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Stoke Golding Village Magazine

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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Note from the Editors

Jane



Plans are already being drawn up for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June. Stoke Golding and Dadlington are playing their part by organising street parties, music and entertainment to help us all to enjoy the occasion as a

community, so make sure you keep the dates free - it should be fun, (pages 12 and 14).

One other big event on the national calendar this year is, of course, the Olympics and we are sure you will join us in wishing Joy the very best of luck in her quest to represent England (page 8).

Keep sending us your letters, articles and photos - we try to print as many as we can fit in and are always interested in your news.

Are we experiencing a grandparents boom in the village as we have had a record number of beautiful baby photos recently?

Jane and Ruth

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

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Front cover - New Row, High Street, Stoke Golding 1992/3

Music and Madness at the Village Hall

The New Rope String Band provided a brilliant evening's entertainment at the latest Centre Stage event at the Village Hall with their hilarious mix of music and slapstick comedy. The exhausting show included musical tennis, a physically challenging piece involving plastic piping and the strangest Morris dance I have ever seen. Comical facial expressions, eccentric behaviour and the mad antics of the three performers had the audience aching with laughter throughout the show.



Jane White

Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh



Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Charity Sleigh. The following charities have benefited: Village Hall, Scout Group, Good Companions, Youth Club, Football Club, Robin Hood Playgroup, Surgery and Flower Show.

Thanks to W.D Roberts for the loan of his vehicle to pull the sleigh and to Dodge for his driving. Thanks also to the Snowmen for their collections and of course to Santa.

Sleigh Committee

Welcome to the Team

We would like to introduce three new members of The Stoker Production Team. Rosemary Collier will be the link with village groups and organisations and hopefully sending us reports on their activities. Beth Ellis will be writing articles of local interest and also a 'People to Know' column. Jan Pettyfer will be responsible for organising 'Welcome Packs' and meeting new residents when they move into the village. (See page 15).

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.

*Could this be Stoke Golding's new
Heritage Warden? Last seen
working in the woodland near
the new cemetery.*



Tales from the 'Net



A sermon one mum will probably not forget.

'Dear Lord', the Minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are, but dust.' He would have continued but at that moment her very obedient daughter, who was listening, leaned over to her mum and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old voice: 'Mum, what is butt dust?'

A 6 year old was asked where his grandma lived. 'Oh' he said, 'she lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go and get her. Then when her visit's over, we take her back to the airport'.

A smile is a wrinkle on the face that should never be removed.

Simple Home Remedies

Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while cutting and slicing vegetables by getting some-one else to hold them while you chop away...

A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

Sometimes we need to remember what the rules of life really are: you should only need two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40, if it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a month, get married.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else.

Chinese Proverb

"That's the problem with commonsense - it's not very common"

A Grand Day Out

Each year around this time, myself and a group of like-minded souls sally forth to Rugby HQ to watch the infamous Barbarians. The day follows a fairly similar pattern involving a coffee stop at Oxford services on the M40. This year we saw a new addition to the car park. An electric car charging point.

I am confused. Having done a little research I discovered that the cheapest electric car is about £25,000. I exclude the Indian G-Wizz on the basis that to drive to Oxford services involves a considerable section of the M40. If you are prepared to attempt this in that Duracell driven death trap then you probably do not have the intelligence to plug it in and will, therefore, end your days in a motorway service area. If you have planned your journey in an adequate electric vehicle to incorporate a recharge stop at Oxford, then you must have more dosh than brains. The standard recharge time is about 8 hours, which at motorway food and drink prices will cost you a month's wages. Whatever happens when the black Gold stops coming out of the desert is going to require a bit more imagination than a caravan hook up point.

