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# ***The Stoker***

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

Ruth



Jane



### *Note from the Editors*

*At the time of writing this the sun is shining and there's some warmth in it, which is lovely after the long dark winter*

*days. I'm very envious of Jane and Alan White who are sunning themselves in Australia with Oliver, the newest addition to their family.*

*The solar panel farm issue has continued to cause concern to many residents but by the time you read this, the matter should be resolved one way or another. \**

*There is an interesting initiative being developed in the village to showcase residents' skills and talents and encourage people to try out new activities. See page 9 for more information.*

*We wish all our readers a Happy Easter.*

*Ruth*

*\* STOP PRESS - See page 7 for a report of the planning meeting.*

### **The Stoker Team**

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Cover picture - Hinckley Road towards the cemetery - circa 1910.

## **Please Help with our Fruit Tree Project**

As you may or may not know there is a project being undertaken in Stoke Golding to establish a community orchard. Students at St Martin's Academy have already carried out a survey of fruit trees in the village - these have been identified. The next step is to propagate some of these varieties by grafting shoots onto rootstocks. These young trees will be grown in a nursery in the school grounds until they can be moved to the community orchard. The students are keen to be involved in the grafting, planting and care of the trees.



The grafting is planned for **20th March in the morning**. There will be 30 students (Year 7: twelve years old) and this is where you come in!

I need help in making sure the students are carrying out the technique correctly - the more help they have the more successful the grafting will be. You really do **not** need to have grafted plants previously. Only some experience of growing and handling plants in your garden.

I know what you're thinking. How can I help these students when I have never used the technique? However I suggest we get together a couple of days before, when I can show you how I very successfully grafted apple trees last year (for the first time). I and experienced 'grafters' will be on hand throughout the morning to provide advice and take care of the harder parts of the technique.

I do hope you will give this a go and join with us in this venture. Please let me know that you would like to help.

If you have any questions/concerns please give me a call: 01455 212955 or millburn5@hotmail.co.uk.

*David Goodsell, 3 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding*

## **More News From Katy**

As of January all the sun protection that had been donated by extremely generous people has been taken out to Kenya. I am very humbled that people went out of their way to donate, so thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. I'm going to try and make this an ongoing thing, so please if you have any half empty bottles of sun cream lying around I would be very grateful! We've had news from Kenya that Diana is doing well, her surgery went excellently and she is on the road to recovery.

Thank-you once again for your ongoing support.

*Katy Shilladay*

# Correspondence



In January's Stoker there were several reports from various action groups in the village. I respect how hard the people have worked and their determination to put their views across to the village. However, there are people in the village who have opposing thoughts, but may not have the resources or the inclination to express them so forcefully. All I am asking is that you acknowledge the right of everyone to have their own opinion and listen to the silent majority.

The loudest voice is not necessarily the voice of the village.

*Name and address supplied*

## Success for Village Darts

The Three Horseshoes has had a very successful few years playing in the local Hinckley & Barwell Darts League, which now has 3 teams in the league. It has 2 teams in Division 1 and a new team this season in Division 2. News of the team's success has spread and at the end of January the Three Horseshoes was visited by Scott Rand a professional darts player with the PDC, who has appeared on numerous occasions on TV. His best result on TV was in the 2011 Players' Championship, when he reached the quarter final beating James Wade and Raymond van Barneveld on the way.

Scott was part of a visiting team, which included a Warwickshire County 'A' player Mark Westgarth, to take on players from the Shoes in a friendly. It was a splendid night with lots of humour and goodwill despite the Shoes losing the match. This season both the 'A' and 'B' teams have a chance to win Division 1. The 'A' team are top and the 'B' team 3<sup>rd</sup> at the moment with the 'C' team in a comfortable position at the top of Division 2. The 'A' team are also in the semi-final of the Hunt Cup, in which they were runners up in 2011/12 and winners in 2010/11 This season The Three Horseshoes has become the Head Quarters of the League with Michael Ashton as secretary. Since Michael took over the league has moved forwards with its own web site with a continual update of league positions.

