

# *The Stoker*

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*including*  
**Dadlington Matters**

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### *Note from the Editors*



*There were mixed fortunes for events in the two villages over the summer with the cricket match and Dadlington Summer Fete sadly cancelled due to the wet weather. The organisers of StokeFest must have breathed a sigh of relief when*

*the sun shone for them and it turned out to be a very successful day. The Flower Festival at St Margaret's Church, not dependent on the weather, was their most successful to date and the Garden Show has again raised considerable funds for worthy causes.*

*The Neighbourhood Planning meeting was well attended and an enthusiastic steering group appointed. We will keep you updated on progress of this crucial development for Stoke Golding.*

*Have a go at our quiz on page 7 - we have even provided the answers, but no cheating allowed!*

*Keep sending in your letters, articles and photographs - it really makes the Stoker a true community magazine.*

*Steve and Jane*

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*Cover picture: Market Bosworth - Richard III by Corinne Wilson.  
Photo by Ruth Fisher*

## Sporting Success

### Annabelle's Continued Success in Waterpolo.



Last week Annabelle Blurton was honoured to be presented with the Leicestershire ASA County Badge for Waterpolo. One of only three ever given for the sport by Leicestershire!

15 year old Annabelle, has had great success since starting to play Waterpolo with Hinckley Waterpolo Club at age 11. The last 2 years she has trained with the GB Talent squad and represented the Midlands in in many regional competitions. She now plays National League with City of Coventry Ladies along side her GB training.

*Emma Blurton*

### Top Score for Joy at Home International in Wales

Joy was part of the England Shooting Team that travelled to the Mid Wales Shooting Centre and took on teams from Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Jersey.

Shooting over 2 days, everyone shoots 100 clay targets on the first day with Joy hitting a brilliant 97 and on the second day everyone shoots 50 clay targets and Joy hit all but one giving her an overall score of 146 out of 150.

This result meant that Joy top scored for the victorious ladies team, and individually she was the tournament ladies champion and England Team ladies champion for a second successive year.

This has been an amazing year for Joy, and following a well deserved holiday will be back on the training ground with her coach working even harder for next year. As a bonus Joy has just been invited to visit the Beretta shotgun factory in Italy in October so that they can make her a custom made shotgun to use next year which is a fantastic opportunity.



*Rob Hirons*

## **Stoke Golding Flower Festival – Journey through the British Isles**

A short walk around St Margaret's church took visitors to this year's Flower Festival on a much longer journey, around the whole of the British Isles in fact, stopping off at such diverse locations as Snowdonia, the Isle of Skye and, nearer to home, Market Bosworth.

Various landmarks were on show such as the Blackpool Tower, beautifully complemented by a sweeping tower of blooms alongside, and Birmingham's Bullring, complete with golden bull and button studded Selfridges. A sleek white yacht at Cowes was accompanied by a stunning mix of reds, whites and blues whilst the surfing waves of Newquay were ingeniously recreated from white roses, blue hydrangea and purple cornflowers.

Another manifestation of a yacht, this time at Buckler's Hard, had flowers interwoven into the metal structure. The Lost Gardens of Heligan display told a story: the dying and overgrown plants that once hid the gardens transforming into a glorious burst of colour.

The festival, a major fund raiser for the church, was created by a number of individual contributors. A bit like the sparkling display on Sutton Hoo, there was much to treasure on this enjoyable Journey.

*Michael Dix*



Birmingham - The Bull Ring  
*Corinne Wilson*

Buckler's Yard - *Imogen*



Covent Garden  
*Alison Banks-Davies*

## St Margaret's Church Flower Festival - Thank yous

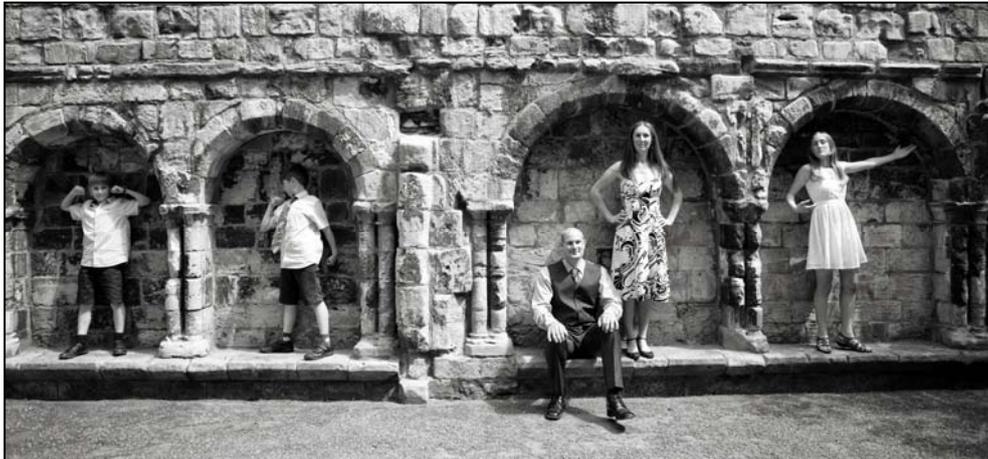
Thank you to the Charity of Thomas Barton for their generous donation towards the flowers this year. Thank you to the ladies who decorated our beautiful church - you surpassed yourselves this year. Thank you to everyone who donated items and prizes, to those who worked so hard over the weekend in church and the school hall to make this our best ever festival raising £4,300! Lastly thank you to all our many visitors for their support of our beautiful church.

