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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

The rec certainly doesn't look the same after the removal of the beautiful horse chestnut tree, but children can carry on enjoying it by clambering over the

stump and trunk for years to come. More changes to the village include the old Convent site development - it won't be too long before houses are built there. Having lived in Stoke Golding for over fifty years between us, any changes always cause anxiety even though we know in our hearts that nothing can change the community spirit and friendliness here.

It's refreshing that some things don't change though, including the Annual Garden Show (the 82nd) and the 'Teddy Bear Jump' off the church tower (a relatively new tradition).

Jane and Ruth

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Front cover - The old chestnut tree on the rec - its last day, 14/08/12

St Martin's Convent Site

Building work has well and truly started at the old St Martin's Convent site. The whole area has been flattened and fenced off from the bridle path. It certainly looks an enormous site now that all the buildings have been removed. The view here shows the footings and the concrete floors installed on the first two houses. Work will now go on apace.



Denis Cash

A Life Changing Journey

On July 10th I set off on a journey that would change my entire life. I went to Kenya with John Cleveland Collage and experienced the world through a different set of eyes. Whilst there I had a complete culture shock, I saw things that will haunt me for forever, but I also saw things that gave me hope. I wanted to change the world in a day, but soon discovered it would take time; it's the little things that make the biggest impact.

Whilst over there we met four albino children. One girl, Diana, suffers from severe eczema and we discovered, whilst teaching her how to apply cream, that she had severely infected eczema across her head. Her family could not afford health care treatment, but luckily we could - we saved a girls life that day. Her eczema could have been made worse by the heat and the fact that she has no sun protection. I promised her I would do my best when I got back to England to find her something to protect her and her little sister from the hot African sun. She is already covered in scars from the burns from the sun. If we don't do something soon they are more at risk of developing malignant melanomas, and if they do develop them they will not be able to afford any kind of treatment. Everyday for them is like walking on eggshells.

In this country we can afford sun protection, so I have decided to get enough sun hats, head scarves, sunglasses and bottles of sun tan lotion to send over there, to give them a shot at life and to relieve them of their worry and pain.

Please, if you could help me by donating I would be eternally grateful, thank you very much.

Katy Shilladay, 4 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding. 01455 212908/ 07725475545

We are sure Stoker readers will help you Katy, and hope you will let us know how you get on. Eds

Correspondence

Thanks to the Parish Council

My family and I have only lived in the village for a couple of years and on my first trip around the village one of the things I remember was the sheer size and beauty of the old horse chestnut tree in the rec and thinking how much my kids would love collecting conkers in the autumn. We utilise the children's play area and other facilities within the village and after reading about the tree being diseased I felt compelled to attend the August Parish Council meeting to see if there was anything that could be done other than to cut it down, and if it had to be cut down to suggest some uses for the felled trunk that would enhance the facilities for children within the village.

I witnessed most of the meeting and was surprised to see how much hard work and dedication comes from the Parish Council that I was totally unaware of. Most of us enjoy the facilities in and around the village and would agree that the community atmosphere is great; (something that you may take for granted, it was none existent where we previously lived). It is partly down to those involved within the community and the Parish Council that makes this village the great environment it is. I would like to thank those members and others that work hard to keep it a great place to live. Attending has inspired me to get involved and put something back into the community and I would urge any other people that take an interest to get involved. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the village hall committee room or Methodist Church Hall. I won't pretend I am going to attend all the meetings as, due to work and kids, I don't have the time as most of us won't, but I will make a concerted effort to attend now and again and volunteer when I can to help maintain what is a great place to bring up young kids.

Unfortunately it does look like the tree will be coming down but there is comfort knowing that the trunk may be placed at the bottom of the rec for kids to climb on. Again something that the council will work hard on to make happen, so thanks again to the Parish Council for the work they do, these things just don't happen by magic.



Martin Tomkins, Bennett Close

Christian Aid Week

A big "Thank You" to all those who donated in any way towards the work of *Christian Aid*.

I have sent off the sum of £186.14, which was raised from a Coffee Morning and the gift envelope scheme.

Carolyn Patullo

Bird News – Summer 2012



Traditionally the summer period is one of little movement with both resident and migrant species involved in breeding: insect eaters such as warblers and flycatchers comprising much of the latter. As such I've concentrated more of my efforts into birding at Brascote Pits, between Kirkby Mallory and Newbold Verdon.

Gravel pits in general attract a number of interesting species though those in river valleys tend to be more productive. Within the well vegetated disused pits I've noted both reed and sedge warbler, together with reed buntings. The flooded fields over the back have produced pairs of both oystercatcher and shelduck; a curlew, little ringed plover and yellow wagtail. Lovely wooded areas have proved a haven for garden warbler, blackcap and chiffchaff, also whitethroat in the shorter thicket on the edges of the wide track. Some twenty years ago Cadeby pit gained notoriety when it hosted a grey phalarope, typically storm-driven during a period of very strong autumn gales. Characteristically a confiding wader that is largely pelagic, I actually saw this as it spun on the water, disturbing insects.

