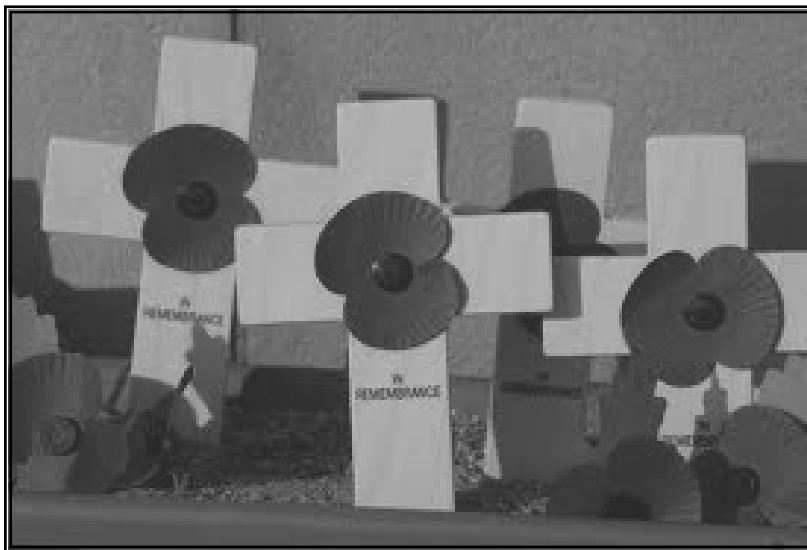


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Note from the Editors

We were delighted to read from the update on Thomas Hughes that he is doing so well (opposite page). It must be really satisfying for the group of hard working fund raisers to know that they

have made such a difference in his life. We often read about events and activities in The Stoker organised by local people who want to help others - in this issue we have news of the Stoke Golding Garden Show and StokeFest, both donating large sums of money to worthy causes.

It is the time of year when we remember members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in conflicts - you will find details of the Service of Remembrance at the cemetery on page 7.

Don't forget to email or send us your articles and news for the December/January combined issue.

Jane and Ruth

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Get Thomas to America - Update

3rd November marks the one year anniversary of the operation that has transformed Thomas' life. He is now a totally different little boy from the shy, quiet lad who went to America. Since coming back to the UK he has begun to shine. He is now a self confident, outgoing chatterbox who tries absolutely everything going. As he now no longer has to concentrate on his movement and discomfort his school work has improved dramatically and he is now catching up with his peers.

Thomas has physio three times a week and we work with him on his exercises four times a week. We have also made three visits to Perth, Scotland, to see a personal trainer, Mike Poole, who specialises in children who have had the Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) surgery. Mike's approach is inspirational and Thomas loves going up there. The results are quite simply breath-taking. Thomas had a few goals that he wished to achieve from the operation. He wanted to be able to stand still which he has never been able to do. He can now do this with his feet perfectly flat. He also wanted to be able to jump.



Thomas has never had any spring in his legs as the muscles were rigid. When we went to Perth in June we spent the whole time concentrating on getting some spring and strength into his legs and at the end of the course not only could Thomas jump, he could get himself about 4 inches off the floor, jump to the sides and forwards, and even play hopscotch. This has opened up a whole new world of possibilities. He has started running short distances; he very rarely falls now and always has a smile on his face.

Even though Cerebral Palsy is non-progressive the effects on the human body are. Adults with CP are more prone to joint problems earlier in life and the constant pulling of tight muscles can twist bones. At the time we went to America this operation was not available in the UK, but there are two hospitals in the UK who can now perform it. Unbelievably however, families in the UK are now struggling to get funding to have this life changing operation in the UK even though it is available at NHS facilities. There is a group of parents called Support4SDR who are trying to get this changed - a petition is available with more information at www.support4SDR.org and a series of marches are planned for 3rd November 2012.

We are eternally indebted to everyone who helped us to raise the money to change Thomas' life. All the people who donated money, attended events, donated items as prizes and had collection tins for us. A special thank you has to go to our dedicated team of fundraisers who gave up 6 months of their lives for Thomas. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

David Hughes (Thomas' Dad)

St Margaret's Teddy Bear Jump

It was lovely to see so many families with their teddies at the Teddy Jump. Although it was a cool day, and very windy, a fun time was had by all. Thank you to Roger, our launcher and rescuer, and also John and Arthur for all their help. Lots of teddies were blown into trees and onto the church roof this year. Thank you to Elise, our first aider, and to Charlie for bringing sweets for the children. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



Our winners were: The bear that flew the farthest and stayed in the air the longest - 1st Libby, 2nd Oliver. Best dressed bear - Alex. Best decorated parachute - Erin, (see photo). Sadie won guess the name of the bear, which was Gabriel.

