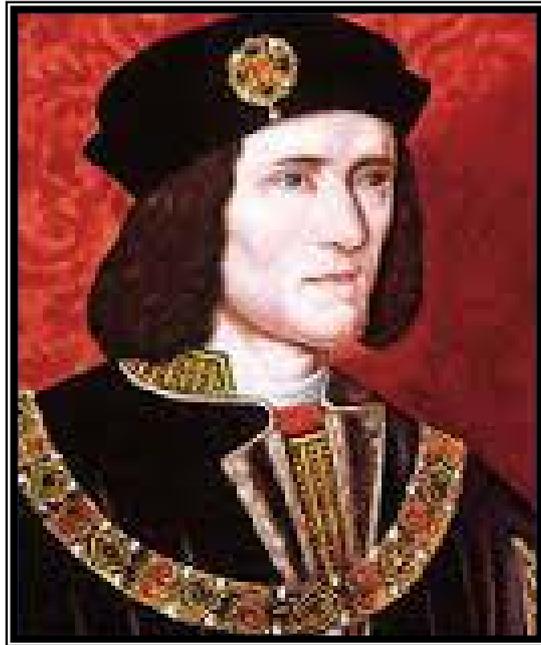


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The Stoker

Stoke Golding Village Magazine

including

Dadlington Matters

50p



Note from the Editors

We have another edition of the Stoker this month full of local news and items of interest, including a wonderful tribute to the Stoke Golding & Dadlington villagers who came together to support a local family in need on 31st January, see pages



10 & 11. There is also an opportunity to put yourself forward to be elected to our Parish Council.

Preparations for King Richard III's visit are building strongly with excellent teamwork in Dadlington together with fabulous efforts from our two schools, St Margaret's Church of England Primary School and St. Martin's Catholic Academy. With many of our villagers participating we aim to make the most of this internationally significant event.

As always please keep on sending us your news and articles of interest. It is great to share your ambitions and successes each month in the Stoker. We would particularly like to receive photographs of the Richard III events you attend as we are putting together a special souvenir edition for the April Stoker.

Jane and Steve

The Stoker Team

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The Editor, 45 Station Road, Stoke Golding by 15th March
If you can submit articles by e-mail or on a memory stick (Microsoft Word) it makes our job much easier, (**500 words maximum** please).
All correspondence, including e-mails, must include your full name, home address and home telephone number.

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Cover picture: King Richard III

Celebrations



New Year 's Eve Wedding

Kate Walton moved to London in 1997, but grew up with her family in Stoke Golding, a place she has always regarded as her 'Home'. Kate came home to marry Alex Villa in St Margaret's Church on this New Year's eve. They had a wonderful day, enjoying the added bonus of seeing in the new year with around 100 of her family and friends.

Congratulations Kate and Alex from all of us at the Stoker

Make a Difference

Do you want to make a difference in your village?

Why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

Elections will be held on **May 7th** to elect Councillors for Stoke Golding.

If you want to find out more you can contact our Clerk, Theresa Case:

01455 212779, clerk.stokegoldingpc@gmail.com

or just go along to the meeting below:

The Electoral Registration team will be holding a Candidates and Agents briefing on **5 March 2015** at 7pm.

Attendance is advised for Clerks and prospective councillors to ensure all are aware of key dates and deadlines and the processes involved.

The meeting will be held at the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, LE10 0FR. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm.

For those who are also thinking of standing as borough councillors, there will also be some information provided on induction and support.

There's no need to book to attend, just turn up on the night.

Correspondence



You might want to warn the good people of Stoke Golding and Dadlington about the activity of fence rustlers in the area. In the early hours of Sunday morning (Feb 8th), nineteen of my fence panels were lifted out and stolen - and I have since found out that a house round the corner lost five panels on the 13th of January - so if people have the kind of fence that has panels that slide in (and out!) of concrete slotted posts, they should ensure that they are fixed in a way that does not make it easy for them to be lifted out - especially if accessible from a road side.

Neil Sherry
Fenny Drayton



Dear Eds
I was born in Stoke Golding in 1939 and I discovered these photos. One is a photo of a group of supporters in London for the F.A. Cup Final between Leicester City and Tottenham 1961 (0-2). The other is an international match Stoke Golding v Helensborough (Scotland), Best Wishes from Hengelo in the Netherlands.

David Payne



*Bottom Left: Terence Foster.
The Keeper D. T Payne.*

*Top left to right: Graham Dewis, ?,
David Payne.*

*Bottom: Gordon York, Winston
Wragg, Andrew Fenn and
Basil Mayne.*



Dear Stoker

We will be delighted next year when the new law comes in making it illegal to park upon the kerb, perhaps then our village will return to its proud pristine self.

Where is the pride in house or road with so many grass verges ploughed up by parking vehicles on them?

Please house owners can we have the beauty restored in our village before next year? As a three car family we did not park on the kerb - it only took planning and co-operation.

Yours truly

Peter and Joyce Mobbs

Whether illegal or not it can be difficult for wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with a visual impairment to negotiate cars parked on the pavement, so we hope people take heed of your plea. Eds

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.

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 Stoke Golding 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 13th March 2015**.

By Order of the Trustees,

R. E. Fisher (Mrs) Clerk

What have 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group been up to ?

The Beavers have completed their Fitness Challenge Badge which involved learning about healthy eating, taking part in various exercises, smelling, tasting and eating different foods.

On a slightly unhealthy note they have been to " Italy" where they came dressed in red, white and green.



Having completed the compulsory passport check, had a bit of a tour round the sites such as the Coliseum , Leaning Tower of Pisa and met the Pope they were a bit hungry, so they made some pizzas, ate garlic bread and washed it all down with red, white and green fizzy drinks!

