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# The Stoker

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

*Ruth*



*Jane*



### *Note from the Editors*

*We always enjoy hearing about local youngsters and their interests and activities. George Stanley, aged 12, certainly looks as though he knows how to ride a motorbike! (page 7) The Village Youth Club appears to be thriving from the list of activities and photographs showing what has been on offer over the past weeks (pages 10-11) - it seems a bargain for £1 a session.*

*If you are interested in recent articles about the Battle of Bosworth you won't be disappointed in this issue as we have received some fascinating correspondence about the subject (pages 4-5).*

*We hope you enjoy your May Stoker - keep sending us your articles, letters and photographs.*

*Jane & Ruth*

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*Front cover - 'Mayflower', based at Shackerstone on the Battlefield Line, seen here passing along the Vale of Llangollen, North Wales.*

## Stoke Golding WI - April Meeting



It is not often that we welcome local speakers to our meetings but this month was a local success story, the making of Leicester cheese at Sparkenhoe Farm, Upton.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

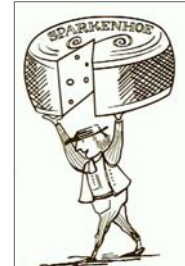
Changes to farming in recent years have meant that many local farmers have had to diversify and Jo and David Clarke didn't realise just how successful their venture into cheese-making 10 years ago, was going to be.

From a shared idea with another local character, Charlie Walton, over a few drinks in the pub one evening, a cheese-making course and much research into the history of Leicestershire cheese, the Clarkes have designed and built a successful cheese-making business on their farm. They now produce the only cheese made from unpasteurised milk in the country and are the only producers of handmade Red Leicester cheese in the county; now selling to many outlets across the country and around the world.



They use milk from their own pedigree herd of Friesians built up over three generations grazing on land without chemical fertilizers. The process uses natural ingredients and gives David Clarke a strenuous workout three times a week as he cuts, mills and presses the 10kg and 20 kg cheeses - no two batches are quite the same.

This cheese is well worth trying as our members agreed. So pop along to Market Bosworth Farmer's market and sample this local produce for yourselves.



We always welcome visitors and new members, so please come and join us for our next meeting on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our May meeting always follows the same format and will be a discussion evening about the issues surrounding food labelling. Members will vote on the resolution for the WI national annual meeting followed by refreshments from our Committee members, (a special supper in itself!).

*Jean Buckby*

# Correspondence



I wonder if I may offer some comments on the reports in your magazine and elsewhere about the latest finds at Bosworth?

A number of statements which have been made to the press and which are on current websites, are in some cases debatable and in others, untrue. Your own magazine reports that the area around Fenn Lanes Farm was 'where no historian had looked before', but this area is included as part of the battle scenario in my book, 'The Field of Redemore' 1990, pp.42-3, where I place Henry Tudor's position at the start of the battle on his march through the fields of Fenny Drayton (indicated by the Merevale reparations documents). The discovery of cannonballs in this area (if authenticated) is not surprising. If you read the footnotes of my book (p.73), roundshot has been found here from 1789 onwards.

Regarding the 'Fenn Hole' - in 1986 I mapped all the areas of potential marshland that might have existed in 1485 in the Fenn Lanes area (and produced a map of that) and this information has been used by Glenn Foard and his team. The peat in some of this wetland has been proved not to have been laid down after the Anglo-Saxon period, and in other pockets of this wetland, it can be proved to have existed at the time of the battle. This is implied in my book. I am happy for the conjecture now to be that the melee might have ended 800 yards west of the Fen Meadows in Dadlington, at the western branch of the wetland as it crosses Fenn Lanes, rather than the eastern branch. The pocket of peat called Fenn Hole on the border of Dadlington, Stoke and Upton I identified in 1986 when I researched the early enclosure and open fields of Stoke Golding, from documents I discovered at Sheffield (Davill-Baxter papers, see p.62, notes 37, 44, The Field of Redemore). This information was shared with Glenn Foard in 2006. (The Fenn Hole at that point, to correct your piece on p.6, is not still called that, as far as I know).

Another statement that was made to the press by Heather Broughton at the Press Conference on 28 October 2009 declared that the Crown Hill connection was until now 'anecdotal'. This is not so. When I did the work in 1985-7, I produced documents that showed that the open field on the west of Stoke was called 'Crownhillefeilde' in the late 1600s, and this, together with the William Burton information etc. is compelling evidence that the name was authentically connected with the battle in the century following. This has now been re-affirmed by Dr Barrie Cox's unearthing of what seems to be a pre-1485 name (Garbrodfelde) for the field, thereby showing a name change subsequent to the battle.