*Margaret Croxall*



**Snowdonia**  
*Hilary Ford & Imogen*

## Wedding in York



Congratulations to Nigel and Andrea Gosling who were married during their family holiday to York on St Swithen's Day, 15th July .

We love the very different wedding photograph!



The English weather showed kindness to the Stokefest team and attendees on Saturday 29 August, providing near perfect conditions for a superb day of entertainment for the residents of Stoke Golding and Dadlington and also for those who travelled from far and wide.

On the day, the volunteers in Stokefest team arrived early morning to assemble the

marquees, stages and the various equipment that would provide the structure for the day. The fun began immediately as the marquee instructions were read, de-coded and misunderstood before the beer tents were finally assembled and positioned over the team who had by then almost finished assembling the beer handling paraphernalia.



Stokefest is aimed at providing a full programme of fun and enjoyment whilst at the same time raising funds for charity, including Wishes 4 Kids, Air Ambulance, Leicester Animal Aid and also for various local village initiatives.

With the gates opening at 1pm, I had the privilege of sitting at the Hall Drive entrance armed with a large collection bucket, providing the first of many

opportunities for people to make a charitable donation. How generous we are! My bucket began to fill quickly with notes as well as coins. Very few avoided my enthusiastic calls for donations and I'm sure even they were caught later by volunteers selling raffle tickets or stall holders selling their wares and contributing a percentage of the profits. I felt very proud of your generosity.





The recreation ground soon filled with people enjoying the day. The live music played, the Beer tent opened for business, the dog completion got underway, the Penalty Shoot-out punters challenged



the goalie, Bouncy Castles bounced and the fun started.

The Stokefest would like to thank the bands, all the helpers and of course everyone who turned up on the day. A Ceilidh Dance and Presentation evening is planned for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct for even more entertainment and to present the money raised to the charities.

*Steve Smithers*

## **Ten of a Kind (Answers on Page 21)**

As the regular (and only) quizmaster for the Dadlington Village Hall Annual Quiz, I have put together ten teasers for you to test your general knowledge. See how many you can do without recourse to the Internet. They are all on a theme, and as this is the first one for The Stoker, the theme is...

### **Firsts**

1. What was the name of Elvis Presley's first no 1 single in the UK charts?
2. Who were the first winners of England's Premier League?
3. Who was the first person to swim the English Channel?
4. Which regular Eastenders character was the first person to appear in the first episode?
5. Who was the first Plantagenet king?
6. What was singer Paul Potts the first to do?
7. The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace, but which was the first royal palace to be built in London?
8. What did Laika do on 3rd November 1957 that no dog had ever done before?
9. Rod Stewart had a number 1 hit with 'The first cut is the deepest', but what was the name at the time of the singer who wrote it.
10. If your 50<sup>th</sup> is gold and your 40<sup>th</sup> is ruby, what's your first?

## Michael Robert Walton

Michael Robert Walton, known as Rob, sadly passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> August, aged 36, in a tragic accident whilst on holiday in Labenne, France with his wife Gemma and 4 children, Jake, Ruby, Lily and Gabriel.

Rob was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1978 at the George Elliot Hospital in Nuneaton to his parents Michael and Barbara Walton and was the younger brother of Kate. He lived with his family in Stoke Golding until he left home as an adult, making many friends and joining in with village activities including the local scout group where he was a very popular member.

Rob completed his education at the Dixie Grammar School and went on to build a successful career in the building industry. He worked for several years for the PDSA as a Regional Surveyor before leaving to take up several consultancy roles, all of which he enjoyed.



Rob's passion for rugby led him to a long and established career in the game, playing for many clubs since a young age within the UK and abroad including Hinckley, Birmingham Solihull, Coventry, Shirley (NZ), Canterbury B (NZ), Manly (Aus) and was Head Coach and second row No. 5 player for Rugby Lions. One of his proudest moments was playing at Twickenham in the Junior Vase Final last year for Rugby Lions.

Rob's funeral and celebration of his life took place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August at St. Peters Church in Hinckley and was attended by over 800 people. The Reverend Tom Ringland officiated.

Rob as a husband, father, son, brother, friend and team mate will be sadly missed by so many and will always be remembered as a kind, gentle giant of a man who always had a smile and time for those around him.

Stoke Golding website: [www.stokegolding.co.uk](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

## Stoke Golding Youth Football Club



Stoke Golding U7's played in a tournament at Ibstock Juniors on Sunday 23rd August. We entered two teams and there were some notable wins against Barrow Town, Sileby and Croft. The top scorer was Harvey with 6 goals. To make the day even more memorable the team, managed by Paul Robilliard, won the fair play award which was nominated by the match referees for the exemplary attitude and behaviour of the players, manager and parents.

Picture featuring Ricardo, Rafferty, and Rhys from the U7's holding the fair play award.

