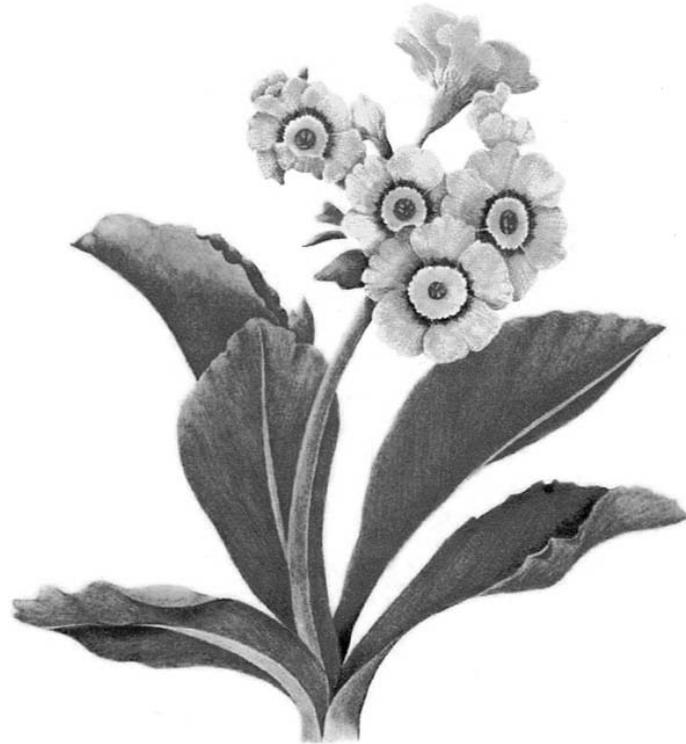


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Note from the Editors

Jane



Thank you for all the letters and articles you have sent us this month. We sometimes wonder if we are going to have enough to fill the magazine and then, as if by magic, interesting copy

arrives just in time!

This month includes part 1 of a fascinating story about the Battle of Frezenberg Ridge and the involvement of Stoke Golding soldiers (page 6) as well as the final instalment of 'Man's Best Friend' (page 9).

We would like to congratulate the organisers of Dadlington's Summer Fete for raising such an amazing amount of money and really pleased that half of this will help to 'Get Thomas To America' (page 10).

We hope you enjoy your Stoker this month and are always interested to hear of ways we could improve your local magazine.

Jane & Ruth

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Front cover - Auricula. Kate Nuttall, Botanical Artist of Crown Hill Close, Stoke Golding, painted this picture of an auricula raised from seed by her uncle, Alan Quinney of St Margaret Road. Kate's painting is to adorn the front cover of this year's Yearbook of the Auricula and Primula Society, 'Argus'.

Black Umfolosi 5

The lucky audience, who managed to get hold of tickets for the recent Centre Stage Arts Event at the Village Hall, was completely mesmerised by the 5 men from Zimbabwe with their beautiful, energetic performance of a cappella song and dance. You could have heard a pin drop throughout the evening, apart from during the songs requiring audience participation.

Most of the songs were sung in local dialect or Zulu and their obvious passion for their community shone through the whole performance. After a standing ovation they were finally allowed to leave the stage and enjoy a meal prepared by the Village Hall Committee.

Black Umfolosi formed nearly 30 years ago when they were at school in their home town of Bulawayo. They now tour all over the world raising vital funds for causes close to their hearts where they live. If you missed this performance you may be fortunate enough to catch them during their tour across the UK that goes on until November – it will be worth it as they really are amazing.

A very brave member of the audience, Amy Vallis, was persuaded on stage to join in one of the dances and she put on a very creditable performance – an experience she won't forget in a hurry!



Amy Vallis takes to the stage



Correspondence



I write in response to an item included in your monthly magazine. The item I refer to is the one about the dog mess in the village, particularly by Thornfield Avenue and the Cemetery on Hinckley Road.

Whilst I wholeheartedly agree with the writer, I take offence at their remark "about Rottweiler size".