These associations have been known for a long time, and are recorded in my book. A further piece of thinking that ought to be done (and which I have pursued somewhat) is whether the suffix 'golding' does indeed refer to the battle. I think there is an argument to be made that it does. But that is another story and must wait another day!

*Sincerely, Peter Foss MA (Oxon), Gloucester*

We feel sure that had it not been for Peter Foss persisting in his studied views for many years none of the latest investigations would have been made and the resulting discoveries would not have come to light. (Ed)

## **Battle of Bosworth - what happened to the chair?**

I read with great interest, last month's articles on the site of the Battle of Bosworth.



Being very interested in the battle for many years, I was curious as to what became of the legionary chair that was taken from a farm house on Crown Hill in Stoke Golding for the new king Henry VII to sit on when he was crowned.

Thinking that the chair was possibly taken to London for safe keeping, my investigations led me to discover that this chair now resides at Maxstoke Castle, 3 miles east of Coleshill.

In 1345 Edward III granted William de Clinton a licence to crenellate a new dwelling at Maxstoke.

It was actually recorded as a fortified dwelling manor house by Edward III, as the location and design could not withstand a prolonged siege.

Henry the second Duke of Buckingham became involved in a plot to overthrow Richard III and was executed in 1483. The Castle was then forfeited to the crown. Richard III visited Maxstoke in 1485 on his way to Nottingham and he ordered that parts of the Castle should be taken down and transported to Nottingham as he was undertaking major works at Nottingham Castle. This instruction was not fully carried out as Richard III was killed at the Battle of Bosworth (or should that now be the Battle of Stoke Golding?)

The new King Henry VII restored the Castle to Edward, Duke of Buckingham (the son of the second Duke who was executed by Richard III), who was still a minor. Due to his age, it was entrusted to Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and the mother of the King. Could this have been the time when the chair arrived at Maxstoke Castle.?

Many changes have been made over the centuries to the Castle, but it is now the home of the Fetherston-Dilke family.

If anyone is interested in viewing the chair, the Castle is open to the public one day a year, usually in June close to Fathers' Day.

*James Lewis, Greenwood Road*



### Hello Stoke Golding

I know time has gone by, but do you remember Christmas?

I came to Stoke Golding to visit my daughter Chris and son-in-law Malc Watson in December 2009. I was told about a forthcoming event - not to be missed, to be held at Stoke Golding Club – a charity show in aid of Air Ambulance and other local charities.

For those of you who didn't get to see the event, you missed a great treat. Are you aware of the talent you have in your community? Steve Hurley and his 'Men in Black' headed the show. Now some of them are creaking but they can still do it – an all-age group from teenage Rory to Granddad Malc. They performed with verve and their music was great.

Co-starring with them was comedian Shane, who behaved himself, and Stan Freeman who sang ballads first performed by Johnnie Cash and Elvis Presley – and he was dressed in some lovely Elvis outfits.

The surprise opening of the show was by a band of young local boys called 'The Conscripts'. They climbed onto the stage with great confidence and performed, with ease, two or three of the latest pop songs. Have we got a 'Boys Own' band in the making? The audience loved them.

It was a great night with almost five hours of fun. It must have taken a lot of hard work to organise with many a panic on rehearsal nights, lots of shouting and cries of 'I can't do it' but show biz is like that and everything was all right on the night.

Congratulations to all those who took part on the stage and behind the scenes. It was an evening full of entertainment and I do hope all you Stoke Golding people will continue to give this group of people your full support at further events.

*Mary Malin*

### **Bowls club invites people to “have a go”**

An 'Open Morning' is being held by Hinckley Bowling Club this spring for anyone who wants to try their hand at playing bowls.

The event will take place on Sunday 9 May between 10am and 1pm, when people are invited to go along to the club, which is situated off Bowling Green Road, Hinckley and 'have a go'.

The only special item they will need to take with them is a pair of flat bottomed shoes or trainers as all other equipment is provided.

There will be male and female club members on hand to help and encourage visitors to learn the basics of the game and to chat about the club amenities over a cup of tea or coffee.

Committee member Eddie Downs said: "Bowls offers fresh air, exercise (albeit not too strenuous), a degree of healthy competition, lots of fun and companionship. Age is no handicap as we welcome everyone, whether they are 8 or 80."