I continue to spend a great deal of time cycling around various routes between Stoke Golding and Shenton in the hope of coming across at least one hobby. No luck so far in this respect though I've discovered a little owl in the heart of Upton. Further, conversation with members of farming communities in both Sutton Cheney and Shenton revealed that the cuckoo had at least been heard this year in these locations.

David Abbott

The *trichomonosis* parasite is back in the village and affecting the wild birds in our gardens. It lives in the upper digestive tract and progressively closes the bird's throat so that it cannot feed or drink. Eventually the bird weakens until it dies. By the time we spot the symptoms (lethargy, fluffed-up plumage) it is too late for that bird. The parasite attacks finches, pigeons and doves; it is passed between birds when they congregate around bird-feeders and bird-baths in our gardens. In the last couple of days I have been distressed to watch a collared dove fade before my eyes.

RSPB advice is firstly to withdraw bird-feeders and bird-baths until sick or dead birds are no longer seen in your garden; this stops the birds from congregating there and forces them to look for food independently, and hence reduces opportunities for the disease to spread. Then, when feeding and watering starts again, we should be vigilant about washing and disinfecting feeders and watering dishes; they recommend only putting out one day's-worth of bird seed at a time, cleaning or replacing the feeder each day. I have several feeders that I rotate, taking them completely to pieces for cleaning between uses; and I try to remember to swap the bird-bath over every day. But there's no point if there are other infected feeders and water bowls elsewhere in the village for the birds to visit once they have left my garden.

We are so lucky here to have a wide variety of wild birds visiting our gardens. Please do your bit to help keep them safe and healthy. Thank you.

Stephanie Sandiford, Wykin Lane

Parish Council Coffee Morning

The Parish Council recently invited residents to an open coffee morning at the Methodist Hall. Villagers were invited to meet the Parish Councillors and raise issues that they would like to see addressed.

At its meeting on 1st August, the Parish Council took up some of the matters and agreed the following actions:

Dog fouling: Despite numerous attempts to stop dog fouling, the problem persists. Reluctantly councillors agreed to ask the HBBC Dog Warden Service to set up CCTV surveillance at agreed locations in the village. This will be implemented as soon as possible.

Hinckley Road Cemetery: It was agreed to set up a project to refurbish and improve the cemetery. Among other things the Parish Council would like to create an area for the scattering of ashes and is considering enlarging the existing rose bed to create an area for this purpose. Residents interested in helping with the cemetery project should contact Jill Jones, Clerk to the PC. Tel 01455 212805, email: jilllellen.jones@btopenworld.com

Grassy area at end of Thornfield Avenue: It was agreed to seek quotations to tarmac/pave this untidy area, and have the work done as soon as possible.

Blocked ditch behind the Sports Pavilion: It was agreed to have the ditch cleared to improve the drainage at this point.

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who attended and for their constructive and supportive comments in helping keep our village one to be proud of.

Roy Mitchell, Parish Councillor

Raglan Homes at the Convent Site

As you will be probably be aware planning permission has been granted for housing development at the Convent site. There will be some social rented housing and shared housing properties, which will be marketed in the future but if you are on housing needs in Stoke Golding the nominations will be made from HBBC - get on the register now.

Jill Jones , Clerk to the Parish Council

Congratulations...

To Reg and Judy Darlington of Hinckley Road, Dadlington on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 21st July. They have lived in the village for 44 years and celebrated their very special day with family and friends. They would like to say a big thank you to their neighbours, Richard and Liz Mackinder, to their children Kim and Andy and all the family for their help and kindness.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are required to help with the planting of wildflower plugs in part of the new cemetery meadow this September. If you are able to give a bit of time please contact Dave Marriott on 212785, email:djmarriott@onetel.com, giving him your email address and/or telephone number so he can contact you when a date is confirmed. Obviously the date is dependant on weather conditions and delivery of the plugs and seeds.

If you have already confirmed your availability with me, you will hear about the day and time later.

Sue Mitchell

Good Companions

We had a wonderful day out in Weston-Super-Mare this summer. It was during that rainy period but, amazingly, the sun shone on us that day.

Our part in the Heritage Group exhibition for the Jubilee celebrations was well received and created interest in the village.

On August 16th twelve year old Emma Herbert, a violinist in the John Cleveland College orchestra performed for us, with her school-friend, Sarah, .

We would welcome new members. Come and join us! We meet on Thursday afternoons, fortnightly at the Club.

Ray Lockley Tel:212815

Yet More Success for Joy

Following on from her success at taking the England Ladies Skeet Title at Dartford, clay pigeon shooter, Joy Hirons, continues to bring the silverware back to her Church Walks home. She took the silver medal in the English Skeet Doubles at Nottingham in June, missing out on the gold by one clay target on a very wet and windy skeet shooting range.