I would to know how the writer can say this. Why not say a large dog or indeed Labrador or Border Collie? I feel that the writer was very unfair to use Rottweiler as an example. Indeed why not say that it was not from a small dog? Rottweilers come in different sizes depending on a lot of different factors.

I own two Rotties and always pick up after them, and so do all the other Rottweiler owners I know.

I know that dog mess in the village is a problem and I know of someone who doesn't own Rotties but lets his dogs run and mess anywhere, including once or twice in the gardens around where he lives.

So please don't judge the dog by the size of the mess found on the pavement!

Susan Sanderson, Arnold Road

Calling All Theatre-Lovers



We have the chance to see some wonderful plays at the Curve Theatre in Leicester.

In October there's the fascinating and rather dangerous adaptation of '*One Flew over the Cuckoo Nest*' from the original 1962 novel, and remember the mesmerising performance of Jack Nicholson in the film. Matinees - Oct. Sat. 22nd, Wed. 26th et al. (I always prefer matinees -being retired - and it's cheaper). *Midsummer Night's Dream in November*. Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd, Saturday 5th – all at 2.30pm.

Also in November a play by American Sam Sheppard who won the coveted Pulitzer Prize for Drama. "this is a truly engrossing and disturbing thriller"! I know nothing more...

Again in November comes Willy Russell's iconic musical '*Blood Brothers*' - which I've been promising myself to see for ages.

Thinking that there might be others like myself who love theatre, but would prefer to team up with friends for a visit - I'm testing the waters in the village. Are there other like-minded theatre lovers who would get in touch with me and see if we can get a group together? If so give me a ring on 213097 - and let's get together.

Beth Ellis



I don't know if anyone else in the village has thought to ask of their various broadband providers why we in Stoke are being discriminated against. I have tried for some time, but am not able to take advantage of telephone packages which include free, or markedly reduced broadband services.

I do know several 'silver surfers' in the village who pay through the nose for very slow broadband connections. I have recently bought a mobile broadband dongle and, to my surprise, despite the village only having 2G instead of 3G mobile service (note again we do not get full strength), I get faster download speeds than on my fixed broadband service. Why is it that Stoke Golding 01455 code is getting a much poorer service than Hinckley 01455 code? Can someone please provide an answer? And the fact that our exchange is not 'unbundled' is not an excuse. Is it possible that Stoke Golding is considered affluent and an easy target for profiteering?

Geoff Cooksey

News from St. Margaret's C. E. (A) Primary School



The Romans are coming!

Well done to all of the children and staff in years 3 and 4 for their fabulous Roman Inspiration day. The school was awash with togas and Roman swords and shields. The children (and staff) looked fantastic. They had a wonderful time and learnt lots! The following day they enjoyed their visit to The Jewry Wall Museum in Leicester, which made the topic come alive even more for them. What a super start to inspire some great learning about the Romans.

Circus Stars Reading Challenge

Nearly 100 of our children have taken part in this year's summer reading challenge organised by Leicestershire Libraries. To achieve the Circus Star award the children had to read 6 books over the course of the summer holidays and there is a trophy awarded to the winning school, which we won last year. We really want to win again this year and keep the trophy at St Margaret's so keep your fingers crossed for us. Well done to all of the children who took part. Keep on reading!

Volunteers wanted

If any members of the village community have a regular and small amount of time to spare, perhaps you would consider coming into school to hear the children read individually. This is a great way to really get involved with your local village school and 'give something back'. The children and the staff really appreciate it and it gives the children increased self confidence and accelerates their progress in this important life skill. Please register your interest at the school office and we will be in touch with you. Volunteers would receive an induction training session with the head teacher and would also have to apply for and receive an enhanced CRB disclosure through the school. Please phone for a chat if you would like to know more.