Further information is available from Eddie Downs on (01455) 618018 or by email at: [secretary@hinckleybowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hinckleybowlingclub.co.uk)

### **Motorcycling Schoolboy from St Martin's**

A former St Margaret's schoolboy who moved on to St Martin's has a hobby which many much older boys would give their eye teeth for. George Stanley is the grandson of Paddy and Sandra O'Brien of Greenhill Road. When you see this picture of him in action on his 125c.c. Aprilia you could well believe he is in his twenties.

He has been encouraged in his sport by his mother Sarah (O'Brien) Stanley, who spent all her early life in the village and dad, Barry, who are both very proud of their son's talents. Sarah and Barry told me that George was 12 on 23rd of April this year and he has always been interested in motor bike racing. Last year he had 2 mini motos which are automatic motorbikes and are a replica of a normal sized bike; they were a 50cc bike. He went around the country racing, as far afield as Cumbria and Lydd. At that time, never having raced before he finished 2nd on one bike and 3rd on the other in the championship.

During the winter he and his dad came up with a cunning plan to race a 125cc Aprilia. He had never ridden a geared bike before so his dad took him a couple of times to some private land to learn how to ride a geared bike. On 9th April 2010 Barry took him to Darley Moor and there he attended Mick Boddice's race school. George was tutored by Matt Llewellyn a former British Super Bike Racer from Leicester and he learned race techniques. He passed his race test and so now he can race his new motorbike. He will be racing at circuits such as Darley Moor near Uttoxeter, Oulton Park, Snetterton and also Mallory Park. George says that when he gets older he would like to be professional racer and maybe one day race British Superbikes, but his dream is to race in World Superbikes or even Moto GP !

Stoke Golding, it seems, is getting ready to produce yet another superbike champion... remember David Butler, Malcolm Ashley, Nigel 'Boz' Bosworth and others?

*Denis Cash*



## How Does Your Garden Grow?



If it's anything like mine the weeds grow extremely well and the vegetables and plants get eaten by all the slugs and snails! In fact I am sure we must have more than our fair share of the slimy creatures living here – last



year they even munched their way through our runner bean plants. According to advice on the website we need to attract hedgehogs and frogs into the garden as they love eating slugs, but any other ideas would be gratefully received.

One answer could be to create a plasticine garden like James May's masterpiece at last year's Chelsea Garden Show. Just imagine - a garden that doesn't need weeding, doesn't grow out of control and certainly won't get eaten by slugs! If you haven't seen it take a look on [www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/video/2009/may/18/james-may-plasticine-garden-chelsea-flower-show](http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/video/2009/may/18/james-may-plasticine-garden-chelsea-flower-show)



Seriously though I'm not sure this will catch on in Stoke Golding. Where is the fun in a garden that looks exactly the same every day all year round? Part of the pleasure of a garden surely, is finding the snow drops poking their tiny heads through the frozen ground after a long winter and watching the blossom unfurl on the trees in the Spring.

It would be fantastic if you readers, who I am sure know a lot more than me, could send in some of your gardening tips and tricks (providing they are not secret) and we will print them in future issues of the magazine.

Otherwise I'm off to find the plasticine ...!

*Jane White*

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*Linda Gosling*

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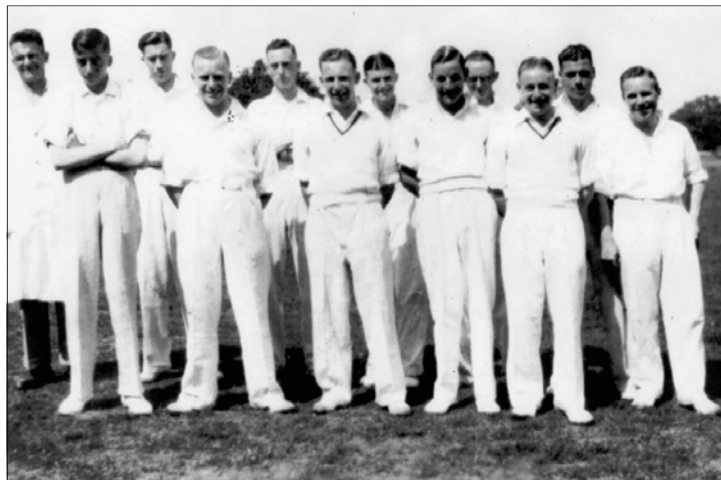


## Composting

Rod Weston a local Garden Organics/Leicestershire County Council Master Composter, is offering free home visits and an email advice service to local residents who are encountering problems while home composting. 40% of household waste is made up from material suitable for composting, which makes home composting an ideal way to reduce waste sent to landfill and to improve the garden or patio plants.

