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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

The Olympics and Paralympics aim to inspire a generation. We certainly enjoyed the TV coverage of both events and were both lucky enough to get hold

of tickets and experience the amazing atmosphere first hand. We were very excited to hear that we have our own young sports champion in Stoke Golding (see opposite page) - what an experience that must have been for Joe to be presented with his gold medal in the Olympic Velodrome!

Well done also to the organisers of Stoke Fest - what a fabulous day for the whole community (page 7) and what an amazing amount of money was raised for local charities.

Thank you for sending in all your news, photos and articles.

Jane and Ruth

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Thank you from St Margaret's Church

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us at the Flower Festival in August. The flower arrangements were exceptional this year; many people said it was the best yet. Thank you to everyone who donated for the stalls in the Baxter Hall and to those who manned them, not forgetting the ladies who prepared and helped with refreshments and those who kept baking all the delicious cakes. Thank you to our many visitors, some old friends and many new, for their support. The brilliant sum of over £3,000 was raised and will go towards the restoration of our beautiful church.

Margaret Croxall



See more photos at: http://www.stokegolding.co.uk/flower_festivals_2012.htm

Congratulations...

Belated congratulations to Joe Widdowson of Stoke Golding on winning six gold medals in the para-cycling at the inaugural London 2012 School Games. He and his tandem pilot took the para-cycling by storm and had a crowd of 3,500 on their feet and cheering as they won the final gold medal in the Olympic Velodrome. He and his mum were invited to a reception at Clarence House where they were given tea and cakes before meeting Prince Harry.

Peggy Holmes

We have heard that Peggy of Wykin Lane has been in hospital recently, but is now making a good recovery. We wish her well.

The Stoker Production Team

Correspondence



Wouldn't it be nice, on the Mar City development, to have something to remember the ladies of the Convent by? After all it was their home for many years and Sister Louis told me herself that they went into debt for nearly 30 years to pay for it all. We have Arnold Road, Stoneley Road and Bennett Close. Wouldn't Louis Way be great – after all, the great lady always had her own way. Or perhaps Convent Close? It would be good to have some reminder of the Convent, as it was part of the village for many years.

Graham Pearson, Thornfield Avenue



Thank you for highlighting the part my poodles play in the 'Hearing Dogs For Deaf People' Charity. The interest has been beyond expectation. As an update, the two puppies that joined the scheme in July have started their socialising. Mocha, last year's intake, has qualified Gold Standard and she will now join her sister, Luna, on the breeding programme. Her three puppies, born earlier this year, are doing well in their training. More information is available at: www.hearingdogs.org.uk

Linda Mayne, Broadlands Farm, Dadlington



Can You Help St Martin's Students?

Students at St Martin's School are setting out to map where apple and pear trees are growing in Stoke Golding - and to identify the varieties. The long term aim of this project is to involve young people in establishing and caring for a community orchard in Stoke Golding - possibly on part of the land of the old Convent site, alongside the allotments which have been offered by the developer to the village. Community Officer at the school, Doreen Rose, says 'In the past a village such as Stoke Golding would have had orchards belonging to farms and cottages. Over the last 70 years many of these have disappeared as housing developments have been built. We hope to find what fruit trees are present in the village in 2012 and identify the varieties. You never know, we may come across an unusual local variety!'

The students are particularly interested in older fruit trees, but will include all fruit trees in their surveys. If you have a variety that you would like to identify, the students will arrange to do this.

So, if you are able to help the young people learn about the agricultural life of our village now and in the past, please contact Doreen at St Martin's School 01455 212386 or email doreenr3@st-martins.leics.sch.uk.

Doreen Rose

Memories of St Martin's

One day whilst happily rearranging my produce on my stall at Stratford-on-Avon Farmers Market I noticed a lady standing back reading my banner - *'Tomlinson's Free Range Chickens, Stoke Golding'*.

We smiled at each other and said hello and I awaited the customary question regarding chickens. What she actually said was "I went to school in Stoke Golding, at St Martin's, I boarded there".