Onward we travelled to Twickers and deposited the motor in the playground of a very enterprising primary school just one European mile from the ground. Every match day the PTA of that school arrange for cars to be parked there at the local rate with all proceeds going to educate the young of Hounslow and its environs. Splendid idea and much more lucrative than those awful fetes with maypoles and bric-a-brac that nobody wants to go to. I will not divulge the name of the school in print but I may be persuaded in the bar of the Dog on production of a pint of Wood Farm. Another piece of local enterprise awaits you at the entrance to the ground. At this point I must make it clear that there are certain things that do and do not fit on a day out to the Rugby. Tofu and salad wraps, no. A steaming hot sausage of Olympic dimensions inserted into half a baguette and smothered with everything spicy and fattening, yes. All for the princely sum of £3, but, of that, more later. Entering the West Car Park means taking a peek at how the people who run our lives enjoy this rugby spectacle. Not in the same way as mere mortals - far too many things in aspic in a wicker basket.

Inside the stadium the price of everything has fast forwarded to about 2050. The world's most unappealing burger is now £6.50. A plastic pint of mass produced ale is £4.75. The queues of people trying to part with their cash are of Biblical proportion. Very confusing for an old skinflint.

The main event was an anti-climactic hammering of the Barbarians by a hoard of steroid happy Antipodeans. The follow up event was a ladies rugby international which can be summed up in a single word. Wrong. Better luck next year!



Fool on the Hill

Computer Safety and Security – Helpful Hints (Part 2)

There are many risks associated with using a computer – such as viruses and other risks posed by our online world. This is the second of two articles, outlining some of the main issues, and providing some suggestions to avoid becoming a victim. The first article covered some information relating to viruses & other 'malware', along with some of privacy issues, especially regarding children.

Scams

There are many scams originating in places like Nigeria, promising substantial shares of millions of dollars – just send your bank details and help unlock these funds...

Here are a couple of other scams to be aware of:

Emails asking for your bank details. Banks NEVER ask for your log in details to verify your account. I have seen a variety of emails purporting to be from well known financial institutions that have been so badly written that no proper business would have sent them out! Again, if you have any such message do not click anything in the email. Instead, you could phone your bank – or go directly to their website (again, not following any link in the email) and log in as normal. Of course, if you don't use internet banking – you have nothing to worry about!

There has also been a spate of phone calls offering to fix your PC over the phone or by going to a website. They rely on the fact that most households have at least one computer, a large proportion of which end up running slowly, and that many people are unsure of how to resolve this. I know of quite a number of people who have had such a call, and even one that did try the 'service' – needless to say, it did not provide a fix, but did cost more than fixing the PC should have cost!

I had a call in the last few days from a Stoker reader who received one of these calls – luckily he did not succumb – one thing that made him suspicious was the heavy Asian accent from a man claiming to be called Paul Wilson! I have seen other reports on the internet of this same outfit (sometimes a female caller going by the name 'Fiona') – and even a reference to them being featured in a recent BBC TV programme (You've Been Scammed, Nov 21). There was a statement from Microsoft's Director of Security, that **neither Microsoft, nor its partners, would ever cold-call you. If you get such a call, end it.** The £60 or whatever they will try to relieve you of is only the tip of the iceberg – what they really want to do is infect your PC to defraud you of much more.

As with all walks of life, beware offers that are too good to be true!

Data Security

Back up important files (photos, important letters, school course work!).

There are services that will allow you to do this online, but my preference is an external disk drive that you can look after yourself. These are available in the £30-£60 range (Asda for example have a 500GB drive for £50). You can then use the 'Backup & Restore' facility in Windows to automatically save your stuff. And then keep the backup in a safe place (think about losing your computer in a burglary or fire – you don't want your backup to go at the same time!)

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In addition to this, I also make a point of copying my photo archives to CD – usually at the end of the year – so I keep three copies: one on the computer, one on the external backup drive, and the third on CD.

You should also consider creating a 'System Image' – Windows provides a tool that will do this, and greatly simplifies any repair that your system might need in the future.

If you require any help or advice regarding the above, please call me on 01827 713848 – I am generally available from 9am to 9pm, or email me on neiljsherry@talktalk.net.