Julie L Wright, Headteacher

The Battle of Frezenberg Ridge (Part 1)

At 1700hrs on 12th May 1915 the order came for the three regiments of the British 7th Cavalry Brigade to march to the front line. The churned and shell-cratered quagmire of Flanders fields rendered the use of mounted cavalry unthinkable and just over two hours later the brigade set out on foot through the burning ruins of Ypres, along the Zonnibeke Road and through the village of Potijze to relieve the 5th Battalion Royal Fusiliers in a line of trenches two miles east of Ypres, midway between Bellawarde Lake and Wieltje. Leading the column, ahead of the 1st and 2nd Life Guards, were 281 men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry who had volunteered for service "in any theatre of war". Amongst them were three young men from Stoke Golding; A. W. (Ambrose) Beeby, A. J. (Albert) Hopkins and my father, W. E. (Elliott) Quinney.

They had set out from Stoke Golding on borrowed horses in the autumn of 1914 to join the regiment at Melton Mowbray. About two weeks later the regiment assembled at Grantham and then made its way to Diss, Norfolk. It crossed the channel, together with its horses, on November 2nd and landed at Le Havre the following day.

One horse, called Songster, survived the war, returned to Leicestershire and spent its remaining years peacefully on a farm in Woodhouse Eaves. Until 1935 it joined its old regiment on its annual camps and never forgot the cavalry bugle calls of its years on active service. Several old Yeoman were present when it died in 1940 and all of them shed tears.



From Le Havre the regiment slowly made its way north-east, crossed the border into Belgium and up to Ypres where it joined the 7th Cavalry, one of three brigades which made up the 3rd Cavalry Division. If the sense of adventure and dreams of "Home for Christmas" with which the three men had left Stoke Golding had not yet evaporated they would surely have been cruelly dispelled as they approached the vicinity of Ypres. Long before they arrived they would have heard the incessant thunder of the guns, seen and smelt the ominous pall of smoke overhanging the medieval town. As they grew nearer, they would be shocked to meet many of the 58,000 casualties of the British Expeditionary Force returning from the front as the 1st Battle of Ypres drew to its bloody close. They would have known it would not be long before they would be called upon to take their turn.

For the early part of the winter of 1914 the men were employed on digging parties and relief duties for the infantry in what was described as "weather conditions of extreme severity" before moving to billets near Hazebrouk in northern France where the Division was inspected by HM King George V. In February 1915 the Cavalry Corps returned to the Ypres salient and on May 12th the order came for the Leicestershire Yeomanry to go into the line.

Bob Quinney

Stoke Golding W I

Coast to Coast



At our September meeting we had an interesting talk about a train trip across America, from coast to coast. Ian and Janet Reid presented the talk with their photographs.

The October WI meeting on Wednesday 12th is entitled 'The Role of the Forensic Science Service' to which visitors are very welcome.

Sue Mitchell

Friends of Kenya's Children

UK registered Charity Number: 1116000 www.fkc.org.uk

In 2003, a church in the slums of Eldoret, Kenya, founded an orphanage for 115 children aged 2-7 years who were orphaned or abandoned. Together, with the local people, the Pastor, Rev Kenneth Kimeu, built temporary accommodation and started to find the means to provide food and clothing. Eventually, a group of people from Derby heard about his efforts and started to raise money to help. Today, from these small beginnings, 180 children, almost all orphans, are provided for by the charity. They live with guardians in the local community and come each day to the Lodwar compound for food and basic education. FKC provided funds to build a permanent school, which today has 8 classes with 3 more planned, 2 dormitories for up to 40 children and all the necessary facilities to help these children in the slum community. FKC is a small, direct charity with no large offices or workforce; all monies raised go to help the children.

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### **'Friends of Stoke Golding WI' have chosen to support FKC this year at its Autumn Coffee Morning**

Please put the date on your calendar and help support this worthwhile cause.

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| <p><b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>10am till 12noon<br/>Methodist Church Hall<br/>Cake stall, books, bric-a-brac, tombola<br/>Everyone is welcome</p> |
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### **Stoke Golding Youth Club**

Are you in Years 6 to 11, living in Stoke Golding and looking for something to do on a Friday night?

The Youth Club is on from 7-9pm each week, so come along! This year's successful activities have included Lazer Quest, Bowling, Karting, a visit from "The Animal Man" and a fantastic end of term party in July.