I've lived in Stoke Golding for 36 years and attended St Martin's but never knew that it had once been a boarding school. This caught my interest straight away and I was determined to get more information. By coincidence the lady's name is Claire Ellis, first wife of John Ellis from Hilltop Farm Shop at Cunningham Hill, who is a good friend of ours. Claire kindly allowed me to 'interview' her and her story is as follows:

Claire started at St Martin's in 1957 as a full time boarder when the school was an all-girls private school. Some girls attended daily, some boarded weekly, monthly or termly. All the teachers were nuns apart from the PE teacher. Claire thinks there were around 70 girls boarding, however this was some time ago so she admits some of the details are fuzzy! The dormitories were situated in a large red brick house (clearly no longer there) and there were two or three dormitories with around 15 beds in each and with little rooms off each of them. The whole house was very clean with highly polished floors. Claire said the house had a distinctive smell and she remembers it as being cold, dark and stark. It must have been quite intimidating for a young girl.

There was a Chapel immediately to the right as you went in and she distinctly remembers the 'constant praying'! They attended Chapel three times a day; early morning mass, benediction at tea time and then prayers before bed. This increased to five times on a feast day.

Claire clearly remembers Sister Louis who, she said, used to stand at the end of the dormitory with her arms folded (anyone who knew Sister Louis will remember this stance!). When they were completely silent she would walk down the dormitory inspecting their bed making. The stripes on the bedclothes had to be in perfect alignment and any that were not were stripped and had to be remade until satisfactory. Claire's memories are no more cheerful regarding the food which she said could only be classed as poor. Breakfast consisted of half a slice of stale bread with white margarine and one sausage, and bread and jam for tea. Luckily there was a tuck shop in the school.

They were allowed a bath once a week and I hate to say it but when girls were at a certain time of the month they were not allowed a bath because the nuns said it was bad for you to get water on you at that time.

Claire started as a termly boarder but after much pleading her father relented and let her board weekly. She said she was much happier then and although she clearly has some unhappy memories she was keen to point out that she also has many happy memories of her time with her friends.

These were clearly very different times from today, with different beliefs and views. I'd love to know more about the history of St Martin's. Are there any photos of how it used to be? Also I'd be interested in hearing other peoples memories of their time at the school. If you would like to share your memories or have any historical details, please contact me or a member of the Stoker Team.

Jo Tomlinson – Tomlinson's Farm Shop, 01455 212199

Streets4All PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

We are investigating feasibility and local support for implementing a **20mph speed limit** throughout the village. The case for 20mph speed limits is compelling in terms of health and safety and would also improve the environment in which we live. Recent government guidance recommends 20mph as the default speed limit **where people live** and asks local authorities to consider its introduction. Recent changes to legislation make it simpler (and cheaper) to implement 20mph speed limits without the need for expensive traffic calming measures.

During November we shall be conducting a survey of randomly selected households in Stoke Golding to find out if there is village support for 20mph limits. We would love to hear your views then, or in the meantime you may want to look at our blog where you will find more information and contact details: <http://sgstreets.blogspot.co.uk/>



Ruth Fisher, Brian Ninness and Alan White



Congratulations to Anna Patullo and Mark Elliott



Thank you to all who shared Anna's and Mark's happiness on their Wedding Day on 11th August. We were truly blessed with good weather, surrounded by friends and family, and thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations. The couple were married at St Margaret's by Rev'd Jane Atkins, who used to be curate while Anna was growing up. Afterwards we continued the festivities at Weston Hall, Bulkington, where more friends joined us for the evening.

Carolyn Patullo



Stoke Fest 2012

Well for once, this year rain didn't stop play and Stoke Fest finally happened on Sunday 26th August.

The day dawned warm and sunny, and the crowds both from the village and further afield turned out in force to support the charity event. With live music from Elvis (helped by Micky Vegas), The Boodons, Jim Hirons and JD Bullitt, The Conscripts, TBC, Buck and Barker, Black Star Bullet and the headline act Phoenix, the atmosphere was electric, and the crowd danced until the music had to stop.

The charities that we have supported again this year are Wishes4Kids, The Air Ambulance, Leicester Animal Aid and Stoke Golding Village Hall, with a donation also being made to St John's Ambulance. In total £4,080 has been donated from the event.