Neil Sherry

Attention all boys under 25 years in Stoke Golding

Do you want some extra cash for your studies or recreational activities? If you do then read the notice below and if you fit the criteria, write a letter to the clerk giving the reason you would like a grant.

(Boys aged 10 years and over should apply in person, if possible).

N. B. If you are applying on behalf of a group (e.g. Youth Football, Cricket Club), please include the **names and dates of birth** of all boys living in the village and attending your organisation, in order to be considered for a grant.

The Stoke Golding Boys' Charity

Object of The Trust

“Subject to payment of expenses, the Trustees shall apply income of the Charity in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of boys under the age of twenty-five years by the date of return of application as shown below, who are resident in Stoke Golding”.

The Trustees are considering the annual application of grants in accordance with the Terms of the Trust, as quoted above and applications are invited stating **the purpose of the application, date of birth, address and telephone number** to the:

Clerk of the Trustees, 21, Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, Warks.
CV13 6DU by **Friday 16th March 2012.**

By Order of the Trustees,

R. E. Fisher (Mrs) Clerk



Birth Congratulations

Congratulations to Becky (nee Jones) and Simon Williamson on the arrival of Leo Henry Williamson on 16th January, weighing 8lb 2 oz. First grandchild for David and Ann Jones of Sherwood Road.



Congratulations to Michelle (nee Terheege) and Nick Barrett on the birth of Summer Rose on 29th January, from the new proud Nan and Grandad, Rachel and Trevor Terheege.

Joy Aims High

It's a big year this year for Stoke Golding clay shooter Joy Hirons of Church Walks who has received a huge boost for her bid to qualify for the England shooting team and mount a serious bid for some of the leading Skeet trophies up for grabs throughout this season. Local village couple and good friends, Keith and Caroline Roberts have offered Joy her very first sponsorship through Keith's company, ABET Technology Ltd, in the form of a substantial quantity of shotgun cartridges to enable her to practice as much as she can. Cartridges are one of the biggest costs to clay shooters and any financial help she can get, no matter how small, is tremendous, and she would like to thank them very much for their generosity. She will of course be doing her very best at the England qualifying shoots in April and June to make the team as only the top 3 will make it, so no guarantees but she will be working extra hard to get there. Joy is currently ranked number 2 in the country so we hope everyone will keep their fingers crossed for her and wish her well. Once again a very big thank you to Keith and Caroline.



Bob Hirons

Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

What's On



Sunday 4th March

Come and join 'The Big Tidy Up' campaign in **Stoke Golding** on **Sunday 4th March from 10.00am to 12.00pm.**

Meet in the village hall car park and you'll be provided with tabards, protective gloves and bags. 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group has offered its support and it would be great if as many residents as possible from the village could join us and clean up Stoke Golding.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will collect and dispose of all the bags of litter we find.

For more information tel Ruth Fisher 212489.



Stoke Golding Club What's On - March 2012



- Tue 13th March - Quiz Evening
- Sat 17th March - **St Patricks Day** - 6 Nations Rugby (Day)
Live music all evening - Irish music and Irish stew
- Sun 18th March - Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix (Melbourne)
- Sun 25th March - Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix
- Sun 25th March - Singer JIM HIRONS
- Sat 7th April - Karaoke Night

Auction every Thursday

New members are always welcome - please phone Maria on 01455 212221

Church Matters

Zion Chapel Services Start at 6pm

4th March	Malcolm Welch
11th March	John Needham
18th March	Richard Cotton
25th March	Wynne Richards

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.

