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Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors



Thanks to everyone who contacted either us or Denis Cash about the old football photograph in last month's Stoker - everyone has now been identified, so that is fantastic.

I am delighted to have the chance to join the Stoker production team. The Stoker is a shining example of what a local magazine can be, i.e. it is crammed with a wide range of articles, some serious, some humorous yet all informative and interesting.

Many of the contributions showcase the wonderful and worthy events that take place in the two villages, evidencing the willingness of the residents to work together to achieve successful outcomes.

Please keep sending in your stories, articles and photos.

Steve

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Cover picture: Stoke Golding Football Club Under 7's Team

Celebrations

Congratulations to Paul and Liz Gosling who were married on Saturday 6th September at St James' Church, Dadlington. The bride was accompanied by her father, three bridesmaids and pageboy Roy, Liz and Paul's son. The church was packed with family, friends and neighbours. Many more turned out to wish them well as the groom drove his bride in their splendidly decorated red tractor to the reception at Barwell Indoor Bowls Club.



Oldest Athlete Award

Congratulations to Bob White from Crown Hill Close for receiving a nomination for an award at the recent Leicestershire and Rutland Oldest Athlete Celebration.

Bob was nominated by Everyone Active at Hinckley Leisure Centre for the Physical Activity Award. Now aged 92, he has been spending an hour and a half at the Leisure Centre gym every week since he and his wife Pat moved to Stoke Golding five years ago.

Apologies

Apologies to Bob Mayne, featured in Beth's Corner last month, for referring to him as Fred. We are very sorry to have made this mistake.

Correspondence



An open letter to the villagers of Dadlington and Stoke Golding:

I wanted to write to express our gratitude to the people of Dadlington and Stoke Golding for their unfaltering support recently during the illness and after the death of my late father, David Fielden. I have never before experienced emotional support and physical effort on this scale and still it continues.

Cards and letters were delivered, visitors were frequent, flowers were bought and arranged, tables were set out, teas, coffees and drinks were poured, cakes were baked, washing up was done, hugs were given, kind words were spoken, the service was arranged, flags were lowered, the cannon was fired, toasts were made, my Dad was talked about and cleaning up was shared. You made this difficult time so very much easier to bear.

I and my family have been so deeply touched by the incredible community spirit where people are so kind, so thoughtful and so happy to help. You should be truly proud of your unique community. It really is one in a million and a very, very special place; home to very special people.

Words cannot really communicate my sentiment, but I'll start with "Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts."

Mark, Kate, Henry & Serena Walker



Dear Editors

May I through the pages of The Stoker thank the wonderful friends of Dadlington and Stoke Golding who helped before, during and after the funeral of my husband David. The number of beautiful cakes baked, delivered and eaten was monumental.

There are far too many helpers to mention individually but to those who helped with setting up tables and chairs, fetching and carrying, running the bar, serving teas and clearing up afterwards, my family and I are eternally grateful.

We are very lucky to live in such wonderfully caring villages and I cannot emphasise enough how much comfort it was to me to know that David and I had so many friends and that the support was there, and continues, at the time I really needed it.

Yours sincerely
Caroline Fielden



I'm just popping in to say a big Thank You to Paul for opening the shop again. It's bright and cheery and on hand for all those last minute things you suddenly need. I do hope everyone in the village supports this venture so that it lasts for years to come. It is great to be able to walk to the shop instead of getting the car out and travelling all the way to Morrisons!

Pauline Edwards

Joy Says a Big Thank You

England International and Stoke Golding champion skeet shooter, Joy Hiron, has had a truly tremendous year and wants to thank all the people in the village and surrounding area who have supported and helped her achieve her success. Joy's shooting is all self-funded and to shoot at international level requires a lot of funding and she is immensely grateful to everyone who has helped her.

Thank you to

- ◇ Keith and Caroline Roberts, Chris and Joy Alstead and Pete and Rosemary Underwood for their very generous financial contributions.
- ◇ Keith and Caroline Roberts for supplying Joy with all her official England shooting clothing.
Chris Swift of Swifts Uniforms in Hinckley for supplying Joy with her official England Team dress uniform.
- ◇ Terry Bailiss at The Three Horseshoes pub for brandy after each successful competition (That's a lot of brandy!!).
- ◇ Jane White and "The Stoker" for continuing to turn out a quality village magazine and never failing to include Joy's reports.
- ◇ All the people of Stoke Golding and Dadlington for all their toots and waves and moral support.

Finally a second special mention must go to Pete Underwood, Stoke Golding's very own sea captain, who not only persuaded Stena Line to carry Joy, the car and all her equipment, including the gun, over to Belfast to shoot for England at the Home International free of charge but he also captained the ship both there and back. It was

fantastic to see him at work and his hospitality and that of his crew were second to none. Pete was so proud of Joy's achievement he had some pictures taken on the bridge of his ship, so there was a Stoke Golding connection right through. Thank you to everyone.

