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The Stoker

Stoke Golding Village Magazine

including

Dadlington Matters

50p

Note from the Editors

I am very pleased to introduce two new members of the Stoker production team; Steve Smithers who has offered to help edit the magazine and Jennifer Michie who is going to take minutes of the meetings.

Rachel Terheege, a key member of the Stoker team since it began, has decided to step down as minutes secretary and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her help and support over the years.



The summer has been a busy one with events including StokeFest, the Garden Show and Flower Festivals and a huge amount of money has been raised for various charities thanks to the hard work of lots of volunteers. We are so lucky to live in such a thriving community. Keep up the good work.

Don't forget you can have your Stoker delivered free of charge - just contact Rosemary Collier (tel. 212597) and she will add you to our delivery list. It costs £5 in advance and you will then receive 10 editions of the Stoker delivered monthly to your door.

Please keep sending in your articles and photos

Jane

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If you can submit articles by e-mail or on a memory stick (Microsoft Word) it makes our job much easier, (**500 words maximum** please).

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Celebrations

Joy - England Team Ladies Champion



England International skeet shooting champion, Joy Hirons of Stoke Golding, has had an amazing year with yet more successes over the summer. She had a brilliant debut for the England shooting team at the Home International in the Republic of Ireland. Less than a week after retaining her British Open title Joy travelled over to County Donegal with the 19 strong team in order to take part in the tournament. The first day consisted of shooting at 100 clay targets and the second day 50 targets. Joy hit 97 on the first day and all 50 on the second giving her a total of 147 out of

150. That score left her as tournament ladies champion, England team ladies champion, and member of the winning ladies team. It also left her as 4th overall highest scorer in the whole England team, a truly dream debut.

Joy became British Open Ladies skeet champion for a second year running, hitting 99 of her 100 targets in a championship which took place at Dartford in Kent in ever worsening weather conditions.

Joy will now train even harder through the winter, with her coach Dave Beardsmore, at Doveridge shooting ground in Derbyshire in preparation for next year.

Rob Hirons

Congratulations Joy - we would like to know where you keep all your trophies as they must take up such a lot of space!



Stoke Golding Beavers Win Surprise Award



Well done to Stoke Golding Beavers for the surprise award presented to them recently by the assistant County Commissioner.

**Take a look at the scout's brand new website:
www.stokegoldingscoutgroup.wordpress.com**

Correspondence



I live at 2 Convent Drive and have been having problems with getting off the bus number 6 when coming from Hinckley as there is no bus stop. I have been in touch with Arriva and the drivers have all been told that if anyone needs to get off near St Martin's School coming from Hinckley just to let the driver know when buying your ticket.

H.Proctor

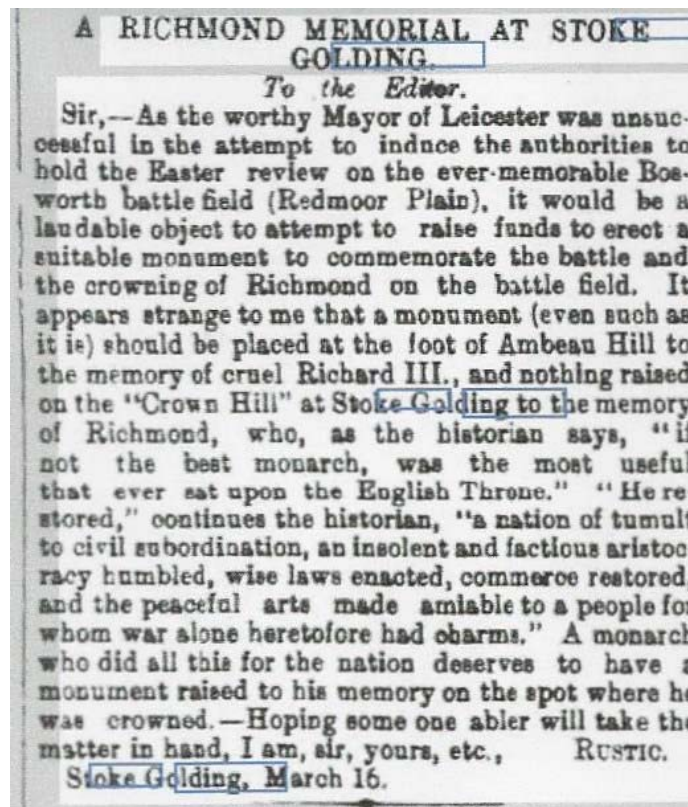


Dear Editor,

As we ready ourselves to 'celebrate' the interment of our late lamented King Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, should we, in Stoke Golding, not remember the victor of the Battle of Bosworth Field?