The committee would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out with the event. From the setting up of the event until the clearing up, we had great help



from a large number of people. So here goes - Thanks to: **everyone who was at the rec at 8am** to put up marquees, stages etc and back again the following day to take it all down, **the bar staff** who served over 1900 pints without a break, **the refreshment ladies** who do such an excellent job, **the barbecue heroes** who must have been flipping burgers in their sleep, the team of face-painters, **Talon** for providing their PA and crew, **everyone who sold raffle tickets**, manned gates and cajoled people out of money, **all the**

bands who gave up their time for free, **the sponsors** who helped us to stage the event and generously donated raffle prizes, **Ralph Coleman International** who let us borrow their trailers again, **Pete Mayne** for allowing us to have parking this year, **St John Ambulance** for providing first aid cover, **the stallholders** who provided some variety, **Church End Brewery, Britvic, the Club and Wine 2 You** for their support and donations, **the Village Hall and Parish Council** for letting us use the facilities, and finally to **AM Signs** for showing everyone the way!

The biggest thank you is reserved for everyone who turned up and made the event such a success; your generosity, good humour and enjoyment of the event have inspired us to do it all again next year on **Saturday 6th July** with a reserve date of Sunday 25th August just in case! Photos of the day will be on our website www.stoke-fest.co.uk



If you are interested in helping with next year's Stoke Fest, please email us at contact@stoke-fest.co.uk.

Once again, many thanks for all your support.

Stoke Golding Music Festival Committee

Celebrity Corner – Carolyn Patullo



One of the highlights of writing this column is that I usually meet folk that I've never met before. This month however, I am excited about telling the story of someone I've known and admired for many years. Before I had left the Youth With a Mission School at 'The King's Lodge' I had made friends with the Rector at Stoke Golding, Cynthia Hebden, who was very open to meeting the YWAM students. Occasionally she would bring other members of the Benefice to our various events.

So it was around this time, ten years ago that I first met Carolyn. Coincidentally this ties up with another memorable step on Carolyn's 'journey' of her faith. At the age of 18, living with her parents in Weddington, going to St. James Church, two young lads from Lindley Lodge, which was then a Christian training school for young people, turned up to join the congregation. She says in her own words '*I met a young Christian who was obviously full of joy, something I had not experienced before. I hadn't realised that you could have a personal relationship with God through knowing Jesus. A short while later I felt ready to take the step of faith and commit my life to Jesus.*' I was so glad to hear this from Carolyn, as there was no mention of 'religion' – just to 'relationship'. She then says that, together, they started a Youth Group, joining up with other churches in the parish.

Soon after, she left to get her BSc. in modern languages, going off for a year, working in both Germany and France. Returning home, she found a job at MIRA, so was able to live at home, continuing worshipping at St. James, where she was to marry husband John. After setting up home first in Hinckley, where she was helping to run the Sunday school at Holy Trinity, they then moved to Stoke Golding where her daughters, Anna and Clare were both born, and where Carolyn then became a faithful member of St. Margaret's. It was while she was there that her 'giftings' were seen by the Rector Chris Gash who encouraged her to train as a 'Lay Reader'. The course was held weekly over two years (a big commitment, with two daughters and husband to care for) at Oadby near Leicester.

As a fully trained Reader, Carolyn's life is totally fulfilled. She says she has no 'calling' for ordination. We see her on her elderly bike around the village, sometimes in her clerical robes, having just led the service at one of the local funerals, and other times, wearing leggings and trainers, cycling to and from after-school groups such as "Solid Rock" during the week, and naturally she still runs the church Sunday school. She is also involved with "Open The Book" assemblies for the three village schools in the Benefice, dramatising Bible stories, as well as hosting the Wednesday mornings at St. Margaret's for coffee and book swaps.

Carolyn was also the proud "Mother of the Bride" in August when Anna married Mark. They now live near Leamington and her Mum is still living in Weddington... a very close family.