Guess the number of sweets in the jar - there were 137- was won by Imogen. How many bears were in the church? - there were 35 - won by Sadie and Charlie who got it exactly right. Well done everyone and thank you all for coming.

Now we are looking forward to the Snowman Festival which will be on Saturday 15th December,. Please think about making a snowman and bringing it to display in church there are prizes for the best ones judged for by our many visitors.

Margaret Croxall



Update on the Convent Site from Stoke Golding Parish Council

As you will be aware houses are now being constructed on the site along the northern and eastern boundaries. This first phase consists of thirty houses being built under the auspices of the Raglan Homes Housing Association. This phase is scheduled to be completed by July 2013.

Drainage: The rain water drainage system should be completed within 4 to 6 weeks. Drains on the building site are in position and work will start on the twin pipe system. It is intended to begin the drains across the field from the stream end and then join up with the pipe work crossing the 'none' building area. The 'balancing pond' should not be very deep, nor is it expected to have water in on a regular basis.

Boundary Field Fencing: This will be the last item to be put in place once the drainage work is completed.

Play area: HBBC planning requirements have stipulated that the play area should be flat – this is the reason for the movement of the large amount of soil onto the unused allotment area at the moment.

Orchard: A number of people have expressed their disappointment at the number of older fruit trees that have been removed. The site manager explained that the housing development boundary was further back than had been originally understood and therefore more trees had had to be removed. No further trees should be removed.

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Update on the Convent Site, continued from page 4

Raglan Homes: Liaison continues with Raglan Homes regarding the land not being used for building. They are very supportive of the continued development of community assets on the land such as the allotments, woodland and orchard areas.

St Martin's Academy: The school is undertaking a project to survey fruit trees in the villages and to learn how to graft and grow on young fruit trees. If a 'community orchard' is planned it is hoped to possibly involve the young people in its development – although this is obviously well into the future.

Pauline Goodsell

Ragged Trousered Philanthropists at the Village Hall



What a treat! The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists came to the village hall and the performance was fantastic! The two-hander was performed by the fabulously named Fine Time Fontayne and Neil Gore, two very competent character actors who, between them played all the parts. The play was an adaptation of the 1914 novel by Robert Tressell, a searing indictment of capitalism and the extreme poverty of Edwardian England. The novel is a classic and this play did it justice. The protagonist, Frank Own explained to his workmates, all engaged on the renovation of a fine three storey house, how money itself was the root of their

poverty, since they were striving to earn it, only to spend it in the shops, owned by the wealthy few. Indeed, it is the workers themselves who are the "philanthropists" of the title since they throw themselves into back breaking work for meagre wages, which then generates profits for the bosses. The evening was fun and fast. And two lucky members of the audience even got a copy of the novel, as a reward for their participation. This travelling theatre company, Townsend Productions is well worth seeing. Look out for them.



Chris Taylor

Streets4All PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

As reported in last month's Stoker, we shall shortly be beginning a survey of approx 120 households to hear your views about implementing a 20mph default speed limit throughout Stoke Golding. We have spoken to the Parish Council and it is supportive of the survey and will listen to the views expressed by residents. So please, please have your say – it will literally take just a few minutes of your time. The surveys will be delivered during week commencing 29th Oct and we shall come door to door to collect questionnaires during the 2 weeks commencing 5th November.

We believe 20mph limits will make our streets safer and create a more pleasant environment for us and our children. We have additional information about 20mph limits including a number of FAQs on our blog <http://sgstreets.blogspot.co.uk>

Ruth Fisher, Brian Ninness & Alan White

20's Plenty



Where People Live

Opportunist Burglary?

At the last Parish Council meeting there was a brief discussion on suspicious activities in the village. This was reinforced when I went home after the meeting to be told by my wife, Sue, that about fifteen minutes before I returned somebody had tried and possibly opened the front door. The presence of the dog and Sue calling out had been sufficient deterrent so that the attempted break-in was not successful. We immediately phoned 101, the new non-emergency police number, to report what had happened. The information was recorded and passed on, and within half an hour we had the police dog unit and a response team checking out the area to see if they could find anything.

A couple of weeks later I attended a meeting where the local area police commander explained the restructuring that would occur next year in providing rural policing. He stressed the importance of reporting all suspicious events to the police so they could build up a picture of what potential or criminal activity there was in a particular area. So remember, use 101 for any non-emergency event. In effect you become an additional pair of eyes and ears for a service that is struggling to cope with reduced resources. Also, the Parish Council is trying to establish Neighbourhood Watch in the village. Please contact me on 212110 or Doug Mayes, 212952 for more information, or if you are interested in participating.

Roy Mitchell

Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

Stoke Golding Garden Show - September 2012

Fantastic Bumper Donation and Sponsorship Year benefits MacMillan!