She then travelled to Northern Ireland to represent England in a home international against Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Over the two days Joy won the ladies high gun title at the memorial shoot on the first day, hitting 96 out of her 100 targets, and at the home international the next day she took overall ladies top gun title, hitting 97 out of her 100 targets. She ended up being the second highest scorer in the whole of the England team. Finally she took the East Midlands regional ladies title at the end of the month.

Hopefully these 4 new trophies won't be the last this year for Joy and she will be shooting her 12 bore shotgun around the country to try and win more, in what has already been a highly successful year so far for the England Champion.

Bob Hirons

Stoke Golding website
www.stokegolding.co.uk

Celebrity Corner – Linda Mayne

As a 'townie' I'm thrilled when I get the invitation to visit someone in our farming community. I found the long lane down to 'Broadlands Farm' in Dadlington, which opens out to a large yard surrounded by farm buildings and a view right over to the canal in Sutton Cheney and beyond to Bosworth Battle Field. I had come to meet Linda, and to hear about her commitment to 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Linda breeds poodles for this specialised training. Our first stop, naturally, had to be into the 'dog-house'. They have their own small bungalow all to themselves. Before we went in, Linda showed me that we needed to disinfect our shoes in the small tray at the door. The star of the moment is quite definitely Ellie - a friendly cappuccino poodle, who has just delivered a litter of seven tiny, enchanting puppies. The proud father, Louis, was in a separate compartment while they were being fed by Ellie, who obviously needed her own space.

When we went into Linda's sitting room, I learnt much more about this fascinating charity. Linda showed me the certificates that she had received, proving that Ellie had passed the 'Optigen Test Report'. Apparently this is a necessary certificate to prove that the mother of any puppies likely to be sent to H.D.F.D.P. is clear of Progressive Retinal Atrophy, so that she will not pass this on to her pups. Her eyes had been certified 'clear'. Top marks for Ellie and her pups.

Now I wanted to know all about Linda. Somehow she didn't quite fit my image of a 'doggy lady'. I'm not quite sure what I was expecting, perhaps Miss Marple in Agatha Christie's stories. But sitting next to this elegant lady, I couldn't help noticing her Christian Dior designer glasses and the carefully manicured fingernails. How do you manage to be married to a farmer, find the time to breed poodles and still look so polished? She eventually started to talk about herself and her family – she's married to Jeff and has two children now in their thirties; Rebecca, a solicitor, working in London, married and living in Kingston on Thames, Matthew, a Chartered Accountant and his partner, Katherine in Market Bosworth, and more important than anything else, Linda's first granddaughter, Florence, just one year old. Florence had been staying with her grandma, and Linda was quite certain that one day little Florence would be running the farm with her dad. *"She just loves looking after all the animals"*.

I was fascinated to hear that Linda had spent her teenage years in Stoke Golding in a house on Station Road just two doors away from me, where Jane and Alan White now live. I'm finding out what a very small world village life is, even now in the 21st century, in the age of the Internet, the mobile phone, Ipad, and Kindle (not that I have either of these two - as yet!)... Long may it stay the same - I love it.

Beth Ellis



*Linda, with her poodle,
Ellie, mum of 7 adorable
5 week old pups.*



Message from Hilary Surridge , the New Curate

I am delighted to have started my role as the new Curate in the Fenn Lanes Benefice and you may have seen me out and about over the summer as I have been visiting the villages and finding my way around this beautiful part of Leicestershire. I have spent most of my life in Leicestershire and now our family is just beginning to settle in to our new home in Hinckley, after my husband, Jonathan and I completed our training at Theological College near Oxford.



It is great meeting people and having the opportunity to share one another's journeys. As Christians, baptism is the start of our journey, as we thank God for His gift and put our trust in Him. I am delighted that this month we will be welcoming at least 10 children to be baptised in the Benefice.

It was whilst I was still in my 20s, and had not yet been baptised when I felt drawn to attend a church service in Kibworth. The warmth that I experienced that morning, which I now recognise as the love of Jesus, touched me deeply - an important step towards my Christian journey. And now, as I begin my new role in the Fenn Lanes villages, I am experiencing a generous welcome here from Rev'd Linda Blay and all those I have met so far. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the near future.

During September, there will be an extra opportunity to welcome you to each of the churches in the benefice, especially if it has been a while since you have been, or if you would just like to look around.

Between 9-10am, I will be at each of the churches listed below. It will be an opportunity for a quiet time, or for a chat. Here are the dates for your diary:

Fenny Drayton, St Michael & All Angels Church 9-10am Fri 7th September
Witherley, St Peter's Church 9-10am Tues 11th September
Stoke Golding, St Margaret's Church 9-10am Fri 14th September
Higham on the Hill, St Peter Church 9-10am Tues 25th September
Dadlington, St James Church 9-10am Fri 28th September

Do pop along – it will be lovely to meet you and I hope you will feel very welcome!

