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# **The Stoker**

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**

*Ruth*



## Note from the Editors

*Jane*



*Congratulations to the organisers of Stoke Golding's very own music festival - it was a great success and somehow even managed to get a mention in a national newspaper!*

*We have lots of other events to look forward to including the Dadlington Fete, Stoke Golding Garden Show, music at the Club and the Village Hall, a celebration at the 'George', church flower festival and coffee mornings and a Teddy Bear jump to help Thomas get to America.*

*Congratulations Joy for your continuing success (page 9) and we hope you achieve your goal of shooting for England.*

*Thanks to all our readers for your photographs and articles - keep sending them in and we will print what we can fit in.*

*Jane & Ruth*

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The Editors,

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Jane White - email: **janewhitesg@googlemail.com**

*Front cover - Albert and Lillian Hunter on the occasion of their retirement from the Post Office (opposite the Methodist Church) in September 1974.*

## STOKE FEST 2011

Hundreds of people turned up in force to support the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoke Fest Music Festival on 9<sup>th</sup> July in Stoke Golding.

With a wide variety of music, the event started with Marky T and friends who then handed over to young up and coming band Dig Lazarus. Jim Hirons then entertained the crowd with a

wide medley of songs before The Conscripts who are only aged 14 and 15, but are seasoned professionals, took the stage and had the crowd singing and stamping along.

Black Star Bullet managed to fit us in to their busy touring schedule and were fantastic,

followed by the excellent well known local band Phoenix. Next on the line up were the entertaining Trunkee Lookin Pants – we tried to ask how they got their name, but never did find out! – with General Jack back from last year by popular demand, who warmed up the audience for the headlining band The Gritters. The crowd were dancing all night, and the quality of the music was exceptional.



*The Conscripts*



*General Jack*

There were a large number of stalls and plenty of entertainment for the kids so that Mums and Dads could watch the music without too much interruption.

Preparations are already under way to make next year's Stoke Fest on **7<sup>th</sup> July 2012** bigger and better than ever!

The organisers would like to give a big thank you to everyone who supported the event, to the advertisers who sponsored

the programme, to everyone who donated raffle prizes, to Britvic who donated soft drinks for the event, to Church End Brewery who had to do an emergency beer delivery and to St Johns who provided the first aid cover on the day.

An even bigger thank you goes to all of the volunteers who helped either in the organisation of the event or on the day. Without them we could not run this fantastic event. We do need more volunteers, though, for next year, so if you are interested in helping with next year's Stoke Fest in whatever way, then please email us at [stokefest2011@gmail.com](mailto:stokefest2011@gmail.com)



*Bar Staff*

**Don't miss Jim Hirons at the Club on Sunday 28th August 6pm - FREE!**

# Correspondence



When we walk our dog through the village at around 6am every morning we have noticed that a large dog (possibly Rottweiler size) has been fouling the pavements in the Hinckley Road area. It is obviously someone who walks their dog in the early hours of the morning (and it seems as though the owner carries on walking whilst the dog is fouling). During just one week in July we noticed it twice outside Hinckley Road Cemetery (which we find totally disrespectful), once in Thornfield Avenue, also outside the old people's bungalows on the corner of Hinckley Road (my wife actually picked it up as she was so disgusted) and on Hinckley Road by the jitty through to Bennett Close.

**Please clear up after your dog.**

*Name and address supplied*



Ann Beard would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent her get well cards, kind messages and flowers after her recent operation.



Having come past the entrance to Willow Park Industrial Estate for the umpteenth time I see that the wonderful wicker-work tree is still lying down flat where it has been for a month or two now. So, to whoever is responsible for it, or the owner, may I suggest that such a magnificent feature is wasted lying there. If it is of no further use to the owner why not offer it to the village through this magazine, for a donation to a most worthy charity of which we have many in Stoke Golding. I think it would make a fantastic feature in anyone's garden.

*Denis Cash*

## Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

At the next meeting of the Trustees of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation in October applications will be considered for awards to students.

In order to be eligible the following conditions must be met:

- a) Two years attendance at St. Margaret's C.E (Aided) Primary School, Stoke Golding
- b) Residence in Stoke Golding
- c) Attained the age of 16 years or more and be undertaking further education in the academic year commencing September/October 2011

Application forms may be obtained from the Post Office, the Middle Stores and A. Fullagar, 26 Wykin Lane ([anne.fullagar@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.fullagar@btinternet.com)).

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar  
by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011.