Rob Hiron



PRECIOUS WWI MEDAL FOUND



What started off as a normal day for a Burbage metal detector Glen Hancox, turned out to be a very extraordinary one for a Dadlington family. Glen was using his metal detecting kit in Dadlington, in fields towards Rogues' Lane, with the permission of the owners, farmers, Linda and Philip Gosling, when he heard a positive 'bleep' from his machine. A few minutes of digging saw him see the glint of silver which proved to be a British war Medal from WWI minus its ribbon clasp. Cleaned up, it revealed on its edge the words Cpl. 22440 W.P. Haines - Leics Regt. This find was handed to Philip and Linda, who passed it on to the writer for further investigation. After a search of various records the Voters' Records for 1935 revealed that a William Palmer Haines was a Stoke Golding resident and also was registered as being at The White House, Stoke Road, Hinckley. Further enquiries of the older members of the community revealed that the surviving member of his family was Mrs Mary Mayne of Stapleton Lane, Dadlington, whose father proved to be the elusive William Palmer Haines. Linda was able to return the medal to an astounded and delighted Mary, who told us that William was born in 1881 and died in 1978 aged 97. So, how did the medal find its way onto the land near the bridle way on Philip and Linda's farm? Well, it appears that in the years after WWI, The Lodge, which stood where the Convent was later built, was owned by a Robert H. Robertson, a local J.P. and business man and he owned much of the surrounding land, and at that time W.P. Haines was employed by Mr Robertson and helped farm all the land adjacent to the bridle path. Perhaps he carried his medal with him in remembrance of all his pals and fellow soldiers who did not return and 'lay in foreign fields'. He must have been devastated when he discovered his loss, which would remain hidden until the very day of the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in which he fought. The truly amazing aspect of this find was that the day before the medal was found Mary had been visited by her family, one of whom had asked her "What became of grandad's medals?" She replied that she did not know. Now, the most precious of her father's medals is back where it should be, thanks to the honesty of a metal detector, and the generosity of Linda and Philip.

Denis Cash

For King and Country

Stoke Golding historian, Denis Cash, has produced a well-researched, delightful biography of all the men remembered on the War Memorial in Stoke Golding and those remembered in Dadlington Church.

This has been published by the Charity of Thomas Barton and has been available during the past year. Proceeds have been donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal and have already raised the sum of £540 which, with an additional £135 from Gift Aid has resulted in the magnificent sum of £675. The British Legion is extremely grateful for this and are so impressed with the booklet they have requested a copy for their museum.

The booklet will now be re - released with proceeds for the benefit of Help 4 Heroes, who have also expressed great interest in the booklet and have requested a copy for their archives.

This fascinating publication will be available in the Post Office, Sehmbi Stores, the George and Dragon and the Dog and Hedgehog. A minimum donation of £2.50 is suggested.

If you do not have a copy please buy one. It is for a great cause, very interesting and well worth it.

Paul Spokes



In Remembrance

That terrible conflict a century ago
What sadness it left in its wake.
Middle aged and young, they went off to fight
So bravely for loved ones, and their Country's sake.

Sorrowing mothers of sons, husbands, sweethearts and brothers
Many just boys on the threshold of life
They said goodbye with hope in their hearts
Their lives cut short in that terrible strife

On Flander's fields, where countless bodies had lain
Hosts of red poppies sprang up and grew
A solemn, symbolic reminder of the blood that had flowed
Red petals gently fluttering down, sprinkled with a morning dew

We will remember always
The high price these brave men had paid
That we are able to live our lives in peace
Memories that must never fade.

Peggy Holmes

The Fool on the Hill

And the crowd goes wild.....

All right, I admit it, I play golf. More specifically I play golf infrequently, badly and more often than not, alone. This is not because of some unfortunate hygiene issues or a lack of willing volunteers. It is simply because all other golfists will insist on wanting to keep score which, apart from the obvious embarrassment of a number that can easily be confused with the national debt, is pointless. Who on earth, other than the person you are playing with, is remotely interested? The point to me is to enjoy an open air pastime and escape from the competitive obsessions that infect every other area of our lives.

The sad truth is that no one seems to play sport anymore for the sheer pleasure of the game itself. My formative rugby playing years were spent with a local team who had a fixture list with other clubs and we played a number of games in the season and someone in the club may have recorded the outcome of these fixtures in a book somewhere. No leagues, no cup competitions, no tables of merit, we just played because we enjoyed playing rugby. We did have an annual award for the most cigarettes smoked during a game, but I digress. I don't think that I could accurately recall the score in any of the several hundred games that I played in. Mind you these days I struggle to remember what I had for breakfast.

Football presents a more extreme example. When I were a lad, football boots were universally dung brown with leather studs that had nails in them, unlike today's offerings which just look like pink slippers. If you tried to hoof the leather footballs of days gone by in those you would have reduced the bones in your feet to the consistency of talcum powder. The line-up formation was 5 forwards, 3 half backs, 2 full backs and a goalie. The object was to use the whole pitch and score more goals than the other lot. It has now got so competitive that the objective is to score one goal and then throw up the sort of defensive barrier not seen since Hitler was last having a go at Stalingrad. At International and top league level you can excuse this type of unsporting behaviour because the rewards are enough to make even Bernie Ecclestone envious. But in the Rawtensall South under nines league, sponsored by Cattermole's Crematorium Supplies, it just smacks of a wasted childhood. Where are the fun and the exuberance of youth finding expression in a game analysed to death for the purposes of winning some plastic trophy from B & M?