Blessings, Hilary

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding and Dadlington on Thurs 13th & 27th Sept.

Dadlington 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.05 - 10.25am
Stoke Golding Greenwood Road 10.30 - 10.45am
Sherwood Road 10.50 - 11.10am
The White Swan 11.15am - 11.40am
Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45- 12.05pm



*For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565
email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk*

**Message from Rev'd Julie Minns,
Stoke Golding Methodist Church**



Olympics and Beyond

Well, did you watch all of it or none of it? And what will stay in your memory? I saw some of the Olympics on TV and the look on Mo Farah's face when he realised he had won gold in the 5000m as well as the 10,000 will stay with me for a while.

There have been several conversations in the media about what happens next, and whether the Games will fade without trace or leave a renewed enthusiasm for sport amongst children and adults. Residents in the area of the Olympic village have spoken of the improvements in their neighbourhood but a continuing need for better housing stock which they hope will come now.

Team GB have done well; the result of many hours training, expert coaching and care, and a lot of financial investment. Most of us have been onlookers and enjoy just reflected glory. The Bible refers to sport and competition several times, in the era of the original Olympic Games. Athletes seem to have been celebrities then too. The references encourage ordinary Christians to keep running their race right to the end, sharing God's love and God's values through the life of Jesus, doing what they can and praying always.

Athletes may have to step down as bodies no longer perform as they need to. Some will become coaches and encourage the next generation. Maybe you can no longer do what you used to, but if you can be an encourager for others to be the best they can, what a legacy you will pass on.

New Trophy at Annual Garden Show

There will be a new and special award made at this year's Annual Garden Show being held on 1st September at Stoke Golding Club. With the permission of Mr Peter Baker, the Charity of Thomas Barton is funding a special trophy in memory of one of its trustees, Mrs Penny Baker, who passed away earlier this year. The prize will take the form of a wooden bowl, (made by John Bradbury, a Hinckley wood turner), on a stand with a plaque inscribed 'The Penny Baker Award for Creativity' and will be awarded annually. Penny was a regular judge at the Garden Show and the bowl will be awarded by the judges for special creativity in any one of the classes that she judged.



Church Matters

Church of England Services

St. Margaret's Church

2 nd September	10.30am	All Age Service
9 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
16 th September	10.30am	Holy Communion
23 rd September	10.30am	Morning Worship
30 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service

Holy Communion every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

2 nd September	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
9 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
16 th September	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
23 rd September	6.30pm	Harvest Service of Praise
30 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service Stoke Golding

The Methodist Church September Services

Starting at 10.30am

2nd September	Mr Michael Holt
9th September	Rev'd. Julie Minns
16th September	Rev'd. Julie Minns
Harvest Festival	
23rd September	at St Margaret's Church
30th September	Rev'd. Julie Minns

Zion Chapel Services

September Services start at 6pm

Sunday School at 11am

2nd September	Wynne Richards
9th September	John Needham
16th September	TBA
23rd September	Greg Chapman
30th September	Stephen Foxwell (TBC)

Methodist Church September Events

**Saturday September 8th
Coffee Morning**
10 -11.30am
for Church Funds

**Friday September 28th
Macmillan Coffee Morning**
10-12 noon



St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap

Free coffee, tea and a chat on
Wednesdays

10.30am - 12 noon in Church

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

What's On



St Margaret's Church

Teddy Bear Jump and Bar-B-Q

Saturday 29th September from 12noon – 3pm

Bring your teddy with its parachute - £2 each
Prizes for the teddy who flies the furthest and the teddy who stays in the air the longest. Prizes also for the best decorated parachute and best dressed teddy.

Our First Aiders and Teddy Bear rescue team will be on site

There will be refreshments, children's activities and stalls.
We hope you can come and join in the fun.

Hinckley Concordia Theatre 40th Anniversary Open Day

15th September from 10am until late

Fantastic opportunity to explore behind the scenes

Free music and entertainment

Workshops and demonstrations, costume displays, stage make up demos, lighting and sound displays, show rehearsals and bar concert, treasure hunt trail

Face painting, balloon modelling & promotional give-a-ways for children

Refreshments.... **And much more!**



MARKET BOSWORTH GARDENING CLUB SEEKS MORE MEMBERS!

You don't even have to own a garden to join our club!

Everyone is welcome at the Gardening Club, which meets on the first Friday of the winter months at 7.30pm in the hall of Our Lady and St Gregory's Church on Station Road in Market Bosworth. (Almost opposite the Fire station).

Friday Sept 7th 2012: Exhibiting Flowers-the speaker is bringing fresh flowers.