This year, many local shows have been unable to run or have simply been cancelled due to the current financial climate coupled with the horrendous weather over the summer. Neither of these two factors has been conducive to a bumper harvest of produce but Stoke Golding and its supporters set out to challenge the trend... and succeeded!

The 82nd Annual Stoke Golding Garden Show turned out to be a fabulous fund raiser with lively, friendly banter and a cheerful atmosphere throughout. A determined competitive edge amongst the entrants was clear to see and the produce on display was once again bolstered by national growers rubbing shoulders with local enthusiasts ensuring the standards remain high.

The show organisers would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the local community, competitors, sponsors and judges for their superb support but would especially like to thank The Charity of Thomas Barton for their extremely generous financial contribution towards the running of the Show. Stoke Golding Club, and especially Helen, deserve a separate mention as without their support the show could simply not be staged as an annual event in the village calendar.

The committee has announced that £1500 will be donated to the MacMillan Cancer Support, clearly recognising the necessary support that this very worthy organisation provides. In addition the committee is also able to make a donation of £200 to Stoke Golding Cricket Club.

Mandy Spraggett, MacMillan Fundraising Manager for Coventry and North Warwickshire said :

"There are two million people living with cancer today; by 2030 there will be four million people living with cancer. We need to do more to help everyone affected by cancer and have the support they need from their local Macmillan team".

Tina Waters

**Remembrance Sunday Service
10.45am - Hinckley Road Cemetery**



'Celebrity Corner' – Jonathan Terry

Warnings of floods – gales at nearly hurricane force - reporters at Hebden Bridge waiting by the riverside – along with the anxious owners at their sandbagged doorsteps. I sit here at my small corner desk by the window watching the tops of trees being tossed and turned, dark clouds scurrying across the sky... and it's only the last week of September!

So what has this all got to do with my young farmer, my youngest 'Celebrity' Jonathan Terry – aged only seven? I think not only of this young man, but of all the farming community I live amongst now – after all those years living in the centre of London occupied by bankers, the media and the lively stall holders of the Portobello Road. The contrast here amazes **and** delights me! So - I was thinking of Jonathan this morning, getting up long before school time, to feed his chickens and his sheep. He bred his own 'Derbyshire Gritstone' Ram Lamb - named surprisingly –Jonathan, and beat his father for the first time this year at a show in Poynton Derbyshire, receiving not only one cup for his Champion Ram, but also a second, as a fine 'Handler'. Congratulations to this young budding farmer. I asked him what he wanted to do when he grew up. He was definite: *"I want to be a farmer, with my own tractor"*. He loves his primary school in Higham and wants to go to St. Martins when he's old enough, because they have a very good science unit. Science fascinates him. I learned so much from Jonathan and his father John, and look forward to visiting 'Oak Tree Farm', and meeting John's wife Sarah and little Roseanne aged four, also at Higham School ... and the animals of course.

John had been teaching Rural Studies for 25 years at Higham Lane School, as well as overseeing the School Farm. He retired in 2000 and started farming in 1989, buying just one field. Now along with Sarah, they have expanded the farm to over 34 acres. He's been showing sheep since 1979 even while he was teaching, and is the proud possessor of 1,500 rosettes, all displayed on the walls in the utility room. Apart from years of showing sheep, he's also in demand for judging in the UK and Ireland. He specialises in 'Kerry Hill' and 'Derbyshire Gritstone' breeds, and also has cockerels and 5,000 laying hens, and some arable. He told me that one of Jonathan's hens laid 102 eggs in 102 days – never missed a day – a champion hen? In conclusion he said of Jonathan *"He's got a stockman's eye" – he'll immediately notice if any of the animals need our attention"*. The words of a very proud father. Congratulations to you Jonathan – keep on with the good work!

Beth

Calling all community minded entrepreneurs



Did you know that at Stoke Golding Village Hall you can sew & upholster; keep fit with a circuit class or learn Pilates. Children can go to Cubs, Scouts and Beavers or attend dance lessons – you can even learn to ballroom dance. We have mums and tots and we had a badminton club. You can come and see professional music and theatre or you can book the village hall for your own private function. We hope in the summer we will have a playscheme for primary school

children. The village hall is run by volunteers as a charity for the benefit of the people of Stoke Golding and we are pretty proud of the hall and the user groups it hosts. The high utilisation means that we are financially very secure and can keep hire charges low.

But we want more ...

We have daytime availability on a Sunday and we are looking for imaginative community uses for the hall. We would be particularly interested to hear from anybody who would like to run activities for children. This could be sport based (e.g. table tennis or badminton) or how about radio controlled car racing or slot cars? Maybe there is somebody out there who could teach some street dancing. Could anybody run some arts and craft sessions perhaps? Maybe it could just be a drop in for young people.