Beth

Message from the Rector



More than a million people filled the streets of London on 10th September, as the heroic athletes of Team GB and Paralympics GB, paraded through the capital, to end the 'glorious summer of sport'. (*I was lucky enough to be there; it was wonderful! Ed*)

Throughout the Games, whether you watched it on television or were fortunate enough to go to a packed out event, the thrill and excitement of competing athletes such as Mo Farah and Usain Bolt during the Olympics, or David Weir and Oscar Pistorius during the Paralympics, rivalled any sporting event anywhere in the world.

And then there were the volunteers, the Games Makers, who were given a standing ovation by the 80,000 crowd when Lord Coe thanked them and spoke of his own memorable moments of meeting them, at the Paralympic Closing Ceremony.

The joy and enthusiasm of the volunteers shone through, as, dressed in the recognisable purple uniforms, they high-fived the passing children, willingly took your camera so that the whole family could be snapped, gave out handfuls of sun screen lotion when the sun was too hot, as well as the job they had been trained to do. There were 800 different roles, from steering the crowds to and from the Olympic Park, welcoming at the airports, driving officials to different venues, to standing behind an athlete as they prepared for their race. For many, it meant early mornings and late nights, sleeping on friends' sofas or travelling long distances, but they did it willingly, making the visitor's experience a good one.

Much has been said and done to promote volunteering in the local community, and many of the Games volunteers have spoken about projects they are involved with, inspiring others to come forward. And in fact, millions of people DO volunteer – whether it's helping a neighbour in need, giving a few hours to work in a charity shop or a hospital, being a school governor, baking cakes for charity events... The list is endless. Volunteers across the UK are doing incredible things every day and deserve to be celebrated in all that they do. Many of you reading this article will be one of them – Thank you.

*Wishing you all God's blessing,
Linda*

Service - 'In Loving Memory'

At the beginning of next month, on Sunday 4th November, we are holding a special service - 'In Loving Memory' at St Peter's Church, Witherley, at 4pm. This is a gentle service of hymns, readings and prayers, when we remember anyone dear to us who has died. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of anyone who is special to you.

The names of those who have died will be read out and if you would like a friend or relative to be remembered, then please let a minister or Church Warden know before the day of the service. As well as coming yourself, you might also like to consider inviting to this service any who you know who have been bereaved. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

A sea of humanity...

I have sought editorial permission to use a four letter word. Cull, there I've said it. OED defines this as "to take out surplus and inferior animals from a herd or flock". Actually we are rather keen on this type of activity. If the bunnies are nibbling the crops or foxy-woxy is depriving Colonel Sanders of his raw materials then action must be taken. If the seals are keeping fish fingers off the menu and badgers have the temerity to cough at our cows then we feel perfectly justified in doing a bit of housekeeping on their populations. Out with the shotgun, the hounds or the club and trim the numbers back to a level that we find acceptable. To a lesser degree we do the same thing with ants, wasps, rats and anything else that we deem to be inconvenient or taking more than its share of scarce resources.

Strange then that we see no problem with the exponential growth of our own species. When I was first hoisted aloft by the midwife and smacked smartly in the face, (I was an ugly child, easy mistake), the world population was 2.5 billion. By the time that fate pops me into his basket and hits the "proceed to checkout" button, assuming that my debauched lifestyle does not bring forward the expiry date on my birth certificate, I will be one of 7.8 billion. These numbers are simply mind boggling. To try and put this into context the world population is increasing by 75 million a year. I am not here talking of births. This is net population growth or current population plus births and fewer deaths. This means that the number of people in the world increases by 205,000 every 24 hours. That is twice the population of Hinckley every day. The implications for food and space are immense to say nothing of the mess that 200,000 extra people will create. Without some intervention, we are heading for a disaster.

The word cull when applied to what we consider a troublesome population seems to have a certain legitimacy. When you apply the same word to the human population the human rights and eugenics boys start going ballistic. I am not advocating getting out the humane killer and sorting out a few bankers, although the idea is not entirely without merit, but we do have enough science about us now to restrict our growth before we make this planet intolerable for everything that lives on it.

Will we have the courage to do this? Will we even have the sense to acknowledge the problem? Sadly I think that, even if we do recognise the elephant in the room, we will probably try and cull that as well.



Fool on the Hill



Birth Congratulations

Congratulations to Andy and Nicola Smith on the birth of Zachariah (Zach) on 6th September, weighing 7lbs 1oz.