The Council has been active in promoting recycling and reducing the percentage of waste sent to landfill but unfortunately there are a significant number of people who start composting but give up on encountering problems. This new local service has been set up to help reduce this drop- out rate. Readers encountering composting problems be it smelly or wet compost, fly infestations, rats or compost just "sitting there doing nothing" may obtain free advice and if they so wish a home visit to provide practical help by emailing [Carryoncomposting@ntlworld.com](mailto:Carryoncomposting@ntlworld.com) Composting talks & slide shows are also offered for local Groups, Clubs & Societies

## Stoke Golding Cricket Club 1938 – 39



*Back row from left*

Reg Flavell (Umpire), Tom Payne? Tom Quinney, Jack Quinney, Charlie Quinney, George Dewis

*Front row*

Den Quinney, Horace Mayne, Ray Mayne, ? Mayne, Bob Mayne, Ron Mayne

The accurate date of photo is assumed as no cricket was played during the war years. Jack Quinney died at sea aged 22 years, November 1942.

*Alan Quinney*

# Stoke Golding Youth Club is Alive & Kicking

## Stoke Golding has a thriving Youth Club!



For children aged 10 to 16 years  
Friday nights (during term time)  
At the Village Hall  
7pm - 9pm



SGYC offers a wide range of activities, indoor hockey, table football, badminton and table tennis, Wii, play stations, Karaoke to mention just a few. We also have a well-stocked tuck shop that always goes down well with all the children.

SGYC runs many activities, trips and entertainment each term which are well attended and there is a small charge of only £1 per session - excellent value for parents/carers to get two hours of peace on a Friday night!

There is a short waiting list so anyone who is interested in joining should contact our membership secretary, Tina Waters on 01455 213291.

SGYC has a committee of four dedicated parents who oversee the organisational and financial side but the sessions are supervised by parents of members. All parents/carers whose children attend the Youth Club are expected to supervise two sessions a term on a rota basis.

SGYC was originally set up by a group of parents from the village who were aware that there were limited facilities for their children. Funding from the National Lottery helped with the purchase of a great deal of equipment, thus enabling Stoke Golding Youth Club to be formed. The facility has continued to run ever since.

SGYC is a self-funding and self-supporting group which has been very fortunate over the years to have been supported with donations from various groups within the village such as the Bonfire Committee, The Stoke Golding Sleigh, Stoke Golding Players and Stoke Golding Garden Show. This money has enabled us to replace equipment and keep up to date with the latest games alongside subsidising trips and activities. We are very grateful for this much needed and continued support.

Some of our past events have included:

Beauty Evening, Magic Evening, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Dr Who Evening, Chinese Meal, Lazar Quest, Go Ape, Fish & Chip supper, Street Dancing Demo, Animal Magic, Halloween Party and Bowling.

## Stoke Golding Youth Club

Some of our recent activities and outings:



If anyone has any spare time or good ideas for activities or would like to help on any Friday sessions then please telephone 01455 213123. I would be grateful to hear from you.

*Annette Moss (Chairperson)*

Stoke Golding village web site:  
[www.stokegolding.co.uk](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

## What's On

### Dadlington Flower Festival - May 1/2/3

Come and enjoy the spectacular flower arrangements at our beautiful little Battlefield Church of St James at Dadlington. The theme is "Come into the Garden" – so appropriate for spring after a winter of being closeted indoors by bad weather.

The arrangements are by members of the Earl Shilton Flower Club, many of whom have exhibited at the highest level in Chatsworth, Southwell Cathedral and national competitions.

#### Church open:

12noon-5pm on Sat 1st/Sun 2nd/ Bank Holiday Mon 3rd May

Refreshments in Village Hall – tea, coffee, cakes

Soup & roll served 12 to 2pm each day

Stalls - plants, cakes, jams, books, tombola

Festival Songs of Praise - Sunday 2nd May 6:30pm

For further information: Tel 01455 213244

### Spring Dance

Kirkby Mallory W.I. are holding  
a Spring Dance on  
21st May 2010.

7.30pm - 11.45pm at  
Stoke Golding Club.

Featuring 'Live Music' by  
TEGAS.

Rock n Roll to Modern  
Ballroom.