Hire charges are as low as £5.50 an hour for community groups and we are even prepared to provide some financial help to get something worthwhile started. So come on – talk to your kids, see what they want and let's see if we can get something started.

Please contact Alan White – Village Hall Booking Clerk and Trustee -
01455 212416 alanwhitesg@gmail.com

Stoke Golding Village Hall Management Committee

Thank you...

Through *The Stoker* may I thank all who gave donations during the Harvest Services at St Margaret's Church?

The sums of £74.29 from the school services, and £52.00 from the Sunday Harvest Service, were passed on to Katie Shilladay for the needy children she met in Kenya. School donations of tins, packets, etc went to the Salvation Army in Hinckley for Christmas food parcels and for the *Food Bank*. Church donations of produce, fresh and tinned, were made to the Hinckley Homeless at Lawrence House. The house is full with 12 young people at the moment, and there is a waiting list of 16.

*Many, many thanks,
Carolyn Patullo*

Politics explained...

Britain has three main political parties. The Conservatives, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats. Each political party is funded by a sector of society who, in return for their benevolence, requires their political puppets to deliver a set of policies that will most benefit them.

The Conservatives are funded largely by businessmen who believe that any lackey, who refuses to strew rose petals in their path as a token of gratitude for being allowed to clean toilets for something approaching the minimum wage, should be shot. The Labour Party is funded by Trade Unions who believe that anyone who employs a man without giving him access to all he possesses should be shot. The Liberal Democrats are jointly funded by a few rich people with a social conscience and by the Nether Wallop Quilting Society.

A party is elected for a period of 5 years. During the first two years, the elected party is immune from any criticism because it can simply pass blame back to the previous incumbents who messed everything up. Years 3 and 4 are devoted to bringing in a range of proposals to appease their paymasters with scant regard as to whether it benefits the populace or not. Everything the ruling party do is perfectly correct and everything their opposition suggests is rubbish. During this period at least one of the governing party will be caught with his hand a) in the till or b) on some inappropriate part of a lady or man. The decent thing will be done until the hullabaloo dies down and he can be slid back into the back benches. In year 5 all austerity measures will be relaxed and a range of policies will be introduced, funded with money that we don't have, with the sole aim of influencing enough floating voters to get re-elected. If a party is, by some fluke, re-elected then the cycle will go from 5 to 10 years but follow the same pattern.

At the last election 65% of the population voted. Of these 36.1% voted Conservative, 29% voted Labour and 23% for the Liberal Democrats. The Liberal Democrats threw their lot in with the Conservatives to form a coalition. This is a course of action usually reserved for times when the country is in great peril so is, probably, quite appropriate. The second largest group of voters could best be described as the "can't be bothered to vote" party. This group always struggles with the methodology of being represented at Parliament. So, given that the Liberal Democrats have been given a few minor ministerial jobs where they can't do too much harm and in return make the tea at cabinet meetings, the fate of the nation is being driven by the Conservatives. If you do the maths, they are operating with a mandate from 23% of the total electorate.

This is called, parliamentary democracy.

The really staggering thing is that it is the envy of the world.



Fool on the Hill

News from St. Margaret's Primary School

25 Years' Service Award!

23.09.1987- Present Day



Glenis Smith has been at St Margaret's for 25 years and to celebrate she was presented with a certificate, cheque, cards and flowers by Head Teacher, Mrs Julie Wright in an assembly, followed by tea and cake with Staff and Governors.

Glenis started life at St Margaret's when she moved to the village. She first worked as a lunchtime supervisor, in those days called a dinner lady!

Whilst in this role Glenis did some casual hours as an ancillary assistant and loved it so much she applied for a post and got a part time contract of employment starting in October 1989.

She increased her hours to 23 in 1999 and gradually her role evolved into the one she has today, which is Senior Administrative Officer in our busy school office. Glenis knows where everything is and is known around school as 'The Oracle'. School just couldn't run without her!



Stoke Golding Mums and Tots

We are a friendly group of mums, dads, grandparents and carers and our little ones from 0-5 years. We meet every Thursday morning in the village hall for play, crafts, games and singing. And there's always a cuppa and a chat for the grown-ups.

As I write this we are busy planning our Halloween party. We'll be making spiders, hunting for pumpkins and decorating cookies, all in fancy dress of course! Pictures are sure to follow...

Sarah organised a great social night for us (without the tots!) at the Mango Tree Indian Restaurant. Super food and fun company! We're planning a January pick-me-up after the festive season, so watch this space.

Kate Warner



Church Matters

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church

4 th November	10.30am	All Age Service
11 th November	9.45am	All Age Service + Cemetery Remembrance Service
18 th November	10.30am	Holy Communion Tots' Church
25 th November	10.30am	Morning Worship Tots' Church

Holy Communion every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

4 th November	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
11 th November	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
18 th November	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
25 th November	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

Tots' Church

St Margaret's Tots' Church for 0-7 year olds meets on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month in the Baxter Hall, opposite the church, from 10:30 to 11:15am for a bible story, crafts and songs.