The Cubs completed their Pioneer Badge with more useful knot tying and then moved on to their Creative Challenge Badge. They had to make up an act for the Britain's Got Talent Cub Show the following week. There were a wide range of acts from musical, dance, stage

fighting to juggling. The Cubs enjoyed performing in the show but are not quite ready for the real thing!!

The Scouts, who design and take the lead for their own programme, have devised it around the theme of the " Hunger Games " incorporating traditional scouting skills of compass work, communication with flags, navigational skills whilst out on a walk and making a chariot (good use for knots!!!)

Now the weather is picking up and it is lighter in the evenings the Pack will be out and about outside more.



Jennifer Michie



I hope you won't mind me sharing this story with you. I have known Claire since she was born and have enjoyed getting to know her husband Scot in more recent years. Their story is a very sad one, but they are an amazing young couple who want to help others going through a similar experience. Jane White

Ariana's Hope



On Friday 31st October 2014 at 10:11am, Scot and Claire welcomed Ariana Hope Barlow into the world weighing 4lbs 5.5oz. They had known throughout the pregnancy that Ariana was going to be poorly however, as they had declined invasive testing, they were unsure of how poorly she would really be. Ariana's scans had displayed a few markers for a chromosomal abnormality such as Downs or Edwards' Syndrome. Edwards' Syndrome is a genetic condition also known as Trisomy 18 which means that a baby is born with three copies of

chromosome 18 as opposed to two copies. This causes a severe disruption in the baby's normal course of development. This is a rare condition that affects only one in up to 6000 live births and is life limiting.

Despite all of Ariana's health problems, to her parents she was perfect.

It was confirmed 12 hours after her birth, that Scot and Claire's beautiful daughter had Edwards' Syndrome. The couple spent a magical 37 hours with her before she grew her angel wings and they say they would willingly relive all the stress, pain and suffering just to see her again.

Ariana touched the lives of every person she met in her little life and, because of her, many student nurses, doctors, paediatricians and anaesthetists were all on site to learn how to deliver and care for a special baby which means that they received valuable training into the treatment of a child with a genetic condition. It is because of Ariana's strength that her parents have decided to keep her memory alive by setting up a charity in her name to help fund equipment for local maternity units in the Leicestershire and Warwickshire areas and ensure that parents with poorly babies get the same fantastic support that Scot and Claire received. They also want to raise awareness of her condition.

You can find out more by visiting the website Claire and Scot have set up

www.arianashope.co.uk

Photo by Victoria from Blue Bean Photography

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

The Fool on the Hill

Love thy neighbour.....

It would appear that there are a large number of men with guns in the Middle East who hate me. Not just me in particular but anyone who is regarded as “western” in outlook. This should come as no great surprise because at the moment it seems that no one feels complete unless they have someone to hate. The Ukrainians are not kindly disposed towards the Russians. Football supporters in Liverpool hate football supporters in Manchester unless they are busy hating the supporters of the other football teams in their respective cities. However, if they are supporting the National team, they put aside their differences and collectively hate the Germans or whoever else England happen to be playing. The Greeks hate the Turks and for all I know, the Norwegians probably mutter under their breath about the Swedes. Political parties hate each other and everybody hates Bankers.

In Australia and New Zealand there is a really strange, and quite deep rooted, antipathy in the world of motor racing between those who support cars produced by Ford and Holden. Holden is a General Motors incarnation that we would recognise as Vauxhall. There are bumper stickers proclaiming “I would rather push a Holden than drive a Ford”. Well, given my past experience of General Motors products that is probably not a bad position to assume. This enmity can spill over after race meetings into attempts to run each other off the road. Talking of roads, because I am old and think that speed limits are, generally, a good idea, all pimply youths in Vauxhall Nova's hate me. My own personal enmity is directed towards those companies who think it is acceptable, when I have just settled into the armchair with my mid -afternoon cup of frothy coffee and a chocolate Hob Nob, to telephone and offer their services in obtaining for me, compensation for a traffic accident of which I seem to have no recollection. It is doubly irritating because, of late, these have become recorded messages so you do not even have the satisfaction of shouting at someone. One is forced to retreat, fuming, to a cold coffee and a limp biscuit.

Not much hope then, for peace on earth and goodwill to all men. Strangely, I found a glimmer of hope in a scenario that one would have thought would be guaranteed to engender hate at the highest level. In the trenches of the First World War you would have had every reason to hate the person in the opposite trench who had spent the previous months trying to kill you. But at Christmas time the two sides put down their arms and met in no man's lands to exchange gifts and greetings. They discovered perhaps, that it is easy to hate a nation or a uniform, even an ideology. It is much more difficult to hate at a personal level.

Might be an idea to get to know someone before you decide you don't like them.



BETH'S CORNER



“SPOONFACE STEINBERG”

A wall of clinical white hospital screens blocked our view as we hurried through the entrance of the Village Hall. On the other side there was a hospital patient's bed, the mandatory visitor's chair and small table, with a Rubik's cube and Solitaire set. The audience chairs were set around four sides of the central bed. There was already an air of expectation, and after the usual greetings amongst many friends in the regular village audience, we settled

back to enjoy the shared experience of 'live' theatre. As the audience lights were dimmed, and the stage was lit, a childlike figure in pink and white pyjamas, her head covered in a close fitting matching cap entered softly from behind the screens carrying an obviously much-loved oversized teddy bear. Smiling at individual audience members, she offered Teddy's paw to be shaken. From the moment Spoonface began the evening's story for us I knew we were in safe hands. This was an actress of exceptional talent. Her delightful explanation of why she had been nick-named 'spoonface' as a baby '**because my face was round just like a spoon.**' She handled the gentle lines of comedy with such skill. Our laughter when she explains with an endearing innocence that Mummy and Daddy have split up because of Daddy's '**floosie**'- relishing that word. Her emotional reaction to the glorious arias of Maria Callas on her death-bed, from the small bedside player nearly brought me to tears. She mimed the dying opera star explaining how '**opera singers always die so beautifully,**' apparently resigned to her own death from cancer. Her physical mannerisms as an autistic child were superb; they became part of her, a fact commented on by a member of the audience who works with people with autism.