The Club is very grateful to Stoke Golding Boys Charity, who have kindly funded the replacement of last year's tired footballs and enabled the club to purchase new nets for the recreation match ground.



The U15's had a great start to the season on the 6th September with a fantastic 5-1 home win, in a local Derby game with the Hinckley Knitters. There were some great goals from Tommy, Mason, Luke, Dylan and Kieron, and also some great debuts from Tom, Harry, Dan and Mason. The team mastered a pre-planned, mid-game change of formation with ease and defensive duties were done by all, resulting in some excellent team play. For the full match report please visit: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/stokegoldingfc/teams/97075/match-centre/0-2995537>

The U11's, who are now competing in the Leicestershire Foxes Sunday League Division 5, had a brilliant first game of the season with an away win also against a Hinckley squad. A few friendly's over the summer helped the team to conquer their first competitive 9 a side fixture, with only one off-side error. At half time the team was 5-0 up. They made great use of the bigger pitch with some precise passing which helped them secure a 7-2 victory. The Charity of Thomas Barton Trophy was awarded for man of the match.

Players wanted:

Friendly Under 9's team moving to a 7 a side game, school year 4.

Contact Pete Hill – 07824 836747/  
peterhill1710@gmail.com



Up coming event:

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club Annual Comedy Night 21st November  
Training Saturdays 9:30 – 11:30 St Martin's playing fields.

# ***Dadlington Matters***

## **Rain Stops Play**

The mixed summer weather hit not only the cricket match against Stoke Golding on the green, but also the biennial Summer Fete, cancelled due to fairly heavy and persistent rain.

## **Road Signs**

Dadlington has acquired a very impressive set of road signs over the last month thanks to Dadlington and Sutton Cheney Parish Council. The signs celebrate the close connections both villages have with the Battle of Bosworth and feature an emblematic Tudor Rose. The Tudor Rose combines the white and red roses of York and Lancaster, and so represents both sides who fought in 1485.

## **Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper**

A Songs of Praise Harvest Festival will be held at St James Church on 27th September at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

The annual Harvest Supper, in the village hall, is on Monday 28th September at 7.00 for 7.30pm. If you would like to come along for this hot meal, the tickets are £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children (bring your own wine - glasses and soft drinks will be provided). To aid catering arrangements, please ring Caroline on 212212 or Jill on 212771. There will be a raffle and a stall selling produce.

## **Dadlington Village Hall Update**

The Committee are delighted to be able to report that the first stage of the refurbishment of our village hall will start in mid October.

The kitchen will be extended and refitted, the toilets will be improved and will include a disabled toilet and we will have significantly better storage facilities. It has taken us a long time to raise the necessary funds so we are very excited that we are finally ready to start.

The main hall itself will be extended during the next stage of the refurbishment.

On Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> the newly fitted hall will be open for the first time for our Christmas Lights Switch On. More details will be available about this event nearer the time but get the date in your diaries now!

The final weekend in September will have been very busy as we pack in a final Village Hall event -The Longest Reign - and St James' Church holds its Harvest Supper.

*Rachel Rees-Jones*

Secretary DVHMC

### **Pantomime Role for Chelsie**



Twenty-one year old Chelsie Faulkes, from Dadlington, has landed her first paid acting role since leaving university in the summer. She was offered the main part of Jack, in the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk', after her recent audition at the London Palladium with Chaplin's Pantomimes. Chelsie graduated from Coventry University with a First Class BA Hons degree in Theatre and Professional Practice. The pantomime will tour schools and theatres in Yorkshire from the 27th November - 17th of January and she will be living in Leeds during this time.

*Photograph by Lesley Bee Photography*

### **Thank you Gift for Simon**

Simon Rees-Jones from Dadlington received a gift from the Stoker as a token of appreciation for his help and support over the years. Simon said he had really enjoyed his time with the Stoker and is sure that Michael Dix, who has taken over as Dadlington representative, will make an excellent member of the Stoker Production Team.



### **King Richard III - Where Was He Killed?**

On the afternoon of 22nd August over 80 people met in Dadlington Village Hall to hear a talk, given by Dr Peter Foss, on the possible sites of King Richard III's demise.

The talk was followed by refreshments and an exhibition on the Battle of Bosworth was displayed in the church, which had been beautifully decorated with white roses.

## Stoke Golding 85<sup>th</sup> Open Garden Show 2015 benefits the Air Ambulance, Stoke Golding Club, George Eliot Hospital

The 85<sup>th</sup> Stoke Golding Open Garden Show has been a huge success with most of the profits heading towards the Air Ambulance charity. The organisation was chosen by the committee for the important and often dangerous work that is carried out on a daily basis all year round for the benefit of all citizens.



This year's Show was dedicated to the memory of Keith Jones who was involved with showing in the village for nearly 60 years and without whom our Show would not have been resurrected and moved forward in its successful present day format. We are forever indebted to Keith and sadly miss his kindness, strength of character, organisational and fundraising skills and, of course, his dry sense of humour.