## Solar Panels Update



This is a follow up to the March Stoker article regarding the installation of our solar panels – which we are very pleased with. So – so far, so good! From the beginning of February until today (8<sup>th</sup> August) we have generated 1479 Kilowatt hours (Kwh) of electricity. This will have earned us approximately £635 from the FIT – Feed in Tariff - plus £22 calculated at 3 pence per Kwh on half of the units which ‘they’ estimate we might export. In addition some of our electricity that we have used is free. This is more difficult to report accurately as our old fashioned electricity meter has been going backwards and we have had to have a new one fitted – free of charge. It is illegal to have your meter running backwards so it had to be changed. As it re-started on zero we will need to negotiate with our electricity supplier as to where it should be set.

Current figures show an average generation of 7.83 Kwh per day and average usage during non Economy 7 hours as 3.78 Kwh. So we are making approximately half of the electricity we use during generating hours. Therefore we calculate the return on our investment to be around 5% at the moment and that we are well on track to achieve the target figure of 7% annually that we hope for.

Points which may be of interest if you are considering installation:

- To get best value you need to use as much electricity during generating hours as possible – during the longest days we started making electricity by 7.00 a.m. and up until around 7.00 p.m. but obviously that drops according to day length, height of the sun and the actual cloud cover.
- Panels are being improved all the time – bit like computers - you are never up to date with the latest technology. Also the better the efficiency rating of the panels you put up the more electricity can be generated.
- Some appliances, e.g. a kettle, use electricity very quickly so at that moment of boiling water very quickly it is unlikely that your panels can supply all the current needed. However with something like an immersion heater I would think that once the water is up to temperature the solar panels would keep it topped up nicely. Also washing machines etc. have little spurts of using electricity then they have a rest so it’s very difficult to know how much of the electricity that you are making needs to be supplemented by the grid at any given time.

To date 5 houses in Stoke Golding have installed panels and we know of some more that have been ordered and will be fitted soon. There have been several ‘guided tours’ of our installation and queries from interested residents continue on a regular basis. We are pleased to explain how they work etc. - so if there is anyone else thinking about them please don’t hesitate to get in touch. Just call in (3, Hinckley Road) or email: [millburn5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:millburn5@hotmail.co.uk)

*Pauline Goodsell*

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## Get Thomas To America

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the 'Get Thomas To America' campaign. We have been amazed and touched by the kindness shown to us. Since Thomas was diagnosed at 2 years, many hours have been spent and many hours driven at great cost to relieve Thomas' symptoms. This operation offers Thomas the opportunity to walk better so that the damage to his feet is lessened and to stand still for the first time. We also hope it will relieve the painful cramps which disturb his sleep. So, if you've come to our events, bought our cakes or donated to the campaign in any way, thank you.



### **Update**

We now have a date from The Children's Hospital in St Louis for Thomas' operation on his spine. His first surgery is planned for 3rd November. It is then likely that he will require a second operation to lengthen his tendons and hamstrings two weeks later. The latest fundraising total achieved is £26,042 which is an amazing effort and is credit to all the people working so hard on Thomas' behalf both in the public eye and behind the scenes. Thank you all.

### **September Events**

*Family Football Funday - 4th September*, Heather Football Club, near Shackerstone. Heather FC have kindly donated their ground for the day to help Thomas. We have organised a football day for all the family, featuring a football competition. If you would like to enter a team (18 yrs +) please contact Kate or David on 212405 to register. Subs are £10 for players and £2 for family members/non-players. The competition is 11 a side on a full size FA affiliated club's pitch with proper goals, a stand and proper officials. We also have some ex-professional players coming from premiership clubs, some of whom will be playing, so it is a unique opportunity to play on a proper pitch with the stars! All abilities welcomed and everyone will get a chance. If you do not have enough for a team you can register as a group or as individuals and we will make up teams from it. Family attractions include bouncy castle, face painting, games, stalls, BBQ & Thai food, kids' competition and disco and karaoke.

*Pubathon, 10th September* 13 miles, 13 pubs, starting and finishing in Stoke Golding. Are you up to the challenge? Sponsored event, in aid of Get Thomas To America. Contact David Hughes on 212405 to register.

*Battlefield Dancing Dogs and Falconry Display, 18th September* - Bosworth Battlefield is hosting an event for Get Thomas to America. Stars of the show will be a team of highly trained dogs who, amongst other things, dance to music (in a Britain's Got Talent kind of way). There will also be a falconry display and other attractions.

*3 Hour Zumbathon, 25th September* - Join us for a 3 hour Zumbathon for Thomas. £10 to enter or £10+ sponsorship even better! Contact Claire Ashley on 213346 to enter.

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*(Get Thomas to America, continued from page 6)*

*Crown Hill Open Day, 25th September* - A one off opportunity to visualise The Battle of Bosworth from Crown Hill. Experts will be on hand to guide you through the battle and tell you the story of Bosworth and the beginnings of the Tudor Dynasty. The Bosworth Battlefield Centre is supporting us and sending some people across in dress uniform to perform a 'Bill Drill' to make the day really special and our thanks go to them. There is ample car parking on site and refreshments will be available, plus a selection of home cooked pies and other treats.