I was also very aware how sensitively Hugo Chandor had directed the production. Apart from the practical moves making sure that every side of the audience could participate equally, allowing the actress to communicate with us all, there were special moments of silence. People are often frightened of silence – but this was inspired, and so was the close of the play. In silence again, our young patient having talked about trying to understand complete 'nothingness' shows us her pretty embroidered bag with nothing in it at all. Then putting a few things in, she quietly slips behind the screens again, not looking back, ... and leaving Teddy in the bed.

The play ran for an hour and ten minutes without an interval, followed by a Q.& A. session with Hugo Chandor, co-founder of Free Range Theatre, and Rebecca Fenwick (Spoonface) happily complete with long blonde hair. It had been an unforgettable evening. My heart goes out to young performers as talented as this young woman. They work so hard – rehearsing and playing, not earning 'celebrity' status or money – but because they passionately love the art of theatre. I asked Rebecca where she had to drive home to at this late hour. "Oh just to Stockport – about three hours." I was horrified until my daughter reminded me "Come on Mum you used to do this all the time." Of course I'd forgotten – Glasgow after two shows, and back home to London for the weekend. Those were the days!

Stoke Golding and Dadlington do not have a wooden heart.

If one was to listen too closely to the news these days, it would be easy to convince yourself that the world was a pretty dismal and uncaring place. However if you were privileged enough to have been in Stoke Golding Club on the evening of 31st January I think you may have seen things differently.

There is a young family in Stoke Golding that is going through a particularly hard time at the moment and this evening was held to offer comfort and support from the local community. The fact that it was a success beyond the wildest imaginings of the organisers is a great tribute to the warmth and generosity of an entire local community. It was also a fabulous event in terms of the quality of entertainment with not one, but two first rate Elvis tribute acts who gave their very professional services free of charge. The quantity and quality of raffle prizes and auction items donated so freely and willingly, were quite simply astonishing. The response of the local people was equally amazing as generous bids were made, and the demand for raffle tickets was so great that it exceeded the amount of available tickets. This however did not stop folk wanting them and some clever improvisation meant that everyone got a chance to contribute.

Scotty and Mel said afterwards that “From one conversation to another, this snowballed and we were overwhelmed with the support from local people. We raised way above our expectations through the generosity of the communities of Stoke Golding and Dadlington, and we would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts. What a fantastic night.”

Let us hope that the love and support of the community will help to see this family safely through to a happy outcome.



(l - r) Paul Walsh, Scottie, James Aaron King (Elvis tribute), Tracey Ensor, Micky Vegas (Elvis tribute), Mel Scott and Phil Day.



Benefit Gig – Saturday 31st January

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everybody in Stoke Golding who came to and/or contributed to the party.

Thank you for the time and massive effort made by the organisers, **Scottie & Mel, Phil, Tracey & Mark** to plan such a brilliant evening in just a few weeks!

The Two Kings who very kindly provided amazing live music all night.

Paul Walsh for hosting the very entertaining auction!

Everybody who contributed raffle and auction prizes, and bought and sold raffle tickets.

We are amazed and overwhelmed by everybody's kindness and generosity, those who we know and those who we don't who turned up to support us. This will greatly ease the pressure for us at such an upsetting and stressful time. We feel very lucky to live here in Stoke Golding where there is such an amazing community spirit.

We are extremely grateful and cannot thank everybody enough!!

Siân, Gary, Heidi & Harley xxx

Stoke Golding Football Club

It has been a quiet month on the football front for the older groups, mainly due to the cold weather and games being cancelled. However, we only lost one training session at St Martin's, despite it being hats, coats and gloves weather for most of the month!! Tough kids our lot....

Some games were played, and as always, our teams did us proud. It was great to see 3 youth games going on down the rec on Sunday, one after another, with a great result again from the Under 9s. Well done guys.

The Under 7 and 8 teams have been indoor playing the latest football craze called Futsal. It's basically indoor 5 aside with a heavy ball and is designed to encourage more skills and technique. It is how Brazil trains all their young players, so look out for the next Pele or Neymar jr on the rec in weeks to come.

Tickets are now on sale for the ever popular comedy night on Friday 27th March from 7 o'clock. It's always sold out, so be quick if you want some. Available from Stoke Club and also the Post Office. As always, top national and international comedians from the comedy circuit in Stoke Golding.....and more music from Stoke Golding's Deliverance with a bit of luck!!

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club

STOKE GOLDING'S VILLAGE HEROES

In this day and age the term "Hero" is applied without thought for any deed which truly deserves this epithet. Sportsmen are accorded this title for playing the sport they love and it seems that people from all walks of life are accorded that honour for doing their job, or enjoying the sport they take part in. The dictionary defines a hero as being someone who shows exceptional bravery, courage or fearlessness. Our village war memorial shows the men who came into this category but there are others from Stoke Golding, long forgotten who truly qualify for the honour of being remembered as Village Heroes. Here we record the first story of three youngsters who individually put their own lives at great risk for the sake of their fellows.