In the hall you can choose from table tennis, air hockey, pool, football etc. We have pizza and hotdog nights and there is a tuck shop every week.

The joining fee is £5 and then it's just £1 per week!

For more information or for a membership form contact:

Tina Bodicoat 01455 213945 **or** Claire Ashley 01455 213346

Note to parents – Should your child wish to join, you will be required to help out by doing 2 x 2hr duties each 12 week rota cycle.

### **Ravens over Stoke Golding**

David Abbott of Sherwood Road has recently spotted a raven circling St. Margaret's Church, flying low and calling repeatedly – a very loud, deep "krop, krop, krop". He has encountered what is almost certainly the same bird flying low and calling quite distinctly over the primary school - although it is extremely unusual not to see them in pairs. This would suggest that the bird is local.



### **Slimmer of the Year 2011**



Congratulations to Sue Sanderson, from Arnold Road, for losing three stone in just 16 weeks, shrinking from dress size 16 to 10. Sue attributes her success to the Stoke Golding Weightcare Slimming Club, run by Aimee Smith, for providing encouragement and support. Sue is now enjoying meat, fish and salad and has no intention of going back to her old diet of crisps and cheeseburgers! She vows "This is a way of life for me now – I will never put weight on again".

Weightcare, a Leicestershire business celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, runs a session on Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall. For more details ring Aimee Smith 0783 505 9074 or look on the website [www.weight-care.co.uk](http://www.weight-care.co.uk)

## Man's best friend?

*Continuing Tamsin's efforts to procure a pet.*

This time Tamsin will almost certainly push for a kitten. I will concede that this does start to make a little more sense. Felines, particularly the young, will respond with just enough cuteness to ensure that they are fed and kept warm. Once past the kitty litter stage they are also fairly independent and largely self cleaning. I do have to say though, that the sight of a cat licking its more intimate parts is never going to be a great spectator sport. The problem with cats is that the arrangements tend to be rather one sided. You provide the shelter, food, healthcare and affection and they provide the abuse. The cat will go out when it likes and come back when it likes or not at all if it has discovered another lodging that better suits its requirements. The greatest gift it can bestow on you is a terminally mauled mouse which has just enough life to crawl into the most inaccessible reaches of your home where it will expire and then, horribly, decay. Oh, and by the way, although they will not admit it to your face, your neighbours will hate you. Having your prized begonias used as a toilet is never likely to endear you to the welfare of Tibbles, who, in the eyes of his owner, is above reproach. When the cat reaches the age of 5 or 6, Tamsin will have gone all hormonal and probably cleared off to Uni leaving you with a failing feline whose sole purpose in life seems to be to prevent you from going anywhere. Life is just too short to turn down a skiing trip because you 'have no one to look after that cat'. Don't get me started on 'we have no one to feed the gecko'.

Space prevents this rant from including rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoises, rats and snakes but the same principals apply. Fish belong only with chips. End of. So to man's best friend. Yes, the dog will return affection. Yes, the dog makes a passable companion although conversations tend not to border on the esoteric. Yes, the dog provides a great motivation for exercise as long the tedium of perpetually throwing a ball doesn't makes you long for the thrill of the Bingo hall. However, when at a given point in the daily walk the ball is given short shrift and the hound starts to sniff in ever decreasing circles, the spell is broken. You know that its behauched, shudderings are a prelude to you extracting the plastic bag for the purpose of uplifting and then disposing of excrement. If an impartial alien were to witness this procedure, he could be forgiven for not understanding who was supposed to be the superior partner in this arrangement. For me this part of the proceedings is what you might call a deal breaker. Never mind the pet food bills, the vet's bills, the kennel bills and then another set of vet bills to cure what was picked up in the kennels. And then there are the awful gaseous emissions. Take my advice and find a friend who has a chronically constipated mutt and offer to walk it once a month. You will thank me in the long run.



