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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

It would appear that the return to colder weather has dried up your creative juices and consequently this month's magazine is a bit thinner than usual. We rely on you to send us your articles and photos to ensure that The Stoker is topical and interesting for local readers - and those who read it on the Internet - we know there are many from the emails we receive from all over the world.

As always there's a lot going on in Stoke Golding and Dadlington over the next month - we hope you'll send reports and photos from some of the events.

Jane & Ruth

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Cover picture - Whoosh, aah!

First Click

People in Leicestershire and Rutland are being encouraged to take the plunge and get online, or risk missing out. This message comes from BBC Technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones and coincides with a national campaign aiming to support internet beginners.



"More and more government public services are going to be put online; people who don't have access to them are going to lose out," he said. In the East Midlands, 25% of the population have no internet access. New research from the Office for National Stats (ONS) also shows that 18% of people in the region have never been online. Nationally it is estimated that over two thirds of those who have not used the internet are over 65.

Martha Lane Fox, the government's UK Digital Champion, said, "9.2 million adults across the UK have never used the internet, and worryingly four million of this group are also socially excluded. All of them are missing out on the consumer savings, access to vital information and educational success that the web has to offer".

The BBC has launched the 'First Click' campaign as part of its continuing commitment in supporting everyone to enjoy the benefits of new technologies. The step by step course is designed to provide a simple guide to getting online, for both complete beginners and those who have already got to grips with computer basics.

To find courses in this area, call 08000 150 950. The line is open between 08:00 to 22:00, seven days a week. Calls are free from most landlines. Some networks and mobile operators will charge for these calls.



Thank you ...

The Garden Show Society would like to say a special thank you to the Charity of Thomas Barton, which donated £1000 to this year's show in aid of the County Air Ambulance.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning we held recently. £256.70 was raised.

Margaret Lomax



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

“Cherish the past, protect the future”



Open Meeting

‘Drink to me only...’Real Ale: The Tunnel - A talk by Mike Walsh

Regular attenders at the Heritage Group’s open meetings will have noticed a few surprising differences on this occasion-the higher entrance fee, the overwhelmingly masculine audience, (with the exception of three stalwart ladies), and the refreshment hatch which revealed not the customary group of cups and saucers plus a plate of assorted biscuits but the serried ranks of bottled beers arranged with military precision. The talk on the art of real ale brewing and tasting was about to begin.

Mike Walsh recounted the birth of Nuneaton’s Tunnel Brewery, producers of Real Ale, and now also including lager, stout and mild ales. An evening course at North Warwickshire and Hinckley College had developed into enthusiasts forming their own real ale brewery with the help of DEFRA grants. Membership of CAMRA with an increase in tourism followed with output now at over 250,000 pints per year. About 150 pubs nationwide sell their beer, many in the West Midlands, as well as other outlets such as farmers’ markets.

A guide to the various hops and malts used in brewing was followed by the eagerly anticipated main event- tasting the various ales produced. Just as the magician, Paul Daniels, is assisted by the glamorous Debbie, so, as Mike introduced each beer, his perhaps less glamorous assistant, John, stepped forward to waft the label, bottle and contents before the adoring eyes of the assembled devotees. Soon the ambrosial nectar flowed at each table for the delectation of all, and growing enthusiasm was matched by swelling paunches. Some studied and sipped the amber liquid with the serious, controlled focus of the true connoisseur while others quaffed with bacchanalian gusto. Bottle succeeded bottle, offering drinkers not only refreshment but also, some claimed, in perhaps self justification, a truly educational and cultural experience. After all, doesn’t one’s understanding of history develop when one drinks an ale created to commemorate the Battle of Bosworth? And surely imbibing beer, produced for Holy Trinity Church Stratford, with the face of Shakespeare on the label is a surefire way of developing a deeper knowledge of the Bard’s works! Certainly, as I looked around at this point, I was reminded of Shakespeare’s greatest comic creation-Sir John Falstaff, that beer-swilling aficionado of ales and inns!

However, with no cup of tea and a biscuit in the offing, and as a non-drinker of beer, your reporter tactfully offered his apologies and left the room at this point, in the finest tradition of News of the World journalists, and, as he made his way soberly home, the sounds of cheerful audience participation echoed in the evening air.