The article below from 'Rustic of Stoke Golding' in the Leicester Chronicle of Saturday 21st March 1885 suggests that 'someone should do something about it' ! Ought the Parish Council not take up where 'Rustic' left off.?

D. Cash



What Happened to ‘Power to the People’?

Having a say over what happens in our own communities sadly seems to be a thing of the past. Many people I spoke to about the latest development proposals from Morris Homes to build 75 houses at the end of Sherwood Road guessed the decision even before permission was granted. We have recently witnessed the erection of a solar panel farm in Stoke Golding, built despite an overwhelming majority of villagers against it, HBBC voting against it and fierce opposition from MP David Tredinnick and County Councillor Ivan Ould.

Stoke Golding Parish Council is now lobbying David Tredinnick to ask the Secretary of State to call in the decision to allow the Morris Homes development and has written to all Parish Councils, warning them that unwelcome developments could also be forced upon their own villages and to ask for their support. Here is an excerpt from their letter:

14/00262/OUT Morris Homes Development-Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding.

The Planning Committee’s decision on August 19th, granted access and delegation to officers to agree details and site layout, without further opportunity for committee members or the community to have any chance to influence this controversial site for 75 dwellings. This has raised understandable concerns in Stoke Golding and the surrounding parishes.

This site was recommended by officers for approval 3 years ago and turned down by committee and subsequently lost at appeal. The site was put forward in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Report (SHLAR), but was discounted due to the site being grade 2 agricultural land. Permission is required from DEFRA to plough land so designated and this is historical ridge and furrow.

The permission granted for this site contravenes nearly all HBBC’s own policies and all local policies. How can this be acceptable? Local opinion as voiced by our councillors, groups and individuals is being dismissed as being of no consequence. Do we no longer have a voice?

Is it planning officers’ responsibility to suggest ignoring planning policy, because of the urban shortfall? Officers in their appraisal acknowledged the rural requirement had been met in Stoke Golding; building in the village in the years since adoption of the Core Strategy in 2009 far exceeds our key rural village requirement.

We can only hope that the Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP will take time to listen to our concerns and use his powers to stop this unwelcome development in our village.

Jane

Stoke Golding 84th Open Garden Show 2014 Benefits the 'Wishes4Kids' Charity



The 84th Stoke Golding Open Garden Show committee is delighted to announce that £1,000 will be donated to the wonderful charity Wishes4Kids following their very successful Garden Show. Wishes4Kids was chosen by the committee as it grants a wish for children and youngsters in Leicestershire who are life limited, terminally ill, have experienced life-changing physical or emotional traumas, have suffered major abuse or are diagnosed as HIV Positive.

Russell Brickett from Wishes4Kids attended during the evening and kindly agreed to present the prizes to the successful competitors. He said: "We are so grateful to Stoke Golding Garden Show Society for choosing the Charity as the beneficiary from this year's show. The money raised will be put straight to work towards granting the wish of a very poorly little boy whose wish is to visit Disneyland Paris".



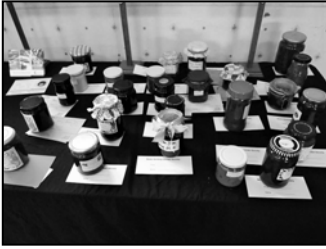
Thankfully the Show was back to its beautiful best after last year's difficult weather and attracted competitors from the local community and further afield. The combined entries created a fabulous sensory experience incorporating floral, vegetable, home produce, home bakery and art for enthusiasts to admire, discuss and simply enjoy. Our visitors were extremely generous in purchasing raffle tickets and bidding in the Grand Auction held in the evening.



Many of the competitors donated their entries to the auction. Other produce was kindly provided by the local community. Our new feature of a 'Market Stall' proved to be an inspirational idea that allowed visitors to purchase produce throughout the day. The committee were delighted with the positive response and will be gathering produce in anticipation of an even heavier laden stall next year.

Reminders for anyone who would like to donate produce to the stall will be posted around the village in August 2015. All donations will be gratefully received. ☺

The Show organisers would, as always, like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the local community, competitors, sponsors and judges for their superb contribution and would especially like to thank 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' for their generous financial donation towards the running of the Show. We are also grateful to Stoke Golding Club and a special thank you to Helen for her tireless efforts behind the scenes.



So many Garden Shows have not been able to continue due to a lack of support but our Show seems to be going from strength to strength. We are proud to have the reputation of a friendly and welcoming attitude to all who compete or visit.