Adult tickets: £6.50

Please ring: 01455 842833 or  
01455 292016

### Zion Chapel Services - May

2nd May      Group from Holbrooks

9th May      M Menzfeld

16th May     S Foxwell

23rd May     R Cotton

30th May     G Malpass

Services begin at 6pm  
Sunday School at 11am

### Methodist Church Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
10.00am – 12noon

### Methodist Church Services - May

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30am	Mrs Joan Ledson
9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Mrs Gwen Coley
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
30 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Mr Michael Holt

## What's On



### Stoke Golding Club



All major sporting events are shown on Sky and terrestrial channels.  
Watch 2 separate Sky channels at the same time with our 3 TV's

**High Definition TV now Installed**

#### **Sport on 3D TV coming soon!**

##### **Diary Dates**

**FA Cup Final Saturday 15th May**

Complimentary food will be provided and free offers on drinks available

**World Cup kick off 11<sup>th</sup> June**

During World Cup matches we will have special offers on drinks and complimentary food will be provided.

##### **Summer Ball**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, tickets are still available.**

The Club opens at 4.00pm daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

**Remember your money always goes further at The Club.**

Enquiries, please telephone Helen or Maria on 01455212221

### **Beginners' Dancing Lessons**

**Foxtrot and Samba or Mambo**

at

Stoke Golding Village Hall

starting

Sunday 9th May

7 – 8 pm

Block of 6 lessons

£48.00 per couple

For further information

Tel: 07594 343333

### **Methodist Church**

**Summer Plant Sale**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am – 3.00pm

Coffee and light lunches available

(N B This date is provisional)

### **Barn Dance**

**St Martin's RC High School**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7pm-11pm**

Live Band, Bar (serving beers and wines), Food, Door Raffle, Best Dressed Kids Prize!

**Adults £5.00 each**

**Kids £1.00 each**

Family Event, All Welcome

All monies go to supporting the future development of the school

**Please send a cheque for tickets, in an envelope, to the school and include your name & address. Tickets will be sent out to you.**

### Special Evening Date For Your Calendar

Returning by popular demand are The Munich Bierkellarmen who will be appearing live at Stoke Golding Club on Saturday August 7th for another thigh slapping fun oompah night. This event will sell out quickly so tickets will be first come first served ... details to follow nearer the time. Don't miss them as it's such a great night out.

Information will follow in future editions of The Stoker.

*Bob & Joy Hiron*



### Stoke Golding's 3rd Music Festival

Letting you know well in advance so that you can put the date on your calendar.

**Saturday 28th August** - Concert in Stoke Golding Club

**Sunday 29th August** - Live Bands on the Recreational Ground + various stalls.  
From 1pm.

For more information contact Malc Watson 01455 212439

### Church of England Services - May

#### St. Margaret's Church

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30am	Family Service + Baptism. Worship Group
9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Benefice Rogation Service. Lodge Farm Atterton
16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am	Morning Worship <b>Pentecost</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion Dadlington <b>Trinity Sunday</b>

*Holy Communion St. Margaret's Every Tuesday at 6.30pm*

#### St. James's Church

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	6.30pm	Songs of Praise
9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Benefice Rogation Service. Lodge Farm Atterton
13 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	<b>Ascension Day Service</b> led by Rev'd Chris Gash
16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion <b>Pentecost</b>
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### COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE : 15<sup>th</sup> MAY

**We may be able to include articles received after this date if you let us know by the 15th that you will be sending something in.**

## From The Rector at St Margaret's Church



### **Poverty – Let's End It: Christian Aid Week 9-15 May 2010**

Christian Aid supports work in almost 50 countries. It believes that everyone should have 'life before death', and is passionate about helping communities to find their own lasting solutions to poverty. It challenges the unjust structures that make and keep people poor and provides help in emergencies. For each £1 given, 84p is used for direct charitable expenditure. The remaining 16p is used to raise the next £1.

Christian Aid Week this year is 9-15 May. It is Britain's longest-running fundraising week and has been a firm fixture in the calendar of many thousands of people each year since 1957. It is famous for the distinctive envelope that drops through the letterboxes of millions of homes each May – and for the massive impact that the week has made in the fight to end the scandal of poverty around the world.

Throughout the country there are 300,000 people who go from door to door every year, and our community is no exception – many volunteers will be living out their faith by taking part in the national house-to-house collection and organising other fundraising events. And every year it demonstrates the generosity of people in the UK and Ireland – giving money to those who need it most.

The residents of Matopeni, a slum area of Nairobi, Kenya, are among those who need it: People in this area have built their own drains and a couple of toilets to service the 300 houses there, but the toilets don't work properly. So the children have to walk across wooden planks above the drains, which contain stagnant water, sewage and rats. During the rainy season, the drains overflow and flood the houses with sewage and rats. Most of the houses also only have one room so people often have to go to the toilet in front of their family. They use plastic bags and then have to throw these bags outside as there's nowhere else for them. These are known as 'flying toilets'.

