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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Note from the Editors

Jane



It is really heartening to see how local residents have supported the 'Get Thomas to America' campaign. We look forward to finding out how Thomas is progressing after his operation on 3rd November.

We noticed the word 'Christmas' appearing a few times in this month's Stoker - surely it can't be that time of year already? Apparently Christmas cakes should be made by now so they have chance to mature. Talking of maturing - how many tell-tale signs of age are you showing (page 21)? We both reckon we can tick off a fair few! Remember to send us details of your events and activities for the next double issue of the Stoker (covering December and January)

Jane & Ruth

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Open Day at Crown Hill Farm

More than £600 for the 'Get Thomas to America' fund was raised when Crown Hill Farm opened its gates to the public in September. Members of Stoke Golding Heritage Group were on hand to share their knowledge of events surrounding the Battle of Bosworth and representatives from Bosworth Battlefield demonstrated a 'Bill Drill' – a mediaeval soldiering practice.



Thomas Gets To America

We would like to say a massive thank-you to everyone who has supported us in our quest to make life better for our son Thomas. We have reached our first milestone of £40,000 for America and are nearly there for the after-care too. We couldn't have done it without you all.

We have been totally overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by so many people. We would love to mention everyone individually but the list would be so long that we would fill the entire Stoker. Our family, friends and fellow villagers have been amazing.

We leave for America on the 28th October and meet the wonderful Dr. Park on the 30th October. All being well, Thomas will have his first operation on the 3rd November. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We will endeavour to let you know how he is progressing. We will be updating his website and Facebook group 'Get Thomas to America' from the U.S.A.

Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts!

David, Kate, Emily, Thomas & Amelia

St Margaret's Church Teddy Bear Jump



Thank you to everyone who came and helped or supported us. The weather was brilliant, the food was delicious and the company was great.

Although some of the 63 bears who jumped went into trees or onto the roof, Roger our launcher and rescuer was able to reunite them with their owners.



Elise, our 'doctor' had lots of bears to give hugs and plasters to and of course their owners were given sweets as a treat.



The following people were winners:
 The bear that flew the farthest: - Freya
 The bear that stayed in the air the longest: Imogen
 Best dressed bear: Lucy
 Best decorated parachute: Erin and Sam
 Name the bear was won by Lynne - the bear's name was Petunia
 Fran won the sweets in the jar - 118
 Amelia and Erin won the prize for how many bears in church - they counted 42 and there were 46.
 A fantastic £647.66 was raised for Thomas.
 Well done to you all and thank you so much.

Thomas brought his own teddy and parachute along with his sister and dad.

Margaret Croxall

Raffle Winners at the Teddy Bear Jump

Nicky Twedde	Cat cookie jar
Val's sister	Wine
Carolyn Patullo	Biscuits
Caroline Fielding	Tin of sweets
Val	Haribo selection

Correspondence



Thank you ...

Peter and Penny Baker would like to say thank you to all their friends in the village for the much appreciated support, good wishes, cards and presents during Penny's recent illness. Thank you all very much.

Peter and Penny



With reference to the mystery person who continues to let their dog mess on a daily basis on the pavement outside the cemetery on Hinckley Road. The culprit needs to be named and shamed because it is making it bad for all the responsible dog owners, myself included, who regularly walk their dog along that route and are being looked upon as possible culprits, when we are entirely innocent.

I cannot believe that someone can be so irresponsible, especially when there is a dog bin right next to the cemetery. It is always right in the middle of the pavement and I am sure there will have been one or two unsuspecting toddlers who have ended up walking in it and carrying it on their shoes into their home.

If the culprit is reading this please consider other people and do the responsible thing.