In the world of rugby the Barbarians offer a glimmer of hope, being an invitation side who play infrequently for the sheer fun of it. Last time I saw them 50,000 folk at Twickenham were treated to a spectacular display of uninhibited running rugby.

I have no idea what the score was.



Stoke Golding Football Club

With 110 children from 4 years to 14 years, Stoke Golding FC is one of the most popular clubs in Leicestershire. Nearly half of the children come from Stoke Golding with the remainder coming from various towns and villages throughout Leicestershire.

The football club is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, many are parents of players, who have a passion for football and the development of the children. You will find us most Saturdays training at St Martins school from 9:30am and matches on a Sunday at the Recreation Ground in the village and at St Martins School.

There were two major highlights last season. The first was our U10 squad; not only did they win the league but they also won the Fair Play Award voted for by all the teams in the league. The second was a training day at the Ricoh Arena. The committee organised a training session on the pitch with full use of the facilities at the stadium. It was an amazing experience for players, parents and coaches. We hope to arrange a similar event at the end of this season to say a big 'thank you' to the players and coaches for their dedication and hard work during the season.

We as a committee are committed to ensuring the players and coaches have use of the best possible facilities and equipment available. This of course requires funding. Not only do we have exciting new sponsors this season such as Dainese, macpcguys.co.uk, Beltupp and the hotel collection we also organise a number of events at the Stoke Golding Social Club that is open to all. The ever popular Comedy Nights held every November and March are always a sell out with over 150 people descending on the Social Club for a night of comedy from top UK and international comedians.

Our website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/stokegoldingfc/> is constantly being updated by the committee and coaches with all that is happening at the club. You will also find details of all the events organised by the club. Get involved and be part of your local football club, we are always looking for volunteers...

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club

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Dadlington Matters

A VERY BIG THANKYOU FROM MACMILLAN

The Dadlington Macmillan coffee morning held in September raised the amazing total of £1,016.46 and was greatly enjoyed by villagers, friends and families. A big thank-you goes to all those who supported in any way – the cake makers for their scrumptious offerings, people who donated lovely prizes and items for sale and the local companies who contributed some wonderful raffle prizes. A special thanks go to all the helpers without whom, we would not have been able to raise such a large amount to support this worthwhile cause and also all the people who came along and made this a very pleasant social occasion. A letter of thanks has been received from Macmillan and is displayed in the village hall. What a result! Thanks to you all.

Bea and Graham Grimley

King Richard III



The route for the cortege which will transport the remains of King Richard III for re-interment at Leicester Cathedral has been announced.

From Fenn Lane Farm, the cortege will travel to **Dadlington** and pause for a short service adjacent to the church, in the early afternoon. Following this, it is intended to further mark this historic occasion by holding an event for villagers and friends on The Green.

Planning is ongoing; your Parish Council will keep everybody updated and welcomes ideas and suggestions. Contact Simon Rees - Jones on 212538 or email simon.reesjones@gmail.com.

Please mark the date in your diary - Sunday March 22nd 2015

Dadlington Village Hall on Saturday November 15th

Pictures of Old Dadlington
7pm for 7.30pm start

£5:00 to include snacks

Gig News - The Company ***From an interview with Kieran Dawson***

The Company consists of Kieran (vocals and guitar), Michael Baker (Bass), Matt Sanders (lead guitarist) and Rory Vickers (Drums).



The band formed 12 months ago and all met at KEGS school in Nuneaton. They have an impressive musical background as they all have GCSE in music and Matt, Michael and Kieran all have A levels in Music Technology. Michael is currently starting a music technology course at Birmingham Uni, a career subject which Kieran hopes to follow next year. Matt is

embarking on a degree in engineering at Nottingham and tends to provide the theoretical base for the group's music. Music technology is less to do with theory and more to do with adapting sound. Due to university commitments it is hard for the group to get together to practise which they have been doing weekly locally. They have a variety of musical influences from Blag Flag and Nirvana to Ska Acts such as The Skints and The Specials , Prog (Progressive Rock) Artists like Dream Theater, to Johnny Cash.

Their influences provide the base for their punk rock type of music as well as other styles. What is impressive is that the group members Kieran and Matt write all the group's songs.

Despite the relatively short life span of the group they have performed at relatively major gigs such as the Shed in Leicester, Karn's in Hinckley and Queen's Hall in Nuneaton.

The group have re-invested their income in new recording equipment as well as a previous grant from the local Stoke Golding Boy's Charity.

Their success of " The Company" can be measured in the Gigs they are playing and the fact that they have 2,000 listeners following them on line and 200-300 likes on Facebook. The future for the group is that they want to record and release CD's in the next couple of months.

Kieran personally would like to pursue a career with the " The Company" professionally and is obviously passionate about the band. But if not then " The Company" will continue playing together in the future.

I wish Kieran and the other group members every success.

Jennifer Michie

www.facebook.com/thecompanybanduk

www.soundcloud.com/the-company-band-2

@TheCoBand on twitter

Yarn Bombing at St Martin's Catholic Academy

Stoke Golding residents may have wondered what some of our trees were doing with woolly jumpers! Yarn Bombing is a craft craze, a type of new graffiti which aims to make this traditional art form more contemporary. Knitted or crocheted pieces are used to decorate objects, from bike racks and pavement cracks to buses and monuments.