All are welcome.

The Methodist Church November Services

Starting at 10.30am

4th Nov	Rev. Julie Minns
11th Nov	Remembrance Sunday 9.45am at St Margaret's Church
18th Nov	Mrs Hilary Fenby
25th Nov	Deacon Philip Osborne

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

Zion Chapel Services - November starting at 6pm Sunday School at 11am

4th Nov	Gordon Malpass
11th Nov	John Needham
18th Nov	Richard Cotton
25th Nov	Mark Menzfeld

Methodist Church November Events

Coffee Morning
Saturday 3rd November

10-11.30am

for Church Funds

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 24th November



10am – 2pm

Home made cakes & preserves,
books & bric-a-brac,
raffle & tombola,
Coffee & light lunches

What's On

Heritage Group Programme

November is the month when the country pays tribute to the servicemen who gave their lives for their country in two World Wars. However there are many others who give their lives for their country both as civilians and in the services in conflicts since the Second World War. The National Arboretum was created to provide a suitable memorial to people who fall in this category. A representative from the National Arboretum will be giving a talk on the 15th November at 7.30pm in the Baxter Hall about the work and role of this establishment.

Roy Mitchell

Santa Fun Run / Walk

Sunday 2nd December, starting 10am and 10.30am
Market Bosworth Park

If you are interested in taking part in either the **2km** or **5km Santa Fun Run**, on 2nd December, please get in touch. We are expecting a large number of 'Santas' to take part in this fun event and you can join them! No roads are involved as the route is all within Bosworth Park. The spirit of the event is 'taking part' not 'winning' so you can run, jog or walk! Wheelchair entrants are also welcome.

Accompanied and supervised children can take part, in either the 5k or specially arranged shorter run, so why not get the whole family involved?

The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Market Bosworth and a **Santa suit is included in the £10 adult, £5 child entry fee for participants.**

See: www.dashinthepark.co.uk, or just turn up on the day.

Dadlington Book Club

Recent books have been Clare Boylam's 'Emma Brown', a Victorian style novel based on fragments of two chapters of a planned but unfinished book by Charlotte Bronte, 'Black Robe' by Brian Moore and 'The Riddle of the Sands' by Erskine Childers (No.37 on The Observer greatest books of the last 300 years!)

Next meeting 7:30pm, Thursday Nov 29th to discuss 'The Garden of Evening Mists' by Tan Twan Eng (Shortlisted for this year's Booker Prize). New members welcome.

Contact John Whitehead 01455 213244.

Dadlington Matters

FAKE THACKRAY

The songs of the late Jake Thackray
as performed by John Watterson
Supported by local folk group 'The Shambles'
Dadlington Village Hall
Saturday 10th November
Bar and light refreshments
Admission by advance ticket only

Tickets, £8.00 available from Graham Grimley - 213487



The Dadlington Christmas Cracker

Friday 7th December 7.00pm

Dadlington Village Hall

If you do one party this Christmas then make sure it's this one.

Tickets £7.00 to include a hot supper

Tel: Graham (213487) or John (212292)



A Bit of a Boogie in

Dadlington Village Hall

Friday 2nd November (40s Theme)

and

Saturday 1st December

Christmas Dance

Mixed dancing - Ballroom, Rock & Roll, Line,
Party Dances etc

8pm - 11pm, Tickets £3.50

Please bring a plate of food for the buffet table and your own drinks

More info: Tel 212189 - Glenis & Phil

Stoke Fest Presentation Evening

Stoke Fest Presentation Evening was held at the Club on 29th September when cheques for £1000 each were given to the Leicester Animal Aid, Wishes 4 Kids, Air Ambulance and the Village Hall by Pete Anderson, lead singer with Talon.

The evening was a great success with live music from Men in Black and Zaney J (unfortunately Ginger Spice cancelled at the last minute). We held an auction which raised an incredible £639, and Bear Golding*, who has raised over £1000 for local charities, has now gone to live at Spinneybank Farm Shop for a year, thanks to their generous donation. Due to the success of the night the committee has decided to donate a further £1000, and this will be split between the various charities.

We would like to thank the Club for allowing us to host the event, and the bands for giving up their time for free – Zaney J will be appearing at the Club on New Year's Eve for those who enjoyed the music!

We are now taking a well earned rest from organising for a couple of months, but will start preparations for Stoke Fest 2013 in the New Year – if you would like to be involved in whatever way then please get in touch - contact@stoke-fest.co.uk or phone 212132

Once again, many thanks for all your support!