Friday October 5th 2012: Action for Birds, RSPB speaker, John Clews.

Refreshments served at our meetings.

There is usually a plant stall too, your spares welcome!

More details from chairperson, Judy Buckell, 13 Spinney Hill, Market Bosworth Nuneaton Warks. CV13 0NU, 01455 290475, judychrisjohn@btopenworld.com.

What's On

Heritage Group Programme

After you have all enjoyed wall-to-wall sunshine during the holiday break the Heritage Group is offering three varied talks to settle you down for the coming winter.

On September 20th David Wood, a Master Thatcher will give a talk entitled, surprisingly enough, "Thatching".

In October, on the 18th, we have an illustrated talk, for the naturists [*sic*] in the village, on Leicestershire Amphibians and Reptiles, given by Neil Talbot from the Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust.

Finally to conclude our autumn programme, a representative from the National Arboretum will talk, on November 15th, about the site and what its significance is for the country.

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



Stoke Golding Garden Show Society

82nd 'Diamond Jubilee' Open Show

Saturday 1st September

Main beneficiary: MacMillan Cancer Support

Stoke Golding Club, Hinckley Road

Flowers, vegetables, homemade, photography and children's craft/art sections

- 6pm Open to the public (free admission to everyone)
- 8pm Presentations (class/section winners)
- 8.20pm Clear Down
- 8.45pm Grand Auction (come and bid on the produce!)
- 9pm Grand Raffle

Free Admission
Everyone welcome!

For more information contact Tina on 0780 9629690

Ballroom and Latin Dancing New Class

Beginners' Ballroom and Latin
American Dance Class
Begins Sunday 16th September.
7.00 – 7.45pm

Stoke Golding Village Hall.
Contact Jean Chapman for more info:
01455 213087 or 07594 343333.

Stoke Golding Village Hall

Centre Stage Productions
'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists'
Sunday 7th October
7.30 for 8.00pm
Tickets £8.00

To book tel: Alan White 01455 212416
email: alanwhitesg@gmail.com
Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Dadlington Matters

The Dadlington Axe

Jeff Mayne of Broadlands Farm, Dadlington, made a rare find after ploughing one of his fields near Fenn Lane. There, on the surface of the ground, he came across a polished Neolithic axe head. This artefact was donated by Jeff and his wife Linda to the Bosworth Battlefield Centre. The Heritage Officer, Richard Mackinder of Dadlington told The Stoker that it was thought to be about 3000 years old and was made of fine grained greenstone produced by the Langdale Axe Industry in Cumbria. They produced roughly hewn axes as well as highly polished axes which were traded



throughout Britain. There have been five such axes found in the Fenn Lane area over many years - some show signs of wear but many show no wear at all. It is believed they were regarded as a sacred object and interred with the dead or placed in watery ground - a common 'sacrificial' practice or offering in prehistoric Britain.

Richard explained that Fenn Lane was a Roman Road but a thousand years before that the area was inhabited by the Iceni tribe who first made the road which went through marshland. It was they who made offerings by throwing artefacts such as Jeff's axe into the boggy water, in memory of the dead, or to appease their gods. As these axes were specially made for such offerings they had no handle or shaft.

Richard said that the existence of an 'Iceni' road perhaps explained why the Romans had taken their road through boggy land when they could more sensibly have made one through dry land. This area then, was the infamous marsh of Henry Tudor and Richard III's day. He said that with the newly discovered Battlefield finds, together with the Roman and Iceni connections, the area was rapidly becoming a site of national importance. He asked anyone who had made any discoveries of an archaeological nature in the Stoke Golding and Dadlington area to contact him to enable him to photograph and record their finds.

Denis Cash

Sutton Cheney Parish Council, Dadlington Ward, July Report

(not ratified)

BT phone box – Carlton village had adopted their phone box for £1 and installed a defibrillator, but additional costs of £400 for repairs and ongoing electricity and insurance costs were of concern to Councillors, plus the fact that there are two more BT boxes in the Parish. It was decided to ask if a defibrillator might be better sited on an exterior wall of the Village Hall.

Notice board – being made locally to the same design as in Shenton and Sutton Cheney and to be erected on the Green – (the erection has been delayed by an unforeseen electric cable).

A complaint received about grass clippings on the Green after the Jubilee Party. To be removed when the weather improves.

Next Meeting September 12th, Whitemoors Antique Centre Shenton.

Jake Thackray Rides Again

Many of a certain age will recall the song writing genius of a modest Yorkshire man called Jake Thackray, mostly from his TV appearances.

In the 1960s and '70s he featured regularly on such shows as The Frost Report, The Braden Beat and That's Life. His songs were amusing and poignant often with a healthy swipe at human frailty in all its forms. Jake was also a regular visitor to folk clubs and halls around the Midlands where fans had a chance to hear his unique songs delivered in his self-deprecating style. Sadly Jake passed away in 2002 but his songs live on thanks to the devotion of an adopted son of Yorkshire, John Watterson.