Church Matters

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding

7 th October	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service
14 th October	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
21 st October	10.30am	Holy Communion Tots' Church
28 th October	10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship

Holy Communion Every Tuesday at 6.30pm.

St. James's Church, Dadlington

7 th October	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
14 th October	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
21 st October	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
28 th October	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

Tots' Church

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

The Methodist Church October Services

Starting at 10.30am

7th Oct	Mr Neville Spark
14th Oct	Deacon Phillip Osborne
21st Oct	Mrs Eveline Overton
28th Oct	Mrs Judith Cooke

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

7th Oct	J Needham
14th Oct (Harvest)	Mark Menzfeld
21st Oct	Malcolm Welch
28th Oct	Stephen Foxwell

Methodist Church October Events

**Saturday October 6th
Coffee Morning**
10-11.30am
for Church Funds

**Saturday October 20th
Coffee Morning**
10-11.30am
for Pump Aid



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.

What's On



The George and Dragon Book Group

The book group at The George and Dragon celebrates its first birthday in November. We have read a wide range of books, some we've loved, some we've liked and some we have enjoyed disagreeing about.

Books have included The Kite Runner, Moondust, Great Expectations and the Shipping News. Not everyone always has a chance to read the book – lives are busy and things happen – but it doesn't matter, the group is very relaxed and it's just interesting to have a drink and listen to the points of views.

Come and join us. We have a great 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 2 October 8pm**

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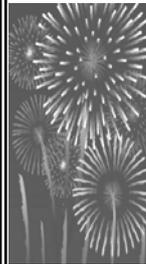
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please ring Chris: 01455 848194**

What's On

Heritage Group Programme

On October 18th we have an illustrated talk on Leicestershire Amphibians and Reptiles, given by Neil Talbot from the Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust.

On November 15th a representative from the National Arboretum will talk about the site and what its significance is for the country.

Talks are held in the Baxter Hall commencing at 7.30. For non-members there is a nominal charge of £2.50

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

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Stoke Golding Village Hall

Sunday 7th October

Doors Open 7:30pm
for 8.00 pm start

Tickets £8

Cabaret style seating

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Contact Alan White for tickets - Tel: 01455 212416

Tea and Cakes

at

8, The Courtyard, Higham Lane, Stoke Golding

Monday 29th October

2.00 – 4.30pm

In aid of

'Friends of Kenya's Children'

Tickets £3 from Jan: 212397 or Gill: 213700

Eat and drink all you want!

Cakes and small gift stalls

P.S. If you could make us a cake that would be great.

Dadlington Matters

FAKE THACKRAY

The songs of the late Jake Thackray
as performed by John Watterson
Supported by local folk group 'The Shambles'

Dadlington Village Hall

Saturday 10th November

Bar and light refreshments

Admission by advance ticket only

Tickets, £8.00 available from Graham Grimley - 213487

Sutton Cheney Parish Council, September - Dadlington Ward Report (not ratified)

Police Matters – damage to one vehicle in Dadlington.

BT phone box – No further action to be taken at this point.

Notice board – now erected and in use on the Green, the board is not locked, so local notices are welcome, which will be monitored by the Parish Council .

The Memorial Bench erected on the Green by the Simpson family is damaged and will need repair or replacement – efforts will be made to contact the family.

Comments have been made with reference to the *mowing of the Green* – the contractor has not altered practice, so the excess of grass clippings left is merely a result of wet weather this year.

£40 approximately, has been left by the long defunct Village Youth Club – suggestions as to how this could be used are welcome, please contact Linda Mayne 212586

Next Meeting November 14th, Sutton Cheney Village Hall.