Any one interested in playing darts should contact Terry at The Three Horseshoes as they are always looking for more players. The teams meet on a Thursday evening.

*Trevor Terheege*



## 52 Skidoo at the Village Hall

On a very snowy Saturday night in January we were treated to the latest Centre Stage offering in Stoke Golding Village Hall. The name 52 Skidoo gives little away but in a magical evening of entertainment we were transported across the Atlantic and back in time to the era of the 1920's Speakeasies of the Southern USA.



The Trio of Tommy on vocals, Henry on the piano and Howard on percussion and clarinet, told a story of the time cleverly woven around the hits songs of the 20's. We were invited to a rent party where struggling musicians would ply their trade to pay the rent, probably to some seedy landlord and certainly for some less than salubrious accommodation. You could really sense the desperation of American in the prohibition age.

Although some of the songs would not have been familiar to many, there were classics such as 'Georgia on my Mind', 'When the Saints go marching in', 'When you're smiling' and a powerful rendition of 'Sweet Georgia Brown' that would have got even Douglas Bader tapping his... well you get the idea.

The standard of musicianship was exceptional with some of the percussion and piano playing drawing bursts of spontaneous applause from the appreciative audience. It really was entertainment of the highest order and we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to see this on our own doorstep and for the price of a couple of pints of beer. These things do not happen by chance and thanks to Alan for bringing them to us and the Centre Stage folk for making such fare available to the masses.

Some poor souls missed out because of the appalling weather but for those who braved the elements, I am sure the event will live long in their memory. If you did turn out and didn't enjoy it then I'm sorry boy but you ain't got no soul!

*Graham Grimley*



Stoke Golding website  
[www.stokegolding.co.uk](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

## Snow Days

The 'snow days' were well spent playing in the snow; sledging, snowball fights (the best being when Miss Steel, reception teacher, walked past!) and building snowmen and igloos. It is these few days that are so rare now and that the children will remember forever. The igloo was built by many children using individual blocks made from old ice cream containers. On the photos are: Gracie Tomkins, Anna Croxall, Molly Carey, Evan Carey, Kirsty Allston and Olivia Timms. (Not shown but great helpers: Ava Carey, Jack Croxall and Sebastien Tomkins).

*Martin Tomkins*



## Stoke Golding W I - January Meeting

### A Foot Tapping Evening

On a cold winter's evening the W I Morris Dance Garland Team bought a warming mood of music and dance to Stoke Golding W.I meeting this month. Members were amazed at the intricacies of some of the dances and when about a dozen or more members joined in to have a go at the Snowball and the Circassian Circle they also began to marvel at the energy shown by the Garland dancers as they completed their repertoire for the evening. The dancers have been established for almost 31 years performing routines from around the country, including one specially devised for "Pixie" the railway engine originally at Cadeby. Another was devised by a W.I. member from the south of England which left us wondering if we would have the patience to work a routine out as complicated as some that were danced that night. There was a happy buzz among members as all seemed to enjoy the fun and frolics and we are looking forward to the March meeting when members will have a "dabble" at different crafts, such as crochet, flower arranging, painting and paper flower making. So come along and have a go. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

*Val Hartwell*

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## **Solar Farm Development Approved**

On Tuesday 19 February Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Planning Committee met to consider, amongst other items, the application to build 7,800 solar panels on land next to the village recreation ground.

There was a packed public gallery and the atmosphere was tense. Many villagers came to protest against the proposal and held posters and flyers to make their views clear. The arguments against the proposal were set out by Bernard Lamb in a concise and eloquent presentation. A representative from Freertricity then put the case for the development.

After much debate, one councillor suggested that they reject the planning application. This was put to a vote which split the Planning Committee. A further question was put to the Committee – to support the Planning Officer's recommendation to agree the application.

Unfortunately, Cllr. Reg Ward, Chair of Stoke Golding Parish Council, decided not to oppose the application.