The Methodist Church

4th March	10.30am	Mr Nigel Roberts
11th March	10.30am	Mrs Eveline Overton
18th March	No morning Church Anniversary service	
	6.00pm	Mr Malcolm Lapper
25th March	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon

Methodist Church March Events

Saturday
March 17th
**Gift Day Coffee
Morning**

10 -11.30am

Church of England

St. Margaret's Church

4 th March	10.30am	All Age Service
11 th March	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham
18 th March	10.30am	Holy Communion
25 th March	10.30am	Morning Worship

Come and join us each Tuesday at 6.30pm for Holy Communion

St. James's Church

4 th March	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
11 th March	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham
18 th March	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
25 th March	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion



Message from The Rector

Mothering Sunday, this year on 18th March, is always held on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or “mother” church at least once a year. So each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their “mother” church, or the main church or cathedral of the area. It was also called Refreshment Sunday – the Sunday half way through Lent when the fasting rules were relaxed.

This became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away as domestic servants, or as apprentices, were given the day off to visit their “mother” church and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother. Often they brought a gift with them, a “mothering cake” – a kind of fruitcake with two layers of marzipan, known as simnel cake.

Our families are important to us, but very rarely are they perfect. We try to get along in them; to love each other and look after each other. But it isn't always easy, and it doesn't always work out the way we want it to. All sorts of things can happen to make family life difficult. The bible tells us of when Mary, Jesus' mother, had to stand by and watch as her son was put to death on a cross, and there was nothing she could do – about as bad as it gets for any family. Jesus saw his mother's pain and did some mothering himself. He asked his disciple John to take care of her and treat her as his own mother. He knew her needs and her despair.

We have an amazing God who knows all about us - our troubles, our fears and our sorrows. His mothering involves love and comfort, support and encouragement.

Mothering Sunday isn't just a time for giving thanks for perfect families, perfect mums, perfect children, perfect churches. It is a time when we can come to God, just as we are – and ask him to help us through the difficulties that we face, to help us to learn to love others, and to see where there are others who love us.

*Wishing you God's blessing,
Linda*



An Easter Invitation

**The children at St. Margaret's Tot's Church are having an
Easter Party for under 7s and their families**

At: The Baxter Hall, Stoke Golding

On: Sunday 25th March 2012

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am



The group for under 7s continues to run on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of every month. Parents are also welcome to attend with their children for stories, songs, prayers, games and craft activities.

What's On

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Stoke Golding, June 2012

Saturday 2nd June - Music for a Summer's Evening.
Concert by The Stanley Opera at Stoke Golding Village Hall.

The Big Lunch

On **Sunday 3rd June** it is hoped that Stoke Golding will celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a street party (**The Big Lunch**) for the **WHOLE VILLAGE** on Hinckley Road.

We have applied for Hinckley Road to be closed from St Margaret Road to Wykin Lane from 11.30am to 4.00pm, but we're still waiting to hear if the application has been successful.

A number of people have offered to help organise the party and will be busy over the next few months preparing for the event.

Do keep this date free and we hope to see you all there – it's a great opportunity to have lunch with your friends and neighbours in the village. More details next month.



Monday 4th June - Jubilee Party at the Three Horseshoes

Monday 4th June - Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at The White Swan.

Contact Ruth Fisher 01455 212489 for more information.

Stoke Golding Heritage Group

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd March. After the formal meeting, which starts at 7.00pm, we shall be serving cheese and wine accompanied by a light hearted quiz. Non-members are more than welcome to join us to find out more about the group and our activities. There would be a small charge of £2.50, which would not apply if you become a member.

At our meeting on April 19th we shall be having a talk on 'Farming in the Nottinghamshire village of Laxton'. This village is unique in preserving the medieval traditions of open field farming, including the Court Leet, the only surviving court with legal powers to manage the farmland around the village. This system would almost certainly have been used around Stoke Golding. Look out for further details in the April edition of The Stoker.

Both meetings take place at the Baxter Hall.

Roy Mitchell

What's On



This Year's Music Festival Will Take Place on Saturday 7th July

Planning for this year's Music Festival is already underway, and we would like to take the opportunity to invite everyone to get involved.

If you have some time on your hands however little, and could help with either the organisation, setting up in the morning, during the event, or clearing up after, we would love to hear from you.