As part of last year's Saint Martin's 50th Anniversary '50 Events', we set ourselves the challenge of teaching at least 50 members of our community to knit or crochet. Our yarn creations then were joined together to create a large tree cosy to celebrate our special year.

The challenge initially began with a small group of Year 7 students attending a



Craft Club lead by Hinckley and Bosworth Cultural Services. Together they produced several 'Granny Squares' for our creation. The baton was then passed to 9 More, as Mrs Higham's Tutor Group, who cast on 50 sets of knitting needles. Some of this group took the challenge further and continued to produce their own squares or scarves. After an Assembly to explain the idea, the school began to buzz with enthusiasm. Many students joined our lunchtime 'Knit & Natter' Club, "pic-knitting" outside and enjoying the sunshine, whilst others learnt the skill during Form Assembly time or took their needles home.

A huge thank you to everyone last year who took part in this community challenge, from donations of wool and needles to the time given to create and submit pieces for our Yarn Creation. I think you will agree the final piece is striking.

Rachel Trotman

FENNS FOLK

Everyone is Welcome to come to Fenny Drayton Church on Thursday, 20th November at 7.30pm to learn about our local specialist Cheesemakers from Upton village just a couple of miles away. David Clarke of the Leicestershire Handmade Cheese Company, who has made Sparkenhoe Red Leicester a local success story is coming along to tell us more about the farm, the cheesemaking process, and hopefully there may be samples! If you need more info, please ring Jan on 01827 717999.

Stoke Golding Misses out on King Richard III Procession

Stoke Golding Parish Council has written to the project manager of the Richard III Project to express its disappointment that the procession carrying the remains of King Richard III will not pass through Stoke Golding.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email setting out the decision of the Leicester Cathedral Quarter Partnership Board to exclude Stoke Golding from the procession route for the re-interment of King Richard III.

The community of Stoke Golding, as all others, welcomed the discovery of Richard III remains. The village cemetery was even offered as a last resting place for the King. The community has always had a keen interest in the history of the Battle of Bosworth and is, as you state, known as the 'The Birthplace of the Tudor Dynasty'. However, this does not mean that any side has been taken, as inferred by some. Although Henry was the victor of the battle, he chose to reconcile the two factions by marrying Richard's niece, Elizabeth of York. Hence, the Tudor Rose is often referred to as the 'Union Rose'. So it would seem sad that people were still talking about sides all these years later. Stoke Golding Parish Council was, therefore, disappointed in the decision not to take the procession through Stoke Golding. We still consider that the people of Leicestershire should be working together to make this event accessible to all those who want to participate. We will, therefore, be happy to attend any future meetings and look forward to assisting the project in any way we can.

Theresa Case
Clerk to Stoke Golding Parish Council

Stoke Golding Parish Council Welcome Talks with Morris Homes

An invitation was received by Reg Ward to meet with Morris Homes in his role as Borough Councillor. The following is the reply to this invitation, sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

Borough Councillor Reg Ward would like to acknowledge your invitation to meet with Morris Homes, to offer comment on the Reserved Matters Application. Councillor Ward would like to thank you for this invitation, but does not consider it fitting to be involved in discussions with Morris Homes, as this may compromise his position as Chairman of Stoke Golding Parish Council. However, members of the Parish Council, as representatives of the community of Stoke Golding, would welcome any invitation by Morris Homes to discuss the details of the Reserved Matters Application. Stoke Golding Parish Council wish it to be noted that any consultation with them, on behalf of the community, will be taking place much later in the proceedings than is considered appropriate. Nevertheless, future consultation would be beneficial to all parties.

Theresa Case - Parish Clerk

NB: Reserved Matters involves access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale that has not been detailed in the original planning application. Ed

Conservation Woodland next to New Cemetery

Yet another year goes by and we see the trees that were planted by the community in the cemetery woodland, beginning to mature. Silver birch have done their job as nursery trees encouraging tree growth from those around, the hazel are reaching for the sky and require coppicing to encourage upward space for the slower growing trees such as oak and ash and in turn these trees need to have their crowns lifted. Primary maintenance work is being planned by Dave Marriott and Chris Pegg, and will take place over the autumn/ winter period (dates yet to be arranged). We will continue on from similar excellent work undertaken with us, last year, by a local volunteer group. The work will create branches and small logs to build dens. A date for this has yet to be set as it is weather dependant.

Last year incredible work was done clearing up the brashings and sawn off timber leaving woodpiles for insects and small mammals to do their work. The National Trust are reminding us that outside is a healthy place to be to get away from our favourite electronic gadgetry and what can be better than letting children climb trees, roll down hills and make dens. Well sadly we can't encourage tree climbing as the trees are far from sturdy at present but it would be great to see families come to help with clearing up and enjoying building a den outside the woodland. We support the National Trust's 50 things to do before you are 11 & 3/4 s in principle, but sadly we can't allow (as happened recently) complete free range within the Cemetery Woodland, to cut trees and make dens, without first contacting the Parish Council. There is a danger that the woodland could become damaged by indiscriminate actions particularly to trees we wish to allow to 'grow on'. So we feel it would be a better idea if we designated an area adjacent to or just within the woodland, where families could be invited to come and help us clear up the cut branches, brashings, logs and other timber, and then make a den if they wished. We want to encourage children and families to become involved in the outdoors and nature conservation, and to enjoy looking after the wilder areas around them.

