally captivated by the beautiful guitar music played by Richard Durrant at the latest Centre Stage event on 21st April and couldn't believe an artist of his standard was actually playing in Stoke Golding Village Hall! You could hear a pin drop during his performance until the applause at the end of each piece.

He told us how he travelled on the number 26 bus to his guitar lessons from the age of eight onwards, eventually leading him to visit Paraguay and the home of Barrios one of his favourite composers. He has since played there many times with famous guitarists and composers.

Music included pieces by Barrios, Villa Lobos and some that he had composed himself, including (one of my favourites) 'The Walrus Tree' that he wrote for his son Django.

Unusually, for a classical guitarist, he played standing up and barefoot – operating the stage lighting with his toes.

This was another brilliant concert thanks to the Village Hall Committee.

Jane White

We have just heard that Richard will be returning to the village hall on Friday 29th November to perform his Candlelit Christmas Concert. More details in September's Stoker.



From the Police Box - Burglaries in Stoke Golding

There has been an attempted burglary at a house in Whitemoors Road and a successful burglary in Wykin Lane. Please advise Detective Sergeant Pete Wheeler of any information which may be relevant, tel: 01162 222222, and leave a message for 0307.

Be mindful of cold callers and vans circulating at the moment. These houses were visited prior to the burglary attempts. Try not to make it obvious that your homes are empty during the evenings and at night.



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The George and Dragon in Stoke Golding is looking for a weekday cleaner. We are a small independently owned pub and we are looking for someone to clean 3 hours on Monday and two hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The individual must be conscientious, consistent and thorough.

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SPOTLIGHT on...

Short Mat Bowls

Wednesday night is Bowls' Night at Stoke Golding Club, 8pm.

I went round to the Club early, to learn about bowls and have a go myself. Having only ever watched bowls on the telly, I had little idea of the ins and outs of the sport.

Creaky knees and wobbly wrists didn't help my attempts, but I could see how people get hooked. Two members were there to meet me and they were very patient and encouraging with such a beginner.

The 26 members are divided into Stoke Golding A [Captain: Mick Storer] and Stoke Golding B [Captain: John Moran]. The club play in the Nuneaton Bowling League where there are two 2 Divisions. The Stoke Golding group belong to Division 2. There is promotion and relegation each year – 2up-2down. Matches are played from October to March.

During the 6 summer months, there are weekly practice nights. The organisers would welcome some new people to come and try out the sport during this period [bowls supplied]. A few months of practice could take you from a complete beginner to a team player!

The difference between 'long-mat' and 'short-mat' bowling is that in the latter there is a centre block that you have to bowl around. This block was my undoing – I hit it almost every time! That means you lose your go... but it was my first attempt, don't forget!

This year, one team entered the League Triple Cup Competition and were the runners-up. Congratulations!

As the members began to drift into the hall for the practice session, I prepared to leave. This is a friendly, welcoming group ... SO ... come and have a bowl! No pressure! You could really enjoy yourself, I'm sure!

Rosemary Collier

Belated May Day Greetings...

From Stoke Golding girls, Edwina (aged 79½) and Dorothy (age 21 plus), who made the "May Day Bower"

We say "Bring back our May Day, i.e. May 1st traditional celebration".



Medical Report
From: Universal Doctor
Patient: Mother Earth

Following the recent tests that we carried out I can now report our findings. Your orbit and trajectory are fine and your inclination to the Sun is well within the acceptable boundaries. Your core temperature is what we would expect to see in a planet of your age and although there is hardening of your outer crust, it is a normal progression and should slow down some of the Magma outbreaks that you have experienced. Your crust also registers some seismic activity but again, this is well within the accepted norms.

We did notice some shrinkage around your polar caps and this may be a normal cyclical occurrence, however, we have some concern that it may be caused by a condition on your surface and in your atmosphere. This is being caused by an infection that we know as Dominant Species Syndrome (DSS) where one organism in your biosphere is exerting a disproportionate influence. You may recall that you experienced a similar thing with a strain known as Dinosaur which we were able to treat effectively by the use of an Asteroid. This does have the side effect of temporarily disturbing your atmosphere but this only lasts a few thousand of your years.