Cllr. Ward had already been quoted on the proposal: "The action group has put together a comprehensive case with valid reasons against this proposal and we have to hope that this will be taken into account when the decision is made next week". But, when it came to the vote, he did not oppose the plan. This extraordinary U-turn caused an uproar in the gallery as villagers left shouting, "Shame on you, Reg".

The planning application went through.

*Chris Taylor*

## **Stoke Golding Under 5s' Group**

After a lovely Christmas, the tots have been busy again. We've made Valentine cards, had pancake races and celebrated Chinese New Year.

As you know we love a good party so plans are being made for an Easter celebration. Watch out for the bunny! We'll also be doing some fund raising for our group and for Comic Relief. A sponsored roly-poly should use up a bit of our toddlers' energy, and make some money for a great cause.

We'd love to see you with your little ones - every Thursday morning at 10am in the village hall.

*Kate Warner*



## 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 15th March 2013.**

By Order of the Trustees,  
*R. E. Fisher (Mrs) Clerk*

## Bird Notes for December and January



Despite the very cold weather, Scandinavian thrushes such as fieldfare and redwing appear to have been present only in small numbers. In previous years the prime location for these birds has been the berry-bearing hedgerows along Wykin Lane, which have recently been removed. However, by way of compensation, the snow formed a wonderful backcloth to accentuate the beautiful colours of these species, as well as that of some others, more noticeably the bullfinch. Small flocks of species such as long-tailed tit, goldfinch and greenfinch are not uncommon whilst house sparrow, jackdaw and starling remain in abundance. An increasing number of folks around the village now tell me how they have become familiar with the unmistakable call of the raven.

*David Abbott*





## **Message from the Minister at Stoke Golding Methodist Church**

On Shrove Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, like many other people, I checked the cupboard for plain flour, bought extra milk and made sure I had lemons. Earlier generations would have been completely bewildered as to why I was buying more on Shrove Tuesday. They would simply have been using up any meat and dairy products so that they were not wasted during Lent when, because it was a period of fasting, those things would not be eaten.

With shops in villages and towns, then supermarkets and now internet shopping, it is possible, if we can afford it, to buy more or less whatever we want to eat, whenever we want it, and perhaps that makes us less grateful for what we have and more inclined to take food for granted. The ingredients for pancakes are not seen as luxuries any more. Instead, some choose to give up treats, or something which they know they have become dependent upon.

In the Bible prophets remind people that fasting from certain foods to get into God's 'good books' was a pointless exercise if they continued to treat others unfairly. Justice was, and is, more important than doing something 'religious'. Perhaps we've come full circle. Though I try not to, I know that I sometimes waste food, buying too much, not planning well enough. Supermarket offers mean that many people end up throwing food away and even with the benefit of the offer, wasting money on food that is not eaten. Whatever else we do during Lent, I'll try to be more thankful for daily food, and more careful about what goes in the fridge.

*Julie Minns*

## **Village Showcase**

### **Adult Learners' Week in Stoke Golding**

Would you like to learn a new skill or try something new? Do you have a skill that you would like to share with others? Adult Learners' Week gives you just this opportunity. It's a national week celebrating adult learning. We are co-ordinating a programme where you can learn a new skill, sample many village activities or showcase new ones during one week in May, from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact:

Chris on 213 798 email [ms.chris.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:ms.chris.taylor@btinternet.com)

Ruth on 212 489, email: [ruthsg21@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthsg21@btinternet.com)



## **From Our Rector at St Margaret's Church Easter – New Life**

Isn't it incredible when the first signs of growth appear each spring? I am always amazed when, out of the dark, cold, stone-hard earth appears tiny, delicate green shoots, followed by the wonderful colours and shapes of daffodils, tulips and crocuses, letting us know that summer is on its way!

'New life' is the theme we celebrate this month as we approach the season of Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds waved their palm branches, shouting 'Hosanna'.

The mood of that crowd was to change as, on Good Friday, they shouted for Jesus to be put to death. He was stripped naked and nailed to a cross, where he hung in agony for three hours, jeered at by the crowds, before he died.