Last year's event enabled us to donate almost £3,000 to charity, helping fund the vital work of the Air Ambulance and Leicester Animal Aid. With your support we helped Wishes 4 Kids send a 4 year old girl with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia to Disneyland Paris with her family for 3 days where she met Mickey Mouse and his friends, and we also provided funding towards new equipment in the children's play area.

Like last year we will be having a varied line up of bands and artists, and if you or anyone that you know, would like to perform then please contact the committee. We also plan to have stalls on the field this year, so again, please let us know if you are interested in running a stall either for yourself, or a local club or charity. We now have our own website www.stoke-fest.co.uk or you can email us at contact@stoke-fest.co.uk

The next Stoke Fest meeting is on Tuesday 6th March at 8pm in the Club and all are welcome.

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



Last year's bar staff



Conscript's

Dadlington Matters

Attention all Dadlington Villagers!

The Dadlington Diamond Jubilee Big Tea

Date: Sunday 3rd June 2012

Venue: Dadlington Village Green

2.00pm Traditional Games for all the family
4.00pm Street Party Tea
6.00pm onwards BYO BBQ and drinks
7.00pm onwards Dancing and Music from the past 60 years!

This is a non-profit making venture and there will be no charges for the day.

Next planning meeting is Thursday March 15th, Dog and Hedgehog
at 7.30pm

Contact: Jean on 212494 or Wendy 212292 for further details



Dadlington from High Street, Stoke Golding

Dadlington Village Hall

Cleaner required
2 hours per week, flexible
Please contact John on 212292

Stoke Golding WI - February Meeting

Dougie Wright - My Parade of Hits



Dougie was a backing session drummer/musician for many of the top recording artists of the 60s and 70s. He was part of The John Barry Seven on Juke Box Jury, backing stars such as Adam Faith. He played excerpts of the hits he had been involved in, using it as a quiz, and we all remembered the artists and songs of our younger days.

He went on tour with various artists and also took part in the Royal Command Performance in 1960, playing the backing for Bud Flanagan when he sang 'Strolling'. Dougie played in clubs in Soho and met lots of seedy types. He got a lot of work because he could read music so could just pick up a song and play it - many stars at that time could not read music. He worked at Abbey Road with Peter and Gordon on "Rock me away", which was written by Lennon and McCartney in 1965. Dougie brought in a snare drum in and showed us how to play a parraddiddle, which is a regular sequence of two notes and then gave us a wonderful demonstration of drumming. He worked as a session musician till the 70s and then moved into teaching music, which he still does.

He sang us out with Thanks for the Memory with his own words highlighting the evening.

We meet at the Methodist Church Hall on the second Wednesday of the month and we welcome new ladies who would like to join our cheery group.

Leslie Gent

New Neighbours

Has a new neighbour moved in next door recently or is about to very soon? If so please help us to introduce them to the rural life of Stoke Golding and Dadlington. The Stoker has joined forces with The Charity of Thomas Barton to provide an introduction to our lovely villages by providing a Welcome Pack, free of charge. The pack contains a recent copy of 'The Stoker' and leaflets giving useful local information.

We want your new neighbours to feel that they have arrived in a friendly village and to become part of our community. You can help by phoning Jan Pettyfer on 01455 212397 with details and we'll do the rest.

COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE : 15th MARCH

News from St. Margaret's C. E. (A) Primary School

We are pleased to publish the names of children who have received awards at St Margaret's School – it's a long time since we have included this item in The Stoker. I was invited to the assembly and enjoyed it greatly. I felt very privileged to be there to see so much talent being recognised. (Ed)



Celebration Assembly

The following awards were presented to the children by Headteacher, Mrs Wright on Friday 10th February

Silver Awards – for collecting 100 house points - Leon Rowley, Curtis Higgins, Sophie Ruck, Henry Carlisle, Chelsey Corney, Joe Ibbitson, Benjamin Sherry, Tamzin Slade, Anna Croxall, Bethan Harding, Melody Cunningham, Allicia Nelson, Alex Oliver, Sophie Edginton, George Parton, Megan Cook, Gia Bently, Evie Sandall, Tagon Klicik, Brannan Whittle, Daniel Oliver, James Toone, Pip Gregory, Mathew Setchell, Charlotte Oliver, Nathan Hedgecock, Tom Walker, Jacob Truslove, Leah Stringer, Jasmin Sprake, Jacob Pearson, Katie Lee, Harriot Latham-Hiatt, Zach Fielding, Rosie Draycott, Harvey Webb, Daniel King.