Mike Emmett

Correspondence



Mrs Evelyn Baxter has had to leave Stoke Golding after living here for 66 years. Eve, my mother, first lived at 1, Wykin Lane until July 1957 when she moved to 24, Hinckley Road. Mum and Dad then moved to 20, Pine Close and finally to 5, Hall Drive.

Unfortunately our mother could no longer look after herself and she is now living at Langdale House, Church Street, Sapcote. My brothers Robert, Stephen and I would like to thank all the people in Stoke Golding who have helped our mother over the last few years.

Trevor Baxter

Are You An Old Stoker?



Since moving to Stoke Golding ten years ago I have been befriended by many older residents of the village - Stokers born and bred. I have listened to their stories of a childhood that to me, a city child, seem like something from another world.

It is sad that these memories may be lost for ever so I have decided I would like to make a collection of these stories - possibly for publication if I can get a publisher interested.

If you have memories of the old school, village festivals (May Day etc), helping with the harvest, swimming in the canal, Church or school outings, going somewhere by train, anything from around the war years, or just general memories of what it was like living in a remote village (as I believe Stoke Golding was back then, but maybe I'm wrong) please get in touch with me and I will arrange to come and see you at your convenience to hear your story. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pauline Edwards 01455 212872



Readers who remember my reasoned diatribe against the use of "God Save the Queen" as our national anthem might consider the following developments since the summer:

Our soccer team's embarrassing and spineless ineptitude against the might of Montenegro, Algeria and the USA, not to mention the catastrophe with Germany, is in vivid contrast with the unbeaten cricket team and our highly successful Commonwealth Games athletes.

Why? Which two teams used Blake's "Jerusalem" as their celebratory anthem and which stood and mumbled or mimed or ignored the usual dirge? QED. (quod erat demonstrandum : *'that which was to be demonstrated'* Ed)

Mike Emmett

PAST TIMES

The Church Pews

Until the arrival of sermons, pews were not provided. There were perhaps a few benches for the old and infirm; but at Mass the congregation either stood or knelt, or leaned against the walls, hence the saying, "the weakest go to the wall." In 1619 we learn that *"Goodman Carte hath built a faire grate seate in the vper End of the South Ile wth wanscott"*. (sic) He was cited for having done so without a licence and eventually not allowed to sit in the "faire grate seate" which he had built. At the same time Mr Trimnell, we read, *"hath built an other over against it neere the pulpit in like manner. He hath licence."* It seems probable that Carte's pew contained some of the original oak screen which spanned the church. Evidently by 1620 benches had appeared for the convenience of those who could not afford 'faire grate seates'.

The Archdeacon then complained *"theire seates are also unboarded"*, which may have meant that ordinary benches had been placed without backs, or that they were not fixed to the floor. In 1783 Thomas Holland, hosier, of Stoke applied for a licence and a faculty, *"to erect and build a loft or gallery at the West End of the North Ile adjoining the North and West walls thereof containing 16' in length and 8' in breadth and 7½' in height, with proper and convenient stairs leading thereto from the South Ile, and to divide the gallery into two seats or pews, one whereof when erected to be apportioned to and for the use of Thomas Holland and his family to sit, stand and kneel during the time of divine service and sermon, exclusive of all other persons whomsoever, and the other of the said seats or pews when erected and built to be for the use of such person or persons of Stoke Golding as the said Thomas Holland shall consent or permit to be placed therein."* Holland was a Churchwarden at the time. It is typical of the decadence of church life at the time that the enormous structure, should have received the sanction of the Archdeacon. The gallery was replaced sixty years later and was gone by 1880. Under it was a cosy little room with open fireplaces. Marks on the pier show it was cut away to admit the staircase gallery.



In 1843 it was decided to erect new pews and a gallery. The churchwardens' accounts show £564 was raised for the purpose. What was removed we do not know but a Mr Pickering of Hinckley said *"I have one of the original carved oak poppy heads from a pew end at Stoke, 2 lengths of communion rails, massive hinged gates and a number of iron finials which came from the Firebrace tomb which were removed during restoration."* In 1844 it was decided that the largest rate payers have a choice of a pew and so on until all were appropriated. This caused parochial friction for it seems that two men did not get one.

W. T. Hall 1941 (With kind permission of Mrs R. Hall)

Stoke Golding WI - Craft and Produce Show



Once again it was time for members of the Bosworth Field Group WIs to hold their Craft and Produce Show. As always, competition was stiff, but Stoke Golding came a very creditable 3rd overall - missing out on second place by half a point.