*The Fool on the Hill*

# Dadlington Matters

## Dadlington Summer Fete 2011

Two years ago we felt that the biennial Dadlington Summer Fete was the best ever, but surely the 2011 version was better still. All roads in and out of the village were blocked with traffic as hundreds of people descended on Dadlington to enjoy what was on offer on the Village Green. And as always there was plenty to see and do, with many of the traditional stalls and games available as in the past – an inflatable slide, a pitch'n'putt course, the donkey derby, tombola, bric-a-brac stalls, dung-ho (if you don't know, don't ask!) and so on. And there were some new attractions too, such as a 'Totally Zumba' demonstration, where one could dance oneself fit, and extra vehicles in the vintage farm machinery display, including a 'proper' steamroller, a fabulous Routemaster double-decker bus and a splendid 1950's lorry. Another exciting and competitive addition to the day was an Army assault course, created by a team of soldiers from Bramcote Barracks, and this kept visitors occupied throughout the afternoon. We will definitely be inviting the Army back next time.

The weather played a most helpful role this year, being warm and dry enough for people to enjoy the attractions and but just cool enough to drive them to the catering outlets in search of sustenance. As a result, both the tea room and the BBQ did terrific business. The tea room in the village hall had tables groaning with a stupendous array of cakes and biscuits, all baked by villagers, and they sold like – well – hotcakes, while the tea ladies themselves were so busy that they were lucky to be able to take even a short break. The same applied to the BBQ tent, where an endless queue of customers enjoyed burgers, bacon butties and BLTs by the dozen. In addition, we decided to operate our own ice cream stall for a change, and Dadlington's gorgeous ice cream maids sold plenty of ices and lollies to customers of all ages. And of course, the bar did good business, offering a selection of beers, wines and soft drinks to slake the countless thirsts.

All of this meant that the profit for the afternoon's fun was over £2200; a fantastic sum that eclipses anything we have raised in the past. The Dadlington Village Hall Management Committee decided some time ago that they would like to assist the 'Get Thomas to America' campaign, to help Thomas Hughes of Stoke Golding undergo an essential leg operation in the USA. We are delighted to say that we have now donated £1100 to this worthy cause and we all wish Thomas well for the future.

The Fete organisers have so many people to thank for the success of this year's Fete that it would take too long to list them all. So let us just say 'thank you' to all those Dadlingtonians who lifted, lugged, donated, lent, borrowed, drove, pitched, painted, installed, dug, mowed, baked, bought, sold, ran, danced and photographed, and to everyone who dipped deeply into their pockets to make this event such a storming success.

*Graham, Simon and John*



*'Totally Zumba'*



*John, Graham & Simon with Thomas*



*'Ice-cream Maids' with Tony*



*Tea ladies*

### **Farewell Postie**

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Tony Horton, our postman, who has been assigned to a different area. Tony has served Dadlington for 14 years, and he is recognised by us all as the archetypal village postman – always cheerful, friendly and helpful. His dedication to his work ensured that the post was always delivered on time, and his local knowledge meant that even the most obscurely-addressed mail would reach its intended destination. And Tony was always able to have a few quick words with us during his busy schedule, even in the most miserable weather. A measure of Dadlington's high regard for him must be that our farewell collection for him raised the equivalent of £1 for every man, woman and child in the village. This meant that we were to be able to present him with a rather splendid watch, along with a cash sum to help him enjoy his favourite hobbies of photography and music. We wish him well in his new area, but the whole of Dadlington will miss his smiling countenance every morning.



*John Walliker*

## What's On

### Stanley Opera Presents

#### **The Merry Widow**

*A Franz Lehar Operetta*

at Concordia Theatre

*With kind permission from Glocken Verlag Ltd*

12th- 15th October

Tickets £10 with £9 concessions available

Wednesday and Thursday nights

Please contact Chris Sturgess

01455 848194 for tickets

### B J Cole & Emily Burrige in Concert

The second in our season of Centre Stage performances brings B J Cole and Emily Burrige to **Stoke Golding Village Hall**. B J plays the pedal steel guitar – an unusual instrument with an amazing range of sounds. He has recorded with Elton John, Marc Bolan, Scott Walker, Beck, Bjork and Sting, and joined The Verve and REM on tour dates.