THE LEICESTER CHRONICLE
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 1912
STOKE GOLDING YOUTH'S BRAVERY
PRESENTATION OF RHS CERTIFICATE

On Friday evening there was a good attendance at the Schoolroom, Stoke Golding on the occasion of the presentation of the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for life saving to Master A.J. Gilbert. It will be remembered that a short time ago Gilbert who is about 14 years old and the son of the Parish Constable was in a boat with a friend on the canal near Dadlington when two children fell into the water. At this time the boat had passed round a bend under a bridge but the cries of the children attracted Gilbert's attention and he with commendable pluck at once plunged into the water. It was not until, he had thrice dived that he recovered one of the children whom he at once set about restoring to life by means of artificial respiration. He was at the time unaware that a second child was at the bottom of the canal. His action was eulogised by the Coroner Mr F. Bouskell at the inquest on the second child.

The certificate was presented by the Rector the Reverend G.M. Edmonds who said that the parishioners were proud to have such a noble minded youth living in their village. Mr Gilbert responded on behalf of his son and added that he had always endeavoured to instruct his children never to hesitate to risk their lives at any time for the sake of others who were in need of assistance. He was pleased his teaching had not been lost on his son.

A very pathetic incident occurred when the father of the rescued child added his words of praise and presented Master Gilbert with a gold 'Albert' in appreciation of the sorrow he had diverted from his household.

Denis Cash

Thank You

Many thanks to all those who made generous donations at the Christingle and Crib Services at St Margaret's Church before Christmas. I was able to send off cheques for the sums of £60 to the *Children's Society for the first, and of £110 to Christian Aid for the second. Well done!*

Gig News

Rory Watson

Aside from holding down a part time job at the Stoke Golding Club and at the Tithe Barn, Rory Watson is also a musician in a band named K64. His musical background is GCSE music, A level in Music Technology as well as a Computer Science degree. Rory has been playing the guitar since the age of 13 and has been singing for the last 5 years, so for a 22 year old he is well accomplished.

His band K64 (the serial number of a spaceship in Firefly) was formed in October 2013. They played their first gig at the Club on New Year's Eve that year. Since then they have played at Stoke Fest 2014, an Indie Night in "The Shed" in Leicester and also at various local beer and cider festivals. They hope to play at Stoke Fest again this year. Other band members include Ryan Garner (lead guitar), Perry Graves (bass guitar) and Matt Schofield (drummer). Matt



has recently moved to Slough so Jamie Robinson and Ash Tustain have been stepping in as percussionists. Rory has known some of the band members from both JCC and St Martins. He described their music as a form of heavy rock/indie and light metal and they mainly do covers. The band try and practice weekly but with work commitments this is getting harder to achieve. They are supported by families and friends and have Facebook and Twitter accounts. Rory said he had recorded some material and planned to do more! He also plays with his Grandfather, Malc Watson, in the band known as "Men in Black" who played at the very first Stoke Fest event.

Rory says he likes all sort of music but particularly mentioned Queens of Stone Age, Foo fighters and Ed Sheeran.

In the future Rory would like to work in the technical bar services where he could put his bar experience of at least 3.5 years and his technical knowledge to good use.

Rory's other interest aside from music and working is tinkering about with a vintage tractor which he got from his Grandfather for his 12th birthday.

I certainly admire Rory and his juggling of work, music and play and on behalf of The Stoker team, I wish him every success in the future.

Jennifer Michie

Dadlington Matters

Trial of Richard III

A unique opportunity to be part of history!

A re-enactment of the trial of Richard III will take place in St James' Church, Dadlington at 7:30pm Friday 6th March with prosecution and defence counsel, the audience acting as jury.

There are approximately 90 seats, just turn up on the night (suggested donation £5 for Church fabric fund) or to reserve seats e-mail: [jf_whitehead @ hotmail.com](mailto:jf_whitehead@hotmail.com) or [tel:07970 599288](tel:07970599288)

King Richard III in Dadlington

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of villagers from Dadlington and Stoke Golding to join us as we witness the historic visit of Richard's cortege. The event has proved to be a catalyst for a lot of activity and excitement, and the diversity of people and talents that have come forward is a testament to the community spirit in our villages.

The churchyard has been transformed by a happy band of chaps with chainsaws, trucks and other boys' toys – fortified and encouraged by the generosity of our friends at the Dog and Hedgehog. More detailed and intricate topiary and pruning by the ladies is steadily sprucing the church and surroundings.

Members of St James' Church are busy planning the displays and floral decorations to ensure that the church looks magnificent and is informative for visitors.

Our children and young people will be creating a fitting memorial, and our two schools have embraced the whole event with a fervour that is truly inspiring.

The fabulous Sing 4 Fun Choir, all local ladies, are polishing their vocal chords; handbells can be heard tuning up and we are still looking for a volunteer to toll the bells of St James' in welcome.

Our erstwhile Social Committee, aka the Dadlington Belles, will be decorating and dressing the Green, and are planning food and drink to befit the occasion.

Two splendid oak information and display boards have been donated from Wales, and are currently in Alan Wareham's workshop for final finishing.

The Pig in Muck Brewery is creating a celebratory White Boar Ale and marquees are to be erected to drink it in courtesy of Stokefest and The White Swan.

If you wish to help in any way, or want more information, please call me on 212538 or email simon.reesjones@gmail.com

Thanks to everybody for all you are doing – if someone could just fix the weather that would be great!

The KR III Dadlington Committee.



King Richard III in Dadlington

What

When

Who

Mosaic Workshop.

A mosaic will be made to recognise the role of St James' church in 1485 and to commemorate the visit to Dadlington by King Richard's cortege.