N. Jones, Arnold Road

Update on the Development of the Convent Site

At its meeting on October 11th the Borough Council's Planning Committee agreed to reduce the number of affordable homes on the Convent Site from 40% to 25%. This was the percentage of affordable homes proposed by the Parish Council in its submission on the draft Core Strategy six years ago. Prior to the meeting, the Heritage Group had also written or emailed every member of the planning committee advising them that virtually all the residents were in favour of developing the Convent Site and there would be no objections to reducing the percentage of affordable homes below 40%. We believe that this decision removes the final obstacle preventing development of the site. We understand that MarCity intend to meet, at some future date, with representatives from interested parties including, the Parish Council, The Heritage Group, St Martin's School, the Allotment Owners and adjacent landowners to discuss how the development is to proceed whilst minimising the impact on the community and leaving a legacy of community owned assets, such as the allotments.

Roy Mitchell, Chair, Stoke Golding Heritage Group

The Battle of Frezenberg Ridge Part II

At 0400hrs on the morning of 13th May, 1915, the German army commenced an intense bombardment from the high ground surrounding the eastern edge of the Ypres salient, concentrated on a 3 mile front from Bellawarde lake to Turco farm. During the night the 28th Division, which had suffered 15,000 casualties since the 2nd Battle of Ypres began, had been relieved by the 1st and 3rd Cavalry Divisions. The 3rd Cavalry included the Leicestershire Yeomanry and amongst its 281 men were 3 volunteers from Stoke Golding, Ambrose Beeby, Albert Hopkins and Elliott Quinney.

On the evening of 22nd April, the Germans had released 168 tons of chlorine gas over a 4 mile front north and east of Ypres. 6,000 French and Colonial soldiers died within 10 minutes and the line was breached. Canadian troops, holding urine-soaked cloths to their faces, moved in to fill the gap and, at great cost in dead and wounded, held the line. My father very rarely talked about the war but I will never forget his vivid recollection of the blinded, choking and dying Canadian soldiers brought back from the gas-filled trenches

'B' and 'C' squadrons of the Leicestershire Yeomanry had gone into the forward trenches between the Ypres-Zonnebeke Road and Ypres-Roulers railway, the 1st and 2nd Life Guards on their left and the 3rd Dragoon Guards on their right, the other side of the railway. 'A' squadron, in which Ambrose, Albert and Elliott served, was in support trenches about 300 yards behind. It was raining heavily, the trenches were mud-filled ditches and soon the bolts of the rifles were so obstructed they were difficult to operate.

The bombardment, both shrapnel and high explosive shells, continued for about four hours and large sections of the cavalry trenches were blown up with the men inside them. It became impossible to hold the line and the Germans entered the trenches vacated by the 2nd Life Guards and forced their way into those held by 'B' squadron. Barricades were hastily erected and 'B' and 'C' squadrons made a magnificent stand against great odds until the 15 men remaining were forced, under heavy machine-gun fire, to retreat across the railway.

'A' squadron, which had suffered very badly from the shelling, had also started to fall back when they were met by their Colonel, The Hon. P.C. Evans-Freke who shouted "Hold hard Leicestershire Yeomanry!" He was killed shortly afterwards. The squadron returned to the trenches and for several hours held the section of the line previously held by the entire 7th Cavalry Brigade.

Reinforcements were called up from G.H.Q. lines and a counter attack organised. It was led by the 10th Hussars, one of whom, on seeing a group of Germans fleeing, shouted, "Tally ho! Yonder they go" and with bayonets fixed "went forward with such a splendid dash that at the sight of them the gallant Leicestershire Yeomanry, reduced in numbers as they were, could not restrain themselves, but tumbled out of their trenches and joined in the rush."

Of the 281 men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry who went into battle, 97 lost their lives, 93 were wounded and only 91 came through unharmed. For the remainder of the war the regiment never fought together as a unit. The survivors were posted to other regiments and Ambrose, Albert and Elliott fought on until the war ended.

Bob Quinney

Stoke Golding WI - October Meeting



We were promised no gory pictures much to the disappointment of the group, but nevertheless Paul Hunter gave us a fascinating talk about the role of the Forensic Science Service. He stated the importance of finger prints, something unique to every individual and then went on to describe the role of DNA in his work.