But this was not the end, as on that wonderful Easter Sunday, Jesus miraculously rose again from the tomb as he had promised. His friends and followers were filled with new hope. His promise of a new life was theirs again and they joyfully renewed their desire and determination to follow Him.

Easter is a time for us to do the same. As we celebrate his complete victory over sin and death, and all the wonder and joy of the resurrection, may we be encouraged, looking to Jesus who makes all things new, and who will renew his love and resurrection power in our lives if we ask him.

Why not come and join us at St Margaret's on Easter Sunday at 10.30am, and discover that the same promise of new life can be yours too. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him – this Easter, and in the days ahead.

*Linda*

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE**

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> is Mothering Sunday and  
we are celebrating with a special  
All-Age Family Worship Service  
at St Margaret's Church, beginning at 10.30am.  
We would love you to join us.

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# Church Matters

**The Methodist Church  
March Services**

3rd	10.30am	Revd. Julie Minns
10th	10.30am	Revd. Julie Minns
17th	Church Anniversary Service	
	6.00pm	Revd. Julie Minns
24th	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne
29th	Good Friday	
	7.00pm	Revd Julie Minns
31st	Easter Day	
	10.30am	Revd Julie Minns

**Zion Chapel March Services  
starting at 6pm**

3rd March	Reuben Gardener
10th March	Richard Cotton
17th March	Wynne Richards
24th March	Mark Menzfeld
31st March (Easter)	Malcolm Welch

**Sunday School at 11am**

## Church of England Services

### St. Margaret's Church

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham on the Hill
10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	All Age Mothering Sunday Service
17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

*Holy Communion every Tuesday at 6.30pm*

### St. James's Church

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham on the Hill
10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Palm Sunday BCP Holy Communion
Good Friday	2.00pm	Benefice Meditation on the Cross.
31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 7.30pm

#### St Margaret's Church

Prepared by Christian Women of France

Speaker – Rev'd Hilary Surridge

All are welcome

### Methodist Church March Events

Saturday 16th March  
Coffee Morning and Gift Day  
10.00 -11.30am

# What's On



G N WESTERN CONNECTION

## Line Dancing Class for Complete Beginners

On Wednesdays  
at Dadlington Village Hall  
From 1.45 - 2.45pm

£4

*Get fit, make friends, have fun!*  
Further details tel: Glenis on 212189

## Village Hall Centre Stage Event

### Richard Durrant

*'The Number 26 Bus to Paraguay'*

Saturday 20th April

The inspiring tale of how a young boy on the number 26 bus to his first guitar lesson, ended up in Paraguay as an honoured guest. Richard shares tales and music from his own musical journey and the inspiration he found in Paraguayan composer Barrios, in a show featuring film and animation.



Tickets £8 - Tel Alan 212416

There are still a few tickets available to see

### The Hut People

at the Village Hall on Saturday 9th March



## Stoke Golding Club What's On



### MARCH

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Zaney J</b> (Rock & Pop with a twist)	8.00pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>	8.30pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Live Music</b> (Rory & Ryan)	8.00pm

### APRIL

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Diamond Nights</b>	8.00pm
	<b>The UK's Premier Neil Diamond Tribute Show</b>	
	<b>Tickets £8.00</b>	

### MAY

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Live Music by TBC</b>	8.00pm
	Deviously Twisted Covers and Medleys in every genre	

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

# What's On



## Macbeth

### Stanley Opera Proudly Presents

Four Performances of Giuseppe Verdi's Horror Opera

### Hinckley Concordia Theatre

5th, 9th, 11th & 13th April

Tickets £10: Tel. 01455 848194

Concession price of £9 for over 60s and under 16s  
on Friday 5th and Tues 9th performances

[www.stanley-opera.org.uk](http://www.stanley-opera.org.uk)

Opera performed in English

Free parking opposite the theatre for ticket holders

### St Margaret's Church Coffee and Chat

Free coffee, tea and a  
chat on Wednesdays

**10.30am - 12noon in  
church**

Everyone is welcome; we  
do hope you will join us.

### Stoke Golding Heritage Group

*"Cherish the past, protect the future"*

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21st March

at the Baxter Hall - 7.00p.m.