Friday Feb 20th from 10.00am
in the Village Hall

Children and young people in Dadlington.

Mock Trial

Trial of Richard III, the verdict to be decided by the audience.

Friday March 6th
7.30pm in St James' Church

Anyone welcome.
Seats can be pre booked, phone John on 213244. Or turn up on the night. 90 seats available.

Refreshments.

8.30pm in the Village Hall

Erecting Marquees

Thursday March 19th from 10am.

Volunteers needed as there are 6 marquees to erect.

King Richard III in Dadlington

Sunday March 22nd.

Everyone welcome!

The Green is closed to traffic .

All day

Parking at St Martin's school.

Other approach roads closed .

from 12.00—2pm

Disabled parking will be sign-posted.

Cortege arrives at St James' Church.

between 1pm and 2pm

Guard of Honour by the pupils of St Margaret's and St Martin's .

Service on The Green, conducted by local clergy in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

15 minute service

All welcome to gather with honour and dignity.

Community Celebration

2pm—5pm

Everyone welcome to stay and join in this memorable and historic occasion.

Refreshments, bar, displays by the school pupils, morris dancing, hand bell ringing, Community Choir etc.

Compline Service

Wednesday March 25th at St James' Church



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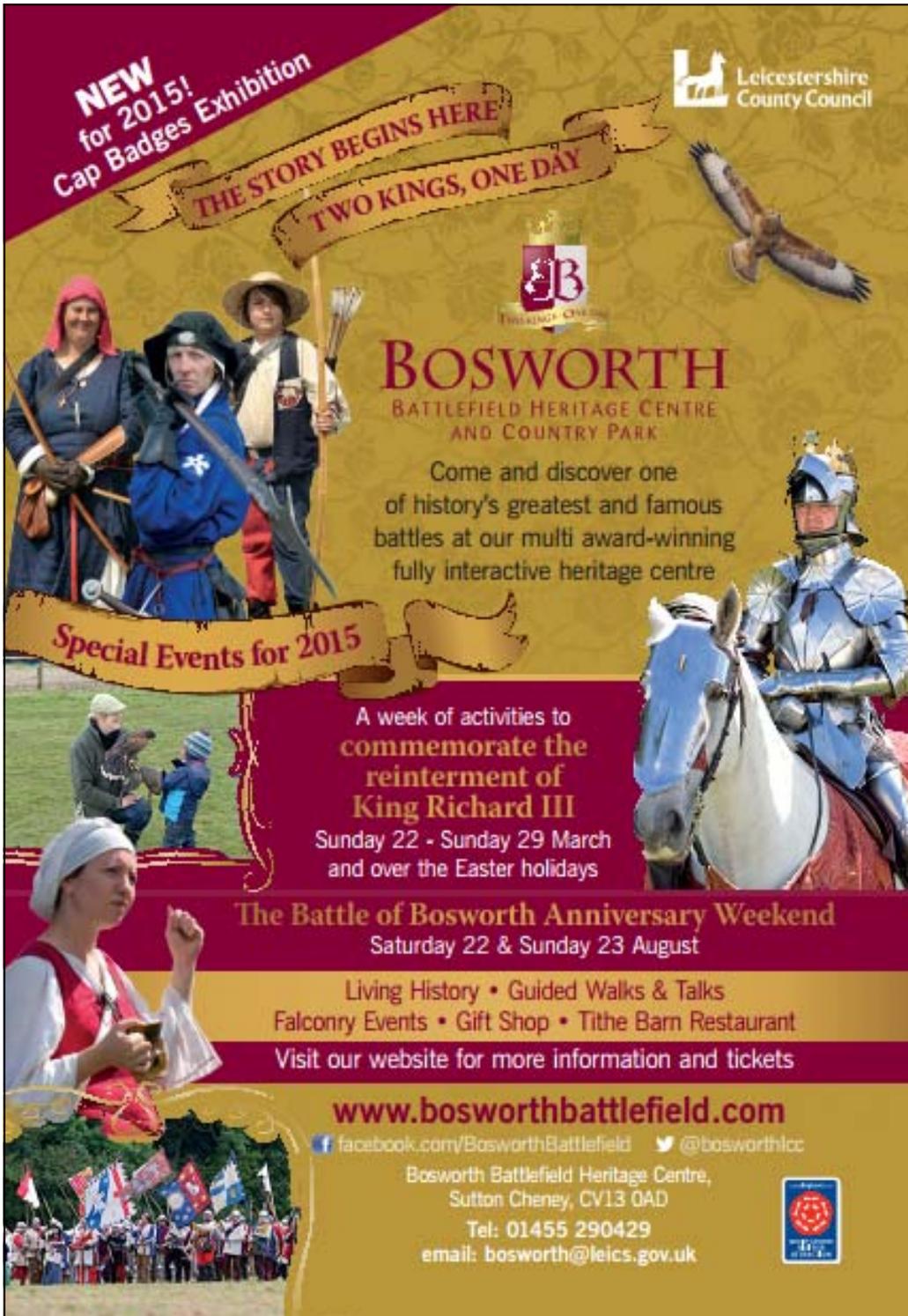
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What's On

Stoke Golding Heritage Group

"Cherish the past, protect the future"



SGHG Meeting March 19th Baxter Hall 7.00pm

The meeting starts at 7.00pm with our AGM. This will be followed at 7.30 by a presentation, which this year is in memory of, and a tribute to Gordon Webster a founder member and former Chairman who has sadly passed away. As many of you know Gordon amassed a large collection of photographs, over 1000, relating to both Stoke Golding and Dadlington. Ray Tunks and Dennis Cash are currently cataloguing the collection. A small proportion of the photographs still have to be identified. Ray will be showing some of these as well as some we will recognise, after the AGM. For non-members there is a nominal charge of £2.50. So come along, have a walk down memory lane and see if you can help with the identification of some of the photos.