Stoke Golding Music Festival Committee

* Bear Golding is a huge teddy bear that gets auctioned every year at the Club - people pay to give him a home for 12 months and then return him to auction again.



Steve Smithers accepted a cheque on behalf of Stoke Golding Village Hall.

Bob Wins Gold!

Many congratulations to Bob White of Crown Hill Close on being presented with a special golden gym card from Hinckley Leisure Centre. Bob, who celebrated his 90th birthday on 8th October, won't have to pay for the gym for a year. He goes at least once a week and was thrilled to receive the present. He uses the treadmill, the rowing machine and even does weights.

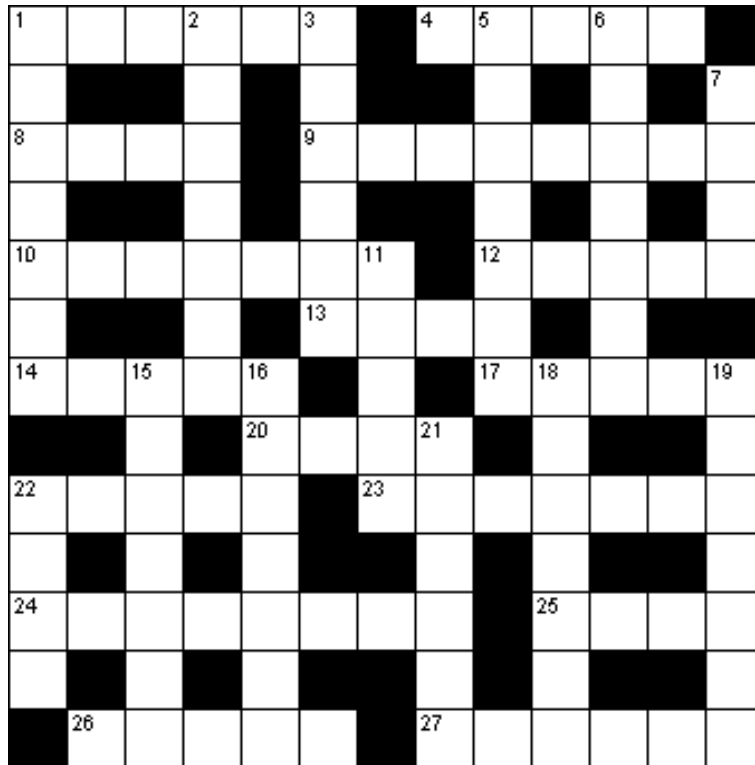
He can also be seen walking in and around the village every day and, in the two years he and his wife Pat have lived here, has probably got to know more local people than most of us.

Let's hope we are all as fit and well as Bob when we reach the grand age of 90!

Ruth Fisher



Down



Across

1. A 9A seen in the sky(6)
4. Usual appearance of dynamite(5)
8. What your fingers would be if your pen leaked(4)
9. Bonfire party device(8)
10. Refuses to notice(7)
12. Rockets head for the *****.(5)
13. Reflection of sound(4)
14. Norwegian composer(5)
17. Common name for 5th November Bonfire *****(5)
20. A grassland homestead(4)
22. Where 9A was invented(5)
23. They attend if a bonfire gets out of control(7)
24. Hand held 9A(8)
25. Stratford River(4)
26. Banquet(5)
27. Wirelesses(6)

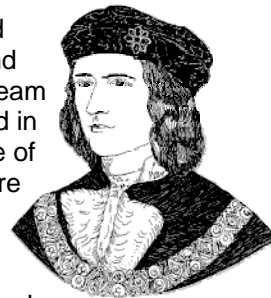
Down

1. Lifting up(7)
2. Lock aperture in door(7)
3. Bonfire treat made with treacle.(6)
5. What gunpowder plotters were charged with.(7)
6. Preparing hot food(7)
7. Footwear for gliding over snow.(4)
11. Neckwear if cold.(5)
15. Copy someone else.(7)
16. Initial and surname of gunpowder plotter.(1&6)
18. Celtic country(7)
19. People who pay rent.(7)
21. Glass, reflecting surface.(6)
22. Wooden barrel.(4)

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The Search for Richard III

The University of Leicester archaeological team has revealed historic findings of a skeleton with apparent battle wounds and curvature of the spine in their excavations in Leicester. The team has been searching for the remains of King Richard III, buried in the city following his defeat near to our village after the battle of Bosworth Field. In a press conference, it was announced there is strong circumstantial evidence that the human remains discovered at the Grey Friars site could be the remains of the lost King Richard III.



The University of Leicester has been leading the archaeological search for the burial place of Richard III with Leicester City Council, in association with the Richard III Society. The dig has yielded dramatic findings of human remains which the University will now subject to rigorous laboratory tests and DNA comparison with a descendant of King Richard's sister.