Next month's meeting is preparing us for Christmas gift wrapping. Jenny Orton will show us some of the different ways we can make presents look exciting. Visitors are most welcome to the meeting. 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Sue Mitchell

A Fantastic Year for Stoke Golding Garden Show benefits the Mary Ann Evans Hospice and 'Get Thomas To America' Appeal

The 81st Annual Stoke Golding Garden Show turned out to be a bumper fund raiser, mixed in with some friendly banter and a gentle dose of competitive spirit. This was due to the fabulous support of the village and its many friends in the surrounding locality. The show organisers would like to extend their sincere thanks to the local community, competitors and judges for their support but would especially like to thank 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' for its extremely generous financial contribution towards the running of the show, and Stoke Golding Club, without whom the Show could not be staged.



The committee has announced that £1500 will be donated to the Mary Ann Evans Hospice based at the George Eliot Hospital. The hospice is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and continues to provide a much needed care resource for the community. This is funded in the main through donations, legacies and a volunteer workforce.

£500 will also be given to Thomas Hughes ('Get Thomas to America' appeal), who will soon be flying off to America for his life changing operation.

Tina Waters

(Photos by Jim Jarvis - Nuneaton News)



The times they are a changin'

The economic desponds who rule our lives these days tell us that growth in the UK will be 0.000001% this year so I reckon that's close enough to stagnation. If it goes to -0.000001% then we are in recession and the wrist slitting starts all over again.

Rubbish. I think that a period of no growth might be exactly what we need. You see when things are growing and the economy is booming, the powers that be feel compelled to change things and that is not always a good thing to do. Some things, of course, do need to be changed; underwear, socks, nappies and television channels any time Jonathon Ross comes on. That sort of item.

Major changes in the way the financial sector operates means that the Captain Mainwaring type of banker has gone the way of the Dodo. Lost is the solid, dependable, trustworthy and downright steady character with whom we would not only entrust our life savings, we would quite happily leave our children. Change has put in his place a bunch of ill educated chancers who are quite prepared to dress up like deckchairs and scream at each other across a dealing room. They will happily sell a small South American country as long as they get the sort of bonuses that most would regard as a lottery win.

In the health service, change has meant that Hospitals now have marketing departments. At what point did it become necessary to advertise for sick people? The dustman has been replaced by a local government domestic refuse and recycling collection operative who drops round every week or other week to collect a blue, yellow, black, brown or lighter blue container into which we have deposited various grades of detritus, probably incorrectly. You may go through agonies to select a motor vehicle in the sure and certain knowledge that you will repeat the procedure when it comes to replace it because there has been a 'model change'. I am of an age when prices used to be printed on food packaging. Now they chase you round the aisles altering them in your wake. I also fondly recall the time when utility bills used to be intelligible. Why can't you buy a replacement for the shirt that you bought and liked last year? Because 'fashion has changed sir'.

To survive on this planet our basic needs are food, water and shelter. Some clothing is desirable particularly if you are sharing a cave with Anne Widdecombe. You can't eat a Rolex and it would be beyond the wit of even Ray Mears to fashion an acceptable shelter out of an iPod. So how about we focus on the basics for a while and ignore those who try to assure us that different is always better.



The Fool on the Hill

In answer to the question posed last month 'Where are you now?', we have learnt that Lorraine Tyson still lives at Highfields, Rogues Lane.

From The Police Box

On October 17th 2011, the police national single non-emergency number - 101 - was rolled out across the Leicestershire Force area. All 43 Chief Constables agreed to adopt 101, which already operates in a four forces with great success.



Calling 101 will replace the dialling of 0116 222 2222 for all non-emergency calls.

Members of the public can call 101 for updates on cases, to add information to an existing case or to contact their local officer. For emergencies you will continue to call 999.