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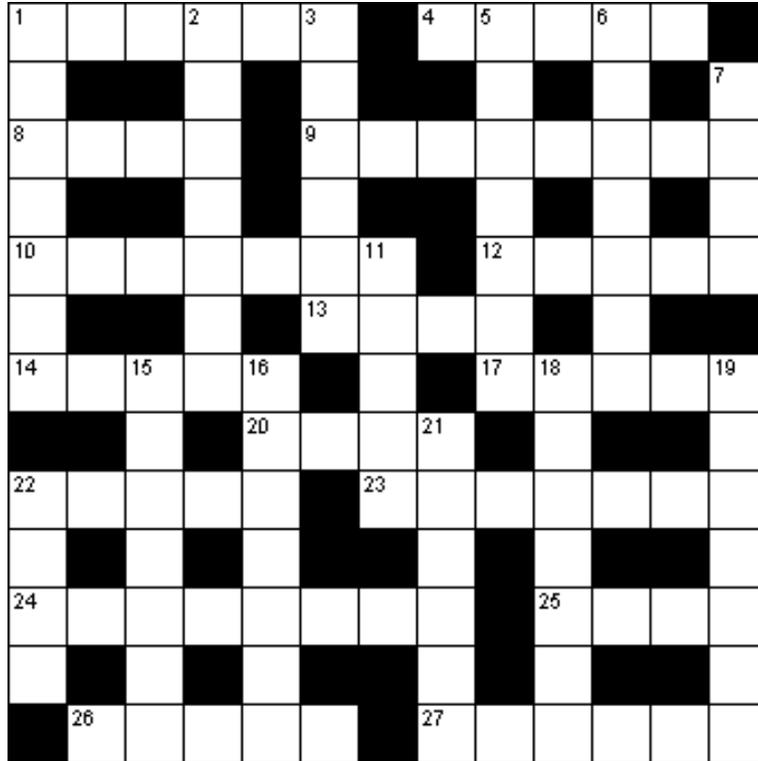
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Down



Across

1. Man in armour (6)
4. Bottomless chasm(5)
8. Royal bird(4)
9. Our local field of conflict(8)
10. Christian name of army leader at 9A (7)
12. Fly caught fish(5)
13. Circular object (4)
14. Detest(5)
17. Christian name of army leader at 9A (5)
20. Top class breed of horse(4)
22. WWII term for leaving the army(5)
23. Save from being scrapped(7)
24. Part of armour at 9A(8)
25. In debt to another(4)
26. Christian name of Mr Earp of cowboy fame(5)
27. Followed on(6)

Down

1. Bird of prey(7)
2. Firearm sound(7)
3. Cloth cover over knight's armour(6)
5. Enchant(7)
6. Type of steak(7)
7. Hit by a bullet(4)
11. Prima Donnas(5)
15. Place for keeping explosives(7)
16. Place for wild creatures to live(7)
18. Jealous of another's possessions(7)
19. Gave in under pressure(7)
21. Fight between armies(6)
22. Excavates(4)

Answers on page 22



SPOTLIGHT on... The Monthly QUIZ!

Ever wondered who is the only one of the Mr. Men to wear a scarf? I guess not. What about the name of the film in which Harry Potter got his first kiss? Well, these and many more questions were answered at August's QUIZ NIGHT at Stoke Golding Club in Hinckley Road.

The quiz, which has been running for 2 years or so, takes place at 8.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month and is attended by 30 to 50 Club members and friends. Quizzers compete in teams of up to five with sumptuous prizes for those who end up in the medal positions. For those who work up a thirst and appetite there are refreshments provided.

Subjects covered include sport and entertainment plus a regular smattering of local questions such as "St. Martin's Convent closed recently after how many years... 43, 63 or 83? Variety is provided by a picture round and music quiz, providing the Quizmaster can get his equipment to work!

So if you fancy an evening of fun, frolics and friendly banter come and try us out. You'll find a cordial welcome and a none too serious challenge to those little grey brain cells.

Oh yes, those questions! The answers were... Mr. Snow, The Order of the Phoenix and 63 years.

Ian Wilman

The next quiz will be on Tuesday 9th October.

Joy's Continued Success

Stoke Golding's English Skeet clay shooting champion, Joy Hirons, of Church Walks put her 12 bore shotgun to good use by taking the silver medal in the recent British Open Skeet championship at Nottingham, shooting 98 of her 100 clay targets and losing out on the gold medal by just one point.

The following week she donned a pair of pyjamas to shoot at Dartford, Kent where she helped raise over £500 for the Meningitis Charity. Most of the competitors joined in the fun by shooting in their sleepwear.