Emily is a classically trained virtuoso cellist with a talent for improvisation.

They perform their own compositions alongside works by Debussy, Purcell, Copland, Erik Satie and others.



**Friday 14th October**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Tickets £8.00. Tel Alan White 01455 212416

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

### **Stoke Golding Village Hall - more dates for your diary**

**Centre Stage Events** – tickets are available from Alan White, 01455 212416. Please ring him to register your interest.

**Sunday 11th December** – Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party

**Friday 10th February** – New Rope String Band in Concert

**Barn Dance** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets:01455 212489

## What's On



St Margaret's Church

### Teddy Bear Jump for Thomas

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 from 12noon – 3pm

Bring your teddy and its parachute and see it fly for Thomas. £2 for each teddy.

Prizes for:

Best parachute, teddy who flies the furthest, teddy who stays in the air the longest, best dressed teddy.

There will be stalls and other activities for the children. We hope to see you there.

Barbecue and other refreshments.

All proceeds will go to 'Get Thomas to America'.

Please do not bring your best teddy as they sometimes fly into trees and we can't always rescue them on the day.

### Beginners Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes

Start at Stoke Golding Village Hall  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm

If you can already dance but would like to improve / learn more, our Improvers Class is also on Sundays at the village hall from 8.00 till 9.00pm

For further details  
Tel Jean: 01455 213087

### Stoke Golding Heritage Group - October Meeting

The Battle of Trafalgar

Last year Bill Davies gave us an insight into the Mary Rose from its building as Henry VIII's flagship, its sinking and being rediscovered, to the establishment of the Mary Rose Trust Museum. This year his presentation will have another nautical flavour. One of his main interests is Admiral Nelson and in particular the Battle of Trafalgar - the epic battle which saved Britain from the threat of Napoleon. As usual we will meet at the Baxter Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 20th. Non-members are welcome for a contribution of £2.50.

*Roy Mitchell*

## Church Matters

### Zion Chapel Services October

2nd (Harvest) M Owen  
9th M Welch  
16th J Needham  
23rd W Richards  
30th G Malpass

Services begin at 6pm  
Sunday School at 11am

Zion Baptist Chapel

### Harvest Festival Service

2nd October at 6pm

### Everyone Welcome

Donations of harvest  
gratefully received

Proceeds will be given to the  
Kathleen Rutland Home for  
the Blind

### The Methodist Church October Services

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|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 2nd October  | 10.30am | Deacon Philip Osborne |
| 9th October  | 10.30am | Rev'd Julie Minns     |
| 16th October | 10.30am | Mrs Joan Ledson       |
| 23rd October | 10.30am | Mrs Jennifer Baker    |
| 30th October | 10.30am | Deacon Philip Osborne |

### Methodist Church October Events

Saturday October 8th

#### Plant Sale

10am - 3pm

Saturday October 22nd

#### Coffee Morning

10.00 - 11.30am

For Pump Aid

## Church Matters

### Church of England Services

#### St. Margaret's Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 10.30am 'Back To Church Sunday' Harvest All Age Service  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am Holy Communion  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 10.30am Morning Worship  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am Benefice Service Higham on the Hill  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 4.00pm Benefice Service St. Margaret's, All Souls Service

#### St. James's Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am Benefice Service Fenny Drayton  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
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### 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** continues to meet 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

This year, 2011, marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible, which was commissioned by King James and completed in 1611. Many different events have been taking place throughout the year to celebrate the anniversary, from exhibitions to concerts, and even a project for YouTube of the Bishop of Oxford and pupils from a Church of England Primary School reading together from the King James Bible.

Whichever version you prefer, and there are many modern translations as well as traditional, the Bible is actually a collection of books written over the course of more than 1,000 years. It includes poetry, songs, letters, and well known stories such as Noah's ark and the great flood; Moses being found in the bulrushes; the Christmas story of Jesus' birth; the feeding of 5,000 with a few loaves and fish; the Easter story of Jesus' death on a cross and rising to life after three days.