Date for your diaries - the 85th Open Show will be held on Saturday 29th August 2015 and the Novice Class will be '3 Beetroot – any variety'

Winning raffle tickets still to be collected:

Dark Pink	56 – 60	Light Green	301 – 305
Dark Pink	131 – 135	Light Green	156 -160
Dark Pink	236 – 240	Light Green	116 -120
Light Green	481 - 485		

Contact 0780962969 if you have a winning ticket, queries or ideas for next years show!

Tina Waters

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A RECORD BREAKING YEAR!

Well Stoke Fest is over for another year, and the final figures have proved what we already knew – what a fantastic day it was! This year, we made a staggering £7,092 profit on the day compared to £5,854 last year.

Whilst we had more visitors than ever, some of you may have noticed that this year was a more scaled back version than previous years as we had to outsource the catering and other areas that usually make us money due to lack of volunteer numbers. The committee's aim this year was to stage a great day out for everyone whilst accepting that we probably would raise significantly less for charity. The fact that not only did we have a great day, but also made a record breaking profit deserves quite a few thank yous.

Thank you to everyone who came, your support means everything, we hope you had a great time and that it has encouraged you to get involved on the day next year – we really do need more help to run it again.

Thank you to all of the fantastic bands and artists who gave their time for free, to Talon who provide all of the sound equipment and engineers to help us stage the event, to the businesses who provided the lorries and vans for the stages.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, bucket shakers, raffle ticket sellers and other helpers who did hear our cry for help, far too many to mention and single out, but the bar staff, and especially Rory and Phil deserve a special mention. The bar took an extra £1,400 on the day but made £1,700 more profit than last year! Thanks also to Church End Brewery who donated staff and a barrel of beer to help us run the real ale bar.

Thank you also to Ruth, Martin and the Community First Responders for providing the first aid cover for the event, Sitography photography for the photos that will shortly be gracing the website and to all of our sponsors and supporters, again too many to mention, but check out the website for a list!

This year donations will be made to Wishes 4 Kids, the Air Ambulance, Leicester Animal Aid, and the First Responders. We are also keeping an amount back for village projects – **if you have a project that you would like us to support please get in touch on our website.**

We hope that this year has inspired you to get involved, and if so please let us know – email us at contact@stoke-fest.co.uk or phone (01455) 212132 and keep checking out our website www.stoke-fest.co.uk for photos of the event and updates for next year.



**StokeFest
2014**

St Margaret's Flower Festival is an Outstanding Success



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our stalls, to everyone who worked so hard in the hall. Thank you to all those ladies who baked the delicious cakes and kept them coming all over our very busy weekend.

Thank you to the ladies of Earl Shilton Flower Club for the wonderful displays of flowers and to our welcomers and craft ladies in church.

Lastly thank you to everyone who supported us and gave so generously. The brilliant total of £4,000 was raised which will go into the repair fund to help maintain our beautiful parish church.



Margaret Croxhall

Dadlington Matters

Sutton Cheney Parish Council Notes re Dadlington. From the Meeting of September 10th at Whitemoors, Shenton

Police Report – PCSO Mike Chapman reported one set of gates stolen, and complaints about lorries speeding through the village.

The letter of objection to the Planning Application for 75 houses in Stoke Golding was sent to HBBC. Despite this plus letters from residents, MP, local councillors etc. the application was upheld. All councillors shared their disappointment. Heritage Street Signs will be installed in Dadlington. It is intended to use the same design as currently installed in Market Bosworth and Shenton. They will be part funded by the Borough Council's Environmental Improvement Programme of 50% towards Heritage nameplates, though it may be that these funds are not available until the new financial year.

The Parish Council received and viewed the photographs of Dadlington from the Webster Collection, kindly given by Jill Webster and funded by the Thomas Barton Trust. It is intended to arrange a showing in the Village Hall so that local residents have an opportunity to assist in identifying and cataloguing.

New batteries will be purchased for the vehicle operated speed sign.

Ivan Ould, Borough Councillor, was asked to convey to LCC and the Heritage Services the support of the Parish Council for the activities surrounding the reinternment of the remains of Richard III on March 22nd 2015. We have requested that our Parish, and in particular Dadlington and Sutton Cheney, be included in the processional route that will be taken from The Battlefield Centre to Leicester Cathedral.

To contact the Parish Council please Email suttoncheneypc@gmail.com
To view Minutes and Agenda for meetings please see <http://suttoncheney.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Dadlington Village Hall on Wednesday November 12th at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and may speak at the invitation of the Chairman.

Bosworth Battlefield Laying of Roses

On Friday 22nd August a short service and ceremony was held at the Battlefield Centre to commemorate all those who died five hundred and twenty nine years ago.