Following the AGM there will be  
cheese and wine and a quiz.

Non-members welcome



### Zumba Gold in Stoke Golding!!



Slightly Slower, Lower Impact Version of the  
Latin inspired fitness dance class Zumba.

Great for the older adult or newcomer

**-fun & effective -**

Stoke Golding Village Hall

12pm-12:45pm Every Friday

Get in touch for any more information 07760661698

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### Yoga and Fitness Classes



Body Blitz mixed level	Mon	11am	Village Hall
Yoga mixed	Mon	6.30pm	Baxter Hall
Yoga easy	Mon	7.45pm	Baxter Hall
Yogafit easy	Tues	12 noon	Baxter Hall
Yoga mixed/adv	Tues	7pm	Baxter Hall
Yogafit easy/mixed	Wed	6pm	Baxter Hall

**All classes £6 'Pay as you go' For more info visit**  
[www.yogawithadele.co.uk](http://www.yogawithadele.co.uk) or Tel: 07837927227

Also now offering KCA postural assessments

## What lies under your car park/garden?

As most of you will know Richard III's remains have recently been found under a car park in Leicester. So archaeology can teach us a lot about our past by unearthing all sorts of interesting and unusual artefacts. You now have the opportunity to participate in a community project to see what lies buried under Stoke Golding, and uncover its past. Stoke Golding Heritage Group and Hinckley Archaeological Society (HAS) are combining resources to uncover more about the history of the village. Literally!

HAS is mentored by Peter Liddle, the former head of the LCC Archaeological Service, to ensure that any work is undertaken to professional standards. HAS also has full insurance to cover public liability for excavation work.

If you have ever watched 'Time Team' on Channel 4 you will know that the first step is to dig an exploratory test pit usually based on "geophysics" surveys. For Stoke Golding, these test pits will be one metre square and dug to a depth of no more than one metre. The test pits will be sited at agreed locations throughout the village, but in particular, close to the centre where there is a greater chance of appropriate discoveries. Geophysics may follow if anything significant is found. Other sites would also be investigated at some stage.

For example, there is documentary evidence that the remains of an armoured man were found near to the site of the Convent about 1900, *'but as they immediately crumbled to dust on exposure to air, it is impossible to say the century to which the armour belonged'*. Further research will be undertaken on this evidence.

At this stage, the Heritage Group would like to know if you would like to participate in this project by allowing exploratory pit(s) to be dug on your land. This could be a corner of the garden that is not used much or a vegetable patch that could be excavated outside the growing season etc. The project is planned to take place over the next two years. I am compiling a register of villagers who will let us "dig a pit", so let me know if you are happy to help by phoning 212110 or email [roy@mitchellhome.net](mailto:roy@mitchellhome.net)