If you are interested in helping and even den building then please contact me on 01455 212110 and look out for a date in November/early December, and the early New Year.

Sue Mitchell

Date Change: The 85th Stoke Golding Garden Show will now be held on Saturday 5th September 2015 and not Saturday 29th August as was stated in the previous edition of the Stoker. SGGS Committee apologies for any inconvenience.

We went on a bear hunt..... (well not really)



1st Stoke Golding Scout Group consisting of 42 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts went to Foxes Coverts for a sleepover on 27th September for 1 night. We did see some wildlife consisting of a fox and mini beasts ie daddy long legs in the girls' toilets but no bears. The Beavers slept in the hut, the Cubs slept outside in tents and the scouts in handmade shelters of various sizes and descriptions.

We had a great time, dry weather, games, toasted marshmallows by the bonfire, chips and DVD and breakfast before going home. Some got more sleep than others but everyone enjoyed the experience! Thanks to Erin and Sammy's Dad, Harry and Toby's Dad and Gracie's Dad for helping out and enabling us to take so many of the pack with us.



Jennifer Michie

£1,000 Donation to Wishes for Kids



A cheque for £1,000 was recently presented by the Stoke Golding Garden Show to Russell Brickett from the Wishes4Kids charity. This fantastic amount was raised at the annual garden show and auction.

Left to right: John Moran, Russell Brickett (Wishes4Kids), Phil Burgess (SGGS Chairperson)

What's On



“WE NEED YOU”

PLEASE COME TO THE DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 'WEBSTER COLLECTION' AT THE BAXTER HALL ON SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER FROM 10AM TO 4PM. HELP US TO IDENTIFY VILLAGE PEOPLE FROM 1930 TO THE PRESENT DAY.
ADMISSION FREE.



StokeArts @thevillagehall

THEATRE with Northanger Abbey.

Two performers, seven puppets and a vintage trunk.

A heartwarming love story with genuine laugh-out-loud humour and dark, melodramatic gothic, ignites the imagination and brings out Jane Austin's wit!

**Not to be missed. Sat 22 Nov 8pm
Contact Alan 212416 for tickets £8**

Methodist Church Christmas Fair

**Saturday November
22nd
10am - 2pm**

**Cakes and Preserves
Cards, Books & Bric a Brac
Raffle and Tombola
Coffee and Light Lunches**

White Swan Bonfire Evening

Guy Fawkes Night will be celebrated at The White Swan on Saturday 1st November, (or 7th November if bad weather forces postponement). Gates open at 6.00 pm, bonfire lit at 7.00 and firework display at 7.30.

Admission is £4.00 adults, £2.00 children, under 4's free. Pay on the door or tickets from the pub.



What's On



Stoke Golding Festival Lights Switch On

Thursday 4th December
Gates open at 6.30pm
Lights Switch on at 7pm

Carol Singing and Brass Band
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Come and Meet Santa

In the grounds of Park House

Everyone Welcome

Stoke Golding Football Club Third Funhouse Comedy Tour Night *Friday 21st November*

Featuring 3 excellent comedians and
a covers band.

Doors open 6.45pm for 7.10pm start
ticket only entry - £10 per ticket

Available from Stoke Club or Jason
on 07865 076209 /

jashickmad@hotmail.com

Over 16s only

Baptist Chapel Carol Service

21st December at 6pm



Seasonal Refreshments

Everyone Welcome

St Margaret's Snowman Festival



Saturday 6^h December
10am - 5pm

Make, paint or sew a snowman.

**Prizes for the best snowman as
judged by our visitors.**

Atherstone Choral Society WW1 Commemoration Concert

1st November 7pm at
All Saints Church, Bedworth
Kay Alexander Reads Poetry
Choir performance of the Iron Man by
Carl Jenkins

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)
01827 713079 or 02476 346860

St Margaret's Christingle Service



Sunday 7th December
3pm - 4pm

Everything is provided to make your
own Christingle whatever your age.

We hope you will join us

More details in December's Stoker

From St Margaret's Church



Notes for November

In archaic English a 'member' was an arm or a leg. We retain that idea in the act of 'dismembering' – amputating an arm or a leg. It seems that St. Paul was the first person to coin the idea of a 'member' being an individual person who was part of a larger 'body'. He used this in the most pronounced way when he wrote about the Body of Christ – we, individually, being 'members' of that body.

November is a 'remembering' month. 1st November is All Saints Day when we recall the heroes and heroines of our faith. 3rd November is All Souls Day when the Church particularly remembers 'those whom we love but see no longer'. Fittingly, this year, in between those two days on 2nd November the Fenn Lanes benefice hosts a special service in Higham Church at 4.00pm where we 'remember' those close to us and light a candle in their memory.