The banners of the protagonists flew together above the sundial as the Bishop of Leicester prayed for the dead, their families and for reconciliation and peace in our times.

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The events of the day were recounted by Richard Knox of LCC Heritage Services, supported by Dr Phil Stone, Chairman of the Richard III Society.

Red and white roses were then laid – I was pleased to be able to lay a rose on behalf of Sutton Cheney Parish Council.

The ceremony is held every year, is open to all and of course will have a particular resonance next year as King Richard's remains will have returned to the site.

Simon Rees-Jones

From a Dadlington garden

How does anyone become a gardener? New gardeners need knowledge and confidence; knowledge can be learnt but confidence only comes by doing. So, how do you find out what to do, when to do it and how?

Learning from other gardeners is the best way. My dad was my first gardening mentor and when we moved to Dadlington our new neighbour, John Hood, became an additional source of inspiration and advice. Always in his garden, I'd peer over the fence and say "What are you doing, John?" and then I'd consider doing the same. I soon realised that there is more than one way to achieve results as John and Dad often did things differently.

If you don't have a handy role model then there are other ways to learn. Have a browse in a library or bookshop to see what books might suit you. I've always had a small collection of gardening books to refer to and I wouldn't be without my set of Dr Hessayon Expert books. Gardening magazines are a great source of information with interesting articles and handy tips and then there are many websites – try www.rhs.org.uk or www.gardenersworld.com.

For a more structured approach to learning how to garden have a look at the BBC's free online course 'How to be a gardener' at www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/htbg. This excellent resource is now quite old and a few of the pages are no longer active but it covers everything you need to know to get you started.

If you currently don't consider yourself a gardener, spend some time this winter improving your knowledge and begin again next spring with renewed confidence.

Happy 'learning about' gardening!

Val the Plant lady

Thank You

Thanks from Harold and Pat to all those who supported the coffee and cake Saturdays at Zion during July and August. It was lovely to meet you.

Pat Pirie

The Fool on the Hill

A knock on the door.....

I write to you today from a darkened room with curtains drawn and my keyboard muffled for extra security. I am lying low fearing an imminent visit from the EU energy Stasi let loose by a new body in Brussels called the Department of Potential Energy Savings (DOPES). Last night, I should explain, after a jovial evening in our local hostelry, I was assuaging the usual attack of post drinking munchies with an exceptionally fine bag of Worcestershire Sauce flavoured crisps of a kind much favoured by ageing football pundits. I retired to bed, somewhat unsteadily, failing to observe the considerable amount of debris that had resulted from my over enthusiastic attack on the popular snack item. The following morning, still feeling a little tired and with the lobe of my right ear firmly clamped between the thumb and forefinger of Mrs Fool, I was invited in no uncertain terms to restore the status quo of the lounge carpet with one of Mr Dyson's finest offerings.

Having thus restored harmony to the Fool household, my hazy recollections of the previous evening came slowly back to me. During the late night channel hopping, searching for useful tips on DIY and gardening, I had encountered a news item to the effect that the use of over powerful domestic cleansing apparatus could, in future, result in deportation to Belgium or worse. Imagine my distress upon discovering that the power rating of our beloved Dyson exceeded the permitted EU norm by a factor of two thus rendering me liable to instant arrest and necessitating my current concealment tactics. Mrs Fool has suggested that I may be overreacting but Hitler started by cleaning up the streets around Munich and we all know where that led. DOPES is claiming that the reduction of the power rating of vacuum cleaners will result in a very specific amount of energy saving. Really? To be able to say that with any conviction must mean that someone has calculated the floor area of all the houses in Europe and then multiplied that by the time spent vacuuming the carpets. Presumably they will have made an allowance for wooden floors, number of messy children per household and the cumulative effect of cat hairs etc. Sadly, it is highly likely that this has happened and I can't begin to tell you how much I would not want to spend an evening in the company of such people. Already DOPES have plans in place to restrict the power of hairdryers to the point where more drying power would be achieved by standing in close proximity to a mouse with a slight fever and it is strongly rumoured that electric toothbrushes are next in the firing line. So, in future Europe, it seems, will be populated by people with hair like Boris Johnson and teeth like Ken Dodd wading around ankle deep in potato crumbs.

I'm beginning to think that the darkened room is quite a good idea.