*Kids Cycle around Mallory, 26th September* - Mallory Park has kindly agreed to open up its circuit to us for a Kids' Sponsored Cycling event. Everyone welcome. Entry is £5 per bike and if you can get sponsorship on top that would be even better. To enter please ring Richard Mackinder on 07717 808975.

Full details of these and other events can be found on the website,

[www.getthomastoamerica.co.uk](http://www.getthomastoamerica.co.uk). We also have a Facebook group if you would like to get involved with discussions and ideas. The Facebook group is called 'Get Thomas To America' and it is an open group so request to join it and we'll add you in straight away.

*David Hughes*

### **Thank You**

**Katie Elliott, Staff and Family from the George and Dragon would like to thank the villagers of Stoke Golding for their warm welcome!**

During our first hectic month of opening we have met many lovely customers and hope the villagers like their new pub. For everyone who hasn't tried it yet, come along and say 'Hi' - everyone is welcome!

With our close connection to Church End Brewery, the 'George' is committed to serving Real Ales in excellent condition, always having a Guest Ale from a micro brewery on offer; as well as lager, cider, Belgian beers and wines.

Since the 26th July we have been serving traditional pub lunches 12-14:30, all made fresh on the premises, from local produce (meat from Parkers and chicken from Tomlinson's). Our Chef 'Lewi', bakes bread daily with flour from the nearby Claybrooke Mill and his loaves can be purchased over the bar, alongside his own pasties, and scones. Also available for sale are Sparkenhoe Cheeses and Rowley's Pork Pies; we hope to extend our product range over the coming weeks.

**On Saturday September 24th we are formally celebrating the opening of the 'George' and hope locals will join us.**

The Anker Radio team will be playing folk and jazz music. The Portly Pixie will perform a short George & Dragon story and in the evening the Valley Shambles will sing traditional English songs.

*Katie Elliott*

## Joy's Continuing Success

Joy Hirons of Church Walks has added a second county title to her trophy shelf as she continues to perform well at English Skeet Shooting. She won the ladies county title at Northampton after shooting 95 of the 100 clay targets with her Beretta 12 bore shotgun. The latest win goes nicely with the Skeet Doubles title she won in May. Joy will now shoot in the British Open Skeet Championship at Bisley in Surrey and as this will be her first major competition we are keeping our fingers crossed that she performs well.

*Bob Hirons*

P. S. We shall continue to watch Joy's progress and her ultimate goal of a chance to shoot for England.



### Children Writing About the Ocean ...



- If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Kevin, age 7)
- When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean.
- Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)
- I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mum, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)
- Some fish are dangerous.. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock.. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7)
- The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)
- My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mum. (James, age 7)

## Old Stoke Golding on the Web

I have recently uploaded many photos of 'Old Stoke Golding' onto the village website. Do let me know if you have any more information about the photos or if you have more recent photos of Stoke Golding which could be added.

Visit [www.stokegolding.co.uk](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk) and click on 'Photos of the Village' link.

*Ruth Fisher*

## Mans best friend?

As part of my master plan to create the perfect rural idyll in which to dribble away my remaining existence, I have gone out and bought various bird feeding devices. My aim was to attract the more picturesque species to enhance the appearance of our little garden. I am not a greedy man. A brace of robins, a finch or two, an assortment of tits would have amply met my needs. Imagine my delight when we had a visiting greater spotted woodpecker. Oh joy, oh rapture!

A false dawn, I fear, because despite my efforts, the contents of my birdfeeders are now pillaged by a flight of jackdaws, two squirrels and a rat. The only diminutive avians that still deign to drop by on the off chance are a flock of, frankly, rather dull and quarrelsome sparrows.

I do, however, persevere, necessitating a weekly visit to our purveyor of bird nosh which doubles as the local pet store. This has given me considerable food for thought regarding the relationship between man and beast. I must admit that some of this has left me rather baffled as, for the life of me, I can see absolutely no point or attraction in owning most of the creatures that are offered for sale. In one corner of the shop a gecko resides with a look of studied indifference. It seems to care not a jot whether it remains there or is relocated to a vivarium in young Oscar's bedroom. I doubt if young Oscar will add anything meaningful to its existence or, indeed, it to his. Not for them chummy conversations and trips to the park. The only brief highlight in their mutual misery will be the offering of some hapless grasshopper once every three days.