Roy Mitchell

Methodist Church

**Gift Day Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday March 21st
10am - 11.30am**

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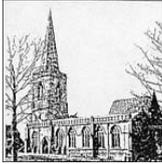
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Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

Pastoral Letter – March 2015

Once in a while, something comes along so unexpected that it takes you by surprise and you are not sure how it will play out but it feels exciting and full of possibility. Imagine the scene, back in 2012, around the excavation trench in a Leicester car park when the mortal remains of a person were discovered by archaeologists. Can you remember the news and then the waiting? It must have felt like an eternity for scientists awaiting the confirmation that they were the remains of none other than King Richard III.

At an early stage, it was felt that the re-burial was to be conducted with dignity and honour. Now, it is not long before King Richard III will be re-buried in a transformed Leicester Cathedral.

What has been amazing is the way that the thinking around the events of the re-burial has been so creative. There is an intensive week of activities before the actual re-burial and people from so many walks of life and with so many skills have been working together.

St Margaret's Primary School and St Martin's Academy in Stoke Golding, as well as Higham on the Hill Primary and Witherley Primary School are getting involved in various ways through projects, ensuring that the young people of our Benefice are engaged in what is an event of international significance. It has been an opportunity for communities to work together in a new and exciting way. New life has sprung from marking the death of a former monarch from over 500 years ago. Could any of us envisaged that when the discovery in the car park was made three years ago?

On Sunday 22nd March, a hearse will leave the University of Leicester during the late morning and travel to Fenn Lane Farm, believed to be the site of King Richard's death, before moving on to Dadlington. A short service will take place on The Green in Dadlington where the soldiers who lost their lives in the battle will be remembered. There will be traditional village hospitality on The Green, in Dadlington after the cortege leaves to go on to Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and later Leicester Cathedral.

The re-burial ceremony takes place in Leicester Cathedral on 26th March. Lots more resources and details of events around the re-burial of King Richard III can be found on the website www.kingrichardinleicester.com

I hope that you will be able to join us and mark together this historic occasion with dignity and honour and peace.

Blessings,

Hilary

The Rev'd Hilary Surridge – Curate Fenn Lanes Benefice

Church Matters

Church of England March 2015 Services St Margaret's Church

1st	10.30am	All Age Service
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
15th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
29th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Benefice Service Witherley

Church of England March 2015 Services St James's Church

1st	09.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
15th	09.00am	Mothering Sunday BCP Holy Communion
22nd	09.00am	BCP Holy Communion
29th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Benefice Service Witherley

The Methodist Church March 2015 Services

1st	10.30am	Mrs Sheila Grice
8th	10.30am	Revd. Wes Hampton
15th	10.30am	Mrs Gwen Coley
22nd	6pm	Deacon Philip Osborne Church Anniversary
29th	10.30am	Revd. Sue Howe

Zion Baptist Chapel March 2015 Services

1st	6pm	Richard Cotton
8th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
15th	6pm	Martyn Owens
22nd	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
29th	6pm	John Needham

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.



Big & Small Church

St. Margaret's Big & Small Church
3rd & 4th Sunday of the month
from 10.30am at the Baxter Hall.

The Class of '21'

I have recently used one of Mr Gordon Webster's slides with permission from his wife Jill to complete a 60 odd page book which I have called 'The Class of '21'. The photograph is shown below and depicts the St Margaret School class of 1921, all the children being born over a hundred years ago. I have managed to ascertain who most of the children were and also have amassed details of their parents and other family relations going back many years. Being able to go back through many years with the aid of Ancestry UK web site and the censuses which are on line has made the investigation of these children very interesting. However trying to find their offspring and grandchildren has been impossible. Bob Mayne of Station Road has been very helpful in adding information to that which I have collated but through the Stoker, which I know is read by so many of our older generation may I appeal for information on any of the following school children who died and are buried in the Hinckley Road Cemetery. Albert Doane 1908 to 1921; Will Mason Died 1981 aged 74 years; Florence Walker died 1961 aged 53 years; Walter Wragg died 1966 aged 58 years; Adelaide Rosauer (nee Addie Busby) died 2001 aged 91 years. I would be grateful if anyone can identify any relatives of these people currently living locally, so that I can add information to my 'Class of '21' story. Hopefully I will be able to give a full list of the children featured in the picture in a future issue of the magazine.

Denis Cash



Let us know at the Stoker if you recognise any faces in the above photograph or get in touch with Denis.

Wine – the only foodstuff with no ingredients labelling.

Advertorial

A character in 'The Archers' on Radio 4 recently said they had chosen a particular bar 'because it sells vegan wine'. A fellow diner at a Christmas meal, having ascertained that the gravy was vegetarian, expressed shock when I asked if her choice of wine was similarly vegetarian.

What connects these two events is the scandalous reality that in 2015 we can examine the full chemical composition of a bottle of water but have no clue as to the preservatives, additives, fining agents or even the variety of grape juice, which goes into the bottle of wine we are about to enjoy. The EU, about 10 years ago, sanctioned and demanded the inclusion of the two words 'contains sulphites' in tiny letters on the back label of a bottle of wine. This is because sulphur dioxide, long used as a preservative in wine and also a natural by-product (in small quantities – most producers add more) of fermentation, can cause allergic reactions in some people. Telling my fellow dinner guest her wine might have been cleared by fish bladders caused something almost as damaging as an allergic reaction.