What's On

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Zion Chapel



Harvest Service

12th October 6pm

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Stoke Golding Heritage Group

"Cherish the past, protect the future"



October Meeting - Pork Pie Making

We always try to offer talks with a difference and October's meeting falls into the unusual category. For years British Culinary Arts were assumed to be inferior to those of the French. The last few years have seen a renaissance and pride in our own traditional fayre. What could be more traditional than a Pork Pie? Ian, known locally as the "Pork Pie Man", will be giving a demonstration on Pork Pie making and talk about its history. I understand samples will be available and there will be an opportunity to purchase items. So bring along your best bib and tucker on Thursday October 16th at 7.30pm in the Baxter Hall and tuck in. Non members are welcome at a nominal charge of £2.50

Roy Mitchell



From St Margaret's Church October Musings

Two of our six grandchildren have birthdays in October. One will be six and the other thirteen.

When I was six my brother was born. Before that there had been just Mum and Dad and me – but then Richard arrived to change my family life.

At thirteen I started going to a church youth club – Yardley Church 13 Club. (Teenagers hadn't been invented back then). The club had about 100 members. Church attendance was compulsory – so we swelled the evensong congregation nicely. This also changed my life.

I found that I was unusual in that I enjoyed sermons. But through sermons or other triggers, five of my generation at Yardley Church were ordained.

Do you have particular dates in October which act as entrances for thoughts and memories to come flooding into mind?

Lord Scarbrough had his estate in one of my parishes – Maltby. It also had a pit! He wouldn't have Harvest Festival until fairly late in October in order to wait for the potato harvest – 'don't count your spuds before they are dug up!'

What a multitude of birthdays, anniversaries (happy and sad), harvest festivals, saints days (Luke, Ignatius, Teresa of Avila - to name a few) arrive with October. And breathing through family relations, church friendships, worship surrounded by the saints and the digging up of spuds is God's Spirit. There is a sense of 'holding together' and inspiration which is Spirit-filled.

Led by God, October takes us from St. Michael and All Angels at the end of September right up to All Saints at the beginning of November.

May you travel happily with him.

Alan Davis

(Very retired archdeacon)

Big & Small Church

St. Margaret's Big & Small Church
for under 7s

3rd & 4th Sunday of the month
from 10.30am at the Baxter Hall.

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.



Church Matters

Church of England October 2014 Services St Margaret's Church

5th	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service
12th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion
26th	10.30am	Morning Worship

St. James's Church

5th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
12th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
19th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
26th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

Zion Baptist Chapel October 2014 Services

5th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
12th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
19th	6pm	Martyn Owens
26th	6pm	Harold Pirie

The Methodist Church October 2014 Services

5th	10.30am	Mr John Marfleet
12th	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne
19th	10.30am	Mr Neville Spark
26th	10.30am	Mr Charles Davies

Teddy Bear Jump

Thank you to all those who came to the teddy bear jump. 45 teddies flew from the church tower and we had a very exciting afternoon. Thank you to Roger our launcher and to everyone who helped and donated cakes. Our winners were:

Rowan's bear Ellie stayed in the air the longest - 33 seconds.

Amelia's bear Bern flew the farthest into Andrew Close.

Erin's bear Cupcake had the best decorated parachute.

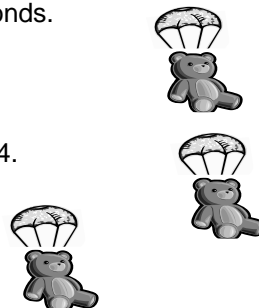
Lincoln - Lee's bear Stripes was the best dressed bear.

Lily counted 43 bears in church - 1 short as there were 44.

Oscar won guess the name of the bear which was Rex.

Thank you to all and well done.

Margaret Croxhall



BETH'S CORNER

I'd been told by many folk in the village that Bob Mayne, as one of Stoke Golding's longest lived residents would have a store of memories. Having phoned him first, I knew I was going to enjoy our afternoon together. Bob's memory at 94 is amazing. Not only of his life here in the village, but also his vivid stories of wartime in the RAF. His wonderful sense of humour had me laughing so much, I had to keep reminding myself to take notes, or I'd never remember a thing. So, looking up my scribbled notes, and - 'if you're sitting comfortably – let us begin.'

Born in 1920 in one of the cottages next to The Swan, now the car park, he was one of four boys and one sister Jean. Schooling began at St.Margaret's, at the old school house opposite the church, and then at The Baxter Hall. *'I got a scholarship and went to Dixie Grammar after that. Took my School Certificate.'* Obviously a bright lad from the start, I thought: *'So how did you get your first job Bob?'* *'Well I got on my bike and rode around Hinckley asking for employment.'* I smiled to myself, imagining his determination at just fifteen. *'East Midlands Electricity Supplies gave me an interview, and then offered me a job in the office, learning everything I could pick up as I went along.'* He volunteered for the RAF and had some extraordinary experiences.