On the 5th November we 'remember' the gunpowder plot with fireworks and bonfires. On the 11th November we mark Armistice Day – with Remembrance Sunday two days earlier. In 2014 these dates will have a particular poignancy as we mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the first World War.

And of course each Sunday at Holy Communion we say the words of Jesus: Do this in 'remembrance' of me. We are a remembering people.

Returning to where we began: of course 'remembering' is recalling, bringing something past into the present. But in case we think that this is an individual, perhaps a lonely thing to do, think of where the word came from – 'remembering', the opposite of dismembering, is putting back together, that is, members coming together again – making a body of people.

Through the whole month of November we are 'remembering' – but 'remember', it is a corporate activity as well as a personal one.

Alan Davis
Retired Archdeacon



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

"Cherish the past, protect the future"



SGHG Meeting Baxter Hall 7.30pm November 20th

The Story of the Unknown Warrior. This year is the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. A whole generation of young men of many nationalities gave their lives for their respective countries. Following the cessation of hostilities the British Government recognised that there had to be a lasting national memorial to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This resulted in an unidentified soldier being buried at Westminster Abbey. Dr John Sutton will be giving an illustrated talk on this topic. Please join us for this talk given to commemorate this special year.

Church Matters

Church of England November 2014 Services St Margaret's Church St. James's Church

2nd	10.30am	All Age Service
9th	9.45 am	Remembrance Sunday plus Cemetery Holy Communion
16th	10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	10.30am	Morning Worship
30th	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
2nd	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
9th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion with Remembrance
16th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
23rd	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
30th	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley

Zion Baptist Chapel November 2014 Services

2nd	6pm	Richard Cotton
9th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
16th	6pm	John Needham
23rd	6pm	Mr Steven Conner
30th	6pm	Mr M Welch

The Methodist Church November 2014 Services

2nd	10.30am	Rev. Wes Hampton
9th	9.45 am	United at St Margarets Remembrance Sunday
16th	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon
23rd	10.30am	Mrs Joan Ledson
30th	10.30am	Mrs Pat Starbuck

Big & Small Church

St. Margaret's Big & Small Church
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BETH'S CORNER

The decision to ask Bob Quinney to be the subject for this month's 'Stoker' was unanimous. Have you picked up his small booklet **'Three Yeoman of Stoke Golding'**, which includes Bob's father? It's a 'must' especially for those, like Bob, born, schooled and lived here most of your lives. It's also something to be passed on to the next generation to read, about the men from this village who served in The Leicestershire Yeomanry.

Bob is now the third Quinney I've met through these pages, and each story adds so much history to the annals of village life. He was the youngest of eight, and he and his twin brother are the sole survivors of the family. They all went to the village school, first to the schoolhouse opposite St. Margaret's, and then to the Baxter Hall. Bob left school at fifteen "*with no qualifications, but able to identify just about every British bird, butterfly, animal, tree and flower*" - *'My free time was spent exploring the countryside, working with my father on his allotments, garden, and accompanying him on shooting and ferreting expeditions for food on the table'*. One of the earliest events he remembers was being lifted up to the bedroom window in Wykin Lane to see Coventry on fire (1940). Another story was when his Dad, a railwayman, secretly told his children to come down to the village station at a specific time to see a very special passenger who would be travelling through. It was His Majesty King George VI on the Royal Train. (I wonder where he was going?) After school Bob joined the local Co-op. His job was to cycle through the village and into Dadlington, Shenton and Higham, on Mondays and Wednesdays, collecting the orders for the delivery van, and also collecting the money. His mother gave him a big leather handbag to carry it in!

His two years National Service at 18 was spent living in tents in the deserts of Aqaba with the 10th Royal Hussars. On their journey home it took them six weeks in searing summer sun on the ocean, as they were turned back at the Suez Canal. They had to go all the way back to Mombasa, until they were able to sail up the Suez again. Docking at Liverpool they were de-mobbed at Tidworth. *'Guess what the first thing was I did back in the village Beth?' 'Stop for a drink - perhaps Bob?' 'You're right, I nipped into The George & Dragon and had a pint of Ind Coope XXX bitter with Kim and Edna.'*

After National service, he continued his education (part time) at Hinckley Technical College, eventually completing an Honours Degree in Law and Diplomas in Management & Marketing. These have been the basis of his success. His career has taken him all over the UK, as well as to Russia, the Baltic States and Kazakhstan where he was awarded an Honorary Life Professorship at Karaganda University. After 55 years, Bob retired at 70 as a senior tutor on the Business Masters Degree Programme at Loughborough University.

Gardening is one of his major hobbies. I admire the beauty of the photos he brought, particularly one featured in "Brilliant Gardens" by Candida Lycett Green. At 77 he still finds time for making walking sticks, and has a collection of around 200. I saw the photos of them as proof. His memories are vivid: 'Picnics on the Yellow Steppe in Kazakhstan – Vast emptiness and beauty of the Siberian Plateau in winter' –and so many more if we only had the space. You'll need to write it up yourself Bob. For now, my best wishes to you and Ann in Dadlington.