Once again Joy would like to thank local villagers Keith and Caroline Roberts and also 'Captain' Pete Underwood for their continued and much appreciated sponsorship.

Bob Hirons



My Satnav (From the Internet)



I have a little Satnav
 It sits there in my car
 A Satnav is a driver's friend
 It tells you where you are
 I have a little Satnav
 I've had it all my life
 It's better than the normal ones
 My Satnav is my wife
 It gives me full instructions
 Especially how to drive
 "It's thirty miles an hour", it says
 "You're doing thirty five"
 It tells me when to stop and start
 And when to use the brake
 And tells me that it's never ever
 Safe to overtake
 It tells me when a light is red
 And when it goes to green
 It seems to know instinctively
 Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
 And all those to the rear
 And taking this into account
 It specifies my gear.
 I'm sure no other driver
 Has so helpful a device
 For when we leave and lock the car
 It still gives its advice
 It fills me up with counselling
 Each journey's pretty fraught
 So why don't I exchange it
 And get a quieter sort?
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 And my tendency to scoff,
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 I could turn the damned thing off!

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OBITUARIES



Graham George Haddon

We are sad to report that Graham passed away on 19th August aged 70 years, after a long illness bravely borne. Graham was the dearly loved husband of Barbara and loving dad to Paula and Adrian, father in law of Mark and granddad of Alex and Olivia. Born in Nuneaton he was an apprentice at Triumph Motor Cycles at Meriden before becoming a draughtsman. He married Barbara in 1965, moving to Stoke Golding where their children were born. He retired in 1993, being stricken with multiple sclerosis. His funeral service was at St Margaret's Church. There were no flowers by request with donations in lieu to Multiple Sclerosis c/o D.B. Devall & Son, Funeral Directors, The Green, Attleborough, Nuneaton.

Philip Stanley Henson

Philip of Stoke Golding passed away peacefully on 2nd September aged 88 years. He was the beloved husband of Marjorie, a loving dad to Michael and Christine, a wonderful granddad to Kelly and Natalie and a great granddad to Ava and Jessica. The funeral service took place at The Heart of England Crematorium.

Jean Margaret Chuter

Jean passed away suddenly at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, on 10th September aged 68 years. She was the loving wife of Keith, a much loved mum to Carrie, Samantha and Martine and a very special Nan to her grandchildren.

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those mentioned.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding and Dadlington on Thurs 11th and 25th Oct.

Dadlington	27 Hinckley Rd - 10.05 - 10.25am
Stoke Golding	Greenwood Road 10.30 - 10.45am
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Stoke Golding Parish Council - August 2012 Meeting

Cllr Ould reported on the following local issue: cutting of hedges outside Convent Site – to be followed up.

Reports by Council Representatives and Clerk:

Young Children's Play Area - Update of project given to meeting . Fencing installation – quotes awaited. It was proposed to tidy up slab area – quotes to be obtained. Future project – fitness equipment for the rec proposed and quotes obtained – grants/funding to be looked into for this large project.

Planning Application Matters:

a) New Applications: 34 Wykin Lane – Works to 5 trees and removal of horse chestnut. 27 Andrew Close - Extensions and alterations to dwelling. 50 Sherwood Road - extension and alterations to dwelling. No objections to above applications. 16 Wykin Lane - extensions and alterations to dwelling and creation of vehicular access - comments to be made on this application that consideration be given to putting the access into Tithe Close.

To make arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

Wreath to be ordered and confirmation of Bugler for Sunday 11th November 2012

To review recreation ground charges - In accordance with HBBC fees, a main pitch is £480 and a mini pitch is £240 per team for 2012/13 season.

To consider requests for use of football ground - Stoke Golding Football Club confirmed they would like to use the main pitch for 1 team and the mini pitch for 3 teams for the 2012/13 Season. Clerk to send an invoice to the club and Cllr Pegg to discuss with the grounds-man the marking of the pitches.

To appoint a Trustee of the Charity of Thomas Barton - It was confirmed that Bernard Arnold was willing to stand again as a Trustee to The Charity of Thomas Barton.