Avoid car theft this winter

Leicestershire Constabulary is asking people to avoid the risk of car theft this winter. Frost is forecast in the next few days, which may result in frozen windscreens. Last winter dozens of cars were stolen in Leicestershire while owners left them defrosting, with their car engines running. Chief Inspector Chris Baker said: "These days vehicle security means it is very difficult to steal a car unless you have the keys. "Thieves know this, and see frosty mornings as an opportunity. They get up early, and will be looking for cars to steal. "While it may be tempting to nip back into your house or flat while the windscreen is clearing, I would ask you to stay with your vehicle. "If you find your car has been stolen while you have left your keys in it, you may find your insurance will not cover you. You could also be guilty of an offence if you leave the engine running while it is parked on the road." For more crime prevention advice, see: <http://support.leics.police.uk/crime-prevention> If you have information about car crime, phone Leicestershire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Come and Meet the Author

Stoke Golding's very own author, Kristen Stone, will be at The White Swan on Wednesday 16th November at 8pm giving a reading from her recently published book, Edge of Extinction. Kristen has been taken on by Night Publishing, a new publishing company that supports new writers and promotes their work on the internet. The main drive is to boost sales of eBooks but it is also possible to get paperback copies of books for those who like the traditional way of reading. Kristen will have several copies of her book for sale (and signing), if you would like to buy a copy after hearing the first few chapters. A bargain for a Christmas gift at only £10. If you would like to know more about Kristen's work visit: www.kristen-stone-the-writer.com.

You don't hear this everyday!

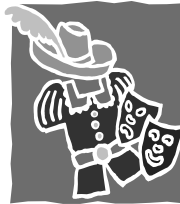
BJ Cole and Emily Burridge served up a treat at a recent Centre Stage performance at Stoke Golding Village Hall. They may not be names you are familiar with, but you will almost certainly have heard them perform with the likes of Elton John, The Verve, Sting, Jools Holland, Robert Plant, Roger Daltrey and Stereophonics to name but a few. They are accomplished individual musicians, with BJ on the pedal steel guitar and Emily on cello. They've played at many music festivals and concert venues so we felt pretty privileged to have them right here in Stoke Golding.



In truth most of the audience did not know what to expect (I certainly didn't) – pedal steel guitar and cello duets are not the type of music you hear every day – but somehow it worked. They played a number of classical pieces including arrangements of Satie's Gnossienne Suites and also some contemporary pieces including 'Cry Me a River'. My favourite, however, was Emily's own composition 'Out of the Blue' – a haunting melody played with much feeling. So another great night of arts at the village hall – can't wait for the next show.

Alan White

Are you a budding pantomime star?



Stoke Golding Players are urgently looking for new members for the February 2012 production of the village pantomime. Young and old are welcome to apply, but the most need at present is for male 30/40 year olds.

No real experience is necessary but you need to have a great sense of humour and a few hours free time on Sunday afternoons between November and February.

Interested in having a go and helping to raise much needed funds for village organisations?

Please phone Mike Collier on 01455 212597 asap.

Birth Congratulations



Congratulations to Duncan & Beverley Smith on the birth of Libby on 11th October, 2011. She weighed 7lbs 14ozs and her big sister Imogen is helping to look after her.



Dadlington Matters

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER



**Dadlington Village Hall
Friday 2nd December
6.30pm**

A party night for all the family to get you in the mood for the festive season

Bar – Games- Quiz – Raffle

Admission by advance ticket £5 (Adults), £2.50 (Children)

To include festive fare and yuletide punch

Please ring Graham 213487 or John 212292

Skeletal Remains at the Convent

No, a body has not been discovered at the old Convent Chapel. The remains we refer to are the stark black girders of the burnt out shell of that wonderful copper roofed chapel which has stood in the old convent site for many, many years. In 1962/63 St Martin's School was greatly enlarged. At the same time the Convent was also enlarged and the triangular shaped, copper roofed chapel was built and opened in 1964. It was taken out of use about four years ago when the Sisters moved into the old lodge and its fate has since been in the balance whilst the new owners Mar City obtained planning permission to develop the site. In the last few months vandals and thieves have been busy ripping off the sheets of copper from the roof and smashing everything they could smash inside the property. No doubt they could not get at the topmost sheets of copper and so on 15th October they set fire to the building, destroying the lovely seating, cross and altar. The fire burnt well due to all the straw insulation on the roof area and today we are left with the dismal wreckage of a beautiful church, all for the sake of a few miserable sheets of copper. The vandals returned the next night to complete their plunder and took away the sheeting which was found later in a copse nearby. Did the police catch them? Sadly we presume that they did not even think why the property had been fired, and that a visit by the arsonists the next night would be surely imminent. So no, as far as we know, no one has been arrested yet.