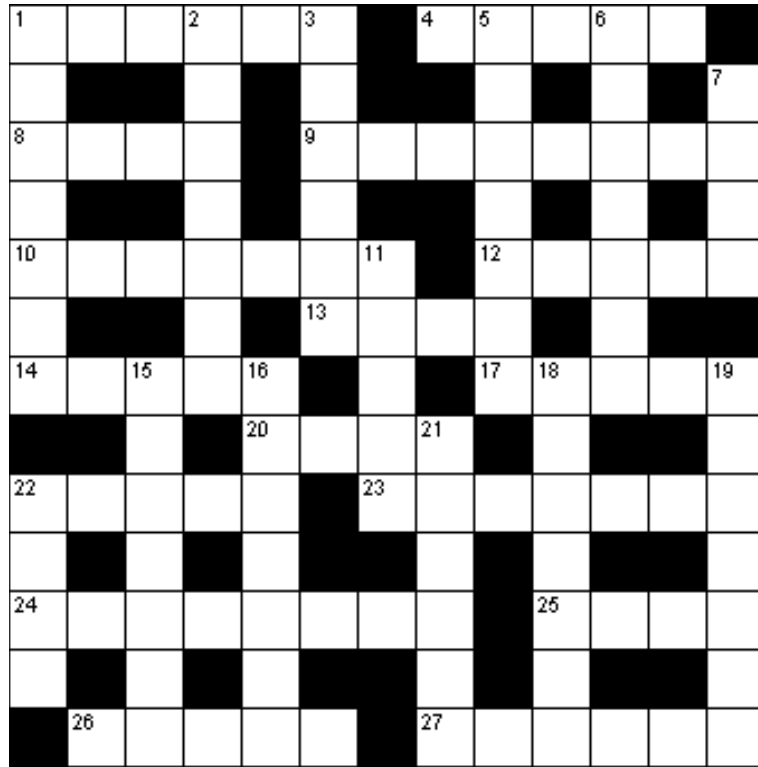
Roy Mitchell

## Sorry...

Oops – many apologies to Tony & Val Smith and Beth Ellis. I inadvertently edited out a few lines from Beth's 'Celebrity Corner' article about Tony Smith last month...

*Tony's story continued with second wife Val. Born in the village at 2, Church Walks, daughter of 'Snowy' Mason, the local baker, and she's still in no.2 because the shop has been renumbered. Val has a daughter Tracy living here in the village and son Nicholas who lives in Florida.*

# Crossword



## Across

1. Jesus & followers had final one (6)
4. Jesus wore a prickly one on cross (5)
8. Small arrow thrown at board (4)
9. One of Jesus followers (8)
10. Holy dreams (7)
12. Fights in the street (5)
13. \*\*\*\* Friday (4)
14. Farmyard birds (5)
17. Shiny smooth fabric (5)
20. Part of a bird (4)
22. Weapon put in Jesus side (5)
23. Staff on planes (7)
24. Jesus Wounds (8)
25. Sunday before Easter (4)
26. Russian rulers (5)
27. Pattern (6)

## Down

1. St's Day March 1st (2-5)
2. St's Day March 17th (7)
3. Travelling by horse (6)
5. Old music discs (7)
6. Delete (4-3)
7. Jesus was the king of them (4)
11. Capital of Bulgaria (5)
15. American sweets (7)
16. Coal driven boat (7)
18. Agrees with (7)
19. Paper reporters (7)
21. Cold blooded animal (6)
22. Cobblers shoe mending gear (4)

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# Dadlington Matters

## Ambien Young People

Following the award of £1,440 from HBBC for Positive Activities for Young People, the first event was held in Dadlington Village Hall – Circus Skills!

PAYP operates in Dadlington under the banner of Ambien Young People, and includes Sutton Cheney, Shenton and Upton. 24 young people came to enjoy themselves for this evening. All enjoyed learning new skills and by the end of the evening everyone had managed to walk the length of the tightrope. We were required by the funders to obtain feedback and comments included “Immense” and “Ambien Young People is fun and activities cool”. All in all it was a rip roaring success and very encouraging for the committee.

Thanks to those who gave their time to help in every way and those who just popped in to see how things were going. Thank you to HBBC for funding the events. Thank you to Steve Burrows Training for his professional and fun approach and finally thank you to the Village Hall committee for the free use of the facility

*Linda Mayne*

A climbing wall activity held at Broadlands Farm during February half term was very successful and adults had a go as well, some getting as far as 2 feet off the ground! *Simon Rees-Jones*





## Celebrity Corner - Eileen French

'Laburnum Cottage' was this month's venue to meet a very special lady who was born and has lived in this village for her whole life. Eileen was expecting me, so I let myself in through the back garden entrance and called. She was sitting waiting ready for our lovely chat about 'past-times' and all her memories of her full and very happy times in her long life.

Born in the year 1927, Eileen was one of eleven children. Sadly, only eight of the children survived and she was the youngest of the Quinney family, born in Station Road, in the small cottage nearest to the canal.

In 1936, the family moved to Laburnum Cottage where they have lived ever since. She says with a twinkle in her eye "*We always thought it was because Dad wanted to be nearer the Pub!*" However, while they were children, they were regularly taken to the Baptist Chapel, and this is where Eileen has worshipped ever since, still part of the small but regular congregation.