Mar City contribution to recreation activities -The Parish Council agreed to ask HBBC if it could confirm how the 106 monies would be allocated with regard to the Convent Site development. What would the total be and how would this be proportioned out.

Issues raised at Coffee Morning on July 7th

- Storm water drain from The Goldings into the rec via a brick bulkhead is laying and causing a thick black sludge – quote for work awaited, clerk to follow up.
- Football Wall – grass perimeter needs attention - quote for extra grass matting to be obtained.
- Restoration of ironwork to wall of Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- Tidying up of flower beds in Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- Planned extension to Park House - concerns raised.
- Spare land at corner of Thornfield Ave and Arnold Road needs attention – obtain quote to tarmac.
- Dog Fouling – CCTV to be investigated, although Councillors were not unanimous in this matter.
- Motorbikes riding onto the rec.

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- Demise of horse chestnut tree.
- Jitty – overgrown weeds/nettles, hedges and trees.
- Young Children’s Play Area fencing – it was confirmed upgrade of fencing planned.
- Wall leaning by Post Office/George and Dragon Public House – this to be followed up.

A proposal was made to tidy up Hinckley Road Cemetery – letter to be put in Stoker welcoming suggestions/ ideas.

Hinckley Road Cemetery – planting on graves - the owner of a memorial in Section C to be contacted where a conifer had become overgrown to advise the removal of same.

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

Next Meeting - Wednesday 3rd October 2012 at 7pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

A BIG thank you from Katy

Thanks to the appeal in last month’s Stoker, Katy Shilladay has received 15 sun hats and is just about to post her first box to children in the villages of Kikembala and Mtwapa in Kenya, which she visited earlier in the year.

She said “I am really pleased with the response - people have been very kind. I would particularly like to thank Evie and Guy for their very kind donation of £40. This will really help protect the children from the terrible effects of the sun”.



Katy still needs more sun cream, sunglasses and sunhats, so please have a search and see if you have any of these items not being used and give them to her good cause.

Katy hopes to go back to visit the villages when the situation becomes a bit more stable out there.

Jane White

Bird News – Late Summer 2012



I have spent some time in locations from where it's been possible to look over both the Ambion and Hangman's Woods of Sutton Cheney. At least seven kestrels and a number of buzzards have been ever present.

On at least three consecutive evenings I witnessed a hobby hawking insects over the Ambion, though on each occasion, a brief two minute view was the only consolation for at least an hour in the field. On one of the evenings the hobby actually flew across in the direction of Dadlington. Hangman's Wood, I'm informed by a trustworthy authority, played host to a pair of breeding hobby some years ago.

Following information from a birding acquaintance, I've been observing breeding hobby at two other sites; one near Twycross and the other just inside Warwickshire. Also I managed a very good view of one over gravel pits at Whitemoor Haye. These are adjacent to the National War Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, a location where I have done monthly national wildfowl and wader counts for the past twenty years or so. Indeed, some years ago at this site I discovered a hobby's nest, having observed the pair of birds in talon-grasping courtship display. They continued to breed in the same location for the next five years, on each occasion successfully raising three young. It's always a wonderful sight to see all five family members flying around together - hence my enthusiasm to discover a family party within close proximity of Stoke Golding.

Some weeks ago I noted three little egrets flying over woods near Shenton, and surprisingly, a willow warbler was briefly present in my back garden. Green woodpeckers still feature prominently both in and around the primary school, particularly very early in the morning. They can be seen on lawns in Sherwood Road, including mine, as well as on the grass verges. They are extremely noisy, more especially when disturbed.

David Abbott

COPY DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE: 15th OCT.

Across. 1. Knight, 4. Abyss, 8. Swan, 9. Bosworth, 10. Richard, 12. Trout, 13. Disc, 14. Loath, 17. Henry, 20. Arab, 22. Demob, 23. Salvage, 24. Gauntlet, 25. Owed, 26. Wyatt, 27. Ensued.
Down. 1. Kestrel, 2. Gunshot, 3. Tabard, 5. Bewitch, 6. Sirloin, 7. Shot, 11. Divas, 15. Armoury, 16. Habitat, 18. Envious, 19. Yielded, 21. Battle, 22. Digs.



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