Jeremiah (age 12) lives in this area. He says, 'I don't like living here. The bad thing about this place is that when it rains, the drains fill up and water floods into the houses and we have to use a basin to get rid of it. It's dirty and we get sick. I've had a very bad cold and some pain in my throat. It smells bad. It's because people have no proper toilets.'

Building toilet facilities for Matopeni would cost less than £10,000 – yet it would make a huge difference.

Through our faith, our prayers and our generosity this Christian Aid Week, we can stand alongside some of the poorest people, in Matopeni, and around the world. Thank you for being a part of it.

*Linda*

## Tales from the Internet

This is a true story from the Word Perfect Helpline, which was transcribed from a recording monitoring the customer care department. Needless to say the Help Desk employee was fired; however he/she is currently suing the Word Perfect organisation for 'Termination without Cause'.



Operator: 'Ridge Hall Computer Assistance, may I help you?'  
Caller: 'Yes, well, I'm having trouble with WordPerfect.'  
Operator: 'What sort of trouble?'  
Caller: 'Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away.'  
Operator: 'Went away?'  
Caller: 'They disappeared.'  
Operator: 'Hmm, so what does your screen look like now?'  
Caller: 'Nothing.'  
Operator: 'Nothing?'  
Caller: 'It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type.'  
Operator: 'Are you still in WordPerfect, or did you get out?'  
Caller: 'How do I tell?'  
Operator: 'Can you see the C: prompt on the screen?'  
Caller: 'What's a sea-prompt?'  
Operator: 'Never mind, can you move your cursor around the screen?'  
Caller: 'There isn't any cursor: I told you, it won't accept anything I type.'  
Operator: 'Does your monitor have a power indicator?'  
Caller: 'What's a monitor?'  
Operator: 'It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?'  
Caller: 'I don't know.'  
Operator: 'Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that?'  
Caller: 'Yes, I think so.'  
Operator: 'Great. Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall.'  
Caller: 'Yes, it is.'  
Operator: 'When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one?'  
Caller: 'No.'  
Operator: 'Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable...'  
Caller: 'Okay, here it is.'  
Operator: 'Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer.'  
Caller: 'I can't reach.'  
Operator: 'Uh huh. Well, can you see if it is?'  
Caller: 'No.'  
Operator: 'Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?'  
Caller: 'Oh, it's not because I don't have the right angle - it's because it's dark.'  
Operator: 'Dark?'  
Caller: 'Yes - the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window.'  
Operator: 'Well, turn on the office light then.'  
Caller: 'I can't.'

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Operator: 'No? Why not?'  
Caller: 'Because there's a power failure.'  
Operator: 'A power... A power failure? Aha, Okay, we've got it licked now.  
Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff your computer came in?'  
Caller: 'Well, yes, I keep them in the closet.'  
Operator: 'Good. Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was  
when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from.'  
Caller: 'Really? Is it that bad?'  
Operator: 'Yes, I'm afraid it is'  
Caller: 'Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?'  
Operator: 'Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer!'

### **Dyslexia-friendly Libraries**

Libraries across Leicestershire have signed up to a new set of guidelines designed to make them more dyslexia-friendly. Over the next few months, staff are being trained to ensure they understand the basic issues facing people with dyslexia. Most of the checklist has already been adopted by county libraries and includes offering easy-to-read and audio materials, working with dyslexia groups and making reasonable adjustments.

This follows a national project - led by the Society of Chief Librarians - aimed at making libraries better equipped to help people affected by dyslexia. Around 10% of the population are dyslexic to some extent and at least 4% are seriously affected, including about 375,000 children. People with dyslexia are often successful at reading and writing but they may need reasonable adjustments to be made to give them additional help.

### **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Dadlington** - 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.15 - 10.35am

**Stoke Golding** -

Greenwood Road 10.40 - 11.10am

Sherwood Road 11.15 - 11.45am

The White Swan 11.50am - 12.15pm

Hinckley Road/Main Street 12.20 - 12.45pm

*For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565*

*email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk*



# Dadlington Matters

## Dadlington Book Club

Next meeting - Thursday 27th May 7:30pm to discuss "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

New members welcome. Call John Whitehead 213244 for information.

### The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match

(In aid of research into pancreatic cancer.)

Dadlington v Stoke Golding

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010

1.30pm

Dadlington Village Green

Followed by live music

on the green from the

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Bar - hot food - cream teas

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(But beware of people bearing raffle tickets!)