Thanks must be given to all members who helped with producing some wonderful exhibits.

We had one 'superstar' - Hilary Smith - who walked away with 1st prize for her flower arrangement ... again! Well done to her and everyone else who took part.

The next show will be held at Stoke Golding in spring 2012.

Watch this space!

Jan Pettyfer



Hilary's winning arrangement.



Stoke Golding's display depicting 'The Herbalist'

Dadlington Matters

Dadlington Village - Pub Night

Dadlington Village Hall

Friday 12th November

5.30pm till chucking out time

Blind Wine Tasting

Pub Games

Raffle

Quiz

Ploughman's Platter

The "Heir of the Dog" opens its doors for one night only so the good people of the area and their friends can gather for an ale or twain and catch up on the gossip and the goings on.

A ploughman's platter of country fare is available as well as the usual range of snacks from the bar. Turn up for a swift pint or stay the whole evening.

Profits will be donated to local charities and we would welcome your nominations if you know of any particular deserving cause.

If you can help with a raffle prize or put in a shift as a bar steward, serving wench or raffle 'hassler' then please contact Graham Grimley on 213487.

Mobile Library - Timetable

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-
Thursdays 11th & 25th November

Dadlington 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.05 - 10.25am

Stoke Golding

Greenwood Road 10.30 - 10.45am

Sherwood Road 10.50 - 11.10am

The White Swan 11.15am - 11.40pm

Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm



For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565

email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk

What's On



St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School

Dates for your diary

PTA Christmas Fayre ~ Friday 3rd December, 6 – 8 pm

We appreciate there are a lot of people who missed the presence of the Summer Fete this year, due to a number of factors. However we are pleased to announce there will be one next year **Saturday 25th June 2011**. We would like this to be a whole community event, so if you are in an organisation in the village please start to think if you would like to be involved. More information will follow but we will also be looking for help to run the stalls from groups or individuals.

If you are interested please contact school : 01455 212393.

email: info@st-margarets.leics.sch.uk



Santa Fun Run at Bosworth Battlefield Centre

Saturday 4th December 2010 10:30 am

In support of Barnardo's and other Rotary charities

Market Bosworth Rotary Club is organising a festive fun run for you to get fit for Christmas! Starting and finishing at Bosworth Battlefield Centre you can choose to run 4 kilometres or 2 kilometres with Santa suits provided for every entrant. A traffic free off road route has been planned so that all ages can participate.

Entrance fee including Santa suit: £10 adults, £5 under 12s.

How to enter

To join in the fun run please apply for an entry form, e-mail:

mbrcfunrun@hotmail.co.uk

tel: 01455 293287.

We are looking for large local support in order to raise funds for Barnardo's. If you would like to help on the day or would be interested in joining your local Rotary Club we would be delighted to hear from you.

John Whitehead

Stoke Golding Heritage Group

The November Meeting will feature a talk by David Goldsmith on "Windmills". All budding 'Windy Millers' will enjoy this presentation with a difference. Come and see how windmills are constructed.

Starting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 18th November in the Baxter Hall. Non-members £2.50

What's On

Centre Stage Returns to the Village Hall



On Friday November 5th at Stoke Golding Village Hall, Vamos Theatre will present **Nursing Lives** – ‘a full-mask theatre production alive with visual inventiveness, evocative music and song, physical theatre and 1940s’ dance sequences’.

Nursing Lives originates from the true stories of nurses, doctors and patients at the former Worcester Royal Infirmary. The hospital has national significance, being the site where the British Medical Association was founded in 1834. At its heart, **Nursing Lives** is a human story that celebrates nurses at work and play during the years of World War II.

It is 1939 and Florence is a young trainee nurse thrown directly into the harsh realities of work on the ward. She encounters the wrath of Sister Martin, endures and enjoys the pranks of fellow nurses, falls in love with her soldier sweetheart, Johnny, and confronts the heart wrenching inequalities in the use of the new super drug, penicillin...will her dream of saving lives come true?

‘Nursing Lives is funny, poignant, uplifting and unforgettable’.

Venue: Stoke Golding Village Hall

Time: 7.30 for 8.00pm

Theatre style seating - no picnic baskets this time please!

Drinks will be available during the interval

Tickets: £7.00 each available from Alan White -Tel: 01455 212416
email: alanwhitesg@gmail.com

Stoke Golding Club

Monthly quiz will be held on Tuesday
November 9th at 8.30pm.
Quizzes will take place on the
second Tuesday of each month.