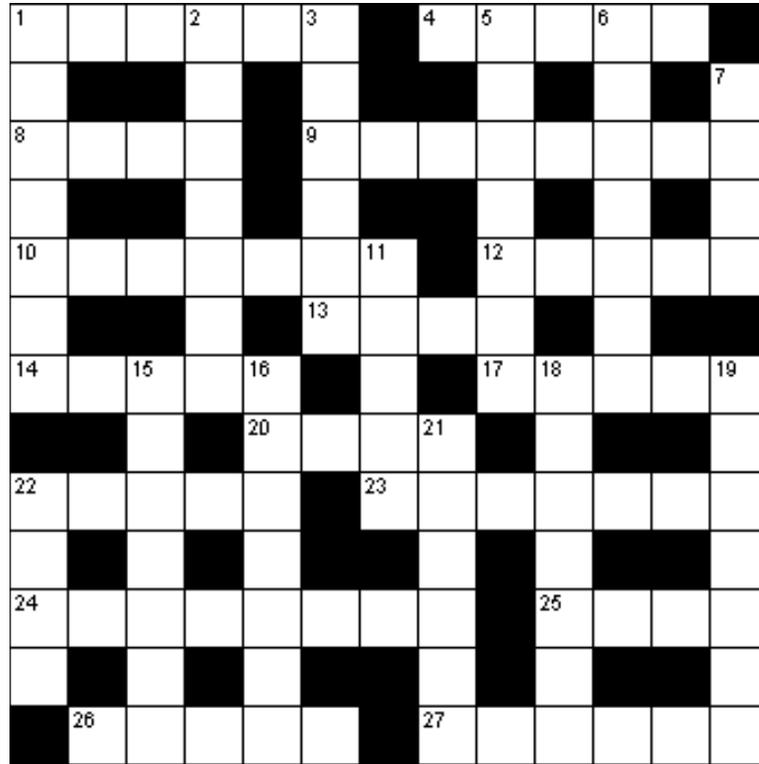
This new outbreak is being caused by a strain that we have identified as Homo Sapiens and it is a much more intelligent mutation of the Dinosaur. In small numbers they are fairly harmless but we have noticed that they have recently multiplied at a rate that gives cause for concern. This is surprising because they are a weak organism that cannot tolerate many of the areas of your surface. They do not survive in water and they are unable to cope well if the temperature exceeds a very small range. Hence they are not present in your desert, mountain or polar regions in numbers sufficient to cause a problem. However they do live in very heavy concentrations where conditions are favourable. In this state they release unsafe quantities of toxins and it is possible that this is a cause of your polar shrinkage. We do not propose any immediate treatment as tests have revealed that these organisms have a tendency to self-exterminate by attacking each other. They are also consuming disproportionate amount of resources which will mean that shortly they will be unable to sustain their numbers. We are hopeful that they will self-regulate in time to a level where they are in harmony with your other organisms. We may give you something to stimulate your seismic and geothermal activity to assist this process if the condition worsens. At this time there is little risk of transmission to the rest of the universe as they seem unable to travel far from your gravity fields.

Please make an appointment to see me in another of your centuries to monitor the situation, but do not hesitate to call if they get more irritating.



Universal Doctor MD, Fool on the Hill

Crossword



Across

1. Spanish rice dish (6)
4. Latin American dance(5)
8. Opposite to short (4)
9. A city in Italy (8)
10. Unoccupied room in hotel (7)
12. Australian gemstones (5)
13. A guide may take you on this (4)
14. Flowers of England (5)
17. Exams (5)
20. A short stroke in golf (4)
22. Short for aircraft (5)
23. A summer or winter break (7)
24. Pack your clothes in this (8)
25. "of Wight" or "of Man" (4)
26. Type of boat to get to 25.Ac. (5)
27. Brown skin (6)

Down

1. Loud and confused talk (7)
2. More than one of 24.Ac (7)
3. Act upon or influence (6)
5. Where 22.Ac. takes off (7)
6. Summer footwear (7)
7. At resorts they look after you (4)
11. Young person (5)
15. Area bordering the ocean (7)
16. Store partner of Marks (7)
18. Publication of a book (7)
19. Asian plant for food or oil (7)
21. Take to beach to dry off (6)
22. Leaning tower in Italy (4)