After school in Hinckley, her first job was at Atkins Hosiery, now the newly renovated Atkins Building. Starting work at sixteen she remembers her years there with very happy memories, making good friends with many of the other girls. There are one or two that she's still friends with after all those years. On a girls' day away, they all went to a small village this side of Newark, called Collingham, and it was there she met John at a village social. The story continues as John came to and fro to see his sweetheart. Finally in 1953 they were married and John came to '*set up house*' with Eileen in the cottage where she now lives. At this point, the story mystifies me until Eileen explains; Mum and Dad had died in the meantime and there were just two of Eileen's unmarried brothers Doug and Eric and her elder sister Win, still living there. As there was room, why not live in the family home? "*How well did you all get on together Eileen?*" "*Oh no trouble at all!*" This is such a testimony to us today, when families squabble over so many different things. By this time Charles, Eileen's eldest brother was Manager at Hall's Hosiery, and one Christmas begged Eileen to give them a hand with some very busy orders they needed to get out. She agreed, just for the day, but stayed on. She also worked in Middle Stores with Bob and Denis, and remembers it as a very happy time working with them. "*We had four girls - two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Of course in those days before the big supermarkets, people all shopped in the village. It's all so different now!*" As a young girl, she remembers that the shop was just a private house, owned by the Pearsons, the Wraggs and the Hodges. Have I got them in the right order?

She lost her beloved John, and then brother Eric very close together in 2009 - John in February and Eric in November. "*This was the saddest time of my life, but I've been loved and supported and prayed for by so many*". We hug goodbye, and I tell her how much her memories will mean to us all. Thank you Eileen.

*Beth*

## Stoke Golding Parish Council - January 2013 Meetings

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

County Cllr Ivan Ould's reported on:

Local Issues:

- 1 Switching off of street lights between 12.00-5.30am proposed.
- 2 Solar Panel Farm, Stoke Golding – reported on a solar farm being closed down in Cheshire due to metal theft and vandalism, therefore, two separate issues require further response from HBBC. The first is over site security and liability. The second is whether or not the Planning application is deemed valid.
- 3 Barwell SUE – continued concerns over traffic.

The Chairman raised a highways problem in respect of the poor repair work to the road surface by the George and Dragon Public House and how dangerous it had become. Highways had confirmed that it will be part of its programme to rectify. The Chairman, through Cllr Ould, wanted it noted that the contractors should put the matter right and not the tax payers.

The meeting moved to Streets4All item before resuming the meeting at item 325/2

### Reports by Council representatives

Convent Site meeting 4 January with Raglan Homes

Cllr Terheege reported on the following main points for action:

- (1) Committing Mar City to handover the land next to allotments in the summer.
- (2) To have access to the land before accepting their offer and for Mar City to tidy up the land before handover.
- (3) Raglan Homes Community Investment fund – Susan Cooper of Raglan Homes wants to put in a bid as soon as possible for projects in this area. There is £20k funding for small projects for the whole community.
- (4) Raglan Homes to put together information required for Stoke Golding residents for the Social Housing element at the development. There will be a need to publicise to the village about the application process of being registered with HBBC to be given priority and the need to be on the housing list. First phase due end of February/March.

Clerk to write to Raglan Homes confirming that priority is given to Stoke Golding people.

### Position of Chairman

In response to a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December received from Cllr Mitchell, the Chairman read his statement to the meeting. The Vice-Chairman was asked to chair the meeting who opened the issue for debate. Cllr Mitchell was then asked if he was withdrawing his letter and he confirmed that he was.

### Discussion of Decision Making

The following points were brought to the meeting:

Conduct at Parish Council meetings and the behaviour of people; and to be able to make a decision without intimidation by the public. Procedures should be made clear to the public that they should go through chair before speaking to the meeting.

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Decisions by emails – important issues to be debated first and not decided through email.

It was proposed that a process be put in place to ensure important matters debated first before adopting and have a Policy for communicating on major events to the village.