Likewise, when the petulant Tamsin drops by to pick up a hamster that she has been promised in a moment of parental weakness. Threats to rescind this arrangement were met by the counter threat to scream and scream until she is sick. Hence the rodent, complete with several hundred pounds worth of extras, is procured and taken home to be adored - until the dawn of realisation. Hamsters are not self cleaning. Tamsin will make one token effort and then it will fall to the parents to ensure perfect hamster hygiene for a period of about 18 months when it will be discovered dead and the horse trading begins again.

To be continued...



*The Fool on the Hill*

## Christian Aid

Many thanks to all those who donated to *Christian Aid* during Christian Aid Week and after. From the envelope collection at St James, Dadlington, St Margaret's Stoke Golding, the Methodist Church and Baptist Chapel, various gifts and the Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church we raised the total of £224.08. I am sure that the sum will be well used for the benefit of those in need.

*Carolyn Patullo*

## **Stoke Golding WI**



On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August WI members and friends enjoyed a cream tea on a sunny afternoon in Sue Mitchell's garden. Together with a raffle this fund raising occasion raised £155 for our WI.

The August meeting was organised by members and an evening outing took place at Barwell Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. First we had an hour on the green, taking part in teams of three, this being quite chaotic as only a handful of members knew what they were doing, no prizes were given! This was followed by an excellent carvery meal in the restaurant with lots of chat and wine. A most enjoyable evening, thanks to Wendy & Jean for organising it.

The WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

### **Birth Congratulations**



Pete Smith, pictured here with his wife Louise and baby son, Adam Peter Francis Smith who was born on 3rd June weighing 5lb 7oz. They live in Harpenden, Herts where Pete helps with the local Scout Troop. Louise is a researcher at the Houses of Parliament and Pete works for HSBC at Canary Wharf.



### **Music for a Summer Evening in Dadlington**

Cate Mellor, Paul, Deborah O'Donnell and Nick Goodwin, accompanied Tim Spencer on keyboard gave a fantastic concert in St James Church, Dadlington in June. To an appreciative audience they sang a variety of music creating moods of soulfulness, energy and great hilarity. Refreshments were served in the village hall afterwards. Everyone had a satisfactorily enjoyable evening whilst raising £360 for church funds.

*Jean Hobbs*



# Dadlington Matters

**DADLINGTON FETE**  
**DADLINGTON VILLAGE GREEN**  
**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 AUG**

**LICENSED BAR**      **2PM-5PM**      **VINTAGE FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY**  
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**TOMBOLA**      **PITCH 'N' PUTT**      **BOUNCY SLIDE**      **MANY OTHER STALLS & GAMES**  
**NAME THE CUDDLY TOY**      **FUN FOR YOUNG AND OLD!**      **DONKEY DERBY**

## What's On

### the black umfolosi 5

**World famous a cappella and dance group from Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe's greatest ambassadors, performing music inspired by the traditional song and dance of their native southern Africa, with a beauty and enthusiasm that is unrivalled. Black Umfolosi was formed in 1982 by school friends in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, who named themselves after the Umfolozi Omnyama River in South Africa- to where their ancestors can be traced. In 2011 The Black Umfolosi 5 continue to present their spectacular songs and dances thrilling audiences worldwide.

Their performances are energy driven and completely engaging, mixing a great gentleness of spirit and song with an exuberance in dance. Their trademark harmonies mixed with intricate rhythms, clicking and clapping are highlighted during their brilliantly choreographed shows with a full range of movements from subtle to vibrant stomping and leaping! Their famous Gumboot Dances showcase the traditional styles and rituals of the South African mining regions and are a particular crowd pleaser.



**Stoke Golding Village Hall, Sunday 18th September, 7.30 for 8.00pm**

**Tickets £8.00. Tel 01455 212416**

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles**

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

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – B J Cole and Emily Burridge in Concert

Sunday, 4th December – Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – New Rope String Band in Concert

**Barn Dance - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

## What's On

As seen at Stoke Music Fest 2011...

**THE CRITTERS**  
**Live!**  
at  
**Stoke Golding Club**  
**Saturday, September 10th**  
**in THE FUNCTION ROOM**  
**FREE ENTRY!**

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### St Margaret's Church Teddy Bear Jump for Thomas

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

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

£2 for each teddy.

Prizes for:

Best parachute, teddy who flies the  
furthest, teddy who stays in the air  
the longest, best dressed teddy.  
There will be stalls and other activities  
for the children.

We hope to see you there.

Barbecue and other refreshments.