Barn Dance

Stoke Golding Village Hall

Saturday 20th November

7.30pm

Tickets £5 each

Tel 01455 212953 or 212489

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

Stoke Golding Village Hall

Management Committee

All profits to village hall refurbishment

Stoke Golding Village Hall - Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5th February 2011 - Centre Stage event ‘Opera Dudes’

Saturday 7th May - Gala Dance to celebrate the village hall’s 50th anniversary

Sunday 8th May - Stoke Golding’s Got Talent

More details about all these events in future issues of The Stoker.

What's On

Methodist Church - November

7th Nov 10.30am Rev'd Julie Minns
14th Nov 9.45am United at St Margaret's
21st Nov 10.30am Mr Colin Haddon
28th Nov 10.30am Deacon Philip Osborne

Events at the Methodist Church

Coffee Morning
for Church Funds
Saturday 6th November

Christmas Fayre
10am-2pm
Saturday 27th November

Cakes, jams and preserves
Books & fancy goods
Raffle & tombola
Coffee & light lunches

Raise the Roof for LOROS

A fun sing-along of popular musical classics for singers and non-singers of all standards. Don't be shy - give it a go!

Thursday 25th November
2.00pm – 3.30pm

Stoke Golding Village Hall

FREE admission – retiring collection

07742 576031
Wolrich@AOL.com

Zion Chapel Services

7th Nov M. Menzfeld

14th Nov J. Needham

21st Nov R. Cotton

28th Nov TBA

Services begin at 6pm
Sunday School at 11am



St Margaret's Church Snowman Festival 2010

Saturday 11th December
10am – 5pm

Concert and Carols on Sunday 12th December 3-4pm

Start making your Snowman soon – the best ones will win a prize.
More details will follow in the December Stoker



Tots Church

Last two Sundays in the month, starting Sunday 21st November
10.30am in the Baxter Hall.
Come and enjoy a Bible story, song and craft activity. We shall join everyone in church for the last 15 minutes of our hour together.
Contact Carolyn Patullo 01455 212167

St Margaret's Church Teddy Bear Jump



Thank you to everyone who came to the Teddy Bear Jump. 42 bears flew from the tower and it was very exciting for us all. The winners were Matthew (whose bear stayed in the air for 27 seconds), Anabel (whose bear flew the farthest) and Erin (whose bear was the best dressed and was on a motorbike). Thomas won the prize for counting there were 35 bears in the church and Erin's guess of 84 won her the sweets in the jar. 'Doctor' Elise was kept busy with injured bears but they soon recovered when their owners were given some sweets. We had lots of fun and raised £255.50 for church funds.

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church

7 th November	10.30am	Family Service
14 th November	9.45am	Remembrance Sunday. Family Service + Cemetery
21 st November	10.30am	Holy Communion
28 th November	10.30am	Morning Worship

Holy Communion at St. Margaret's every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

7 th November	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
14 th November	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
21 st November	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
28 th November	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer



Stoke Golding Remembers

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in Hinckley Road Cemetery, Stoke Golding on Sunday 14th November, to remember the brave men who died defending our country. A bugler will play the last post and there will be two minutes silence before reading out the names of soldiers from the village who died during the 1st & 2nd World Wars.

Everyone is welcome to come along to this service, which will start at 10.45am.



Message from the Rector at St Margaret's Church

Recently, at a service I attended at Leicester Cathedral, someone stood up to tell us about her volunteer pastoral work with the prisoners in Leicester Prison. She said "The men know that I don't condone what they've done, but they also know that I'm there for them, to listen to them and to help with their many problems when I can."

Prisons Week, which this year runs from 21st to 27th November, aims to encourage us to pray for, and raise awareness of, the needs of prisoners, their families, the victims of their crimes, the staff and volunteers who work in prisons and the criminal justice system. Life is not easy for any of them.

Earlier this year Leicester Prison Chaplaincy and the Mothers' Union launched a knitting campaign to make knitted teddies. They said, "Nearly everyday children come to the prison to visit their dads/ brothers/ uncles or granddads. The experience can be daunting. The knitted teddies will be given to the children to play with whilst in the Prison Visits Hall and to take home with them, to help them have positive memories of their day." The knitting patterns were (and still are) available in each of our Fenn Lanes Churches, and many of you rose to the challenge. We now have over 40 teddies to be delivered to the Mothers' Union Office.