As Standing Orders can only be changed and agreed at AGMs, it was decided to seek legal advice and bring to the AGM.

#### **Streets4All**

Alan White summarised the background to the Streets4All Group's vision of a 20mph speed limit within the village and carrying out a village survey for this. The survey was sent out to 150 households resulting in an 83% response, showing good support for the vision and apparent it was a village issue. Because of the strong opinion the Group were looking for the Parish Council to support that and also Cllr Ould to take it forward.

The Chairman responded with a supporting Report from the Director of Environment and Transport to be discussed at the forthcoming LCC Highways Forum meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January which stated that a 20mph speed limit may only be introduced by the implementation of a traffic regulation order and in compliance with Department for Transport guidelines.

The Chairman suggested that because of strong opinions on the 20mph speed limit issue, and to have a way forward following the Stoke Golding, Peckleton, Higham and Sutton Cheney Parish Councils proposal to join forces with regard to the Barwell SUE issue, Stoke Golding Parish Council proposes to engage a transport assessment consultant to look at the impact of the Barwell SUE and suggest this person takes into account the 20mph survey and come up with three or four solutions.

The Parish Council asked Alan White if he would like to represent the Streets4All Group to work with the four Parish Councils.

#### **Precept and adoption of Budget commencing 1st April 2013**

No increase in the Parish's Council Tax, which would give a small deficit in the 2013/14 Precept, but there would be enough covered by resources.

**Date of the Annual Parish Meeting** – Thursday 25th April 2013 in the Village Hall: 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

#### **Wykin Lane Cemetery Pond**

Cllr Pegg reported the need of an inspection of the Wykin Lane Cemetery Pond to obtain an improvement in retaining water. Other issues at the cemetery involve the need for thinning out the trees and an assessment on the fencing around these areas.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Following on from Cllr Mitchell's attendance of meetings organised by County Hall on Neighbourhood Plans, he proposed that if the Councillors were happy, he would attend the next phase of how to go about it. The Neighbourhood Plan would build on what has been done in the village previously, and also on the Plan that was already in place.

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It was proposed to engage someone to identify the needs of the village and on how to do the plan.

**Communications received by the Chairman of the Council**

Email from Mar City re Convent Site road name – Mar City said it was registered as Thomas Barton Drive name and could not be changed. However, the Parish Council has written to Raglan Homes, Cllr Ould and David Tredinnick in an endeavour to obtain their support in getting this altered.

**STOP PRESS – the road will be now named *Convent Drive*.**

(2) Letter from P Robertson suggesting an advertising sign for Village Shop and village services. Clerk to send a thank you reply letter.

(3) Church Walk – reports of overgrown vegetation – Cllr Pegg to speak to council's grounds-man.

SGVHMC is concerned that if solar panels are put on the roof of the hall as has been suggested - there may be maintenance issues. Who will be responsible?

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Resignation of Cllr Roy Mitchell**

Upon receiving Cllr Mitchell's resignation it was agreed a notice be put in the Parish Council Notice Board for a councillor vacancy. To be reported upon at the next Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Barwell SUE**

MOTION: Bring together surrounding Parish Councils to discuss concerning issues of traffic impact on villages and rural roads and to propose engaging a Traffic Assessment Consultation.

PROPOSED: (i) Search for Traffic and Assessment Consultants and obtain their fee structure, and (ii) Clerk to contact Higham on the Hill, Peckleton and Witherley to arrange a meeting of Parish Councils.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Ward had met with David Kiernan who confirmed that a Plan

- was no defence against developers.
- would identify green spaces a parish wishes to see protected.

**Raglan Homes – Convent Site Development**

It was confirmed that Raglan Homes was sending a leaflet to the Parish Council Clerk for agreement by the Parish Council. This to be distributed around Stoke Golding promoting information for Stoke Golding residents for the Social Housing element.

**Planning Application Matters**

To ensure an early siting of notice of major planning applications, such applications would be circulated to all councillors for comment.

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](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

**Next Meeting** - Wednesday 6th March in the Committee Room at the Village Hall at 7pm.



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*Rosemary Collier*

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