All proceeds will go to  
'Get Thomas to America'

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

**Stoke Golding Open Garden Show**  
**Stoke Golding Club - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**For schedules and further information contact**  
**Tina Waters on 07809 629690.**

### Stoke Golding Heritage Group - Autumn Programme

After our summer break, our Autumn Programme consists of three contrasting presentations. On September 15<sup>th</sup> David Goldsmith previews autumn in our countryside with a talk on "Fascinating Fungi". Bill Davies, who gave us the talk on the Mary Rose, returns on October 20<sup>th</sup> to talk about "Nelson, and the Battle of Trafalgar". Finally on November 17<sup>th</sup> Ian Wykes Staffordshire County Council's Archaeologist, will be giving a talk on the "Staffordshire Hoard". All events are in the Baxter Hall commencing at 7.30pm. and non-members may attend at a charge of £2.50. The Staffordshire Hoard talk will be an all ticket event and priority will be given to members. Tickets available from Roy Mitchell, 212110. If you are interested in seeing the Hoard, there is a free exhibition of 40 pieces at Tamworth Castle from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup>. Entry is by timed ticket. Full details by phoning 01827 709626.

## Church Matters

### Zion Chapel Services September

4th W Richards

11th J Needham

18th G Chapman

25th G Malpass

Services begin at 6pm  
Sunday School at 11am

### Methodist Church September Events

Saturday September 10th

#### Coffee Morning 10.00am - 11.30am

Friday September 30th

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

10.00am -12 noon

Cakes, jams, books, hand-made cards

### The Methodist Church - September Services

4th Sept 10.30am Rev'd Julie Minns

11th Sept 10.30am Deacon Philip Osborne

18th Sept 10.30am Rev'd Andrew Murphy  
(Harvest Festival) 6.00pm Deacon Philip Osborne

25th September 10.30am Miss Jeanette Starbuck

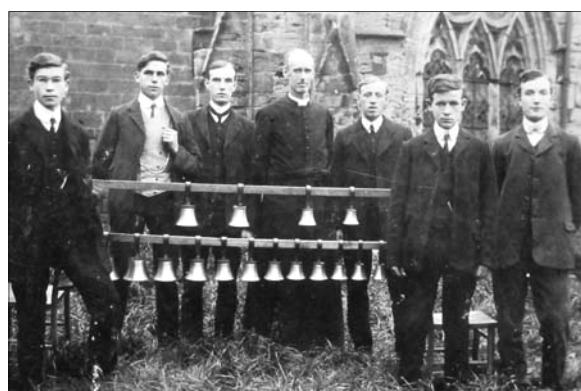
### St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap



Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays

**10.30am -12 noon in Church**

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



*Hand bell ringers outside  
St Margaret's Church.  
Early 1900s*

# Church Matters

## Church of England Services

### St. Margaret's Church

4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am All Age Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am Benefice Service Dadlington
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am Morning Worship

### St. James's Church

4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00am BCP Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am Benefice Service
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00am BCP Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.30pm 'Back To Church Sunday' & Harvest Service

### St James's Dadlington

Monday 26th September  
**Harvest Supper in the Village Hall**  
7.00 for 7.30pm

### St Margaret's Church Flower Festival



#### *"Walt Disney Presents"*

Saturday 27th August 10am -5pm  
Sunday 28th August 11.30am -5pm  
Monday 29th August 10am - 5pm



Stalls in the school hall including cakes, jams, raffle,

tombola, bric-a-brac, books etc.

Refreshments served everyday including  
ploughman's lunches and cream teas

Everyone is most welcome to come and see the beautiful  
displays of flowers, there is no charge .

Free parking at the school

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



## Message from the Rector at St Margaret's Church

Jesus told many parables - stories which are easy to remember and which challenge us to think about life.  
I recently heard a modern story or parable that made me think about my priorities in life:

*A teacher stood in front of her class ready to conduct a lesson.*

She took a large glass jar and placed it on the bench. She began to fill the jar with rocks and then asked the children if the jar was full, to which they replied 'yes'. Next she brought out a handful of small pebbles and filled the jar with them. Again she asked the class if the jar was full and the class nodded in agreement. It was clear to the children that it was full.

Then she pulled out a third container full of sand. As she poured the sand into the glass jar the children were amazed to see how much more could be fitted into it. And before they had a chance to say anything, the teacher pulled out yet another container filled with water, and the liquid was poured between the rocks, the pebbles and the sand.

*The teacher looked up to see a class full of quizzical and amazed looks on the children's faces. She asked them what they had learned. After thinking for a minute or two, a child gave the answer. 'If you didn't put the big rocks in first you wouldn't have been able to fit anything else in. So the lesson is to put the big rocks in first.'*

Often I find I am filling my jar with many small things and leave no room for the big rocks. Of course it's important to try to get a balance in our lives, and many of the small things are things that need to be done – but it all means very little if I leave no room for the biggest and most important rock in my jar... time with God.

If I start with the rocks of my faith, along with love and care for others, then I'll find there's plenty of time, energy and space in my life for everything else.

How do you fill up your life? What is it that matters most to you? Has this little story given you something to think about?