After his first base and original months of training, he was then put into a small signal unit, loaded into an army lorry, with no idea where they were being taken. Arriving at Portland Harbour they had their first inkling. *'We had a good idea what was coming next. – Dunkirk!'* Our lads were being sent to support the US. Army, and they made that memorable landing at Omaha Beach. They were also included in all the American Army kitchens. Bob bursts into laughter: *'Oh we struck lucky alright. Our food wasn't a patch on what they were given. We got nasty little tins of dried egg, dried milk – dried everything. Americans' grub was great.'* *'We followed behind them through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and finished up with the Russians – just down the road from Spandau. You know the prison where Rudolph Hess committed suicide.'* What a journey. What a war Bob had. I was totally absorbed.

Just over a year ago he lost Elsie, his wife from 1943. They married at St. Margaret's and spent the first couple of years with his parents in Church Walks, but after a couple of homes, bought the house in Station Road, their home ever since. He retired in 1985, and you can see from his brilliantly flower-filled front garden, that gardening became his first love. Sadly, now due to bad arthritis, he is unable to walk around the country lanes he loved so much. He sat opposite me at the kitchen table with his walking frame. *'I need this now even to get to the car by the back door.'* *'My last real pleasure is driving around the lanes I've known all my life. And, do you know Beth, I've had two of my frames stolen from the side of the house, even when I put a notice on one – saying "Please do not take away". This one folds up so I can take it with me.....I'm longing for a cup of tea- can you make one for us both.'* After even more anecdotes, and more laughter I looked at my watch – *'Gracious it's time to go. Thanks Bob for a great afternoon.'*

Take care – bless you.'

Beth

Stoke Golding Under 5s



We have had a really busy summer with a teddy bears picnic, bubble party, bug hunt and finally a Graduation party to celebrate all those who are moving on. Big and small we wish them all the best for whatever the future holds.

We will be holding a Macmillian Cancer Support Coffee morning on Thursday 25th September, so please come along whether you have little ones or not. A cuppa, cake and a chat will be on our menu and we would love to see you all.

In October we will be busy with spooky activities and a fancy dress Halloween party (come if you dare!)

Please come and join our fun every Thursday morning 10am until 11.30am at the Village Hall.

Heather Adlam



Do you recognise anyone from this photograph labelled "Sport No.18" from the Webster collection? If so please let us know.

Stoke Golding WI

In July Audrey Hall, from Alrewas, told us how she had longed to play the role of Shirley Valentine on stage. A keen amateur thespian, Audrey's dream was realised when she starred in this one woman play in Burton on Trent. Not content with that Audrey, and her fledgling producer husband, even took the play to Skiathos, their sunny Greek island holiday retreat. The one performance took place outside, with cafe chairs and a make shift stage. All their local friends attended raising money for local charities. We would have loved to have been there and seen the whole production. We were just privileged to hear Audrey speak a few of Shirley's lines.

In August some members met informally to complete a banner of flags to display at Foxton Locks in October, when the baton that is circulating England and Wales prior to the WI centenary in 2015, comes to Leicestershire and Rutland.

Margaret Henley came to the September meeting dressed as a nun and stayed in character to describe life at the Benedictine Priory in Polesworth in the early 15th century. Another dramatic performance, but of a different style, had us all immersed in the story of a nun who came as a pupil but stayed on to be Prioress.

The next meeting is on 8th October when Penny Hodgson talk is entitled "Librarian to the rich and famous". Visitors are very welcome.