The Show itself was a wonderful occasion attracting competitors from the local community and much 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 many visitors were extremely generous in purchasing raffle tickets and bidding in the Grand Auction, which was held later on in the evening. Competitors donated many of their entries to the auction and other produce was kindly provided by the local community. Our feature of a 'Market Stall' proved to be a novel way of purchasing local produce whilst adding to the profit of the Show on the night. The stall will once again be available next year and reminders for anyone who would like to donate produce will be inserted in the Schedules available in August 2016. All donations will naturally be very gratefully received.

The Show organisers would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the local community, competitors, sponsors and judges for their superb contributions but would especially like to thank 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' for their extremely generous financial donation towards the running of the Show. We are also grateful to Stoke Golding Club for allowing access to the function room before, during and after the Show and a special thank you to Maria for her tireless efforts behind the scenes – and congratulations on winning the novice beetroot class!

Without the support of these members and organisations the Show would struggle to be staged as an annual event in the village calendar and we are extremely grateful for their input. Garden Shows continue to fall by the wayside due to a lack of support and a proactive committee but our Show seems to continue to go from strength to strength. We are proud to have the reputation of a friendly and welcoming attitude to all who compete or visit.

**The committee is delighted to announce that £1000 will be donated to the Air Ambulance, £500 towards a defibrillator for Stoke Golding Club, and £200 to the George Eliot hospital.**

**Date for your diaries** - the 86<sup>th</sup> Open Show will be held on Saturday 3rd September 2016 and the Novice Class will again be '3 Beetroot – any variety'.

**Winning raffle ticket prizes still to be collected:**

Dark Pink	11 – 15
Yellow	456 – 460
Yellow	486 – 490

Contact 0780962969, if you have a winning ticket, queries or ideas for next years Show.

*Tina Waters*

### **A positive outlook - Neighbourhood Plan meeting update**

There was a buzz at St. Margaret's School as over 40 residents responded to the postcard invitation (Did you receive yours?) to the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. There was a busy, lively discussion on a range of topics from the geographical area the Plan will cover to looking at some fantastic ideas for a Plan logo. The main business centred on asking for volunteers to form the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee of which 8 people put their names forward. This committee will report the village views on topics such as housing development, provision of leisure facilities to the Parish Council who will then ratify those decisions. The PC's role is essential – it is the body legally responsible for the Plan - that ratifies the decisions of The Advisory Committee so our Plan complies with legislation before it is presented to the Borough Council. As someone said, this is a great opportunity for us to work together for the needs and wants of the village. As many people as possible, if you live or work here, can have their say. **What would you like to see happening in Stoke Golding in the next 10 years?**

If you came to the meeting, please spread the word. Talk to your friends, neighbours, family about it...

Look out for details of the **next meeting in October** in the usual locations around the village and through the Co-operative mail.

**Anyone with an interest in the future of Stoke Golding is very welcome.**

*Ella Orr*

## Stoke Golding WI

Our local Air Ambulance service is there to respond to emergencies. We had our own emergency in September when our booked speaker was unavailable at short notice, so Air Ambulance Fundraiser, Katy Lockton, from Warwickshire came to our rescue. It was Katy's second visit in a week to Stoke Golding having attended the excellent Garden Show the previous weekend, where she impressed the locals enough for a return invitation.

Katy told us about a typical call out for the local Air Ambulance service, with two helicopters serving a total of five counties, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland. These two helicopters provide a rapid response to trauma and medical emergencies over an area of 3850 square miles. They cover many of the UK's major road networks. With an average response of just 13 minutes, between them they attend on average six missions a day. They operate a national children's air ambulance service as well, besides having rapid response vehicles at each centre, which function at night when the air ambulance is grounded.

Funded entirely by donations the service has its own charity shops, whilst other major sources of income are legacies, corporate events, fund raising events and on line giving. Katy left teaching to take on this fund raising job and she certainly seems to be enjoying the challenge, besides being an excellent communicator.

Our next meeting on 14th October at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall will be about the National Memorial Arboretum. On Saturday 10th October from 10.30 to 12 we invite everyone to call in to the Methodist Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits to commemorate the WI Centenary. There will be a display of work done by members of the WI besides stalls selling cakes, produce and books.

*Anne Fullagar*

### What's On

St James's Church

**Songs of Praise  
Harvest Festival**

27th September - 6.30pm

**Harvest Supper**

**Dadlington Village Hall  
Monday 28th September  
7 for 7.30pm**

Tickets cost £7.50 adults £3 children  
Ring **Caroline 212212** or **Jill 212771**

The Methodist Church

**Coffee Morning**

Saturday 17th October  
10.00-11.30

For Pump Aid

## What's On



### Ceilidh Dance & Presentation Evening

With live music from



And professional caller

### Mr. Julian Stanley

**Saturday 17th October 8pm**  
Stoke Golding Club, Hinckley Road

**Tickets £5 available from the Post Office, the Club or 9 Hinckley Road.**  
Phone 212132 for further details, or look at our website: [www.stoke-fest.co.uk](http://www.stoke-fest.co.uk)

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Sun 8th Nov. 8pm **Those Magnificent Men** - the Foundry Group  
Sun 13th Dec. 4pm **Alice in Wonderland** - Box Tale Soup



**Tickets - £10 adults £5 children**

To book or find out more:  
Contact Alan White 01455 212416 or  
email [alanwhitesg@gmail.com](mailto:alanwhitesg@gmail.com).