Name and address supplied

What's On



The George and Dragon Book Group

A new book group starts at The George and Dragon pub, Stoke Golding. Come and have a fabulous time – a glass of wine, a good book and a lively discussion.

We meet from 8 to 9 on the first Tuesday of every month. The group meets next on: **Tuesday 1 November 8pm**

Katie 01455 213 268 078 174 11 517 Katie@churchendbrewery.co.uk

Chris 01455 213 798 07899 953 526 ms.chris.taylor@btinternet.com

Stoke Golding Heritage Group - November Meeting

We shall be meeting in the Baxter Hall at 7.30pm for a presentation entitled '*Trusting the Ground with the Treasure of Warriors, the story of the Staffordshire Hoard*' given by Ian Wyke, a senior archaeologist with Staffordshire County Council. This is an all ticket event and priority will be given to existing members. Tickets for non-members are available from Roy Mitchell (212110) at a cost of £2.50.

Scouts' Christmas Post

As usual the box will arrive at Tony's Shop ready for 1st December
Last collection will be Saturday 17th December.

Cards may not be delivered immediately but all cards will arrive in time for Christmas.
Stamps are still 10p - available at Tony's.



What's On

Barn Dance

Stoke Golding Village Hall
Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm
Tickets: £6.00
Tel: 01455 212489
Bring your own drinks & nibbles
In aid of Stoke Golding Play Area

Centre Stage Events at the Village Hall, Stoke Golding

Sunday 11th December 2011

Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party

With heaps of musical wit and superb harmonies, this effortlessly funny musical double act host an unashamedly sparkly Christmas celebration.



Friday 10th February 2012

New Rope String Band

Combining superb musicianship with sidesplitting comic genius, The New Rope String Band are truly unique entertainers.

Book your tickets early as these superb shows will be a sell out! Tickets just £8. Please ring Alan White 212416

Both shows 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Church Matters

Zion Chapel Services November

6th Nov. G Malpass
13th Nov. J Needham
20th Nov. R Cotton
27th Nov. M Menzfeld

Services begin at 6pm
Sunday School at 11am

Methodist Church November Events

Saturday November 5th
Coffee Morning
10am - 11.30am

Saturday November 26th
Christmas Fayre
10am - 2pm
Coffee & light lunches
Cakes & preserves
Fancy goods, books and
hand made cards
Raffle and tombola

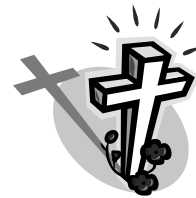
The Methodist Church November Services

6th November	10.30am	Mr David Overton
13th November	9.45am	Deacon Philip Osborne
Remembrance Sunday		
20th November	10.30am	Mr John Askew
27th November	10.30am	Mr John Cooke

Stoke Golding Remembers

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in Hinckley Road Cemetery, Stoke Golding on Sunday 13th 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.



Church Matters

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church

6th Nov. 10.30am All Age Service

13th Nov. 9.45am Remembrance Sunday, Service at Methodist Church
10.30am Cemetery

20th Nov. 10.30am Holy Communion

27th Nov. 10.30am Morning Worship

Holy Communion Every Tuesday Evening at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

6th Nov. 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

13th Nov. 6.30pm Remembrance Service

20th Nov. 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

27th Nov. 9.00am BCP Holy Communion

St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap



Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays

10.30am -12 noon in Church

Everyone is welcome, we do hope you will join us.

Tots Church meets every third and fourth Sunday of the month at 10.30 until 11.15am in the Baxter Hall. Children aged up to 7 can be catered for.