Beth

Stoke Golding Under 5s



Well it's been another busy month at our under 5's group. I would like to thank everyone that supported us eat cake for Macmillan we raised £71.00. There will be some spooky fun coming up shortly and lots of sparkles as we approach bonfire night. Please come and join us every Thursday morning 10am until 11.30am at the village hall.

Heather Adlam

Autumn Bird News

After several hours of birding, I eventually come across a family party of four hobby falcon in flight, the adults almost certainly being the returning pair from last year. My appetite had been wetted by the occasional sighting of single birds near Bradshaw Farm along the Stapleton Lane. Indeed the farmer, Chris Dickinson, mentioned that agitated swallows around the farm had drawn his attention to the species. Also he mentioned the amazing news that pied wagtails had successfully raised broods of young in tractors that were actually in use.

Just some distance from the farm, together with a couple of fellow birders, I encountered both a redstart in the taller hedgerows and a whinchat in shorter ones with ditches - both birds of course typically on passage. Also we were extremely pleased to encounter some sizable flocks of yellow hammer.

I'm sure a number of persons must have noted the flock of almost 1000 starlings on the wires at Oak Tree Farm near Higham.

Please note that the British Birds September issue features primarily: Rare breeding birds in the United Kingdom 2014. For hobby, in Leicestershire and Rutland, it reads;

0 Confirmed breeding pairs/ 22 total pairs. Most are seen around the larger expanses of water in the evenings, like for instance, the major reservoirs where they hunt dragonflies.

Please keep up to date with some excellent local birding by visiting Bob the Birder via google.

David Abbott

Stoke Golding WI

Our speaker at the October meeting was Penny Hodgson who had been in charge of the small library in Ascot for a few years. The library was endowed by a local benefactress in 1890 and came with a 4 bedroom flat for the librarian. When it was opened it had 6,500 books, almost enough for a book each for everyone living in the village. They held classes in cookery, bent iron work and sketching and there was a smoking room for men with chess, draughts and dominoes. Borrowers paid a few pence to use the library, which was open to men and women. By 1933, when electric lighting was put in, the book stock had risen to 10,000 books. Nowadays the library is run by Berkshire library service and has been incorporated within the new grandstand at Ascot.

Penny was there in the early seventies and described some of the colourful characters she met in the course of her work. As a new resident of the village in 1972, Rod Stewart rolled up in his white Lamborghini and joined the library. However, his first visit proved to be his last. A more frequent visitor looking for help with her crosswords was a lady by the name of Dorothea Duff, who in the twenties and thirties, had travelled to Tibet, learnt to fly, raced cars at Brooklands and had signed on as a crew member on a ship returning from Australia. (She would have been an interesting person for Beth to interview!)

The next meeting on November 12th is the Annual meeting starting at 7.15, followed by a presentation of Concordia Theatre costumes by Janet Rowe. Visitors will be very welcome.

Anne Fullager



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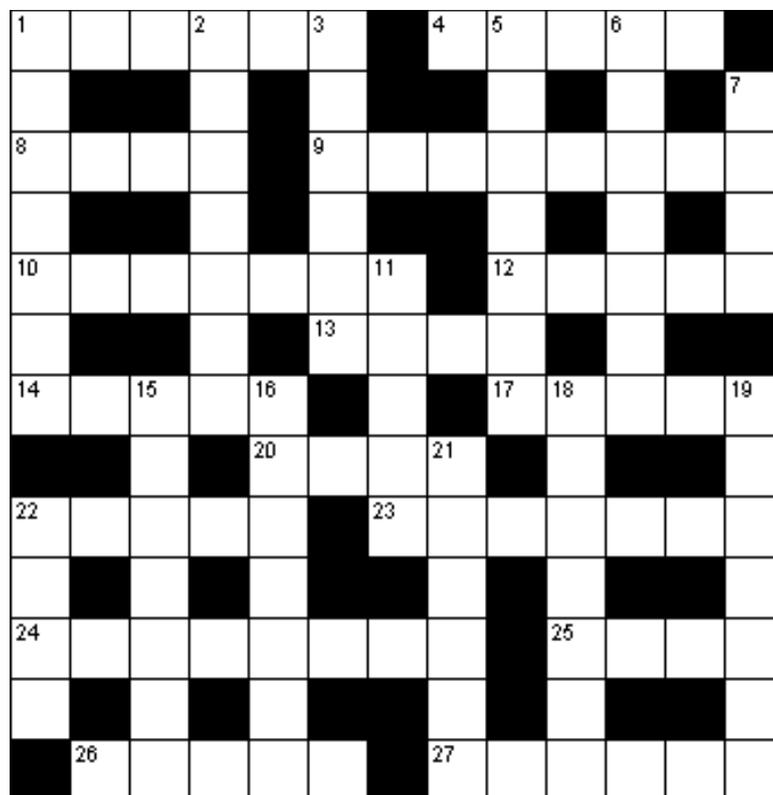
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Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 & 25 Place where Brits & Germans played Xmas football (2-4-4)
- 4 & 24 What men were given to join up (5-8)
- 8 Queen Mary gave these to WWI troops (4)
- 9 See 13 A
- 10 See 13A
- 12 Carries out orders (5)
- 13 & 10 & 9 Poster slogan telling men to join up (4-7-5-3)
- 14 Night time activity (5)
- 17 String ingredient (5)
- 20 Your mother's sister (4)
- 22 Remembrance flower (5)
- 23 Chippings/ stones (7)
- 24 See 4A
- 25 See 1A
- 26 Take on a child not yours (5)
- 27 A teddy is this (6)