Take a look at our website <http://stokegoldingvillagehall.wordpress.com/shows>



Stanley Opera present  
**“THE ITALIAN JOB”**  
15th, 16th & 17th Oct  
**Hinckley Concordia Theatre**  
Tickets £9, £10

Tel. Box Office: 01455 615005 during opening hours  
Book online: [www.concordiatheatre.co.uk](http://www.concordiatheatre.co.uk)

### Zion Chapel



### Harvest Service

11th October 6pm

**Everyone Welcome**

## St. Margaret's - A sustainable school!



The children at St. Margaret's are enjoying their first harvest, enjoying the fruit and vegetables grown in the school allotment. Earlier in the year, the children at school won a grant from National Grid to build a school allotment. The children have been responsible for planting and looking after the vegetables and are now enjoying the rewards. This week alone the children have had carrots

and green beans grown in our allotment served with their hot lunches at school. They also enjoyed a delicious apple crumble, made with apples from school. We are excited to see how big our pumpkins will grow and Mrs Payton is intending to make some chutneys with the children with the tomatoes we are yet to use.



## Year 6 - What a Wonderful Walk!

Children in year 6 started the year with a walk - an opportunity to be active, to enjoy being together and enjoy the outdoors. The children walked a circular route of 10 miles, accompanied by many of their parents and grandparents. It was a lovely day out in our locality, exploring Stoke Golding and beyond. Highlights for the children included a corn field, jumping in muddy puddles, meeting Tina the horse and surviving the wasp swarms at lunch time!





**Year 6**

### **Super Sized Fungus**

It wasn't there when we went to bed last night but suddenly this dinner plate - sized fungus sprang up out of nowhere. How can we tell if it is edible or not - can anyone advise? Send in your photos of interesting fungi - they are fascinating.



### **Recipe: Apple Cake with Toffee Sauce**

Use up apples in this delicious cake which never lasts long in our house!

#### **Apple Cake**

3 eggs  
200g sugar  
270ml oil  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
375g plain flour  
1teaspoon bicarb of soda  
500g peeled, chopped apples  
120g chopped walnuts or pecans  
Pinch salt

#### **Toffee Sauce**

125g butter  
60ml milk  
225g dark brown sugar  
Pinch salt

#### **Method:**

1. Preheat over 180C/Gas 4
2. Beat eggs and gradually add sugar. Mix in oil and vanilla. Add in flour and bicarb. Stir in apples and nuts.
3. Spoon into a greased tin and bake for 1 hour or until done. Cool for 10 minutes then turn out onto plate.
4. Make the toffee sauce by combining all ingredients in a saucepan over a low heat then boil for 3 mintutes stirring constantly. Drizzle over warm cake.

**ENJOY**

## **BETH'S CORNER          SATURDAY FLU VACCINATION CLINIC**

Hannah, our friendly practice nurse at Pine Close, is anxious that we should all know about the Clinic they will be running on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Writing this in September, Julie tells me patients are already making their appointments. The surgery will be open from **9.15 am** and the last appointments are at **12.15 am**. It is essential that patients get in touch with reception staff to make their appointments – and not just turn up. To make the day flow as quickly as possible, there will be ten patients every 15mins eg ten for each of the appointments, and as there will be two practitioners; twenty patients can be vaccinated every half hour. Remember, although the surgery is open on that day, no other services will be available and apparently this is going to be the one and only Flu Clinic this year – so, get on to **212526** as soon as you can. If possible try not to bring your car as, obviously with the number of patients, parking will be very restricted. Each year, the government urge the population, especially the most vulnerable, the elderly, and those with respiratory problems, to take advantage of the flu vaccinations. We are so lucky here in the village to have our wonderful Pine Close Surgery with its staff and doctors, most of whom know us by name, along with our entire medical history. Getting on a bit myself I find every member, from reception, practice nurses and doctors a real blessing.

### **VILLAGE VISIT TO THE KING'S LODGE**

Unusually, this month's Stoker seems to be all about Events – rather than People. I like meeting and chatting and making friends with people, but the visit to The Lodge, meant meeting lots of friends and some old colleagues of mine. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>.August, ten of us met down at that large brick building, built in 1880 to house the junior boys for Rugby Public School. Having once been on the school staff there, actually living on the premises for a couple of years, I'm still in touch with a number of the Leadership, and they were delighted to be able to offer their well known hospitality for an afternoon tea and home-made cookies, and a guided tour. Many of the trainees had just returned from the Philippines, where they had been working with the young boys in prison, and at Smokey Mountain – a large garbage heap, where the very poorest live and eke out an existence, scrabbling through the garbage, finding anything they can sell on, for a few pesos. Joseph, who comes from Staffordshire, had been put in charge of the afternoon, along with Juliana, Camilla and Daani (all from Brazil). I was also able to catch Sue, one of the leaders of the 'Outreach' who was still suffering a bit from jet lag, and who had been a student on my last school, and on the outreach to the Philippines in 2004. She and her husband have been on staff ever since, and four of their now grown up children have all lived there. She was able to give some extra stories along with the students. The young people and staff in YWAM all raise their own financial support, to *'live by faith'* – feeling that this is where God wants them to be, which often means they are living and working with far less material treats, that many young people expect as a matter of course. One of our group – Jacquie Morton from Dadlington told me, *"Beth it was a privilege to meet them – they are so sincere and so humble about what they are doing – they ought to be a lot bolder in telling folk all about it"*. Carolyn Patullo added *Inspirational!!*