John tours the country with his tribute to Jake's work under the title of Fake Thackray. We are very pleased to welcome John to Dadlington Village Hall for one night only on Saturday 10th November, when he will perform many of the well-known songs. He will be supported by a selection of local talent and this promises to be an evening to remember.

Tickets priced £8.00 are strictly limited and can be obtained by ringing Graham Grimley on 213487.

Coffee Morning

In aid of Macmillan Nurses

Saturday 29th September

10.00 am to 1.00pm

Dadlington Village Hall

Cakes, books, raffle,

tombola, bric-a-brac



The Orchard



There was a special place in my childhood
Where my best friend and I spent happy hours
Roaming free in her father's orchard,
Beneath its leafy bowers.

High hawthorn hedges surrounded that spot
Transformed, like the fruit trees with lovely blossom in Spring
Where nesting birds, blackbird, sparrow and wren
Were always kept busy on the wing

There were several trees for us to climb
In the cool long grass, clumps of primroses flourished
Honey scented clover, lady's smock and campion, nettle and willow herb
With the showers of April, they all were nourished

Apple trees of several varieties grew in profusion
Damsons and sweet Victoria plums
Hazel bushes bearing cob nuts aplenty
All ripening in the summer sun

A tiny stream trickled through the end of the orchard
Where on lovely days of high summer heat
We'd sit on the bank, fling off sandals and socks
And feel the cool water lapping around our feet

Two dome shaped beehives stood in a corner
Where Dorothy's dad attired in outfit so funny
Calmly attended to his swarming bees
Then he'd lift out a comb of dripping honey

Harvest time came, with fruit ripe for picking
We two girls each with a brother were gainfully employed
Helping to gather the sweet smelling fruits
A task, with much fun, we all thoroughly enjoyed

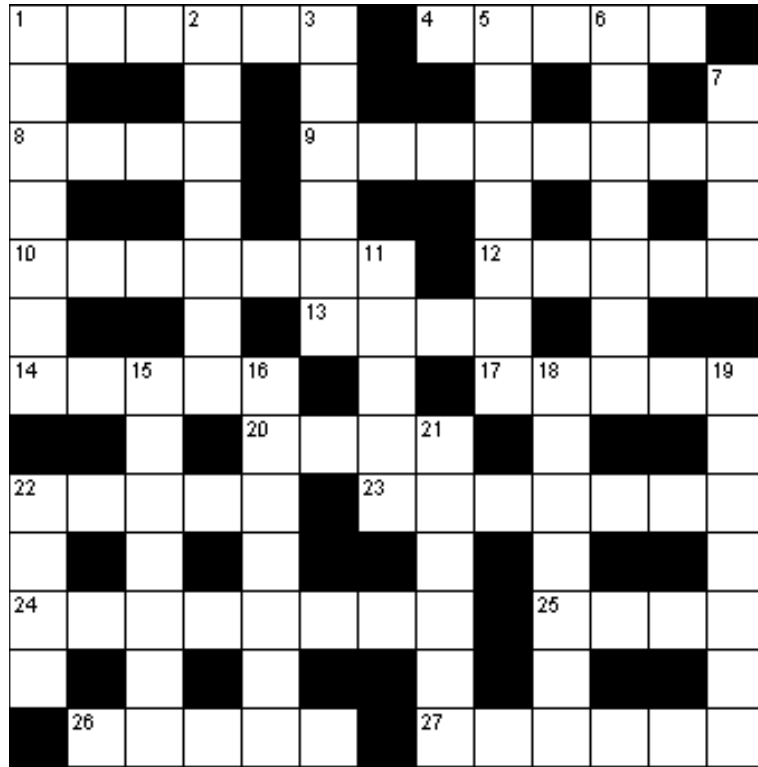
Dorothy's Mum sold fruit in their village shop very cheaply
Many apples were stored in the loft among sweet smelling hay
The rest in outhouses free from frost
Well covered they lasted for many a day

We carried baskets of fruit and honey to Church for the harvest
For the ladies to display on the sills of that lovely old place
Later distributed to the old and needy in the parish
Who always accepted their gifts with very good grace

The sun now sinking to its lowest ebb, our lovely summer had flown
Likewise too, the old orchard was settling down for winter sleep
Till spring burst forth again, with blossoms, butterflies and bees
Then once more, a tryst with our orchard we would joyfully keep

Peggy Holmes

Crossword



Across

- 1 Vegetable popular with rabbits (6)
- 4 Make less (5)
- 8 Which came first (4)
- 9 Butterfly bush (8)
- 10 A ladybird is this (7)
- 12 Your father's or mother's brother (5)
- 13 Shallow garden basket (4)
- 14 Daisy like flower (5)
- 17 Farm animal (5)
- 20 Take notice of (4)
- 22 French for goodbye (5)
- 23 Charity, money giver (7)
- 24 Climbing flowering plant (8)
- 25 Church song (4)
- 26 **** de la Zouch (5)
- 27 Round root vegetable (6)