*Wishing you all God's blessing  
Linda*

## More Police News

There have been some recent reports of car number plate cloning fraud. This is where criminals will fit a car with a 'clone' of your number plate so that if their car is involved in an accident or an offence such as speeding, your car ends up 'taking the blame' for the incident. This could result in heavy financial losses or even criminal charges. You can read more here at the This Is Money website: <http://bit.ly/kYFSqC>

Drivers who have number plates stolen or cloned should report the crime immediately to the police. Those who receive unexplained speeding or parking tickets should contact the issuing authority promptly.

Drivers who fall victim more than once should ask the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency if they can re-register their car with a new number.

## **From The Police Box**

### **Property Reunited - Police Launch New Site to Reunite Owners with Their Property**



Bikes, televisions, jewellery, power tools, gardening equipment... the list goes on. Every year tens of thousands of items are handed in at police stations and recovered as part of day-to-day policing. Police in Leicestershire are now using 'Flickr' an online photo sharing website to reunite owners with lost, found and recovered property in what is the first website of its kind in the UK.

Detective Inspector Paul Wenlock, Head of the Leicestershire Police Economic Crime Unit, said: 'We recover tens of thousands of items each year, and in cases where the owners of the property are not known, we investigate to identify the rightful owner, reuniting people with their property which can often have sentimental value. We're giving everyone the opportunity to be reunited with their property,' added DI Wenlock.

By law, items can be held by police for up to twelve months; if items have been evidence as part of an on-going court case, police can hold them for up to four years. At the end of the twelve month period, Leicestershire police now give the public an additional 28 days to claim back items found.

DI Wenlock said, 'All we require is a crime number, a brief description of what the item is, any identifying marks, UV pen or SmartWater markings and we will reunite you with your property.'

Traditionally, unclaimed lost, found and recovered property had always been auctioned off at auction houses across the county with the proceeds being reinvested in policing and donated to local charity projects. Police are now using an online eBay page, to replace traditional auction houses, providing further opportunity for the property to be claimed.

'Sadly, due to the cost of storage and warehousing, we can't store items forever. We have to dispose of the items by sending them to be recycled or the auctioned on the eBay Leicestershire Police Property site.' DI Wenlock concluded.

The proceeds from eBay sales of lost, found, stolen and 'other than stolen items' will be equally divided between charitable donation causes chosen by the Force and funding the fight against crime.

In cases where property is auctioned on the eBay site, owners have up until the final funds are received for the goods, to claim them back. People can claim their property by contacting Nick Ayres or Dave Hargrave at Leicestershire Police on 0116 222 2222 ext 5266 or 5175.

The Flickr website can be reached from a button on the Leicestershire Police homepage website or by going to [www.leics.police.uk/propertygallery](http://www.leics.police.uk/propertygallery).

## **Notice to Dog Owners**

It has been reported recently that some dog owners are taking their dogs into the New Cemetery in Wykin Lane and allowing them to run freely. Please note that it is **not** a place for you to exercise your dog.

*Stoke Golding Parish Council*



## OBITUARIES



### Stanley William Lakin

Stan, of Greenwood Road, passed away on 22nd June aged 71 years. He was the beloved husband of Pauline, loving father of Annette and Craig and a much loved granddad to Max. Stan was organiser of the Stoke Golding Holiday Group and ensured that everyone had a good time on his trips. He was a member of the Good Companions and known locally as 'Stan the Man' for the professional D.I.Y. projects he completed for local people. His funeral took place at St Margaret's Church, with donations in his memory to the Air Ambulance. (See page 22 for message from Pauline).

### David Abbot

Formerly of Cold Comfort Farm, Rogues Lane, David moved into Stoke Golding when he retired from farming. He passed away peacefully in hospital on 29th June aged 81 years. He was the beloved husband of the late Marjorie, a much loved dad to Philip and Charlie and a special grandpa to George, Ruby, Catharine and Angus. His funeral service prior to cremation was held at St Margaret's Church with donations in his memory to Cancer Research UK.

### Graham Edward Hill

Graham, a dear husband, father, son, brother and son in law, died tragically following a road accident on 28th June. He lived most of his young life in the village with his parents Sue and Eddie Hill and was well known to many local people. His funeral was held at Astley Church, Warks, with donations in his memory to the Air Ambulance.

### Violet Cunningham

Vi , who lived for many years in Andrew Close, passed away peace-fully in early July at Orchard House Care Home, Market Bosworth. Her funeral took place at St Mary's Church, Sunbury-on-Thames and she was buried next to her husband.