Thanks for coming. Beth

**From the Archives**  
**UTILISATION OF A DISUSED MIDLAND RAILWAY**

**FROM THE DERBY DAILY TELEGRAPH OF TUESDAY 10TH MAY 1927.**

A proposal is under consideration to open the disused railway line between Hinckley and Stoke Golding - a distance of about four miles - as a speedway for trying out new motorcycles and cars as they are turned out from Midland factories. It is also intended to seek the co-operation of Midland motor clubs who are looking for a suitable venue for speed events. It is stated that the London and Midland Railway, who own the track, have been approached by a group of leading Midland manufacturers and they have consented to lease the railway for the contemplated purposes. At Hinckley the disused line commences at a point only 100 yards from the London to Holyhead Road. *(This was next to the A5 Watling Street railway bridge and ran across the Coventry Road, Hinckley, where Dodwell 's Bridge industrial estate now stands and then across farmland near to the Ashby Canal, to Stoke Golding, passing under the railway bridge on the Higham Lane at Stoke near to Mr Reg Ward's Farm).* Constructed 55 years ago (1872) the only rolling stock which ever passed over its permanent way was a couple of double sets of engines. The line was then abandoned. The track is a cutting practically all of its full length with a natural grandstand for the whole of the four miles. Owing to the lack of a speedway near at hand to Midlands manufacturers it is necessary to send all the new models for trials and tests to Brooklands or the coast. It was to be nearly 15 years before the Lindley farmland became an aerodrome and a further 15 or more before MIRA took over the site and it became Britain's major testing site for motor vehicles. Of course not all of these proposals came to fruition and Stoke Golding never became a rival to the other famous race tracks such as Silverstone and Brands Hatch – such a shame.)

Denis Cash



**OBITUARY**  
**DAVID MICHAEL SHIRLEY**



We are sad to report the death of David Michael Shirley of Wykin Lane who passed away at the young age of 64 years in The George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton. His funeral service was at the Wykin Lane Cemetery on 23rd September.

We send our sincere condolences to his family.

# Church Matters

From St Margaret's Church



## What has St. Luke ever done for us?

Each of the four biblical gospel writers has something different to offer his readers. Luke, whose festival falls on 18<sup>th</sup> October, is particular in that he wrote two books of our New Testament – the Gospel according to St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

Try to imagine our only having three gospel accounts – Matthew, Mark and John – and that Luke had been lost. What would we miss?

Christmas would be different – no shepherds watching their flocks nor angels singing in the sky. They only appear in Luke.

And we find the Annunciation – Gabriel's visit to Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus – and Mary's meeting with her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, in Luke's gospel only.

Our non-Communion services would be a bit different. No Magnificat or Nunc Dimittis in Evening Prayer, nor Benedictus in Morning Prayer. They are all three direct quotations from Luke.

We would also miss some of our favourite parables. The Good Samaritan helping the man beaten and robbed on the Jericho Road, the Prodigal Son returning to his loving father after spending all his money on wild living, and the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus are only to be found in Luke.

We are told that Luke was a doctor and there are more healing accounts in his gospel than in the other three. Luke also appears more open regarding the place of women in society and within the group of Jesus's followers; they play a greater part in his gospel account.

It is natural to 'mix up' the writing of the four evangelists – that is the gospel writers. But sometimes it is good to identify their differences – and to give thanks for the individuality of their faith and their gospel accounts.

*Alan Davis*

## St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap

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## Big & Small Church

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## Church Matters

### Church of England October 2015 Services St. Margaret's Church

4th	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service
11th	10.30am	Benefice Service Dadlington
18th	10.30am	Holy Communion
25th	10.30am	Morning Worship

### St. James's Church

4th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
11th	10.30am	Benefice Service
18th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
25th	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion

### The Methodist Church October 2015 Services

4th October	10.30am
11th October	10.30am
18th October	10.30am
25th October	10.30am

### Zion Baptist Chapel October 2015 Services

4th	6pm	John Todd
11th	6pm	Martyn Owens - <b>HARVEST</b>
18th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
25th	6pm	Bill McIntyre

## Answers to Ten of a Kind

All Shook Up  
Manchester United  
Captain Matthew Webb  
"Dirty" Den Watts  
Henry II  
Win Britain's Got Talent  
Palace of Westminster  
Go into space (unfortunately she died on the mission!)  
Cat Stevens  
Paper (anniversaries)

**The Fool on the Hill** Now please wash your hands.....

I fully accept that the time is not too far away when I will be ushered, without ceremony, across the threshold of the Margaret Thatcher memorial home for the terminally bewildered. However, I remain convinced that an unnatural degree of complexity has crept into things that should be simple like, say, washing your hands.