Down

- 1 Best British flower show (7)
- 2 Coloured garden show prize (7)
- 3 Take one to feel better (6)
- 5 Mattress pest (3-3)
- 6 Liquid tart sweetener (7)
- 7 Herb in stuffing (4)
- 11 'Dead' flowers used in arrangements (5)
- 15 Muscles in the arm (7)
- 16 Fruity plant stems (7)
- 18 Lucky shrub (7)
- 19 White, long, root vegetable (7)
- 21 Coastal county in S.W. of country (6)
- 22 Curved structure for roses (4)

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From the Police Box

Please keep a vigilant look out in your community for suspicious vehicles and persons in your street.

If it strikes you as suspicious then it probably is. Let your Beat Team know, make contact on telephone number 101. We will come and make checks to make sure all is well. Don't think that it's not worth it.

[I've just discovered that it costs 10p to call the new 101 number but calls to 01162 222222 are still free! Ed]




Scouts', Cubs' & Beavers' News

It was the Beavers' **Sleep-Over** at the Village Hall recently. More Beavers than expected turned up and all had a whale of a time... and all had *some* sleep! The Scouts won the District **Tug-of-War** competition. Well done! The Cubs and Scouts took part in the District **Raft Race**. The Cubs came 3rd and the Scouts came 2nd, winning the Silver Spoon. Good teamwork!

Fionna & John Shilladay Tel: 212908

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OBITUARY



Rosamond Christine Hall

We are sad to report that Ros passed away on 4th July aged 92. She was the wife of the late John Desmond Hall. In her early years she trained as a secretary and worked in various parts of the country. She met and married Desmond whose career as a Chemical Engineer took them to many parts of the world. In 1970 he and Ros came to live in Park House, Stoke Golding which his great-great-grandmother had bought in 1844. Ros immediately involved herself in village life and became a governor at St Margaret's School and employed her secretarial skills as Secretary and Trustee of the Baxter Trust Charity. She fought hard, but in vain, to prevent the assets of 'her' Charity from being taken out of trustees control by the Diocesan Board of Education. Ros was a friend to many and gave unstintingly of her time and energy to village organisations. In 2005 she oversaw the completion of a 650 page reprint of a book by W.T. Hall, Desmond's uncle, entitled 'The History of Stoke Golding', thus preserving for posterity an invaluable record of the village and its inhabitants. In 2007, in frail health, she left her beloved Park House and moved to Market Bosworth, to be close to the various amenities she knew she would need as she grew older. Here she remained until a week before her death when she went into hospital. We have thus lost a great friend to the village, and a remarkable lady. Following a service in St Margaret's Church and cremation, Ros's ashes were interred in Hinckley Road Cemetery. We send our sincere condolences to her son, Christopher, and daughter, Stephanie.

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 2012

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

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar by 26th September 2012

Stoke Golding Parish Council - June & July 2012 Meetings

June Meeting

Matters Arising from June Meeting

Raglan Homes/Mar City – following an invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting, dates have yet to be finalised for their attendance.

Parish & Community Initiative Fund 2012/13 – Stoke Golding has been awarded £2563 towards new gates and fencing around the play area.

Convent green space – Mar City cannot confirm the transfer of this land. Mar City needs to undertake all works associated with the development, prior to considering disposal or transfer.

Parish Council boundaries – to be further explored and discussed at July meeting.

Reports of Council representatives:

Football

The Football Club thanked the Parish Council for reinstating the pitch, and would be applying to play next season. The club will replace the goal posts and sockets.

Planning Applications

Permissions granted:

The Barn Willow Stables, Wykin Lane - change of use from agricultural building to form one dwelling including alterations, 17 Andrew Close - garage conversion and alterations to roof, 133 Hinckley Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling, 113 Hinckley Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling, 81 Hinckley Road - alterations to existing garage.

Parish Council Reserves

Councillors discussed allocation of monies and annual expenditure.

It was agreed that the PC should hold a minimum of one year's precept; of this 50% would be 'reserves' and the balance made available for future projects.

Street Naming adjacent to St Martins Convent

Lee McMahon, Land and Property Data Manager at HBBC thanked the PC for inviting him along to facilitate in the street name and numbering at the Convent development site. A proposal was made to name the new road, 'Thomas Barton Drive'. The Clerk to confirm this suggestion in writing to Mr McMahon.

Convent Corner – Safety Audit on Junction

Mar City's Safety Audit had been approved by Highways as a final solution. St Martin's School to be kept informed of developments.