Gold Awards – for collecting 150 house points - William Oliver, Francesca Sherry, Tegan Kettle.

Other Awards Presented:-

Gymnastics – Harry Thomas, Daniel Oliver, Evan Carey.

Swimming – Zane Oliver, Finlay Wilson. All Year 6 students were presented with certificates after completing 9 weeks of swimming classes.

Cross Country – Olivia Bailey, Georgia Smith, Harry Taylor, Daniel King, Lucas Payton, Finley Hill, Molly Carey, Danielle Watkins, Isabella Fielding, Tegan Kettle, James Toone, Aiden Elsworth, William Oliver, Keiran Hopkins, Megan Smith, Pippa Burstow, Isabel MacKinder, James Schaefer, Chester Hill, Zach Fielding, Owen Elsworth, Luca Moore.

Cricket – Finley Hill

Pride Awards – Rowan Bates, Harry Thomas, Finlay Wilson, Mia Collins, Matthew Setchell, Ben Sohanpal, Harry Setchell.

Our Year 3 recorder players played 'Hot Cross Buns' – Adam Preedy, Harry Taylor, Daniel Oliver, Brannan Whittle, Lois Watson, Millie Towers, Amelia Manning, Teigan Perry.

A singing and dancing routine was performed by Year 5 girls

Megan Garton, Pippa Burstow, Isabel MacKinder, Gina Groom
Support – Emma Bradley.

The assembly closed with a prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the lovely kindness we have in this school.

We thank you for our voices so that we can sing and our eyes to help us read.

Thank you for all our friends so that we can play together.

Amen.



OBITUARIES

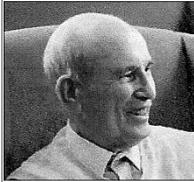


Thomas Wallace Halliday (Tim)



Tim passed away suddenly on 10th January at the young age of 57. He was born in Glasgow and when his family moved to Dadlington in the 1970s on purchasing the Dog and Hedgehog at Dadlington, Tim and his sister Jean and brother Chris accompanied them. The family made a great success of turning round a small one roomed bar at The Dog into a renowned pub and high class restaurant attracting customers from far and wide. When his parents retired Tim kept his hand in by working for various licensed premises. His cremation service at Nuneaton was attended by his family and many friends.

William Forster Jones (Bill)



Bill passed away on 24th January in the Devonshire Court Retirement Home at Oadby. For many years Bill and his beloved wife Barbara, who survives him, were well known residents of Station Road, Stoke Golding. He worked for Nuneaton Borough Council for many years in the Treasurer's Department and was a much respected Magistrate at the Nuneaton Courts. He was a member of Nuneaton Amateur Dramatic Society and also a Mason. Both he and his wife were members of a cast of singers who performed at Coombe Abbey. Bill put his expertise gained in the Treasurer's Department to very good use as a Trustee and Treasurer of the Charity of Thomas Barton. When ill health overtook them they retired to Devonshire Court where Barbara remains. A Memorial Service for Bill is being held in St Margaret's Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 28th February.

We send our sincere condolences to both families.