Recently, I had cause to visit one of the many excellent medical establishments in Leicester to have running repairs to the latest part of my anatomy that was malfunctioning. During the course of my treatment, I visited the toilet facilities, although that particular part of my biology was not the subject of the latest piece of unscheduled maintenance. Having responded to nature's call, I attended to the post relief hygiene routine only to be confronted by what, at first glance, seemed to be the flight deck of the Starship Enterprise. An array of Light Emitting Diodes (LED's in the common parlance) ranging from large in the middle and traversing laterally to small, before terminating at either end in a triangular red lens with an indecipherable logo. This, it transpired, was the hand washing water dispensing mechanism, or tap, as we would have it in the real world.

The experience got me thinking about the complete lack of standardisation that exists in the equipment provided for the very simple task of washing your hands. As part of the ageing process involves frequent visits to public conveniences, I decided to undertake some field research into the various alternatives on offer. In a motorway service area, I was confronted by a large stainless steel structure resembling a fountain. This dispensed soap via a push button and water by a similar button. It was evident that many people had made the wrong choice as most of the soap dispensers were empty and the trough of the fountain was lined with a soapy sludge. Having succeeded at the second attempt, I then sought the hand drying facility which was some distance from the trough, as evidenced by the trail of puddles on the floor. The hand dryer was of such ferocity that it effectively stripped the skin from my hands whilst simultaneously rendering me, temporarily, deaf. Other hand dryers encountered in my research were so pathetic that a greater degree of drying would be achieved by holding your hands in front of an asthmatic mouse.

Soap dispensers seem to come in four basic types, manual, electronic, empty or broken. Combinations of all four types were also experienced and my conclusion is that the electronic one generally offers the best solution. On a recent trip to Italy we experienced foot operated taps. Heaven forbid that we should be pointed in the right direction by the Italians, but they did make a lot of sense.

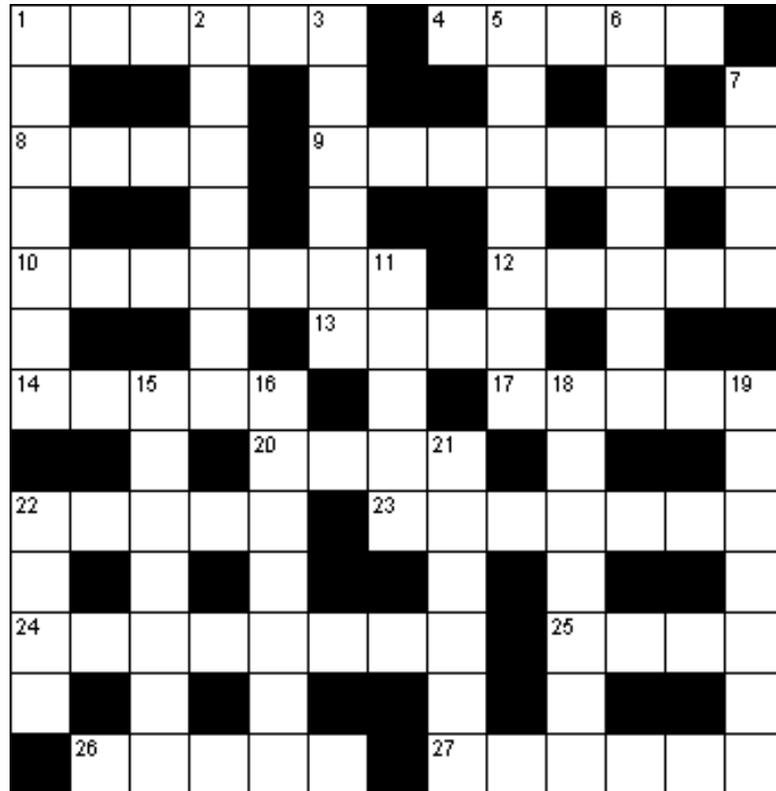
So come on Britain, standardise our handwashing as I am sure this confusion results in many men simply not bothering with the process.

There can be no other explanation.



*FOTH*

# Crossword



## Across

1. Dwarf tree (6)
4. Young sheep (5)
8. Opera song for solo voice(4)
9. Rodent with bushy tale (8)
10. Young Hare (7)
12. Fruit of the oak tree (5)
13. Mr Schofield 'in short' (4)
14. Mouse like long snouted mammal (5)
17. The sun's energy (5)
20. Folklore giant (4)
22. Aquatic diving bird (5)
23. Mythical fire breathing monsters (7)
24. Long tailed country bird (8)
25. Small aquatic amphibian (4)
26. Birds do this to clean feathers (5)
27. Bird who pops out of a clock (6)

## Down

1. Small sturdy breed of hounds (7)
2. Oriental breed of cat (7)
3. Arch of foot (6)
5. Noah took all these on the arc (7)
6. Farm Building Night bird (4-3)
7. Scottish valley (4)
11. Position of bronze medal (5)
15. Reddish small deer (3-4)
16. Exclamation of distress(3-2-2)
18. Grown without use of fertilizers (7)
19. Rice dish cooked in stock (7)
21. Sexy (6)
22. Spaces in between (4)

Answers on page 26

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting - August 2015**

Discussion about the Site Allocation Document (SAD) and the site on Wykin Lane: Cllr Mitchell reported that a constructive meeting was held at the Hub on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Although it had been stated that the inspector would not look at individual cases, his diary seemed to indicate otherwise. Cllr Mitchell asked if the Parish Council would write to HBBC to assist them in putting a case together to challenge any representation by the developer. After much discussion the Parish Council resolved to write to HBBC to offer support and assistance to challenge any representation or future planning application by the developer on the Wykin Lane site.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported that as Chair of the Planning Committee he has set up a working party to look at Brownfield sites as a means to defend against predatory developers. Money saved on appeals could be spent on extra enforcement officers.