DOWN

- 1. These had slogans on in the WWI (7)
- 2 The time in which a person is away (7)
- 3 Soldier on guard at a gate (6)
- 5 No outside (7)
- 6 Springs that spout steam and water (7)
- 7 They shoot bullets (4)
- 11 Youthful (5)
- 15 State of your bin after refuse men have been (7)
- 16 Wage receipt (7)
- 18 Man disabled by war injury (7)
- 19 11.11.1918 was this of the WWI (4-3)
- 21 Sad / mournful (6)
- 22 The days gone by (4)

Answers on page 26

Parish Council Notes - September 2014

Nyasha from the Community Engagement Team of Leicestershire Youth Offending gave a presentation about the services they provide to give youth a voice in the community and promote activities to help prevent anti-social behaviour. The team will be working in our area shortly and will inform us when public consultation or school visits are to take place.

Matters arising from August's Meeting

Crime Report for August - Cllr Ward reported that the Hinckley Road Cemetery kissing gate has been stolen.

Remembrance Sunday - additional arrangements for the service at the memorial were discussed. It is hoped that Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will lay a homemade wreath for every name that is read out. The Parish Council will provide a second wreath to honour those villagers who fought in WW1 and survived.

Netball Post - prices for pole mounted netball ring were considered and siting of a pole was discussed. It was agreed that a wall mounted ring should be purchased.

106 Monies - the current report shows a maintenance grant of £678.40 for the gym equipment which will be claimed to cover the cost of annual safety inspections.

Councillors' Reports:

Ground work at Hinckley Road Cemetery commenced on 11th September - dark grey blocks were chosen for around the memorial.

A meeting of the grants committee for 'Sport in Stoke Golding' took place on 9th September at St Martin's Academy. Proposed works at the pavilion were discussed.

Planning Applications:

a) New Applications:

St Martin's Catholic Academy - erection of boundary fence.

27 Station Road - trimming of maple tree.

b) Permission granted:

St Martin's Catholic Academy - erection of three mobile classrooms.

44 Station Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling.

Land off Little Meadow Farm - erection of agricultural building.

The Stables - demolition of stables/outbuildings with extension to stables for change of use to B8 storage.

Morris Homes

On 19th August outline access for this development was approved. The Parish Council agreed to formulate a letter to the planning inspectors to question why the Core Strategy had been ignored.

Cemetery Railings - replacement

Prices have been received for this project, but only one company could complete the work prior to Remembrance Day. Additional quotes should be obtained, and for the kissing gate with a view to replacing it at the same time.

Requests for use of football pitches

A request had been received from Stoke Golding Youth Football Club. It will be invoiced for use of the pitch and pavilion, as required by the league and in line with HBBC's pricing structure.

Barwell Sue Area Action Plan

This has now been published and has ignored all the highway issues raised at the Highways meeting in April.

Bennett Close Wildflower Meadow

Cllr Fisher proposed creating a small wildflower meadow on the open space at Bennett Close. Working with David Goodsell, costings have been assessed and neighbouring residents have been consulted. An initial budget of £400 was agreed.

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council

A drain at the Village Hall has been unblocked.

The noticeboard at the conservation area has been repaired at a cost of £85.

Any Other Business

Some residents had felt intimidated by persistent ex-offenders doing door-to-door selling in the village - Clerk to inform the police.

Is the mobile library still in operation?

Trees and shrubs were overhanging the rec perimeter path and a dead tree needed to be removed at Hinckley Road Cemetery.

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th November at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall



Obituaries



GERALDINE WRIGHT nee CLIFFORD.

Geraldine passed peacefully away in Leicester Royal Infirmary, on 27th September 2014 aged 82 years. Beloved wife of the late Tom, and beloved sister of Rex, Roger and the late Barbara and a dearly loved auntie. The funeral service was held at Stoke Golding Methodist Chapel on Monday 20th October, followed by interment in Hinckley Road Cemetery Stoke Golding. There were family flowers only with donations in lieu, if so desired, in memory of Geraldine payable to Stoke Golding Methodist Chapel c/o G. Seller & Co Ltd. Funeral Directors, 75 Upper Bond Street. Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1RH.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 19)

Across 1 & 25 No mans land, 4 & 24 Kings shilling, 8 Tins, 9 see 13A, 10 see 13A, 12 Obeys, 13A & 10A & 9A Your country needs you, 14 Sleep, 17 Sisal, 20 Aunt, 22 Poppy, 23 Gravels, 24 see 4A, 25 see 1A, 26 Adopt, 27 Cuddly.

DOWN 1 Notices, 2 Absence, 3 Sentry, 5 Indoors, 6 Geysers, 7 Guns, 11 Young, 15 Emptied, 16 Payslip, 18 Invalid, 19 Last day, 21 Tragic, 22 Past.

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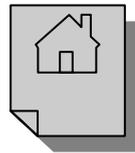
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