Originally, some of the Bible was written in Hebrew, some in Aramaic and some in Greek. Today, about 2,500 of the world's 6,900 languages have part of the Bible translated into them.

Some interesting Bible facts:

- The Bible is by far the best-selling book of all time.
- About 50 Bibles are sold every minute.
- The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world!
- The Bible was written by over 40 authors.
- The Bible contains about 773,692 words.

In a world where we are bombarded by television or the internet with so many conflicting ideas about life, why should we bother to read the Bible? Within the stories, the poetry, the symbols, we can find out what is God's message to us, how to grow closer to Him, and understand more about Jesus Christ.

In the Fenn Lanes Benefice there are groups that meet regularly to read and to learn about the Bible. If you would like to find out more, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you God's blessing

*Linda*



## OBITUARY

Reginald Powers



In our last magazine we reported the passing of Beryl Mary Powers of Ivy Close. Sad to relate we now report the passing of her husband Reginald Powers at his home on 14th August 2011, aged 102 years. They were a devoted husband and wife and much loved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

We send our sincere condolences to Reginald's family and friends.

**St Margaret's  
Church  
Flower Festival**

*'Walt Disney Presents'*



Thank you to the Earl Shilton Flower Club for making Walt Disney's films come to life in their wonderful flower arrangements. Thank you very much to all those who helped in any way during the weekend, we couldn't have done it without you. Last but not least thank you to everyone who came and supported us. We raised a wonderful £3,000 which will go into the repair fund.



## From The Police Box

'I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00 or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date. The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental! I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - and phone number - 0800 0800 152.



Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how and he told me to hang up and try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID !! My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again. Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there and then. I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. He hung up. I dialled 1471 - number withheld. I phoned his fictitious 0800 number - not recognised., so I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating.

Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends and family aware of this.

How is it done?

This is good but not that clever... He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business.

The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying. (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back.

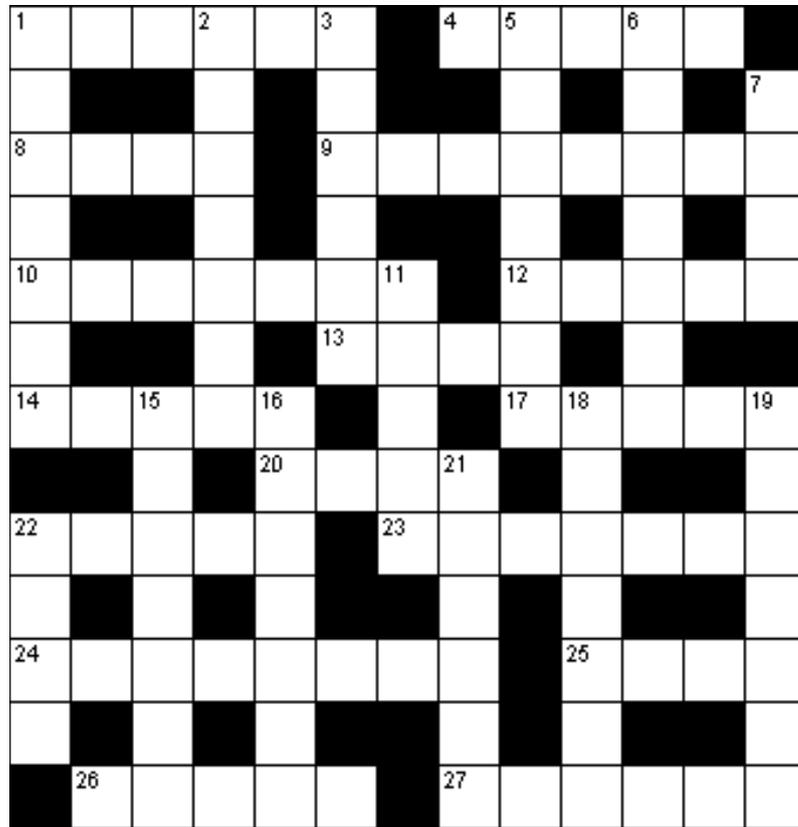
You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable. By the way, this is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services - it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number so that it can be used for far larger purchases'.