### *Reports of Council Representatives:*

Cllr Pegg reported that the wildflower meadow had been cut as usual this year, but Dave Marriott had proposed an additional programme of cutting for next year.

### *Planning Applications:*

#### *New Applications:*

45 Station Road – two storey extension to rear and open porch canopy to side - no concerns.

Laburnum Cottage, High St – erection of 7 dwellings and formation of access (outline-access and layout). Residents' comments were discussed. Clerk to prepare comments for PC approval, based on concerns of residents.

#### *Permissions granted:*

Land adj 6 Whitemoors Road – erection of single storey dwelling with associated access and parking.

Land rear of Little Meadow Farm, Basin Bridge Lane – erection of timber stable block.

Romerden Farm, Upton Lane – extension to existing farm shop to incorporate a tea room.

Convent Lodge, Convent Drive – erection of boundary wall and garage.

75 Hinckley Road – removal of condition 3 (matching materials) of planning permission.

#### *Withdrawn*

Field North West of Cold Comfort farm, Rogues Lane, SG – Change of use of land for two gypsy traveller pitches with associated infrastructure.

#### *Amended:*

15 High Street – two storey side extension incorporating single garage – no change to previous comment.

#### *Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday*

Parish Council is to donate a RBL Poppy Appeal Wreath and confirm bugler for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Church service will be at the Methodist Church at 9.45am.

#### *Consider request for use of football pitches*

Clerk to send out invoices based on pitch requirements submitted by the football clubs. The PC will continue to mark junior pitches as an extra to the maintenance contract as in previous years. Fixture lists will be requested to ensure

unnecessary pitch marking is not incurred. Due to the increased use of the pitches this season, income should cover the maintenance costs incurred by the PC.

#### *Neighbourhood Plan*

At the NP meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July the following actions were proposed:

PC to allocate a budget for admin of £1000.

Postcard format to be used to inform village of progress every six/eight weeks. Cost £60 per printing.

PC to contact the Charity of Thomas Barton to request a donation of £720 to cover the cost of 12 sets of postcards.

Steve Martin to canvas businesses at Willow Park Industrial Estate and Tomlinson's Farm to ascertain their views on the boundary for NP.

PC to submit application for designation of NP area.

Glynn Chapman to identify three NP consultants.

The Clerk has prepared a Terms of Reference for the NP Steering Group and has been liaising with the Leics & Rutland Assoc of Local Councils (LRALC) regarding the correct and legal procedures for setting up and administering the NP Steering Group. The PC has been advised that although it may seem unnecessarily bureaucratic it is essential to do this right, as evidence is now coming forward that NPs are being challenged on PC procedural failures, rather than just content. Steve Martin reported that business owners and residents on Upton Lane (in Higham Parish), wished to be included in the designated area for Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan.

#### *Sport in Stoke Golding*

The PC is still awaiting wish lists from the football clubs and feedback on development plans from all clubs. A further meeting will take place in September.

#### *Benches*

Cllr Brown reported that two replacement benches will be installed shortly: one on Sherwood Road and one on Station Road. These have been funded by the Charity of Thomas Barton. A memorial bench will be fitted at the recreation field. Two further benches are required at the recreation ground and will be considered in about six months.

#### *Solar Panel Farm – Basin Bridge Lane*

This development will be on the parish boundary of Stoke Golding. The land is not good for other purposes and the site will be well shielded. This is classed as a temporary installation and the status of the land does not change; it cannot be subsequently used as a brown field site. It was agreed that the visual impact of this development was minimal and that there were no obvious reasons to object.

#### *Communications received by the Chairman*

##### *Verbal*

Request from Ray Tunks – the Clerk holds a copy of the burial register for Hinckley Road Cemetery. Now that Wykin Lane Cemetery is in more frequent use a copy register needs to be purchased for burials there. Cost £40.

**Next meeting:- Village Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm.**

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#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 23)

##### Across

1. Bonsai. 4. Lambs. 8. Aria. 9. Squirrel. 10. Leveret. 12. Acorn. 13. Phil. 14. Shrew. 17. Solar.  
20. Ogre. 22. Grebe 23. Dragons. 24. Pheasant. 25. Newt. 26. Preen. 27. Cuckoo.

##### Down

1. Beagles. 2. Siamese. 3. Instep. 5. Animals. 6. Barn owl. 7. Glen. 11. Third. 15. Roe Deer. 16. Woe is me. 18. Organic. 19. Risotto. 21. Erotic. 22. Gaps

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