Anne Fullager



Obituaries



BERNICE SHURMER

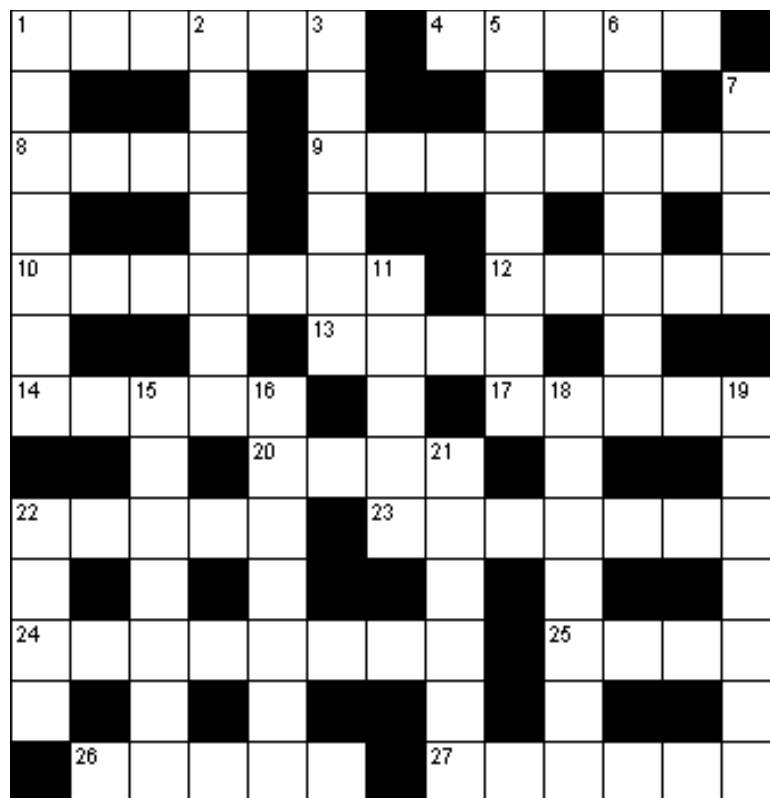
Bernice of Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding passed away peacefully in Glenfield Hospital on 8th September 2014 aged 91 years. She was the beloved partner of James (Bill) Freeman and a much loved mother of Kevin, and a loving grandma to James, Tabitha and Hope, and was devoted aunt to Dawn and Grenville, Timothy, Simon and Andrew and their respective families. Bernice's funeral service was held at Stoke Methodist Church prior to interment in Hinckley Road, Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Rainbows Hospice, Lark Rise, Loughborough LE11 2HS. A very active lady until her last year, Bernice was well known to most of Stoke's older residents and was always a joy to stop and chat and chuckle with as she walked through the village. Interviewed by 'Beth' for this magazine just a few months ago she was a mine of information about people and events in both Hinckley and Stoke, and she will be much missed by her family and friends.

GERALD A. HARDY

Gerald of Hinckley Road, passed away in August 2014 following a short illness in hospital.

We send our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Bernice and Gerald.

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Paul McCartney played his left handed (6)
- 4 Phil Collins and Ringo played them (5)
- 8 60's singer who sang 'Shout' (4)
- 9 Aker Bilks's instrument (8)
- 10 A Scottish instrument (7)
- 12 It can be smoked or streaky (5)
- 13 Type of house, in short (4)
- 14 Presents (5)
- 17 Big brass instruments (5)
- 20 Controversial 60's musical (4)
- 22 Liberace played one (5)
- 23 Part of hearing organ (7)
- 24 Member of band's brass section (8)
- 25 Repeat a job once more (4)
- 26 Winner's reward (5)
- 27 Jagger's group (6)

DOWN

- 1 What Faldo keeps his clubs in (4-3)
- 2 Brass section instrument (7)
- 3 Goes over points in speech (6)
- 5 Welsh 'delicacy' (7)
- 6 Other words for taxi (4-3)
- 7 Shock (4)
- 11 Ghostly, uncanny (5)
- 15 The taste of (7)
- 16 Singers, comics etc genre (4-3)
- 18 Not cook quite enough (5-2)
- 19 Marks or characters on computer keyboards - not letters(7)
- 21 Birds in The Tower (6)
- 22 Part of the Highway (4)

Answers on page 22

Parish Council Notes - August 2014

Pauline Goodsell could not attend the meeting, but submitted the following report:

Convent Site Community Land - Report to Parish Council

Composting toilet is installed and the Parish Clerk informed for insurance purposes. Gates are stored at Iron Styles. They have been repaired, sand blasted and received an initial protective coat.

Apple tree news: The tree nursery at St Martin's was found to be partially waterlogged so a rescue mission was undertaken by David Riddington, Sue Mitchell, Geoff Ford and David Goodsell. Some trees have been temporarily replanted at 3 Hinckley Road and measures to improve the drainage around others taken. Bea Grimley volunteered to care for the St Margaret's trees during the school summer holiday. During Adult Learners' Week David Goodsell gave a short talk to people taking part in the willow weaving session and a number of people expressed keen interest in joining the project.

On 18th July a meeting of members of the Parish Council Convent Community Land Subcommittee and representatives of Raglan Housing was held at the Village Hall.

Main points from the meeting:

1. It is important to provide a good quality shed/shelter for the users of the site - and to this end Jag Gill will obtain quotes for the work. This may mean that other items will have to be put on hold - other grants applied for etc once the ownership of the land is transferred.
2. Raglan Housing is keen to hold an event to celebrate the completion of this work and the installation of the composting toilet - plus exhibiting the willow sculpture.
3. Anne Phillips presented a report from a survey she had conducted with new residents of the Convent Drive development. This was largely very positive and gives some interesting information.
4. Raglan Housing will be participating in the Music Festival - having generously provided a raffle prize of £250.