Message from the Rector at St Margaret's Church

October gave us the beauty of the Harvest as we celebrated with services of thanksgiving, and fun and laughter at the Harvest Suppers. Now, as we move into November, when the clocks have been put back and the evenings are becoming longer, it is a good time for reflection and remembering. Reflections will no doubt include recollections of celebration and joy, successes, disappointments and sadnesses. The church begins the month of remembering with All Saints Day, when saints through the ages are celebrated. This is followed by All Souls Day, when we remember our loved ones who have died and we commemorate them to God.

Guy Fawkes' or Bonfire night sees the dark skies lit up with fireworks as we remember the gunpowder plot that failed. A few days later, Remembrance Day follows, as we have the opportunity to remember those who have given their lives for the establishment of peace and justice, both in years gone by and in recent times.

Among those who observe the two minutes silence on 11th November, and those who join in Remembrance Sunday services on 13th November, there will be people who have lived through the horrors and deprivations of war, and have suffered the loss of someone they knew. There will be others who may not have a personal link but know of tragic loss through stories and the media.

The faces on our TV screens of young soldiers in places like Afghanistan are a reminder that Remembrance Sunday is not just about history, but about the sacrifice and courage that continues because war and conflict remain. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered in the World Wars, in the Northern Ireland Troubles and in the existing unrest and conflict in our world today.

Alongside all these special days of remembering, week by week in our churches, we remember how God, through Jesus, came to earth to live among us. How He died once for all that we might have the hope of eternal life. And how he can be there for us to turn to, always.

Wishing you God's blessing

Linda

A Date for your Diary

The Bishop of Leicester, The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, will be speaking and conducting our Benefice Service on Sunday December 4th, 10.30am at St Peter's Witherley. We would love you to join us – why not come along?

Linda



Luisa Quinney MFHT, MHFST
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A Touch of Magic

Congratulations to Luisa Quinney and her horse, Magic, for winning a major championship at the Royal London Show in the veteran showing classes for horses over fifteen and over twenty-five years. Magic, at the grand old age of twenty-nine years, not only won his class but the overall championship as well and came away with rosettes, a gold cup and a sash. Luisa, not expecting him to do so well, said she was “stunned, amazed and so proud of him”.

Luisa has owned Magic since he was 15 years old and due to be put down because his career as a top show jumper followed by a stint at hunting had come to an end. He only started competing again about 5 years ago in dressage and show jump eventing.

Magic had a nasty accident a couple of years ago, but has fully recovered thanks to special treatment that Luisa was able to give him due to her qualifications and experience in equine massage.

Luisa has always loved horses and had her first pony when she was fourteen, although she has been riding since the age of four. She explained that it can be hard work particularly when entering into competitions, but worth all the effort for the enjoyment she gets riding and competing.



Jane White

Grandparents' Answering Machine



Good morning... At present we are not at home but, please leave your message after you hear the beep. Beeeeep...

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash and iron your clothes, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up the children at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, dial 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre start talking, we are listening!

On Making Compost

My compost bins were made from bakers' old galvanized trays
Two squares joined, lined with plastic, complete with lids
In go a host of ingredients that have the knack
Of turning into a lovely, crumbly rich black.

I often start with a bag of rotting leaves
Then goes in all my kitchen waste,
A variety of peelings, crushed egg shells and tea bags
And worn out woolly jumpers, often come to their fate

The cats 'whiskas' boxes, I soak in a tub,
Then quite easily they are pulled apart
I scatter the pieces all over the top
Then there's always vegetation to give it a start

Dead flower stems and leaves very soon rot down.

Nettles despite the sting are marvellous too
I always seem to have loads of wood ash
Good potash in thin layers, tho' dusty to do

Good use is made of my Hoover contents
The stiff paper bag I pull apart
Then out with the dust (I cover my head!)
All teased out (bag rather full), now I'll make a fresh start

I spray with water to settle the dust
Dead head lots of flowers – which is a must
In they all go to do their best
Rotting down in their cosy nest

Old newspapers are useful ripped apart
Dampened well to help them start
With more swept up leaves to give them cover
Where the old toads creep without any bother