Coffee morning – 7th July

It was agreed to hold an informal event for parishioners to meet and discuss with the Councillors, to voice what they would like to see in the parish.

Communications received by the Chairman

Verbal

Canal Bathpiece – bin always overflowing and looks untidy. Clerk to write to Waterways to inform them that as an experiment for twelve months the bin will be taken away.

Letter – Mr & Mrs McCreight re unkempt area around the Memorial Wall in Hinckley Road Cemetery. Cllrs to discuss a course of action.

Stoke Golding Youth Club closure – remaining funds donated to Parish Council for play equipment on the rec.

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Written

Garden Show donation – it was proposed to donate £50.

Email – R A Harbour recommend the horse chestnut be removed due to deterioration –main trunk will be retained for play area and base left as a table.

Email from Thomas Barton Trustees - request for a replacement Union Flag.

Bennett Close – youths congregating and leaving rubbish – noted.

July Meeting

Raglan Homes: Susan Cooper thanked the council for inviting her and gave a brief introduction of the company. Raglan Homes are a provider of affordable rented homes and shared ownership, with some market rental, and there would be a mixture of these at the Convent site. In order to get a community established Raglan likes to work with councils and the people to bring about local connections.

With the Convent site they will take nominations from Hinckley's letting scheme but a local connection will take priority. The person will need to be on the HBBC register, but if he/she contacts Raglan, the company will steer them through the process. In the situation of shared ownership the person can go to Raglan direct.

Q: What is the priority for people within Stoke Golding?

A: HBBC will accept applications from local vicinity; this type of banding priority will be higher with that local connection.

Q: Who owns the land?

A: Purchase of the land is a business arrangement between Raglan and Mar City not affecting the overall delivery and is separate from discussions the parish has with Raglan Homes, but facilitates the scheme going forward.

Q: What happens to site going forward?

A: Mar City is there to develop the site, sell the properties and make its contribution via Section 106, which will be affordable housing. Raglan will manage the rented homes and will work and engage with local people.

Q: What do you want from the Parish Council, what is next step?

A: Raglan will be involved when they start to do the lettings, looking at the nominations from the local authority, bringing people together, so it is really about communicating,

Q: What is time scale?

A: Spring 2013 for first handovers.

Q: When does the council need to alert village for priority basis to be considered for the list?

A: Get applications into the local authority to go on list.

The Convent Site Sub Committee pointed out issues pertaining to the allotment area, drainage etc. The orchard had been removed and the sub-committee was disappointed with Mar City. They have been unable to get clear answers and wanted to make sure allotment holders' interests were taken into consideration.

Susan Cooper of Raglan Homes will liaise with the Convent Site Sub Committee and MarCity over their concerns.

Football Club – John Cornick, Chairman of Stoke Golding Football Club attended the meeting and confirmed that the Club would like to use the pitch next season. He was asked for recommendations for suitable type of pitch marking, and to confirm the

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number of games to be played.

The council put forward a proposal of establishing a committee comprising both the football and cricket clubs, to form a sports club and acquire a constitution, and this would enable them to obtain grants.

Diamond Jubilee: Cllr Terheege stated how successful and well the Diamond Jubilee had gone in the village, and thanked Cllr Ruth Fisher for a lot of the organisation of it.

Planning Application:

a) New Applications:

Park House, 4 Main Street - conversion of dwelling into two dwellings. Comments to be made on this application that this property:

- 1) Was in a Conservation area and should come under assessment of the conservation officer
- 2) It was doubling in size

Grass Verges

- 1) LCC's poor maintenance of the grass verges.
- 2) LCC's poor work of tarmacing and surfacing of roads.
- 3) HBBC contractors' lack of pride when collecting the household and green waste bins.

The Clerk to write to the LCC and HBBC to highlight the problems.

Hinckley Road Cemetery

Proposed work and costs to unkempt areas around the Memorial Wall, rose garden etc to be explored. Clerk to ask Thomas Barton Charity about their remit for tidying these areas.

Neighbourhood Watch - To be taken up by a representative of the Parish Council.

Any other business:

Flooding issue near St Martin's School and Hinckley Road – Clerk to contact Highways.

Canal towpath between bridges 25 and 26 – plans to be made to improve surface, involving volunteers.

Notice board – Parish Council will oversee its use as it is for events and services to the village, and not for advertising businesses.

Telephone Kiosk – Clerk to ascertain usage.

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

COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE: 15th SEPT.

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13. Trug, 14. Aster, 17. Sheep, 20. Heed, 22. Adieu, 23. Donator, 24. Clematis,
25. Hymn, 26. Ashby, 27. Turnip.
DOWN, 1. Chelsea, 2. Rosette, 3. Tablet, 5. Bed bugs, 6. Treacle, 7. Sage,
11. Dried, 15. Triceps, 16. Rhubarb, 18. Heather, 19. Parsnip, 21. Dorset,
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