## Nature Notes

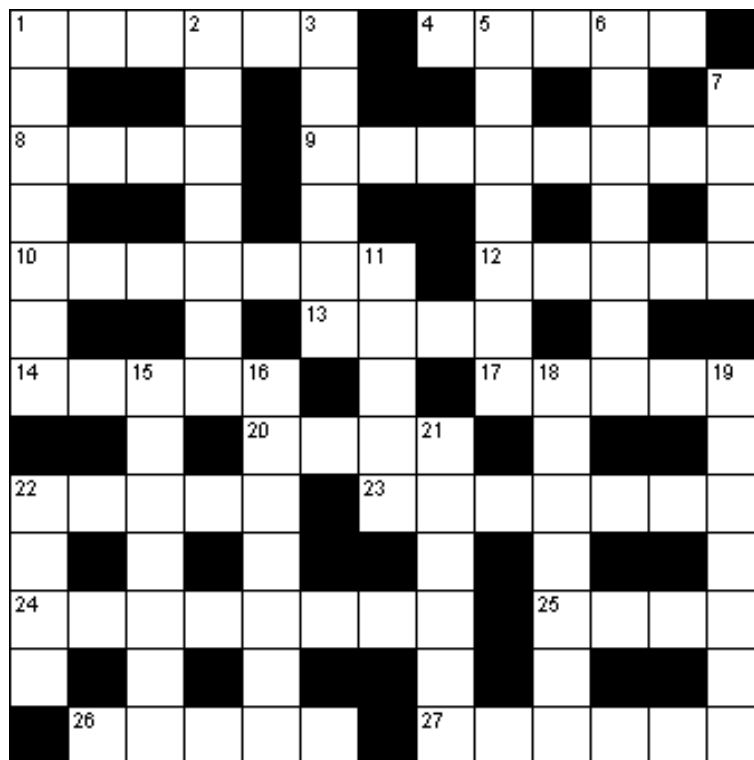
When you are out walking locally, keep your eyes open for ravens. It has been noted in the national press that they are moving further south and east and at least one pair has been spotted over Stoke Golding.



The RSPB tells us that '*The raven is a big black bird, a member of the crow family. It is massive, bigger than a buzzard. It is all black with a large bill and long wings. In flight, it shows a diamond-shaped tail. It breeds in the west and north only. Most birds are residents, but some birds, especially non-breeders and young birds wander from their breeding areas but do not travel far.*

Ruth Fisher

# Crossword



## Across

1. And 27A In the nursery rhyme about pigs, 'what the 2<sup>nd</sup> little pig did'. (6-2-4)
4. Strike breakers (slang) (5)
8. Prayer ending.(4)
9. In 1 A where the first pig went. (8)
10. Line on map joining places of equal height.(7)
12. Sharpened.(5)
13. What the 4<sup>th</sup> little pig had.(4)
14. Bed cover.(5)
17. Daily applications of medicine.(5)
20. Grade of file.(4)
22. Belief or principle.(5)
23. Careful not to offend.(7)
24. Yolk covering.(8)
25. Jot.(4)
26. Stage whisper.(5)
27. See 1A

## Down

1. Where you would try to contact the dead.(7)
2. Chinese river.(7)
3. Japanese car.(6)
5. When computer went down.(7)
6. Mini swim suits.(7)
7. Ear ring.(4)
11. In 1A, method pig 3 used to cook its dinner.(5)
15. Secures the services of. (7)
16. Smashed up.(7)
18. Big bird.(7)
19. Assortment of recyclable material.(7)
21. Spanish meal. (6)
22. Antelope.(4)

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## Stoke Golding Parish Council - March 2010 Meeting

The **Speedwatch Committee** reported that Leics Community Speedwatch has offered the village a second speed-watch scheme to operate from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>. They will provide their own vehicle activated sign (VAS). A summary report of statistics from the speed-watch exercise carried out during May 2009 confirmed concerns of speeding in the village. Complaints had also been received by the Highways Dept from Station Road residents about speeding problems along their road. The costs of cameras and logistics of sharing with neighbouring parishes were discussed. The Speedwatch Committee was asked to liaise with other parishes and to apply to the Charity of Thomas Barton Trust for possible funding.

**Members of St Margaret's Parochial Church Committee (PCC)** attended to explain the position regarding scattering of ashes in St Margaret's Churchyard. The PCC would like to apply for a faculty to allow a person's ashes to be placed in the ground under the turf. No memorials would be involved; there would be no sign of what had taken place and no material change to the churchyard. A site had been identified and there would be a plan of area to indicate what had taken place and ensure that it is not used twice.