Since I started importing wine, more than 20 years ago, I have taken a close interest in the methods and products used by my suppliers. That is one reason why many are organic producers, although not all. I share the view of Daniel le Conte des Floris, a producer near Béziers, who told me he farmed organically but to him it was 'a philosophy, not a religion' - a sentiment which sounds even better spoken in French!

So if you care about what you eat and drink, research your wine carefully. **Wine 2 You** have lots of vegetarian and vegan wines in stock and **all are available at a 10% discount** on the normal retail price to 'Stoker' readers and **many at cost price**, direct from the producers, with just transport, storage and tax costs added. You could also write to your MP demanding action on wine labelling.

Keith Morton

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Stoke Golding WI
AN EVENING OF AMUSING ANECDOTES.

Ladies of Stoke Golding WI were kept amused by Mary Daile when she told them of her experiences as a Store Detective. Although the seriousness of shop lifting or as Mary called it quite basically 'thieving' was never forgotten, as the losses stores make are almost always passed on to customers in the form of higher prices, there was humour to be found in many of her stories.

She remembered one called her 'happy drunk' who would sing and be cheerful to all the staff who thought he was completely harmless until he fell asleep on one of the beds complete with an expensive clock hidden about his person and only woke after the clock was retrieved and the alarm set off. Also a rather large lady who always had a rat on her shoulder and was a very clever thief but even after being caught out many times still would come back in to harass them. Still another, who after clearing a shelf full of clocks one day came in again and did exactly the same the following day, only this time to be caught. He told the police that he was glad he had been as had not been able to sell the previous days haul.

During bomb scares she admitted she was caught out once by a cardboard cut out across the road who she had taken as a bomber waiting to see the results of his deed.

Although there were many types of 'thieves' she said the most successful ones were-----but perhaps I had better not reveal that or it may give out too many ideas.

The next meeting will be March 11th at the Methodist Hall where craft demonstration and participation will be taking place. All are welcome.

Val Hartwell

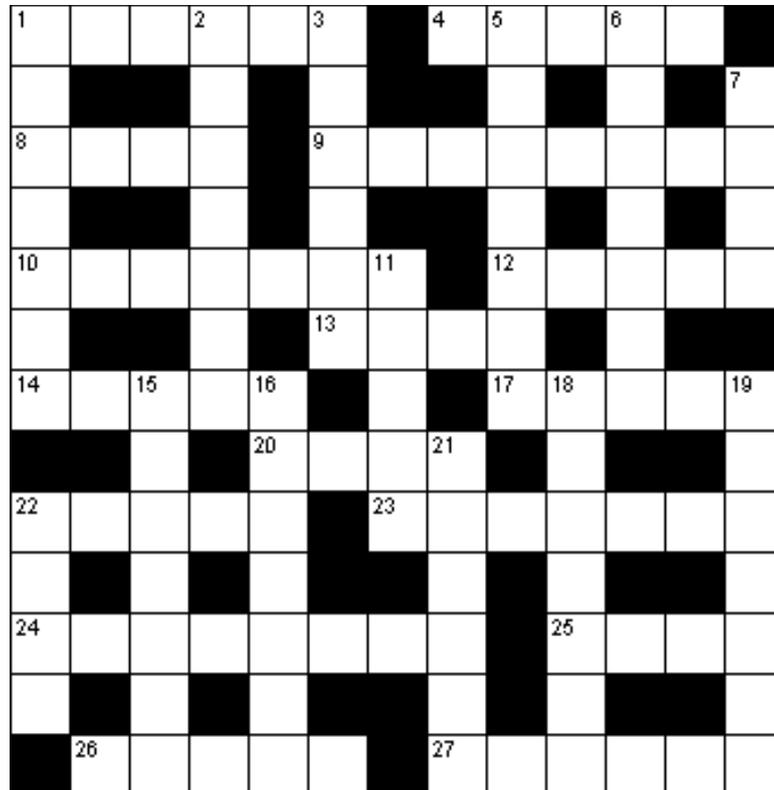
Stamps and towels still wanted...

You may remember that last February I requested used postage stamps and old towels for Canine Partners, a charity which trains Assistance Dogs for disabled people. Well, these items are still needed, so if you have any, they would be most gratefully received. You can drop them off at my house - 21 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding, or I'll come and collect them.

This year, the charity is celebrating its 25th anniversary and expanding its training facilities, which means many more people will benefit from the support and companionship these dogs can offer. www.caninepartners.org.uk

Many thanks
Ruth Fisher (01455 212489)

Crossword



Across

1. A flag will drape over Richards. (6)
4. Remains of a cremation. (5)
8. A neglected castle or house. (4)
9. Richard III will be laid to rest again. (8)
10. Forever. (7)
12. Zodiac sign, the goat. (5)
13. City associated with Richard III. (4)
14. Titled supporters of Richard III. (5)
17. Posts letters. (5)
20. A thought. (4)
22. Meat from 22 Down (5)
23. To make oneself neater (7)
24. Almond biscuit (8)
25. Road followed by Henry to battle, Fenn xxx. (4)
26. A snake. (5)
27. Not days (6)

Down

1. Richard III last procession. (7)
2. Service to lay to rest Richard III. (7)
3. Nordic country. (6)
5. Sound a dogs toy makes. (7)
6. Print run of a magazine. (7)
7. Snowy Mountains. (4)
11. Opposite of wins (5)
15. The third Monarch of this name. (7)
16. Genuine not deceitful. (7)
18. Placed in ear to stop noise. (7)
19. Poems set to song. (7)
21. Hill where Richard III spent last night. (6)
22. Animal on Richards badge. (4)

Answers on page 26

Parish Council Notes

Notes from January's Parish Council Meeting

Matters arising from December's meeting

Crime report - PC Polly Cotton sent a verbal report - she has spoken to the football clubs regarding parking in Hall Drive. They were very co-operative and this matter should now be resolved.