The official press statement outlines five significant aspects of the remains, which have been carefully exhumed and are now in a secret location:

1. The remains – a fully articulated skeleton – appear to be of an adult male.
2. The skeleton was found in what is believed to be the choir of the church, the area reported in the historical record as the burial place of King Richard III.
3. The back of the skull appears to have suffered a significant injury consistent with a blow from a bladed implement.
4. A barbed iron arrowhead was found between vertebrae of the upper back.
5. The skeleton has spinal abnormalities - probably severe scoliosis, which would have made the right shoulder appear higher than the left. The skeleton does not have kyphosis – ie. the man did not have the feature sometimes inappropriately known as a 'hunchback'.

A second set of human remains (disarticulated, female) was found in what is believed to be the presbytery.

The University said that any remains would need to be subjected to rigorous laboratory analysis before they could confirm the outcome of the search for Richard III. The focus has now shifted from the archaeological excavation to laboratory analysis. This skeleton certainly has characteristics that warrant extensive further detailed examination.

Denis Cash



Two soldiers guarding the site where the bones were found



OBITUARIES



Irene Grace Wigley

Irene, late of Dadlington, sadly passed away on Wednesday 26th September aged 78 years. Irene was a teacher at Mount Grace High School in the late 1950s and 60s and at St Mary's Primary School from 1974 to 1992. She was the much loved mum of Anne, Sarah and Deborah, grandma of Henry, Joe, Sam and Jasmine, and wife of Patrick. Her funeral service was held at St Mary's Parish Church, Hinckley, prior to burial in Wykin Lane Cemetery Stoke Golding. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made for St Mary's Church of England Primary School (Drama Fund) c/o Wilf Smith and Son, Funeral Director, Mill Road, Ullesthorpe, Leics. LE17 5DE.

Theresia Williams

We are sad to report that Theresia of Sherwood Road passed away peacefully at home on 24th September aged 94 years. She was buried in Hinckley Road Cemetery with her late husband Percy Williams.

Our sincere condolences go to the families and friends of those mentioned.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding and Dadlington on Thurs 8th & 22nd Nov.

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 - 11.40am
 Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm



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Across. 1. Rocket, 4. Stick, 8. Inky, 9. Firework, 10. Ignores, 12. Skies, 13. Echo, 14. Grieg, 17. Night, 20. Farm, 22. China, 23. Firemen, 24. Sparkler, 25. Avon, 26. Feast, 27. Radios.
 Down. 1. Raising, 2. Keyhole, 3. Toffee, 5. Treason, 6. Cooking, 7. Skis, 11. Scarf, 15. Imitate, 16. G.Fawkes, 18. Ireland, 19. Tenants, 21. Mirror, 22. Cask.



SPOTLIGHT on... 'SEW and SEWs'

I joined the 'Sew and Sews' craft group on one of their weekly Thursday afternoons at the Methodist Church Hall. By 1.55pm there were 15 people busily sorting out their individual activities while menu leaflets were being handed out for the forthcoming Christmas meal at Ashfields. There was a buzz! Everyone was looking forward to the event.

By 2.10pm 20 people had arrived. I found everyone very welcoming as I went round and talked to them about their group, their craftwork and their feelings about the sessions.

The group began in 1996 and it is still as popular as ever with ladies bringing their own crafts to work on, willing to share expertise, and some were learning completely new skills. Occasionally people are asked to come and demonstrate interesting craft activities.

A number of ladies said that the getting-together, the chats and the support given are an integral part of the success of the group. Some people come every week – some now and then.

In the relaxing atmosphere I saw members working on knitting, crochet, patchwork, cross-stitch, doll-making and tapestry, giving and receiving encouragement from each other. Beading, quilling, silk-painting, card-making and flower-pounding* had also been recent activities for some of the group.

Eileen and Jean, who organise the group, brought photo albums showing displays of their work over the years. You have only to look at past editions of The Stoker to see the results of some of their skilled work... remember the celebration wall-hanging that's in Baxter Hall?...and the brilliant snowmen for the Snowmen Festivals?

I came away feeling pumped up with enthusiasm about the group, with ideas for future Stoker articles and with eagerness to give flower-pounding* a go! Thank you, ladies.

* Can you guess what this is? *Flower/leaf sprays are held on linen by covering with masking tape and then pounded all over with a mallet. This releases colours and shapes that can be embellished with embroidery to create pictures.*

Rosemary Collier



The Sew and Sews display at the Methodist Church Hall in June.

Stoke Golding Parish Council - September 2012 Meeting

Matters arising from August's meeting:

106 money (Mar City Development) - The Parish Council to ask for clarification from HBBC on how the 106 money from the Convent Site development would be allocated for the benefit of the existing Recreational Ground. What would the total be and how would this be portioned out?