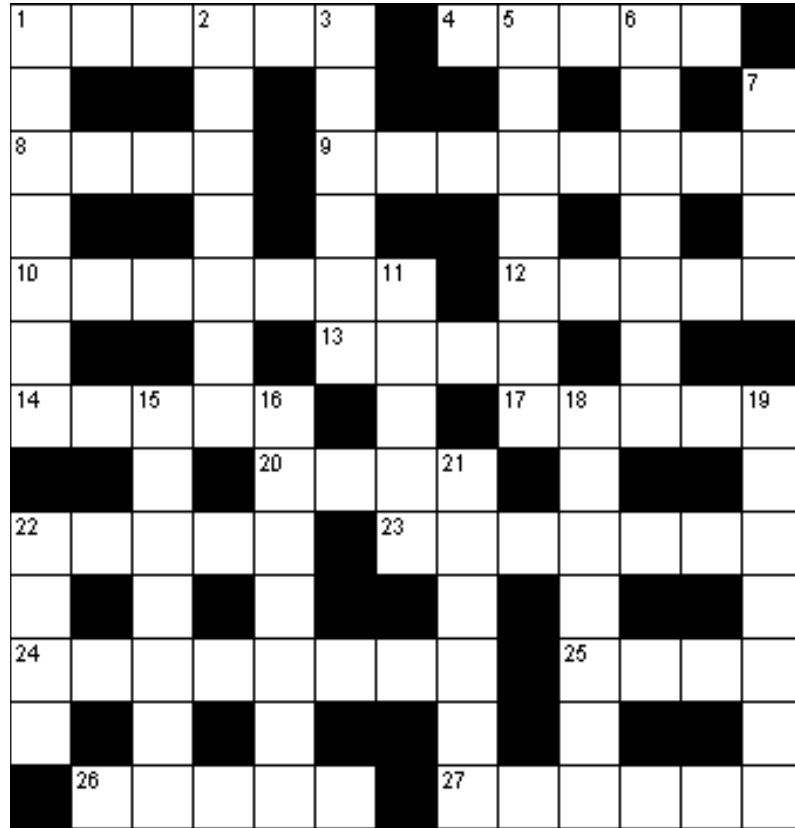
Nothing goes in my heap that sets pernicious seeds
On the bonfire they go with all the weeds
But grass mowings I use all thinly spread
They soon rot down in their nice warm bed

When both bins are filled I just empty one
Then start refilling it, and when full, the other should be done
Best job of all - to transfer to the border
To feed hungry plants – what better to order?

Peggy Holmes



crossword



Across

- 1 Tearful expression used in comics (3-3)
- 4 see 22D
- 8 Close to (4)
- 9 What person in 22D etc went to see (4-4)
- 10 Let off the lead (7)
- 12 Used machine to write letter (5)
- 13 Type of damage caused in garment by a moth (4)
- 14 Gold rush area in USA(5)
- 17 Mends a 13A (5)
- 20 Compass point (4)
- 22 Perfumed garden flowers (5)
- 23 Facial feature (7)
- 24 Raze to the ground (8)
- 25 Asian staple food (4)
- 26 see 22D
- 27 Hair done in special way (6)

Down

- 1 see 22D
- 2 see 22D
- 3 Yobbish (6)
- 5 Fiddled the result (7)
- 6 Part of a bell (7)
- 7 Re-coloured (4)
- 11 A residence (5)
- 15 Country in India (7)
- 16 Settles down comfortably (7)
- 18 Pollen or cat hair causes this (7)
- 19 Hang up (7)
- 21 Epidemic caused by foul water (6)
- 22 & 4A-2D-1D-26A Nursery rhyme about travelling on an equine to a South Warks town(4-1-4-5-2-7-5)

Solution on page 22

The first 25 of 50 tell-tale signs that you're getting old

We'll let you know the rest in a future issue.