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Stoke Golding Parish Council - April 2013 Meeting

Matters arising from March's meeting

Conservation Area Review / new road signs – as part of the Stoke Golding Conservation Area review by the Borough Council, HBBC is asking the Parish Council if it is interested in replacing street nameplates with heritage nameplates within the conservation area. The Borough Council would be looking for a 50% contribution of the total cost from the Parish Council. Councillors had no objection to new signs but preferred that the entire village be considered. Clerk to write to HBBC and also the Charity of Thomas Barton to ask if is something the Charity would like to be involved with.

Reports from Councillors

Convent Site - Convent sub-committee's report was communicated to meeting for discussion. Raglan Homes to be asked for a follow-up meeting.

Benches/Trees/Planters - Cllr Brown presented a map of proposed sites for new benches, planters and trees for councillors' views. With the proposed 20mph scheme for the village perhaps these ideas were something the parish could start with. This will be a long term project, and first of all consideration and assessment will be carried out on areas for suitability.

Charity of Thomas Barton to be asked if it would like to support the project.

Village Shop – the meeting was informed that the shop closed on Wednesday 3rd April. Clarification will be sought of the owner's intentions.

Planning Applications

New applications: 66, Hinckley Road – Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development (ext and alterations).

24, Andrew Close - work to trees. Pumping Station, Station Road – non-material amendment to site lay-out.

Permissions granted – 9, Hinckley Road – dropped kerb.

Refusals/Withdrawn:

Refused - 1a, Tithe Close – Change of use from garage to Beauty Salon.

The Stables Pine Close, Stoke Golding - Erection of Solar Farm

Withdrawn – 21, Andrew Close – works to trees.

To appoint a Trustee of the Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

Following the resignation of Mrs E Bradbury as a Trustee to the Hester Hodges Foundation, it was confirmed that Jean Buckby was willing to stand.

2013/14 Fees for Football Pitches and Cemeteries

The new structured cemetery charges for Stoke Golding, in line with HBBC, were circulated for discussion. It was agreed to adopt the new charges.

New football charges in line with HBBC were circulated for discussion. It was agreed to adopt the new football fees. Clerk to write to the Football Club asking for the remainder of their 2012-13 season's fees.

Barwell SUE

The new traffic assessment from developers had been submitted and the new

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layout was presented to the meeting. The proposals were still considered to be ludicrous and should be totally rejected. Provision for safe guarding rural roads from being swamped with traffic and a new road to bypass Stapleton had not been considered. Therefore the proposals were deemed unacceptable.

It was agreed to submit in writing that the proposals were inadequate to control traffic. A free flowing road from the development site and funnelled through to the perimeter road would give protection to rural routes and make provision to take traffic away from the villages. Stoke Golding Parish Council to send a letter to HBBC planning officers, planning committee members and all Parish Councils.

Communications received by the Chairman

Verbal

Grit Bins/salting – consideration to be given in purchasing a spinner for the village to spread salt around village. Thanks were made to Cllr Ward for the amount of work he did in distributing salt around the village.

A **full copy of the minutes** of meetings can be read/obtained at the Post Office or on the village website www.stokegolding.co.uk

Next Meeting - Wednesday 5th June in the Committee Room at the Village Hall at 7pm.

Under 5s' Group

It's been a busy spring for the tots, with lots of community activities to enjoy. We had a wonderful visit from the Year 5 children at St Margaret's School. The little ones dropped everything when the big kids arrived! The children brought masks and toys in their story sacks and did a brilliant job of reading some of their favourite books.

Our thanks go to the organisers of the Methodist Church Flower Festival who have kindly included a display by the tots. We've chosen 'Round and Round the Garden' as our theme. It's taken a few weeks but the children have made all the flowers, leaves, bugs and footprints at our craft table. We hope you have time to pop in and take a look.



We're planning a trip to Twycross Zoo in June, so our little monkeys can see the real thing! As always we'd love to see you and your little ones at 10am every Thursday at the Village Hall.

Kate Warner



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