### Beryl Mary Powers

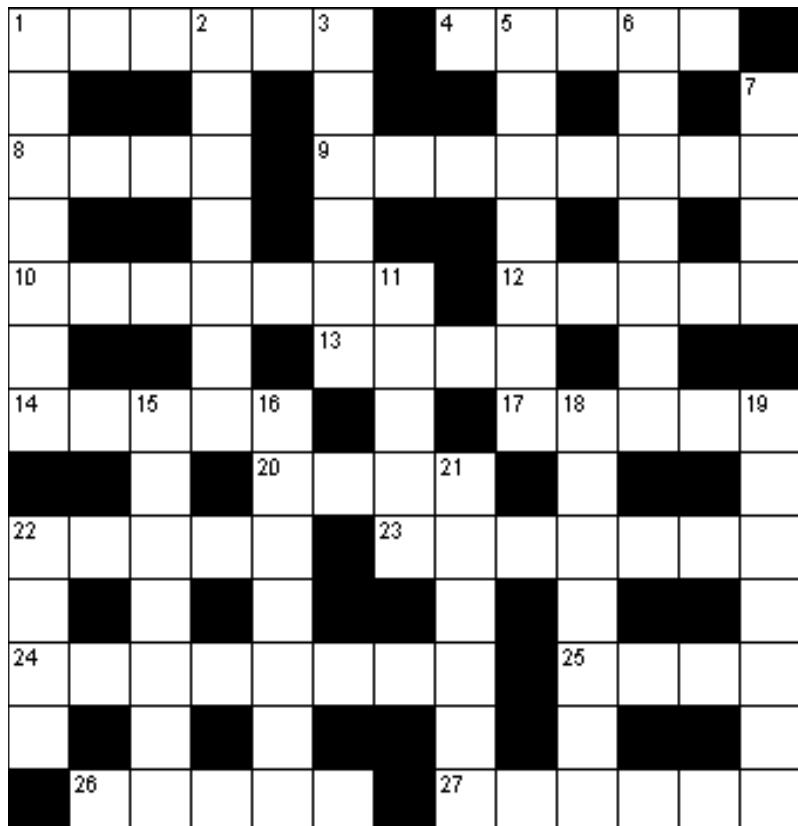
Beryl, of Ivy Close, Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully in the George Eliot Hospital on 2nd August aged 94 years. She was the devoted wife of Reginald, a much loved mother of Philip and Judith, and a loving step-mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

### Steven John Hardy

Steven, of Millfield Farm, Stoke Golding, beloved son of Betty and the late John 'Jack' Hardy, stepson of John Mills and loving brother to Elizabeth, Patrick and Kevin passed away at his home after a long illness bravely borne on 8th August aged 59 years. Steve was born on the farm and followed his father into farming for all his working life. Steve's funeral service was held at the Heart of England Crematorium. Donations in his memory can be made to Cancer Research, c/o McCartney's Funeral Directors, Coventry Road, Hinckley.

We send our sincere condolences to the families and friends  
of those who have lost loved ones.

# Crossword



## Across

- 1 See 9A
- 4 Judges hammer (5)
- 8 Highway (4)
- 9 & 24A,16D, 1A Proverb about an idiot and what happens to his cash (1-4-3-3-5-3-4-6)
- 10 Inflatable plaything (7)
- 12 Palm tree fruits (5)
- 13 Facial feature (4)
- 14 Person in a film crowd scene (5)
- 17 Russian country mansion (5)
- 20 Inclined platform going to upper storey (4)
- 22 Stroll (5)
- 23 Bowmen (7)
- 24 see 9A
- 25 Birds of prey (4)
- 26 Hunting dog (5)
- 27 People who give blood

## Down

- 1 Bible story (7)
- 2 Little fish (7)
- 3 Welsh mythical beast (6)
- 5 Missed on purpose (7)
- 6 Stretchy (7)
- 7 Poems (4)
- 11 Sir John Major's wife (5)
- 15 Very strong chilli sauce (7)
- 16 See 9A
- 18 Lord Paddy \*\*\*\*\* (7)
- 19 Helps (7)
- 21 Begged for - in church (6)
- 22 Pain in the teeth (4)

Solution on page 22

## **Stoke Golding Parish Council Meetings**

### **June Meeting**

**Windrow Compost site** - A new planning application has been received at County Hall on the old airfield site adjacent to the MIRA track. Seven Parish Councils in the area have been warned of this new attempt.

**MarCity** - Representatives of MarCity had met with HBBC and everything on track for committee on 21 June. Substitution of house type was discussed and clarified. MarCity was liaising on a separate issue of the level of affordable housing with possible higher level of shared properties. Legal agreements to be drawn up for access to allotments, with hard standing for car parking, and drainage and fencing to be replaced. Public roads will be adopted except play space; Mar City was asked to investigate the status of the roads between play areas. They are seeking to thin out the wooded area and around the allotment perimeter. Future responsibility of allotments debated, but the Parish Council would need to make an assessment for taking this on and an allotment system would need to be formalised. Mar City to forward details of the level of contribution for bus stops, bus passes and the open space area. Further meetings offered to the council concerning timescales of this development, and the vehicle movements to be considered with regard to the safety of the children.