Matters arising from July's meeting:

Wicksteed - confirmed that the resistance on the exercise bike is not adjustable. Clerk to request a modification or replacement.

The funding from the Community Initiative Fund and 106 has now been received. It is proposed that the interest from the Women's Hall Charity also be spent on this project.

Netball Ring - three prices for wall mounted basketball rings, ranging from £35 to £79, have been obtained. All heavy duty for training/sports clubs/schools etc.

Tree at rec - An additional tree had to be felled at the recreation field, as it was deemed unsafe by Harbours.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

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

Permissions granted:

26 Hinckley Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling.

To make arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

Parish Council to donate a RBL Poppy Appeal Wreath and confirm bugler for Sunday 9th November. Church service will be at St Margaret's Church at 9.45am.

Morris Homes

The Morris Homes Development for 75 houses will be up before the planning committee on Tuesday 19th August.

Sport in Stoke Golding

Cllr Brown reported that a meeting was held between Stoke Golding Parish Council, St Martin's Academy and Sports Clubs on 9th July.

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It was proposed that the Parish Council and the school should work together to access funding to improve sports facilities in Stoke Golding. The playing fields at the school and the recreation ground should be co-ordinated under one management team – ‘*Sport in Stoke Golding*’. A meeting of the grants committee has been arranged for September. The future plans for the recreation ground pavilion were discussed. It was agreed that funding should be sought for the renovation of this pavilion, alongside a new pavilion at the school site.

War Memorial/Cemetery Renovation

Ground work has been arranged for the first week in September. The cleaning of the memorial will take place at the end of September. A grant for 50% of the total costs has been secured from the Environmental Improvement Programme. A quotation from Ironcraft to re-instate railings at the front of the cemetery has been received.

To Approve Risk Assessment/Cemetery Scale of Charges

The Cemetery Scale of Charges was altered to show the following circumstance.

It was resolved that ‘If, at the discretion of Stoke Golding Parish Council, there is a proven long term, continued association of the deceased with the village of Stoke Golding’ a 50% discount will be given on stated cemetery fees. The Cemetery Guidelines should be published on the village website and made available to families when buying a plot, at either cemetery.

Trees

Free packs of trees for community projects were discussed. It was suggested that these could be used at the recreation ground, to both screen the view of the solar panel farm and to replace those trees which have been removed. Cllr Mayes requested that the trees to be placed on the edge of the solar panel farm by the landowner might be evergreen to provide a screen all year round.

The Webster Collection

The late Gordon Webster collected many hundreds of photographs of buildings and people in Stoke Golding and Dadlington. The Parish Council has been given a copy of the collection and would like to thank Jill Webster for making her husband's collection available to the community.

Communications received by the Chairman

Verbal

A complaint about brambles and hawthorn bushes from Hinckley Road Cemetery damaging a garden fence at the rear of Bennett Close.

A complaint about tree branches overhanging property roof at the side of children's play area at the rec-assessed by Cllr Pegg.

Offer of young horse chestnut trees, grown from conkers of tree removed from rec.

Harbours to assess.

Reports from the Cemetery Administrator regarding surplus soil and ground maintenance issues. Clerk to speak to Ray Tunks regarding providing a designated area for soil collection.

Written

Note on grave at Wykin Lane Cemetery regarding rubbish left by the taps - the Parish Council considered this was inappropriate and expressed its sympathy to the family concerned.

Any Other Business

Cllr Beale reported that Church Walk was looking untidy - Clerk to ask Mike Smith to attend.

Cllr Mayes reported that a resident had complained that youths are riding around the rec on motor bikes at night until the early hours - Clerk to inform PC Polly Cotton.

Next meeting: Village Hall, Wednesday 1st October at 7pm.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 19)

Across: 1 Guitar, 4 Drums, 8 Lulu, 9 Clarinet, 10 Bagpipe, 12 Bacon, 13 Semi, 14 Gifts, 17 Tubas, 20 Hair, 22 Piano, 23 Eardrum, 24 Trombone, 25 Redo, 26 Prize, 27 Stones.

Down: 1 Golf bag, 2 Trumpet, 3 Recaps, 5 Rarebit, 6 Mini cab, 7 Stun, 11 Eerie, 15 Flavour, 16 Show Biz, 18 Under do, 19 Symbols, 21 Ravens, 22 Path.

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