Exercise bike – Cllr Fisher reported that the exercise bike had not been adjusted as the instructions provided by Wicksteed were complicated and involved the removal of many small parts. Clerk to contact Wicksteed as the bike is not fit for purpose.

Reports by Council representatives:

Pauline Goodsell has reported that the shed has now been erected at the allotments. This will be insured by the Parish Council and the contents will be insured by the Allotment Society.

Severn Trent Water has been informed of an issue with the manhole in the children's play area and will be assessing shortly.

Hinckley Road Cemetery gate and supporting post have been damaged. G Sellers have taken full responsibility and Ironcraft has been contacted to assess the damage and quote for repair.

Playground Inspection Report

Some paint decay on the swings – these will be repainted in the spring.

Planning Applications:

New:

Lodge Farm, Hinckley Road - removal of tree. Cllr Mayes to enquire what is the purpose of this removal and if two trees will be planted to replace.

24 Pine Close – extensions and alterations to existing garage to form a two storey annexe. The Parish Council considers this to be overdevelopment on a restricted site. Cllr Ward to call in to the Planning Committee.

Revised:

Stoke Lodge, Hinckley Road – erection of 4 dwellings/erection of 3 dwellings. LCC has advised refusal on highway aspects.

Planning Withdrawn

112 Sherwood Road – erection of a dwelling.

Approved:

Brook House, Stoke Road, SG – extensions and alterations to dwelling and dropped kerb.

52 Sherwood Rd – extensions and alterations to dwelling.

75 Hinckley Road – extensions and alterations to dwelling.

Recycling banks

Quotations have been obtained to move the recycling banks, but following discussion and in light of consultation with HBBC it was agreed that they should remain in their current position. Household recycling was also discussed. The Clerk will contact Rob Parkinson at HBBC regarding confusion over plastics' recycling.

Post Office/Community Hub

Rural post offices are under threat of closure. Cllr Ward has been in discussion with Liz Kingsley regarding the future of Stoke Golding post office. Some protection may be provided by offering other services such as a community hub.

Grass verges

Some of the grass verges in Roseway have become damaged due to parking of vehicles. The residents have agreed in principle, dependent on cost, to the suggestion that the verges concerned be replaced with hard standing to provide additional parking.

To Approve Precept for next financial year commencing 1st April 2015

The Parish Council has confirmation of precept figures from HBBC - these were agreed. There will be no increase in the Parish Council Tax Element for 2015/16

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 23rd April in the Village Hall - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Location of Meetings of Parish Council - 2015

Meetings to be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, *other than* June, August and November meetings, which will be held in the Methodist Church Hall.

To approve specifications for maintenance tenders

It was resolved that tender documents be sent to the current ground maintenance contractor, also to contractors who have requested consideration and to HBBC. The tender will be advertised in the Hinckley Times.

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council

Written

Letter regarding mobile library – this service has now resumed. The timetable is on the Parish Notice board.

Any other business:

Cllr Ward reported that the work to build new classrooms at St Martin's Catholic Academy was underway, using the unadopted road. A discussion took place regarding concerns about drainage in relation to current and future developments in this area of the village. The Clerk will write to Severn Trent for reassurance that these concerns will be addressed and adequate measures taken.

Pavilion lights/heater – both football clubs have been reminded to ensure these are turned off. A suggestion for further signage was dismissed, as the Parish Council considers current signs are adequate.

Cllr Pegg sought confirmation on the type of trees to be planted on Sherwood Road. The contractor will carry out the work shortly. Clerk to pass on contact details of the resident with the horse chestnut trees, so that they can be assessed and replanted at the recreation ground.

Cllr Fisher reported that where the BMX track meets the new pathway near the village hall there is an edge that needs to be levelled. Clerk to ask Mike Smith to attend.

Recognition for Les Broome was discussed.

Cllr Beale confirmed that John Preston will be giving a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning at the Baxter Hall on Saturday 28th February.

Next meeting: Committee Room of Village Hall, Wednesday 4th March at 7pm

Stoke Golding Recycle

This is a new section in the Stoker for you to advertise items you no longer want and also ask for items you need. Please include your contact details - email or telephone so readers can get in touch. We suggest a donation could be made to charity, but leave that up to you.

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The book group started in November 2011 and we now have about 28 people on our email list. We have read a wide range of books, some we've loved, some we've liked and some we have enjoyed disagreeing about. Books have included The Kite Runner, Silas Marner, and The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. Not everyone always has a chance to read the book – lives are busy and things happen – but it doesn't matter, the group is very relaxed and it's just interesting to have a drink and listen to points of views. We try to read a mix of types of books

If you are happy to share your email address, we send a group meeting reminder round every month

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 23)

Across.

1. Coffin. 4. Ashes. 8. Ruin. 9. Reburial. 10. Eternal. 12. Aries. 13. York. 14. Earls. 17. Sends. 20. Idea. 22. Bacon. 23. Smarten. 24. Amaretti. 25. Lane. 26. Adder. 27. Nights.

Down.

1. Cortège. 2. Funeral. 3. Norway. 5. Squeaks. 6. Edition. 7. Alps. 11. Loses. 15. Richard. 16. Sincere. 18. Earplug. 19. Sonnets. 21. Ambion. 22. Boar.

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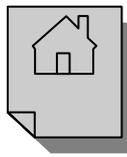
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