The Parish Council is responsible for the churchyard and has a statutory requirement to keep records and maintain the churchyard. Therefore, as the Burial Authority under Parish Council jurisdiction, this would be deemed a burial and have a legal requirement to be recorded by the Cemetery Administrator. The Parish Council also confirmed that *'Regulations do state that ashes may be buried in a closed churchyard, subject to the obtaining of a faculty, but only where the burial does not involve the disturbance of human remains'*. The PCC has contacted the Diocesan Registrars, whose remit is to manage churchyard issues, to request further clarification.

**County Cllr Ivan Ould** said that pot holes in village roads should be reported as soon as possible to the Highways Dept and he confirmed that Leics County Council will provide the grit/salt for any bins purchased by village organisations.

**Wykin Lane Cemetery:** Installation of water - a site meeting had been held with a Severn Trent rep - the Council awaits their reply. Information Board - work is continuing on this. The sub-committee had acquired prices for the construction of a board - Design/art work - £120, Panel printing - £53, Board construction - £240, choice of pictures to be finalised. Bird/ Bat boxes - The Charity of Thomas Barton has offered to fund the bird/bat boxes project for the wild area to the sum of £200. Maintenance Contract - a meeting had been held with the contractor to discuss pond clearance and other annual maintenance work at the cemetery.

**Hinckley Road Cemetery** - The Cemetery Administrator has sawn down a large branch hanging near to the pedestrian entrance. It was suggested to have a planter arrangement around the base of the memorial wall to be permanently planted up. The wall would also benefit from cleaning.

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**Recreation Ground** - A proposal to order a 'Proludic swing' to include a safety surface and installation was agreed. Young people had identified 6 items of equipment and placed them in order of priority. It was agreed that 4 could be ordered. Work on the path would soon be started in order to complete the section by the cricket boundary before the season starts. It was suggested that the Charity of Thomas Barton be approached to ask if they would like to contribute with funding towards the Recreational Ground project.

**Planning Application Matters:**

Communications had been received re concerns regarding work being carried out by the landowner on a pond at Willow Stables where willow trees have been cut down. A discussion was held as to whether funding could be accessed to help the landowner maintain the pond but it may not be possible to enforce maintenance. Enforcement officers have been asked to establish the status of land.

**New Applications:**

25 Wykin Lane – extension and alterations to dwelling, 27 Wykin Lane – extension and alterations to dwelling, 6 Church Walks – extension and alterations to dwelling, Compass Fields Farm, Wykin Lane – change of use from agricultural building to workshop (B1C) including erection of toilet unit

**Permissions granted:**

26 High Street - extension and alterations to dwelling.

**Other items**

**Constitution:** A Draft Constitution was circulated to Councillors and a motion put forward to adopt amendments.

**Memorials:** An updated draft 'Memorial Safety Policy' was circulated to Parish Councillors.

**MarCity Developers:** Councillors were informed that MarCity is in talks with Planning Officers at HBBC.

**The Recreation Field** is now on an automatic annual safety check system by ROSPA.

**Football fees** – The Parish Clerk to reply to the Football Club asking them to complete payment for their use of the 3 football pitches 2009- 2010.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, although they cannot speak to the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairperson. There may occasionally be matters to discuss from which the public and press can be excluded. 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)

*Pauline Goodsell*



## OBITUARIES



We are sad to report the deaths of the following residents.

### Brian Hirst Holroyd

Brian of Dadlington passed away in hospital after a short illness on 1st April aged 72 years. He was the beloved husband of Cis and a much loved father and grandfather. His cremation took place at the Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton. There were family flowers only with donations if so desired for the Air Ambulance or R.N.L.I. c/o The Co-op Funeral Service, Kings Walk, Earl Shilton.

### Rose Mary Elizabeth Panther

Mary of Tithe Close, Stoke Golding passed away at home on 4th April aged 87 years. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A service to commemorate her life was held at the Methodist Church prior to cremation. Family flowers only were requested with donations if desired in lieu to The British Heart Foundation c/o G. Seller & Co, Funeral Directors Ltd, 75 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

We send our condolences to both families.

ACROSS  
1. Stayed at home, 4. Scabs, 8. Amen, 9. To market, 10. Contour, 12. Honed, 13. None, 14. Sheet, 17. Doses, 20. Rasp, 22. Dogma, 23. Tactful, 24. Eggshell, 25. Iota, 26. Aside, 27. See 1A  
DOWN.  
1. Seances, 2. Yangtse, 3. Datsun, 5. Crashed, 6. Bikinis, 7. Stud, 11. Roast, 15. Engages, 16. Trashed, 18. Ostrich, 19. Salvage, 21. Paella, 22. Deer.



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