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

“Cherish the past, protect the future”

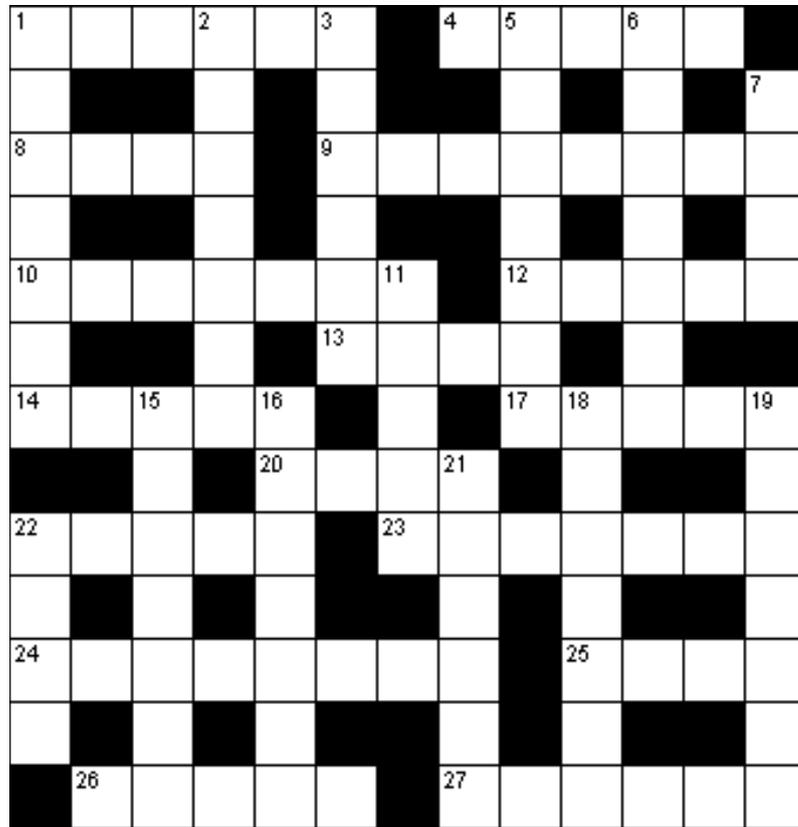


This report covers two of our events, both of which were first class and much appreciated by our members. The first in November on the Staffordshire Hoard was given by Ian Wykes, one of Staffordshire County Council’s Archaeologists. In what he described as a once in a lifetime opportunity he was one of four people actively involved in the recovery of the most significant Angle Saxon find ever discovered. His involvement started with receiving a phone call from the metal ‘detectorist’ who found the hoard and progressed through the dig, the initial conservation, the valuation (£3.6 million), the purchasing of the hoard by public and organisation donations so that it remained in the Midlands, to the current exhibitions for the general public. His slides showed the incredible craftsmanship that was required to produce the gold, silver and jewelled items contained in the hoard. His talk included numerous anecdotes about the people involved in the discovery and gave a human context to the story. For example, the farmer who received half of the valuation money celebrated by buying himself a new air rifle and the student at university on his first dig who couldn’t understand why his older colleagues were in such a state of euphoria. All in all, a story worth telling, told by a master story teller.

Our speaker in January was the Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick. He began by producing from his pocket a small silver gilt bear and ragged-staff badge, which is worn by the 12 Brethren of the hospital as a badge of office. He then passed this to the members, casually explaining that Elizabeth I had personally handed twelve badges to the original members of the Brethren and they were still being used today. He did explain that he wanted it back! Having grabbed everyone’s attention he went into detail explaining the history of the buildings and the history of the Hospital, which was founded by Robert Dudley, Earl of Leycester in the reign of Elizabeth I as a home for ex-servicemen. Again his story was full of anecdotes about former and present users of the buildings and how they had kept the establishment and the buildings intact for over 500 years. At the end of the talk 35 members put their names down to enable the group to organise a visit. This in itself was a measure of the success of the evening.