1. Falling asleep in front of the TV
2. Feeling stiff
3. Groaning when you bend down
4. Losing your hair
5. Hating noisy pubs
6. Thinking teachers/policemen/ doctors look really young
7. Getting more hairy - ears, face, eyebrows, nose etc.
8. Struggling to use technology
9. Forgetting people's names
10. Not knowing songs in the Top 10
11. Choosing clothes and shoes for comfort rather than style
12. Driving slowly
13. Developing a fondness for sherry
14. Complaining more
15. Joining the Women's Institute
16. Misplacing glasses/bag car keys
17. Young colleagues
18. Listening to the Archers
19. Moving from Radio One to Radio Two
20. Allowing yourself a mid-afternoon nap
21. Joining the National Trust
22. Becoming a Parish Councillor
23. Complaining about the rubbish on television these days
24. Ears growing bigger
25. Preferring a Sunday walk to a lie-in



A couple had been married for many years during which time they had had quite a few rows. One day the husband said to his wife, 'We'd have far less arguments if you weren't such a pedant'.

'Fewer', she replied.

Salvation Army Annual Street Collection

We would like to thank everyone in Stoke Golding who distributed or collected envelopes or donated to our appeal. You gave us the magnificent sum of £739.55. Special thanks must go to Liz for having a box for uncollected envelopes in the Post Office. £95 of the total came from the box.

Majors Sandra and Steve Battle

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Stoke Golding Parish Council - September Meeting

Wykin Lane Cemetery – water supply – Cllr Brown had contacted Severn Trent. They require £120 before they will investigate the possibility of laying on a water supply. Cllrs agreed to pay this survey fee.

Play area slide – Cllr Mayes had taken action to eliminate the water lying at the bottom of the slide.

Stoke Golding Club parking- Police Community Officers to monitor the situation.

Reports of Council Representatives and Clerk:

Play Area - A sub committee is compiling a plan of the play area with new equipment, safety surfaces, fencing and gates. Once the cost has been estimated it can apply for funding from various groups and charities.

MIRA - Cllr Ward had attended a meeting prior to the PC meeting. MIRA set out the proposed expansion. They have employed 8 apprentices and 211 graduates. They expect to spend £12 million on road junction improvements along the A5 from the Red Gate turn to the Long Shoot junction.

Maintenance – Cllr Pegg has set out details of the village annual maintenance contract. This will be a reference for the current year and will be used for tenders at the end of the current period.

New Planning Applications:

15 Andrew Close - installation of photovoltaic panels. George and Dragon - alterations to public house.

Highfields Farm, Wykin Lane Stoke Golding - removal of hedgerow – farmers are allowed to couse hedges but Cllrs questioned whether the hedges in question were being removed.

Appointment of two Trustees of The Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation - Mrs Bradbury has agreed to stand again - this was proposed and agreed by all.

Remedial work to the football pitch

Tina Waters, Tom Puddefoot (secretary) and John Cornick (Chairman) of the football club were not happy with the remedial work on the pitch. Cllrs agreed to look at this and to take action to rectify it. The club is paying for an alternative pitch and for fines from the league. It is also funding new goal posts and nets. Cllrs will arrange for the faulty shower in the pavilion to be replaced and the leak in the roof investigated. The club will look into the necessary steps to apply for a lease on the pavilion.

Request from Cricket Club

Mr Waters presented an application for an artificial wicket and net to be placed next to the left of the pavilion. Cllrs agreed that it was good to encourage young people in this way and agreed.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee - Beacon

The landlady at The Swan has agreed to have the beacon on the land. The Stoke Golding beacon will be added to the Queen Elizabeth list.

Communications received by the Chairman of the council

Baxter Hall – overgrown ivy on the wall – Diocese to be notified. Smell from the Three Horseshoes pub – Environmental Health asked to investigate

Next meeting – Village Hall: Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7pm

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Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm

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ACROSS 1. BooHoo, 4. See 22D,
8. Near, 9. Fine lady, 10. Unleash,
12. Typed, 13. Hole, 14. Yukon,
17. Darns, 20. East, 22. Roses,
23. Eyelids, 24. Demolish, 25. Rice,
26. See 22D, 27. Styled,
DOWN. 1. See 22D, 2. See 22D,
3. Oat'ish, 5. Cheated, 6. Clapper,
7. Dyed, 11. House, 15. Kashmir,
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