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- There have been a number of thefts relating to large garden ornaments and planters across the area, including Burbage, Hinckley and Earl Shilton. Police are requesting the public to be vigilant and, where possible, secure such items. Please report any suspicious activity immediately.

Andy Orpin, Police Community Support Officer

Across



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 Warwicks town(4-1-4-5-2-7-5)

Solution on page 22

Stoke Golding Parish Council August Meeting

Councillors were briefed by a representative from MarCity concerning the background to the leaflet circulated to the village and the decision by HBBC on the Section 106 Agreement with regard to MarCity's application for a Variation on the Agreement to reduce the number of Affordable Homes from 40%. MarCity has submitted a financial evaluation to the Council, which indicates that the development of the site with 40% affordable homes is not financially viable. This evaluation has been checked by the Homes and Community Agency which agreed with MarCity's assessment. MarCity has offered a range of options on mix of housing so that the percentage of affordable homes could be between 20% and 27%. The Parish Council proposed to send a letter to Simon Wood, Head of Planning, HBBC, ahead of its planning meeting, supporting the reduction of the number of affordable homes.

The Parish Council had reported to Cllr Ivan Ould its dismay with regard to recent road resurfacing work around the village - in some areas the roads had been made worse. Cllr Ould to follow up this matter.

Bus Stop - request for one to be sited on Station Road near Andrew Close – Centrebus was contacted and confirmed that bus stops are the responsibility of Leics County Council and it decides where each bus stop should be sited.

Horse chestnut tree replacement on rec – suggestions were put forward, to be investigated further.

New play equipment for Children's Play Area – a subcommittee to meet to discuss moving this project forward.

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Partnership Scheme – this organisation is looking for emergency centres and wondered if the village hall could be designated as an emergency centre for Stoke Golding. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

Land behind Convent Site development - update – the subcommittee had spoken to MarCity to discuss putting in a metered water supply. R A Harbour (Tree surgeons) are being asked for advice re the orchard. A strategic plan will be put together for this area.

Planning Applications:

a) New Applications: 20 Crown Hill Close – extension and alteration to dwelling, 14 Andrew Close – erection of 10 solar photovoltaic panels, 12 Station Road – work to sycamore and horse chestnut trees.

b) Permissions granted: Land R/O 30-42 Hinckley Road – erection of 3 dwellings, St Martin's High School – erection of mobile classroom, 95 Hinckley Road – extension and alterations to dwelling.

c) Refusal: Stoke Lodge – erection of outbuilding.

Remembrance Sunday - November 13th.

(Parish Council Notes continued from page 20)

Condition of the football pitches - A meeting had been held with the Football Club due to concerns about the state of the pitch. A meeting to be arranged with the groundsman to discuss rectifying the cracks on the football pitch and for marking out for 2011/12 football season.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee, June 2012 - A brief outline of suggestions to celebrate this event in the village was put forward. A subcommittee will be formed for this project and ideas will be brought to the council.

Water supply at Wykin Lane Cemetery – to be further investigated.

Horse Chestnut tree trunk – suggestion to relocate this to the bottom of recreation ground when time arises.

Bench repair on High Street – praise passed to the Parish Council for its quick response in dealing with its repair.

Jubilee Beacon – request for this to be reinstated for Queen's Diamond Jubilee – a site to be considered.

Next meeting – Village Hall: Wednesday 5th October 2011 at 7pm.

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

Where are you now?



Riding high on her pony 'Ginger' is Lorraine the young daughter of Mr and Mrs Tyson of 'Highfields', Rogues Lane, Hinckley. Lorraine, who is but four and a half years old, is a very keen young rider and has another pony 'Scamps' on which she can often be seen trotting around.

We wonder what Lorraine is doing these days.

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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. Oafish, 5. Cheated, 6. Clapper,
7. Dyed, 11. House, 15. Kashmir,
16. Nests, 18. Allergy, 19. Suspend,
21. Typnus, 22. Ride a cock horse to
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