Roy Mitchell

crossword



Across

1. Spasm of the diaphragm (6)
4. English snake (5)
8. Taxis (4)
9. See 1D
10. Month of the year (7)
12. Eye watering veg (5)
13. Animal's den (4)
14. Americans (slang) (5)
17. periods of time (5)
20. 'Yobbo' (4)
22. USA president (5)
23. Well liked (7)
24. see 1D
25. see 1D
26. Hoard of stolen goods (5)
27. Burial gown (6)

Down

- 1 & 5D-25A-24A-11D-9A Nursery rhyme about a rodent and a timepiece (7-7-4-3-5-3-2-3-5)
2. Priest's garment(7)
3. Sea bird - sounds like fuel? (6)
5. see 1D
6. Naughty magazines (7)
7. Outer body covering (4)
11. see 1D
15. Closest to (7)
16. Downhill ski runs (7)
18. South American country (7)
19. Caressed gently (7)
21. The Blackpool and Eiffel are types of these (6)
22. Cereal grains

Solution on page 23

Stoke Golding Parish Council - January 2012 Meeting

County Cllr Ivan Ould's Report – One local issue - Windrow Composting Application – refused, applicant has 6 months to appeal.

Reports of elected officers

Village Hall: The Treasurer/Secretary will be standing down in May and the vacancy will be advertised.

Water supply at Cemetery - Severn Trent to connect water supply.

New Bus Stop: Station Road - now in place.

Planning Application

New applications

Extensions and alterations to dwelling -133 Hinckley Road.

Planning Approval

Installation of photovoltaic panels to the roof of existing building Lodge Farm.

Extensions and alterations to dwellings - 74 Sherwood Road, 83 Sherwood Road.

Mar City

Mark Horsley of Mar City attended the meeting to update where they were with the planners and development on the Convent Site development. He confirm that HBBC had signed the Deed of Variation and thanked the Parish Council for its support. The development to consist of a 25% affordable split, and signing of the contract with a registered social landlord was envisaged by the end of month. Quotes were being obtained to instruct civil and highway works. When these are decided upon a detailed design of the road crossing, access to the school etc will be established and sent to the Council for approval.

Question: With regard to work starting soon had Mar City liaised with the school?

Response: It is in daily contact.

Question: Has Mar city signed for and now have ownership of the land?

Response: An agreement would be settled in the next few weeks.

Question: Is there a management plan on how it will manage the building, construction traffic, traffic flow, keeping roads clean and would it be possible to have sight of this before work commences?

Response: Clerk to confirm this point by email for Mar City to follow up.

Question: Has Mar City any interest in the Lodge?

Response: Mar City has an interest the house.

Question: Has Mar City any intention to demolish it?

Response: No.

Question: The Sub-Committee would very like to have an input into the green/allotment land - would this be possible and how would they be able to promote that? How much is negotiable - reference the surface drainage system from the houses, hard standing for the allotment holders' cars, boundary trees and trees in the woodland, and bat conservation?

Response: Mar City is duty bound to put in a surrounding fence and there were some legal obligations to adhere to. A copy of the letter from Severn Trent passed to Mar City with regard to the balancing pond, stating it was HBBC's remit. Clerk was asked if a letter could be sent to Severn Trent thanking them for their help.

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St Martin's Catholic School

The Governing body of Saint Martin's Catholic School is considering a proposal of converting to Academy Status in 2012. The Parish Council to submit comments that it welcomed the fact that the admissions criteria of village children remain unchanged.

The Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 26th April in the Village Hall - 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Location of Meetings of Council - A recommendation was put forward that future meetings be held in the Village Hall Committee Room, with a meeting held once a quarter in the Methodist Church Hall.

To appoint two Trustees to the Charity of Thomas Barton - Paul Spokes and Ann Jones were both willing to continue as Trustees.

Review Grounds Maintenance Contract Specification, renewable by tender invitation, 1st April

Following the review of the specification of the grounds maintenance by Councillors it was proposed the contract should go out to tender.

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 7th March 2012 at 7pm in the Committee Room of the village hall.

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Tues. 7.45pm YOGA [Mixed level] Baxter's Hall, Stoke Golding
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Thurs. 10am YOGA [Mixed level] Sapcote Pavilion.
1 hour class
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