The theme of this year's Prisons Week is 'Be with me' – words of compassion spoken by Jesus to the penitent thief as he hung on the cross: 'Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'" Luke 23.42-4

So I ask you, especially during Prisons Week, to remember the needs of this vulnerable, deeply needy community, as well as all those who care, and to include them in your prayers.

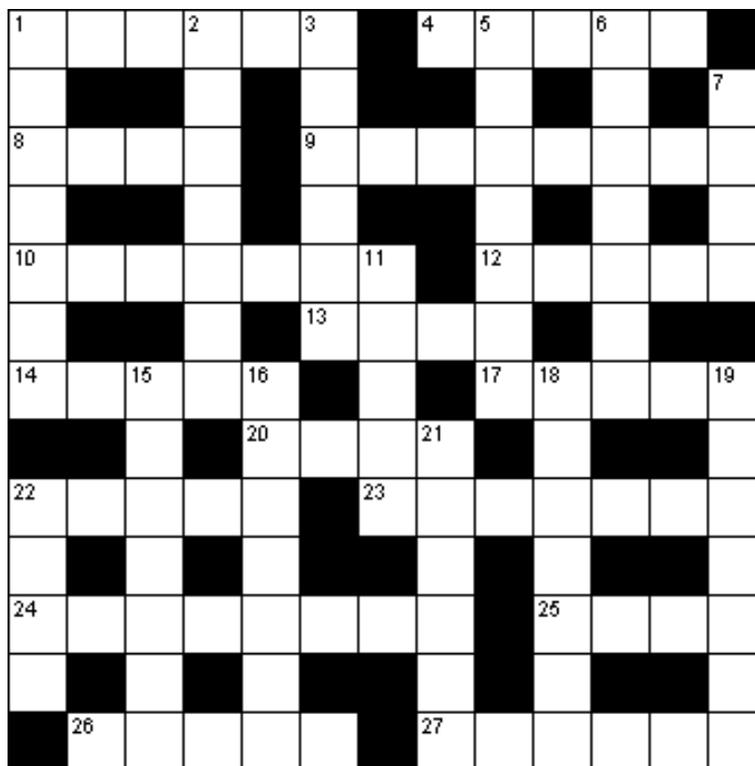
Wishing you all God's blessing,

Linda

St Margaret's Church Jam-jars Needed

We need more jars so that Jane can continue making her delicious jams and pickles for our fundraising events. Please leave them at the church door. We will be very grateful for them. Thank you

Crossword



Across

1. See 18D
4. See 18D
8. See 18D
9. Cold Spanish soup (8)
10. USA 'masked' marsupial (7)
12. Wasted time (5)
13. Ache (4)
14. Heavenly bodies (5)
17. Panache, elan (5)
20. Hands over money (4)
22. Prickly plants (5)
23. Local ways of speaking (7)
24. See 18D
25. Word in last but one line of Lord's prayer (4)
26. Break (5)
27. Seeds put on bread (6)

Down

1. Nautical depths (7)
2. Sideboard (7)
3. A pot, holder for chicken product (6)
5. Serviettes (7)
6. Within the village (7)
7. See 18D
11. See 18D
15. Salute with cheering (7)
16. Arachnids (7)
18. & 11D, 7D, 8A, 24A, 4A, 1A. Saying which tells what can be done with an ancient musical instrument. (5-2-4-1-4-4-6-2-3-6)
19. London area film studios (7)
21. Cakes served with jam and cream (6)
- 22 The Old Bill (slang) (4)

Answers on page 17

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE : 15th NOVEMBER
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.

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www.stokegolding.co.uk



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Mon. 7pm	Baxter Hall, Stoke Golding.
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Tues. 7.45pm	Baxter Hall, Stoke Golding.
Thurs. 11am	Sapcote Pavillion, Sapcote.
Fri. 1pm	Millenium Hall , Burbage.
Fri. 7pm	Sapcote Pavillion, Sapcote.

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Friday 6pm Sapcote Pavillion , Sapcote.

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Tel: 01455 446849

Stoke Golding Parish Council - September

Notes from the meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council - 1st September 2010.