Telephone Kiosk – Councillors agreed that the kiosk should stay as a working telephone serving the village.

Reports of Council Representatives:

Village Hall - now has cavity wall and roof insulation. Trim Trail upgrade - quote obtained for a future project.

Fencing installation – quotes awaited, further contractors to be approached.

Paved area around swings – quotes awaited for removing slabs and reurfing.

Maintenance of Cemeteries/Football Pitch

Weed killer overspray around trees – maintenance contractor has been informed that this is not acceptable.

Damage to memorial in Wykin Lane Cemetery – Clerk to write to maintenance contractor re care to be taken when working around memorials.

Marking of football pitches and associated costs to be clarified with maintenance contractor.

Playground inspection: Trim Trail becoming worn - Grounds-man to remove unsafe logs.

Planning Application Matters:

New Application:

Pumping Station, Station Road - Severn Trent Water Ltd – erection of a kiosk.

Permission granted:

34, Wykin Lane – work to 5 trees and removal of horse chestnut. 27, Andrew Close - extension and alterations to dwelling. 16, Wykin Lane Stoke Golding - extension and alterations to dwelling and creation of vehicular access.

Public meeting July 7th - action / prices / works

- Storm water drain from The Goldings into the rec– quote discussed - on site meeting with contractor to discuss requirements.
- Pathway – quote for repair discussed and work to be carried out.
- Hinckley Road Cemetery - excess soil - maintenance contractor to be asked to remove soil as soon as possible.
- Football wall on rec – extra grass matting requirement - maintenance contractor to quote for fitting.
- Restoration of ironwork to wall of Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- Tidying up of flower beds in Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- Small piece of land at end of Thornfield Ave and Arnold Road needs attention - further quotes to be obtained.
- Dog fouling – CCTV to be investigated further.
- Jitty – overgrown weeds, hedges and trees – Highways to set up a proper programme.

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- Young Children's Play Area fencing – installation quotes awaited.

Pine Close - Residents have expressed their dissatisfaction regarding the poor condition of the road at the end of Pine Close. Parish Council to write to BT, the Doctor's Surgery and Mr P Mayne to ascertain if an agreement can be reached to resolve this matter.

Stoke Fest - Following a complaint about noise from Stoke Fest going on late into the evening, it was confirmed that it finished at 10.40pm - well within the permitted finish time. The Parish Council agreed that Stoke Fest should continue. Clerk to write to the organisers thanking them for doing a good job.

Remembrance Sunday - Councillors discussed the condition of cemetery in readiness for the Service. Clerk to write to Mick Cooper to thank him for tidying the rose bed.

To appoint a Trustee of the Charity of Thomas Barton - Gillian Groom is willing to stand as a Trustee to The Charity of Thomas Barton. All Councillors agreed to her appointment.

Any Other Business

Letter from Dominican Sisters Charitable Trust regarding street naming on the Convent Site. Clerk to write to St Martin's Convent Trustees stating that the Parish Council has been approached by several parishioners regarding the site's street naming. There is strong feeling in the village to have some recognition of the convent's history in the naming of a new road.

A **full copy of the minutes** of meetings can be read/obtained at the Post Office or on the village website www.stokegolding.co.uk

Next Meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 7pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Road Naming on Convent Site – Update

The Parish Council has heard from the Convent Trustees again, regarding the naming of the new road on the Convent Site. It would appear that there was an earlier misunderstanding about making any connection to the Convent in the naming of the road. At present **no** decision has been made, but the matter will be discussed at November's Parish Council meeting.

Stoke Golding Parish Council

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Bird News



I spent the latter part of September and early October in Northern Italy within close proximity of Lago Maggiore – I have stayed with the same people several times over a period of fifteen years. I must say gallivanting about at this time of the year was absolutely ideal, the sun offering somewhat perfect heat without being the least bit oppressive. Walking along the footpaths in the beautiful woodlands proved to be something of a sensation.

Birds that were abundant in the actual woods included green woodpecker, greater spotted woodpecker, nuthatch, marsh tit and jay. Occasionally I came across lesser spotted woodpecker, pied flycatcher and common redstart. The open, flatter area of land with large expanses of short grass, plantations of maize and thickets comprising various shrubs, produced a number of species including several black redstart and whinchat, red-backed shrike, whitethroat, lesser whitethroat, chiffchaff, wheatear, common redstart, buzzard, kestrel, sparrowhawk, pied and spotted flycatcher.

As in Scotland, the hooded crow replaces the carrion crow at this altitude and occasionally one does get a glimpse of a goshawk.

As regards to Stoke Golding, on 6th. September I noted a hobby above the field at the bottom of the rec. In typical fashion it was flying at great speed and as such vanished in seconds somewhere in the direction of Barwell.

David Abbott

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