Dog bins -11 new locks fitted.

Village Hall - Management Committee bid to the Centre Stage programme and were given four shows..

### **Planning Application Matters**

#### **New:**

Land rear of 30-42 Hinckley Road – 3 dwellings. Concerns were expressed on (a) the drainage connection (b) new development will not propose any objections or restrict any projects to the Play Area and (c) the building backing onto the play area - its windows may overlook the children's play area.

St Martins High School – mobile classroom.

Old airfield site, Fenn Lanes – Windrow Compost site.

**A dog fouling sign** proposed for the wildlife area at the Wykin Lane new cemetery to be sourced saying 'Clean it Up'.

**Stoke Golding Garden Show** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 – Parish Council donating £30.

### **July Meeting**

**Overgrown tree, 15 Hinckley Road** – a report was given re overhanging vegetation along the jitty (between Hinckley Road and High Street) and how public safety was at risk. A meeting with Highways to be arranged.

**Primary Care Trust** – Stoke Golding is deemed Rural therefore doctor's surgery will remain.

**Monthly Crime Report** - 4 incidents of Anti Social Behaviour of an off road motorcycle, 1 theft, 1 assault.

**St Margaret's Road parking** - a suggestion of possibly using the recreation ground car park to manage the problem of parking issues in St Margaret's Road was

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considered an inappropriate solution as the car park is used regularly by village hall and recreation ground users.

**Young Children's Play Area** – (a) recommendation for solving the collection of water at the bottom of the multi-play slide and (b) prices for proposed self-closing gates were discussed. It was proposed by the Parish Council that the maintenance gate be refurbished, two pedestrian gates be closed off and one new self-closing gate installed.

**Horse Chestnut Tree** – After carrying out work on the horse chestnut tree, tree surgeons confirmed it to have bleeding canker on all its branches, together with leaf minor disease. The centre of the tree would die over a period of 1-2 years and its life expectancy was short. The Parish Council agreed it should be made safe and would seek a replacement.

**Land rear of Convent Site development** - Subcommittee reported on the allotment, woodland and orchard areas situated behind the Convent Site development and the work needed to clear this area, use and develop the site, and possible setting up an allotment society. It was proposed the subcommittee meet with the allotment people to draw up an outline plan to put to the Parish Council, and to liaise with the new project manager of Mar City as soon as possible, especially over the balancing pond and water installation.

#### **Planning Application Matters**

##### **New:**

95 Hinckley Road – extension and alterations to dwelling.

Higham Parish – change of use from residential caravan site with 2 caravans for one gypsy family, to allow 8 caravans.

Compost Site, Fenn Lane.

**Permissions:** St Martins Convent – erection of 59 dwellings.

Conservation Management Plan for the Battle of Bosworth Area. A résumé was given on the first stage of the above and members will be kept up to date of any further meetings.

Bus stop request/proposal - Elderly residents from Andrews Close have asked for a bus stop nearer their junction with Station Road. It is thought that the buses might 'stop on demand'. Clerk to check with the bus company.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012** - Sunday 3 June – an initial proposal to hold a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 was put forward for consideration.

**Stoker Magazine** - The Stoker Production Team is looking to be independent of the Parish Council by paying for its own insurance and will obtain quotes.

**Information Sheet** - It was suggested that an information sheet (as per the wildlife board) be produced, which people could carry with them when walking the cemetery path. These could be available in village shops.

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](http://www.stokegolding.co.uk)

*Notes by Jill Jones - Parish Clerk*

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email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk*

### 'Stan the Man'

The family of the late Stan Lakin would like to express their thanks to Stan's many friends and acquaintances who attended his funeral service. His wife Pauline would also like to say thank you for the many cards of condolence she received. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The total amount of donations received was £496.85, which has been divided between the Air Ambulance Service and the British Heart Foundation.

ACROSS 4. Gavel, 8. Road, 9A, 24A, 16D, 1A A fool and his money are soon parted, 10. Balloon, 12. Dates, 13. Nose, 14. Extra, 17. Dacha,  
20. Ramp, 22. Ambie, 23. Archers, 24. See 9A, 25. Owls, 26. Hounds,  
27. Donors.  
DOWN 1. Parable, 2. Tiddler, 3. Dragon, 5. Avolided, 6. Elastic, 7. Odes,  
11. Norma, 15. Tabasco, 18. Ashdown, 19. Assists, 21. Played,  
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