County Cllr Ivan Ould explained that he had had feedback from some residents of Dadlington and Stoke Golding over the planning decision to develop houses at the Convent and reported that they felt their concerns would not be counted as part of the Core Housing Strategy for the Borough. He felt the draft site allocation had been rushed as he had not seen any housing needs analysis, and will consider writing 'under the freedom of information act' to ask for access to all the rural site allocation figures HBBC have, as there is a concern rural areas don't meet the sustainable criteria.

He confirmed he would be going to the Appeal Hearing on October 6th regarding the Composting Site at Fenny Drayton.

A Parish Councillor would be attending the **MIRA meeting** on Wednesday 8th September. The Parish Council reiterated they wished to make that meeting and the Appeal Hearing fully aware of the Parish Council's opposition to the Composting Site. The Parish Council's previous comments were to be forwarded with any additional remarks that may be of assistance to the Appeal to Leicestershire County Council.

A new **Dog Waste Collection** quotation had been received and it was agreed to go ahead with this new contractor.

The **closure of Parks Committee** is to be completed at October meeting.

Safety matting quotations for under the younger children's swings were circulated – further information and site visits are needed.

Quotations for **turfing and headstone repair work in the Hinckley Road**

Cemetery were distributed. The contract for the turfing was awarded to M W Smith. Further headstone memorial quotations are to be obtained. Following the Newsletter there had been several more responses for memorial repair. An up to date check on how many were still unsafe was now needed.

Maintenance Plans: It was reported the additional maintenance plan to cover the extra work at the Wykin Lane Cemetery had now been agreed upon and this would be added to the maintenance contract document.

Maintenance of the new footpath at the recreation ground also needs to be looked at in order to keep down the weeds, the hedge-line side of the path especially. In the meantime, it was recommended the hedge-line be sprayed, rotovated, levelled off and seeded.

Football Club: - The latest situation was reported upon – the Football Club are concerned about the state of the pitch. A meeting took place with the grounds contractor to rectify the cracks around the football pitch and to mark out for 2010/11 football season once dates are agreed with the Cricket Club.

Ground Fees – it had proved difficult to establish a contact at HBBC to clarify the correct fees but this will be pursued for the October meeting.

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(Parish Council Notes continued from page 16)

Village Hall: Details of the 'Nursing Lives' performance on Friday 5th November were given.

Signs – quotes obtained and suggested artwork was circulated to the meeting. An Information Board also being considered for outside the Hall. Support was given to purchase new chairs for the Committee Room and a table and new carpet discussed.

Wykin Lane Cemetery: Water installation – the meeting was informed that according to Severn Trent Water rules, for a new connection an application form needs completing and £123 fee required to obtain a quote for the work. A small water usage should only require a 25ml supply pipe costing anything from £500-£2000. A proposal was put forward to decide as to whether to have a supply of water whilst investigating other methods for supply. **Wild Area Interpretative Board** artwork was presented to the meeting and agreed by all. ROSPA suggested a risk assessment for the pond be undertaken. They provide advisory notes to help in this.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications: 54 Station Road – further application for extensions and alterations

Permissions granted: 54 Station Road – extension and alterations to dwelling Westview Cottage, 1A Arnold Road

Mar City development of the Convent Site: Letters have been sent to LCC Highways, Severn Trent, Mar City, HBBC Planning and Environment asking for meetings. Severn Trent is the only one that have responded as yet to agree to meet the Parish Council. A date to be arranged at everyone's mutual convenience.

Communications: Hedge bordering Hinckley Road Cemetery needs attention - Complaints of loud live music, 22/8/10, at George & Dragon – Parish Council to contact HBBC Environmental Department - Old Skate Board storage - Youth shelter storage - HBBC Tourism – website entry.

Next meeting – Village Hall Committee Room: Wednesday 1st December 2010 at 7pm

ACROSS
See 18D; 4. See at 18D; 8. See 18D; 9. Gazpacho; 10. Opossum; 12. Idle; 13.
Pain; 14. Stars; 17. Style; 20 pays; 22. Cacti; 22. Accents; 24. See 18D;
25. Ever; 26. Smash; 27. Sesame.
DOWN
1. Fathoms; 2. Dresser; 3. Eggcup; 5. Napkins; 6. Locally; 7. See 18D; 11. See
18D; 15. Acclaim; 16. Spiders; 18. There is many a good tune played on an old
fiddle; 19. Elstree; 21. Scones; 22. Cops.

Tales from the Internet

The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.' So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.



The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks.. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled. On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.' I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometimes. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.


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